



# THE FOURTH EPISTLE SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH MOBILE, ALABAMA

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## FROM THE RECTOR:

Dear Ones,

This month, we're going to do a little exploring. Many of you were raised on the Book of Common Prayer that was approved by the General Convention in 1928, known by its shorthand name '28 BCP. In its heyday, the normal Sunday liturgy was Morning Prayer and Sermon or Litany and Sermon, with Holy Eucharist being celebrated about once each month. This pattern has been a part of the worship of The Episcopal Church for a long time. In looking back through service registers, this was precisely the pattern when Dr. Tucker was Rector as far back as 1885 and up through the 1970s.

The current Book of Common Prayer was approved by the General Convention in 1979. Many of you experienced various trial liturgies before its adoption, known by the covers of the pamphlets: the Green Book, the Zebra Book, and so on. The '79 BCP, as it is commonly known, was a major revision to the BCP that had changed little since 1790.

The reasons for the changes in the '79 BCP come from two primary sources. First, as the second person personal form (thee, thou, thy, etc.) had all but disappeared from common usage. Some believed that it was totally obsolete and wanted language that was 'contemporary' and not Elizabethan English. Thus "And with thy spirit" became "And with your spirit", and so on.

The second reason comes from the fruits of the Liturgical Renewal of the 1960s, the Anglo-Catholic revival, and the recovery of ancient liturgies from the early years of the church.

It wasn't just about words or forms, however. The '79 BCP encapsulates a theological shift in how we think about God and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Baptism occupies a central position in our theology. It is the full and complete initiation ritual for a new Christian. This meant that it was no longer required that a person be Confirmed to be able to receive Communion. This was the mark of membership in the early church and we have restored this. Along with this came the preference for Holy Eucharist as the principal Sunday service of the church, as it had been in the past.

The '79 BCP brings us a variety of forms of Eucharistic Prayers. Our Rite I prayers retain almost all of the '28 BCP forms. Rite II gives us four choices: A, B, C, and D. In addition, the General Convention approved three additional forms that are contained in the Enriching Our Worship (EOW) books.

In the last few months, we've used Rite I Prayer 1, Rite II Prayer C, and Rite II Prayer A. For October, we will use EOW Prayer 1 and in November, EOW Prayer 2. The EOW prayers have updated the language a bit more, affording a more gender-neutral and contemporary perspective. EOW also brings a different form for the General Confession. One change that will trip us up is in The Nicene Creed: the *filioque* clause "and the Son" is dropped. This was the 'last straw' that drove the final wedge between the Eastern and Western churches in The Great Schism of 1054.

—Thomas

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### **Saint Luke**

We will celebrate the life and ministry of **Saint Luke the Evangelist** at a Said Mass on Tuesday, 18 October, at 12:10PM. Luke, the self-identified author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, brings his own perspective on the person and ministry of Jesus and Jesus' continuing effect on the world. Luke's account of the spread of the early church and the ministry of Saint Paul helps us to craft a picture of the world in the first century. His portrayal of the radical hospitality and inclusion that Jesus manifested still stands today as a standard by which we can judge our ministries.

### **Henry Martyn**

We will commemorate Henry Martyn at our Wednesday Said Mass on 19 October. Martyn was an Anglican priest who served as a missionary to the peoples of India and Persia. His work began in 1800 in India. He set about translating the New Testament into Urdu, Persian, and Judeo-Persic. He also translated the Psalms into Persian and the BCP into Urdu. His ministry was cut short due to illness leading to his death on October 16, 1812.

### **Saint James of Jerusalem**

We will remember **Saint James of Jerusalem**, the brother of Our Lord, at a Said Mass on Monday, 24 October 2011 at 12:10PM. Sometimes called "James the Just", James supported the inclusion of Gentiles in the church. According to a second-century chronicler, James provoked the ire of some factions in Jerusalem because of his success at bringing new converts into

the church. Taking James to the pinnacle of the Temple, they commanded him to recant his faith and Jesus. When he refused, James was thrown from the roof and then cudged to death.

### **Alfred the great**

On Wednesday, 26 October at our 10:00AM Said Mass, we will commemorate Alfred the Great. Known as the King of the Anglo-Saxons, Alfred is remembered for his brilliant defense of the south of England from the attacks of the Vikings. Born in about 848, Alfred was an educated man, and brought reforms to the legal system and improvements to the military. He died in 899 of unknown circumstances.

