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TO BETHLEHEM

'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem.' - S. Luke ii. 15

The soul goes forth on pilgrimage and comes to the Church of God. It may find the conventional Church trouble when it makes its demand for truth and reality, as did those seekers who came to ask the way to the birthplace of the King. But the Church nevertheless holds the secret of God's presence, and, with all its faults, can point the soul to Bethlehem.

Those ancient kings, those three symbolic souls, came to Bethlehem, the House of Bread. They found the sacramental life. They found One Who did not disappoint life but fulfilled it, Who did not crush their senses but claimed them as His own, for through their senses in a spiritual way He revealed Himself. They found a little Babe, the humanest of all human things, and yet that most human thing revealed to them the Divine Life, and they learnt the secret of life - that life was for God's self-expression and their own self-fulfillment. They learnt what it was to come to God, and know God coming to them, in a sacramental way. They saw that material things could become indwelt with spiritual realities, and be the medium of their communication, and that the senses could become sacrificial and expressive of a devotion both real and costly.

Obedience to the Church is the reasonable attitude of humility in the presence of great experience, knowledge, and holiness. We do find controversies and worldliness in the Church, but the life of prayer and sacramental experience is always there, and in that life the soul finds the spiritual Bethlehem, the Holy Child and His Blessed Mother.



First Sunday After Epiphany
"Meditations for Every Day", p. 36
Rev. Fr Andrew, S.D.C.
(London, A.R. Mowbray & Co.)

The Rector's Ramblings

Dear Parish Family,

There are two events coming up in December that I want to invite you to. On Saturday, December 7, 2019, at 6:00 pm we are having our Annual Christmas Party at the home of Rebecca and Bill Ruff. This is a highly anticipated event in the Parish Calendar and will be an evening of fun and fellowship. If you want to attend, but don't want to drive at night, please let me know and I'll try to find a ride for you.



Our second Christmas event is on December 20, 2019, at 7:00 pm at the Church. "Cookies, Cocoa, and Carols" is a pre-Christmas caroling service. The service is based upon a Caroling Service that we used to hold on the Christmas Eve before the late service. It consists of readings, music sung by the Choir, and Congregational Singing. Refreshments will be served. Again, if you need a ride, please let me know.

We have hung three stained-glass-like banners in the Nave. These banners show the Nativity with the Shepherds and Wise Men. There are three more banners which will be hung during the Easter Season.



Christians are a people of prayer and we should all be praying several times a day. I've recommended in the past that you say the Daily Office everyday. But in case you can't do that,

here are two short prayer services that you can say in the morning and evening. They can easily be memorized.

Morning Prayer

I laid down and slept, and rose up again; * for the LORD sustained me. (*Psalm 3:5*)

O God, thou art my God, * early will I seek thee. In the morning I will direct my prayer unto thee, * and will look up. (*Psalm 63:1, 5:3b*)

Veni, Creator Spiritus

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, / And lighten with celestial fire.

Thou the anointing Spirit art, / Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above, / Is comfort, life, and fire of love.

Enable with perpetual light / The dulness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face / With the abundance of thy grace.

Keep far our foes, give peace at home; / Where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son, / And thee, of both, to be but One;

That, through the ages all along, / This may be our endless song: Praise to thy eternal merit, / Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. / Thou

art the everlasting Son of the Father.

St. Richard's Prayer

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, For all the benefits which Thou hast given me, For all the pains and insults which Thou hast borne for me. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend, and Brother, May I know Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, And follow Thee more nearly.

For morning light and the gift of a new day, we praise you, our heavenly Father; and with thankful hearts we now entrust ourselves and those we love into your hands, praying that you will help us, guide us, and keep us in all that lies before us this day; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant us, O Lord, to pass this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain; that, reaching the eventide victorious over temptation, we may praise thee, the eternal God, who art blessed, and dost govern all things; world without end.

I laid down and slept, and rose up again; * for the LORD sustained me.

Evening Prayer

Thou, O Christ, art in the midst of us and we are called by thy Name; leave us not, O Lord our God. (*Jeremiah 14:9b*)

Preserve us O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping: That awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin;

R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy

upon us.

