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## MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

At this time of year, we Anglicans are involved in change. As the calendar has turned to fall, our Church lives will soon be turning from Trinity tide to the season of Advent when the Church asks us to withdraw from learning about Christ to anticipating his birth at Christmas. It is also a time when our already busy lives become busier, causing us to neglect our spiritual and physical needs. Poor diet, lack of sleep, and little or no exercise leave us drained. We place God on the sidelines of our lives.

I experienced this personally when I was recently laid down with a virus. When I was forced to bed for almost an entire week, God underlined for me the fact that I often sideline Him when I become immersed in parish and family work.

During my hours of inactivity, God forced me to reflect on my life and my place in God's purpose. We all are more apt to talk to God rather than to listen to Him. In the forced quiet and solitude that accompanies sickness, we realize that most of what we consider important is, after all, quite unimportant. We are also reminded that we are not as important as we think we are.

Trying to view it from God's perspective, I came to realize that my time in bed was an opportunity for Retreat. I was in no condition to deal with the daily demands of life. I recognized my need for greater discipline, both personal and spiritual. If we are to serve God daily, we must spend time with Him daily. Personal and family prayer, the Mass, and His Holy Word, are three legs of a stool on which our lives in Him rest.

Jacob, Moses, David, St. John the Baptist, and many others of the Church have spent time alone with God. After St. Paul's conversion, God did not immediately send him out to evangelize and build up the Church. At first glance this is puzzling because St. Paul was steeped in the Jewish scriptures, had perhaps the most dramatic of conversions in history, and throughout his life burned with a desire to serve God; however, God first exiled him to the deserts of Arabia for three years to live in solitude before launching him on his ministry. St. Paul said, "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win with Christ." (Phil.3:8) Try thinking of your life in this context:

*Superficiality is the curse of our age. The doctrine of instant gratification is a primary spiritual problem. The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for deep people.* - Richard Foster

Faithfully yours in Christ. Fr. Hines+

*A box for name- suggestions, general suggestions, articles, comments questions, and anything of church interest to newsletter readers, is available on the bulletin table in the place where you attend service.*

Similar items can be e-mailed to: [johngrilev1@earthlink.net](mailto:johngrilev1@earthlink.net)

## PSALM 127: 3

One of our Sunday School teachers, Julie Viacava, has put together a new program for all ages in our Sunday School. It is called, "**The Great Church Challenge.**" This contest challenges our youth to memorize some of our fundamental tenets, among them the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Nicene Creed, and the Books of the Bible. The children will receive either a gift card or have a choice from the treasure chest that Julie so kindly has put together.

Please support us in this venture by helping your children to memorize these things so they can win prizes!

- Kimberley Jones on behalf of all our Sunday School teachers

## Lector Schedule

### Oct. 22 - Jan. 7

Each week: 8:00 AM: John Riley.

### 10:30 AM Mass:

Trinity XIX	Oct. 22	Mike McKeag
Trinity XX	Oct. 29	John Pelham, Jr
Trinity XXI	Nov. 5	Howard Winters
Trinity XXII	Nov. 12	Mike McKeag
Trinity XXIII	Nov. 19	Ron Costin
Sunday Next		
Before Advent	Nov. 26	Don Tracey
Advent I	Dec. 3	John Pelham
Advent II	Dec. 10	Mike McKeag
Advent III	Dec. 17	Tom Covert
Christmas Eve	Dec. 24	Howard Winters
Sunday,	Dec. 31	Don Tracey

## JANUARY CALENDAR

In the next (November) edition of our newsletter the calendar will extend to include **JANUARY 2007**. Please let either Fr. Hines or me have the dates of any St. George events for January. If you think that we may already know of the date and event, go ahead, please tell us again! - John Riley

## Newsletter Name Contest

Have no fear, the choice is near.

At this very moment, even as you recline languidly on your new *chaise longue*, three specially selected members of our parish are toiling feverishly over the list of sixteen suggested names. Each of the three has been asked to select and prioritize the six names they consider the most appropriate. These persons of interest will remain anonymous and do not know who the other two are. From the top six titles on their combined lists, the top two will be chosen, and by further mathematical elimination, the final choice will be made. **The November newsletter will be the first edition published under the new title.**

## CALENDAR

### TRINITY XIX through CHRISTMAS, 2006

This calendar contains only items submitted up to the time of publication. It will be continuously updated from month to month.