### **Saints Simon & Jude**

**Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles** will be remembered at a Said Mass on Friday, 28 October at 12:10PM. Sadly, our knowledge of these two original apostles is quite lacking. Simon is referred to as "a Zealot" and Saint John mentions Jude in his account of the Last Supper. Tradition associates both with the region of Persia, now Iran. Some accounts call them martyrs, some say that both died peaceful deaths in Edessa or Beirut. The Epistle of Jude brings us a unique doxology:

"Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you without blemish before the presence of his glory with rejoicing,  
<sup>25</sup> to the only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and for ever. Amen.

## **WILLIAM HENRY SOUTHALL**

**14 JANUARY 1923—17 SEPTEMBER 2011**

Our brother, Bill Southall, entered into new life on Saturday, 17 September 2011 after brief illness. Bill was a native of Mobile, graduating from Murphy High School in 1943 where he was an outstanding basketball and football player. With WWII in full swing, Bill served in the Pacific Theatre as a member of the U.S. Army. After the war, he played football at the University of Kentucky under Paul "Bear" Bryant. Bill was a fierce competitor, but one just as likely to apologize for tackling his opponent. Returning to Mobile he and Bessie Dueitt married and raised two daughters.

Bill was a life-long member of Saint John's. He was a gentle soul, perhaps the gentlest I have ever known. I feel privileged to have known him and will miss him greatly.



## WE'RE ROLLING OUT THE (FOOD) BARRELS AGAIN! FALL FOOD DRIVE AT ST. JOHN'S

Starting Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and continuing until Thanksgiving, the food barrels will be out in the church and in the great hall. We will, again, be sponsoring a **food drive** to assist the Bay Area Food Bank.

The food drive held last spring generated 400 pounds food, and we'd like to increase that amount this time! This is a chance for us to help the larger community during this harvest season.

We are going to schedule a **volunteer day** at the Food Bank at the beginning of December. Last time we volunteered we had two different tasks: one group sorted, cleaned and categorized food donations and the other group assisted the staff in getting the newsletter stamped and addressed. More information about the date will be in the next newsletter.

- ⇒ Since 1981, the Bay Area Food Bank has distributed over 100 million pounds of food!
- ⇒ Programs of the Food Bank include, Summer Lunch, Kids Cafe, Senior Nutrition, Disaster Relief and Community Food Assistance

Take this list shopping with you so you won't forget... one can, two cans or a case of cans...it **will** make a difference in the lives of families in our community and help demonstrate our mission as a community of Christ.

### St. John's Food Drive "Most Wanted" List

- canned green beans
- canned corn
- canned yams
- canned sweet peas
- canned fruit cocktail
- canned pineapple
- canned cranberry sauce
- canned peaches
- canned peaches
- canned peas
- canned ham
- stuffing mix
- macaroni and cheese
- rice
- other non-perishables

## SAINT JOHN'S MCKEMIE PLACE PROJECT

Every fourth Thursday Saint John's, in partnership with Redeemer, provides dinner for the residents of McKemie Place. Our current commitment to this project is to provide the dessert and tea every month and the paper products (plates, cups, napkins, flatware) every other month.



Fourth Thursday rolls around every month ...so we need volunteers every month to pick up the dessert (for 70), tea (3 sweet, 1 unsweet) and paper goods. We have a Walmart/Sam's card to be used for this—so no one has to "front" the expenses of buying the goods. Of course if the spirit moves you to cook dessert for 70 then the card can be used to purchase the ingredients!

Once purchased, there are two ways to get the goods to McKemie Place: bring them to St John's before noon on the fourth Thursday and either Lella or Jayne will see that they get to McKemie Place, or bring them to McKemie Place between 5 and 6 pm. Staying to help serve is optional but can be a very rewarding experience.



Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. See Cheryl or Janet or Jayne if you have questions or need more details.



## Vestry

The regular meeting of the Vestry convened at 11:35AM on Sunday, 11 September 2011. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as distributed.

