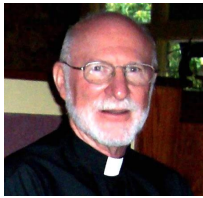


All Saints' Herald

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Aiken, South Carolina

A Parish of the
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Diocese of the South

From Fr. George's notebook...



**One Nation
Under God:
*A Light Shining
in Darkness***

July is a month of celebration in which we commemorate the declaration of our independence and the beginning of a long, hard fought struggle to establish a sovereign nation in which there is justice, equality, and freedom.

Our founding fathers, not unlike the early Fathers of the Church, were dedicated, committed men of faith and high standards.

What they sought to establish was, indeed, an experiment: a democratic republic that was a living body. They were willing to suffer and even die to see this experiment come to life. Many of them did just that before the battle was won and a new light began to shine in the world.

Never in its design was this nation to be other than a moral example, a beacon in a world shrouded in darkness and servitude.

As I reflect on the courage and commitment of our country's Founding Fathers, indeed, the commitment and sacrifice so many have made over the decades since that first Declaration of Independence, I am filled with a sense of pride.

Yet, as my attention turns to the state of our nation today, I find myself dismayed at the changes that have taken place, especially how rapidly change has come about in recent times. More to my display is that many of these changes reflect a significant moral erosion of the ideals and institutions that have made our country great

Throughout the history of the United States of America, religion has played an

important role; however, in our world today, in the midst of these changing times, the church has become both target and enabler.

For example, how relevant is truth? What does an oath to tell the truth really mean? Is it part of a game or is it a moral standard?

How often have we seen people in positions of responsibility, whether in government, corporate business, charitable organizations, even the church, act as if they do not have to be held to the same standards as others and approach truth as being irrelevant to their own or their agency's or business' success?

Is this attitude a reflection of the changing nature of the Church in today's society? Is the Church bowing to societal pressure and changing the standards expected of a Christian?

Scripture charges the Church with changing mankind to conform to the standards set forth by our Lord and perpetuated within the Body of Christ, the Church.

In short, the objective of the Christian Church is to change people, not to be changed by people.

This doesn't mean that the Church is not a dynamic institution. Indeed, as it is the living Body of Christ, it must be responsive, it must be dynamic. It, too, grows in the knowledge of Jesus Christ as all of human knowledge grows.

However, through all of the changes in a progressing, evolving world, the Church itself must remain a stabilizing factor through standards established by its very Head, Jesus Christ.

There is no earthly, human wisdom or knowledge superior to that of our Savior; nor is there any aspect of human life that is exempt from the higher judgment of religious faith and ethic.

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Coming Up in July....

This month, the pace will be less hectic at All Saints'.

With so many people away this time of the year, there will be no service planned on **Independence Day**; we will commemorate that special day on Sunday, July 3rd.

Vestry will meet on the 2nd Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

We will, as usual, have **Parish Night Out** on the **2nd Wednesday** following the 5:30 p.m. service. The restaurant will be named on the Sunday prior. If anyone has a favorite restaurant that they would like to recommend for Parish Night Out, please pass it on to Fr. Alexander.

The **Men of All Saints'** are continuing to meet during the summer and will gather as usual on the **3rd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Bowery**.

Anglican Studies will continue to meet during the summer. The class is viewing a series on the **History of Christian Theology**.

Only two extra services during the month: the **Feast of St. James, Apostle**, on **Monday the 25th** and the **Feast of St. Anne**, Mother of the Virgin Mary, on **Tuesday the 26th**. Both services will be at the usual time, 5:30 p.m.

While our organist, **Elizabeth Blount**, is on vacation this month, we will welcome **Carol Sue Roberts** to the keyboards & pedals.

Note July Office hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 to noon.

Looking ahead....

Planning is underway for a special service to commemorate **9/11** and those who lost their lives, in particular the daughter of one of our Parish families. Details will be coming soon but we do know that our **Bishop** will be here for the memorial service and we anticipate that the service will be open to the entire Aiken community.

June in Review....

