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*(The following was written by a layman
of a continuing Anglican parish.)*

I was not raised Anglican. Rather, I am an Anglican by choice. Let me briefly share with you the spiritual pilgrimage that brought me to the Anglican Church.

I was raised in a heretical sect, far removed from mainstream Christianity. However, as a young adult, I was eventually converted to evangelical Christianity. However, the fact that evangelical Christians are divided into over 25,000 denominations, sects, and independent churches disturbed me. I knew that Christ intended his Church to be one (John 17:20,21; 1 Cor. 1:13).

So I decided to find out what the primitive Church believed during the early years of Christianity - when there was only one Church. After years of studying the early Christian writings, I painfully realized that what the apostolic, undivided Church believed was quite different from what we evangelicals believed. Yet, when I went back to Scripture, I saw that the teachings of the early Church were solidly biblical. In fact, the early Church invariably followed the most literal interpretation of Scripture.

So I began searching for a church that held to those original apostolic doctrines - the "faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). After looking into the various modern churches and denominations, I concluded that the Anglican Church is the church today that most closely follows the doctrines and practices of the early Church.

Although the main body of Anglicans and Episcopalians are rapidly abandoning the apostolic faith and practices, there are tens of thousands of courageous Anglican and Episcopalian men and women around the world who are steadfastly holding to the apostolic faith.

Many of these unwavering believers comprise what is known as the "continuing Anglican Church," of which I am now a member. Others are valiantly defending

the faith within the main bodies of the Anglican and Episcopalian churches. (When I mention the "Anglican Church" in this tract, I am referring to the conservative or continuing Anglican churches.)

History of the Church in Britain

Like most Americans, I grew up with the misconception that the Church of England was founded by Henry VIII in the 1500s. Nothing could be further from the truth. Christianity was established in ancient Celtic Britain no later than the second century. For centuries, the Celtic Church of Britain existed as an autonomous part of the one apostolic, catholic (universal) Church. It was not under the authority of the bishop of Rome or any other foreign bishop.

The early Celtic Church was one of the most spiritually vigorous and evangelistic branches of the universal Church. It not only evangelized the pagan inhabitants of the British Isles, but it also sent missionaries to Europe and Africa. Probably the most famous figure of the Celtic Church is Patrick, the great missionary to Ireland.

It wasn't until the seventh century that most of the Celtic Church voluntarily submitted itself to the bishop of Rome. However, parts of the Celtic Church in Wales and Ireland remained independent of Rome until the twelfth century. So rather than creating the independent Church of England, what Henry VIII did was to give the native English church the opportunity to return to the autonomy it had originally enjoyed.

The English Reformation

The reformation in Britain was unique in many ways. Rather than hurriedly developing theological beliefs on the run as had Luther, Zwingli, and the Anabaptists, the reformers in England were able to carefully examine what the ancient, undivided church believed and then return to those beliefs. Instead of throwing out the proverbial baby with the bath water, the English reformers made a conscious effort to retain what was truly apostolic and to discard what was merely Roman. As a result, the tenets of the sixteenth and seventeenth century Anglican Church were not the work of some original theologian. Rather, they were the beliefs of the ancient undivided church, of which the Celtic Church had been a part.

A second unique feature about the English Reformation was that it did not produce any official confessional document comparable to the Lutheran Augsburg Confession or the Reformed Heidelberg Catechism. Rather, the teachings of the early, undivided church are still the rule of faith of the continuing Anglicans. This lack of a man-made creed has been one of the strong points of the continuing Anglican Church.

Both Catholic and Evangelical

There is no other church in the whole world quite like the Anglican Church. It is the only church that is both catholic and evangelical. By "catholic" I don't mean Roman Catholic. Rather, the word "catholic" means universal. A truly catholic church holds to the same doctrines that the early Church universally believed throughout the whole world. The Anglican Church is one of the very few churches that is. What conservative and continuing Anglicans believe today are the same doctrines that the early Christians believed throughout the whole world - from Britain to Africa, from Greece to Persia, from Palestine to India.

And yet, the Anglican Church is also evangelical. For one thing, it is a church that bases its beliefs on Scripture. No Anglican is required to believe anything that cannot be established from Scripture. In fact, one of the first things the sixteenth century Anglican Church did was to publish the Bible in the language of the English people. The Anglican Church also preaches the keystone doctrine of the Reformation that we are saved by faith, and that we humans cannot earn our salvation through works. Yet, the Anglican Church also teaches that a genuine Christian faith produces a godly life.

Heroes of the Faith

The Anglican Church does not claim to be the one true church, but only a branch of it. As has been mentioned, throughout history, it has often been the most vigorous branch of the Church. It produced some of the great heroes of the faith, such as Patrick, who converted the pagan inhabitants of Ireland, and Columba, who brought the gospel to Scotland.

