

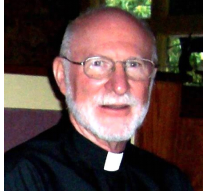
# *All Saints' Herald*

Newsletter of  
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Aiken, South Carolina

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*From Fr. George's notebook....*



**Drawn by:**  
***The Compelling  
Joy of Christianity***

With the first Sunday in February, we begin a long period of solemn introspection, even fasting and abstinence, carrying through the "gesima" Sundays of Pre-Lent and Lent, emerging in the joy of Easter Day.

As I reflected upon the days to come, my thoughts turned to the early days of the Church. What drew people to Christianity? What was so compelling about those few early Christians that attracted others to join with them? What was it about Christianity that people found irresistible?

It was a perilous existence for the first followers of our Lord. Indeed, converts to Christianity frequently suffered persecution, often ending in death and, as we have read, a Christian's death was most likely to be horribly painful.

To draw people in and cause them to commit themselves, even to the death, required a personal, spiritual experience of extraordinary proportions and the basis of that experience was the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Apostles and their successors taught that God is Love and in His infinite love for us, He took upon Himself our flesh and became a human being, Jesus Christ.

Jesus walked upon the earth experiencing all that we experience, subject to all the pains and temptations to which we are subject, and finally suffering the humiliation of death on the cross, enduring that soul rending experience reserved for human beings.

But death was not an end, which He demonstrated for us with His resurrection in triumph over the prince of darkness.

Moreover, people were drawn to Christi-

anity by the very nature of the men, women, and children who confessed and witnessed to Christ; by the love they had for each other and the power they received from that love which enabled them to love all of mankind, regardless of their condition or state in life, whether they were enemies, friends, or strangers.

People were drawn to Christianity by the joy they could see exhibited in each Christian; joy at knowing who their God and Saviour was; joy at knowing what was in store for them after this life; and the pure joy of sharing with each other their love of God and their confidence in His love for each of them.

God became a personal experience for each convert to Christianity. He was a loving Father who sustained them; He was the Son who had been one of them; and He was the Holy Spirit who dwelt within their hearts.

St. Augustine wrote: "The blood of the martyrs was the seed of the Church."

Indeed, spectators to the horrible scenes were impressed by the courage, love, and triumphant joy displayed by the Christian martyrs, so much so that many of them sought to become Christians to share in what they perceived was a source of supernatural power.

Truly, it is a supernatural power, though not exactly what may have been anticipated.

It is the power of love, the power of faith in God and in Jesus Christ as our Saviour, the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we join with the whole Church in preparing for that glorious triumphant Easter Day, let us not cease to draw upon the power that comes to us through faith in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In a world where everything seems to move so fast, let us pause and take comfort in the power of prayer and meditation, and in the power of the Body and Blood of Christ, to transform our lives to experience the compelling joy of Christianity.

## Coming Up in February....

The season of Epiphany having come to an end, we move closer to Lent with the "gesima" Sundays starting on February 5th.

This week, we mark the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Thursday (February 2nd).

Shrove Tuesday falls on February 21st. We'll prepare for the beginning of Lent with our traditional Spaghetti Supper at 6:15 p.m., following a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 5:30.

Lent officially begins on Wednesday the 22nd — Ash Wednesday. We'll have the usual Ash Wednesday Services beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the Imposition of Ashes followed by the Holy Eucharist.

On the Wednesdays in Lent, starting on February 29th, we'll have a Lenten Supper and program. There'll be a sign-up sheet posted in the Parish House for those who wish to bring soup and/or salad — no desserts, please.

Note that we celebrate the Feast of St. Matthias on the 24th with Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m.

As last year, we'll have the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 5:30 p.m. during Lent beginning with the first Friday in March (March 2nd).

## Looking ahead....

Easter will be on April 8th this year. In preparation, we'll have the traditional Maundy Thursday services beginning at 5:30 p.m. on March 5th and on Good Friday we will have services beginning at noon and ending about 3:30 p.m.

