FROM THE RECTOR:

Dear Ones,

By the time you read this, things should be pretty well in hand for our 60th anniversary celebration on 9 October. “Should”, of course, is the operative word. It is always hard to know if and when one should have anxiety about future things.

As I’ve been think about our celebration of 60 years at this location, I’ve begun to wonder how much anxiety there must have been within the parish. I suspect there was quite a bit.

Anxiety about what would happen to the old church. Anxiety about whether the new church would feel like the old one did. Anxiety about what this would do to the parish. Anxiety about so many things.

I’ve wondered how many generations, how many families never knew any other church than Saint John’s at the corner of Dearborn and Monroe? For most of those, Saint John’s was a neighborhood church (a parish in the old sense of the word.) Now, it would be two miles away.

What must it have been like for Dr. Pennington to even bring up the possibility? He had a vision for the future of Saint John’s and only his untimely death prevented its realization.

What must it have been like for Mr. Roe to be called on to take up the torch and conduct a capital campaign and a building project that someone else had started? I imagine there was much anxiety there.

Some years ago, Alice Schablinski gave me a copy of a piece that was written by Eloise Ernandez. Eloise was the Superintendent of the Sunday School and lived a block or two away from the original Saint John’s. It is too big to include here, so I’ll give you a precis and an excerpt from it.

Eloise writes from the perspective of having a conversation with the Church building. (She always capitalizes it.) It is a conversation that reminisces and has a message for her “children.”

The Church said,

“And I want you to carry a message to my children in the new church. Tell them that no matter where a church is located, or how big she is, or how beautiful she is, she should be there for one purpose and one purpose only - that of the Christian Education of her children. There will be those who will say that Christian Education is what the Sunday School is supposed to do, there will be those who will not like the methods used, and there will be those who will not like the people who, of necessity, must lead the new church in the direction they think best. Tell them that the church building, the methods used and the people who lead are not things or people to be argued about or to waste time with, but that the important thing is for them to be about their Father’s business. For this is what they were commissioned by Christ to do - ‘To go forth into all the world and preach the Gospel.’ There is so little time left for any of my children to accomplish this important task, for if I have lived for over a hundred years and must die, then surely they know there is far less time left for them. Some of them may have fifteen or twenty years, which seems like a long time, but some have only four or five years left, and some less than that. Tell them — Tell them ——”

The old Church’s message to her children is still timely and important to us. I hope that we have been and will continue to be good stewards of our predecessors in time and place.

-- Thomas
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Saint Luke the Evangelist
We will celebrate the life and ministry of Saint Luke 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 1906 in India. He set about translating the New Testament into Urdu, Persian, and Judaeo-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, 1912.

Saint James of Jerusalem
We will remember Saint James of Jerusalem, the brother of Our Lord, at a Said Mass on Monday, 24 October 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 cudgeled 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.

Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles
Simon and Jude 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, = 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.

In Memoriam

RUNELLE JONES KIRK
29 September 1924 – 15 September 2016

Nell Kirk entered into new life on 15 September. She was sleeping peacefully, and is now asleep in Jesus. Nell came to us in January of 2008. She’d become dissatisfied with the church she had been attending and found a home with us. Not long after, she had to give up driving and a granddaughter was bringing her to church. That arrangement didn’t last long, so she became one of our home-bound members. She was a delight to talk with. She lived a full and happy life; she and husband, Walter, had just celebrated 72 years.
The regular meeting of the Wardens and Vestry of Saint John’s Church was called to order by Fr. Heard at 11:40AM.

The agenda was approved as presented. All members of the vestry were present. The minutes of the July 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

Lella Lowe gave a presentation on the Scrip program at Redeemer and how it might benefit Saint John’s. Conversation about planning and implementation took place. An entry will be put in the Old Business section for future meetings.

Administration: Finances continue to run in the red, exactly as forecast.

Outreach: $500 has been sent to Episcopal Relief & Development for the victims of flooding in Louisiana.

Parish Life: 4th Sunday Potluck will be a “Tailgate” theme this month. October’s 4th Sunday will be Breast Cancer Awareness.

Physical Plant: Waiting on final numbers from HVAC, Electrical, and drayage contractors.

Rector: The vestry approved use of the Great Hall on 13 October by Citizen’s Climate Lobby for a training session at no charge.

Security: Butch Yeager gave a precis of the conference he attended.

New Business: James Christiansen reported that the 1702 Church Street building is in need of exterior repair and painting. He has one bid for $4,500. The vestry requested that he get additional estimates before proceeding.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Fr. Heard at 12:45PM.

