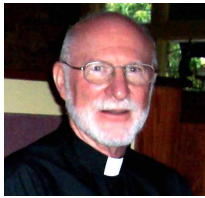


# *All Saints' Herald*

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

***“To Thee and Thy Service I Devote Myself, Body, Soul, and Spirit”***

Some events can be very sobering, more so upon reflection.

In the words of Institution, in Archbp. Haverland's sermon, and in the charge to ordinands in the Ordinal, there is much to reflect upon.

But, from those words and the trust implicit in them, despite the awesome responsibility, there is beauty and comfort.

More especially to me is the love that is woven throughout the relationship of the rector and the parish. It is both collective and individual.

Collective in the sense that we are a family in Christ and that, in itself, implies a corporate love.

Individual in the sense that we, as members of this family, are brothers and sisters which extends that love to each one of us, individually.

One of the turning points in my life came about when I read about the final years, final minutes in the life of St. John.

Known in his early days as a disciple of Jesus as being impulsive and quick tempered, John came into the fullness of the Love of God as expressed in Jesus Christ and was oft quoted with the expression: “Little children love one another.”

On his deathbed, his final instructions were just that: to love one another, for he said, “That is enough.”

What a wonderful charge to be passed

down to all members of the family in Christ.

I often reflect upon St. John, especially trying to picture him at the end of his life, surrounded by his disciples, answering their questions, teaching them, and giving to them and us in the years to come the full sense of God's Love expressed in the Person of Jesus Christ and emulated by scores of Christians over the centuries.

All of life begins with love, is sustained by love, and should end in love.

For us as Christians, it's a given. We all share in the Love of Christ.

The charge given at ordination and further reinforced in the Office of Institution can best be carried out when the focus is on the love and spiritual care of each member of this wonderful family in Christ that we know here as All Saints'.

What would St. John say? “Little children, love one another.”

And so we shall.

In that spirit of love, let us welcome into our family those received by the bishop: **Christopher Roberts, Andy & Gabby Philipp, and Carol Sue Roberts;**

And those who were confirmed: **Mary Catherine Wilcox, Margaret Anne Wilcox, Katie Louise Myers, and Forrest Roberts.**

Now, a special **thank you** to each one of you for welcoming me as your Rector and for the surprise “**Salute**” following the service on the 22nd. Few times am I at a loss for words: that was certainly one of them.

Now that it is official, we will continue in earnest what we have begun on our journey together and celebrate each day with joy the love we have in Jesus Christ.

## Coming Up in June....

Summer is upon us and, though many of us travel throughout the year, there are those who are away for longer periods of time.

Still, we are planning to continue a busy schedule.

First, please remember that this Thursday is **Ascension Day** which we will celebrate with the **Eucharist at 5:30 p.m.**

To kick-off the summer, we are planning a **Parish Work-Day and Cook-Out on June 4th.**

The churchyard needs some attending that the lawn service doesn't do; therefore, we've set aside this coming **Saturday morning** to hack at the shrubs and, in general, spiffy up the churchyard. We plan to get underway about **8:30** before the heat sets in.

As a reward for a few hours of labor, there will be a **Cook-Out/Picnic at noon.** Those wishing to bring food or beverage, please coordinate with Sara Wood.

On **Wednesday the 8th**, we'll have **Parish Night Out** following, as usual, the 5:30 p.m. service

The **ACW** will not meet during the summer but the **Men of All Saints'** will continue their monthly meetings at the usual time and place - - the **3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m.** at the **Bowery.**

Please note that during the summer, Fr. Alexander is planning to have **office hours on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3** and other days and times as announced. He and Betty are planning to take Monday's off.

There will be a number of **additional weekday services** during the summer, so check the calendar and plan to attend.