#### October

- October 21, Saturday, ACW Fall Picnic, 10:00 AM - 1:30, Bunker Park, on Alexander.  
October 27, 28, 29: Youth Group Mt. Charleston Outing.  
October 29, Sunday, FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING  
October 31, Tuesday, All Hallows Eve

#### November

- November 1, Wednesday, ALL SAINTS DAY  
November 9, Thursday, Sunday School CP rehearsal, 6:30 pm.  
November 19, Sunday, the Annual Bake Sale  
November 19, Sunday, tickets on sale for the annual (Dec.10) raffle  
November 20, Monday, Sunday School CP rehearsal, 6:30 pm  
NOVEMBER 23, THURSDAY, THANKSGIVING DAY, MASS 9:00 AM  
November 28, Tuesday, Sunday School CP rehearsal, 6:30 pm.

#### December

- \*\*December [3?] ADVENT I, VISIT BY ARCHBISHOP MORSE\*\*  
December 8, Friday, First Advent Evensong, 7:00 pm  
December 9, Sat., Sun. Sch. CP rehearsal w/org. & choir 3:00pm  
December 10, ADVENT II  
December 10, Sunday, the Annual Raffle Basket Award  
SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, 11:30 AM  
December 15, Friday, Second Advent Evensong, 7:00 pm  
December 17. ADVENT III  
December 22, Friday, Third Advent Evensong, 7:00 pm



DECEMBER 24. SUNDAY, VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY  
8:00 AM Low Mass

10:30 AM: Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

10:30 PM: CHORAL MASS

December 25, MONDAY, THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

10:00 AM, CHORAL MASS



#### ANGLICAN YOUTH GROUP

The youth group is off to a good start. First, just a week ago, we hosted the Blessing of the Animals. We had all kinds of animals show up, a good variety of cats and dogs, and even a ferret. All the animals received treats and a special St Francis medal. Oh, by the way, we did have treats for the humans too.. Fr. Greer conducted a beautiful service for us, and it was truly a thing of wonder to see how the all the pets seemed to be quiet and relatively still during our worship.. We are all deeply indebted to Fr. Greer for bringing to us such a special occasion. We are also planning on joining forces with the ACW to help make sure all the games run smoothly and that everyone has fun at the Fall Picnic. We have a wonderful field trip planned to visit Howard Winters Co to hear a speech on the Five Lost American Dreams..

And last but not least: We taking a road trip and not just any trip! We're all taking an over night trip to beautiful Mt Charleston. We'll have our report on that in the next edition.

- Julie Viacava

#### CHOIR ROBES

Our new choir robes arrived just before the end of September. For the most part, they fit perfectly, but some needed the

inevitable minor adjustments. Of course, immediately there arose the question as to when we should begin wearing them. We decided they are somewhat incongruous with the metal frames of folding chairs, so we decided to wear them for the first time coinciding with another first, that of being seated in the new pews that eventually will have a permanent place in our new chapel. We are indeed looking forward to that.

In addition to carols, anthems, and psalms for Advent, Christmas, and beyond, we have added to our choir business deciding upon the best plan for a procession order.(one wide aisle, two narrow aisles, no chancel).

Although it is never easy to adequately thank an anonymous donor, all of us in the choir wish to offer our sincere thanks to 'someone' at St. George's for the wonderful gift of our cassocks and surplices. There's an old English saying, "Do good by stealth and blush to find it fame." If our kind donor wishes to remain anonymous, albeit reluctantly, we shall leave it at that

- From us all, thank you.

#### HERE AM I ...

(the completion is given in Isaiah 6:8)...