- Connie McLean reviewed the financial statements noting that our deficit stands at \$32,000 for the year.
- Reporting for Outreach, Butch Yeager reported that several men of the parish helped to move Denise and Phillip Dunham to their new house.
- For Parish Life, Janet Buckley reported that a workday at the Bay Area Food Bank is being scheduled. She also reported that the Women of the Church will be coordinating the 4th Sunday Potluck events and that Parish Life will handle the Christmas Party.
- Butch Yeager, chair of the Endowment Board, nominated Geri Moulton for a 5-year term on the board. The Vestry unanimously elected Geri to the board.
- Fr. Heard reported that Sam Escobio is undertaking refurbishment of the garden and the installation of an irrigation system.
- He reported that the ice machine is broken and beyond repair. He has received bids for an exact replacement for about \$2,100. The vestry elected to defer replacement of the machine and hopes for significant contributions from the congregation.
- Fr. Heard reported that there is a growing need for Sunday School for the 6-12 year olds. Butch Yeager volunteered to scout for teachers and Fr. Heard will begin reviewing curricula.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35PM.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Please join us at Saint John's on Saturday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the courtyard for a blessing of all of our furry, feathered and finned friends. All types of animals are welcome, but please respect others and leash or restrain your pets.

## ST. JOHN'S WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The Women met on September 7<sup>th</sup> in the Great Hall. The following things were discussed:

- The theme for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday lunch will be a "tailgate party". Everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite team shirt that Sunday. Our men will grill the meat for this lunch.
- The rummage sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to noon each day. Everyone's help is needed to set up Monday through Thursday beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day...ending when the work is done! Baked goods will also be sold. Start planning what you can contribute for this sale. We need everyone's help.
- The need for a new ice machine was discussed, but no action was taken.
- Several names were added to our prayer list.

--Joyce Lee

## VENTURE CREW 3 NEWS

Venture Crew 3 will hold a car wash fundraiser on Saturday, October 1 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Please stop by Saint John's during your Saturday errands and let the boys clean your ride. They are asking for a \$5 donation and all proceeds will go the Crew's general operating fund.





Saint John's wishes to extend a sincere thank you to the following individuals and groups who made memorial donations honoring Audrey Meador:

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Wohler  
 Mr. Ben Schmerbauch  
 Ms. Faye R. Dulaney  
 Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Mattoon  
 Mr. & Mrs. Gordon McLean  
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 Ray & Frances Bridges  
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 Mr. & Mrs. Russ Banks and Family  
 Mr. & Mrs. Chris Perry

## THE SAINT JOHN'S LIVING ENDOWMENT FUND

ARE YOU INVESTING IN ST. JOHN'S  
FUTURE?

Good stewardship requires us to think of the future. The Saint John's Living Endowment Fund represents our commitment to that future.

Gifts to the Endowment are gifts that keep on giving. Our endowment agreement states that the "principal shall never be invaded" and that only a small portion of the income is paid out to support designated causes within Saint John's. As a result, your gift is "forever."

Help us grow our endowment by giving a donation. Any amount will be great - \$10, \$25, \$100. Just mark on your check that it is for the endowment so that we can properly account for the funds!



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### HURRICANE IRENE

Several weeks have passed since [Hurricane Irene swept up the eastern coast of the US](#), causing severe flooding in the Northeast. Episcopal Relief & Development continues to be in touch with some of the dioceses worst hit by the storm, working with them to assess needs and identify ways that churches in impacted areas can respond. So far, programs are in development at the diocesan level in Vermont, and at a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York. Members of Episcopal Relief & Development's Partners in Response team will be traveling to the dioceses of Vermont and Albany to assist there. Both the Diocesan Disaster Coordinators and Partners in Response receive training and support from

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Episcopal Relief & Development's [US Disaster Program](#).

In the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York, Episcopal Relief & Development is working through St. Paul's Episcopal Church in the town of Endicott, near Binghamton, in Broome County. Broome County experienced severe flooding as rains from the weather system that was Tropical Storm Lee overloaded the Susquehanna River, which was already running high due to the system that became Tropical Storm Irene. In Endicott, parishioners at St. Paul's will be involved with the effort to assist the Broome County Council of Churches in filling the gap in services caused by flooding at the group's food warehouse. This is especially important, as local food pantries – which would normally be supplied by the warehouse – are experiencing increased demand from residents who have lost homes or livelihoods as a result of the flood.

Episcopal Relief & Development will be providing additional support to St. Paul's for the purchase of heaters and other necessary appliances for uninsured

homeowners, in preparation for winter.