**Anglican Studies** will also continue on **Wednesday's** following the **5:30 p.m.**

**service** except on the **2nd Wednesday** when **Parish Night Out** is scheduled.

## Looking ahead....

A special **Memorial Service** is being planned on **September 11th** to honor those who lost their lives on **9/11** and to establish a Memorial in the Church Garden in memory of the daughter of **Lena** and **Linzee Whittaker** who lost her life in the **Twin Towers** on that day.

## May in Review....

Looking back, May was a busy month here.

Aside from the usual meetings, luncheons, dinners, services, we were honored with the presence of our **Bishop, the Most Rev. Mark Haverland**, on the **22nd.**

**Archbp. Haverland** received four of our parishioners into the **Diocese of the South** and the **ACC.** They were: **Gabby & Andy Philipp, Carol Sue Roberts, and Chris Roberts.**

The **Archbishop** also confirmed four: **Katie Louise Myers, Forrest Roberts, Mary Catherine Wilcox, and Margaret Anne Wilcox.**

It was also an occasion for the **Institution of Fr. Alexander as Rector of All Saints'.**

Following a very long service, parishioners greeted the **Bishop** and congratulated those **received** and **confirmed** during a **Solemn High Coffee Hour** in the Parish House.

In accordance with the Bishop's suggestion, parishioners formed a double line in the Parish House and "**saluted**" the newly instituted rector, much to his surprise and delight.

A special **thank you** to all who assisted in the preparations and offerings for the occasion; it was a **very fine** Solemn High Coffee Hour and there are a number of photos on the following page.



There is always an abundance of delicious food at our Solemn High Coffee Hours provided by the very best "chefs" in Aiken.



Beautiful smiles from **Mary Catherine Wilcox** and **Margaret Anne Wilcox** who were confirmed



An eager audience for the Bishop including **Andy** and **Gabby Philipp** who were received.

**Chris Roberts** is all smiles. He was also received.



**Laura Beth Thomas** is always a pretty picture. Here she visits with **Linzee Whittaker**.



Lots of good food added to the conversation as parishioners visited with one another.



An opportune moment for the Bishop to lend his words of encouragement.

The Senior Warden, **Sara Wood** shares some humor with **Susan Thomas** and **Betty Alexander**.



Too many pictures and too little space!

Without a doubt, the Bishop's visit was a joyful occasion for all of us at All Saints'.

### Shaping up the Garden....

**Sara Wood** and **Betty Alexander** took time one morning to do a little trimming and planting in the Church Garden.



Overheard was: when is the bell going to be repaired and what about a little fountain?



All in the realm of possibility and in due time was the reply from somewhere.

It is a beautiful setting!

## ACW News

By Susan Thomas, President

Sara Wood hosted a small, but enthusiastic group of the ACW ladies on May 3rd for a walk in Hitchcock Woods. Thanks Sara for your hospitality.

Thanks to everyone who purchased socks and underwear for our Annual Undies Sunday event. We filled Betty Christensen's truck with items to benefit the clients of ACTS. Betty reports that the volunteers at ACTS greatly appreciated our efforts.

A large group of our ACW ladies met at the Willcox Inn on May 17th for lunch. As always, the food was outstanding but service a little slow. Be sure to join us when we resume our luncheons in the fall and challenge another local establishment.



Enjoying the historic atmosphere of the Willcox were (in the top photo) **Cecelia Davies, Susan Thomas, Betty Christensen, Danielle Falk,** and **Phoebe Marshall** and (in the bottom photo) **Phoebe Marshall, Jo Cunningham, Shelby Ruddy, Onesta Carswell, Trina Crocker,** and **Sara Wood.** Behind the camera was **Betty Alexander.**

On a personal note, I would like to thank the ladies for the beautiful earrings that they gave me for serving as president this year. Thanks especially to the other officers: Phoebe Marshall - Vice President, Pat Byers -Treasurer and Trina Crocker - Secretary.

Enjoy your summer! Susan Thomas

## Men of All Saints'

By Ken Gordon, Chairman

A small but earnest group for the May meeting of the Men of All Saints'. Conversation was lively and the food was good. No opportunity was lost to address the numerous issues facing our nation nor was any wine spilled.