The first Cursillos developed in the Roman Catholic Church in Mallorca, Spain, in the late 1940s. Under the leadership of their bishop, several laymen began to formulate a way to draw active laymen into the work of “Christianizing” the everyday life settings where they lived.

Eventually, the Cursillo Method found interested parties in the United States. The first Cursillo Three-Day Weekend in the United States was held in Waco, Texas, in 1957. At first, these were still held in the Spanish language, and were available only to Roman Catholics. The first English speaking weekend was in 1961 in San Angelo, Texas. In time a few Episcopalians were invited to participate in the weekends.

The first official Three-Day Weekend in the Episcopal Church was conducted with help from Roman Catholic sponsors in the Diocese of Iowa in 1970. Soon, weekends were being held in various parts of the country. The first Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Seminar was held in 1975 in the Diocese of Dallas. The Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Committee was formed in Atlanta in 1979.

The movement came to the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast in the early 1980s. In November 2016 Cursillo #157 will be held at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center on Weeks Bay.

If you would like more information on Cursillo please contact Eugene Johnston at 478-5354.
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- 10/09 Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, 1253
- 10/16 Hugh Latimer & Nicholas Ridley, Bishops, 1555 & Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1556

**Transferred:**
- 10/23 Saint James of Jerusalem, Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and Martyr, c. 62
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**Lessons**

- Hebrews 1:1-10
- Luke 18:9-14
- Second Sunday after Pentecost
- Lesson A
- Lesson B
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**Altar Eucharistic**

- First Sunday after Pentecost
- Second Sunday after Pentecost
- Third Sunday after Pentecost
- Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Greeters**

- Butch Brown
- Pat Fulford
- Cori Waites
- Connie Melcan
- Lee Anderson

**Ministers**

- Connie Anderson
- Donna Yeager
- Connie Anderson
- Lee Anderson
- Jan Joseph

**Nursery**

- Nikki Shaw
- Ron Brown
- Ron Brown
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- Ron Brown

**Vacant**

- Jan Joseph

**Eucharistic Visitor**

- Bud McLean
- Buddy Yeager
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**Eucharistic Ministers**

- Ron Brown
- Pat Fulford
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**Intricessor**

- Ron Brown
- Buddy Yeager

**Lectors**

- Ron Brown
- Buddy Yeager
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**Greeters**

- Connie Anderson
- Paula Ross
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In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, on October 2nd we will pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa and The Most Revd. Dr Daniel Sarfo Primate & Metropolitan, CPWA, Archbishop of the Internal province of Ghana and Bishop of Kumasi.

The Republic of Ghana has a population of approximately 27 million, and about 71% adhere to Christianity. The west coast of Africa has diverse geography and ecology ranges from coastal savannahs to tropical jungles.

Most recently, Episcopal Relief & Development collaborated with Anglican Diocesan Development Organization (ADDRO) to begin an innovative project to increase access to donkey, plow and cart sets for women farmers. The use of donkey plows can save time and labor for these women, who typically work long hours and either use hand tools or have to rent and drive oxen, which are more expensive and difficult to control. Participants receive agricultural and business training and can then apply for loans to purchase the donkey sets.

ADDRO, with support from Episcopal Relief & Development, runs the training center that offers a dressmaking program for local women. The program seeks to supply the tools necessary for participants to emerge stronger and prepared to build a business of their own. Upon graduation, participants can enroll in ADDRO’s micro-finance program and receive a small loan with which to start their own enterprises.

Ghana is one of the strongest and most diversified economies in Africa. However, not all share equally in this growth. These programs help people at the lowest end of the economic spectrum move into self-sufficiency.

As we say the prayers for the Anglican Communion on October 2, please remember the Church in Ghana.

Please join us at Saint John’s on Sunday, 2 October at 5:00 PM 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.
For healing grace and continued strength, we pray for our members:
Ron Brown, Bessie Southall, Jean Brown, Mary Jones, Jayson Chestang, Budd McLean, Joyce Lee, Donna Waites.

For our Homebound:
Mae Dunn, Joan-Marie Elam, LaVerne Foster, Lorraine Murray, Alice Schablinski, Catherine Warren, Chick Wohlert, Becky & Art Youngblood.

For victims of war and their families, and members of our Armed Forces and their families:
Ellis Garner, Eric Mattoon.

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Butch Yeager

Ashleigh Sheffield 10/04
Meagan Partsch 10/08
Alana Escobio 10/10
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