[Oct. 15]

[Lillie Tompkins  
Lyn Wilson

Nelda Hoover  
Anthea Smits

*Coffee Hour*

(1) Cathy Cantrell]

#### Oct. 22

Lillie Tompkins Martha Murray  
Lyn Wilson Sheldon Green  
*Coffee Hour* (1) Fely Covert

#### Oct, 29

Lillie Tompkins Martha Murray  
Lyn Wilson Sheldon Green  
*Coffee Hour* --unassigned--

#### Nov. 5

Lillie Tomkins \*\*volunteer driver needed\*  
Lyn Wilson Anthea Smits  
*Coffee Hour* Cathy Cantrell  
Sheila Rehfeld

#### Nov. 12

Lillie Tomkins \*\*volunteer driver needed\*\*  
Lyn Wilson Anthea Smits  
*Coffee Hour* Julie Viacava

#### Nov. 19

Lillie Tomkins \*\*Volunteer driver needed\*\*  
Lyn Wilson Anthea Smits  
*Coffee Hour* Unassigned

#### HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN MISSION

The children of Holy Trinity Anglican Mission send greetings to brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the Valley and beyond! Though small, the Sunday School of Holy Trinity is a vibrant and

active bastion of Christian Learning. This summer, Holy Trinity had a 100% participation rate from its preschool/grade school contingency at the Synod Sunday School Art Competition. Not only did all of our children participate, but all of them ribboned, with Zachary Douglass taking a second place ribbon in the 6-year old category, William Recher taking a third place in the same category and Matthew Recher taking a second place ribbon in the preschool category. Each of the boys depicted their ideas of "What Does Heaven Look Like" with great artistic fervor and to much aplomb. They were each presented with their ribbon and certificate during our Morning Prayer service in late June. We are very proud of our boys!

Holy Trinity Sunday School is currently engaged in an ambitious program for such a young group. We are currently studying the Lord's Prayer, to be followed shortly by the Apostles Creed. Songs, games and coloring are also part of our fun as we strive to know and understand the prayers which the Lord and the Church Fathers have given us. Please keep us in your prayers as we endeavor to learn for Him.

Pax Dei,

Margaret Douglass  
Sunday School Teacher

THANK YOU ... On behalf of Holy Trinity I would like to say thank you for everyone's prayers and donations the Hymnal Drive of 2006. We have been blessed with generosity and kindness! To date enough money has been donated to purchase 58 new hymnals, more than double the original goal of 25 copies. Generosity also came in the form of someone actually donating 14 hymnals that are in excellent condition. Praise be to God ~ Bill Recher

**AGAIN...**

*What about doing both St. George's and yourself a favor by joining our choir between now and Christmas to help us with our Christmas music? Talk to one of the choir members about it.*

### CLASSES ABOUT HYMNS

I have spent many years of my life singing, playing, accompanying, arranging, collecting, and researching a huge assortment of Christian hymns. I often talk about them, usually in terms of their composers and authors, and perhaps as a result, several people have suggested that I should give some classes about hymns

Apart from the matter of choosing a convenient time, the prospect of a hymn class also needs careful planning of content to make sure it will be helpful and interesting to our parishioners.. It also calls for careful selection because of the vastness of the topic - more than 2000 years of history; and approximately a million hymns

Perhaps a discussion on some questions and answers might be helpful. Already I have been asked:

\*Why do we sing "Amen," for some hymns but not for others?

\*Why do only some hymns end with 'the' Doxology ?

\*What do the lines of numbers (76.76.D, or 66.66. 44.44, or LM, or SM, etc.) mean before the hymn music?

\*Why are most of our hymns, music and words, written by men?

\*Which is 'right' - to sing in parts or to sing in unison?

\*How are the hymns chosen?

\*What's the difference between a carol and a hymn?

\*What's the difference between a religious song and a hymn?

\*What does "antiphonal" mean?

\*How do you decide whether hymns are "Morning" hymns or "Evening" hymns?

\*What makes a hymnal "good" or "not so good" ?

The classes would be held when a class vacancy occurred between services on Sunday mornings (that doesn't happen often!) although depending upon interest and the particular purpose of the other class, the hymn class could, and perhaps should, be held in the chapel.

If you think it would be worthwhile to hold such a class, or classes, or if you think it would *not* be a good idea, I should be very grateful . if you would let me know at johnriley1@earthlink.net, or tell me,

or leave a note in the newsletter box in the chapel.