Sitting around the big table were **Jerry Burns, Fr. Alexander, Jack Miller, Stephen Boyko, Dn. Davies, Bill Rappleye, Chuck Falk, Chris Roberts,** and **Ken Gordon.**

June's meeting will be at the usual time at the Bowery and we look forward to a larger group to share in the libations and well-wishing.

## Parish Workday & Cook-Out

**Saturday June 4th - 8:30 a.m. til 2 p.m.**

Grilled Brats, Hot Dogs & Burgers

\*Food Offerings Welcomed \*

Please bring your own yard tools.

## Notes of Note

By Elizabeth Blount,  
Organist & Choir Director



What kind of music do you have at All Saints'? That's a question I'm sometimes asked, and I know the inquirer doesn't expect to get an entire essay for an answer. "Traditional" is a good short answer, and that seems to satisfy. But what exactly is our tradition?

For our liturgical music such as the *Kyrie*, *Sanctus*, and *Agnus Dei*, chants we sing

every Sunday, here at All Saints' we use the setting called "First Communion Service," that is, we sing the music composed by John Merbecke (usually pronounced "marbek") in 1549. See hymn #702 in our 1940 Hymnal, for example. At the Synod in Athens, Georgia, a couple of weeks ago, attendees from All Saints' were thrown off (they reported) by different music for these ancient texts. There, the "Second Communion Service," composed by Healey Willan (1928) was sung instead. See hymn #716 in our hymnal. It's a lovely musical setting, but what a shock—not "traditional" at all for All Saints' parishioners.

But I think when people ask "What kind of music do you have?" they probably mean to ask either about hymns or about instruments.

Let's start with instruments. Although the Old Testament repeatedly recommends singing songs of praise accompanied by the harp, preferably a harp with ten strings, strummed instruments today evoke guitars, and guitars are inevitably associated with young people and rock bands. Not our tradition at all—enough said!

But what about hymns? Our 1940 Hymnal is a rich repository of many of the best of more than five centuries of texts and music. In it we find none of the newest hymns and only a few of the oldest. Some hymns seem "Low Church," some seem "High Church," some very English, some very German, some terribly mournful, others exceedingly bouncy. Some we have never sung in all the 27 years I your organist have been at All Saints', and others we have sung as many as five or six times every year.

Which of these many hymns are most representative of our tradition at All Saints'? I think it's impossible to say, for (almost) all of us started our church life somewhere else, and we have brought our musical tastes with us. At coffee hour I am regu-

larly greeted with "I have never ever seen that last hymn!" or again, "That last hymn is my absolute favorite!" The discovery of old and new favorites at All Saints' expands our experience and enriches our tradition.

I saw in the bulletin from the Synod in Athens that Hymn #92 had been sung. Sara Wood reported that this hymn did not sound familiar to her. Hymn #92 was composed by Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900) with the tune name LUX EOI (Light of the East). In the English church, it is said to be a traditional Easter hymn and a great favorite there.

Sullivan, as you may know, was the composer (with librettist W. S. Gilbert) of operettas such as *The Mikado* and *H.M.S. Pinafore*, but was also an organist and a prolific hymn writer. In our Hymnal we love his #87 (FORTUNATUS, "Welcome, happy morning"), #94 (ST. KEVIN, "Come ye faithful, raise the strain"), from the Easter section, and of course #557 (ST. GERTRUDE, "Onward, Christian soldiers"). At All Saints' we also did sing Sullivan's LUX EOI ("Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts and voices heav'n-ward raise") a few weeks ago, for the first time in many years. It has not been a part of our Easter tradition for a while, and let's just say that the congregation is sure to sing it more confidently next year!

When I went to see Abby Montenyohl recently, I asked her if she knew this "new" hymn that she had missed singing with us—I hummed a bit of LUX EOI for her. Of course! I knew she would know it—she and her husband Vic had often sung in the chorus of Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, and it is always Abby who reminds us that Sullivan wished to be remembered for his hymns rather than for his secular compositions.