V. O Lord, hear our prayer;

R. And Let our cry come unto thee.

Look down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then of thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy: Let thy holy Angels dwell herein to guard us in peace, and may thy blessing be

Until the next issue of the Sanctus.

May God bless you now and always.

+The Rt. Rev. Blair W. Schultz
Rector, All Saints Anglican Church
Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of the Atlantic States

ever upon us. Through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth God, world without end. Amen.

Let me lie down and sleep in peace, O Lord; for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety. (*Psalm 4:9*)

✠ Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Amen. (*Psalm 31:6a*)

It's that time again!

**All Saints ACW
Annual Cookie Sale**
in the narthex following Mass
December 8th.



We are asking for donations of 3 dozen cookies. They will be sold for \$6.00 a box or individual plates for a donation. Proceeds of the sale will be used for ACW Outreach Projects.

Please bake-and buy!

This is a great way to add variety to your holiday sweet table!

**Contact Jane Moeller with any questions.
{630-985-0320 or jamunsie@aol.com}.**

Senior Warden's report

Greetings from your senior warden.

As we close on the end of 2019, let's spend time reflecting on the blessings God has provided this year. We have an engaged, interactive congregation that enjoys worshipping our Lord and Savior and fellowshiping with each other.

Though we would like to grow the Church to insure its continued existence, we need to be pleased with the current internal relationships.

We completed phase 2 of the conversion to LED lighting in November, all of the parking lot lights and the florescent bulbs have been changed to LED. The spotlights in the Church are all now LED. Paul is leading an effort to change out all of the incandescent bulbs around the outside of the Church to LED. There are still a couple of spotlights that I need to change out at the front of the Church. This will leave only the sconces inside the Church to change. If you have seen any LED sconces recently that would look good in the Church, please let Becca or me know.

The recent phase 2 changes came at a cost of about \$3,500.00 for all of the work performed but with the ComEd rebates the actual bill paid by the Church was only about \$450.00. As we continue to change to LED our electric bill will also continue to be reduced.

December 7th is the annual Church Christmas party, please sign up on the sign up sheet so we can track the number of people coming and who is bringing edibles for general consumption. The ACM will provide beverages as is our usual practice.

As always, please invite your friends and neighbors to share our blessings.

Dan Brush



Photos from the recent Wednesday Evening Fellowship Mass!

Soup and Conversation - enjoyed by all



Outreach

Outreach Projects: Coats, Mittens, Giving Tree...What's Going On?

Do you know when to bring in the coats, mittens, etc., and the end dates for the projects (if there is one)?

Have you noticed the signs on the doors with reminders about the various Outreach projects? With so much going on, we thought reminders would help.

Coats: you can drop off coats for boys or girls, grades K -6, in the box in the narthex. New or gently used. While there is more of a need for the coats right now, this is an ongoing project. So, if you find an item at an end of the season sale, bring it in!

Mitten Tree: The tree is up! Place the mittens, scarves, and or hats, on the tree or in the box underneath. This project ends **December 15**.

Giving Tree: The ornaments for the Giving Tree will be available on Sunday, December 1st. A member of the Outreach Committee will be in the meeting room before and after service to assist you in choosing your gift ornament. The gifts need to be returned to the church on Sunday, December 8. Thank you for helping with this Christmas Outreach Project.

If you have questions, contact an Outreach Committee member:

Deacon Wilson, Libby Bolton, Carol O'Sullivan, Sue Peterson or Sue Ross.



Church Library

Advent is here! Thinking about ways to enhance your devotions during this time? Just want some light reading relating to Christmas? Books to read to the children in your life? There is something here for everyone. A display with Advent materials will be available December 1.

The display includes devotional materials, including:

Advent and Christmas Wisdom from G. K. Chesterton

Advent and Christmas Wisdom from Saint Benedict: Daily Scriptures and Prayers

Together with Saint Benedict's Own Words

The Uncluttered Heart: Making Room for God During Advent and Christmas

In addition to the devotional material, some fiction and other Christmas related books are available, including:

Stories Behind the Greatest Hits of Christmas

The Treasury of Christmas, A collection of three short novels from Melody Carlson. *The treasury includes The Christmas Bus, Gift of Christmas Present and Angels in the Snow.*

Shepherd's Abiding by Jan Karon

The Women of Christmas: Experience the Season Afresh with Elizabeth, Mary and Anna.