Thomas Cranmer, the bishop who helped shape the English Reformation, was burned at the stake by Queen Mary. Jeremy Taylor, the Anglican pastor who wrote the enduring classics, *Holy Living* and *Holy Dying*, was imprisoned by the Puritans. William Law, another Anglican, inspired thousands of others by his godly life and through his spiritual writings, such as *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life*.

Perhaps the best-known Anglican of all time is John Wesley. Although most American Christians have heard of John Wesley, few of them realize that John Wesley was an Anglican priest who never left the Church of England. In fact, many of the leaders of the spiritual revivals of the 1700s were Anglicans. I'm speaking of men

such as George Whitefield, the tireless evangelist of the Great Awakening, and John Newton, who wrote the well-known hymn, *Amazing Grace*.

In our recent times, C. S. Lewis was one of the great apologists and defenders of the Christian faith. His allegorical children's classics have helped children and adults alike to grasp some of the fundamentals of the faith. ...This is our Faith – pass it on!

DEARLY DEPARTED – In your daily prayers please remember our beloved brother in Christ, Peter Cooper, who went to his eternal rest on April 19. + *May he, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them* + ...Please also pray for his wife, Marty, and all the Cooper Family during this time of mourning.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all ladies of the parish. As women you have a very special vocation in the world – to your sex alone God has given the unique privilege of child bearing, and with that a very weighty responsibility. An ancient Greek proverb states that "the hand which rocks the cradle rules the world." You are shaping future generations, and hence, the future of civilization. May God bless you richly so that you may live up to this most venerable calling +

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Based on the comments received, the Vestry has decided that the parish will not hold a Flea Market this fall. Many expressed their concerns for the amount of suitable merchandise they have available after gleaning their kitchens, basements and garages for the last three Flea Markets. The Vestry believes that a Flea Market may be feasible again in 2007, holding it in early summer if a tent and tables can be secured from the Village of Bolingbrook.

Plans are complete for the Ordination of Deacon Blair Schultz to the Priesthood, Saturday, June 24, followed by a catered luncheon in the Undercroft. He will celebrate his first mass on Sunday, June 25, with a reception in the Narthex after the service. Invitations to the Ordination and Luncheon will be mailed to the parish and special guests on May 18, and everyone's RSVP will be important for finalizing seating and luncheon plans. A special offering will be requested to assist with the Ordination Weekend expenses. Bishop Florenza will officiate at the Ordination, and the Vestry will host a dinner for him at Chris Hall and Donnie Marini's the evening before.

On Saturday, May 6, both the ACW and ACM will meet following Morning Prayer and the complimentary breakfast, hosted by Sue and Phil Ross. Afterward, the men and our Youth Group will be asked to

spend a few hours outside planting ornamental grasses, perennials and ground covers, while the ACW continues with their Angel Comfort Wraps project. This is the first time we will have the monthly ACW and ACM meetings on a Saturday with Morning Prayer, and we hope that many will want to share the program.

New outdoor lights will soon be installed at the front and rear of the church building, an improvement we have needed for a long time. Our sincere thanks to Sue and John Peterson for making this generous contribution to All Saints. Also, a wrought iron railing will be installed along the entire south wall of the church at a cost of \$2,800 from the Building Fund. Thanks to Will Spencer for making the arrangements.

At its April meeting, the Vestry authorized the purchase of 80 new "1940 Standard Harmony Hymnals," at \$14.95 each, with no tax or shipping charge. We need to replace the smaller, incomplete hymnals now in the pews. Many hymnals are beyond repair, and we will have a quantity of hymnals in reserve. This purchase, \$1,196, will be financed from a \$500 contribution we received for new hymnals, with the balance from the Music/Choir allocation in the 2006 Operating Budget.

As recommended by the Membership Development Committee, All Saints has joined the Bolingbrook Chamber of Commerce and the Vestry is to consider membership in four or five other area chambers, which offer services that will assist us in distributing information on All Saints to the many newcomers in the area. This Committee handled our Easter Services newspaper advertisements, upgraded the parish website and has finalized copy for inclusion in the area R.H. Donnelly Directories. Membership Development is doing a fine job in identifying positive ways to help the parish grow.

The 2006 Synod of the Diocese of the Eastern States will be held June 8-10 at Holy Apostles Church in nearby Pewaukee, Wisconsin. As the site is only a few hours drive away, this year's Synod offers us an opportunity to be with laity and clergy from the parishes and missions in the ten state area that composes our Diocese, with a full program of religious services, workshops and social and meal events. All Saints will be officially represented by 3 voting delegates and Father Hines. Other parishioners are encouraged to come to Pewaukee on Friday to attend the Annual Reception and Banquet and stay overnight for the High Mass and Brunch on Saturday morning – or come on Saturday morning only for a special fee of \$15 per person. Hotel rooms can be booked, via the host parish, for \$95 per day, double or single occupancy. The deadline for making arrangements is May 24. Please contact the Rector or the Senior Warden for complete information. All Saints hosted the Synod in 2002, and it was a rewarding experience for all of us.

