



# The Abbeville Anglican



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## Restoration Update

We now have extensive scaffolding around the outside of the church, in the nave and chancel, and the original scaffolding in the tower. A lot of different things are going on and it appears we are making progress in several areas. Plaster and fascia have been completely removed from the chancel and around the high altar so as to allow for a complete replaster and the crenellations have been replaced on the roof, recapturing the true flavor of an ancient gothic cathedral. Some old documents actually refer to Trinity as "the cathedral of the upstate." A conference call took place on February 12th and February 20th with the Senior Warden, former Senior Warden, the Parish Administrator and Canon Hazel to discuss the overall progress. More news next month.

## Thank You's Are In Order

We mentioned in our last issue the gracious gift to Trinity from the Church of the Resurrection to be applied to our restoration effort. We have received an additional very generous gift from the vestry of historic Saint James Episcopal Church in Goose Creek for 10 thousand dollars also for the restoration. That gift was hand delivered by Mr. George L. Brailsford, Secretary and Treasurer of the Saint James vestry. Saint James enjoys the distinction of being one of the oldest and best known Anglican congregations in the low country dating to 1706. The following note was enclosed with their check: "It gives us great satisfaction and pleasure to inform you that the vestry of St. James Goose Creek Church approved a \$10,000 gift to aid in Trinity's restoration and preservation. As many members of our vestry hold strong ancestral ties to Trinity, we believe your cause is one we should support with eagerness and fervor. We understand the amount of work it takes to preserve historical and

cherished places of worship and we are grateful to God for the ability to send you the enclosed check. We pray for the success of your mission and look to be kept informed on the restoration progress." Our deepest appreciation to all our friends at Saint James parish. Also, the Abbeville Artists' Guild in association with Design Your Space sponsored a Saturday in which all interested Abbeville artists could paint or sketch pictures of the church and then offer them for sale in their silent auction. That event resulted in a very generous donation from them. Thank you to the Artists' Guild and Design Your Space! Trinity is so lucky to have friends like these.

## Pancake Supper

Trinity's popular Shrove Tuesday pancake supper was able to resume again this year due to the generosity of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church who allowed us to use their parish hall for the event. It was an evening of great fun, great food, and an opportunity to visit with many of our old friends and make new friends for our parish. We served approximately 100 plates of our usual fare of freshly made pancakes with sausage, fresh fruit and a drink. After two years of being out of the church and the reconfiguration of the parish house to a chapel, we have been unable to manage the annual supper until this year. As it has been our practice for the last few years to present the supper free to the public, the donations were more than enough to cover the costs of the event. And to all you Trinity members who worked so hard to make this a successful event and a wonderful evening--THANK YOU!!

## New Archbishop at York

The Right Reverend Stephen Cottrell, who has been Bishop of Clemsford since 2010, has been named the next Archbishop of York, the second-most senior cleric in the Church of England. He will succeed the Right Rever-

end John Sentamu upon the latter's retirement at some point in 2021. Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, welcomed the appointment of Bishop Cottrell, saying Bishop Stephen knows well the variety and vibrancy of the Anglican Communion and is utterly committed to the life and unity of the Communion as a whole. It is reported that the design of our own Trinity Cathedral was influenced by the design of York Minster, the seat of the Archbishop of York.

## Volunteers Wanted

Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont is recruiting volunteers that would like to help with patient care, administrative duties or would like to work at the Greenwood or Abbeville stores. Volunteers are needed in patient sitting, working in the Hospice House, running errands, selling and sorting donations, repair work, clerical, fundraising and many other opportunities that provide services to patients and families of the terminally ill. Becoming a hospice volunteer is much like helping a neighbor in need. Hospice Store volunteers are trained on-site, where as all other volunteers are required to attend training sessions. The only qualification required is your desire to help someone in need. Volunteer applications are available at the website, [www.hospicepiedmont.org](http://www.hospicepiedmont.org), or at the Hospice House (409 West Alexander Avenue.) For more information, contact Ms. Susan Harris at 229-8461. If there is any question in your mind about the importance of this ministry, just remember, your hand might be the last hand these patients will hold before they enter into the waiting arms of their Savior.

We get a lot of mail from people telling us about their pleasant visits to Trinity in the past. We appreciate those letters and hope to be able to receive visitors again soon. Please continue to support our restoration by sending your contribution to [preservationsc.org](http://preservationsc.org). Thank you for your support and we hope to see you at Trinity again soon!

