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Christ Church Receives Two Gifts Totaling 4.2 Million

Church Purchases Land; Moves Toward Building

By Joy Hunter, Editor



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The Rev. Ted Duvall, Rector of Christ Church Anglican in Mt. Pleasant, hopes the two gifts, totaling 4.2 million, recently given to his congregation will be seen by others as a sign of God's favor on the diocese. "I hope they would look at us, and particularly at how well things have gone so far," he said, "and be encouraged themselves in their own situations and their congregations. I hope they would see the good favor the Lord has shown us and say, 'Wow! God is at work in our diocese!' We're all in this together."

The first gift of \$3.2 million was given anonymously for the purpose of securing land and shortly after another donation kicked off the church's building fund with a gift of \$1 million.

In a note to his congregation on December 19, Duvall wrote, "I and the Vestry are overjoyed to announce we have completed the purchase of land for the purpose of one day building a new church for Christ Church Anglican."

The nine-acre property, four acres of which is buildable due to wetland restrictions, is in the heart of north Mt. Pleasant within the Carolina Park developmental footprint across from Costco on Faison Road.

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select the land, under its own timetable and criteria, knowing that this gift was available to them whenever, in the short or long term, suitable land was eventually found.

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Inspired by the donation of the land, another family decided it was time to make their own "lead gift" to the church's building fund and let Duvall know they were ready to contribute \$1 million. This gift, also given anonymously, will provide the church with the working capital to begin the design phase once a building committee is in place.

The congregation moved out of the historic property they occupied on Highway 17 for the last 315 years on September 1 when, in compliance with the April 20, 2022, SC Supreme Court ruling they turned the property over to the Episcopal Church. Since that time they have been holding worship services in the auditorium of Jennie Moore Elementary School.

Moving from a 26-acre property to a school has been an adjustment, but Duvall says he is not discouraged. He has recalled many times a comment made to him about a month before they had to vacate the historic property. "We had a particular Wednesday service at 11 a.m. in the historic building on the old campus. It was a sweet little group of mostly older folks. And after the service one of the widows in the congregation came up to me. 'Ted, I know you're sad about losing these buildings,' she said. 'They're fine buildings. In fact, they're wonderful buildings. But they are not your church. We are your church, and we are coming with you, so be of good cheer!' I've held onto that," he said.

While \$4.2 is a tremendous beginning, estimates for new construction range from \$9-\$15 million.

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Let's Go Camping!

Register Your Children Now for Camp Jubilee

By The Rev. Canon Ken Weldon, Canon for
Camp Development and Mr. Justin Johnson,
Camp Director, Camp Jubilee

We are thrilled to welcome our staff and students to "Camp Jubilee" this upcoming summer! The Holy Spirit is moving mightily in this new ministry of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina. The Lord has already been faithfully providing for our every need as we "start from scratch" in many ways. We want to take this opportunity to bring everyone up to date on this new ministry and the transition.



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Register for Camp Jubilee at <https://www.campjubileesc.org/>.

After some 10 plus years of litigation between the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina (EDOSC), the South Carolina Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Episcopal Diocese regarding the property of St. Christopher Camp and

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Convention Begins March 10

The 2023 Convention of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina will be held March 10-11 at The Cross Schools, 495 Buckwalter Pkwy, Bluffton. Details about the convention may be found by clicking "News" at www.adosc.org.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by the Rev. Gary Beson is composed of clergy invited from every deanery, laity serving in the major ministries of the diocese, and the diocesan ministry staff. With the insights that breadth of experience in the diocese brings, the following slate of candidates

has been offered, with the goal of providing the strongest possible leadership for the diocese at this time. Brief bios and photographs of each candidate may be found on the diocesan website. We ask that the delegates to convention please give their qualifications prayerful consideration as they prepare for our annual synod. And we invite the rest of the diocesan family to keep our gathering on March 11, 2023, in your daily prayers, that God's will might be clearly discerned and faithfully accomplished on that day.

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Congregations in Transition

By Joy Hunter, Editor

It's been 10 months since the SC Supreme Court ruled eight out of 54 congregations in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina (ADOSC) would be required to turn their properties over to the Episcopal Church (TECSC). One congregation, the Church of the Good Shepherd, is awaiting the ruling on their appeal of that decision. Two congregations awarded to the ADOSC, Old St. Andrew's, Charleston, and the Church of the Holy Cross, Stateburg, are awaiting an appeal made by TECSC.

So, what is happening with the remaining affected churches?

While the losses were wrenching for all, some transitions have been smoother than others. In October 2022, St. Matthew's, Fort Motte, was offered the opportunity to buy back their property. After raising \$275,000 in 90 days from both members and friends, they were able to retain their parish home. (See article pg. 3)

Soon after learning St. David's, Cheraw would lose their property, the neighboring Wesley United

Methodist Church offered the use of their building. Weeks later, St. David's congregation processed through town carrying banners and singing as they walked from their old building to the new.

Five of the churches are meeting in non-traditional spaces. Three, St. John's Anglican, Johns Island; Holy Trinity Anglican, Charleston; and Christ Church Anglican, Mt. Pleasant, are meeting in schools. St. Bartholomew's, Hartsville, meets

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in a converted physical therapy office and Saint James Anglican, James Island, had been meeting in the local town hall. Just this month Saint James moved into a large neighboring church's chapel (See article pg 15). In each of these

Rev. Bill Oldland, Rector of St. Bartholomew's, Hartsville. "Many of our members have repeatedly said how much they feel we're a family. They feel closer to one another than they have in years." Though in the converted physical therapy space worshippers can hear the children in Sunday school during their services, "It's not disruptive," claims Oldland. "It reminds us we're a congregation of all ages celebrating what God has accomplished for us."

The Rev. Jeremy Shelton, Rector of St. John's, Johns Island, noted the unity of his congregation, meeting in Haut Gap Middle School, as well. "We went from three services down to one and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we're experiencing unity and new growth. People are coming together to see the Lord at work in our midst." Shelton also noted that moving from a traditional

church building to a school has prompted an uptick in visitors. A number of new families have joined them in worship since moving to the school. "The previous two Sundays have been standing room only," he says. Archbishop Foley Beach (ACNA), in town for the Mere Anglicanism Conference, preached at St. John's on January 29.

Holy Trinity Anglican, Charleston, has also seen some benefit following the loss of their property. "Churches like St. Philip's, Old St. Andrew's, Trinity, Pinopolis and Holy Comforter, Sumter, have bent over backwards for us and we know we're not alone," says the Rev. David Dubai, Rector. "At home, some of our people who, at first, told me they weren't coming to church in a cafeteria have continued to worship with us. Some who had slowed down their attendance with us during COVID have now been more regular in study and worship and excited about missions. Our ministry to feed the hungry locally and to reach across the ocean to the Congo have continued without my having to take them over. And, by the grace of God, our youth ministry has not missed a beat even though we're meeting in homes and our downtown offices and not a church building. None of that has stopped, which is beautiful."

When asked how the diocese can pray for them Dubai echoed the sentiment several of the rectors expressed, "Pray that we would stick together, that our church would be a place where people who visit would be blessed, affirmed and cared for. We want to seek what we know to be the loving grace of God through Jesus Christ."

In addition, he added, "Pray also that I would not collapse in exhaustion. I don't want to whine, but I'm tired. I guess I've been tired for 20 years, but I'm tired now in a special way. And I'd be grateful for people just to pray for me, for my family and for our congregation as we walk into the next season."

"This whole process has been stressful," adds the Rev. Janet Echols, Rector of St. Matthew's, Fort Motte. "We're in a better place than most.



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While all of the churches which have left historic properties are now settled into temporary spaces they will continue to need differing degrees of assistance. "We, as a diocese, don't want limited funds to obstruct any parish in a vigorous recovery," says the Rev. Canon Jim Lewis. "The Jerusalem Fund has been created to provide a vehicle for the rest of the Diocese, as the Body of Christ, to support them for this Kingdom work." Above: St. John's Anglican, Johns Island.



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non-traditional spaces, clergy and congregations must add setup and takedown to their regular worship service routines.

While one might expect those involved to seem discouraged, a visit to nearly all of them would prove the opposite.

"One of the biggest blessings for our congregation is how quickly we have come together," says the

into temporary spaces they will continue to need differing degrees of assistance with various needs: operating expenses, clergy housing, staffing support, ministry initiatives, or worship resources.

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desiring to give generously today are urged to visit www.adosc.org, for more information (or use the QR code, left).



\$25,000 Grant from Jerusalem Fund Helps St. David's Settle with TECSC

Rectory Secured for the Varnadores

By Joy Hunter, Editor

On November 29 the Development Fund Board approved a \$25,000 grant to St. David's, Cheraw, which, combined with funds from St. David's, enabled them to complete their settlement with the Episcopal Church. As part of the settlement TECSC relinquished all claims to the church's rectory, enabling the parish to retain ownership of the property.

One of the often-overlooked issues in these recent transfers of property is that not only does the parish lose worship and education space, it may also lose a rectory. This leaves a rector or vicar and their family scrambling at a time when the parish is facing additional hurdles.

"When St. David's interviewed me to be their rector one of the questions asked was, 'What would we do if we lost the properties?'" said Jason Varnadore, Vicar of St. David's. "My response was – if they helped me provide for my family we wouldn't go anywhere."

Once the parish settled all claims with the Episcopal Church and the parish secured title to the property, they sold it to the Varnadores.

"We love this particular property," said Varnadore, "and to get to own it is mind blowing. We are overjoyed to be able to purchase it from the church. I don't think we could have reached a deal with TECSC without the Jerusalem Fund. They filled in the gap. And through the efforts of both the local parish and the Jerusalem Fund they have more than adequately enabled me to provide for my family. We are very grateful."

The Rev. Canon Jim Lewis, Canon to the

Ordinary and a member of the Development Fund Board said, "For generations, the people of this Diocese have given generously for the building up of God's Kingdom through His Church. Our places of worship and the ministries they support bear testimony to that historic faithfulness. Now, in this new season, we invite all who will join us in a new undertaking. We will plant and replant for a new generation and a fresh harvest. Together, we will launch a new season of growth for which many of us have long waited and looked forward expectantly. Please join us in this labor and give generously, as you feel led, for the expansion of God's Kingdom in this time and place."

Donate to the Jerusalem Fund at www.adosc.org/about/donate-now/development/.



New Worship Locations; Mailing Addresses

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Gal. 6:2) Please keep the following churches in prayer; send a note of encouragement; make a donation to the Jerusalem fund.

St. John's Parish Church Johns Island

Worship Location: Haut Gap Middle School, 1861 Bohicket Rd., Johns Island, SC
Mailing Address: St. John's Parish Church, PO Box 125, Johns Island, SC 29457
Clergy: The Rev. Jeremy Shelton (Jessica)

St. David's, Cheraw

Worship Location: Wesley United Methodist Church, 309 Greene Street, Cheraw
Mailing Address: St. David's, PO Box 38, Cheraw, SC 29520
Clergy: The Rev. Jason Varnadore (Jenna)

Christ Church Anglican Mt. Pleasant

Worship location: Jennie Moore Elementary School, 2725 Bulrush Basket Lane, Mt. Pleasant, SC
Mailing Address: 3022 S. Morgans Point Road # 274, Mt. Pleasant, SC, 29466
Clergy: The Rev. Ted Duvall (Katherine), The Rev. Joyce Harder (Howard), The Rev. Canon Jim Lewis (Libby)

Holy Trinity Anglican, Charleston

Worship Location: Porter-Gaud School, 300 Albemarle Rd, Charleston, SC
Mailing Address: PO Box 30476, Charleston, SC 29417
Clergy: The Rev. David Dubai (Lisa)

St. Bartholomew's Church, ACNA Hartsville

Worship Location: Hartsville Physical Therapy, 107 North 8th Street, Hartsville, SC
Mailing Address: 107 N. 8th St. Hartsville, SC 29550
Clergy: The Rev. Bill Oldland (Ellen)

Saint James Anglican Church James Island

Worship Location: James Island Town Hall, 1122 Dillsbluff Rd, Charleston
Mailing Address: Saint James Anglican Church, PO Box 14456, Charleston, SC 29422
New Location for Church Offices: First Baptist Church at 1110 Camp Road, Charleston
Clergy: The Rev. Toby Larson (Cynthia)

St. Matthew's, Fort Motte

St. Matthew's has raised the funds to purchase back their building. (See story pg. 3)

Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston

Good Shepherd is awaiting a ruling on their appeal of the decision to turn the property over to TECSC.

Worship Services: (Continuing in Historic Church) at 1393 Miles Drive, Charleston, SC 29407
Mailing Address: (Use church address)
Clergy: The Rev. Will Klauber (Sara), The Rev. Dan Farley (Sue)



Camp Jubilee Wish List

At Camp Jubilee we believe lives are transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ and that the Lord has called his people to partner with him in seeing his Kingdom come.

ADMINISTRATION

- 2 Staff Vehicles \$35,000 x 2
- Box Trailer \$7,500
- Laptops \$1,000 x 2
- Video Projection \$1,000
- Program Software \$500
- Camera \$500
- Instrument/mic cables \$25 x 10
- Microphone \$50 x 5
- Mic Stand \$50 x 3
- Music Stand \$50 x 3

PROGRAMMING

- Camper Scholarship \$500 x 30
- Adopt a Staff Member \$3,000 x 20
- Walkie Talkie Radios \$25 x 20
- First Aid Supplies \$500

ACTIVITIES

- Life Jackets \$40 x 30
- Paddles \$50 x 30
- Sports Equipment \$1,000
- Arts & Craft Supplies \$500

For more information or to donate, visit: campjubileesc.org/give



Camp Jubilee Prepares for Opening Season

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Conference Center on Seabrook Island. This ruling came down on April 20, 2022. Shortly thereafter, the Anglican Diocese and the Episcopal Diocese agreed that the transfer of property, staff, finances, programs, etc. would take place on October 1. In short, our diocese was able to oversee and run one last Summer Camp and get our fall Barrier Island program started before turning St. Christopher over to EDOSC. We quickly realized we needed to do three things:

1. Pastor the staff, campers, and diocese through this significant loss
2. Find an interim place to run summer camp beginning with the summer of 2023
3. Pray and work towards the establishment of a new “Camp and Retreat Center” to serve the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and the greater ACNA Province

Trusting God’s call on our diocese to continue to lead young people into a life-saving relationship with Jesus Christ, we were confident in His call to continue the ministry of summer camp. On October 1, 2022, the Rt Revd Chip Edgar appointed the Very Rev. Ken Weldon as Diocesan Canon for Camp Development. On the same date Ken Weldon hired Justin Johnson as our Summer Camp Director. Our Bishop and the leadership from around the diocese have come together to help fund and support these appointments as a strategic means of moving forward with a summer camp in our diocese.