In response to the situation in Vermont, three members of Episcopal Relief & Development's Partners in Response team will travel to the area at the end of September. They will be present at the diocesan clergy conference, and one will stay to visit with impacted congregations. At the clergy conference, attendees are invited to share experiences, questions and needs, and learn about the support and information offered by Episcopal Relief & Development. One of the Partners in Response, Deacon Elaine Clements of the Diocese of Louisiana, will remain in Vermont for the week following the clergy conference, in order to travel to parishes around the diocese with Lynn Bates, Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese of Vermont. The other two team members, the Rev. Karl Lusk, Rector of the Church of the Ascension in Bardstown, Kentucky, and the Rev. Bill Livingston, formerly the Canon Pastor-Missioner for the Diocese of Mississippi, will be traveling to the Episcopal Diocese of Albany for their clergy conference and to meet with leaders of flood-impacted congregations.

## *Elsewhere in the Diocese*

### **21st ANNUAL BAR-B-Q FEST & GIANT YARD & BAKE & PLANT SALE**

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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479-0336....Email: [stabled2bless@comcast.net](mailto:stabled2bless@comcast.net)

**WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th**

TIME: Gigantic Yard Sale 7am  
BACK BY DEMAND : Homemade Apple Pies...  
Hot From The Oven (Place Your Order Now)  
Food Serving begins...10:00 AM

**EAT IN OR TAKE OUT**

**Rib Dinners.....\$8.00**

**Chicken Dinners.....\$6.00**

INCLUDES: SLAW, MEAT, BAKED BEANS, BREAD  
Call the church office (Please leave a msg if no answer & we will return call) to place your order for:

SLAB O' RIBS ...\$15.00 per slab

WHOLE CHICKEN.....\$10.00

Hot Apple Pie \$6, Sweet Potato Pie \$6

Southern Pound Cakes, \$12

ALL Pre-sale Orders End Monday, October 10. No exceptions, please.

### **REDEEMER WILD BIRD WORKSHOP SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**

7125 Hitt Road (corner Cody and Hitt), Mobile

**Birdwatching: 10 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

Learn the basics of birdwatching from Smoot Major, instructor in Biological Sciences at U.S.A., including how to find and identify bird species by sight and sound, how to select and use binoculars, and how to use a field guide. A light lunch will be provided.

**Bird Drawing: 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.**

Mobile artist Val Webb will conduct a beginner bird drawing workshop designed for folks with little to no art experience. The lesson begins with a drawing demonstration, followed by a pencil sketching exercise, and concludes with a guided drawing project in charcoal that teaches foundation drawing skills.

The workshop is free and open to the public, although there is a \$5 charge for art supplies for the drawing class. Registration is required. Call the church (251) 639-1948 or visit <http://wildbirdworkshop.eventbrite.com> to register online.

# HAPPY Birthday!

Alice Walker	10/03	Shirley Hall	10/14
Meagan Partsch	10/08	LaVerne Foster	10/15
Alana Escobio	10/10	James Plash	10/17
Bob Anderson	10/11	Marietta Ford	10/30
Kay Meador	10/11	Audrey Garner	10/30
Marjorie Duhon	10/13	Gwen Johnson	10/31
Marjorie Mattoon	10/13		



Ron & Marie Brown	10/07
Christopher and Melissa Gass	10/08
Bud & Connie McLean	10/22



## For healing grace and continued strength, we pray for our members:

Joyce Lee, LaVerne Foster, Alice Schablinski, Ashley Garris, Alice Walker

## For our Homebound:

Ray Campbell, Mae Dunn, Will Elam, Corinne Faust, Gwen Johnson, Nell Kirk, Violet Kosko, Margie Mattoon, Angela McGuire, Jane Tate Moore, Betty Plash, Catherine Warren, Dot & Chick Wohlert

## For victims of war and their families, and members of our Armed Forces and their families:

Ellis Eugene Garner, Eric Mattoon, Cheryl Garner, Michael Brabner

## For our Friends and Family:

Judy Doss, Andrea Murray, Paul & Bonnie Dueitt, Pam Sullivan, Cavin Balaster, Ronald Raines, Emily Steiner, Karen Mullen, Mary Fournier, David Jones, Anna Marie Brown, Jim Owens, John McCormick, Keith Malick, Gloria Berry, Travis McBride, Vernon Faulk, Velma Pearson, Betty & Gayle Chenoweth, Mark Stiber, Maddie West

## For those who have died:

Bill Southall, Ping Duke

## Start Your Fall Cleaning....

And contribute to our  
**Rummage Sale on  
October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**

**We need your donations  
and helpers that week.**

**St. John's  
Women of the Church**



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Sunday:

9:00AM Adult and Youth Christian  
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10:00AM Holy Eucharist

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10:00AM Holy Eucharist;  
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Wednesday of the month.

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observed throughout the year; please  
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