



# The Abbeville Anglican



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## A Star-Spangled Celebration

Trinity Church will once again present its very popular patriotic program honoring Independence Day and all those persons who served in the armed forces of this country on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 pm. The program will include patriotic songs, readings, prayers, and other celebratory features to draw attention to the importance of the occasion. One of the most popular parts of the program has been when the organist plays each of the US military service songs and persons serving in that branch of the military are proud to stand while their theme song is played. Abbeville is a very patriotic community and Trinity is happy to provide this program as one way of saying “thank you for your service” to all those who served to defend our way of life and freedoms. Please make your plans to be with us this for this program, bring your friends, and wear your red, white, and blue attire. We will conclude the afternoon with light refreshments in the parish garden. God Bless America!

## Saturday Afternoons at Trinity

Our Saturday afternoon program continues to draw more and more visitors as we approach the numbers we were reaching just prior to the pandemic, which brought us to an abrupt halt. The program was developed over twenty years ago and designed, in the words of the old Baptist hymn, to be “a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God.” Many just like to sit and watch the sun play in the stained glass, while others like to walk about, take pictures and explore the ancient nooks and crannies. Many others like to make their prayers in the Lady Chapel and light a candle for some loved one missed and remembered. Others like to hear the quiet music and often make requests. We are actually having more “sing-alongs” and some who bring their instruments to play along with the organ. Prior to the pandemic, we were having at

least three bus tours during the week. We would like for these to resume, but we have to remember that we were out of the church for three years. If you are a member of Trinity and would like to help greet visitors, come and see what goes on here on Saturday afternoons.

## New Archdeacon Appointed

Bishop Richards has recently called the Rev. Janey Wilson, Rector of the Church of Our Savior in Rock Hill, to join the Diocesan staff in the distinguished role of Archdeacon. Bishop Richard stated that her love for congregations and “her deep sense of peace in Christ” is evident in her person and career. She brings experience at the diocesan and parish level. The title of Archdeacon brings with it a special role in the relationship of the Bishop and the community of Deacons, assisting in the calling of their school and their formation. In this Diocese, the new Archdeacon has already served as Dean of the Catawba Convocation, President of the Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Board and on the Commission for Congregations. She also has joyfully served as Spiritual Director at Camp Gravatt for both Voçare and Happening. Our sincere congratulations to the Venerable Archdeacon and we hope she will be able to visit us at Trinity soon.

## Episcopal Problems Continue

Talk of Scarcity and Abundance permeated the first day of the Episcopal Church’s Executive Council’s June meeting in Providence, RI as Episcopal Church leaders reviewed denomination data showing the accelerating membership decline, financial resiliency and the growing challenges in matching clergy to the hundreds of Episcopal congregations in search of priests. House of Deputies President Julia Harris warned against accepting a “scarcity mindset” as the national church and its 1.5 million look to the future. The Executive Council is the Episco-

pal Church’s governing body between meetings of the General Convention which sits every three years. The Executive Council sits three times a year and is usually chaired by the Presiding Bishop who is currently ill. There are also financial problems as many parishes are not able to maintain their financial commitments to their dioceses and there are some financial problems in the national church finances as well. There are many speculations as to what has caused the Episcopal Church to acquire the dubious distinction of losing members at a higher rate than any other of the mainstream denominations. The majority of the analysts who research these matters agree that it is the ever increasing liberal nature of the Episcopal Church that is spelling its downfall. Many of those Baptists, Presbyterians and Methodists who were attracted to the Episcopal Church because of its majestic liturgy and dignified worship are now being “put-off” by the ever advancing liberal nature of the church, especially in the last ten years. The membership numbers are down from the nearly 4 million members in the 1960’s to the present number of 1.5 million. Look at the rest of the world—30 million in the African Church and 20 million in the Asian Church. Who knows??

## The Labyrinth

We continue to have many visitors at the labyrinth. A recent group of Baptist teenagers appeared on their church bus with their youth pastor. Their pastor walked the labyrinth with them and read the devotional readings at each station. They concluded their walk with the Lord’s Prayer and the singing of the popular and well known hymn: *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*. They concluded their visit at the picnic tables with hotdogs and cokes from the “Rough House.” Such an inspiration to see them, brimming with the fire and enthusiasm so often characteristic of the Baptist Faith. God bless them all and the Baptist Church!