## Feast Days in March:

### Saint Joseph

On March 19th, we celebrate the *Feast of Saint Joseph*, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and step father of Jesus. This feast has the rank of a solemnity in the Roman Church where it is celebrated as a first class feast. It is also an important feast in the provinces of the Anglican Communion, and a feast in the Lutheran Church. In many parts of the world the Saint Joseph altars are decorated with flowers, images and elaborate food items. This has been a major problem for cooks throughout the world as this feast always occurs during Lent on what is traditionally a day of abstinence. The Saint Joseph table is always covered with meatless dishes. Everything we know about Saint Joseph comes from Holy Scripture. We know he was a working man and a carpenter. But despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Luke and Matthew disagree somewhat about the details of his genealogy, but both mark his descent from King David. Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death or Resurrection, many historians have suggested that he died before Jesus entered his public ministry. Saint Joseph was a compassionate and caring man who followed all God's commands for the care of the Blessed Mother and the Messiah. He has always been loved and revered by Christians for his great protection and care of the Holy Mother and the Redeemer. Saint Joseph is the patron saint of the universal Church, fathers, social justice and carpenters.

O God, who from the family of thy servant David didst raise up Joseph to be the guardian of thy incarnate Son and the spouse of his virgin mother: give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to thy commands; through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever Amen.

### Laetare Sunday

*Laetare Sunday* (March 22) so called from the incipit of the Introit at Mass, *Laetare Jerusalem* ("O be joyful Jerusalem") (Isaiah 66:10) is the name used to denote the fourth Sunday in Lent. This Sunday is also known as *Mothering Sunday*, *Refreshment Sunday* and *Rose Sunday* (because of the golden rose sent by the popes to the Catholic sovereigns were blessed on this date). This Sunday was also known as the "Sunday of the Five Loaves" from the traditional Gospel reading for the day, the story of the miracle of the loaves and fishes, which was, before the adoption of the modern

common lectionaries, the Gospel reading for this Sunday in the Catholic, Anglican, Orthodox, Lutheran and other churches. This is the only day in Lent when the rigors of the season are relaxed with flowers on the altar and the full musical compliment to the Mass: a day of hope with Easter being at least in sight.

### The Annunciation

We celebrate the *Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary* (anglicised from the *Latin Vulgate* Luke 1:26-39, *Annuntiatio natiuitatis Christi*) on March 25th. It is the Christian celebration of the announcement by the Archangel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she would conceive and become the mother of Jesus, the Son of God, marking his Incarnation. Gabriel told Mary to name her son Jesus, meaning "Savior." This ancient feast usually occurs nine months before Christmas, the ceremonial birthday of Jesus. According to the Gospel of Luke, the Annunciation occurred "in the sixth month" of Elizabeth's pregnancy with John the Baptist. Approximating the normal vernal equinox, the date of the Annunciation also marked the New Year in many places, including England, where it is also called, *Lady Day*. A separate annunciation, which is briefer, but in the same vein as the one in Luke, is given to Joseph in Matthew (1:18-21). The Feast of the Annunciation is one of the twelve great feasts of the Church and is among the eight that are considered *Feasts of the Lord*. The Annunciation is also mentioned in the Muslim Holy Book (the Quran) in Sura 003:045: *Behold! The angel said: O Mary, Allah giveth thee good tidings of a word from Him. His name will be Christ Jesus, the son of Mary, held in honor in this world and the hereafter and of (the company of) those nearest to Allah.*

### Ave Maria

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus; for thou hast brought unto us the Savior of our Souls. Alleluia and Amen.*

### Quiet Days in Lent

Quiet Days in the Episcopal Church are days in which people come together, often in Lent, to pray and meditate upon certain concepts or teachings that have the potential to greatly enrich their spiritual lives. We will be offering two Quiet Days this year in March. The first will be on Saturday, March 7th, and will be conducted by Father Swartsfager

and his meditation topic will be on "the art of caring." How do we learn to cope with grief and loss in our own lives and then be effectively able to help other people who are in these kinds of need? This program will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday March 7th and will conclude with Holy Communion about noon. Our second Quiet Day in Lent will be on Saturday, March 21st and will be conducted by Mother Alice Haynes and will begin at 9:00 am and will conclude at 1:00 pm. The following is Mother Alice's summary of the program: "Our Lord's world is a challenging place. Many persons are seeking solitude and the presence of God within them (however they understand God) as foundational for finding wholeness and peace in their lives. Teachers of prayer within the Christian tradition (Cynthia Bourgeault, Thomas Keating, Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen Richard Rohr, Esther de Waal--to name a few), have spoken and written across faith tradition to assist us all. This workshop is developed within this dialogue. Participants will be offered several brief meditations, as well as spaces for silence. The final hour of the workshop will begin with noonday prayer, followed by light lunch and opportunity for reflection. Due to lack of space here, we will include a bulletin insert soon to contain more details about the program.

