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## Christmas Day

by John Keble

“And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God.”—*St. Luke ii. 13.*

What sudden blaze of song  
Spreads o'er th' expanse of heav'n?  
In waves of light it thrills along,  
Th' angelic signal given—  
“Glory to God!” from yonder central fire  
Flows out the echoing lay beyond the starry quire,

Like circles widening round  
Upon a clear blue river,  
Orb after orb, the wondrous sound  
Is echoed on for ever:  
“Glory to God on high, on earth be peace,  
And love towards men of love—salvation and release.”

Yet stay, before thou dare  
To join that festal throng;  
Listen and mark what gentle air  
First stirr'd the tide of song;  
'Tis not, “the Saviour born in David's home,  
To whom for power and health obedient worlds should come:”—

'Tis not, “the Christ the Lord:”—  
With fix'd adoring look  
The choir of Angels caught the word,  
Nor yet their silence broke:  
But when they heard the sign, where Christ should be,  
In sudden light they shone and heavenly harmony.

Wrapp'd in His swaddling bands,  
And in His manger laid,  
The hope and glory of all lands  
Is come to the world's aid:  
No peaceful home upon His cradle smil'd,  
Guests rudely went and came, where slept the royal Child.

But where Thou dwellest, Lord,  
No other thought should be.  
Once duly welcom'd and ador'd,  
How should I part with Thee?  
Bethlehem must lose Thee soon, but Thou wilt grace.  
The single heart to be Thy sure abiding-place.

Thee, on the bosom laid  
Of a pure virgin mind,  
In quiet ever, and in shade,  
Shepherd and sage may find;  
They, who have bow'd untaught to Nature's sway,  
And they, who follow Truth along her star-pav'd way.

The pastoral spirits first  
Approach Thee, Babe divine,  
For the lowly thoughts are nurs'd,  
Meet for Thy lowly shrine:  
Sooner than they should miss where Thou dost dwell,  
Angels from heaven will stoop to guide them to Thy cell.

Still, as the day comes round  
For Thee to be reveal'd,  
By wakeful shepherds Thou art found,  
Abiding in the field.  
All through the wintry heaven and chill night air,  
In music and in light Thou dawnest on their prayer.

Oh, faint not ye for fear—  
What though your wandering sheep,  
Reckless of what they see and hear,  
Lie lost in wilful sleep?  
High Heaven in mercy to your sad annoy  
Still greets you with glad tidings of immortal joy.

Think on th' eternal home,  
The Saviour left for you;  
Think on the Lord most holy, come  
To dwell with hearts untrue:  
So shall ye tread untir'd His pastoral ways,  
And in the darkness sing your carol of high praise.

From *The Christian Year Thoughts in Verse for the Sundays and Holydays Throughout the Year*. London: George Routledge and Sons, 1874.

## SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

The Vestry met on Sunday, November 16, and following is a summary of the actions taken at this meeting:

- \$30,000 has been set aside in a "restricted" reserve account to pay for the replacement of the heating and air conditioning systems within 3 years, or sooner as the need arises. The furnace that takes care of the Rector's office and the Conference Room area has been replaced.
- Pledge Cards for 2009 are due by December 14, and the Proposed Budget for 2009 will be presented to the Vestry at its December 21 meeting.
- Approximately \$1,100 was contributed for the Thanksgiving Basket Project. Shopping and delivery was done on November 24, with excess funds given to the Bolingbrook FISH agency.
- The broken window in the Conference Room must be replaced, anticipating a cost of \$1,600, but in hopes of recovering \$600 from our insurance policy on the building.
- The new cross and corpus for the Sanctuary will be installed by Christmas Eve, with the current cross and corpus removed, so necessary repairs and painting of the wall behind the altar can be done within the next few weeks.
- Approved a resolution to authorize the Rector, the Deacon and the Treasurer to be co-signers on parish reserve accounts.
- Agreed to secure a credit card in the name of the parish, so the Rector and Treasurer can make necessary purchases and eliminate the use of personal credit cards.
- Noted that 3 firms have been asked to submit bids for the mowing and trimming of the property in 2009 and that the area around the main sign on Boughton Road will be cleaned up and planted this coming spring.
- With information received from established Venture Scout Troops in Naperville and Woodridge, the Vestry will consider the feasibility of parish sponsorship of a troop in 2009.