## Feast Days in July Saint Mary Magdalene

We celebrate the *Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene* on July 22. This saint is most important because of the major role she played in in Jesus' earthly ministry. She has been called the second most important woman in the *New Testament* after the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary Magdalene was frequently with Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at the two most important events in Jesus' earthly mission: the crucifixion and the Resurrection. Within the four Gospels, she is named at least 12 times, more than most of the Apostles. She showed herself to be brave enough to stand with Jesus in his hours of suffering, death and beyond. In the *New Testament*, Jesus cleansed her of "seven demons" (Luke 8:2, Mark 16:9), sometimes being interpreted as being referred to as complex illnesses. Mary Magdalene was most prominent in Jesus' last days. She was with him in his final terrifying moments on the cross when he died. She stayed with him at the cross after the male Apostles (except John the Beloved) had fled. She was at Jesus' burial; and she is the only person to be listed in all four Gospels as the first to realize that Jesus had risen and to testify to that central teaching of the faith. John and Mark specifically name her at the first person to see Jesus after his Resurrection. She was referred to as the *Apostle to the Apostles*, an honorific that Saint Augustine gave her (4<sup>th</sup> Century) and others have conferred on Mary Magdalene. She is referred as a saint in the Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Lutheran Churches. Other protestant churches honor her as a heroine of the Faith.

## Saint James the Apostle

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of July, we celebrate the *Feast of Saint James the Apostle*. He was the son of Zebadee and the brother of Saint John the Apostle. The Bible teaches that he was one of the first disciples to join Jesus. The Synoptic Gospels state that James and John were with their father on the seashore when Jesus called them to follow him. James was one of only three apostles to witness the Transfiguration of Jesus. The *Acts of the Apostles* records that "Herod the King" had James executed by sword. He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament. (Acts 12:2) He is, thus, traditionally believed to be the first martyred for his faith. James was fervent in his faith and often aggressive in the propagation of the Gospel. He and his brother were

known for their hot tempers for which they earned the nickname *Boanerges*, or "sons of thunder." Saint James is the patron saint of Spain and his relics are contained in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia. His symbols are the scallop shell and the pilgrim's hat. Catholic tradition holds that the first personal visitation of the Blessed Virgin was to Saint James.

**You Asked:** So many names are called in the prayers of the people each week. Where do all these names come from?

## The Prayers of the People

The *Book of Common Prayer* uses the "prayers of the people" for the *Oratio Fidelium* or general intercessions. In the Eucharist, such prayers have a long and venerable history. Their existence was first mentioned by Justin Martyr about the year 150, and for centuries they formed a vital part of the *Daily Office* and Eucharistic Liturgy. In the early Church they usually included a long series of prayers which were chanted by a deacon, to each of which the people responded in the Greek, "Kyrie Eleison" (Lord, have mercy.) Most of these names called for prayer come from you as you are aware that these people are in need of prayer. Other names come from our Saturday visitors who wish us to pray for them or their loved ones. Please listen carefully as these names are called and remember that many of these people are in sadness, sickness or some tribulation and very much need and appreciate your prayers. Remember, that in Holy Scripture, Jesus admonishes us to pray for each other. Remember, also, that prayers have gone up from this Holy Place to Heaven for almost 200 years. We thank God for Trinity and its long ministry.

## Choirmaster to Sewanee

For one week in July every year our choirmaster thinks he has gone to heaven. John will join choirmasters from all over the southeast and share the bench with some of the finest organists in the world. This is a time for organists (mostly Anglican) to hear and perform some of the best liturgical music ever conceived by the human mind. The organists will hear and participate in many of the traditional services of the English Church which are rarely heard in the smaller parishes. The workshop leaders are selected from some of the best organists in the world. The University of the South (Sewanee) is one of our foremost Episcopal

schools in the US and is situated in the beautiful Tennessee mountains. The Chapel of the Holy Spirit which houses the great organ is also renowned for its beauty. Many of our fine priests in this diocese have been trained at Sewanee. The choirmaster will be away from the bench on the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> of July. Our diocese is one of the twenty eight dioceses which own the University of the South. We greatly appreciate our talented choirmaster and the great music he brings us all year long.