## All Saints' Classic Book Club

By Victoria Jarvis

The Book Club will meet on Monday, February 27th, 4:00 p.m. in the Parish House with the first informal discussion sched-

uled on Daphne Du Maurier's novella "Rebecca." The response to the Book Club has been growing and if you would care to join other avid readers for some literary fun, please email Victoria Jarvis at: gail.jarvis@gmail.com.

## ACW News

By Susan Thomas

The ladies of the ACW turned out in full force to try the new Dickens Cafe at the Curiosity Shop last month. Attending were Lainey Keller, Phoebe Marshall, Onesta Carswell, Jo Cunningham, Victoria Jarvis, Connie Beveridge, Sara Wood, Shelby Ruddy, Carol Sue Roberts, Judi Hammond, Nancy Whittaker, Anna Zouck and Betty Alexander. (Please ask Betty for verification if you have time, as I wasn't there, but according to reports from others, I think everyone that signed up did attend.)



(ACW NEWS continued on next page.)

The ACW will meet again at the Jade of China on Tuesday, February 7th at 11:30 a.m. Please call Susan Thomas at 648-4431 or e-mail her at satsdtlet@aol.com by Sunday, February 5th, if you would like to attend.

We will not have a business meeting in February so please contact Susan in the meantime if there is anything that you would like to have put on the agenda for March.

### **Men of All Saints'**

**By Ken Gordon**

Twelve men showed up for our January dinner meeting at the Westside Bowery. This was our largest attendance to date.

The table talk was mainly political, given the Primary Season we find ourselves in today. The Nuclear World was on the back burner as our resident scientist Fred Christensen is recovering from health issues and unable to join us.



Seated around the long table were: Chris Roberts, Forrest Roberts, Jerry Burns, Ken Gordon, Mike Hardwick, Dn. Davies, Stephen Boyko, Bob Gordon, Larry Byers, Willard Rappleye, and Jack Miller. Fr. Alexander was behind the camera as usual.

We invite all our fellow male parishioners to join us for food, fun and adult beverages each month at the Westside Bowery.

**(Note: third Tuesday this month falls on Shrove Tuesday so the February meeting will be on the fourth Tuesday - the 28th.)**

### **Parish Night Out**

A much better attendance in January for the Parish Night Out. An extra table had to be brought in to accommodate the crowd of hungry Anglicans.



In the top picture, seated around the table were:

Jack & Pat Miller, Phoebe & Allen Marshall, Mike Wood, Sandy & Tony Harris, Dn. Davies, Betty Alexander, Sara Wood, Cecelia Davies, Chris Roberts, Gabby & Andy Phillip with Fr. Alexander behind the camera.



### **Grandchildren:**

#### ***Announcing New Arrivals***

#### **Lena & Linzee Whittaker**

A Granddaughter  
Born in November in Savannah, Ga.

#### **Sandy & Tony Harris**

A Grandson  
Born in January in England

#### **Fr. & Ruth Clanton**

A Grandson  
Born in Sumter in December

## From the Deacon's Bench

By the Rev. Mr. Christopher V. Davies



### At The Altar Rail

The biblical foundation for Holy Communion is what Christ Himself did at the Last Supper. As narrated by St. Matthew, Jesus first offered the apostles what He was about to change, then changed the bread and wine, and then gave them Communion.

What Christ emphasizes is the absolute necessity of being nourished by His Body and Blood if the supernatural life received at Baptism is to be sustained.

Throughout the gospels and St. Paul, Christ uses words like "take," "eat," "drink," always clearly indicating that the Eucharist is to be taken into the mouth and consumed. No less, and far more, than material food and drink are necessary to sustain the natural life of the body, so Holy Communion must be received to support and nourish the supernatural life of the soul.

Your priests need your help to properly administer the Eucharist.

