FROM THE RECTOR:

It has been a busy month or so around Saint John’s.

We are a polling place for the precinct that is our surrounding neighborhood. Our debut was for the General Election on 2 June. It was a long day for yours truly, meeting the poll workers at 6:00AM and closing up the parish house at 8:30PM. Don’t worry, I did sneak away for a while during the day. Several of the workers and many voters commented to me on how great a place we have and how much they enjoyed being here.

We will again be a polling place on 13 July for the Runoff Election. I expect it will go even more smoothly than the last.

We functioned as classroom space for a training class for folks who want to work on the oil spill cleanup. For four days, 125 people were in the Great Hall from 7:30AM until 5:00PM. They left the place pretty clean. No trash, no cigarette butts.

Both of these functions are good for Saint John’s. It helps us to be noticed, and we’ll develop a reputation for being open and welcoming.

Thursday, 17 June, we were the only Mobile parish that offered VIGILance 2010, a service of confession, thanksgiving and prayer for the oil spill. Conceived by Saint John’s in Charlotte, NC, parishes all over the nation held the same service at the same time. It was, sadly, lightly attended, but we did draw some folks from another Mobile parish.

We got good coverage through Cindy McCrory for the Coastline; I hope you got to see it.

On 18 June, we held what I hope will be the first of many Coffee Haus events. We had a great turnout for our first time; I hope it will grow with each one.

All of these are good ways for us to be noticed, to be thought kindly of, and to be much more than an afterthought to our neighbors. These are also ways in which Saint John’s lives into its mission to Mobile and the larger Church.

We’ve always done things like this. Long before my coming to Saint John’s, we’ve been the venue for Mobile Opera rehearsals and recitals by several of Mobile’s piano studios, and we offer our space for neighborhood association meetings and other non-profit enterprises.

In a noisier way, your vestry used memorial gifts from Gertrude and Monroe Dixon and Eleanor and Tom Mabus to replace our electronic carillon. When the Bishop is here in a few weeks, he will bless the bells. We ring Westminster Chimes and toll the hours each day; an announcement that “we are here”.

All of these are visible statements about Saint John’s commitment to its neighborhood and beyond. It is what we are called to, as a Christian Community, to be a place of welcome and openness where the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ is both preached and lived.

We grow little by little, with new members slowly discovering Saint John’s. Every new person in our midst is testimony to our living into our calling.

The problem is that we’re just too good at keeping our identity and our mission a secret. That’s where you can help. Tell our story to friends and family. Try to connect with those of our members who have lost their way. Maybe some of the many that we’ve moved to Inactive will find what a great community is here at Saint John’s.

It all depends on you. Thomas
Independence Day

Independence Day is one of the “Other major feasts”, which include apostles, evangelists, Saints Mary the Virgin, Joseph, Mary Magdalene, James of Jerusalem, Stephen, and Michael and All Angels, as well as The Holy Innocents and Thanksgiving Day.

Independence Day entered the calendar with the proposed prayer book of 1786. It didn’t make into the 1789 Prayer Book, due to concerns of appropriateness since most of the clergy of the church had been British loyalists. Independence Day finally entered our calendar with the 1928 Prayer Book. Because the Rector will be serving lunch at 15 Place, we won’t be observing this feast.

Saint Mary Magdalene

We will celebrate the feast of Saint Mary Magdalene on Thursday, 22 July at a 12:10PM Said Mass. Surnames were not a feature of Palestine in the first century, so it was customary to use genealogical and geographical annotations to differentiate between people of the same name. Saint Mary Magdalene features prominently in the Gospels of Luke and John. In Luke, she was healed by Our Lord who cast out seven demons from her. She became a follower immediately. In John’s Gospel, Mary Magdalene is the “Mary” at the tomb who recognizes the resurrected Jesus and tells the disciples, “I have seen the Lord.” In the Eastern tradition, Mary is held as equal to the apostles.

Saint James the Apostle

James is sometimes called “the Greater”, to differentiate him from James the brother of our Lord, and the other apostle named James. With his brother John, the sons of Zebedee were also known as the “Sons of Thunder”, due to their dispositions. James is accorded the honor of being the first of the apostles to be martyred for Our Lord. We will celebrate James at a Said Mass on 26 July at 12:10PM.

