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Trinity Episcopal Church:

Witnessing to the Power of God to Transform

Proclaiming God's Love and Joy for over 163 years in Marshall, Texas

Exploring our Anglican Heritage



Whitby Abby

Fr. John will lead an Anglican Heritage Tour to England next year from June 5–14, 2016. The tour is organized by Worldstrides International Discovery Programs. The tour will visit Anglican sites in York, Coventry, Wessex, Bath, Salisbury, Kent, Canterbury and London.

There is space for up to 45 individuals on the tour. The tour will depart out of Dallas/Fort Worth Airport on the 5th of June for Manchester and return to Dallas / Fort Worth on June 14th.

Our Church history is a rich fabric of catholic and reformed theology. The locations we will visit are the sites where our faith has been lived out for literally thousands of years.

Why do we celebrate our church calendar the way we do? Our calendar was set by the Council of Whitby in 664 AD. We will visit the site of this council. We'll also visit a variety of cathedrals that are foundational in our liturgical development such as Salisbury home of the Sarum Rite we still use today. Also, Canterbury Cathedral the seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the head of the world wide Anglican Communion of which we are a member Province.

A brochure describing the tour and the pricing is available in the parish office. We will also be having an information meeting in the latter part of July or early August to provide additional information.

The High Altar at Canterbury Cathedral



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Our Mission

To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by:

Inviting all to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Fostering the presence of the Holy Spirit for the equipping of saints to do the work of ministry.

Witnessing to the power of God to heal, transform, and make all things new.

Supporting those who by word and example make Christ's redemptive work known.

Thank You!

June 7th was a wonderful surprise for Megan and me. The celebration of our 10th anniversary here at Trinity was a touching and memorable moment for us.

It is difficult to believe that we have been at Trinity for 10 years, the time has flown by and the privilege of ministering to and with the people of Trinity has been a tremendous joy for both of us. These past 10 years have been filled with joy and with sadness. Joy in having the opportunity to perform the sacraments of marriage and baptism on so many and sadness in having to say a temporary farewell to others. The friendship and love that has been shown to Megan and I has been a blessing in so many ways.

Thank you, brother and sisters of Trinity, for the celebration of our joint ministry together. It is my prayer that God will lead us on a marvelous adventure of growing in our faith.

*Pax et Bonum,
Fr. John*



Pictured from left to right: (Top) Clarence Brown, Fr. John, Justin Briggie, Walter Fugler
(Bottom) Frank Strauss, Mark Trexler, Christopher Altnau

New Verger Installed

Mark Trexler was installed as Trinity's newest verger on June 28, 2015. The ceremony included vows by all his brother vergers and was led by Fr. John.

You will also notice that our seminarian, Justin Briggie, and his family were visiting as well. Justin was our guest preacher.

What a great day for Trinity!

Rector's Reflection

Dear Beloved in Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Is there any among us who have not, at times, suffered the indignity of our own pride and eventually come to regret it? Perhaps it is just the jaundiced way I look at those I meet during the day. I do not mean to be unkind with these thoughts. However, it seems that this is before us almost daily, either in our own lives or those we meet.

Pride is the deadliest of all sins. It is the root of all the other sins that follow. It is also the sin in which we delude ourselves the most. We might say that we are humble and crown ourselves with our humility before the world – pride. We make take it in the other direction and proclaim our wealth and power – pride. I remember as a child a teacher in school telling me that there will always be someone tougher and someone smarter than myself. And, I should not be upset with that, but simply strive to be what God has called me to be in His way rather than my own way. (This was in the days when there was prayer in school.) As I've tried to walk this path I find that the teacher's words are also true when it comes to humility, there is always someone more humble than myself. I praise God for that, for it keeps before me the desire of our Father to humble ourselves before Him, realizing that on our own, apart from Him we are dust.

In knowing that of oneself one can relate it to others openly. In so doing, know that their anger will be directed at you full force. You see there are those who cloak their pain in their pride. All the hurts that they have suffered, all the forgiveness that they have withheld is bundled up in that dreadful sin called pride. It leads them to have the bigger this or that, the newer this or that, rather than to share with those less fortunate. I hear the voice say, I give to charity, yes I know many do; yet some still spend inordinately upon themselves. I do not say this without charity, for I too am guilty of this and struggle with it daily as I seek God's strength in surrendering my pride to Him.