Some of us might name Arthur S. Sullivan's hymns as among our favorites. Certainly his and others of our grand Victorian hymns are an important part of our tradition here at All Saints', especially during the Easter season.

***From the Deacon's Bench:***

**St. Barnabas**

**By Dn. Christopher Davies**

Barnabas (originally Joseph), styled an Apostle in Holy Scripture, and, like St. Paul, is ranked by the Church with the Twelve, though not one of them.

Born of Jewish parents in the Island of Cyprus about the beginning of the Christian Era, a Levite, he naturally spent much time in Jerusalem, probably even before the Crucifixion of Our Lord, and appears also to have settled there and to have owned land in its vicinity. Acts favours the opinion that he was converted to Christianity shortly after Pentecost (about A.D. 29 or 30) and immediately sold his property and devoted the proceeds to the Church. The Apostles, probably because of his success as a preacher, surnamed him Barnabas, a name then interpreted as meaning "son of exhortation" or "consolation".

When Saul the persecutor, later Paul the Apostle, made his first visit (dated variously from A.D. 33 to 38) to Jerusalem after his conversion, the Church there, remembering his former fierce spirit, was slow to believe in the reality of his conversion. Barnabas stood sponsor for him and had him received by the Apostles, as the Acts relate. Saul went to his house at Tarsus to live in obscurity for some years, while Barnabas appears to have remained at Jerusalem.

The event that brought them together again and opened to both the door to their lifework was an indirect result of Saul's own persecution. In the dispersion that followed Stephen's death, some Disciples from Cyprus and Cyrene, obscure men, inaugurated the real mission of the Christian Church by preaching to the Gentiles. They met with great success among the Greeks at Antioch in Syria, reports of which coming to the ears of the Apostles, Barnabas was sent thither by them to investigate the work of his countrymen. He saw in the conversions effected the fruit of God's grace and, though a Jew, heartily

welcomed these first Gentile converts. His mind was opened at once to the possibility of this immense field. It is a proof how deeply impressed Barnabas had been by Paul that he thought of him immediately for this work, set out without delay for distant Tarsus, and persuaded Paul to go to Antioch and begin the work of preaching. Together they laboured at Antioch for a whole year and "taught a great multitude". Then, on the coming of famine, by which Jerusalem was much afflicted, the offerings of the Disciples at Antioch were carried (about A.D. 45) to the mother-church by Barnabas and Saul (Acts 11).

Barnabas and Paul had been "for no small time" at Antioch, when they were threatened with the undoing of their work and the stopping of its further progress.

Preachers came from Jerusalem with the gospel that circumcision was necessary for salvation, even for the Gentiles. The Apostles of the Gentiles, perceiving at once that this doctrine would be fatal to their work, went up to Jerusalem to combat it; the older Apostles received them kindly and at what is called the Council of Jerusalem (dated variously from A.D. 47 to 51) granted a decision in their favour as well as a hearty commendation of their work. On their return to Antioch, they resumed their preaching.

Little is known of the subsequent career of Barnabas. He was still living and labouring as an Apostle in 56 or 57, when Paul wrote First Corinthians from which we learn that he, too, like Paul, earned his own living, though on an equality with other Apostles. The reference indicates also that the friendship between the two was unimpaired.

With the exception of St. Paul and certain of the Twelve, Barnabas appears to have been the most esteemed man of the first Christian generation. St. Luke, breaking his habit of reserve, speaks of him with affection, "for he was a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of Faith.

We celebrate St Barnabas on June 21st.

***Feast of Pentecost***  
**The Birthday of the Church**

By Fr. Alexander

On June 12th this year, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, or Whitsunday as it is known in the Anglican Church. It is the Birthday of the Church.

At this time two millennia ago, Jews from every part of the known world were in Jerusalem for Pentecost, one of three great Jewish festivals requiring attendance in Jerusalem, also known as the Feast of Weeks, occurring 50 days or seven weeks after Passover.