### The Sacred Assembly

We have been praying for the Sacred Assembly in our Sunday prayers as it represents a call to all Abbeville Christians, regardless of denomination, to come together on March 22nd at 3:00 pm on the town square to pray in one voice for the transformation of souls and a seeking of God's will for each of our lives. Prayer meetings like this are taking place throughout this country as many Christians have become greatly concerned over the rampant decline of Christian values and the ever increasing violence in our American culture. The theme for this prayer session is "God Help Us" and the guiding scripture is found in 2 Chronicles 7:14 in which we are told that if we will pray and change our ways that God will hear our prayers and heal our land. There will be additional meetings to support this effort which will be announced by the assembly organizers. Hopefully, many of our members will support this endeavor and we will be walking up to the square on the 22nd as a group representing Trinity. Please continue to pray for the success of the Sacred Assembly.

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## MARCH 2020

*He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. Matthew 26:42*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> First Sunday Lent 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  John and Charles Wesley, Priests 1791, 1788 W	<b>4</b> Ember Day  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Ember Day Ember days are days for Ordination. We pray for those to be ordained and they prepare themselves by prayer and retreat See BCP, pp. 256-257	<b>7</b> Ember Day  <b>QUIET DAY</b> 9:00 to Noon Father Swartsfager The Art of Caring
<b>8</b> 2nd Sunday Lent 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets  Daylight Saving Time Begins	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 3rd Sunday Lent 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Saint Patrick Bishop and Missionary 461 W	<b>18</b>  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>19</b>  Saint Joseph's Day (Altar: White)  SPRING BEGINS	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>QUIET DAY</b> 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Mother Alice Haynes Centering Prayer
<b>22</b> <i>Laetare</i> 4th Sunday Lent 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 3:00 pm Sacred Assembly Town Square	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  The Annunciation Of Our Lord Jesus Christ To The Blessed Virgin Mary (Altar: White)  Evening Prayer 6:00 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 5th Sunday Lent 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	BCP--Book of Common Prayer BOS--Book of Occasional Services LFF--Lesser Feasts and Fasts	Eucharistic Lectionary Year A  Office Lectionary Year 2	All Lessons and Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary.	<b>REMINDER:</b> Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8th at 2:00 am. Move your clock forward one hour. Don't be late for Mass.

**March 1, 2020**

Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Dick  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Myra  
 Altar Colors: Violet  
 1st Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-17  
 Psalm: 32  
 The Epistle: Romans 5:12-19  
 The Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

**March 8, 2020**

Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes  
 Eucharistic Minister: Dick  
 Lector: Jennie  
 Acolytes: Andrew, Lewis  
 Altar Guild: Lewis  
 Altar Colors: Violet  
 1st Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a  
 Psalm: Psalm 121  
 Epistle: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
 Gospel: John 3:1-17

**March 15, 2020**

Celebrant: Father Swartsfager  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Mary Anne  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Michele  
 Altar Colors: Violet  
 1st Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7  
 Psalm: 95  
 The Epistle: Romans 5:1-11  
 The Gospel: John 4:5-42

**March 22, 2020**

Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes  
 Eucharistic Minister: Dick  
 Lector: Ruth  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Michele  
 Altar Colors: Violet  
 1st Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
 Psalm: 23  
 Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14  
 Gospel: John 9:1-41

**March 29, 2020**

Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Betty  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Lewis  
 Altar Colors: Violet  
 1st Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14  
 Psalm: 130  
 The Epistle: Romans 8:6-11  
 The Gospel: John 11:1-45

*The Vestry will meet on  
 Sunday, March 8th following  
 the Eucharist.*

**Fish Fry--all you can eat! Sacred Heart, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 5pm-8pm, parish hall, \$10.00. Get your ticket from Lewis. Support our Catholic Friends.**



## **Trinity Episcopal Church**

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Abbeville, South Carolina 29620  
www.trinityabbeville.org

### **Our Mission Statement:**

To do the work that Christ has given us to do.

### **Our Bishop**

The Right Reverend W. Andrew Waldo

### **The Vicar:**

The Vicariate is currently vacant.