The highlight of the month was the **Parish Work Day & Picnic** on Saturday, June 4th.

It was a beautiful day and enthusiastic workers began arriving at 8:30 in the morning well-prepared for action.

The full story follows on the next pages with lots of photos.

Congratulations to **Claire Voegele** on her graduation from the **College of Charleston**. An announcement is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish House. Way to go, Claire!

Every month there is at least one anniversary celebration, each one special. We should be taking note and better acknowledging them. So, we're going to start doing that!

In June, **Lee & Alice Larison** celebrated their **50th** in grand style with a trip to Italy and Switzerland. We have no pictures but do understand they had a wonderful time and were able to visit their son who lives in Switzerland.

Fred & Betty Christensen celebrated their **60th** anniversary on June 9th renewing their wedding vows in a small ceremony at the Church with members of their family present and with Fr. Alexander offering a Nuptial Mass in their honor.



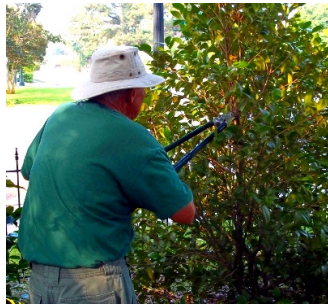
Others celebrating anniversaries in June were **David & Gail King** and **Dacre & Jenne Stoker**.

From now on, let's see some photos!.

Weed, Trim, Cut, Hack, and Eat!

It was a beautiful day and before the heat set in, 23 Parishioners set about "spiffying up" the church yard -- not so easy a task.

Equipped with every imaginable yard tool, including some of the finest power tools,



the hearty group tackled the overgrown shrubbery, the weeds, the vines, and briars.

They raked; they pulled; they

trimmed here and there, sometimes cutting and sometimes hacking away at the overgrowth.

Power tools were certainly an asset when cutting larger limbs.

Andy Philipp did a great job pruning the dogwood by the corner.



The little garden area between the church and Parish House got a lot of needed attention, too.



Those joining



in for the work day included: **Sara & Mike Wood, Kathy Clark, Chris Roberts, Stephen & Mardena Boyko, David & Connie Beveridge, Alan Wingard, Dn. Davies, Bob Storey, Lena Whittaker, Gabby & Andy Philipp, Phoebe Marshall, Forrest & Carol Sue Roberts, Jan Jenkins, Jack & Pat Miller, Larry Byers, and Fr. George & Betty Alexander.**



Forrest Roberts provided some of the photography also. To the left is his photo of Connie Beveridge

tackling the weeds along the garden walk.

He also snuck in a picture of the rector taking pictures.



The work force assembled around 8:30 in the morning and by 11:00 they were done with all the tasks including cleaning up the trimmings and were ready for a picnic lunch. A good day's work and a lot of fun, too! The weather was just right and the insects were kind.



While the crew were cooling off and setting up inside for lunch, **Bob Storey** and **Lena Whittaker** took



charge of the grill and produced perfectly cooked hamburgers and brats. Bob and Lena have become a great team, starting with last October's picnic and we plan to put them to work again and again!



As usual, food appeared on the tables from salads to chips & dips, and all the expected dishes to accompany a perfectly grilled burger or brat.



There was dessert as well and lots of iced tea and soft drinks to quench the thirst.

Another work day is in the works at the end of August; so plan to be part of the crew. Of course, no work day would be complete without a picnic, too.



A hearty group got together after the Wednesday service on the 8th for **Parish Night Out at Café Rio Blanco**.



We had the "usual suspects" in attendance and once again put a good restaurant to the test!

Seated around the table were: **Ken & Diane Gordon, Jack & Pat Miller, Forrest**



& Carol Sue Roberts, Mardena Boyko, Sara & Mike Wood, Stephen Boyko, Chris Roberts, and Betty Alexander. As usual, **Fr. Alexander** was behind the camera.

Suggestions for July's Parish Night Out are welcome. See Fr. Alexander.

