



Worship & Study Opportunities

Sundays

The Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. *Lake Wylie*

10:30 a.m. *York*

10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel

Morning Prayer is offered at 10:30 a.m. on the Third Sunday of Each Month (York).

Christian Education

9:30 a.m. for All Ages

Wednesdays

11:00 a.m. Healing Service

(Parlor)

12:05 p.m. Prayer Service

7:00 p.m. Christian Formation

(Coming Soon!)

Saturdays

5:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist



From the Rector

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

Several of you have requested a portion of the sermon I preached at Donald Beyer's funeral a couple of weeks ago. This portion was originally given by The Rev. Henry Scott Holland, a canon at St. Paul's (Anglican) Cathedral in London, following the death of King Edward VII in 1910.

"Death is nothing at all. It does not count. I have only slipped away into the next room. Nothing has happened. Everything remains exactly as it was. I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it. Life means all that it ever meant.

It is the same as it ever was. There is absolute and unbroken continuity. What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just round the corner. All is well. Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before. How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!"

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (*1 Corinthians 15:57*).

As a tie-in to Fr. Joe's class (and his article in this newsletter), Canon Holland's sphere of influence was in the latter part of the Oxford Movement. As a follower of F.D. Maurice (generally noted as the originator of the "Social Gospel"), Holland founded the Christian Social Union. He was also a contributor to "Lux Mundi" (Light of the World), a series of essays edited by Charles Gore which attempted to harmonize anglo-catholicism and biblical criticism. In his last years, Holland held the post of Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford University, a chair that was founded by King Henry VIII.

With prayers for a blessed Easter season, I am

Yours in Christ,

Monthly Meetings

Next ECW meeting: Tuesday, **May 5** at 6:30 pm in the parlor

The **Vestry** meets at 7:00 pm on **Tuesday, May 19** in the parlor. Committee reports are due in to the office by Sunday, **May 17**.



From the Priest Associate

WHITHER ANGLICANISM?

The Rev. Joe D. Mills

To those of us who were Episcopalians in the 1960's or 70's, we sometimes look back on what we remember as the church guided by the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, a Protestant Church but with many Catholic characteristics, e.g., emphasis on the sacraments and the apostolic ministry of bishops, priests, and deacons. Most of the Southern dioceses were what was called "low church" and there was little variation in the style of worship from parish to parish. In doctrine, there was possibly more variation, particularly among the clergy, some of whom leaned clearly toward a more liberal interpretation of Scripture.

But change had been blowing in the wind for sometime. New converts came both from the Protestant denominations and from Roman Catholicism, many seeking a liturgical church with more room for theological differences. The "new" Prayer Book (1979) was popular with most Catholic minded as well as liberal leaning Episcopalians. This was less so with the traditional Evangelical churchmen who were becoming a decided minority in a potentially deceive church.

Similar changes were occurring throughout the other provinces of the Anglican Communion, especially in the "mother church", the Church of England. New versions of the Prayer Book and the ordination of women became the norm in many parts of the communion. As Doug pointed out in last month's Shepherd's Tales, the various schools of thought had learned to live together, not always in charity to be sure, and were in the eyes of many a possible model for a United Church in Christendom. After Vatican II, Roman Catholicism became more ecumenical with a new emphasis on the Bible and a simplified liturgy now offered in the language of the people. Also mainline Protestants adopted a common lectionary and began to accept much of traditional ceremony and ritual. All these changes I believe were for the good. But where does the Episcopal Church fit into this changing picture? Do we have the same vocation as we had - or thought we had - in times past?

During Lent, I led Wed. night discussions on Anglicanism from the time of the Reformation until the present day. I had hoped by looking at our past history (which has been one most often of trying to reconcile differences) to see where our future might lie. These differences were fundamentals based on the theologies of the Reformation and the Counter-Reformation. Even so, reconciliation of these fundamentals in a middle ground (via media) appears to have been unique to the Church of England and her daughter churches. Generally speaking, those unable to live in the "Big Tent" departed -- sometimes by expulsion, more often voluntarily. Prime examples are the Puritans in

the 17th century, the Methodists and other dissenting Protestants in the 18th, and large numbers from the emerging Anglo-Catholic movement in the 19th. But in each of these instances, some remained giving the English Church its special character. Each party (as they are usually called) could claim a rightly heritage from the early church through the Reformation until the present time. But as indicated above, there have been significant changes in the 20th and 21st centuries and so we need to ask: Whither Anglicanism?

To be continued next month.