## Editorially Speaking;

This newsletter editor has many pleasant memories from several years at Myrtle Beach on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Now Myrtle Beach is not some where you want to be on that day unless you rather enjoy rubbing elbows with "all sorts and conditions of men" (BCP, p. 814). Many of these times were wonderful days in the company of longtime friends. We had enjoyed a delightful seafood dinner at the Sea Captain's while we watched the waves roll up on the beach. As it began to get dark, we walked several blocks down the beach to a hotel which had a lovely garden on the beach where one could sit and watch the fireworks. I remember the wonderful feel of walking barefoot on the sand and the heady smell of the sea in evening. We found a nice table and watched large crowds heading toward the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Pier (one of the longest on the Atlantic Coast). As darkness fell, we heard several drum rolls and the military band broke forth with our National Anthem as the bright colored pyrotechnics illuminated the summer sky. By this time the garden had fallen silent as proud Americans were on their feet with hand over heart—on the beach, on the balconies, everywhere. And there it was at the end of the pier—Old Glory waving proudly in the stiff ocean breeze. *And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. O say does that starspangled banner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.* At that moment I again felt so proud to be an American; and extremely grateful to a loving and gracious God who has so abundantly blessed my native land!

*Fear not,*  
FOR I AM WITH YOU;  
*be not dismayed,*  
FOR I AM YOUR **GOD.**  
I WILL *strengthen* YOU.  
ISALAH 41:10

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**JULY 2023**

*This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eucharistic Lectionary Year A  Office Lectionary Year 1	<b>Our Service Books:</b> BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts The Hymnal 1982					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 3:00 pm Patriotic Celebration	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Independence Day (Altar: White)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Saint Mary Magdalene (Altar: White)
<b>23</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost Schedule Same As Above  ----- <b>30</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost Schedule Same As Above	<b>24</b>  ----- <b>31</b>	<b>25</b>  Saint James The Apostle (Altar: Red)	<b>26</b>  Saints Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Altar: White)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Johann Sebastian Bach, 1750 W Composed much of the immortal music for the Church.	<b>29</b>  Mary and Martha Of Bethany, W

**July 2, 2023 (Proper 8)**

Celebrant: Father Schnatterly  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Dick  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Michele  
 Altar Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Genesis 22:1-14  
 Psalm: 13 *Usquequo, Domine?*  
 The Epistle: Romans 6:12-23  
 The Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

**July 9, 2023 (Proper 9)**

Celebrant: Father Schnatterly  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Charleen  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Myra  
 Altar Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Genesis 24:34-38,42-49  
 Psalm 45 :11-18 *Eruclavit con meum*  
 The Epistle: Romans 4:13-25  
 The Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

The Vestry will meet at 12:00 Noon, July 9<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the Mass.

**July 16, 2023 (Proper 10)**

Celebrant: Father Schnatterly  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Ruth  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Michele  
 Altar Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson : Genesis 25 :19-34  
 Psalm: 119:105-112 *Nun*  
 The Epistle: Romans 8:1-11  
 The Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

**July 23, 2023 (Proper 11)**

Celebrant: Father Schnatterly  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Mary Anne  
 Acolytes: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Lewis  
 Altar Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Genesis 28:10-19a  
 Psalm: 139:1-11, 22-23  
 The Epistle: Romans 8:12-25  
 The Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Excellent Bible Study with Hank every Sunday, 10:00 am, parish house. Great lessons and discussion. You are invited.

**July 30, 2023 (Proper 12)**

Celebrant: Father Schnatterly  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Dick  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Lewis  
 Altar Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Genesis 29:15-28  
 Psalm: 105: 1-11, 45b  
 The Epistle: Romans 8:20-28  
 The Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Note: Our Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Michael is Curry is currently ill, is at home and suffering from atrial fibrillation and internal bleeding. Your prayers for the Presiding Bishop will be greatly appreciated.

**Birthday Calendar Listings**

Several years ago when we had a computer crash, we lost a great deal of data which has not been recovered. Many of the names on our birthday calendar were lost also. If you wish to be on the birthday calendar, please sign the new birthday list in the narthex. Please list name and date—no year. If there does not appear to be sufficient interest, we will discontinue the birthday calendar in the newsletter. Thank you.

## **Trinity Episcopal Church**

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### **Our Mission Statement:**

Joyfully proclaiming the love of Christ in worship, outreach, welcome and care.

### **Our Bishop**

The Right Reverend Daniel Paul Richards  
The IX Bishop

### **Our Vicar:**

The Vicariate is currently vacant.