Dan Brush installed wiring designed to melt the snow on the roof over the front door area, which should eliminate the ice that forms on the sidewalk in winter. He also completed the weather stripping on the new front doors. Thanks to Chuck Bolton for having Christmas wreaths made for the front doors. The purple bows for Advent will be changed to red before Christmas Eve.

There is a signup sheet in the Narthex for the Parish Christmas Party to be held on Saturday, December 13, along with maps. Also, please give your attention to the signup sheet for Christmas flowers.

The Christmas tree is in the Narthex and will be decorated by the children at the Church School Christmas Party on Saturday, December 6. The Sanctuary will be decorated after Mass on Sunday, December 21.

Available in the Narthex is the Advent Family Service Booklet prepared by Jean Edgerton. This is ideal for a family to use for lighting the candles in a traditional Advent Wreath in the home, and we thank Jean for preparing this for us.

May this be a meaningful and enjoyable Christmas Season, and let us hope that 2009 will be a good year for us all and for our country.

Bill Jepson  
Senior Warden

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report through October:

	<u>October</u>	<u>2008 YTD</u>
Income	\$9,957	\$123,887
Expenses	\$7,141	\$106,498
Difference	\$2,816	\$17,389

Don't forget to send in those Pledge Cards. So far, I have received 15 Pledge Cards. Good job!

The deadline to return the cards is Sunday, December 14. This gives me time to prepare the 2009 Budget before the Vestry meeting on December 21. There are extra Pledge Cards in the Narthex.

Carol O'Sullivan  
Treasurer

## ASAC LIBRARY

Are you looking for a way to enhance the Advent season? Two copies of *Love Came Down: Anglican Readings for Advent and Christmas* have been ordered and should be on the "new" shelf on Sunday, December 7. Father Schultz mentioned this book in his sermon on Sunday, November 30. In addition, a copy of *Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas* should also be available. Reviews of the books are available on Amazon.com: just google the title of the book and scroll down to find the reviews. These books may help in your observance of Advent and provide a new perspective on the Christmas season. Happy reading!

Sue Peterson  
Church Librarian

## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

On Monday November 24, Chuck and Libby Bolton, Barb and Bill Jepson, Chris Hall, Sue Peterson, Carol O'Sullivan, Fabi Brush, Bob Oschman and I met at Jewel for the FISH Thanksgiving basket shopping. Thanks to all of your generous donations we were able to feed EIGHT families: three families of two adults (one being senior citizens) and five families of two or three adults and three to five children each! Jewel provided a \$25.00 gift card toward our shopping. Carol O'Sullivan and Kristie Ochampaugh had received two smaller turkeys and donated those which were perfect for the two adult families. The senior couple was provided with a turkey breast. We provided the complete Thanksgiving feast for all eight families: turkey, stuffing, sweet and red potatoes, gravy, fresh vegetables, cranberries, rolls and margarine, pumpkin pie and whipped topping, even foil roasting pans. We also included paper goods such as toilet paper, paper towels, napkins and tissue which they're unable to purchase with their food stamps. They also do not receive fresh fruits and vegetables so we made an effort to provide a bag of apples and some fresh oranges, baby carrots and a vegetable medley. Everyone also received five pound canned hams, coffee, tea, eggs and milk.

For the larger and very needy families of five, we purchased as many staples as our carts and money could provide. We included juice and hot chocolate for the children, cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter and jelly, bread, macaroni and cheese, soup, canned fruits and vegetables.

We also purchased bar soap, laundry soap and dish soap -all things we take for granted but I am assured by Linda from FISH that these families are VERY needy. We had \$30.00 surplus which we donated to the FISH pantry per Linda's suggestion because they are a 24/7 operation.

We dropped the groceries off at the designated location and the recipients would come to pick them up later, so we never actually see their faces, but I feel sure that as much pleasure as we received from donating and shopping, it is multiplied tenfold for them. Thank you all for again making this a successful outreach project and for supporting FISH. Please see the thank you note posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

I included a note that the Thanksgiving baskets were provided by all of your generous donations and invited the families to attend church or Sunday school.