“Camp Jubilee” has been established and will take place this summer at Camp Kinard outside of Columbia for seven weeks, and at Awanita Valley for two weeks. Registration opened on Monday, January 9 and we are expecting to be able to share the gospel with over 650 students this summer! We are also committed to continuing the process of raising

Claire Gaillard has been hired as our Assistant Director, working on social media, our website, and the myriad of administrative details needed for this new ministry.

up present and future leaders for our diocese and for the greater church. We are expecting to hire 20 full-time summer staff and countless volunteers to serve as counselors, chaplains, and helpers this summer. We have created a website, www.campjubileesc.org and Ann

Camp has been a significant place and a ministry of far-reaching impact for the gospel for almost 90 years. Trusting in the Lord’s call, we are praying and working diligently to locate a new permanent home for this ministry. We are seeking suitable property and to establish a new Camp and Retreat Center for our diocese and for the greater Anglican Church in North America. We need lots of prayer and help as we search for it. We need lots of help and generosity to acquire and equip it once the Lord reveals it to us. “Camp Jubilee” asks for the prayers and support of our entire diocese. We invite you to prayerfully consider partnering with us in this new endeavor. We are keenly aware that alone, we cannot accomplish a thing of this magnitude. We know our Lord can and we believe He will. We are already seeing His Holy Spirit working mightily. To Him be all glory, now and forever.

To register for or donate to Camp Jubilee1 visit <https://www.campjubileesc.org/>



Camp Jubilee

#	Dates	Nights	Grades Completed	Cost	Location
1	Sat-Tue (June 3-6)	3	2nd-4th	\$450	Camp Kinard
2	Wed-Sat (June 7-10)	3	2nd-4th	\$450	Camp Kinard
3	Sun-Fri (June 11-16)	5	4th-6th	\$650	Awanita Valley
4	Sat-Thu (July 1-6)	5	6th-8th	\$650	Camp Kinard
5	Fri-Sat (July 7-8)	1	K-2nd* (Buddy Camp)	\$300	Camp Kinard
6	Sun-Fri (July 9-14)	5	6th-8th	\$650	Awanita Valley
7	Mon-Sat (July 24-29)	5	9th-12th	\$650	Camp Kinard
8	Mon-Fri (July 31-Aug 4)	4	3rd-5th	\$525	Camp Kinard
9	Sat-Wed (Aug 5-9)	4	3rd-5th	\$525	Camp Kinard

*Buddy Camps are for a child and same-sex adult to attend to together. The total cost is \$300
Early registration for members of ACNA (Anglican Church of North America) parishes runs from January 9th at 9am to January 20th at 5pm.
General registration begins on January 23rd at 9am.
Please visit campjubileesc.org for early registration qualification and to register for camp.
Please email summercamp@adosc.org with questions regarding summer camp.

Elections

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Standing Committee

Two Clergy Needed for 3-Year Term: The Rev. Jonathan Bennett, Church of the Holy Cross, Daniel Island; The Rev. David Booman, Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter; The Rev. Rags Cox, St. Matthew’s, Darlington; The Rev. Mary Ellen Doran, Trinity Church, Pinopolis; The Rev. James Gibson, Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville; The Rev. Cindy Larsen, Grace Anglican Parish, North Myrtle Beach

Two Laity Needed for 3-Year Term: Rick Blanchard, St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Summerville; Bobby Kilgo, St. Matthew’s, Darlington; Jim Ewing, The Well By The Sea, Myrtle Beach; Denise Hory, Holy Trinity, Grahamville; Terry Jenkins, Christ-St. Paul’s Church, Yorges Island

Diocesan Council

Two Clergy Needed for 3-Year Term: The Rev. Kyle Holtzower, Christ-St. Paul’s, Yorges Island; The Rev. Russell Reed, St. James, Blackville; The Rev. Jason Varnadore, St. David’s, Cheraw; The Rev.

Greg Smith, St. Michael’s Church, Charleston

Two Laity Needed for 3-Year Term: Todd Barnum, St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Summerville; Kelli Hample, Holy Trinity Anglican, Charleston; James R. Felts IV, Prince George Winyah, Georgetown; Cathy Jacobs, St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Summerville, Dawn Schaeperkoetter, St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Summerville; Millard (Mill) Simmons, The Church of the Cross, Bluffton

Ecclesiastical Court

Two Clergy Needed for 3-Year Term: The Rev. Claudia Carucci, Parish Church of St. Helena, Beaufort; The Rev. Bill Christian, St. Philip’s Church, Charleston; The Rev. Newman Lawrence, St. Jude’s, Walterboro; The Rev. Drew Miller, St. John’s, Florence

Two Laity Needed for 3-Year Term: Susan McDonald, Trinity, Myrtle Beach; Harry Oxner, Prince George Winyah, Georgetown; G.W. Parker, St. Paul’s Anglican Church

St. Matthew’s Raises \$275,000; Buys Back Property

St. Matthew’s, Fort Motte, invites everyone to attend their “Save the Church” Celebration at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 14. The parish, which following the SC Supreme Court Ruling was given the opportunity to buy back their building, accomplished the goal of raising the amount needed to purchase the property by the January 27 deadline.

“Thanks be to God! We reached our goal of \$275,000 and have our deed!” the Rector, the Rev. Janet Echols, announced in a recent church post.

“Through your generosity and the sacrificial giving of folks inside and outside our church family, we were able to buy back our church building, graveyard, and parish hall. We have a deed to our property that now belongs to the Parish and to no one else! We thank God for His provision. Every step of the way



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“Thanks be to God! We reached our goal of \$275,000 and have our deed!” said the Rector, the Rev. Janet Echols, in a note to the congregation.

He worked above and beyond our dreams and expectations to bring us to this point.

“The past is preserved. Now it’s time to build for the future.”

St. Matthew’s is embarking on a new fundraising effort to take the church into the next season.

“Because of the lawsuit, there are several projects we have put off that need to be taken care of,” she said, “roofing, flooring, playground, etc. You may have been waiting until the new tax year to give and feel like

you missed the chance to be part of “Save Our Church.” It is not too late. We will keep the campaign open and any more money that comes in will NOT go into savings; it will go into a special building fund, a fund that will prepare us for the future.”

To donate to the fund, make checks out to St Matthew’s Parish and mail them to PO Box 447, St Matthews SC 29135, writing “Building” on the memo line. Or give online at <https://www.stmatthewsfmotte.com>.

A Conversation with Hunter Myers, the New Diocesan Canon for Student Ministry

Bishop Chip Edgar has appointed Hunter Myers, the Student Ministry Director at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke & St. Paul, as the ADOSC Canon for Student Ministry. Hunter will hold this part-time diocesan position while serving in his full-time capacity at the Cathedral. He is thrilled to step into this diocesan role and took the time to share more about himself and his dreams for ADOSC student ministry.

Why student ministry?

God directed my steps into student ministry back in high school. I became a Christian hearing a high school junior preach on Ephesians 2. However during my sophomore year, most of my friends left the church and deconstructed their faith in Jesus. I did not know how to answer their concerns and that troubled me in the deepest parts of myself. My youth pastor, Jim, offered a path forward without leaving questions behind, saying, “Bring your honest questions and trust that the Gospel is bigger and Jesus is always better.” That trust set me on a discipleship trajectory towards Bible college, deeper formation in Christian thought and philosophy, and ultimately to the beauty of student ministry in the life of the Anglican church. In walking with my peers, I discovered the life of God at work in young people.

But more than my own story, I love that Holy Scripture never attests to a ‘junior’ Holy Spirit or a ‘junior’ Gospel. Young people are catechized

and invited into the fullness of the Gospel story and the life of God. Age and stage-appropriate methods do not mean that we have to dumb it down!

Youth/student ministry exists to meet students we haven’t yet met, to call students to respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to form students in Christ, and to send students into their world to join the Holy Spirit in building the Kingdom. We get to partner with parents and the whole household of faith to follow Jesus daily with our young people! Yes, they need us to grow in Christ, but we also need them to grow into full maturity.

What excites you about student ministry in the ADOSC?

For decades, the ADOSC has prioritized our young people, so student ministry leaders inherit a healthy culture to equip and empower young people to be disciples on mission. We have opportunities that uniquely position our parishes to reach young people in South Carolina and to lead in an increasingly post-Christian U.S. I get to help on the ACNA’s Student Leadership network, so I see that only a few dioceses have student ministry leaders within driving distance who are actively collaborating. In the ADOSC, our student ministry leaders have the opportunity not



HUNTER MYERS

“I want to leverage my time and resources to be encouraging, caring for, and empowering student ministry leaders in tangible ways they can receive,” says Myers. “Of course, this care and support extends to all our student ministry leaders, lay and clergy, part-time and full-time, long-term or interim. We get to shepherd one another after our Good Shepherd.”

just to network, but to also be a net that works together. Please forgive the pun, but it gets the point across!

What are your priorities for this year?

First, ADOSC student ministry leaders need to own the work of ministry in new ways together. I’m going to remain a practitioner on the ground like everyone else,

so my role will be to re-think our existing teams and then equip and empower our leaders to pull in the same direction with specific areas of responsibility. That’s great news, because our leaders have so much to bring! We’ll be better at student ministry when everyone can bring their God-given gifts.

Second, we have to care for one another. Parishes in property transition and planting need our support. So, I want to leverage my time and

resources to be encouraging, caring for, and empowering student ministry leaders in tangible ways they can receive. Of course, this care and support extends to all our student ministry leaders, lay and clergy, part-time and full-time, long-term or interim. We get to shepherd one another after our Good Shepherd.

Finally, we get to do something incredible: help launch Camp Jubilee! The Rev. Canon Ken Weldon, Justin Johnson, and Ann Claire Gaillard lead the charge, and we get to follow their lead. Camp Jubilee will be a central way the ADOSC student ministry meets new young people, proclaims Jesus to every generation, and forms disciples to lead and shepherd others. We only get to launch Camp Jubilee once, so let’s give it our best!

How can we pray for you?

Pray for my wife Karina and me (a.k.a. team Myers) as we settle in a new neighborhood outside of Park Circle called Whipper Barony, which sounds like a setting in a Dickens book. Pray for me as I pursue a Masters in Theological Studies from Gordon-Conwell in Charlotte, on the path of postulancy towards Holy Orders. Pray for my student ministry team at the Cathedral. Finally, pray for every parish to see our young people as full members of the Body of Christ. They will be the best Christ-like missionaries to their peers, so let’s equip and empower them for that call.

Anglican Leadership Institute Resumes

The Rev. Robert S. Lawrence, Assistant to Interim Director, Anglican Leadership Institute

The Anglican Leadership Institute (ALI) resumed on February 1, 2023 on the Isle of Palms, SC, under the leadership of Bishop Mark Lawrence following a three-year hiatus due to COVID-19. Bishop Lawrence, upon the request of the board of directors for the ALI, agreed to serve as the Interim Executive Director for the resumption of the Institute in 2023. Additionally, Bishop Lawrence invited the Rev. Bob Lawrence to come alongside him to assist during this interim.

The Institute was born of a vision cast by Bishop Lawrence in his address to the annual Diocesan Convention in March 2014. In that convention address, Bishop Lawrence asked the questions, “What if we establish in this diocese an institute to bring emerging Anglican leaders from across the world for ... three weeks... of residential study, prayer, renewal and reflection with seasoned Christian leaders and scholars? Can you imagine what a season for building relationships of gospel affection and missionary vision for reaching the secular and religious cultures of the 21st Century might mean for those who labor in demanding vineyards under great deprivation, and persecution?”

From that early vision, the Anglican Leadership Institute began in 2016, with the Rev. Dr. Peter Moore serving as its inaugural Executive Director.

Convening for the first time in January 2016 on Sullivan’s Island, SC, at Mugdock Castle, it welcomed 14 participants from 11 different countries. Since that beginning it has convened twice a year in both January and September through to January 2020 for a total of nine different sessions. With the gathering of those nine cohorts, there are now 135

graduated Fellows of the ALI, who collectively come from 30 different countries. While half of these countries are in Africa, representing 83 of the current graduated Fellows, other Fellows include nine from Asian countries, 10 from South American countries, seven from Australia, six from Europe, and 20 from North America.



JULIANE UCHOA

Participants in the January 2023 Institute gather for a portrait. Each Institute has brought emerging Anglican leaders together for a unique learning experience in principles of leadership built upon the foundation of Anglican Formularies and the Jerusalem Declaration. In addition to lectures on the Bible, culture, and preaching, participants receive tools to assess their gifts, character, and leadership styles.

Each Institute has brought emerging Anglican leaders together for a unique learning experience in principles of leadership built upon the foundation of Anglican Formularies and the Jerusalem Declaration. In addition to lectures on the Bible, culture, and preaching, participants receive tools to assess their gifts, character, and leadership styles. Over the years of ALI, participants have encountered faithful teachers, inspiring Anglican leaders, and gifted CEOs of noted companies. Born of a vision of what might be, this effort has reached the four corners of the Anglican Communion, knitting together emerging leaders into a unique partnership for the Kingdom of God. Additionally, the participants strengthen one another, enjoy fellowship, and develop connections that last a lifetime.

When the 10th Institute gathered in February, it welcomed 16 participants from Tanzania, Northern Ireland, Burundi, Brazil, Ghana, South



Students Spring Retreat March 31-April 2

Enter Holy Week with students from all over the diocese! All middle and high schoolers are invited to the 2023 ADOSC Students Spring Retreat on March 31-April 2 at Garden City Chapel, Murrell’s Inlet. Students, come enjoy a weekend away with your friends for incredible activities, engaging Bible teaching, and transformative worship. Don’t miss this space away to be known and loved and to grow together in Christ!

Register for only \$125 by visiting <https://adosc.org/event/adosc-students-spring-retreat-2023/>

Have questions? Contact our Canon for Student Ministry, Hunter Myers at hunter@your-cathedral.org

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Weldon Appointed Canon for Clergy Care



Bishop Edgar has appointed the Very Rev. Ken Weldon to serve as Canon for Clergy Care. The ministry of the Canon for Clergy Care has historic roots in many dioceses, including our own, with the former role of Archdeacon. Under the direction of the bishop, the Canon for Clergy Care will work for the overall pastoral care and wellness for all the clergy of the diocese.

“In God’s providence—even His unpleasant providence in the loss of St. Christopher, I am grateful that God provided Ken with the space and time to share with me the important work of caring for our clergy,” said Bishop Edgar. “Our diocese is the largest diocese in the ACNA to have only one bishop in active ministry. Ken’s work in clergy care, along with Bishop Lawrence’s willingness to continue to help with episcopal visits to parishes, goes a long way in ensuring that our need for care and oversight among our clergy and parishes will be provided for with abundant grace.”



One of Weldon’s first initiatives as Canon for Clergy Care was to take a small group of clergy to hike part of the Palmetto Trail January 15-17.

With clergy burnout and unprecedented numbers of ordained clergy leaving the ministry every month, this appointment shows that the pastoral and soul care of our clergy is a diocesan priority.

“Caring for the clergy of the Florence Deanery and caring for the clergy of this diocese is one of the great joys of my years in ministry,” says Weldon. “I feel blessed to have been appointed to this new ministry and I look forward to seeing how the Lord will use this. To be called to serve the clergy of our diocese in this way is an honor and a privilege. They’re my closest friends, and I love them dearly.”