I recall a conversation with an elderly gentleman, living alone with his wife in a very large house, far larger than most people dwell in. During our conversation he stated to me that he was building a new house that was twice the size of his present house because the one he lived in was too small. Perhaps what I heard was not what he meant. I heard that he said he needed a larger place for him and his wife to hide from each other while they were under the same roof. I heard him say that I am insecure in my present position and must validate who I am with my positions and display of wealth; this will provide me with a sense of power as well as impress others and build my self-esteem. Perhaps I didn't hear the words; perhaps I discerned them by His lifestyle and the nature of his character. In the end I was left feeling hurt for him. For he did not realize that what God has is far better than anything he could provide for himself. Yet, he had chosen that which was a distant second, his own way, and his own pride. In the end he will come to see that he is nothing and has deceived himself. But, then in the end each and every one of us will come to know that what Paul spoke to the Galatians applies to us as well.



Galatians 6:3

*For if any
one thinks he
is something,
when he is
nothing,
he deceives
himself.*

*Pax et Bonum.
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Our Vision:

Our vision for Trinity Episcopal Church

includes

Growing a dynamic youth program.

Reaching out to our community outside the walls with the love of Christ.

Increasing spiritual and congregational growth for our parish.

MEN OF TRINITY

The Men of Trinity will not meet in July. We will resume our meeting beginning **August 10th at 5:30 PM** in All Saints' Hall for food, fellowship and prayer.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW



The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew Schedule for July is as follows:

Bible Study at Jucy's on Wednesdays: July 8th and July 22nd at 11:30 (Bible Study begins at 12:00)

Saturday, July 18th at 10:00 am monthly meeting at Golden Corral

All men of the parish are invited to attend either of the meetings.

Men of the parish who are interested in becoming a member of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew contact Adam Lundgren. We will be conducting a training class in the near future.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This month we welcome our new Children's Minister to our staff. Magda Altnau is our new Children's Minister and will provide programs for our children on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Our Sunday school class working on a summer long craft project as we work our way through the Fruits of the Spirit. This week's fruit was JOY, a trait that our kids possess in spades!

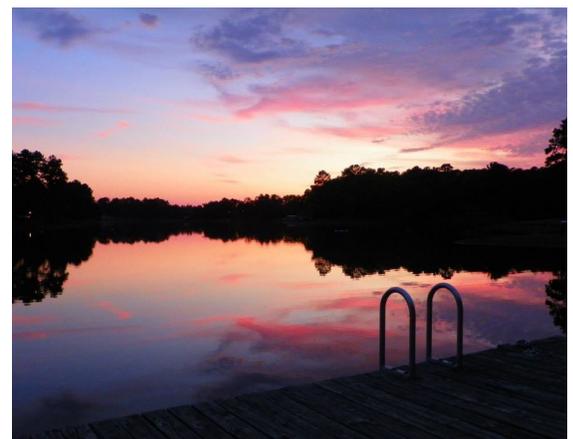
All children K-6th Grade are invited to join us on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 10:15am. Our Sunday school class working on a summer long craft project as we work our way through the Fruits of the Spirit. This week's fruit was JOY, a trait that our kids possess in spades! All children K-6th Grade are invited to join us on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 10:15am.



YOUTH SWIM PARTY

Our new Youth Ministers, Rae Minchew and Jamie Craver, have begun planning for our Fall Youth Program. During June our Youth had a gathering in the Youth Room to let Rae and the youth begin to get to know one another. During the summer months there will be several youth events to gather youth and their families to let everyone meet and greet each other.

On July 12th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM the Youth are having a Swim Party at Shadowood Lake Club. We'll have some great stuff to munch on as we kick back on the beach, play some volley ball and swim. Please mark you calendars with the date and time. This a an event for the entire family so we are looking forward to seeing everyone. If you would like additional information you can call Rae Minchew or the parish office.