The **Men of All Saints'** met at their customary place, the **Bowery**, on the 21st. Attendance was down but nevertheless everyone had an enjoyable evening. We didn't let a rather large and noisy group bother us. We simply moved to a quieter part of the restaurant and quietly, with dignity, solved the problems of the world! Those pondering the unponderable were: **Willard Rappleye, Larry Byers, Stephen Boyko, Jerry Burns, Chris Roberts, Fr. Alexander, and Ken Gordon** who arrived in just time for dessert.

July's meeting will be the same, 3rd Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., at the Bowery.

Spotlight

By Judi Hammond



Elise Lehman:

The Healing Power of Dance

All Saints' is blessed to have many members with diverse talents. **Elise Lehman** is one of those.

Elise holds the position of Top Gold for Ballroom Dancing. This is the highest possible honor for an amateur, and she recently was awarded this honor for the fourth year in a row.

The reader might be surprised that All Saints' had something to do with her passion. When she still lived in Pennsylvania, Elise hurt her shoulder while sweeping snow from her deck. When she went to a doctor, a film was made of her standing spine. Elise said that she thought it belonged to another patient as it looked like something one would use to frighten peo-



ple on Halloween.

The physician advised that in order to avoid a life in a wheelchair, "You need to find a way to move that you love and don't stop." She joined a fitness facility the next day and when she moved to Aiken, she joined the Fitness For Life program at Hitchcock Rehabilitation Center.

Then one Sunday, Father Jeff Smith, Priest at All Saints' Anglican, asked Elise how she was getting along with her back pain. When she told him that she was exercising seven days a week, she also added that she did not love it; rather, she exercised out of fear of having to use a wheelchair.

Father Smith then suggested that she join a group from All Saints who were taking ballroom dancing. That was in December of 1995, and she has been dancing ever since.

She competes because it requires practice, and that has kept her moving and excelling. Every week Elise practices four days, three in Columbia at Capital Ballroom Dance Studio and one in Aiken at A&E Dance Studio.



At the recent national competition in Phoenix, Arizona where she again won took top amateur honors, she and her partner had eighty entries in addition to one solo dance. Among the dances they performed were the Argentine Tango, the Peabody, and the American Viennese Waltz.

Elise shared that with proper diet, prayer, and dance, she anticipates that she can avoid life in a wheelchair.

From the Deacon's Bench:

By Dn. Christopher Davies



A Brief History of the Anglican Catholic Church

The word "Anglican" means *English*. **THE ANGLICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** is so called because it adheres to the Catholic Faith as it was received by and from the CHURCH OF ENGLAND in the days of its orthodoxy.

During its very first century, the Church came to describe itself as Catholic. In the ordinary sense this word means "universal". In Church usage, however, it means "orthodox". This meaning is clarified in what is known as the Canon of St. Vincent of Lerins, who defined the Catholic Faith as, "That which has been believed everywhere, always and by all." (i.e. universally) within the undivided Christian Church.

The Catholic Faith is, therefore, that Faith foretold by the ancient prophets, revealed in the person of Jesus Christ, proclaimed by his Apostles, recorded in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, taught by the early "Fathers" of the Church (many of whose splendid writings still exist), defended by the seven great Ecumenical Councils of the undivided Church and expressed in the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed and the creed of St. Athanasius

Following the discovery of the "New World", Anglicanism spread to the Americas, Asia, Africa and Oceania (the central and south Pacific). Some 37 national and regional Anglican Churches were established in various parts of the world, which together became known as the Anglican Communion.

The Anglican Communion has no constitution, governing body, central authority or common liturgy. It is merely a loose association of autonomous Churches with similar origins. Since 1970 it has been disinte-

grating, as some member churches have brazenly tampered with essential elements of the Faith and can no longer claim to have the same Scriptures, Creeds, Sacraments and Ministry as the rest of the CATHOLIC CHURCH. Since 1987 those Churches have included the CHURCH OF ENGLAND herself.