The vision and plan for clergy care and wellness will include:

- Implementation of the Bishop’s vision for clergy care and wellness
- Regular prayer for diocesan clergy
- Consistent and regular communication with diocesan clergy
- Counsel and encouragement of clergy (working through deans/deaneries)
- Establishing diocesan practices/touchstones for deeper clergy fellowship such as clergy accountability groups, clergy hikes, clergy days, and clergy retreats
- Working with parishes/vestries to provide clergy sabbaticals

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Wearied (and Worth It!) on Wednesdays

by Molly Hare, St. Philip’s Church, Charleston

I’m relentlessly committed to Wednesdays at our church—much like we all are to the commitments we have to carpool around town at all hours for sports and clubs and celebrations. I make Wednesday just as important, even more so, as the many other things that barter and bid for our time and soul. Wednesday night church has this feeling that’s different from Sunday best. Wednesday has an opportune, home-like rhythm waiting to be played out. You walk in the door at 3:00—there might be a mess, people are scattered about doing their things, and you can relax, knowing you’re safe and loved in the state you came home in. Dinner is going to be ready by 5:00—hope you’re hungry.

We have a nice little Wednesday routine: I pick the kids up from school, swing through Chick-fil-A for a post-school milkshake that everyone shares, but not before a vicious game of “Rock-Paper-Scissors” for which flavor we get. Everyone sips milkshake and decompresses from school during the ride. Oftentimes one kid wants to talk and one kid wants complete and total silence (anyone raising both introverts and extroverts knows this struggle). The motley crew spills out of the minivan, literally—there was a kerfuffle over the milkshake, and it and they all went spilling. Rallying on, we head upstairs to the Parish Hall, where we sit, sprawl, spill out more on the floor to tackle homework. At 3:15, it’s time for piano lessons and some playtime outside. Children’s choir begins at 4:00. While the children are away making a joyful noise, I’m at the parent Bible study that flies by. At 5:15, we all have to be poked and prodded to pick up our kids, clearly wanting

to squeeze every last drop from good parental fellowship. Then the bells ring. It’s time for church. I holler at my kids and round everyone up.

First encounter, “Do we have to?!” Second encounter, “I don’t want to go!!” Third encounter, “I am not going!” Fourth encounter, “Why do we always go?!” Fifth encounter, “I am so hungry.” Sixth encounter, garbled groaning and exaggerated whining.

By now we’ve made it to the doors of the church, and I take out biscuits and hand them to each kid. We flop gracelessly down in a pew. Many times there’s a child who makes the scene of sprawling out on the pew and rebelliously closing their eyes.

With coaxing and patience, everyone seems to soften. Did I mention that it’s now about 5:35 in the evening and my kids, having left our house for the day at 7:00 in the morning, are looking quite disheveled and there are smells like sweaty shoes (among other things)? We really are the weary, trudging in for Wednesday worship.



MOLLY HARE

parental surrender and waited for Sunday best.

Now, it’s time for communion, and my son, all of five years old, asks to stop at the prayer ministers afterwards. His little heart carries a need, and amidst all his wiggles each week, he’s somehow heard that there are prayer ministers located by the side doors as he leaves communion. I watch his eyes get watery as he quietly and hesitantly asks for prayer, and the prayer minister kneels down to his level and speaks the balm of Jesus over his concerns. She doesn’t miss a beat. She doesn’t defer to looking at me, the parent.

She doesn’t discard the concerns of a five-year-old. She prays the truth, beauty, and goodness of our Heavenly Father to his need. We could have missed this, too, if my surrender flag had flown.

We go to supper after church in the Parish Hall. My kids can’t seem to sprint to food fast enough. There was a sign that recently got put on the buffet table, “Parents, please help your children serve their food,” probably prompted by my kids politely and not-so-sneakily returning the tomatoes from their plates back into the communal salad bowl. Besides a dinner that I don’t have to cook and a kitchen that I don’t have to clean, there’s more goodness to feast on—people come and sit with us. With three young kids hitting bedtime, law and order are dwindling at rapid rates, and I don’t know why anyone would want to sit in proximity to our mess of a table. One kid eats with her hands—it’s the baby, so she gets a pass for being adorable. One kid is really working on trying to remember not to talk with food in her mouth and forgetting a lot. One kid has already spilled water and will probably confuse your silverware with his. But my kids feel part of this big family. They even charismatically rope people in to sit at our table who have graciously complied many a time, bless their hearts. These people and this place, they are becoming our family and our home. The big picture, all of these nuanced Wednesday minutes and moments, are witnessing to my kids (and me) a glimpse of our true home and a family that awaits—one that will worship and feast with unending gladness. Our Sunday best is beautiful, and our Wednesday wearies are, too!

But here’s where it gets good, my “why” for doing this every single week. There’s a college student who comes in and sits behind us. My 8-year-old daughter asks to sit with her... I look back, and both the college student and my daughter are kneeling in prayer. The 8-year-old’s eyes peek up and over at this college student, their hands folded and praying... I’m so humbled by and in awe of the seeds being planted and watered now for our children to seek and find those mentors in the church.

kneeling in prayer. The 8-year-old’s eyes peek up and over at this college student, their hands folded and praying. My daughter won’t always want to come and talk to me about ... things. I’m so humbled by and in awe of the seeds being planted and watered now for our children to seek and find those mentors in the church. We could have missed this if I had given in to the rebellion and waved my flag of exhausted

Three Mission Congregations Receive Property Titles

By Molly Hare, St. Philip’s Church, Charleston

The mission churches of St. James Anglican of Blackville, St. Andrew’s Mission of Charleston, and St. John’s Chapel of Charleston executed deeds to their properties on Nov. 30, 2022 and now own their properties outright.

Prior to the litigation with the Episcopal Church the deeds to these three mission churches were held by either the diocese or the trustees of the diocese. The Episcopal Church agreed in the final settlement with the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina that both parties would relinquish any legal right to the properties and turn the deeds over to the individual congregations.

“When we went through all this with the courts,” said the Rev. Jimmy Gallant, Vicar of St. Andrew’s Mission, “our people had no idea they didn’t have the deed to the property. This is a mighty blessing.”

The congregation of St. John’s Chapel, in receiving their church’s title, achieved the first major step towards their long-term goal of transitioning from a mission church to a parish. The Rev. Matthew Rivers, Vicar, and the congregation of St. John’s are currently planning ways to maintain the church building, dating back to 1839, but more importantly developing ways to build and expand the church’s ministry into the surrounding community. “We want to secure our building but also secure relationships,” said Rivers.

The congregation of St. James Anglican, fondly called “Little Blue,” experienced joy



SUSAN LLOYD

“We want to secure our building but also secure relationships,” said Matthew Rivers, Vicar of St. John’s Chapel, standing in front of his church’s altar.

and relief with the court’s decision. “God does answer prayer and always provides for us,” remarked the Rev. Russ Reed, Vicar.

“I’m Not Qualified”

By the Rev. Canon Todd Simonis, Canon for Church Planting, ADOSC

I’m not qualified.” This is the response I hear most often when I ask someone, “Why don’t you plant a church?” It’s a valid answer. Church planting is filled with countless hurdles, barriers, frustrations and unknowns. The truth is, NONE of us, on our own, are qualified.

with budgets, sanctuaries or a fancy website. Church planting begins when an individual takes a step of faith and declares, “Here am I. Send me” (Isaiah 6:8). If you are sensing even the slightest leading from the Lord to begin reaching your community with the Gospel, I would love to talk with you about how that



MONA STURGIS

The Rev. Jamie Sosnowski offers a blessing during worship at Habersham.

Which is why it is so important to understand the truth Paul writes in Colossians 1:11-12: “May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.”

Church planting does not begin with us feeling qualified.

Church planting begins when we understand we have been called to reach those who do not yet know Jesus Christ. When we trust in Him, it is HE who strengthens us “for all endurance and patience with joy” (v.11) in the work of planting new churches.

Church planting does not begin

work might begin. You are qualified because of the work that Jesus Christ has already done for you.

Church Planting Podcast with Jamie Sosnowski

Did you know Always Forward has a great podcast about planting Anglican churches? A recent episode (“Planter Stories” from December 29) featured the Rev. Jamie Sosnowski being interviewed about the planting of The Parish Church in Habersham within our Diocese. <https://soundcloud.com/user-562452129/planter-stories-jamie-sosnowski-interviewed-by-todd-simonis>.

Passion Conference Impacts Church of the Cross Students

By Joy Hunter, Editor

On January 3, the Church of the Cross, Bluffton, packed a bus full of high school seniors and college students and departed for Atlanta, Georgia, for the Passion Conference. They joined 40,000 other young people to be part of a growing movement that is impacting the church on our shores and beyond.

“The Wind of God is clearly blowing into the sails of this movement,” says the Rev. Jonathon Riddle, who organized the trip.

Riddle has a personal connection to the gathering. “On a whim in 1997 a fellow Youth Pastor named Pete Matthews invited us to come to Austin, Texas, to be at the first conference. It was called Choice Ministries then,” says Riddle. “I watched a very young John Piper & Lou Giglio, with God’s leading, start a youth movement that would impact generations to come. I’m not overstating to say that Piper changed my life. He was the one who challenged my generation (I was 26 years old at the time) to step up and step out. One year later I was in seminary.

“The fruit that’s been born out of this movement is simply stunning, stopping sexual slavery in developing nations, fostering the translation of the scriptures into hundreds of languages, and so much more.”

The trip, made by the Church of the Cross students in 2023, was possible, in large part, by donations from God’s Goods (the church’s



JONATHAN RIDDLE

“The Wind of God is clearly blowing into the sails of this movement,” says the Rev. Jonathon Riddle, foreground, who organized the trip. “I’m a realist. The Passion Conference has its critics and it’s not for everyone.... but it is for some, and that’s where my heart is. I already purchased 30 tickets for next year in the Mercedes Benz Dome. They’re planning for 65,000 young people. It’ll be incredible!”

resale shop), the church’s Mission Board, and donations from individual parishioners. Riddle made an inspiring video about the experience he shared with the church. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WU-Clas9bx7l>.

In it two 21-year-olds described what the conference meant to them:

“Hey, Church of the Cross, I just got back from Passion 2023, and it was amazing. It was my third year, and it just changes my life every time I go. The first year 2020 that I went is where I found my relationship with Jesus and made it my own. And I can’t wait till next year,” said William Riddle, a junior at Charleston Southern.

Sydney Laing, a senior at Anderson University, added, “Thank you so much, Church of the Cross, for donating. Passion 2023 this year was so, so incredible. It was incred-

ible to be able to worship with all those people, 40,000 to be exact. And it also was just such an opportunity for me to grow in new ways. I was able to remember that the Lord is the same God wherever I go. As I’m transitioning out of college this year, it was a reminder to continue to be on mission to all the people in my classes and the people that surround me. And it really was just an opportunity for me to praise the Lord, and I’m just so thankful for that. So thank you all so much, and I cannot wait for next year!”

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Three Churches to Hold Spring Tea Rooms

Three diocesan churches are preparing for spring tea rooms. The annual events, in which delicious lunches are prepared and served by volunteers, and from which proceeds are used for local and international outreach, are a tradition.

St. Paul’s, Tea Room & Gift Shop, March 6-10, 13-17

St. Paul’s, Summerville, will hold their Tea Room and Gift Shop Monday-Friday from 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., March 6-10 and 13-17. All are invited to join them for delicious homemade lunches and decadent desserts! When it’s springtime in Summerville, it’s time for the light-filled Doar Hall to be transformed into a beautiful dining experience with smiles and friendly service. Tables with fresh flowers and linens welcome visitors to enjoy an array of tasty dishes and homemade desserts. The dining room can seat 220 people at one time. A take-out option is also available to enjoy on their grounds or at home or work. Shop their one-of-a-kind, hand-crafted gifts. All proceeds go to St. Paul’s Outreach Ministries – local, regional and worldwide! Reservations are open to the general public on Monday, February 13. Call the church office, (843) 873-1991 M-F, 9-12.



LISA GREENSLIT

The servers at St. Paul’s Tea Room tempt guests with homemade desserts.

Old St. Andrew’s Tea Room & Gift Shop, March 13-25

Old St. Andrew’s, Charleston, will hold their Tea Room and Gift Shop Monday – Saturday from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. March 13-25. Charleston’s oldest Tea Room, this will be the 69th year Old St. Andrew’s has held the event. Their menu will include Lowcountry favorites of she-crab soup, okra soup, chicken salad and shrimp paste

sandwiches, salads, and homemade desserts. The Gift Shop features handmade craft and food items. Church tours are offered each day. Proceeds from the Tea Room and Gift Shop support the mission, outreach and parish programs of The Church Women of Old St. Andrew’s. Reservations for groups of four or more are encouraged and can be made by contacting the reservation line at (843) 990-6281 or office@oldstandrews.org.

St. Philip’s, Tea Room & Gift Shop, April 24-28

St. Philip’s Church, Charleston, will hold their Tea Room and Gift Shop Monday – Friday from 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., April 24-28. At this spring’s Tea Room, low-country luncheon favorites such as Charleston Receipts okra soup, pimento cheese, classic chicken salad, and shrimp salad will return. A wonderful selection of desserts made by parishioners will include hummingbird cake, grand marnier cheesecake, and Huguenot torte as well as a wide variety of other treats. Guests may take advantage of the Tea Room’s original 1952 outdoor format that allows them to dine in the beautiful courtyard or on the Parish Hall’s veranda. The Parish Hall will also have indoor seating with live piano music to enjoy. Patrons will also have the opportunity to place takeout orders with delivery to downtown locations by calling (843) 722-7921. Throughout the week, homemade items, baked goods, souvenirs, and more will be sold in their gift shop. Proceeds benefit St. Philip’s international and local missions, St. Philip’s choirs, and youth ministries. For more information, call (843) 722-7734 or visit www.stphilipchurchsc.org.

Come ... Refresh

At His Feet A DOK Spring Retreat, March 24-26

The Daughters of the King South Carolina Assembly invites all women to join them for a time of rest, respite and retreat at the annual DOK Spring Retreat to be held the weekend of March 24-26, 2023, at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center on Seabrook Island. The theme will be “At His Feet,”



and the speaker will be Fiona Richardson, a missionary, gifted teacher, and leader in Titus Women (tituswomen.org). Fiona is originally from England but resides now in Indiana where she also works with One Mission Society (onemission-society.org). She was the speaker at the DOK Triennial 2022.

To learn more and register visit <http://www.doksc.org/>.

Annual Gathering of the Anglican Women

April 22 Event Planned

The Annual Gathering of Anglican Women will be held Saturday, April 22 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection, North Charleston. The speaker will be Van Weston, sister of the Rev. Rich Giersch, who serves at Church of the Resurrection.

Van has been in the trenches of full-time church ministry for over 20 years, including All Saints Church in Pawleys Island, where she served in a variety of roles, and more recently at Christ Church in Murrells Inlet. During this season, Van enjoyed being a part of the birth of a church and helping shape a community designed to “Connect people to Jesus Christ, to one another, and to God’s work in the world.”

Van’s passions include spending time with people and helping them discover their identity in Christ and their God-given purpose based on giftedness and passion. Over the years Van has taught at women’s retreats, church events, and bible studies. When she teaches, she fully expects to encounter Jesus in the Word of God and to see lives touched and changed by its power.

Married for almost 33 years, Van and her husband Rich have three adult children and two grandchildren.

Registration for the event opens on February 20 and closes April 9. The cost is \$25.00.



Women Share Deeply at Annual Retreat

By Pringle Franklin, St. Philip’s Church, Charleston

Take Heart was the reassuring theme for the annual retreat of the Women of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, held Oct. 21-23 at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center on Seabrook Island. About 85 women came together to worship, sing, attend workshops and lectures, take nature and beach walks, and enjoy great food and fellowship.