Our sister, Nell, entered into new life on Wednesday, 9 June in the early hours of the morning. She was 98 years old and had recently suffered a decline in health. She had moved to Allen Memorial Home a month or so before. There, she had an accident and broke a hip. Due to her age and medical issues, her doctors believed that she wouldn’t survive surgery to repair the hip.

Nell was born in Charleston, SC, but Mobile was her home for 82 years. Her first husband, Ornal Crabtree left her a young widow with their only son, Ornal, Jr. She married Al Kruithoff in 1949. Nell enjoyed her twice-monthly trips to the Mississippi coast with neighbors and friends, including our own Mazie Cleveland. Fiercely independent and single-minded, Nell was a force to be reckoned with. A long-time member of Saint John’s, Nell was confirmed by Bishop Gray of Mississippi in 1999.

I had the privilege of visiting her on Tuesday. She was in rare form and very present for my visit. We talked of old times with friends, her husbands and family. Nell told me how much she missed folks at Saint John’s and that she wanted to come to church soon. And then, she took my hand and said, “I’m ready. Let’s go.” It wasn’t until I heard of her death that I understood what she had been saying. She is at peace, she is well and happy.
The July meeting of the Vestry was convened at 7:05PM on Thursday, 10 June 2010.

The agenda for the meeting was approved; the minutes of the May meeting were approved as amended.

Ron Waites brought the vestry up-to-speed on the planned Coffee Haus event on Friday, 18 June. The proceeds of the event will be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development to support the Millennium Development Goal of the Eradication of Hunger. Bud McLean is the point-person for the event.

Connie McLean reviewed the financial statements and observed that we are still operating close to our projections.

The Rector reported
- Saint John’s worked well as a polling place. We will be used again on 13 July for the Runoff Elections.
- The Great Hall will be used as a classroom for HAZWOPER training on 14-17 June.
- A list of about 180 names was distributed to the Vestry. These persons will be removed to inactive status.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 7:40PM.

The ECW met on Wednesday, June 2. The rummage sale has been postponed indefinitely.

The Coffee Haus will be held June 18 from 7:00 to 10:00. The ECW was approached to furnish cookies. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for those who want to participate.

The cook book sale was addressed again. The Episcopal Book Company sent three copies and 300 recipe sheets. The group discussed pricing and possible titles for the books.

A discussion was held on remodeling the kitchen. We need new counter tops and cabinets. We will talk with James to get approval of the vestry and get estimates. We will need creative financing as we do not have the money to pay for all of it.

The Bishop’s visit is coming up. A suggestion was made to have a nice reception with finger sandwiches, nuts, mints, punch, etc. Irene will be in charge of the reception.

Audrey Garner

**Episcopal Visitation**

The Canons of The Episcopal Church require the bishop of a diocese to visit each of the congregations within the diocese at least once every three years. During the visitation, the Bishop presides at the initiatory rites of baptism, confirmation, reception and reaffirmation, preaches the Word and is the principal celebrant of the Eucharist. In addition, the canons also require the bishop to examine the records of the parish and the life and ministry of the congregation and clergy (Canon III.12.3). On top of all that, our bishop likes to try to get to know the people of his congregations. It makes for a very busy day!

Bishop Duncan will be at Saint John’s on Sunday, 18 July for his visitation. The bishop will meet with members of the congregation in the Parlor at 9:00AM for conversation. This is our opportunity to get to know our bishop and ask questions and hear what’s going on in the larger church. During Mass, the bishop will confirm, preach and celebrate. After Mass, we’ll gather in the Great Hall for a reception and more conversation.
Coffee Haus

On Friday evening, June 18, St. John’s hosted a Coffee Haus to benefit Episcopal Relief and Development. About 60 people came and enjoyed the mellow mood provided by our own musicians Bud McLean and Ron Brown, joined by Jim Litchenberger, Danny McCann, Elizabeth Dunn, Ernest Philon and Zac Baugh. John Hobbs was our coffee meister, serving up a wide variety of coffees and flavored syrups. The ladies of the church supplemented the income for the event with the sale of homemade pastries. Bob Sheffield, of ShowBiz, provided lighting for the show. This event could not have happened without the hard work of Leah Betts, James Christiansen, Eugene Johnston, Joyce Lee, Connie McLean, Geri Moulton, Paula Ross, Jack Ruppe, David Thompson, and Ron Waites (plus others we’re sure we’ve forgotten, however inadvertently). Approximately $700 was raised to buy goats, chickens and geese and to provide micro-loans for Third World villages. Plans are already underway to host another Coffee Haus event, so stay tuned for ways that you can help!