You can receive the host by kneeling (or standing) at the rail with hands folded. Bend head back a little. Open mouth. Extend tongue slightly. The Eucharist will be placed on your tongue.

You can also receive communion with your right hand cupped over the other. The host will be placed in your hand.

When receiving the Cup, please look up as the cup approaches and guide the cup by holding its base and tilting it so that your lips do touch the Blood of Christ.

Looking down and ladies with hats make

it difficult for the priest to ascertain if you actually receive the Blood of Christ.

Should you require intinction, that is dipping the host into the wine, hold your hands so the host may be seen, and again please look up and slightly extend your tongue.

## Lenten Supper Programs

Beginning on Wednesday, February 29th, we will have a series of Lenten Suppers with a program following the regular 5:30 Service.

Again, the plan is for a soup and salad supper with no dessert. It has been suggested that meals follow closely what might have been served during Biblical Times.

The planned program for each Wednesday is a video presentation, though final selections have not been made at this time.

Of the proposed programs, one is centered on the life of C.S. Lewis; another is an adaptation of the a stage production on the life of St. John, ***St. John in Exile*** and features the actor Dean Jones.

Also being reviewed are programs on ***The Execution of Jesus***, from the series ***Mysteries of the Bible***; a biography of the ***Apostles***; and the ***Virgin Mary*** as an inspiration to artists.

The video presentations run about 50 to 60 minutes with the exception of ***St. John in Exile*** which runs about 90 minutes.

## Stations of the Cross

We will continue this Lent, in good Anglican Tradition, to have the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. The service begins at 5:30 p.m. and is over by 6:00.

This is a very moving service following in the footsteps of our Lord from His condemnation by Pilate to His death on the Cross, His Body laid in the arms of His mother, and finally His burial in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea.

**Parish Holds Annual Meeting on January 22nd:  
*Passes Operating Budget for 2012, Elects 4 Members for Vestry***

All Saints' entered its 35th year as a Parish on a positive note with the rector, Fr. George Alexander, declaring the Parish sound fiscally and spiritually. The text of his report follows:

We are in the 35<sup>th</sup> year of the establishment of All Saints' Anglican Church and



once again I am happy to report that we are fiscally and spiritually sound.

During 2011 we changed the method of reporting Parish Statistics as suggested by the bishop. The change allows us to more accurately report attendance by eliminating duplication of count as a result of, for example, services within a service or in community settings, such as the Blessing of the Hounds.

Thus, from the statistical report, we appear to be down in attendance while in reality we're not. We did end the year with 90 active members. That's

down two from the previous year.

While in 2011, we welcomed some new members to the Parish, we also lost two families: one relocated out of country and the other moved farther away, making the drive from Columbia even longer.

During the year, we made every effort to remain true to our Anglican heritage, faithful in our liturgical worship, and strictly adhere to our theology as expressed in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and through the centuries of tradition of the Church in England. We will continue to do so and, God willing, we will increase our numbers and expand the services offered in the Parish.

In looking back at 2011, one of the highlights was the Dedication and Memorial



Service in honor of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. It was a solemn and beautiful occasion. A special "thank you" to Lena Whittaker and Sandy Harris who worked as co-chairs of the 9/11 Committee and, of course, a "thank you" to the entire committee and all those who assisted in the preparations.



This year, we look forward to celebrating the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of All Saints' as a Parish. That will be on All Saints' Day, November 1<sup>st</sup>. We plan to do it in fine style.

Once again, we are in the early stages of putting together a new Parish Directory. That was part of the reason for requesting updated information. We hope to have it completed soon but there is still time to submit photos to be included. Perhaps, this new directory can be a kind of year-book as well.



in the Parish Registry. Prompted by an instruction on properly maintaining a Parish Registry in the quarterly pastoral letter to all clergy from the bishop, we have been reviewing ours and have found some information to be incomplete. Now, I know that many of us don't like to list the year of our birth, only the month and day, but that is just one example of incomplete data in the registry. There is also incomplete information concerning baptism, confirmation, and marriage.