The keynote speaker was the Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner, who, at the time, served as chaplain and director of The Prayer Center at the camp. Kerner’s talks were based on John 16:33, comforting words shared by Jesus with his disciples shortly before his arrest. The repeated message of “Take Heart, for I have overcome the world” reminded the women to turn all of their worries and concerns over to Jesus Christ.

Kerner talked about her own difficult season of moving to St. Christopher to live and become chaplain in October 2019. A former parish priest in Virginia, Kerner had made the decision to change her job after becoming a widow. Not long after she moved, COVID-19 hit, and the camp shut down. She was lonely, uncertain of what the future held, and even wound up having to clean rooms and do dishes as the small staff pitched in in unexpected ways at the pandemic-challenged conference center. Just when things were getting better, the dining hall caught on fire in December 2021. And now, Kerner will be moving once again, due to the Anglican Church losing St. Christopher to the Episcopal Church. (See “People News” pg. 12)

“It’s hard. The losses are incredible,” Kerner said. “We don’t know what it will all look like in the end. But God uses all of that affliction for good, for other things.”

Kerner posted a list of what Jesus has overcome for his followers: anxieties and cares; hatred, persecution and betrayal; sin and temptation; spiritual forces of darkness; sorrow and death. In small groups after each lecture, women shared deeply with their sisters in Christ about what was happening in their own lives. Many said the support of their small group gave them renewed hope.

More renewal and healing came Saturday afternoon during a Soaking Prayer session

in Kimbel Chapel. Participants also had the opportunity to receive one-on-one prayer ministry. At Sunday’s worship service, numerous women shared testimonies of how their lives had been changed. Chains were broken; burdens were lifted.

“I have been carrying a tremendous burden of pain for years,” one woman testified through her tears. She said that the one-on-one prayer ministry of the Rev. Henrietta Rivers (St. John’s Chapel, Charleston) had delivered her from anger which had been

people, and our jobs, and other activities. We don’t get to have a lot of time to ourselves,” Walker said. “That’s why this is really important. We need fellowship.”

Walker and Kerner chose this year’s theme based on surveys from past attendees, who said they wanted to learn more about prayer and healing. Walker felt that the teaching was very well received.

“Sandi was very real with what she said. There was lots of scripture, but she related it back to the topic,” Walker said. And so did



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The keynote speaker, the Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner, (center, front row) who was chaplain and director of The Prayer Center at St. Christopher, reminded the women to turn all of their worries and concerns over to Jesus Christ.

causing her to make a series of bad choices for 20 years. “I feel like a new person, thanks be to God.”

Rivers, chaplain for the Diocesan Women’s Board, noticed that the women looked lighter and more radiant after attending the prayer and worship services. “They walked out feeling seen, that God saw them and responded to them,” she said.

Sunny Walker (Church of the Resurrection, North Charleston), president of the Women’s Ministry Board, had been planning the retreat for a year. Not every Anglican church in coastal South Carolina has a strong women’s ministry. Walker wants women to know that the Diocese has special plans for them.

“We as women do so much for everybody else. We are always busy worrying about other

Walker and the other board members, who planned a series of surprises for the retreatants, giving them everything from pins, candy, and bookmarks to door prizes, all based on the Take Heart theme.

St. Philip’s talented worship team provided the music, with Joanna Macmurphy leading the singing and playing the guitar, Georgia Bell jamming on the keyboard, and Pam Dixon playing the flute. Each of the three main sessions began with about 20 minutes of robust praise music. The musicians led the women through old favorites and also taught them new songs.

Macmurphy said she felt the weekend was a big success. “It’s been fun to see people from all over the diocese that I haven’t seen in such a long time and just to be in this special place,” she said. “I think God has really done a big work in a lot of people’s lives.”

Old St. Andrew’s Hosts Service Celebrating St. Andrew’s Mission

Receiving Title to Property and Relationship Between the Churches

By Joy Hunter, Editor

At a brief ceremony on November 30 at Old St. Andrew’s Church, Charleston, Bishop Chip Edgar presented the Rev. Jimmy Gallant and representatives of his congregation with the deed to St. Andrew’s Mission Church. “This is a mighty blessing,” said Gallant, who has served as Vicar of the church since 2013. This was the first time the congregation has held clear title to their property.

“We celebrate the relationship between St. Andrew’s Mission and Old St. Andrew’s tonight upon this historic occasion,” said Bishop Edgar, during the ceremony. “On this day, a Quitclaim Deed has been recorded in Charleston County whereby St. Andrew’s Mission, as of today, St. Andrew’s Day, owns their own property outright. We gather here at Old St. Andrew’s to celebrate this occasion, acknowledging the history and the relationship between

these two congregations and asking God for His continued blessing upon that relationship and upon the continuing ministry of St. Andrew’s Mission Church.”

Prior to the litigation with the Episcopal Church, the deed to St. Andrew’s Mission, along with those of two other mission congregations (St. John’s Chapel, Charleston and St. Alban’s, Blackville) were held by either the diocese or the trustees of the diocese. Although the court effectively awarded these properties to the Episcopal Church in its April 2022 decision, the Episcopal Church agreed in the final settlement to relinquish their right to the properties and turn the deeds over to the individual congregations.

“When we went through all this with the courts,” said Gallant, “our people had no idea they didn’t have the deed to the property. So, what’s happening tonight is monu-

mental. There’s so much history and family there. We’re grateful.”

The Rev. Marshall Huey, Rector of Old St. Andrew’s said, “I want to express my gratitude to our legal counsel, particularly Foster Gaillard, Ben Hagood, Alan Runyan and Andrew Platte and to our parish chancellor Andy Lacour. I also want to express my gratitude to Bishop Ruth Woodliff Stanley for her graciousness in this matter. We at Old St. Andrew’s look forward to continuing our historic and wonderful relationship with St. Andrew’s Mission.”

Bishop Edgar had invited Bishop Ruth Woodliff-Stanley to the ceremony and dinner, but she was out of town and unable to attend.

Bishop Edgar began the service by praying, “Through the ages, Almighty God has moved His people to build houses of prayer, study and praise, and to set apart places

for the ministry of His Holy Word and Sacraments. With gratitude we acknowledge and praise His Holy Name for the ministry, through the past two centuries, of St. Andrew’s Mission Church. We thank God for the generations of faithful servants who have worshipped and served the Lord in that holy place.”

At the conclusion of the service Father Marshall and Father Jimmy led the congregation in the Collect for St. Andrew’s Day, an appropriate ending to the event: “Almighty God, you gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him. Give us, who are called by your Holy Word, grace to follow Him without delay, and bring those near to us into His gracious presence, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.”

Anglican Leadership Institute Resumes

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Sudan, Paraguay, Uganda, and Pakistan. Additionally, participant speakers included Archbishop Foley Beach, Bishop Ken Clarke, Bishop Grant LeMarquand, Bishop Thad Barnum, The Rev. Dr. John Yates, Jr., The Rev. Dr. Phil Ashby, and Dr. Paul Marshall.

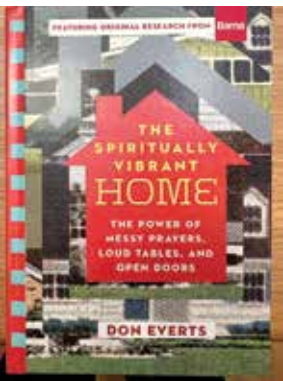
Dr. Marshall is the Wilson Distinguished Professor of Religious Freedom at the Institute for Studies of Religion at Baylor University. He also heads the South and Southeast Asia program at the Religious Freedom Institute and is a Senior Fellow at the Hudson Institute. As part of his participation in the Anglican Leadership Institute, Dr. Marshall offered a lecture on February 14 at St. Philip’s Church, Charleston on “The Biblical & Theological Roots of Religious Freedom.” The public was invited to attend, and those who attended had the opportunity to meet the cohort of participants in the 10th Anglican Leadership Institute.



2023 Christian Men's Conference February 24-26

Our annual Christian Men's Conference is just around the corner, February 24-26, 2023, at St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center. Visit www.adosc.org to register.

Our speaker will be Bishop Chip Edgar who will be leading us in four talks on our theme of "Faith in the Home."



Our conference resource book will be *The Spiritually Vibrant Home* by Don Everts. We will be hosting a workshop Saturday afternoon of the conference to provide a six-week program format to lead a small group through

this book in your church. The first 25 men to sign up for the workshop will receive this book for FREE!

Questions? Contact: Jay Crouse at jaycrouse@aol.com or (941) 320-0271.

Diocesan Men's Hike Planned for May 18-21

This hike in Oconee State Park will be a King's Hike format with camp being a short distance from the parking lot and day hikes in the area with daypacks. Suggested donation of \$50 / person. We will be meeting a few times, probably virtually, to prepare for the hike. Visit <https://adosc.org/ministries-and-departments/mens-ministry/mens-hikes/> to learn more. Signup by March 31.

Behold the Man: Men's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

By Jay Crouse, Founder, Behold the Man

Well, there you go! Our 11th annual Behold the Man men's pilgrimage to the Holy Land is in the books! We travelled with 24 men on the pilgrimage from October 22 to November 5, 2022. Our Behold the Man (John 19:5) team worked tirelessly to provide the most meaningful experience for our 24 pilgrims. Dr. Peter Walker was our Pilgrimage Leader, Marcus Kaiser served



JAY CROUSE:

Behold the man pilgrims hike the Wadi Qelt wilderness trail in the steps of Jesus.

as our Chaplain, Jay Crouse is our Founder and Bud Carpenter served as the Assistant.

The intense spiritual gravitas in Israel, and especially in Jerusalem, provides a transformational experience for each pilgrim which lays the groundwork for an experienced and thoughtful curriculum. This gravitas is due to the concentrated presence of faith and spiritual history in this very small area of the world – faith in God by Jews and Christians, and faith in Allah by Muslims.

For example, on the present-day temple mount plaza, in what is now Old Jerusalem,

stands the "mount" which is sacred for Jews/Hebrews because the first and second Jewish temples stood on these sacred grounds until the second temple was destroyed by the Romans in approximately 70 AD. On this sacred ground now stands the Islamic shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built in 691– 692 AD. The significance of the Dome of the Rock to Muslims is their belief that this was the spot from which the Prophet Muhammad was taken up into heaven for an encounter with God. The Dome of the Rock is the third most sacred place for Muslims.

The sacred nature of this location is further enhanced by the fact that the western wall which supports the temple mount is the most sacred spot for Jews. The bottom portion of the "Western Wall" remains so sacred for Jews because they believe God's presence remains in the stones at the bottom portion of the wall. For many Christians as well, there is a powerful presence in those massive stones.

And then perhaps 300 yards from the temple mount stands the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. This structure, in many different forms, has stood over the most holy site for Christians: Golgotha, the site of Jesus' crucifixion, the Edicule covering the recognized location of Jesus' tomb and from where Jesus was resurrected.

All three of these powerful sacred sites are within a few acres of each other. God's presence has been and continues to be so powerfully evident in Jerusalem and Israel.

No wonder there has been and continues to be such fierce determination to own



JAY CROUSE:

The Rev. Tim Surratt, Associate for Pastoral Care & Healing Ministry at St. Michael's Church, Charleston, teaches in the wilderness.

and control this tiny space. And no wonder Christians, Muslims, and Jewish pilgrims have journeyed to these sacred locations for thousands of years as we continue to do today.

With this brief background, our Behold the Man leadership team makes every effort to live up to our pilgrimage core values.

Our pilgrimage curriculum is designed specifically for each pilgrim as together we walk in the footsteps of Jesus with visitations to the many historical, holy sites.

Within our curriculum, we have intentionally designed an immersive, formative, challenging, and experiential men's 12-day spiritual retreat. Our retreat format in this spiritually rich environment of the Holy Land is intended to give each man the time and framework to inwardly digest these powerful, spiritual experiences: each pilgrim has a two-by-two buddy, meets six times in directed small groups, and is part of a community of pilgrims.

Men, if this adventure speaks to you, please contact me for information on our October 2023 Behold the Man men's pilgrimage to the Holy Land. You can reach me at either jaycrouse@aol.com or (941) 320-0271.

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By The Rev. Al Zadig

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– Dr. Os Guinness

The Closing Prayers, Mere Anglicanism 2023

The Rt Revd Chip Edgar, Bishop of The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

Our recent Mere Anglicanism Conference opened with Choral Evensong. I had the privilege of serving as Officiant and Precentor for what was a stunningly beautiful service of prayer. After the Psalms, the readings, the Mag and the Nunc, near the end of the service are the Closing Prayers. I often look to the Prayer Book for other prayers to use, but sometimes I look to outside sources. For instance, I have a collection of the prayers of Soren Kierkegaard that I love and find a boon to my own prayer life.

I found three wonderful prayers; one from Kierkegaard, one from Karl Barth, and one from Thomas Cranmer (which I don't think ever hit a prayer book, but I could be wrong). All were edited a bit by me. Anyway, several asked for them, so here they are...

The Closing Prayers

You have loved us first, O Lord. May we never forget that you are love, so that this sure conviction might triumph in our hearts over the whirling of the world, over



LESTER FARWELL

Mere Anglicanism participants move forward to participate in Holy Eucharist.

the inquietude of the soul, over the anxiety for the future, over the fright of the past, over the distress of the moment. May this conviction discipline our soul so that our hearts might remain faithful and sincere in the love which we bear to all those we love as ourselves; through Christ our Lord. Amen. (SK)

Lord, our God! Thou knowest who we are: some content, others discontent; some secure, others insecure; some believing, others struggling to believe. Thou also knowest whence we have come: from peaceful prosperity or from manifold adversities and troubles. We are all gathered now in thy presence: in all our diversity equally

unrighteous before thee and each other, equally subject to death, equally lost without thy mercy, yet also equally sharing the promise and the gift of thy grace offered to all in thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (KB)

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Sun of the world, evermore arising, and never going down, which by your most welcome appearing and sight, brings forth, preserves, nourishes, and refreshes all things, as well that are in heaven as also that are on earth; We beg you mercifully and faithfully to shine in our hearts, so that the night and darkness of sins, and the mist of errors on every side may be driven away; with you brightly shining in our hearts we may all our life go without stumbling or offense, and may decently and seemly walk as in the day time, being pure and clean from the works of darkness, and abounding in all good works which God has prepared for us to walk in; you who with the Father and with the Holy Ghost live and reign for ever and ever. Amen. (TC)

Mere Anglicanism Returns and Wows Participants

After a six-year hiatus, Mere Anglicanism returned to Charleston, January 26–28, 2023. The conference theme, “Telling a More Beautiful Story: Lessons from C.S. Lewis on Reaching a Fractured World,” was addressed by world-class theologians and Lewis scholars who presented in person for the conference.



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The sold-out conference, attended by 875, was held at the Charleston Music Hall.

These session presenters generously shared their knowledge and insights:

- The Rev. Dr. Alister McGrath, Andreas Idreos Professor of Science & Religion, University of Oxford
- The Rev. Dr. Michael Ward, Member of the Faculty of Theology & Religion, University of Oxford
- Dr. Philip Ryken, President of Wheaton College
- Dr. Simon Horobin, Professor, Magdalen College Oxford
- Dr. Amy Orr-Ewing, Director, Oxford Center for Christian Apologetics
- Dr. Peter Kreeft, Professor Emeritus, Boston College
- Dr. Jerry Root, Professor Emeritus, Wheaton College

Many participants found the content so rich as to be almost too overwhelming to describe and they look forward to being able to absorb the ideas once more when videos of the lectures will be made available to those who attended.