York Place

Founders' Day at York Place

York Place began as the Church Home Orphanage in Charleston prior to the war between the states. In 1910 the orphanage moved to York, South Carolina, taking over the grounds of the old King's Mountain Military Academy. From that time until now Good Shepherd Church and York Place have shared ministry to children in the Upstate of South Carolina.

It is the custom of the parish to join with the children, staff and alumni of York Place for an annual service of worship and a meal. On **May 3** all Good Shepherd services will be folded into one service, to be held on the campus of York Place at 11:00 a.m. York Place is located at 234 Kings Mountain Street in York. Lunch will follow the service.

Parish News

Principal Feasts

Of the seven principal feasts of the church year, three are just around the corner: the **Day of Ascension (May 21)**, the **Day of Pentecost (May 31)** and the **Sunday of the Trinity (June 7)**. Wouldn't it be great if all of us would commit to being together on those days, praising the Lord and giving thanks for all he has done for us?

Calling all Bakers

The ECW Garden Tour, **May 9**, is in need of your best homemade cake or pie. We are planning on serving homemade desserts. Dig out that old family recipe and make a cake for us. Please do not make anything that needs to stay refrigerated or heated. If you are able to make a cake or pie, please email Jill Neff at wrn@comporium.net or call and leave a message at 684-2251 (home) or 372-2433 (cell). Tell what kind of cake or pie you will be bringing. All desserts will need to be at the church no later than 9:00 am, **May 9**. Thank you in advance.

Time to Clean Out Your Closets

Yard Sale time is here again. It will be held on **June 13** from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. (All proceeds will be directed to the ECW Kitchen Fund.) You may begin bringing in your gently used items, including clothing on **May 31**. Please plan on delivering the items between the hours of 9:00 and 1:00 Monday -Thursday. If you are unable to do that, you may leave items by the side door to the parish hall, but call my cell phone, 382-2433, to let me know it is there. We will accept most anything, but please make sure that clothing is not stained, and that other items are in working order. It would be helpful if you would put a note on electronic items to let me know if there are any problems. Help will be needed the day of the sale. We will especially need a couple pick up trucks to remove the leftovers. We should be totally completed by noon. Thanks in advance for your donations. Call Jill Neff with any questions, home 684-2251, cell 372-2433.

Picnic at Nancy Landstreet's Farm

Please mark your calendars for an after church picnic at Nancy Landstreet's farm on **May 31**. We will be celebrating the end of Sunday School and hopefully a beautiful summer day! Please bring a well-filled picnic basket full of your favorite dishes to share! We will have badminton, outside games for the children, wonderful food, and lots of fun!

Come one, come all, meet and get to know your fellow parishioners. **All guests are invited!**

Directions: From the Church:

L on Liberty St., L on Congress St. at the Court House. Then go 5 miles on S. 321.

Look for the Philadelphia Methodist Church on your right. Just past the church, take a L on Cameron. 1 mile on Cameron, L on Bolivar (blue sign).

The ECW Requests Help

In preparation of the garden tour, the ECW needs a few strong men to move the furniture out of the parlor on Wednesday, **May 6** at 6:00 p.m. and to move the furniture back in the parlor on Saturday, **May 9** at 5:00 p.m. If you are willing to help, please call Jeanne Ferguson at 684-6020.

A Note of Appreciation

The Altar Guild would like to extend a sincere "Thank you" to Michelle Dawson for donating fresh cut flowers used to flower the cross on Easter morning.

Economic Crisis

Cynthia Jackson lost her job at the beginning of the year. Thankfully, Cynthia went back to work mid March. During her time of unemployment, she had professional help updating her resume. Now that she has a new job, she would like to "pay it forward" by offering to help anyone that has lost their job update their resume.

Cynthia has worked for a financial institution for many years and has a great deal of experience in finances. With that in mind, she is also willing to help anyone create a budget.

If you would like to talk with Cynthia, please contact her at 803-628-4020 or e-mail her at cyndepken@aol.com. All matters will be kept in strict confidence.

Prayer Service for the Economic Crisis

As a resource for helping our congregations cope with the economic crisis, the clergy of our convocation have developed a short prayer service to be used in our churches. This brief service will be offered at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Wednesdays at 12:05 p.m. All are welcome to attend. You may wish to come if you have lost your job and would like to have folks pray for you (you don't have to let it be known if you don't want it known), or you may wish to come to offer prayers for those who have lost their job, or to give thanks that you still have a job. After the service, the clergy will be available for prayers, counsel and support.

Also, if you have lost your job or if your family is experiencing financial strife, please let Fr. Kirkland know. All matters will be kept in strict confidence.