St. John’s Loaves & Fish Team Needs Volunteers

Could you give an hour of your time once a month to serve lunch to the homeless and needy?

The meals are served at 15 Place in the historic building downtown that for many years housed Saint Francis Street Methodist Church. Parking is reserved for volunteers.

Saint John’s has had a Loaves & Fish team for almost 20 years. Let’s keep this outreach going. Call Team Leader Tina Cieutat at 438-1302 and ask for details.

Dioecesan ERD Coordinator Visits Belize

Saint John’s member and Dioecesan Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) Coordinator Eugene Johnston spent several days in May in Belize, Central America, on a trip to observe first-hand what our ERD donations for micro-loans are doing for farmers, small business owners and entrepreneurs in developing countries. The Anglican Diocese of Belize administers this program.

Eugene and other dioecesan ERD coordinators visited four recipients of these loans: a woman farmer, a woman grocery store owner, a gift shop owner and a wood carver. They receive loans from $2,000 to $5,000 as well as technical advice and support in running their businesses. Without these ERD funds these families would be destitute. Their repayment record is 95%.

Another country-wide problem in Belize is HIV/AIDS. ERD funds go to after school counseling as well as encouraging students to go into nursing, first-aid and testing programs.

The Anglican Church has long been involved in the field of education in Belize. It now manages 18 primary schools and one high school enrolling 5,000 students.

Eugene says, “None of us can know all the needs of the world, but with the umbrella of ERD identifying people who need and appreciate services, we can know our dollars are going where they are put to good use.”

On returning to Mobile, Eugene was asked by Bishop Duncan to take on the job of Dioecesan Disaster Coordinator, working with problems connected with the oil spill. If you see him around wearing two hats, that’s the reason.

We are proud of Eugene—chalice bearer, Eucharistic minister, EFM graduate—for his hard work and involvement.
HAZWOPER

Beginning on Monday morning, 14 June and running through Thursday afternoon, 17 June, Saint John’s provided the classroom space for a 40-hour OSHA Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response class, affectionately known as HAZWOPER. This class was organized by our neighbors across Government Street, Able Body Labor and their parent company, Able HQ, and given free-of-charge to people wanting to be employed in the oil spill clean-up. The class teaches safety, personal hygiene, how to properly use personal protective equipment, decontamination, and emergency medical instruction.

At the end of the week, 120 folks received their certifications and began preparing for their new jobs working to mitigate the effects of the oil spill. HAZWOPER is not an uncommon requirement for many jobs.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Don Davis
Judge of Probate

Joe McEarchern, Jr.
Chief Clerk/Assistant

Richard T. Johnson, Jr.
Administrative Assistant

PROBATE COURT OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

June 14, 2010

The Reverend Thomas Heard, Rector
St. John Episcopal Church
1707 Government Street
Mobile, AL  36604

Dear Reverend Heard:

On behalf of Mobile County and its citizens residing in voting precinct number 67, I want to thank St. John Episcopal Church and you for permitting the County to utilize your facility as an election poll during the 2010 election cycle.

I visited the poll on June 1, 2010 (Alabama’s Primary Election Day) and I received a number of favorable compliments regarding the facility from citizens and poll workers alike. We are most appreciative of the use of your facility.

With warmest personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Don Davis
The Canons of The Episcopal Church are quite clear about what constitutes a “communicant in good standing”. In short, the canons require each person to have received Holy Communion three times in the preceding year and be faithful in corporate worship, and in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God. (Canon I.17.2-3)

One of the duties of the Vestry is to annually file a report to the diocese about the finances and membership of the parish. The Parochial Report looks for “active” members and reminds us of Canon I.17.3 as the criteria for such a determination.

We need your help! There are people listed that have moved away, moved to another parish, or have died. If you see someone on this list that shouldn’t be there, please contact Father Thomas. He will be happy to take the information and update the records as needed.