Linda at FISH was so grateful for our continued support of this program and said "God Bless all of you and Happy Holidays."

Chris Oschman  
Thanksgiving Basket Chair

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Having had a very enthusiastic, grateful response to the Feed My Starving Children program, we have secured Saturday shifts in 2009. Please mark your new calendar for 2009 and join our parish family in some very rewarding time together. There will be sign up sheets in the Narthex as the dates draw closer.

January 24, 1:45 PM-4:00 PM

March 7, 8:45 AM-11:00 AM

September 19, 8:45 AM-11:00 AM

Thanks in advance!

Sue Ross

Head Cheerleader for FMSC

## ANGLICAN CHURCH MEN

The new officers for 2009 are:

Dan Brush, President  
Bill Gelert, Vice President/Treasurer  
Ron Waitek, Outreach  
Paul Drayton, Electrical  
Robert Oschman, HVAC  
Bill Jepson, Grounds  
Donnie Marini and Don Otton, Building

Thanks to Don Otton for fixing the door bell and to Dan Brush for installing an electrical heating element in the front gutters to eliminate freezing on the roof and for caulking the north windows of the Church to keep our choir warm this winter. An electrical outlet was installed over the counter in the vault.

The ACM donated \$80 to the Thanksgiving baskets and is providing libations for the Parish Christmas Party this year.

A new furnace was installed (out of the four that we have) to take care of the one that required service. We are embarking on our plan to replace our ageing furnaces. We will be saving the "good parts" in case other furnaces need maintenance as we phase in new systems over the next couple of years. We will commence the process of relocating the A/C units to the west side of the building in the spring.

Bob Oschman  
ACM President

## ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

All Saints ACW is looking forward to our "cookie coffee hour" on December 14! Members will be bringing 1-2 dozen cookies for parishioners to enjoy with their coffee, and there will be containers for those who wish to take some home! We are asking for donations to help support ACW outreach programs, and we hope that everyone will participate in eating, enjoying and contributing generously!

December Jewel Shop and Share coupons are available in the narthex. Use them as you make your holiday purchases on December 15, 16 and 17. Be sure to share coupons with friends, family and co-workers.

There will be no ACW meeting in December - we look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting in January.

Jane Munsie  
ACW President

### **Dates to Remember**

Saturday, December 13,  
Parish Christmas Party, 6:00 PM  
Sunday, December 14,  
ACW Christmas Cookie Coffee Hour  
Mitten Tree Collection ends  
Pledge Card deadline  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, December 15, 16, 17,  
Jewel Shop and Share Days  
Sunday, December 21,  
Vestry Meeting  
F I S H  
Tuesday, December 23,  
No Mass  
Wednesday, December 24,  
Family Mass, 6:30 PM  
Solemn Eucharist, 10:30 PM  
(with Carols and Incense)  
Thursday, December 25,  
Solemn Eucharist, 10:00 AM  
(with Incense)  
Friday, December 26,  
No Mass  
Sunday, December 28,  
Holy Eucharist, 9:30 AM  
(Feast of the Holy Innocents)  
Wednesday, December 31,  
No Mass  
Thursday, January 1,  
Mass, 10:00 AM  
(The Circumcision)  
Friday, January 2,  
No Mass  
Tuesday, January 6,  
Mass, 10:00 AM  
(The Epiphany)

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[www.allsaintsanglicanparish.org](http://www.allsaintsanglicanparish.org)  
[www.anglicanpck.org](http://www.anglicanpck.org)

Holy Eucharist and Church School  
Sunday, 9:30 AM

Low Mass  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10:00 AM  
Wednesday, 7:00 PM

Office Hours  
Tuesday through Friday  
9:00 AM - Noon

The Rev. Blair W. Schultz, Rector  
The Rev. Mr. Robert L. Wilson, Deacon

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For more information visit: [www.anglicanpck.org](http://www.anglicanpck.org) or [www.allsaintsanglicanparish.org](http://www.allsaintsanglicanparish.org). Tell people about us – there are many fellow Christians out there who are hurting and are feeling both hopeless and lost.

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