Broiderer's Guild News

The Broiderer's Guild is getting itchy fingers. Therefore we are planning a new needle point project. Linda Mote, who designed the alter pillows, is designing covers for the two altar chairs. Are you interested in joining the needle point group and stitching on the new canvas work? If so call Lettie Knight at 684-6673.

Parish Register News

No activity this month.

If you would like to move your membership to Good Shepherd, please contact the church office at 684-4021 or e-mail to sberryramsey@goodshep.net. We will need the name and address of the last church you were a member of.

John Wesley offered these directions for singing in 1761 -

1. Learn these tunes before you learn any others; afterwards learn as many as you please.
2. Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.
3. Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a single degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find it a blessing.
4. Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, then when you sung the songs of Satan.
5. Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.
6. Sing in time. Whatever time is sung be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it; but attend close to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can; and take care not to sing too slow. This dawdling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.
7. Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

Summer Choir Invitation

The summer months offer a time for those who cannot sing in the choir through the year to sing with us. During the months of June and July, the choir gathers on Sundays in the choir stalls in the church to rehearse at 9:30 a.m. sharp. (No Wednesday rehearsals) There will be someone you can sit with who knows your part well. This is an excellent opportunity to offer service and leadership in worship. Come Sing!

The Book of Revelation is among the Bible's most difficult and disturbing portions. In deed, it is perplexing even to the most experienced scholars.

Yet, it is the only book that introduces itself as a blessing to those who read it, hear its words and follow its teaching. In terms of Christian formation, there is one specific area of this book I wish to recommend.

Chapter two, verse four is a correction to those who have "abandoned their first love." A few verses later, the promise to those who return to authentic spirituality in an abiding relationship with Jesus is that they will eat from the tree of life in paradise.

I have to confess that staying in a deep love affair with Jesus is a daily challenge. It is also a life-long challenge. Yet, this is exactly what we need.

All of us need to either fall in love with Jesus for the first time; or rekindle such a love; and then keep that love burning bright. The promise for such a radical lifestyle is paradise. And this paradise begins here on earth. Jesus tells those who are with Him: "the Kingdom of God is among you."

This means that those in relationship with Jesus begin enjoying paradise while on earth, even as their earthly bodies progress toward death. This doesn't mean this brief earthly life will be fun and great all the time. It means we will enjoy God's peace, joy and comfort despite the struggles of this fallen, passing world as we progress toward Eternity. It also means a fulfilling life. And this fulfillment is quite literal as God's Spirit fills us and makes us overflow with the "living waters" of His Presence.

If you are like me, you want all of Jesus you can get. Now I haven't arrived at this yet. But I strive for it daily. If you would like to strive for it with me, please let me know. I would love to meet some fellow pilgrims who are also struggling to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. Perhaps our first steps together will be during post-Communion prayer in the back of the church. If you are up for this challenging invitation, please join me in the bell tower after you receive Communion and we can pray together for more of Jesus and less of ourselves. Let's return to our first love together and forget about ourselves. Let's lose our lives for Jesus!

Summer Break for Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School before our Summer break is **May 24**. Sunday School will resume in the Fall.

Honoring Teachers

We will honor our Sunday School teachers on Sunday, **May 31**.

**Church Of The Good Shepherd Garden Tour
“Backyards and Beauty Spots”**

Come visit Historic York on Saturday **May 9, 2009** and enjoy walking through interesting and unique “Backyards and Beauty Spots”; a first time ever Garden Tour sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Five gardens will be open for browsing, plus several “beauty spots” for peeking only. They range in size from several acres to very the very small, all tended by their owners, some of whom will be on hand to answer questions.

The day also includes a delicious buffet lunch cooked by the ECW at the church parish house at 108 East Liberty Street.

In addition to the lunch, (a perfect Mother-Daughter day out) there will be a plant sale and garden shop with many items available for purchase.

Advance tickets are now on sale. Garden tour tickets will also be available the day of the tour (at the church), but advance reservations are required for lunch. The last day for lunch reservations is **May 7**. The day begins at 9:30 in the morning with the gardens open from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and lunch served from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Please join us, rain or shine.

Tickets will not be mailed prior to the tour; however, if you purchased advance tickets, you may pick up your tickets on the day of the tour at the church. The event will be held, rain or shine.

For reservations or information, please call Jeanne Ferguson at 803-684-6020 or Betty Jane Howie at 803-684-4113.

