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The Parish of St. Mark Communion Hosts

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One unique guild at The Parish of St. Mark in Portland, Oregon, is St. Martha's Guild, which is responsible for baking, cutting, wrapping, and mailing thousands of communion hosts every month. The Guild originated early in the twentieth century. At that time, the nuns who once served at St. Mark lovingly produced the hosts. Over the years, the work of St. Martha's Guild was taken over by parishioners, and the hosts have been shipped to every region in the country – the East Coast, the South, the Midwest, the Southwest, throughout the West, and up and down West Coast. It has been said time and time again that St. Martha's Guild "makes the best hosts in Christendom!" The difference between St. Mark's hosts and others available for purchase seems to lie in the texture of the hosts. Those produced by St. Martha's Guild are very thin and literally melt in one's mouth.

The guild produces both people's and priest's hosts that are baked on irons. The irons are unique antiques, which often operate on "a wing and a prayer." Thankfully, St. Mark's rector is able to keep them in excellent working order.



The baking process resembles making waffles. A thin layer of batter is ladled onto the iron, producing a sheet

of thirty-seven people's hosts or two priest's hosts and twenty-six people's hosts.

A typical baking session of two batches produces approximately 3,500 hosts. After baking, the hosts are allowed to sit for twenty-four hours. Each individual host is then cut or stamped out by hand.



Pat Garvey cutting host. (All photos by Bruce Wilcox)

Once the hosts have been cut, they are carefully wrapped in groups of fifty people's hosts and twenty-five priest's hosts. Lastly, the hosts are mailed out.

St. Martha's Guild currently has twelve parishioners working in the bread room on a weekly or bi-weekly basis and produces approximately 16,000 hosts each month.

If your parish would like information about purchasing communion hosts from St. Martha's Guild, please contact the Rector, Father Lillegard, by phone or e-mail (503-223-2383) (stmark@stmarkportland.org). Orders can be shipped monthly, quarterly, yearly, or on an "as needed" basis; and the Guild would be happy to send out a small quantity of both people's and priest's hosts for your clergy, vestry or altar guild to sample.

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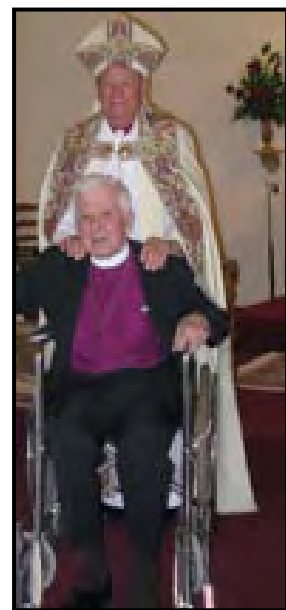
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St. Charles, King and Martyr 25th Anniversary

The Anglican Church of St. Charles, King and Martyr, Huntsville, Alabama, marked 25 years in its permanent building on June 7.

St. Charles Church was organized in 1978 by a group of people interested in preserving the Traditional Episcopal, Anglo Catholic faith and practices. The group first worshiped in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Clark and then in a building which evolved from a gasoline service station to a dry cleaners to a church, until moving into the newly built church building in 1984.

The Merchant's Hope Church in Hopewell, Virginia, was used as a model for the building and construction was done mostly by church members. Merchant's Hope church was built in 1657 and is believed to be the oldest Anglican Church in North America.



The Rev. James P. Clark was the first Rector at St. Charles. In 1990 he was consecrated as a bishop and became Bishop of the Diocese of the Southern States (DSS). He retired in 2001. The Rev. V. Leslie McAbee has been the Rector of St. Charles since 2001.

*Bishop Wiygul and retired Bishop Clark
(Photo by someone)*

The Rt. Rev. Dr. William C. Wiygul, the present Bishop of the DSS was at St. Charles Church on June 6 and 7. On June 6 he ordained David E. Milam, a member, to the Diaconate. On June 7 he confirmed three members and celebrated Mass.



St. Charles clergy, (from left) Deacon Specht, Deacon Milam, Father McAbee (Photo by someone)



*Four confirmands with Bishop Wiygul and Father McAbee
(Photo by someone)*

St. George's Anglican Parish Church, Las Vegas, Nevada

(The following article is reprinted from *England's Standard*,
the official journal of The Royal Society of St. George, March, 2009.)

Nestled in the suburbs of Las Vegas is something which at first glance appears an anomaly: a church practicing the traditional Anglican faith; moreover, one which continues to conduct its services using the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

Visitors have dubbed Las Vegas "sin city" (a sobriquet by which the city has become widely known) because of "The Strip," a string of gleaming casinos, elegant shops, luxurious hotels, gourmet restaurants, and plush clubs, a place that pulses with activity twenty-four hours a day, an oasis in a desert which extends far beyond the mountains that surround the city.