Birthdays

1 Cheryl Staggers	15 Aydrenne Martinez
1 Hugh Taylor	16 Walter Fugler
5 Reggie Hasty	16 Sandy Toussaint
5 Sarah Rectenwald	17 Vince Godinich
6 Katie Godinich DeSa	20 Theresa Harper
6 Douglas Manly	21 Michael Cason
7 Doug Lewis	25 Sherry Henderson
7 Michael Jones	25 Julian Shaw
8 Della Nader	26 Dorothy Whaley
9 Ashleigh Ballenger	26 Lillian Weeks
9 Elise Welch	27 Albert McPhail
10 Lucy Parr	27 Glenda Lane
10 Cody Godinich	27 Gail Love
11 Courtney Tolar	27 Rae Minchew
12 Wil Moseley	28 Lal Terrell
13 Stephen Littlejohn	29 Gloria Snyder

Anniversaries

3	Mr. & Mrs. Zane Jackson
4	Mr. Claude & Dr. Chris Hammond
11	Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Jager
14	Mr. & Mrs. Yank Terrell
16	Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Altnau
16	Mr. & Mrs. Brett Weeks
17	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Smith
17	Mr. & Mrs. David Thomas
22	Mr. & Mrs. Dick Boyd
30	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lewis
31	Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Hammers
31	Mr. & Mrs. Adam Shaw

Church Financials and Attendance for April 2015

Budget Income for 2015	\$ 449,952
Budget Expenses for 2015	\$ 436,876
Budget Difference for 2015	\$ 13,076
Income Received to Date	\$ 187,068
Expenses to Date	\$ 179,750
Income for the month	\$ 38,578
Expenses for the month	\$ 29,994
Difference for the month	\$ 8,584
Difference to Date.....	\$ 7,318
	2014 Present
Average Sunday Attendance to date	139 175
Average Sunday Attendance for May	174 155
Sunday Attendance to date	3501 3845
Attendance all other Services	5649 4085

Punch Bowl Cake

- 1 yellow cake mix
 - 1 (6 oz) strawberry jello
 - 1 large can evaporated milk
 - 2 small boxes frozen strawberries
 - 2 carton Cool Whip
- Bake cake according to directions and make 3 layers. Place on layer in large bowl. Punch holes in cake. Mix strawberries, evaporated milk & jello together. Pour 1/2 of mixture on top of cake. Top with cool whip. Repeat layers. Save a little to drizzle over the final layer.

DOK

This Is My Father's World--Daughters of the King Triennial Assembly

On June 19 over 600 Daughters of the King converged on Midway, Utah for their Triennial Assembly. Represented were Daughters from nearly every state and 16 other countries. Sharon Lundgren, Jennifer Howard and I attended from our local congregation. Sharon is a member of the Glory Bound Singers that served as our choir for the assembly. Jennifer provided a workshop on Evangelism in the Junior Daughters of the King. My purpose was to learn and bring back the experience to the Daughters and our church. Oh, what gifts God had for me!

Our first speaker was Canon Andrew White, better known as the Vicar of Baghdad. Canon White is the leader of the only Anglican church in Baghdad, Iraq. His mission is to help bring peace to the Middle East and to care for all victims of war, especially children, through the church there. God has given him a great love for all people as he lives in a world where his life is threatened because of his powerful message of the love of God.

The Reverend Becca Stevens, director of Magdalene ministries and Thistle Farms, was our other speaker. This ministry is one of healing for women who are the victims of sexual abuse, prostitution, sex trafficking and drug abuse. She herself was a victim of sexual abuse as a child. Thistle Farms is a business that makes and sells candles, and essential oils, teas, and coffees. You will be provided information about it later this year. The abused women are the employees of the business. The profits go to enlarge and continue the Magdalene ministry. Becca is a kind, humble woman who brought with her women who gave their testimonies about the love of God that saved them to live a victorious life. I heard so many stories of God's amazing love through this ministry.

Other high points of the assembly include boisterous singing of hymns and choruses, worship services filled with praise, a healing service filled with many languages lifted to God for healing, and beautiful women from all over this world who practiced love, kindness, and compassion. I experienced a little glimpse of Heaven. What a gift from the Father!

I will gladly share more with you. Just ask me.