This Jewish feast was significant for two reasons: first, it commemorated the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt. Sinai, and second, it offered the first-fruits to God in gratitude for the completed harvest. The streets of Jerusalem were filled with pilgrims from around the world.

For the Apostles, this would be a momentous day in their lives and, indeed, for the Church; on this day, God would breathe life into the Body of Christ, as His Church would be known, and set into motion a movement that would change mankind and the world forever.

The twelve, as Matthias had been elected to replace Judas Iscariot, were engaged in prayer and discourse in the upper room, presumably the same upper room where the Last Supper was held, when it happened, in the words of St. Luke:

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were filled with the Holy Ghost...

Peter, empowered by the Holy Spirit to speak openly to the crowds, was able to be heard and understood by each regardless of language and thus he was able to persuade some 3000 to repent and be baptized.

And so, in rather dramatic fashion, the

Church received life.

What do we believe about Pentecost and the Holy Spirit and what does it mean for us today?

Succinctly, we believe that at Pentecost, a new spirit entered the world and began to transform it. That spirit is the Holy Spirit promised by our Lord to be a Comforter, that is one who strengthens, and to be an Advocate.

The Holy Spirit was sent not only to the Apostles, but also to consecrate the Church for its work. And the Holy Spirit was given to us as a principle of inward spiritual life.

It is not that the Holy Spirit was absent before Pentecost, but that since Pentecost His presence has been characteristically different. While His sphere of operation is in the Church, a point of contact, so to speak, for us.

It is not that the Holy Spirit works only through the Church, but that His Power is concentrated in the Body of Christ, the Church, and through our membership in that Body, we receive the benefit of His Power through the Sacraments and through corporate worship.

The Holy Spirit dwells within us individually to supply spiritual needs and to stimulate spiritual motives, giving clearness to our faith by illuminating our minds, giving zeal to our charity by shedding abroad in our hearts the love of God, and giving strength and power to all our graces.

The Holy Spirit is present when we are baptized and we receive Him at the time of confirmation during the laying-on of hands. He is ever present within the Church and it is there where we should seek Him, for there no covenanted security outside the Church.

This month, on June 12th, we celebrate the anniversary of the arrival of the Christian Age, the coming to life of the Body of Christ, God having breathed His Spirit into it; and we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Spirit who strengthens and inspires the Church and each of us.

## June Birthdays

- 1 Anthony Harris
- 6 Bob Ruddy
- 7 Michael Wood
- 11 Arthur Lamprey
- 17 Sandy Harris
- 18 Lainey Keller
- 20 Fred Colley
- 23 Frank Newkirk

## June Anniversaries

- 5 David & Gail King
- 9 Fred & Betty Christensen
- 10 Lee & Alice Larison
- 17 Bill & Trina Crocker

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## Saint of the Month:

### ***St. Irenaeus*** ***Bishop & Martyr***

With St. Irenaeus we have one of the great fathers of the Church in whose writings may be found all the elements of a complete system of Christian theology.

Born in one of the maritime provinces in Asia Minor around the year 125, Irenaeus received not only an exceptional liberal education but also a thorough knowledge of the text of Holy Scripture; by that we mean the Old Testament and many writings that were extant and would be included in the New Testament when it was canonized.

Moreover, Irenaeus had the privilege of being a disciple of at least one man who had known the Apostles, St. Polycarp. Indeed, it has been asserted that St. Polycarp is the one who sent Irenaeus as a missionary to Gaul.

And it was in Lyons in Gaul where St. Irenaeus served as a priest under its first bishop, St. Pothinus.

On at least two occasions, Irenaeus was dispatched on missions as a mediator between a pope and a body of Christians in Asia Minor, leading him to pen his treatise against the Gnostics which has come down to us complete in the Latin version. Also, recently discovered is an exposition of apostolic preaching in an Armenian translation.