Encircling and encompassing "The Strip"; however, is another face of Las Vegas, a suburbia which makes Las Vegas one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, a quiet city of good schools, libraries, large and numerous parks, and a young, flourishing parish which proclaims its Anglican faith: St. George's Anglican Church.



Few people in Las Vegas are natives; most are transplants from this country and from around the world. St. George's congregation, therefore, is composed of Anglicans of many nationalities as well as Americans seeking a church home. The first Anglican congregation in Las Vegas was established in 1907.

Father Gordon Hines, Rector of St. George's for ten years, says "People come to us seeking the stability of traditional Christian faith and practice, an Anglican church that adheres to "the faith once delivered to the saints." Judged by the criterion of growth, St. George's is fulfilling its mission.

Fr. Hines grins as he remembers his classmates in seminary warning each other that if they didn't behave their bishop might send them to Las Vegas!

By choosing St. George as its patron saint, the mission proclaimed its Anglican identity from the moment of its birth. In its early years the people gathered in homes, then in churches of other denominations, and, lastly, in the cafeteria of an elementary school. In September, 2001, the first phase of St. George's permanent home was complete. The congregation moved in and began to turn their aspirations into reality.

Father Hines knows that St. George's future lies with the children and, therefore, he emphasizes the importance of the Sunday School and the Youth Group programs. Fr. Hines insists, "We have an obligation to teach the traditional faith to future generations. The future of society itself depends upon our success."

St. George's Sunday school program implements this belief by integrating the Book of Common Prayer into its curriculum. At present, Sunday school enrolls more than thirty students, with an attendance record that testifies to the program's effectiveness. Kim Jones, superintendent, oversees seven teachers plus a staff of nursery attendants.

Children aged nine and older study the Holy Eucharist; younger children study Bible stories. During summer sessions, children work on special projects. Last summer they studied King David's place in Jewish (and Christian) history. This summer the subject is Moses, and the children are building a scale model of the Ark of the Covenant.



St. George's Youth Group addresses its activity to community outreach,

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helping old or handicapped parishioners, baby sitting, supporting a teen shelter, and a crisis pregnancy center. The Group's next project is to assist at a local soup kitchen.

One of the basic elements which distinguishes Anglicanism is music. That tradition is without peer in church music. St. George's is blessed with a very good organ and a Music Director whose ability matches his musical education and background. He is gradually bringing St. George's to a level of music attained by very few parishes in this country. A Yorkshireman, John Riley was educated at Bretton Hall College, Leeds University and the Royal College of Music, London. In addition to his unquestioned virtuosity on the organ, he has studied cello and french horn, is adept at tuning pipe organs, and has given public recitals all over the world.

The future appears bright. The parish is actively working toward its final church building and additional support buildings. It plans soon to widen the annual celebration of its paternal festival day by inviting increased participation by the local community and celebrating the occasion in Las Vegas newspapers and flying the flag of St. George.

The parish has been blessed by numerous gifts which have added a new dimension to the sanctuary. One of the most valued is the Bishop's Throne donated by the Jubilee Chapter of the Royal Society of St. George.

Together with the antique tabernacle on the Altar and the San Damiano Crucifix above, these three combine to create a sense of majesty to the church.



The San Damiano Crucifix was chosen for the chapel when it was under construction. It reflects the direction God gave St. Francis: "Francis, do you not see that My house is falling into ruin? Go, and rebuild it for me." It symbolizes the importance of rebuilding the Church in our time.



(From left) Fr. Gordon Hines, Abp. James Provence, Mr. John Riley

St. David's Anglican Summer Youth Retreat

"Equipping youth for joyful service in the Kingdom of Christ"

2009 Recap and Reflection

Dear Beloved:

Sing praise to God who reigns on high!

As you may already know, this past week youngsters from all over the diocese flocked to the Community of the Great Commission in beautiful Foresthill California to participate in St. David's Anglican Youth Retreat. I am still reeling from the way the Lord met and exceeded our wildest expectations this year, and I am eager to share a few highlights with you.

The Group

As wonderful as it was to see old and familiar faces, we were even more delighted to greet new attendees from all over the country. In total, seven parishes were represented by the students and staff this year, including a handful of churchless students who responded to the warm invitations of their fellow peers. The ages ranged from 11 – 18 years old, and the backgrounds and stories of each student were vast. Initial concerns over how the group would gel, however, were almost immediately put to rest. Games, group discussions, and the welcoming atmosphere of the retreat quickly united everyone like a quirky family.

The Adventure

We were blessed with weather that could easily be compared to heaven. Sunny, bright, clear skies smiled down on us throughout the week, which was a pleasant change from the smoky haze we had last year. Between long afternoon swims, field games, hikes, and a lovely day at the Sugar Pine Reservoir, the only thing that convinced our weary bodies to get out of bed each morning was the promise of more adventure yet to come. (Which no one wanted to miss!)