In 1977 an international congress of nearly 2,000 Anglican bishops, clergy and lay people met in St. Louis, Missouri, to take the actions necessary to establish an orthodox jurisdiction in which traditional Anglicanism would be maintained, by returning to the fullness of the Faith of the undivided CATHOLIC CHURCH. Acting according to the principles determined by the seven great Ecumenical Councils of the ancient Church and adopting initially the name "Anglican Church of North America", they placed themselves under the jurisdiction of the retired bishop of Springfield, Illinois, the Right Reverend Albert Chambers.

In January 1978 Bishop Chambers expanded that jurisdiction and devolved it upon others, by taking order for the consecration of four more bishops. From these four bishops have come two jurisdictions, the **Anglican Province of Christ the King** and the **Anglican Catholic Church**, which now maintain orthodox Anglicanism in North America and beyond.

The **ANGLICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** is a world-wide body. Since 1978 it has expanded to include 15 dioceses in the Americas, the United Kingdom, Australia, a bishopric in New Zealand, a deanery in Spain and in South America. In 1984 the historic Church of India (Anglican) was received and constituted as the Second Province; today it has 5 dioceses.

It is interesting to note that **All Saints'** was one of the original parishes of the **ACC**, though it left the **ACC** for several years during a period of discord but was received back into good standing under Archbishop Haverland. Within the **Diocese of the South**, **All Saints'** is the second largest parish.

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Basically, what we are witnessing today is the excusing of standards, a liberalizing of Christian Standards, in an effort to tie the Church to societal changes rather than to tie societal changes to the Church.

The diversification and relaxation of Christian Standards has been further reinforced by attacks against religion, Christianity in particular, under the deliberate misinterpretation of Separation of Church and State.

More and more, various denominations are relaxing standards in order to attract people to their congregations. It is as if there is some confusion about "standards," "responsibility," and "compassion" and the Church must apologize for the standards set forth by our Lord and for mankind's innate weakness, rather than to offer a place of refuge and strength for the sinner to approach God in communal prayer and acknowledge that he has fallen short of the Divine Expectation.

We Anglicans, following the traditions of the Early Church, must never lose sight of the Christian Standards for which our Church Fathers lived and died and sought to instill in each convert and with which the very foundations of the Church were cemented.

We also must never lose sight of the love and compassion our Lord has for each of us and which we must in turn share with others. It is not that Jesus tolerates our failure to live up to His Standards; rather, He understands our weaknesses and it is through Him alone that we can be perfected.

The Church must have standards and ideals, otherwise it becomes no more than a reflection of earthly things rather than heavenly things.

As the Bible and Early Church teachings reflect the standards and ideals set forth by our Lord Jesus Christ, it is incumbent upon the Church today to stand by those same standards and ideals. Each Chris-

tian denomination to be a part of the Body of Christ must adhere to the same standards and ideals, regardless of ritual or form of worship.

Christian Standards are not up to the individual interpretation of denominations, religious leaders, or societal convention. Some things do remain constant. St. Paul was pretty good at defining these constants for the understanding of the Church.

Christianity is not a cold, codification of how we must live our lives or suffer the consequences. In reality, the Church, the Body of the Living Christ, is our spiritual refuge providing nourishment, strengthening us against the wiles of the world, and bringing us into communion with our Heavenly Father.

As structured as our Catholic form of worship is, it is filled with joy and fellowship; it must be; if not, we may be missing the whole point of communal worship. The Feast of Thanksgiving, the Eucharistic Service, extends from the Altar following us as we go forth in peace.

We must set ourselves about being examples -- living examples of Christian Standards.

For a truth, we cannot alter the standards set forth by our Lord however we may attempt to reinterpret them in the light of modern convention; nor will any reinterpretation better able us to meet those standards. Indeed, by what authority could we alter what God has set forth through His Son as an earthly reflection of Divine Expectation?

There is a balance in our spiritual lives: Divine Expectation which exceeds our human ability and Divine Compassion which offers us hope for the world to come.

As our nation is made up of individuals created in the Image of God, then it, too, must have the same balance reflecting its "Manifest Destiny" which is to be a moral standard, a light shining for all the world to see.