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On Tuesday, 22 June, the Alabama Poverty Project held Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread: A Hunger and Food Security Workshop at Dauphin Way United Methodist Church. In addition to the presenters, there were about thirty people from the greater Mobile area in attendance, representing many churches and organizations.

Presenters included Volunteer Mobile and Providence Presbyterian Church speaking on their Community Gardens, the state and county heads of the Alabama Food Assistance program, the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service, Bay Area Food Bank, and South Brookley United Methodist Church regarding Angel Food Ministries.

It was a great program and contained some startling facts:

- Somewhere between 1/4 and 1/3 of Alabamians are receiving Food Assistance (850,000)! There are more that are eligible but won’t apply because of problems with transportation, time away from work, or perceived stigma.
- Bay Area Food Bank receives over 11 Million pounds of food from local grocery stores each year and distributes it from the Louisiana state line to Panama City, FL.
- Angel Food Ministries is an organization that receives favorable pricing on name-brand foodstuffs which it distributes through local churches.
- “211” is a hotline run by the United Way for assistance information.

Look for a fall class to talk about the workshop and think through what we can do to be a part of the solution.
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**Date Service**

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- Isaiah 66:10-14
- Psalm 66:1-8
- Galatians 6:1-11, 16-20
- Deuteronomy 30:9-14
- Psalm 25:1-9
- Colossians 1:9-14
- Genesis 18:1-10a
- Psalm 15
- Colossians 1:15-28
- Genesis 18:20-22
- Psalm 138
- Colossians 2:6-15, 16-19

**Greeters**

- Paula & Bob Ross
- Irene & Butch Yeager
- Martha & Max Grice
- Connie & Bob Anderson

**Lectors**

- Ron Waites
- Mary Sheffield
- Cheryl Winters-Heard
- Kathe Gieseler

**Intercessor**

- Paula Ross
- Irene & Butch Yeager
- Martha & Max Grice
- Connie McLean

**Eucharistic Minister**

- Ron Waites
- Paula Ross

**Eucharistic Visitor**

- Eugene Johnston

**Intercessor**

- Paula Ross
- Ron Brown
- Eugene Johnston
- Pat Fulford

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- Eugene Johnston
- Ron Brown
- Paula Ross

**Altar Guild**

- Donna Waites
- Connie Anderson
- Jennifer Tarantole
- Donna Waites

**Vestry Tellers**

- Ron Brown
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For healing grace and continued strength, we pray for our members:
Emily Johnston, Alice Schablinski, Matt & Margie Mattoon, Bessie Southall, Bill Southall, Leah Betts, Shannon Newberry, Ashley Garris

For our Homebound:
Alice Cieutat, Mae Dunn, Will Elam, Corinne Faust, Gwen Johnson, Violet Kosko, Angela McGuire, Audrey Meador, Jane Tate Moore, Betty Plash, Dot & Chick Wohlert

For victims of war and their families, and members of our Armed Forces and their families:
Jeffery Yeager, Ellis Eugene Garner, Eric Mattoon, Cheryl Garner

Matt & Marjorie Mattoon 07/10
Bob & Paula Ross 07/12
Lavelle & Debbie Ollhoft 07/20

For our Friends and Family:
Madyson Blackwell, Gloria Berry, Martha Morget, Christina Morget, Velma Pearson, Ray Rogers, Joseph King, Vicky Green, Leta Volking, Jane Johnson, Sara Scrivener, Vieve Steele, David Yeager, Robbie Hinson, Anne Brabner, Marian Yearby, Julie Hinton, Joe Stroecker, Gracie Stroecker, JoAnn Alioto, Shirley Mayson, Michelle Walker, Jim Owens, Maddie West

For those who have died:
Helen Baker, Florence Clague

Please make the following updates to the parish directory you received in May:

Change: Youngblood’s e-mail to: artandbecky421@gmail.com
Add:  David Thompson, 264 Crenshaw St., Mobile, 36606
       Nikki Shaw, 36 McPhillips St., Mobile, 36604 (433-2274)

Contact Us

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The Reverend Thomas Heard
Rector
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Organist/Choirmaster
music@stjohnsmobile.org

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