The Lessons

Our lessons this year focused on the topic of image. We began by looking at the way the Lord took great intentional care in the story of the creation of man and the earth, and later, despite our rebellion against him, he proved his continual love for humanity in Jesus Christ.

We then explored the ways the secular world views and values human beings, as well as Christians specifically, and discussed the differences we saw in those images. Students began to explore the lies we are fed through society, and came to discover that in God's eyes we are invaluable members of his church and kingdom. This healthy and honest perspective began to heal damaged self images by uniting them with the one the Lord has given us, which is both humbling and glorious. Students were then encouraged to take ownership of that image by living out lives that reflect true value of our creation.



Thank You!

The Summer Youth Retreat would not be possible without your generous support through donations and prayer. The students and staff of St. David's are indescribably grateful for the opportunities you have made possible this year. Many of the students who come are in dire need, and without your generosity it would not have been possible for them to attend.

I pray that you will continue to come along side us in this work of the Holy Spirit in the years to come. I also encourage you to visit our website, which is in the process of being updated with pictures of our time together. www.anglicanyouth.com

Our minds and bodies have been invigorated and encouraged by the joy and renewal we experienced this year, and I cannot wait to see what the Lord has in store for next summer. I will be in touch to let everyone know when the dates are set for 2010, and we look forward to having our expectations blown away yet again.

Very truly yours in Christ,
Megan Leanne Phillips,
St. David's Program Director

Archbishop Provence Celebrates Ordination Anniversary

On June 24th, the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Abp. Provence celebrated the twentieth anniversary of his ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests.

After saying mass at St. Thomas Church, parishioners honored the Archbishop with a reception in the fellowship hall and presented him with a handsome desk clock inscribed "Romans 8:38."

In making the presentation Deacon Richard McNeely observed that "The dates when our clergy are ordained are not the subject of careful choice and selection. They are, rather, the product of chance (if you believe in that sort of thing) or of Divine Providence, the Holy Spirit. Our Archbishop was ordained a priest on the day set aside to feast John, the Baptist. ... God sent John the Baptist to us to point us to Christ. That is what John did every day of his ministry. It was no coincidence that God gave us Archbishop Provence on June 24th. He too, has spent every day of his ministry pointing us to Christ. We are so remarkably fortunate for the life, work and service of our Archbishop. May God bless and sustain him."



Fr. Seraphim Hicks (pictured at left with Abp. Provence) and his wife Vicki surprised the Archbishop with their presence at the celebration and with gifts of photographs from the mission in Sierra Leone.

"And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins" Lk. 3:3

APCK Web Site Gets a New Look

The Provincial web site (anglicanpck.org) has been revised. It is hoped that the revisions will make the web site more user friendly and easier to navigate for both APCK members and visitors.

While all of the historical information has been retained on the web site, some sections have been updated and re-organized. And some new information has been added, including biographical sketches of all current bishops.

The Resources section has also been expanded with new information and new links.

If you find any broken links or other technical problems, please let the webmaster know at: anglicanpck-web@anglicanpck.org.

Please send corrections or comments on content to messenger@anglicanpck.org.

Take a look and let us know what you think.



Seminary Accepting Applications

Saint Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College (SJATC), in Berkeley, California, is the seminary of the Anglican Province of Christ the King.

SJATC offers a two year residential program for academic training and vocational testing.

If you or anyone that you know is considering a call to Holy Orders, the seminary is accepting applications for the Fall semester.

For more information about the seminary or possible financial aid, write or email:
Office of Admissions
P.O. Box 40020
Berkeley, CA 94704

Email: sjtc@sbcglobal.net



A screenshot of the Anglican Province of Christ the King website. The header features the province's logo and the text "Anglican Province of Christ the King" and "Apostolic Christianity in the Anglican Tradition". Below the header is a navigation menu with links: HOME, ABOUT US, FIND A CHURCH, NEWS, RESOURCES, ARCHBISHOP, CONTACT US. The main content area is titled "Welcome to the Province." and contains several sections: "About Us" with links to "Worship Services", "History of the Province", "Bishops and Dioceses", and "The Affirmation of St. Louis"; "Find a Church" with a "Parish Directory" link; "News & Events" with links to "Calendar and Announcements", "Provincial Newsletter", and "Press Releases"; "Archbishop" with links to "Abp. Province's Biography", "Pastoral Letter", "Letters Archive", and "Abp. Morse's Biography"; "Resources" with links to "Seminary", "American Church Union", "Youth Retreat", "Study Resources", "Parish Resources", and "Anglican Links"; and "Contact Us" with a "Location and Phone Number" link. There are also several photographs of church services and a list of bullet points describing the province's faith and heritage.

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