The conference made a significant impact in so many ways, from the quality and depth of presentations, to the gracious service and hospitality of event organizers and volunteers, to the Holy Spirit-filled worship services.

Jimmy Bailey, a member of St. Philip's, Charleston, provided a glimpse into what the event was like in the February 5 edition of the church's newsletter:

“How does one describe an event like Mere Anglicanism? Overwhelmed. I think that is the best description of what occurred for most who had the privilege of attending the three-day event. It was, indeed, overwhelming, and I feel that my ability to convey a meaningful recap is totally inadequate. Everything from the extraordinary lectures, to the glorious worship services, to the gargantuan effort put forth by our clergy, staff, and parishioner volunteers, this was an overwhelming experience.

According to the conference materials, “Mere Anglicanism is an event-oriented organization that provides the tools and resources to disciple, train, and educate lay and clergy leaders. We bring in thinkers and teachers who help people become informed, equipped leaders and who ‘take theology home with them.’” That certainly unfolded over the course of this conference.

The theme of the conference was “Telling a More Beautiful Story: Lessons from C.S. Lewis on Reaching a Fractured World,” and the opening lecture by Dr. Alister McGrath was titled “Longing for a More Beautiful Story: Lewis and the Gospel in Today's World.” This idea of longing hit home, and it set the stage for all the speakers who followed. We long for beauty, but not in the material sense. We long to be immersed in God's beautiful story, which is where we find true joy, happiness, and contentment. If our longing is in the material world, we will be longing for what we cannot find. McGrath

encouraged us to consider how our own experiences can help share the gospel and give people glimpses of God's beautiful story, as C.S. Lewis was so gifted at doing.

People are attracted to good stories, and God's story is the most remarkable to be told. Sometimes, it is storytelling and showing people, or immersing them in the story, that provides the most effective way to break down barriers between skeptics and the gospel. We should all remember that Lewis was a layperson, yet he used his gift as a storyteller to become a giant in terms of telling God's beautiful story. McGrath asked, “Who among us is another Lewis?”

Fellow parishioner John Kerri-son had this to share about Dr. Peter Kreeft's lecture on day two: “Dr. Peter Kreeft discussed C.S. Lewis as a prophet and underscored his disbelief in the philosophy of history knowing that man's soul has the same longings he has always had. He discussed C.S. Lewis' criticism of a view of man as progressive, always thinking that the most recent thing is the best. He calls it chronological snobbery. He capped his talk by acknowledging mankind's inconsolable longing to be united with God.”

Each lecturer provided highly intellectual insights, including various means of support and evidence for their comments. However, Dr. Jerry Root's talk also included personal stories from his life experience, offering examples of how he's been an opportunistic evangelist. In



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One of the lighter moments came during the panel discussion when the moderator asked the participants how they would evangelize. Simon Horobin quipped, “Put them on a plane with Jerry Root!” Root had earlier told of several encounters where he led people to faith by first asking them to tell their stories.

particular, he's used conversation to get people telling their own stories, and to help them understand that their stories are part of the larger, more beautiful story.

Perhaps the most overwhelming experience for me was the Friday afternoon festival worship service at St. Philip's. A friend texted me on the way and asked puzzlingly, “Who goes to church at happy hour on Friday?” I'm not knocking my friend or anyone who goes to Friday happy hour, but I am so glad I skipped last week in favor of this service. The

sanctuary was as packed as an Easter service, the Archbishop presided, guest speaker Dr. John Dickson preached a tremendous sermon, and the music was as beautiful as I've ever heard.

This is no hyperbole—when it was over I texted two friends who weren't there and said, “Maybe my favorite service ever.” The next morning, Dr. Jerry Root said, “I don't know if I've ever been to a more beautiful worship service. I sensed the presence of God.”

A Report on Parish Mission Involvement

By The Rev. Bob Lawrence, Chair, Anglican Missional Partnerships, Diocesan Representative, AGMP (Anglican Global Mission Partnerships), Diocesan Advocate, ACNA Global Mission Initiative and Assistant to Interim Director, Anglican Leadership Institute

The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina is known throughout the wider church for its involvement in international mission. Many congregations of the diocese have active ongoing strategic missional relationships of mutual support in places throughout the world.

Early in his episcopacy, Bishop Chip Edgar affirmed his endorsement of the goal of the committee for Anglican Missional Partnerships, that “every congregation is to be in a strategic and missional partnership.” This goal had been repeatedly echoed throughout the episcopacy of Bishop Mark Lawrence with his early creation of the Anglican Communion Development Committee (later renamed Anglican Missional Partnership), the Anglican Leadership Institute, and the regular hosting of Anglican leaders from throughout the Communion at every possible opportunity.

Additionally, one of the six initiatives of the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA) is Partnering Globally. To that end, every diocese of the ACNA was asked to identify an Advocate to serve on the provincial Global Mission Initiative (GMI) for the purposes of sharing ideas, encouraging one another, and promoting strategic missional relationships. This group also made recommendations for the inclusion of mission-related questions in the 2022 annual ACNA Parochial Reports submitted by every congregation within the province. The responses to the mission-related

questions were shared with the GMI Advocates for the purposes of both affirmation for the international mission work occurring in the congregations, and encouragement for others to join these efforts.

In addition to the 2022 parochial report data, a diocesan survey was also conducted among every congregation to collect additional mission-related information. The 2022 parochial report form asked three questions.

“How many Cross-Cultural Workers/Missionaries did your church support financially and/or through prayer this year?”

Among the 53 congregations of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina that submitted an ACNA Parochial Report, 31 congregations reported none. The other 22 congregations indicated anywhere from one to 10 cross-cultural workers/missionaries had been supported by prayer and/or financial assistance during 2021.

“How many of these Cross-Cultural Workers/Missionaries have been sent out from your church with a long-term partnership?”

This question only applied to those 22 congregations that affirmed their support with prayer or finances. Of these congregations, nine indicated their support of these cross-cultural workers/missionaries for a long-term partnership. Among these nine congregations, support varied between one and four people with a total of 17 cross-cultural workers/missionaries receiving long-term support with prayer and/or finances.



Above, Jean Corbett, of St. Michael's Church, Charleston listens during a Healing Prayer Mission the church led in West Bengal, India.

“In which countries does your congregation have mission partnerships?”

This question was answered in a variety of ways. Some congregations who indicated no support of cross-cultural workers/missionaries still identified countries with which they had mission partnerships. Others who identified support of cross-cultural workers/missionaries, did not identify countries where they had a mission partnership. Overall, 29 congregations did not identify any country in which they had a mission partnership. The other 24 congregations identified anywhere from one country up to 11. Overall, 36 different countries were identified for mission partnerships

with 24 identified only once, and 12 identified two or more times. The countries identified most often for mission partnerships were Kenya (six) and Honduras (five). Additionally, both the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Mexico were identified by four congregations.

The diocesan survey followed the release of the 2022 parochial report data to ascertain additional information about parish involvement in strategic international mission. Among the 53 congregations twice queried for a response to an online survey, 26 responded. Of the 26 that responded and completed the

“How Can They Believe If They Have Not Heard?”

The challenges of hearing loss – and how you can help

By Dr. Elizabeth Harmon, Holy Cross, Sullivan’s and Daniel Island

Hearing loss is an invisible disability. Maybe the use of the ear trumpet in the past was beneficial to signal that one may need to speak louder and more distinctly to be heard. Hearing aid technology has improved significantly, allowing for smaller hearing aids that can be almost unnoticed in the ear(s).

One in eight people over the age of 12 has significant hearing loss in the United States (US). This translates into hearing loss as the third most common health problem in the US.

Sitting in your congregation, if you extrapolate the numbers, are a lot of parishioners who are missing what is being preached, taught, and announced. There is a gap between “message sent” and “message received.”

How might we start to bridge this gap? It is a prominent issue that can best be addressed by starting with small steps leading to bigger overhauls. You may choose to start by asking your parishioners if there is anyone who cannot hear you. This gives a parishioner permission to say “yes!” Cultural politeness may prevent individuals from saying no. Therefore the question may be answered honestly by reversing the question to offer a yes answer (for a “negative” response).

Should you learn there is room for improvement here are some ideas to consider:

- Always use a microphone, and stay near it if it is a stationary one. If using a lapel microphone, test it to see if it can pick up sound when you turn your head away from the lapel. You will need to test this by asking someone who is sitting in the back pew! I have never seen a parishioner raise their hand and ask the speaker to repeat something they didn’t hear, so try to be proactive and anticipate.
- If a member of the congregation is asked to make an announcement from their place in the pew – provide them with a hand-held microphone. They should be asked to use it (even if they think they talk loudly enough) and to hold the microphone to their mouth. Doing a practice run prior to the service is a wonderful other-centered act. No one should be allowed to speak without a microphone. Make it standard protocol.
- When speaking, be aware of lowering your voice for emphasis. The emphasis will be lost. Parishioners who did not hear what was



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said will spend the next 5-10 seconds trying to determine what was said – and then lose the beginning of the next thought.

- For video announcements or video clips used during the service consider adding subtitles. Search for the video online to see if there is a closed-caption version available.
- If you are using a video series for a home bible study or life group, contact the video author/company to see if there is a subtitled version. More frequent requests may stir companies/organizations to provide it. Can we start a campaign to ask major distributors to provide this service?
- When speaking to a colleague/parishioner who asks you to repeat what was said, do so distinctly. Mumbled speech amplified is still mumbling, just louder. You may choose to restate the wording as well, possibly avoiding the range of sound that the listener struggles to hear.
- Background music is often considered an added “ambiance” maker but it can be a large hindrance to conversation. If music is desired, choose the kind of music and level of sound that does not interfere with normal speech. The signal-to-noise ratio (if the back-

ground noise is as loud as the sound you want to hear) affects how well one can discern and separate the two sounds.

Not being able to hear well is exhausting. It is physically tiring to be alert, watching, interpreting, and deciphering cues. Because of this, an individual with hearing loss often chooses self-isolation. Noisy venues, large crowds, and meeting in rooms with high ceilings

where the sound escapes to the rafters is not inviting to the listener.

During some meetings, where groups are split off to discuss a topic independently, the room may be too loud for an individual with hearing loss. Trying to listen to your group-mates, while feeling assaulted by other groups’ level of “noise” is not conducive to group participation. Add on to these difficult encounters the embarrassment of missing cues, laughing when you shouldn’t or not laughing when you should, or (possibly the worst) not answering questions with the right answer because you misinterpreted the question (and the long pause afterward where you realize what just happened). Loss of hearing can be a lonely experience.

This is an opportunity to serve those around you with hearing loss. This other-centeredness can welcome individuals to the conversation, the education, the life-saving knowledge of Christ, and the community of believers.

Resurrection Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary



By Yvonne Duty, The Church of the Resurrection, North Charleston

The following is reprinted from the parish email newsletter.

It is appropriate that we celebrated 10 years in the life of our church family on January 29, because on that date in 2013, at the home of Jim and Nancy Wooldridge, we had our meeting with Bishop Mark Lawrence to ask his permission to plant a church. Bishop Mark gave his permission, and, flying by the seat of our collective pants, with no experience whatsoever, the seed of this church was planted.

On February 5, 2013, we had our first service of Morning Prayer in the old North Charleston Senior Center and took pictures – in front of the Bingo Board!

Since that first day in the Senior Center, we look back at three places of worship: The Senior Center, Water Mission, and now the property at 5103 North Rhett.

We’ve had two vicars: Matt McCormick and now Mark Avera; one assistant: Rich Giersch; one Deacon: Eddie Driggers, and several clergy supplying during the time between the two vicars.

We remember: 22 baptisms, 16 confirmations, nine marriages and, sadly 10 deaths.

We are blessed by: our clergy: Fr. Mark, Fr. Rich, and Deacon Eddie; Bishop Mark Lawrence for his unfailing support and encouragement; Bishop Chip Edgar who joins with us on our journey; every priest in our diocese who has helped us, every musician in the diocese who has helped us, everyone in the diocesan office, every past and present member of our church family, every staff member, every Vestry member, everyone who has been part of our journey in any way, with special mention of the Greene Family and Water Mission; the Gonzales Family and Rhett Avenue Christian Church; St. Philip’s; St. Michael’s; and last – but by no means least – the amazing Rusty Smith who created our altar and crosses.

Most of all we give thanks to God who guides us every step of the way.

St. Paul’s Hosts Drive-through Baby Shower

By Jill Ferguson and Vicki Harlan, St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Summerville

It was during a meeting of the St. Paul’s women’s leadership team that the idea of a community baby shower was born. We discussed how we sometimes express to expectant women in tough situations that they need to keep their babies, but we realized we do little or nothing to support them in a tangible way. From this conversation the vision to pour out God’s blessing on new and expectant moms-in-need was created and the planning began.

Our congregation rallied around this idea by donating a variety of baby products, clothes, blankets, and gift cards. Several members baked cupcakes and crafted unique keepsakes. We came together to sort and pack all of these items into diaper bags that were generously provided by Molina Health Care. Bundles of Joy Diaper Bank coordinated the registration process, enlisted community service organizations, and donated diapers.



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On November 5, the vision became reality as St. Paul’s Anglican Church in Summerville hosted a drive-through “Shower for Life.” As

the cars lined up in the parking lot and neighboring streets, our prayer team visited each car and prayed with that family. We served over

150 moms and dads in our community who needed some help gathering the basic baby necessities, who needed to know others were cheering for them as they chose life, and who needed to feel the power of prayer and God’s love for their families. Our community partners provided valuable information on services available, support resources, and practical advice on caring for infants.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, the efforts of the women’s leadership



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team and over 100 volunteers engaged in this endeavor truly rained a “Shower for Life” blessing on our guests and on all of us.

The Rev. Dr. Rob Sturdy Keynote Speaker for Kanuga Renewal Conference

A Surplus of Love: Living the Fullness of the Christian Life in Relationship with the Trinitarian God

By Lisa Greenslit, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Summerville

Please join us on the mountaintop at Kanuga in Hendersonville, North Carolina, June 25–30 for Renewal Conference 2023 – the conference that lives up to its name! You'll escape the heat and humidity for spiritual restoration and recharge in the beauty of God's stunning creation. The days begin with a celebration of Eucharist in the cool, mountain air at Kanuga's Lakeside Chapel. Geese fly overhead as mist rises from the water. Powerful worship and dynamic teaching flow throughout the morning, while children and youth participate in outdoor programs with counselors.



On alternate days Eucharist is celebrated at either Kanuga's outdoor lakeside chapel or at the St. Francis Chapel, (above) nestled in the pines.