Also, in the near future, we will be having everyone verify the information we have

As you have noticed, we have a short agenda and we hope to complete the business of the Church in fairly short order; but first, I would like to say that as your rector, I have been pleased with the support you have shown me and your participation in the life of the Parish.

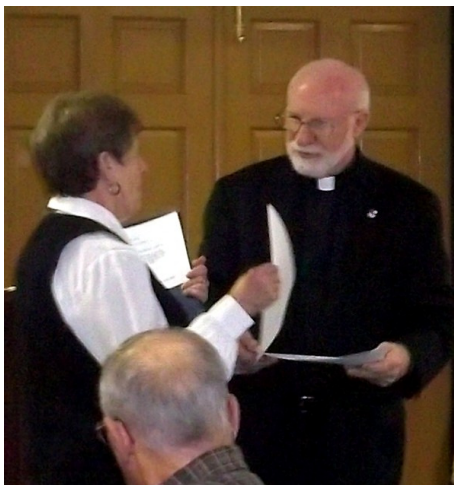


I know that I have stressed many, many times that we, as a Parish, are Family, brothers and sisters in Christ. So, let us continue to work together, as a family, to fulfill the potential of our Parish and grow together spiritually, both corporately and individually.

This Parish has been truly blessed. Each of you are a blessing. And, God willing, we will continue to grow as a Parish and be that shining light for all to see.



**Parish Treasurer, Ken Gordon, presents the 2012 budget, comparing the just completed year's budget with the one proposed.**



**Fr. Alexander presents retiring Vestryman, Bobbie Graves with a certificate of appreciation for her many years of service as Clerk and Secretary.**

## **Three Former Vestryman Noted for Their Service**

As Bobbie Graves retired from the Vestry after many years of service, beginning as Clerk and later as Secretary, she was honored for her service with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Two other former members of the Vestry who were not present for the meeting were also honored.

Susan Thomas served first as Book-keeper, later becoming Parish Treasurer. Even after withdrawing from the office of Treasurer, Susan continued to serve on the Vestry until her retirement in early 2011.

Frank Newkirk also had a long and distinguished service as a member of the Vestry, many years of those years as Junior Warden. In his capacity as Junior Warden, Frank oversaw the maintenance of the Parish, oftentimes using his own skills and talent to make the repairs himself.

Bobbie, Susan, and Frank certainly earned the appreciation of the Parishioners of All Saints' and each continues to be active members of the Parish.

Susan is president of the ACW and Frank is an Usher. Bobbie has her involvement restricted due to health reasons but faithfully attends the early service on Sundays as well as other Parish functions.

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## **Statistical Note**

During 2011, there were a total of :

- 311 Services
- 3469 Communion
- 4 Confirmations
- 4 Receptions
- 2 Visitations by the Bishop
- 1 Burial

Attendance for the year was 4982 and we ended the year with 90 active members.

## February Birthdays

|    |                 |
|----|-----------------|
| 3  | William Crocker |
| 7  | Tamara Cannon   |
| 9  | Andrew King     |
| 24 | Nancy Whitacre  |

## February Anniversaries

|    |                        |
|----|------------------------|
| 9  | Jadwin & Marian Sorter |
| 23 | John & Jo Cunningham   |

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## Saints of the Month:

**St. Kentigern** (c. 518 - 603)  
*Bishop & Confessor*

Considered the first bishop of Scotland, St. Kentigern was the son of a British princess named Thenaw. He was also known as Mungo ("dear one" or "darling").

The story is that when it was discovered that his mother was pregnant by an unknown man, she was hurled from a cliff. Surviving the fall, she was then set adrift in a boat on the Firth of Forth.

Finally reaching Culross, she was given shelter by St. Serf. She gave birth to a son who St. Serf named Mungo.