Irenaeus succeeded St. Pothinus as bishop of Lyons when the saint was martyred during the persecutions under Marcus Aurelius in 177.

Thought to have been martyred, the date of his death is not known but was approximately in the year 202. He was buried in a tomb in Lyons which was destroyed by the Calvinists in 1562 and his remains were lost.

St. Irenaeus left as a legacy his defense of the Faith against Gnosticism, exposing and refuting the errors of the Gnostics. He was skilled as a mediator and is known for his evangelizing the lands around Lyons in Gaul. He ranks as a Father of the Church.

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## Church Humor :)

### ***The dress***

The poor country pastor was livid when he confronted his wife with the receipt for a \$250 dress she had bought.

"How could you do this!" he exclaimed.

"I don't know," she wailed, "I was standing in the store looking at the dress. Then I found myself trying it on. It was like the Devil was whispering to me, 'Gee, you look great in that dress. You should buy it.'"

"Well," the pastor persisted, "You know how to deal with him! Just tell him, 'Get behind me, Satan!'"

"I did," replied his wife, "but then he said 'It looks great from back here, too!'"

### ***One Liners***

Every evening I turn my troubles over to God - He's going to be up all night anyway. *[Donald J. Morgan, Columbus, Ohio]*

If your left hand doesn't know what your right hand is doing, you should consider running for a job in Washington. *[Anonymous]*

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# All Saints' Parish Calendar

## June 2011

Abt.	Abbot	K.	King
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
<b>Office Hours</b> <b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b> <b>1:00 pm to 3:00 pm</b>			<b>1</b> Rogation Wednesday H.C. at 5:30 pm Anglican Studies 6:15	<b>2</b> Ascension Day H.C. at 5:30 pm	<b>3</b> Of the Octave	<b>4</b> Of the Octave <b>Parish Work-Day &amp; Picnic</b> 8:30 am til 2:00 pm
<b>5 Ascension Sunday</b> MP & HC 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 HC 10:30 Healing Service	<b>6</b> Of the Octave	<b>7</b> Of the Octave Office Hours 1 - 3	<b>8</b> Of the Octave H.C. at 5:30 pm Parish Night Out 6:15	<b>9</b> Octave of the Ascension Office Hours 1 - 3	<b>10</b> S. Margaret of Scotland, Q. Wid.	<b>11</b> Vigil of Pentecost
<b>12 Whitsunday (Pentecost)</b> MP & HC 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 HC 10:30	<b>13</b> Whitsun Monday H.C. at 5:30 pm	<b>14</b> Whitsun Tuesday Vestry meets at 2 pm Office Hours 1 - 3	<b>15</b> Ember Wednesday in Whitsun Week H.C. at 5:30 pm Anglican Studies 6:15	<b>16</b> Thursday in Whitsun Week Office Hours 1 - 3	<b>17</b> Ember Friday in Whitsun Week	<b>18</b> Ember Saturday in Whitsun Week
<b>19 Trinity Sunday</b> MP & HC 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 HC 10:30	<b>20</b> Translation of S. Edward, K.M.	<b>21</b> S. Barnabas, Ap. M H.C. at 5:30 pm Men's Group at 6 pm Office Hours 1 - 3	<b>22</b> S. Alban, M. H.C. at 5:30 pm Anglican Studies 6:15	<b>23</b> Corpus Christi H.C. at 5:30 pm Office Hours 1 - 3	<b>24</b> Nativity of S. John Baptist H.C. at 5:30 pm	<b>25</b> Of the Octave
<b>26 Trinity I</b> MP & HC 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 HC 10:30	<b>27</b> Of the Octave	<b>28</b> S. Irenaeus, B.M. H.C. at 5:30 pm Office Hours 1 - 3	<b>29</b> S. Peter, Ap. M. H.C. at 5:30 pm Anglican Studies 6:15	<b>30</b> Commemoration Of S. Paul, Ap. M. H.C. at 5:30 pm Office Hours 1 - 3		