July Birthdays

- 1 Claire Voegele
- 3 Pat Byers
- 6 Victoria Jarvis
- 7 Jan Jenkins
- 10 Harold Kimmel
- 19 Onesta Carswell
- 27 Judy Colley
- 28 Chris Roberts

July Anniversaries

- 11 Tony & Sandy Harris
- 13 Allen & Phoebe Marshall
- 17 William & Trina Crocker
- 28 Christopher & Cecelia Davies

Saint of the Month: **St. James The Greater** *Apostle*

On the 25th of this month, we celebrate the **Feast of St. James**, one of the closest disciples of Jesus who was called to be an Apostle early in our Lord's ministry.

We don't know when James was born but his death in the year 44 is recorded by St. Luke in the Acts of the Apostles.

James was the brother of St. John, one of the sons of Zebedee. Right after Jesus called Peter and Andrew who were fishing, He saw James and John in a ship with their father mending nets. He called them and they promptly left their father to follow Jesus.

There are a number of references to the sons of Zebedee, James and John, in scripture. The closeness of their relationship to our Lord is indicated in their being chosen along with Peter to be present at the Transfiguration and to be with Him in the garden of Gethsemani on the night beginning His Passion.

Although James preached and spread the Gospel after our Lord's Ascension, little is known of his activity. There is a tradition that he traveled to Spain but there is no evidence to support that theory.

What we do know is that James was the first of the Apostles to be martyred. He was ordered by King Herod Agrippa I to be beheaded.

From Clement of Alexandria, through the historian Eusebius, we get an unsubstantiated account of his death. He says that James' accuser was so impressed by the courage and constancy of James that he himself was converted and asked forgiveness from James. James embraced him and said "Peace be with you." Then, they were both executed together.

James is referred to as **The Greater**, not to be confused with the James who wrote the Epistle.

Church Humor :)

Tithing...

There were two men shipwrecked on this island. The minute they got to the island, one of them started screaming and yelling. "We're going to die! We're going to die! There's no food! No water! We're going to die!"

The second man was propped up against a palm tree and acting so calmly it drove the first man crazy.

"Don't you understand?!" We're going to die!" the first man said.

"You don't understand. I make \$100,000 a week," said the second man.

The first man looked at him quite dumbfounded and asked what difference does it make? We're on an island with no food and no water! We're going to die!!!"

The second man answered, " You just don't get it. I make \$100,000 a week. I tithe. My pastor will find me!"

Quip...

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but the fly comes close.

[Mark Twain]

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All Saints' Parish Calendar

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am to Noon					1	2
3 Trinity 2 MP & HC 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 HC 10:30 Healing Service	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5 <i>Of the Octave</i>	6 Precious Blood (Translated) H.C. 5:30 pm Anglican Studies 6:15	7 Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Bb. Cc.	8 <i>Octave of the Sacred Heart</i>	9 Ss. John Fisher, B. & Thomas More, Mm.
10 Trinity 3 MP & HC 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 HC 10:30	11 <i>Solemnity of S. Benedict</i>	12 S. John Gualbert, Abt. Vestry meets 2:00 pm	13 S. Silas, M. H.C. 5:30 pm Parish Night Out 6:15	14 S. Bonaventure, B.C.D.	15 <i>Feria</i>	16 S. Osmund, B.C.
17 Trinity 4 MP & HC 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 HC 10:30	18 S. Bernard Mizeki, M.	19 S. Vincent de Paul, C. Men meet at 6 pm	20 S. Margaret of Antioch, V.M. H.C. 5:30 pm Anglican Studies 6:15	21 <i>Feria</i>	22 S. Mary Magdalene, Penitent	23 S. Apollinaris, B.M.
24 Trinity 5 MP & HC 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 HC 10:30	25 S. James, Ap. M. H.C. 5:30 pm	26 S. Anne, Mother of the B. V.M. H.C. 5:30 pm	27 <i>Feria</i> H.C. 5:30 pm Anglican Studies 6:15	28 <i>Feria</i>	29 S. Martha, V.	30 <i>Feria</i>
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