Gardens featured will be:

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| Mr. and Mrs. SK Lowry 5 Wright Avenue | Mr and Mrs. Jim Bradford 12 Wright Avenue |
| Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hanlon 208 Kings Mountain Street | Ms. Sue Ellen Lee 7 Kings Mountain Street |
| Mr. and Mrs. Ron Shultz 212 East Liberty Street | |

Beauty Spots for Peeking will be:

- The Courtyard at 22 North Congress Street
- The Side yard at 9 Kings Mountain Street
- The Garden at Good Shepherd

We pray for the Sick, especially for...

Billie Gabbitas, Emily House, Nadja Hudson, Sylvia Noble, Joanne Lentz, Patricia Rice, Vernon & Joan Sanders, Bettie Matthews, Linda Tiblier, Judy Tomes, Gara Brown, Parpi Von Chrismar, Jenkins Mikell, Helen Dearborn, Anne Fishburne, Jake Mathew, Anna Lee Loving, Keby Johnson, Gary Maynard, Raynor Moore, Nita & Jack Callaham, Jolonda Burton, Mary Durbin, Glenn London, Frank Shields, Elizabeth London, Donna Capell, Stan Burrous, Sarah Shields, Paul Killough

We pray for the Shut-ins, especially for....

Bee Decker, Elsie Castle, Margie Miller, Mamie Miller

We pray for the men and women serving in our military, especially for....

Geoffrey Gibson, Jonathan Morrison, William Stanley, John Kerns, Travis Eusted, Ken Roberts, Paul Mishoe, Mario Fonseca, Tiffany Eakin, Brian Carnes

We pray for those with special needs, especially for....

York Place Board, Staff and Children, Kayleigh Edson, Mark House, Jack Burton, Sarah Schultz, Ray Dearborn, Grace Amer, Roy & Eileen Critcher, Jeff Burton, Jack Burton

We pray for the repose of the soul of our faithful departed, especially...

Bobby McDowell and Donald Beyer. We also pray for the McDowell family and Beyer Family as they mourn.

We give thanks for our many blessings especially for...

The birth of Griffin Matthews Dressler, the grandson of Sudy Dressler.

The upcoming marriage between Michael Moss and Kimberly McNeely.

Reminders

- Continue to bring empty INKJET printer cartridges – they are worth \$2 each to the kitchen Fund. There is a box in the hallway to deposit your used cartridges. Please be sure to place them in the box carefully, they will only be accepted if the tip is not broken.
- All activities that require the use of the building must go through the church office.
- Please fill out a Prayer Request form to add names to the prayer list. Forms are located in the bell tower. You may add names from our web site as well.

Pastoral Care Committee

Members of the Pastoral Care Committee will joyfully visit parish members who, due to illness or confinement, cannot attend regular church services. We want to make certain that no one in our church family is overlooked or neglected in their time of need.

To request a visit or phone call from the rector, please call or email the church office to provide some basic details & preferences or please make certain that a family member or loved one contacts the church on your behalf. Father Robert or Sherry will return the contact as quickly as possible, and make arrangements to visit or speak with you. The church office phone number is 803-684-4021. Our email addresses are: rector@goodshep.net or sherryramsey@goodshep.net. If you would like a visit or phone call from a member of the Pastoral Care Committee, please call (803-327-5582) or email (kpm@comporium.net) Kaye McMaster or Frank Van Leer (803-631-3543; k9cr8@comporium.net).

Finally, you can also contact any member of the Vestry; and they will make Father Robert aware of your needs.

Stewardship Thought for the Month

Through the God of materialism, our world tells us to use people to acquire money and wealth to buy things. Jesus calls us to do the opposite: give and invest in our children, our young people, our adults. *Love people and use things!*

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you can abundantly share every good work. *II Corinthians 9:6-8*

Companion Niches are available in our Columbarium

Please contact the church office at 684-4021 or sherryramsey@goodshep.net if you are interested in purchasing a niche.

Angel Food Ministries

Two ordering dates:

Saturday, **April 25**, from 1-2 p.m.,
Good Shepherd parish hall, 108 E. Liberty St., York

Saturday, **May 9**, from 8:30-9:30 a.m.,
Good Shepherd parish hall, 108 E. Liberty St., York

In person, we accept **CASH and FOOD STAMP (EBT) ONLY. YOU PAY WHEN YOU ORDER. NO CHECKS.**

Online, you may order with a credit or debit card by going to: www.angelfoodministries.com/host.asp?id=6753 and clicking on **"Order Online"**. If you have questions, please call 684-4021 or e-mail angelfoodnyork@hotmail.com

Pickup date is Saturday, **May 23** 2 p.m., Good Shepherd.

Things in General

Church Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The church office is closed on Fridays.
This is the Rector's day off.

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. Bulletin Deadline
20th of Each Month Newsletter Deadline

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