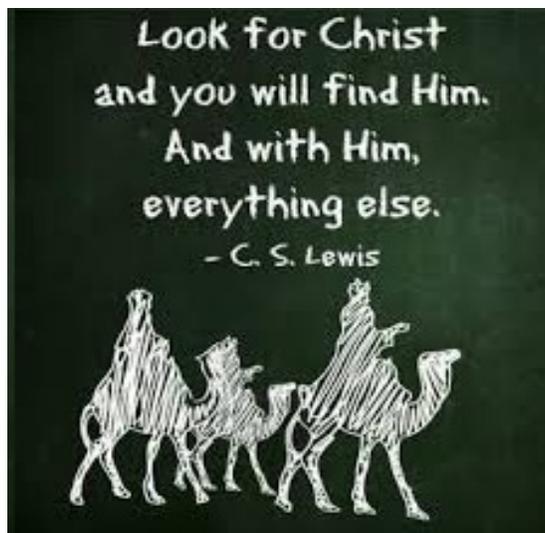
For a light, but very enjoyable seasonal read, I highly recommend *Shepherd's Abiding*. Some of the other books in the Mitford series contain chapters about Christmas. You will be refreshed.

Some children's books about Christmas are also highlighted.

Please note that any books that are on display may be checked out.

Come in the library and browse!

Sue Peterson
Parish Librarian



Dates and Events to Remember

SERVICES

(except where indicated)

Sunday mornings at 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm - Mass

**All Fridays are days of Abstinence except the two between
Christmas and New Year**

Ember Days, days of Fasting and Abstinence

December

Sunday, December 1 - **Advent 1**

Wednesday, December 4

Healing Mass

Saturday, December 7

6:00 Parish Christmas Party at the Ruff Residence

Sunday, December 8 - **Advent 2**

ACW COOKIE WALK follows Mass

Sunday, December 15 - **Advent 3 (Gaudete Sunday)**

Vestry meeting

Mitten Tree collection ends

Wednesday, December 18 - **Ember Day**

Friday, December 20 - **Ember Day**

7:00 pm Cookies, Cocoa and Carols

Saturday, December 21 - **Ember Day**

Sunday, December 22- **Advent 4**

Decorate the Church after Mass

Tuesday, December 24 - **Christmas Eve**

5:45 pm Carol Sing

6:00 pm Solemn High Mass

Wednesday, December 25 **Christmas Day**

10:00 am - Holy Eucharist (no incense)

Thursday, December 26 - **St Stephen Deacon, Martyr**

Friday, December 27 - **St John the Evangelist**

Saturday, December 28 - **Holy Innocents**

December 30 - January 3 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, December 29 - **First Sunday After Christmas**

January 2019

Wednesday, January 1 - **The Circumcision of Our Lord**
NO MASS

Sunday, January 5 - **2ND Sunday After Christmas**

Monday, January 6 - **The Epiphany of Our Lord**

Sunday, January 12 - **First Sunday After Epiphany**

ACM & ACW meetings with election of officers

Sunday, January 19 - **Epiphany 2**

Vestry meeting

January 20 - 24 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, January 25 - **The Conversion of St Paul**

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Rector and Bishop Suffragan

The Rev. Mr. Robert L. Wilson, Deacon

Dates to Remember Continued:

Sunday, January 26 - **Epiphany 3**

Annual Parish meeting

Post Vestry meeting

All Saints Anglican Church

All Saints is a parish in the Anglican Province of Christ the King, a nationwide body of traditional Anglican churches dedicated to the Anglo-Catholic Faith and traditional Episcopal liturgy using the 1928 Book of Common Prayer as the basis of our worship.

For more information visit:

www.anglicanpck.org or

www.allsaintsanglicanparish.org

If you are seeking a church home we welcome you into our spiritual family as together we seek to uphold our Christian duties to *“follow Christ, worship God every Sunday in his Church; and to work and pray and give for the spread of His kingdom”* (B.C.P. p 291)