Afternoons are open for many activities Kanuga has to offer on 1,400 acres in the Blue Ridge Mountains, such as swimming, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, or tennis. Some people venture into nearby Hendersonville and Flat Rock for shopping. Others visit one of many

nearby waterfalls, flyfish, or simply take a good, long nap! After evening teachings, adults enjoy socializing on screened porches while children play nearby, chasing fireflies at dusk. It is truly a time to rest and be restored, and to delight in the company of old and new friends. We are excited to announce the keynote speaker for Renewal Conference 2023 will be the Rev. Dr. Rob Sturdy. Rob has been the Anglican Chaplain to the Corp of Cadets at St. Alban's Anglican Chapel at the Citadel, Charleston, since 2017. Prior to that, he served as Associate Rector at St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant,

Rob and his wife, Stephanie, have been married since 2005. They enjoy evening walks and coffee dates together. They cherish time with their two children. Rob is an avid reader, and enjoys painting, playing guitar, surfing, cycling and rock climbing. Rob confesses: "I have a weakness for Cajun food. I'm obsessed with Outlaw and Cosmic Country." We are most happy to welcome back Todd Fields to lead worship. Many of you have been blessed by Todd at recent diocesan men's conferences. For the past 32 years Todd has been involved in church music and worship leadership. He started out in a youth group band with friend Andy Stanley in the 1980s, and he partnered with Louie Giglio in the 1990s and early 2000s. He traveled with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and worked contractually and on staff as a worship pastor at North Point Community for 21 years. Todd and his wife, Carrie, have four sons. The Rev. Chris Warner, Bishop-Elect of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic, and his wife, Catherine, have attended the Renewal Conference often, sometimes serving as chaplain or workshop leaders or both. They comment, "The annual Renewal Retreat at Kanuga has become a welcome respite for us in the summertime. The community is sweet, strong and has fun together



The Rev. Dr. Rob Sturdy will be the keynote speaker this year.

while enjoying deeper fellowship. This year's speaker, Rob Sturdy, is no stranger to ADOSC and he will teach, inspire, and challenge you on a Gospel-centered road to discipleship. We encourage churches to bring a group together! You will experience the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in strengthening your walk and embracing you into a loving fellowship. And it's fun! There's a lot of laughter in a relaxed but well-organized environment that offers programs for all age groups." The Reverend Gary Beson of Prince George Winyah says, "Rob's gift seems to be one of translating the high subjects of Holy Scripture that speak of our salvation, in a language that all people (believers and nonbelievers alike) are attracted and pay attention to. He is not to be missed!" For more information, contact this year's coordinators, Kathy, Perri and Dan McMillan at kathy.a.mcmillan@gmail.com. To register, visit <https://www.kanuga.org/our-programs/adults/renewal/>

Holy Comforter Sumter Opens Doors to Homeless

The Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter, has been opening its doors, providing shelter to the area's homeless this winter. The church has been welcoming from seven to 12 guests and is open from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. when the temperature drops below 40 degrees. Sumter United Ministries (SUM) is overseeing the effort. The group provides a platform for Sumter churches to meet the needs of the elderly, working poor, disabled, and homeless. Ginny Corley, who serves as the chair of Holy Comforter's Missions Committee reflected on how the church first decided to serve as a shelter. "We are the first church Mark Champagne (Executive Director of SUM) approached, and the timing was auspicious," she said. "The first meeting with Mark Champagne was in August 2022 in response to a request from Mark to Fr. David (Booman) for some space to use as an overnight winter shelter. During that meeting the ad hoc committee discussed the risks on both sides of using Walker Hall as a winter shelter for the unhoused. The main risk to SUM was we may lose the building at any time (the SC Supreme Court ruling was pending). As we were walking out of the meeting in general agreement that Walker Hall and the bathrooms could be suitable, Fr. John (Sosnowski) received a phone call letting us know that the buildings were ours. There was a definite sense we should share what had so graciously been returned. The vestry unanimously passed the subsequent proposal." "People are people regardless of what type of roof they have over their head," said SUM Emergency Shelter Director Daphney Scarborough. "Everybody is your neighbor regardless of whether their house

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A Report on Parish Mission Involvement

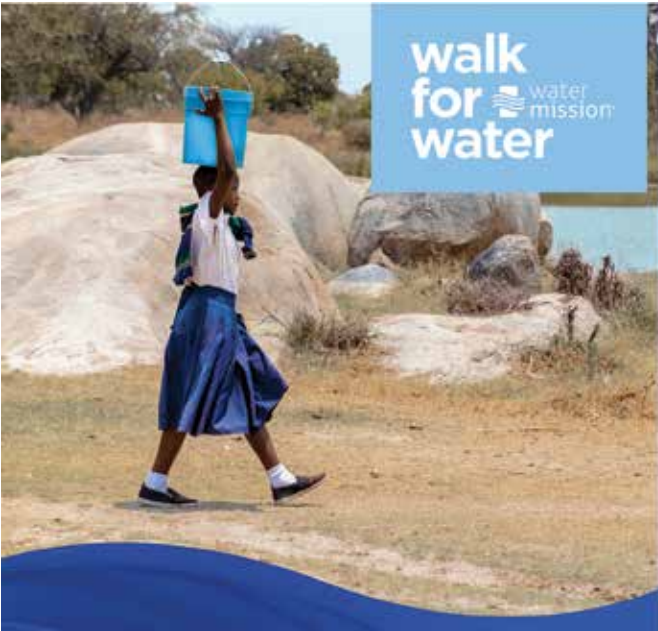
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survey, 20 congregations indicated their involvement in strategic missional partnerships. Among the six congregations that responded indicating no missional partnerships, one has since added one following their involvement of hosting one of the New Wineskins international guests. Overall, many congregations of the diocese are supportive of having a strategic missional partnership. In some cases, those relationships have been nurtured over many years with opportunities to both send and receive visitors. A few examples were clearly evident during the recent September 2022 gathering of the New Wineskins Missionary Network's tri-annual Global Mission Conference at Ridgecrest, NC. St. John's Parish Church on Johns Island has strategic missional relationships with dioceses in both Uganda and Peru. They hosted the bishops from both dioceses at the conference and for time spent among them before and after. Similarly, St. Michael's Church, Charleston, began a relationship with Bishop Probal Dutta in India many years ago. They, too, hosted the bishop and his wife for the conference and have since sent another mission team for ongoing ministry in India in November. St. Luke's, Hilton Head, continued a longstanding relationship with the Diocese of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania by hosting their

newly elected bishop in September, who also attended the New Wineskins conference. Finally, St. Paul's, Summerville, after supporting ministry in Kenya with the Rev. Fred Ochieng Onyango, has now brought him and his family to St. Paul's for a season of shared ministry. Additionally, they have sent some of their own, the Rev. Jeffrey Jacobs with his wife and children, for missionary ministry within the newly formed Province of Alexandria in Northern Africa. Mention of these few parishes is in no way meant to slight the other examples that are evident in the diocese. They are also not meant to be models of the only way that missional partnerships can begin. At a bare minimum, a congregation's willingness to simply choose another diocese or congregation within another strategic area of the Anglican Church, and to commit to both communicate with them for the purpose of supporting them in prayer is enough for the establishment of a strategic missional relationship. As that communication and prayer support continues, it may well fuel greater levels of involvement. If so, one can believe

that is the Lord's doing as the natural growth that can occur among those involved in the shared mission of Gospel proclamation of Jesus Christ. While many other congregations have not yet chosen to avail themselves of strategic missional opportunities, as indicated in both their responses to the ACNA parochial reports and to the diocesan mission survey,

the opportunity remains for all. The goal that every congregation be in a strategic and missional partnership is obtainable and worthy, particularly if it begins with a commitment of intentional prayer. I welcome opportunities to share with clergy and congregations about any next steps that might be helpful for their particular situation in order to begin a strategic missional partnership.



walk for water mission

March 25, 2023 at Riverfront Park, N. Chas.

Around the world 2.2 billion people lack access to safe water. Millions of women and children walk more than 3 miles to collect water for their families every day. The Walk for Water is a unique event that gives individuals the opportunity to walk in others' shoes to help end the global water crisis. For more information visit walkforwater.com/Charleston.

Ordinations and Institutions

Laura Bowman Ordained to the Priesthood, Nov. 6

By the Grace of God and the Consent of the People, Bishop Chip Edgar, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, ordained The Rev. Rev. Laura B. Bowman to the Sacred Order of Priests on November 6, 2022 at the Church of the Holy Cross on Sullivan's Island. Bowman's presenters were the Rev. Chris Warner, Rector of the church, Darren Hartford Senior Warden, and The Rev. Cindy Larsen, Vicar at Grace Anglican Parish

Bishop Elect Chris Warner presents Bowman with her stole as Bishop Edgar looks on.



in Little River, SC. The Litanist was the Rev. Jonathan Bennett, and the preacher was the Rev. Dr. Kendall Harmon. The Rev. Cindy Larsen served as Gospeler, and Mrs. Catherine Warner and Mr. Roy C. Keeler served as lay readers.

Laura came to the ADOSC when she moved to North Myrtle Beach and joined Grace Parish (in Little River) following her retirement from the Pennsylvania State Police. She holds a BS degree in Organizational Leadership from Penn State University, and an MDiv from Trinity School for Ministry.

Prior to her ordination, Bowman served at the Church of the Holy Cross as a Transitional Deacon, under the care and mentorship of then-Rector, the Rev. Chris Warner. After her ordination to the priesthood, she was hired to remain on staff there as the Assistant Rector.

In her spare time, Laura volunteers as a Crisis Chaplain with Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, which provides emergency services for Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester Counties.

Deman Instituted as Rector of St. Timothy's, Summerville, Nov. 19

The Rev. Luke Deman was Instituted as the Rector of St. Timothy's Church, Summerville, on Saturday, November 19, 2022. Luke received a BS in Computer Information Systems from The College of Charleston.



He was sent to seminary as a joint venture from St. Paul's, Summerville, and their new church plant, St. Timothy's, in 2016. He received his Master of Divinity from Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA, in 2019. By the grace of God he was called back to St. Timothy's, where he was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate and then the Priesthood. He was made the Rector of St. Timothy's on March 1, 2020. Because of the COVID pandemic, his institution was delayed until a more favorable season.

"My wife Jennifer and I still can't believe that this is what we get to do!" said Luke. The Demans live in Summerville with their children, Oscar (10) and Marcie (5).

Emil Klatt Ordained to the Priesthood, Feb. 9

By the Grace of God and the Consent of the People, Bishop Chip Edgar, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, ordained The Rev. Emil Henry Klatt, III, to the Sacred Order of Priests on February 9, 2023, at 6 p.m. at the Parish Church of St. Helena in Beaufort.

Emil comes to the ACNA and the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina from the Lutheran Church (ELCA), where he served as an ordained pastor for

over 20 years. Prior to attending seminary, he served on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps, flying the A-6 Intruder, among other adventures, and retired after 20 years of service to enter seminary. He is a graduate of Culver Academy; Clemson University, with a BA in Secondary Education (history); California State University, with an MA (history); Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (Columbia, SC), with an MDiv; and Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland University (Ashland, Ohio), with a DMin (Pastoral Counseling). He spent most of his pastorate in Ohio, and was most recently pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Hilton Head, before retiring in 2019 and moving across the county to his hometown of Beaufort. He serves the congregation of St. Helena, Beaufort. He and his wife, Barbara, have two grown daughters and six grandchildren.

Caring for Homeless

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looks like yours or whether they don't have a house, and my belief tells me that I am to treat my neighbors and love my neighbors like I would love myself, and I don't want to be in the cold," Scarborough explained. "We at Sumter United Ministries do not want to be in the cold. So we don't want those that are in our neighborhood that may not have as much as us to be out in the cold either," she said. "Jesus invites us to love our neighbors, calls us to do that," said the Rev. David Booman, Rector of Holy Comforter. "We have a lot of neighbors here in Sumter that have great need in these winter months. This is our little way of reaching out, trying to love and support them."

People News

Bishop Allison, who served as the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina from 1982-1990, and who currently serves as Bishop in Residence at Prince George Winyah, Georgetown, resigned his status as an Episcopal Bishop and was officially received as a Bishop in the ACNA. "Some people said that I didn't need to do this, because everyone knows where I stand," said Allison. "But I felt, the way things have been going, that I still needed to make things official. That's just the way I am."

Kate Brown has accepted a call to serve as the Minister of Family and Faith Formation at Prince George Winyah, Georgetown. Kate was born and raised in Little Rock, Arkansas. She attended Florida Southern College, where she graduated in 2018 with a degree in Communications. After graduation, she went on to study at Candler School of Theology at Emory University, where she graduated with a Master of Divinity in 2021. It was during this time that she met her husband, J.T. The two were married in November of 2021 and currently reside in downtown Georgetown. At PGW Kate works with youth, children, and the Connect ministry. In her free time you

can find her running in downtown Georgetown, trying a new recipe, or spending time at home with her husband, J.T., and their cat, Moose.

The Very Rev. Paul Fuener will be serving as the Interim Rector at Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's and Daniel Islands. He began on January 8. In a note to the congregation, Paul wrote, "Becky and I are delighted to be coming on board the Church of the Holy Cross, I as your Interim Rector, and Becky as my teammate in life and ministry for over 50 years. We have served churches in the northern half of the diocese over the last 23 years and have always heard great things about Holy Cross and her many effective ministries. Hence, it's an honor to be called to serve you in this time of transition."

The Rev. Richard Grimball has accepted a call to serve as part-time Pastoral Assistant at Saint James Anglican Church, Charleston. Richard had been serving at St. Michael's Church in the Pastoral Care and Healing Prayer Ministry until May of 2021 when he stepped down to pursue a Masters in Clinical Counseling. Richard and his family (Paige, Wells, Legare, and Buist)

moved back to Charleston in 2016, having lived and worked in North Carolina, Tennessee, and the Upstate of South Carolina since 1994. Before returning to Charleston, Richard served most recently as the Senior Chaplain of Christ Church Episcopal School in Greenville, SC.

The Rev. Tom Hample has accepted a call to serve as Associate Rector at the Church of Our Saviour, Johns Island. "I am thrilled God has called Fr. Tom to help lead our congregation and to connect to those who do not yet belong," said the Very Rev. Karl Burns, Rector of Our Saviour. "He brings many gifts and talents to our ministry team and will be a tremendous blessing as we continue our call to make disciples who make disciples."

Before accepting the call, Hample was the corporate chaplain for ALG Senior/Affinity Living Group and served on Sundays as an associate priest/worship team leader at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Charleston. Tom worked at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center for nine years, providing administrative and operational support. His duties included managing all IT equipment, training staff, and purchasing and installing all IT and AV equipment. While at St. Christopher, he was also the staff worship leader. "My family and I are very excited to join the Church of Our Savior church family," said Hample. "Our Savior has been a church home away from home for our family, as my wife Kelli and I filled in many times, leading the praise/worship team over the years."

The Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner has been named Canon for Prayer and Pastoral Care for the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul. She will be responsible for leading and developing the Cathedral prayer ministry and giving oversight to the pastoral care ministry of the Cathedral through recruiting, training, and deploying lay prayer ministers, offering private prayer ministry and spiritual direction appointments, creating special prayer services and other events. Kerner came to the diocese in 2019 to serve as the Chaplain and Director of Programs for St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. She received her MDiv from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA and her DMin from Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA. She was ordained to the priesthood in 2005 and served for 14 years as a rector in various parishes in the Diocese of Southern Virginia. She is a seasoned chaplain in the Order of St. Luke and serves on the national board for OSL. Previously she had been Director of Healing Prayer and Christian Healing Ministries in Jacksonville, FL with Francis and Judith MacNutt.