Kentigern (Mungo) was raised by Serf and became a hermit at Glasgow. So renowned for his holiness, Kentigern was consecrated bishop of Strathclyde in 540 but soon thereafter was forced to flee to Wales because of feuds among the neighboring chieftains.

While in Wales, he met St. David at Me-nevia and went on to found a monastery at Llanelwy.

St. Kentigern returned to Scotland in 553, settling first at Hoddam and then Glasgow, where he spent his last days.

**St. Titus** (1st Century)  
*Bishop & Martyr*

Best known, perhaps, as the recipient of one of St. Paul's Epistles, Titus was converted by St. Paul and later consecrated

Bishop of Crete by the Apostle to carry on his work there.

Titus, at first, was secretary to Paul and accompanied him to the Council of Jerusalem where Paul refused to allow Titus to be circumcised.

Paul sent Titus to Corinth as his representative to correct errors and settle disputes in the Church there and later to collect alms for the poor Christians of Jerusalem.

Titus also traveled to Dalmatia but is thought to have been martyred in Crete.

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## Church Humor : )

### *Picturing God?*

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

### *Charitable Deduction?*

Father O'Malley answers the phone.

"Is this Father O'Malley?"

"It is"

"This is the IRS. Can you help us?"

"I can"

"Do you know a Ted Houlihan?"

"I do"

"Is he a member of your congregation?"

"He is"

"Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?"

"He will".

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# All Saints' Parish Calendar

## February 2012

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|-------|-----------|-----|--------|
| Abt.  | Abbot     | K.  | King   |
| Ap.   | Apostle   | M.  | Martyr |
| B(b). | Bishop(s) | Q.  | Queen  |
| C(c). | Confessor | Pr. | Priest |
| (s)   | Doctor    | S.  | Saint  |
| D.    | Doctor    | V.  | Virgin |

| Sun   | Mon                          | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri                                       | Sat                   |
|---|------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----------------------|
|   |                              |   | 1<br>S. Ignatius, B.M.<br>HC at 5:30 pm<br>Anglican Studies 6:15          | 2<br>Purification, B.V.M.<br>HC at 5:30 pm | 3<br>S. Blasé, B.M.                       | 4<br>S. Agatha, V.M.  |
| 5 Septuagesima<br>MP & HC 8:30<br>Bible Study 9:30<br>HC 10:30<br>Healing Service | 6<br>Ss. Titus & Dorothy     | 7<br>S. Romuald, Abt.<br>ACW Luncheon 11:30 | 8<br>S. John of Matha, C.<br>HC at 5:30 pm<br>Parish Night Out 6:15       | 9<br>S. Cyril of Alexander,<br>B.C.D.      | 10<br>S. Scholastica, V.                  | 11<br>Feria           |
| 12 Sexagesima<br>MP & HC 8:30<br>Bible Study 9:30<br>HC 10:30                     | 13<br>S. Kentigern, B.C.     | 14<br>S. Valentine, M.                      | 15<br>The Martyrs of Japan<br>HC at 5:30 pm<br>Anglican Studies 6:15      | 16<br>Feria                                | 17<br>Feria                               | 18<br>S. Simeon, B.M. |
| 19 Quinquagesima<br>MP & HC 8:30<br>Bible Study 9:30<br>HC 10:30                  | 20<br>Feria                  | 21<br>Feria                                 | 22<br>Ash Wednesday<br>Holy Communion<br>& Imposition of Ashes<br>5:30 pm | 23<br>S. Peter Damian,<br>B.C.D.           | 24<br>S. Matthias, Ap.M.<br>HC at 5:30 pm | 25<br>Feria           |
| 26 Lent I<br>MP & HC 8:30<br>Bible Study 9:30<br>Litany & HC 10:30                | 27<br>Bl. George Herbert, C. | 28<br>Feria<br>Men meet at 6:30 pm          | 29<br>Ember Wednesday<br>HC at 5:30 pm<br>Lenten Program 6:15             |  |   |                       |