- Thank you, John Riley

### DINNER AND A SHOW

The **Sahara Hotel** has made a fantastic donation to St. George's to help us pay down our mortgage principal: **Great seats** to see the **Scintas** (a brilliantly superb show) along with their **dinner buffet!**

We will be offering **2-3 pre-selected dates** (show time 7:00 pm, **dinner can be either before or after the show**) because **it's always fun to go as a group** but if none of those dates work we can try to accommodate your request. The cost for this great evening, dinner and the show, will be \$50 per person (an \$85 value). You can contact Alice Rose Thatch (493-5661) to purchase tickets or for more information..

### OKTOBERKWIZZ

1. Which poet have church scholars nicknamed, "Father of the English Hymn" ?
2. What profound historical event occurred in A.D.1050 ?
3. What is wrong with the following sentence?: "If the Bishop cannot attend the service he will arrange for one of the cannons to take his place." ?
4. Don't look!: How many hymns are there in the 1981 edition of The Hymnal 1940?
5. Don't look! How many books are there in the Apocrypha?
6. In Genesis we read that Joseph's brothers sold him to a group of Ishmaelite merchants who in turn, sold him as a slave to...whom?

### WE HATE TO SEE YOU GO

Margie Mason will be moving to Texas at the end of the month. Her new address will be 200 Country Brook Drive, Apt. #1107, Keller, Texas 76248. We will get her phone number and email address once she has settled in.

Margie would love to stay in contact with everyone and we hope she will visit us every now and then.

We wish her God's blessings for good health and happiness in her new home [Please refer to "Social Club Leader" on page 4]

### SEPTEMBER QUIZ DEMYSTIFIED

*Congratulations to our organist for once again getting all the correct answers, even before the questions were asked*

1. What is misleading about the words, "September," "October," "November," and "December"?: According to the name, SEPT(ember) should be the 7th month; OCTober should be the 8th month, NOV(ember) should be the 9th month, and DEC(ember) should be the 10th month. Why the misnomer? Each was moved on two places to honor and make way for Julius (**July**) Caesar and later, the Emperor (**August**) Augustus.
2. An Ebenezer (Even Ezer), is: literally, a stone of help, a small stone monument made as witness to God's answer to a prayer..
3. What does "Introit" mean?: "**Beginning.**"
4. In what language did the word "amen" originate?: **Hebrew.**
5. Naomi and Ruth left **Moab** to travel to **Bethlehem**
6. Famous blind English poet, scholar, organist?: **John Milton**

## FROM DEE AND HOWARD IN COLORADO

Hi Everyone! We have finally gotten into our house and are pretty much settled in. Of course, we still have a few knick-knacks to put away and need to straighten some of the things we have already done. Got our yard finished today - grass and rock in back and front, with a wooden fence around the back.

The view from the patio door is Kansas (ha), or at least it feels like it, and I can see Pikes Peak from the office at the front of the house. I love it!

Think we have gotten settled into a church - it is a very old conservative Episcopal church. The Rector is fighting tooth and nail against what the main church is doing, so I guess we are doing our own thing not theirs. It is a big church with 2500 members.

I have signed up for the choir but haven't gotten a call yet. Hope to soon.

We are happy here but sure do miss all our friends at St. George's and elsewhere.

God bless you all.

Love, Dee & Howard

### A BEAUTIFUL GIFT:

St. George's has been given another generous memorial gift towards beautifying our worship of Almighty God. Our latest gift is of elegant stained glass windows that are artistically simple in design and combine colored and textured glass framed with a lead border.

### HYMNS: Oct. 22 - Nov. 5

	Opng..	Srnm.	Comm.	Clsq.
Oct. 22	344	567	196	158ii
Oct. 29	484	355i	345i	352
Nov. 5	126	585i	397	243

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### SOCIAL CLUB

As mentioned in a previous article, regretfully, we must say farewell to Margie Mason. In addition to our losing a good friend, her leaving also brings a need for someone to take up her leadership of the recently-formed Singles Social Club. The formation of the club has been one of Margie's recent projects at St. George's and it is one that we wish to maintain..

If you would like to help with this project, as leader or as an assistant, please phone **Alice Rose Thatch at 493-5661**.

Please help.

### THE COMPUTER

"If the automobile had followed the same development cycle as the computer, a Rolls-Royce would today cost \$100, get a million miles per gallons, and explode once a year killing everyone inside."

*- Robert X Cringely, via the Internet*

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