Be sure to sign up for the White Elephant Auction and Party at Karen and Ron Waitek's on Sunday, May 7, and also mark you calendar for the All Saints Parish Family Picnic sponsored by the ACM on Sunday, August 27, at DuPage River Park, just a few minutes from the church on Royce Road.

It seems that there is no end to what needs to be done inside and out. With projects, special groups and committees and a full schedule for worship and fellowship, there are opportunities for all of us to serve.

Bill Jepson
Senior Warden

TREASURER'S REPORT

March Income	\$12,192
March Expenses	\$11,319
Difference	\$ 873
Year to Date Income	\$48,901
Year to Date Expenses	\$44,129
Difference	\$ 4,772
Mortgage Balance	\$96,241

Bob Wilson
Treasurer

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH LIBRARY

Have you noticed the colored stars on the spines of some of our books in the library? The stars indicate that the books are from a list, *Recommended Books for a Christian Library*, provided by St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College. The list is on the bulletin board in the library. The call numbers for books that we have in our library are noted on the list. Copies of the list are on the counter for parishioners to take home.

Following is a review of a book from that list by parishioner Jean Edgerton. Many thanks to Jean for the review. *If any parishioner has read a book from our library and would like to share their impressions of the book with other parishioners, please contact me or Father Hines.*

The call number for *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life* by William Law is 248LAW1955.

Sue Peterson
Church Librarian

BOOK REVIEW

A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life

This book was the most convicting book I have ever read, but I loved it! William Law starts off with a bang. *“Have I ever had any intention of doing what the gospel requires or living up to it? We have lived away the spirit of devotion and are afraid to be suspected of it.”* His whole emphasis is on worshiping and adoring the Great God with thanksgiving. *“We must live and act everywhere as if in the presence of this infinitely good and wise Creator.”*

Law reminds us that the psalms are songs and should always be sung. Jesus sang them from childhood. Imagine Him singing them at your side. Also, during the Mass, picture yourself singing “Holy, Holy, Holy” with all the Angels and Archangels and the whole company of heaven before the heavenly throne. *“We should consider every place as holy and every part of our lives as matters of holiness offered to God.”*

William Law was born in 1686 in Northamptonshire, England, and died in 1761. He went to Cambridge in 1705. He refused to take the oath of allegiance on the ascension of George I.

Jean Edgerton.

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION SUNDAY, MAY 7

Make plans to attend the White Elephant Auction and Party at Karen and Ron Waitek’s, Sunday, May 7, right after Mass. You are asked to bring at least one interesting, useful or decorative item for the auction to benefit the Building Fund. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex, but call Ron and Karen at 630-585-0457 if you missed it. We have had this event before, and it’s always fun to see what others bring and what people will buy. However, you can’t bring what you bought last year!!!

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

The ACM and ACW will be meeting on May 6. This will be in conjunction with Morning Prayer followed by breakfast for all. After breakfast, we will adjourn to our respective meetings. The ACW will wrap up some business, finalize Ordination plans and work on Angel Comfort Wraps. We will all receive a new special hand treatment! I look forward to seeing you all.

Sue Ross
ACW President

ANGLICAN CHURCH MEN

We will have Morning Prayer on Saturday, May 6, followed by breakfast hosted by Sue and Phil Ross. ACW and ACM will each meet after for their May meetings. EVERYONE IS INVITED.

The Golf Outing has a date change. The View Restaurant and Riverbend Golf Course are not available Saturday, June 17. We are firming up a new date in early to mid July. Please keep this in your plans and help us get a large turnout. Cost includes golf, cart and dinner. Non-golfers are welcome to join us for dinner only following golf.

We have booked DuPage River Park (on Royce Road, close to the church) for Sunday, August 27, for our first annual Parish Family Picnic. Please keep this date available.

Phil Ross
ACM President

ALL SAINTS CHURCH YOUTH

The All Saints Church Youth invite all parishioners (and their guests) to join us for ballroom dance lessons. There will be two Saturday sessions May 20 and May 27. The classes will be from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Singles and couples are welcome. The fee for each session is \$6 per person. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex – you can attend either or both sessions. Come support the youth, get some exercise and have lots of fun!

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, May 2,
All Saints Church Youth Pizza Party, 6:30 PM

Saturday, May 6,
Morning Prayer, 8:30 AM,
followed by breakfast and fellowship
ACM, ACW & ASCY

Sunday, May 7,
White Elephant Auction and Party
at Waitek's following Mass

Tuesday, May 16,
All Saints Church Youth, 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 20,
Ballroom Dance Lessons, 11:00 AM

Sunday, May 21,
Vestry Meeting
F I S H

Thursday, May 25,
Feast of the Ascension, Mass, 7 PM
(Day of Obligation)

Saturday, May 27,
Ballroom Dance Lessons, 11:00 AM

Tuesday, May 30,
All Saints Church Youth, 7:00 PM

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If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or
wish to contribute in any way,
please contact Fr. Hines or Marcia Wilson.

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