### **The Vestry:**

Lewis Ashley, Senior Warden  
Hank Baggett, Junior Warden  
Myra Keith  
Betty Tucker  
Mary Anne Campbell  
Dick Haldeman  
Michael Clary

### **Parish Administrator**

Dick Haldeman

### **Treasurer:**

Ilona Anderson

### **Musicians:**

John Pullin, Organist & Choirmaster  
Lewis Ashley, Assistant Organist  
Mary Anne Campbell, Cantor  
Ruth Freeman, Cantor

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

Dick Haldeman  
Lewis Ashley

### **Worship Leaders:**

Dick Haldeman  
Lewis Ashley  
Hank Baggett  
Cynthia Jefferies  
Jennie Leverich  
Rob Elsner  
Sam Elsner

### **Altar Guild:**

Michele Wells, Chairman  
Myra Keith  
Ruth Freeman  
Lewis Ashley

### **Lectors (Lay Readers):**

Mary Anne Campbell  
Jennie Leverich  
Dick Haldeman  
Ruth Freeman  
Betty Tucker

### **Acolytes:**

Lewis Ashley  
Andrew Hartsfield

### **Eucharistic Visitors:**

Lewis Ashley  
Hank Baggett  
Cynthia Jefferies  
Jennie Leverich  
Rob Elsner  
Sam Elsner

### **Greeters/Ushers:**

Ilona Anderson  
Hank Baggett

### **Parish Historian:**

May Hutchinson

### **Children's Programs**

Jan Haldeman

### **Bulletins, Special Projects:**

John Pullin  
Jennie Leverich

### **Sexton (Buildings & Grounds):**

Buddy Wells

### **Diocesan Convention Delegation:**

Jan Haldeman (Voting)  
Cynthia Jefferies (Voting)  
Lewis Ashley (Alternate)  
Hank Baggett (Alternate)

### **Newsletters:**

Lewis Ashley  
Jennie Leverich

### **Sunday School/Bible Study:**

Hank Baggett

For all who faithfully support this mission congregation, we give God thanks and praise.

### **A History of Lent**

What are the origins of Lent? Did the Church always observe this time before Easter? Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works to help us get prepared for the highest feast of the church year--*The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ*. The word Lent is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten* which means spring and *lenctenid* which means springtime; and is also the word for March, the month in which the majority of Lent falls. Since the earliest times of the Church, there is evidence of some kind of Lenten preparation for Easter. Lent became more regular after the official legalization of Christianity in AD 313. The Council of Nicaea (325), in its canons, noted that two provincial synods would be held each year, one before the forty days of Lent. St. Athanasius, in his *Festal Letters*, implored his whole congregation to make a forty day fast prior to the more intense fasting of Holy Week. Finally, Pope Leo preached that the faithful must "fulfill with their fasts the apostolic institution of the forty days," again noting the apostolic origins of Lent. One can safely conclude that by the end of the fourth century, the forty day preparation for Easter known as Lent existed, and that prayer and fasting constituted its primary spiritual exercises. The number "40" has always had a special spiritual meaning with regard to preparation. We are told that Moses remained on Mt. Sinai with the Lord for 40 days and 40 nights as he was preparing to receive the Ten Commandments (Exodus 34:28). Elijah walked forty

40 days and 40 nights to the mountain of the Lord, Mt. Horeb (another name for Sinai) (1 Kings 19:8). Jesus fasted and prayed 40 days and nights in the wilderness before he began his ministry (Matthew 4:2). Eventually, the practice began to fast for six days over the course of six weeks, and Ash Wednesday was instituted to bring up fast days to 40 before Easter. Fasting is a very personal decision and is often determined by one's state of health. Many faithful Episcopalians still follow the ancient practice of giving up something that they very much enjoy for Lent as a sacrifice; and others attend no social functions at all during the 40 days of Lent. Moreover, an emphasis is often placed on performing special works like participating in the Stations of the Cross, attending Mass and making extra time for prayer and Bible study. Although many practices have evolved over the centuries, the focus remains the same: to repent of sin, to renew our faith and to prepare joyfully to celebrate the mysteries of our salvation. Enjoy a blessed Lent! (From the Living Church).



### **Milestones**

We have recently been pleased and honored that all three of our priests have said Mass on the anniversary of their Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests, Father Tucker and Father Swartsfager somewhat earlier and Mother Alice, more recently, at the Blessing and Imposition of the Ashes at the Mass for Ash Wednesday. We thank God for their steadfast propagation of the Holy Gospel, their aggressive advancement of the Kingdom, and the blessing and comfort they have been to us on our earthly journey through this "valley of tears." Amen.

### **Some Thoughts for High Lent**

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:4-5) For the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world (From the *Chaplet of the Divine Mercy*). This entire 53rd chapter from the Prophet Isaiah becomes even more significant when we recall that it was written about 700 years before the birth of Jesus. Many priests admonish their people to contemplate these verses from Isaiah as they look upon the Crucifix under its dark Lenten veil.