### **The Vestry:**

Cynthia Jefferies, Senior Warden (23)  
Mary Lynn Lyle, Junior Warden (24)  
Lewis Ashley (24)  
Charleen Clark (25)  
Ilona Anderson (23)  
Dick Haldeman (25)

### **Parish Administrator and Registrar:**

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  
Cynthia Jefferies  
Hank Baggett  
Jennie Leverich

### **Altar Guild:**

Michele Wells, Chairman  
Myra Keith  
Ruth Freeman  
Lewis Ashley

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

Dick Haldeman  
Ruth Freeman  
Mary Anne Campbell  
Jennie Leverich  
Charleen Clark

### **Acolytes:**

Lewis Ashley  
Andrew Hartsfield

### **Eucharistic Visitors:**

Lewis Ashley  
Hank Baggett  
Cynthia Jefferies  
Jennie Leverich

### **Greeters/Ushers**

Ilona Anderson  
Hank Baggett

### **Parish Historian:**

May Hutchinson (In Memorium)

### **Children's Programs:**

Jan Haldeman

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

John Pullin

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

Buddy Wells

### **Diocesan Convention Delegation:**

Lewis Ashley (voting)  
Mike Clary (voting)  
Cynthia Jefferies, Alternate  
Dick Haldeman, Alternate

### **Newsletters:**

Lewis Ashley

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

Hank Baggett

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

In our View from Trinity's Past last month we discussed the origin of the Bishop's Chair in Trinity and stated that traditionally the bishop's chairs in cathedrals and parish churches are occupied only by the bishop, but that there was one extremely presumptuous individual who occupied Trinity's Bishop's Chair at will.

### **Mr. Mistoffelees**

Mr. Mistoffelees was a large black cat with brilliant green eyes that lived at Trinity Church in the 1950s. The name is an obvious reference to T.S. Elliot's famous Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats. This cat reportedly lived under the church and was often seen in the church yard and up and down Trinity Street. He apparently entered the church at will, was fed by the vicar, and attended Mass on a regular basis. He apparently was often in the church during Sunday services and was adored by the children. The story goes that some believed him to have magical powers and that bad things happened to those who were unkind to him. The Mistoffelees in the Eliot poem was referred to as the original "conjuring cat" who is deceiving you in to believing that he is only hunting for mice. He often vocalized whenever he heard the organ played and the children insisted that he was singing and that he sang the Gloria, the Sanctus and the Kyrie. Actually many cats will vocalize at the sound of stringed instruments or the organ. On special occasions, he took his afternoon tea in the garden (saucer of cream) and was a gentleman much made over by the ladies. He presumed to sit in the Bishop's Chair whenever it suited him to do so. As a typical cat, he naturally assumed that he outranked the Bishop. It is thought that Mr. Mistoffelees took his final resting place under Trinity Church and it is reported that even today on a cold and misty October night when a full moon hangs low over the parish garden, a small plaintive voice can sometimes be heard singing; or is it just the wind? We could not resist

repeating this story from the June 2010 issue of the newsletter as this church has so many cat lovers. Mr. Mistoffelees, resquiescat in pace!

### **Letters from our Friends:**

Dear Trinity Friends:

Several months ago, I stumbled into Trinity on a Saturday afternoon and found a warm and welcome environment of kind people. Although I am college educated, I have fallen into a dissolute life of alcohol and drug addiction. I was high on cocaine when I entered the church. I should have been kicked out the door, but was instead, given a warm welcome. The lady who received me immediately turned b me over to the man playing the organ who was retired from many years as a practicing clinical psychologist and he took me down to the parish hall where we could talk privately. He recognized that I was in bad shape and that I was already engaged in suicidal ideation. He immediately had me admitted to the psychiatric unit at the Anderson Medical Center where he had been on staff for a number of years. I am much better now, still in counseling and hope to see you all again soon on a Saturday afternoon. I was at the end of my rope. Thank you, Trinity, for saving my life and hopefully my soul. Sebastian.

### **Open Doors**

A private letter has been written to Sebastian commending his efforts to free himself from the bondage of alcohol and drugs. As stated in a previous article, we continue to be delighted with the large number of folks who come to Trinity for a visit. Many state that they receive special gifts from the Holy Spirit while they are here. **These doors are always open.** To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who morn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and seek fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will may come—old Trinity opens wide her arms and offers welcome in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, After all, it was Jesus who said: *Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest* (Matthew 11:28). As members we can take great pride in the fact that these doors are always open and that the Holy Spirit is here and waiting. Amen.

+ Jesus +

*Our hearts were made for you, O Christ, and they are restless until they rest in thee. St. Augustine of Hippo*