Sherry Henderson
President, Hannah Chapter
Daughters of the King

Altar Flower donors needed

**We have several dates from now until the end of the year
Please check the altar flower schedule in the narthex or on
ASH bulletin board to sign up
Flower cost is \$76**

Summer Vacation



Our Core Values:

Commitment
to Jesus Christ

Authority of
Scripture

Evangelism

Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leadership

The voice said, “Ah, summer a time for relaxing and getting out of the old grind. I am so looking forward to this vacation.” He then turned and brought out a suit case and a backpack and set them on the bed. He flipped open the suit case and began to place his shoes and clothes in them. Nothing fancy, he was getting away to leave all the cares of the world behind him. This wasn’t going to be a working vacation.

He then took the backpack to the night stand and looked at the stack of books and iPad that sat there. “Let’s see” he said to himself, nothing to do with work, just relaxing stuff.” There were several tomes covering subjects such as theology, homiletics, mediation, human psychology. He quickly put those aside. Now there were just a bunch of novels, fun stuff, light stuff, books that you could fall asleep comfortably reading and not worry about really retaining the information. He slipped those into the backpack. “I’ll want my music and to keep up with social media so I’ll pack the iPad, but I won’t use the mail” he told himself.

“I guess I’m all set. Oh yes... the answering machine” he reached down and turned it on and recorded, “I’m not available right now. I will be back in a month. Please leave your name and I’ll get back to you when I return.” He went to his den and sat down at the computer and opened his email. “Humm ... I guess I’ll answer a couple.” Quickly he typed short responses to a few emails that looked pressing and then set up auto response to let those sending him emails know he was out of office. “Done” he said, and he headed for the door grabbing his bags along the way.

“Michael” he cried, “I’m out of here!” Everything is in your hands. “Wait” Michael responded. “You’ve never taken a vacation before.” What do I do if something happens? What about all the requests that come in-how do I take care of that?” “Michael, all humanity is taking the summer off, there won’t be much going on. You can handle it.”

“No I can’t I’m not trained for this sort of thing. I always have taken my instructions from you. I can’t guess about this, the entire universe depends on things being done properly.”

“Look, Michael, you are the commander of legions, you and Gabriel have been my representatives from the beginning, you got the idea.”

“But, God, we only carry out what you tell us to do! Without your strength, your majesty, we can do absolutely nothing. Even if every human being takes a vacation, if there is one person, just one person who needs you; only you can respond and if you’re out that one person might be lost forever.”

God thought for a moment, looked at his archangel, “Here take the bags and unpack.” I guess even in the summer there may be one person who will turn to me, and I must be there for that one person. At that moment the prayer line lit up and a weak voice began to speak, “Oh Lord, I need you so much at this moment I just found out” God reached out his hand.

Aren’t you glad God doesn’t take vacation during the summer. He is with us 24/7 for 365 days a year. It might behoove each of us to remember our worship and praise isn’t something we should take a vacation from either.



*Behold, I come
among you as one
who serves.*

Luke 22:27

Parish Staff

The Rev. Dr.
John M. Himes, OSF
Rector

Rae Minchew
Jamie Craver
Youth Directors

Magdalena Altnau
*Children's Christian
Formation*

Angela Bray
Nursery Director

Jim Johnson
Choir Master and Organist

Stacey Shaw
Parish Administrator

Suzie Ward
Administrative Assistant

Melvin Williams
Sexton

Vestry

Laura Rectenwald
Senior Warden

Henry Henderson
Junior Warden

Cathy Cope
Clerk of the Vestry

Ken Kerr
Treasurer

Doug Jager

Joel Truelove

Cindy Cain

Paul Palmer

Randy Reeves

Clarence Brown

Cathy Cope

Jim Kutner

Bonnie Strauss

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Holy Communion - 8:00 AM

Parish Breakfast - 9:00 AM

Christian Formation for all ages - 9:30 AM

Holy Communion - 10:30 AM

After 10:30 Service
Coffee & Cookies In All Saints Hall

Wednesday

Holy Communion - 10:00 AM

Dinner in All Saint's Hall - 5:30 PM

Contemporary Worship - 6:15 PM

Thursday

Martha's Kitchen - 6:00 PM



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