Alex Hayes has accepted a call to serve as the Sullivan's Island Student Minister at the Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island and Daniel Island. Alex is married to Ceileadh (pronounced Kaylee) and they have recently become members of Holy Cross. Since their arrival, Alex has been volunteering with the students. This is an exciting homecoming for Alex because he attended Holy



Cross as a teenager when Jonathan Bennett was the youth pastor. Alex later served on the youth ministry team at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston, TX and at Freedom Church in Monck's Corner. He and Ceileadh have been married since April 2021. Says Alex, "I'm excited to return to where I felt my first real connection with Jesus and with others in a church body that cared. I'm hopeful to be part of God's bigger calling to everyone we meet."

The Church of Our Saviour has called Teri Hiers to serve as the Parish Administrator. Teri previously served at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center as the director of Student Ministry for over 11 years. "Teri is a gifted and creative administrator, a great communicator, and I have watched her work with a wide variety of people at St. Christopher," says the Very Rev. Karl Burns, Rector of Our Saviour. "I look forward to working with her and how the Holy Spirit will use her as we continue in our vision of connecting to Christ and to the community." Teri has been married to John for 31 years and has two grown daughters and one new granddaughter! They are faithful members of St. John's Anglican Parish and love spending time with their family, cooking, reading, and



The Call: Two Birds, One Stone

Bishop Edgar Recommends Trinity School For Ministry Gathering for Exploration of Vocation

By The Rt Revd Chip Edgar, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

If you or someone you know is wondering about a call to ordained ministry, this is a great opportunity. The good folks at Trinity School for Ministry are hosting a weekend, The Call, for just this purpose. Seems to me, too, that if you're already set on a call to ordained ministry and thinking about your seminary requirement, this could be a good time to check out Trinity. So, whether you're just exploring a call, or are already somewhere along in your discernment process (the two birds, right?), this weekend could be helpful (the one stone).



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The call is a free retreat for young adults listening for the Lord's call for their vocation and considering whether that call might be to full-time ministry.

ministry. It will be held Thursday-Sunday, June 22-25, 2023 at the Trinity campus in Ambridge, PA. The speakers and worship leaders are Dr. Gordon Smith, Speaker; the Rev. Jess Bennett, Preacher; and the Very Rev. Bryan Hollon, Ph.D., Celebrant.

The weekend will include talks on:

- What is vocation
- How to discern God's call
- What ministry formation looks like
- Cultivating the spiritual life
- Participating in the mission of God
- The Liturgy of the Hours
- Time for quiet reflection and prayer
- One-on-one spiritual direction

The Call is ...

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Warner to be Consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic

Bishop-elect Chris Warner is scheduled to be consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic (DOMA) on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at The Falls Church Anglican in Falls Church, Virginia.

Warner, the former rector of the Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island and Daniel Island, was elected by the clergy and lay delegates of the DOMA on October 15, 2022 on the second ballot during a special electing Synod at All Saints' Church in Woodbridge, VA. He will be the successor to Bishop John Guernsey who is set to retire in February 2023. The college of bishops consented to his election on January 11, 2023.

Following his election Bishop-Elect Warner said, "I'm honored and humbled to have been selected to serve DOMA as bishop-elect. I'm aware that those of us who serve the Lord in vocational ministry must never believe we do so because we 'qualify'. We serve because the Lord calls. And those whom He calls, He then equips. This keeps us dependent upon the Lord and Jesus receives the glory he rightly deserves. I ask your prayers and I pledge my prayers for you. I'm truly excited to see what God will do as we serve together in the years to come."



Bishop Mark Lawrence Named Bishop Emeritus

Lawrence to Assist with Parish Visitations

Bishop Mark Lawrence has accepted Bishop Edgar's invitation to take a more active role in diocesan life by serving as Bishop Emeritus, and assisting with parish visitations.



"A year ago I had the privilege of spending multiple hours with Bishop Lawrence, as he handed the keys to the diocese over to me," said Bishop Edgar. "During that time my already deep respect for him grew deeper, and my appetite to spend more time

with him was only whetted. I'm so grateful for his willingness to return. I checked with (his wife) Allison first - so were good!"

Bishop Lawrence stepped back from diocesan life when Bishop Edgar was consecrated in March of 2022. Lawrence began as Bishop Emeritus in January of this year.

"Having served this incredibly lively diocese, which loves its bishop's presence as part of its common life, I understand the enormous workload upon Bishop Edgar," says Lawrence, "and I am glad to come alongside to help with parish visitations at this time."

Bishop Lawrence is also serving as the Interim Executive Director of the Anglican Leadership Institute which is in session from February 1-22. (See article Pg. 4)

learning how to be grandparents. Teri commented, "I am excited about this new chapter of ministry in my life and look forward to serving Our Saviour and Fr. Karl."

Please keep the family and loved ones of Jane Hiester in your prayers. Jane, wife of the late Rev. Ron



Hiester, died on November 21. A memorial service was held Monday, November 28, 2022 at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, in Boiling Springs, SC.

Entombment will be at St. John's Church in Florence, SC at a later date. In this diocese Ron had served at Ascension, Hagood; All Saints, Florence; and St. John's, Florence.

Congratulations to the Rev. Ryan Landes and his wife Rianna on the birth of their second child, Nathaniel



C o l m L a n d e s . Nathanael was born at 5:59 p.m. on November 20. He was 19 in. and 6 lbs, 8 oz. In addition to his parents, he was welcomed by big sister Noelle. Ryan serves as an Associate to the Rector at Prince George Winyah, Georgetown.

Please keep the Rev. Cindy Larsen, Vicar of Grace Anglican Parish in Little River, in your prayers. Cindy broke her kneecap on November 6 while attending the ordination of



the Rev. Laura Bowman to the priesthood. In recounting the story, Cindy gave thanks to the Rev. Dr. Kendall Harmon, who jumped into

action and summoned his wife, Dr. Elizabeth Harmon to provide care until the EMTs could arrive. Cindy had extensive knee surgery and has been told to expect a lengthy time of recuperation. We pray for her healing, recovery and the ministry she continues to lead during this time.

The clergy and congregation of St. Paul's, Summerville, is very glad to inform the diocese that their mission partner in Kenya, the Rev. Fred Ochieng Onyango, has arrived in America! Fred has already been busy visiting churches around the diocese to help grow their mis-



sional presence. Fred's wife and children joined him in January and they have settled into a residence in Summerville. While Fred's home base will be at St. Paul's, he is filled with passion and vision to stoke the missional fires at churches around our diocese. Fred would love to get other churches involved!

The Rev. Trevor Spencer who had been serving as Associate Rector at the Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's and Daniel Island has accepted a call to serve as the Rector of Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church

in Norfolk, VA. In a note to Holy Cross Trevor wrote, "For nearly nine years as a member of the clergy and more than 16 years in total, we have shared life together. We have shared our life in Christ, our life in community, and our life in ministry. We have shared our love for one another and for the world. I can never thank our heavenly Father enough for you and for your friendship." Trevor and his wife, Rachel's, last Sunday at Holy Cross was October 30.



Did you know St. Michael's Church, Charleston, has a missionary on their clergy team? The Rev. Dr. Tabitha Wang has been and continues to serve as a missionary to Mongolia! Serving with the International Chinese Discipleship Training Services (ICDTS)



of Youth With A Mission (YWAM), Tabitha witnesses the Good News of Jesus Christ to the Chinese diaspora throughout the world. Her call now is to focus on those in Mongolia beginning with training and preparation in Taiwan. In partnership with St. Michael's, she began her three-month training in Taiwan, January 9, 2023. Following her training she will return home to Charleston before leaving for Mongolia. To learn more about and support Tabitha's

work, both through prayer or financial gifts, contact her at either (808) 657-1012 or tabithawang@uofnkona.edu.

St. Philip's Church, Charleston, recently welcomed Mims Weldon as Executive Assistant to the Senior Associate. In addition, Mims will be overseeing the administrative aspects of weddings, baptisms, and funerals. While Mims was born in Chattanooga, TN, and afterward lived briefly in Charleston, Florence is where Mims made most of her childhood memories. She was a competitive gymnast growing up, and graduated from West Florence High School in 2018. While attending Wofford College, Mims was an admissions ambassador and a Kappa Delta Sorority member, and she was a part of the Reformed University Fellowship. Mims earned her BA in English literature and religious studies in May of 2022 and went straight to St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, where she served as the assistant director of the summer camp. Mims loves reading, spending time with her family and friends, being outside, traveling and going to concerts, and writing.



Student Raising Funds for DRC Well

Wesley Hood, a high school senior and youth member of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Charleston, is raising money for a much-needed well in the Chabusiku village in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for



her Girl Scout Gold award project. In this village of displaced people, inhabitants currently must walk three kilometers (almost two miles) each way for drinking water. In addition, toxic runoff from a nearby gold mine has polluted this water and people of all ages are forced to drink water that is unsafe for human consumption.

The estimated construction cost for the well is \$11,500. Wesley will need to complete her fundraising by early spring to complete the project in time. She asks for your prayers that she will be able to raise the money in time to complete the project and provide clean water to this vulnerable group of people. If you are interested in contributing, please send any amount you are led to give to:

Holy Trinity Anglican Church
PO Box 30476
Charleston, SC 29417

Please include "Well Project" in the memo line of your payment.

Second Annual Southeastern Intentional Grandparenting Conference, April 28-29

By Sherry Schumann, President, Christian Grandparenting Network

Did you know that we as grandparents are called to be more than fun factories for our grandchildren? Scripture is clear. We are called to pass down a legacy of faith in Christ Jesus to the generations coming after us. This is the message that 175 grandparents received at the first-ever Southeastern Intentional Grandparenting Conference. The two-day conference held last spring at St.

ally, both individually and corporately; and handling difficult relational challenges within their families.

The Conference

This two-day conference will be held April 28-29, 2023, at St. Paul's in conjunction with Family Builder's Ministry. The schedule includes Christ-centered worship, three general sessions and multiple workshops with speakers from around the United States.

Our three main speakers are Dr. Larry McCall (Founder and Executive Director of Walking Like Jesus Ministries, author of *Grandparenting with Grace and Loving Your Wife as Christ Loves the Church*); Dr. Josh Mulvihill (Executive Director of Church and Family Ministries at Renewana-

tion; author of *Biblical Grandparenting* and *Discipling Your Grandchildren* and Sharon Gamble (Founder and CEO of Sweet Selah Ministries; author of *Sweet Selah Moments and Loved*)

To learn more visit www.grandparenting.co, contact Cheryl Cargill (ccargill49@gmail.com) or Sherry Schumann (sschumann@christiangrandparenting.com).



Paul's, Summerville, was so successful and the impact so great that plans are underway for the second annual grandparenting conference.

The Need

More than 30 million Christian grandparents live in the United States today (five million of whom live in the Southeast). Each one has an incredible potential—second only to the parents—to influence their grandchildren for Christ. Despite this potential, grandparents are one of the most underserved groups in the church. This results in a host of grandparents who feel ill-equipped to pass their faith to future generations.

A Solution

The Southeastern Intentional Grandparenting Conference is designed to inspire and equip grandparents to pass a legacy of faith to future generations.

The Results

Grandparents who attend this conference will be encouraged, empowered and equipped to pass their faith to their children and grandchildren to the fourth generation (Psalm 78:1-8). They will receive tools for sharing the Gospel message and their faith stories; speaking blessing; praying effectu-

Holy Trinity, Charleston, Works with ARDF to Provide Wells in Bunia DRC

By Emily Meisner, Communications Director, Anglican Relief & Development Fund

The Rev. Bisoke Balikenga and his wife, Fuhara, serve those living in refugee camps in Bunia, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). These displaced people have fled their homes to escape war and civil strife, and have faced violence, human atrocities, trauma, and starvation. Bisoke and Fuhara minister to their community in a number of ways, and in the spring of 2021 Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Charleston, decided to help by raising funds for a well so local school children would have access to safe, clean drinking water.

The people living in Bunia experience hardships most of us could not imagine, and Bisoke and Fuhara labor under difficult conditions to minister to them. Even though the situation is grim, there is hope when the body of Christ comes together in partnership. The Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDF) joined Holy Trinity to partner with Bisoke's vision for wells at the Bunia Children's Hope Center, and we are excited to report that the first well is complete, and funding has been received for a second well for the school!

Access to clean water is a luxury many of us in the United States don't even think about, but for children at the Hope Center it is a big deal to have a stable source of drinking and washing water. In that environment, talking about Christ as our living water has powerful meaning. Bisoke and Fuhara have dedicated their lives to meeting both the physical and spiritual needs of those they encounter, offering Christ as the living water to those in the broken situations around them. In July of 2022, Bisoke and some colleagues attended an Ekklesia Healing from Trauma Training in Uganda. Already the benefits of this healing ministry are being shared, and there are plans for seminars to train more leaders. Bisoke and Fuhara know that effective ministry happens in the context of partnership, and we couldn't agree more! As the body of Christ, we need



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each other for support and encouragement as we share one another's burdens in ministry.

Powerful Partnerships Transforming Our World

Three years ago, Bisoke was able to attend the New Wineskins Missionary Conference in North Carolina. This was a wonderful opportunity for him to create more partnerships and share his story. Since that time, we've heard a few stories from different places about their connections with Bisoke in Bunia. Because ARDF is excited about sustainable

partnerships, we decided to gather all these various connections in one place and host a Zoom call for all of these friends of Bisoke! In July, ARDF joined Holy Trinity, along with members from New Wineskins and several churches across the ANCA, for a Zoom call to get to know one another and share how we all know Bisoke. With a shared love for this area of the world and a personal connection with Bisoke, it was wonderful to see how each partner was working towards a larger whole. Moving forward together, they will be able to collaborate more efficiently than before, and brainstorm about how they can best partner with Rev. Bisoke and Fuhara.

The power of a simple conversation can go a long way! Bisoke's conversations with Holy Trinity turned into conversations with New Wineskins and ARDF, which in turn brought conversation partners from all over the United States! We love it when churches can collaborate and share vision. Praise the Lord for this gift of fellowship in ministry!

Please keep Bisoke and Fuhara in your prayers as they continue to minister in such a hard area. Pray for the people receiving trauma healing ministry, and for the children at the Hope Center. If you are interested in Bisoke and his ministry, sign up for their prayer newsletter through Holy Trinity at <http://www.htchas.com/>

Weldon Clergy Care

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Prior to this appointment, Ken served for 14 years as the rector of St. John's, Florence, and more recently as the Executive Director at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. Upon receiving an unfavorable ruling from the South Carolina Supreme Court regarding Diocesan property, St. Christopher included, Ken began his new duties for the diocese on October 1, working to immediately develop a new camp, Camp Jubilee, and long term to find property to rebuild that ministry on. Ken now serves in the dual role of caring for the clergy and overseeing the development of our new camp.

Churches in the Spotlight

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matt. 5:16 NIV)

Churches in our diocese are always actively caring for those in need. Does your church have a special outreach activity? Share it! Email jhunter@adosc.org with the subject "Churches in the Spotlight."



St. Thomas Hands Out Donation Bags to the Congregation

St. Thomas Anglican Church, Mt. Pleasant, came up with a creative way to encourage donations of non-perishable food and personal items to those in need: they gave everyone cloth bags they can fill and bring back to church the first Sunday of every month. To model service to their younger members they invited parents to "let the little ones be in charge of remembering the bags as well as decorating them, reminding them that 'actions speak louder than words,' as we model service to our less-fortunate neighbors."

Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul Forgives Medical Debt

The Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul put out a call for members to donate to their Cathedral Community Care (C3) fund. The goal was to raise \$8,000 to forgive medical debt and support mission partners.

"The response blew me away," writes the Rev. Patrick Schlabs, Canon for Cultural Engagement. "We ended up raising nearly \$17,000. So we gave \$7,500 to RIP medical debt and people will get a note that their bill is forgiven thanks to the Cathedral. We also gave \$1,500 each to the Navigation Center (now housed at St. John's Chapel) and Star Gospel Mission, and \$1,000 to New Hope Ministries in Burundi."

Holy Trinity Provides Meal Baskets for the Needy

Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville, provided meal baskets for 10 needy families in Jasper County for Thanksgiving. The families were selected by the guidance counselors of the Jasper County Elementary, Secondary, and High Schools and were delivered on November 17. Way to go, Holy Trinity!

St. John's Gives 520 Treat Bags for Haut Gap Middle School

St. John's Anglican, Johns Island, baked, wrapped and delivered 520 treat bags to the teachers, staff, and students of Haut Gap Middle School. They also provided 40 gift bags to the Charleston County Youth Detention Center, filling bags with personal items and Christmas cards for youth, ages 13-17. Way to go, St. Johns!

GrandCamp 2023 June 26-30

Grandparents and their grandchildren, ages 6-12, are invited to attend Grandcamp 2023, a fun-filled overnight camp experience set amidst the oaks of Epworth By the Sea



Conference Center on beautiful St. Simon's Island, Georgia. This year's theme will be, "On the Case: Uncovering the Truth - Who is God?" based on John 14:6, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to

the Father except through me." Come and be a part of the 10th anniversary of Grandcamp, where grandparents will continue to pass on the legacy of their Christian faith to their grandchildren, making memories for eternity. Learn more by visiting www.adosc.org.

If you have any questions contact Cheryl Cargill at (843) 276-1427 or ccargill49@gmail.com.

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Saint James Anglican Church Finds Home in First Baptist Chapel

The following was adapted from an email newsletter sent by the Rev. Toby Larson, Rector of Saint James Anglican, to the parish on January 13.

Greetings From Your Rector! During important moments of rapid change, it is easy to overlook the extraordinary — especially with what is spiritually and historically significant.

Sometimes when God closes a door, he opens an even greater one. This is true for Saint James Anglican Church as we leave behind a property granted by the King of England in 1706 and move to the historic chapel of First Baptist Church of James Island. In this spirit, I would like to take a moment to respect history and express humble gratitude to our members and our local community for their time, faith, and effort as we move from one historic location to another.

In 1869, four years after the Civil War, First Baptist Church of James Island was organized by some of the first emancipated people in the area who needed a place to worship. They met in a house owned by the Ferguson family on what is now Camp and Dills Bluff Roads. That house grew into a chapel, and today that church continues to thrive, passing on its rich history and traditions under the leadership of the Rev. Charlie L. Murray, Jr.

In 2022, when we needed a place to worship, in God's providence, our shared community of brothers and sisters opened their great doors to us. It is our humble privilege to step into the future while acknowledging the past as we renovate the historic chapel of First Baptist Church of James Island — soon to be the new home of Saint James Anglican Church. To paraphrase James Baldwin, let us faithfully walk in the same direction with our historic James Island community as we write a greater next chapter.

We are renovating the sanctuary in keeping with the original style of the interior of the building, respecting the chapel's historic architecture, while also honoring our Anglican past. These sanctuary renovations will be largely complete in February.

We could not have reached this extraordinary point without the continuing support of our entire community. Thank you all, and may God bless you, each and every one!

Saint James Anglican Holds Last Service in Historic Building

By Virginia Bartels, Saint James Anglican, Charleston

On Sunday, November 20, 2022, Saint James Anglican Church of James Island held its last service on its Camp Road campus. The church bulletin was graced with the painting Sea Island Glory by former parishioner Jim Booth. This last picture painted before his death portrays the sixth church constructed on this site over the last 302 years. His art captures the moss-laden oaks, now centuries old, along with the columned architecture of this sanctuary built in 1959. In this painting is light, both natural and spiritual, shining down on this beautiful place of worship that has hosted thousands over recent decades.

On the bulletin was the title "A Service of Thanksgiving, Lament, and New Life." The church vision statement "Love God. Love Neighbors. Love Life." spanned the top of the bulletin. The pews were packed to capacity, with some former parishioners coming back for the last service, even driving in from other states.

The Rev. Toby Larson and the Rev. Louise Weld led the service. The first lesson was Colossians 1:9-20, which states "God will fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives." The Gospel was Matthew 28: 16-20, reminding those present that God is with His people always "to the very end of the age." Louise Weld preached on Psalm 46: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Virginia Bartels gave "A Word of Thanksgiving" in which she reflected on the history of the church, its overcoming of setbacks, and its ministry to the community and even

the world. Following that, long-time member Lillie McGougan led the congregation in a "A Litany of Thanksgiving."

Former Saint James organist Chris Walchesky and some St. Philip's choir members joined the Saint James' choir and flutist Pam Dickson to provide the music. The service included hymns carefully selected for this service: "How Firm a Foundation," "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," "On Christ the Solid Rock," and "Now Thank We All Our God."

Long-time members Dick Bartels, Jane Read, and Fred Whittle served as lay readers.

Following Louise Weld's sermon that drew analogies with Saint James' journey to that of faithful followers crossing the parted Red Sea, the congregation celebrated the Lord's Supper together. On some faces of parishioners were tears; on others, expressions of resignation; on others, determination and hope. The processional hymn was "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

After the service worshipers gathered on the colonnade for coffee and cookies. Daughters of the Holy Cross candidates, for their project, had painted rocks with words and symbols of blessings. These scriptural messages were placed around the church campus by parishioners as an expression of Christian love for the incoming Episcopal congregation.

The following Sunday, Saint James Anglican members gathered in the council chambers, a large meeting room at James Island Town Hall on Dills Bluff Road for two services, 9:00 and 11:00. The congregation is very appreciative of Mayor Bill Woolsey and



BILL READ

On Sunday, November 20, 2022, Saint James Anglican Church of James Island held its last service on its Camp Road campus.



On Sunday, November 27, Saint James Anglican members gathered in the council chambers, a large meeting room at James Island Town Hall on Dills Bluff Road for two services, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

the employees of this facility as they have welcomed our presence for a month of meetings and worship.

Meanwhile the First Baptist Church, located at the corner of Camp and Dills Bluff Road, has graciously offered Saint James Anglicans the use of their previous church building now that they have constructed a huge, beautiful sanctuary. Members of First Baptist have given Saint James permission to modify this church where Anglicans might be for three to five years as they seek land to purchase and to build yet another place of worship. This church belonging to First Baptist will house office space, a sanctuary for worship services, a kitchen, and areas for meetings and fellowship. Saint James Anglicans wish to express sincere and deep gratitude for the generosity of this Baptist congregation.

Reminded that the church is not a building--a church is the people who love and serve God--the members of Saint James are moving forward. Prior priests and parishioners passed on their legacy to sustain Saint James Anglicans "for such a time as this." They look forward to what God has in store for them as they go out into a watching world to serve and love the Lord according to Scripture.

Churches in the Spotlight

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The Church of the Cross Takes 36 Eighth Graders to Serve at Samaritan's Purse

The Church of the Cross, Bluffton, made it possible for the entire eighth grade of Cross Schools to serve at Operation Christmas Child Shoebox processing center in Charlotte, NC. Thirty-six students and nine chaperones made the trip.

Old St. Andrew's Says, "Come In, Get Warm"

Members of Old St. Andrew's, Charleston, worked at the warming shelter at Aldersgate Methodist in North Charleston on Christmas night, cooking dinner for those who came seeking shelter and a warm place to stay. (Remember how cold Christmas was?) OSA will be providing volunteers for the shelter on Sunday nights through February whenever the temperature drops below 40 degrees. Way to go, OSA!

St. Luke's Gives \$2,000+ to Pregnancy Center

St. Luke's, Hilton Head, provides funds for a different outreach ministry each month and in December they gave more than \$2,000 to the Pregnancy Center and Clinic of the Lowcountry (PCCLC), an organization that has helped mothers and fathers choose life for their babies for more than 32 years. Good job, St. Luke's!

St. Bart's, Hartsville, Feeds Poll Workers and Neighbors

Despite having to move out of their historic property, St. Bartholomew's Church ACNA in Hartsville is determined to make a difference in their community. Recently, they fed poll workers on Election Day and opened the church doors to the community for lunch and dinner. Members of the congregation made chili in crock pots, and pans of cornbread, and brought them to

the church for packaging and distribution. More than 70 meals were delivered to nine polling stations within the city limits. Another 45 people came by the church to enjoy the food and the fellowship for lunch and dinner. It was a great opportunity for outreach and fellowship. Well done, St. Bart's!

St. Michael's Church Offers Hot Dog Ministry

This past December seven St. Michaelites served about 60 people in the parking lot of Citadel Square Baptist Church. Although the name is the Hot Dog Ministry, they usually serve fried chicken with a vegetable, potato salad, rolls, two kinds of fruit, water bottles and desserts. This time, East Cooper Baptist gave away new backpacks to all who came. This ministry is the only one serving supper to the homeless in Charleston.

Share news of what your church is doing. Email it to Joy Hunter at jhunter@adosc.org.

76th Annual Tour of Historic Plantations & Homes — Prince George Winyah Church

Prince George Winyah Church is celebrating its 76th Annual Tour of Historic Plantations & Homes in Georgetown, South Carolina, set for March 31 & April 1, 2022.



SUZANNE DOYLE

The Estherville main house.

The tours are always popular with decorators, Southern history buffs, gardeners, and visitors to South Carolina's coast.

Georgetown, South Carolina, founded in 1729, was for two centuries one of the wealthiest areas in

both the Colonial era, then in the young United States. The growing of indigo in Colonial America, then rice in the 19th century, created an elite society which left behind beautiful dwellings, gardens, and public buildings, many of which are open to visitors only during these tours.

Prince George Winyah invites you to visit their website and follow along on Facebook for more tour news and information on admission. Be sure to check out Friday night's Oyster Roast, delicious southern Plantation Tea at Winyah Indigo Society Hall daily, scrumptious Bake Sale, and much-talked-about Art Show and sale where you can take home gorgeous works of art at incredible prices! <https://www.princegeorgeplantationtours.com>

Day of Healing Prayer at St. Michael's, March 18

St. Michael's Church, Charleston, will host its 60th Day of Healing Prayer on March 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is honored to have the Rt. Rev. Andrew "Drew" Williams, Bishop of the Diocese of New England (ACNA), as their guest speaker.

The day's theme concerns the Lord's healing from shame and is based on Romans 10:11, "Anyone who believes in Him will never be put to shame."

The day will include times of worship, teaching, and prayer ministry. The \$30 admission fee includes all printed material and a boxed lunch.

The healing ministry at St. Michael's Church started in 1986 and has grown under the guidance of clergy and lay leadership who are all actively involved and supported by about 50 trained lay prayer ministers. All the personal prayer time is completely confidential and takes place in a safe and comfortable environment, enhanced by inspired and calming music.

About Drew Williams

Drew Williams was consecrated bishop of the Anglican Diocese of New England on March 16, 2019. Prior to that he had had a successful career as a litigator, was ordained in the UK, in Diocese of Exeter in 2000, after which he spent six years as associate vicar of St. Andrew's, Chorleywood. Beginning in October 2009, Drew served as the senior pastor of Trinity Church in Greenwich, Ct. Under Drew's leadership, Trinity grew and became a multi-site church. He and his wife Elena have three daughters.



For more information, email: heal@stmichaelschurch.net, visit www.stmichaelschurch.net/dohp or call the Rev. Tim Surratt at (843) 267-3341.

DOHC Welcomes New Sisters

Six new sisters joined the Esther Chapter of the Daughters of the Holy Cross (DOHC) at the Church of the Holy Cross, Bluffton, on January 8. "The whole experience of becoming a member of the DOHC has brought me closer to God," said Della Biemiller. "Over the three months of training the six of us have developed a great friendship considering we didn't know one another. Also, it was such a joy doing our service project together. The service of becoming a member and sharing it with other members was wonderful and unforgettable."

"I am reminded that everything that happens to us is by the Providence of God," said Barbara Weisner, another of the newest daughters. "God's plan for us is always perfect. So I write this tribute to my Heavenly Father with humble gratitude for leading me to the honor of being a lifelong member of the Daughters of the Holy Cross..."

During the meeting Theresa Hendrickson was installed as the Chapter President and Linda Bradford Laird was installed as Chapter Secretary.

Times of Refreshing: Equipping & Empowering for Healing Prayer Ministry

Cathedral Hosting Workshop, April 29

- Want to learn more about healing prayer ministry?
- Exploring a start or reboot of healing prayer in your church or ministry?
- Desire a refresher in praying with others?
- Longing to see God move in people's lives today?

If so, this day-long workshop with teaching and hands-on ministry is for you! We will meet from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke & St. Paul in Charleston on Saturday, April 29. Lunch is provided.

About Russ Parker

The Rev. Dr. Russ Parker, Anglican priest, is Founder and Director of 2RESTORE: Healing for

Your Church and travels extensively in the UK and abroad. Russ is a poet and author of many books, including *Healing Death's Wounds, Free to Fail, Healing and Evangelism, Forgiveness is Healing, In Search of Wholeness, Wild Spirit of the Living God, and Rediscovering the Ministry of Blessing.*

Russ is married to Roz, and they live near Farnham, Surrey. His hobbies are photography, visiting Celtic holy places, and supporting Liverpool Football Club.



Contact the Rev. Canon Dr. Sandi Kerner, for more information or to register: sandi@your-cathedral.org.

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Alpha SC Offering Workshop on The Anxious Teen



If you are a youth pastor/leader or work with youth in any capacity, don't miss this free youth workshop on April 13. Brock is a lifelong youth worker and is known for his fun style and amazing storytelling. He's written twenty books and his latest, "The Anxious Teen: Ministry with Stressed and Fearful Students" has just been released and all participants will receive a copy! He is a popular speaker for camps, retreats and conferences and is currently the youth pastor at The Bridge in Chino, California.

Details and registration information is here: <https://www.alphasc.org/the-anxious-teen-mt-pleasant>

Christ Church Receives 4.2 Million

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"We're delighted with these gifts and so grateful to God and to these donors," he said, "but we've still got challenges. The money from these donations is not going into our operating budget. We're still a congregation that lost some members in the move. Some stayed with the Episcopal Church. Some went other places because they didn't want to worship in a school. Some finally decided this was just a good time to break and do something fresh. We are a smaller congregation and we're in a school where things are challenging."

"When people think of us, I hope they'll see us as a strong congregation, but one that still has needs. We will still need assistance from the Jerusalem Fund. We still need people's prayers and advice. We need wisdom from the bishop and others in the diocese who can guide us through our journey. Like all of the 'Corps of Discovery' churches who lost property, we need to know our diocese is with us, that we're all in this together."

In the meantime, Duvall and the staff are encouraged by the recent lease of office space near both Jennie Moore Elementary and the new land, giving them and the congregation a "home base" to work, meet and fellowship. They hope to occupy it beginning the first of February and are excited about ministry in 2023.

St. Jude's Anglican Church Offers Classical Recital, March 20

St. Jude's will offer a free classical recital, from 7 to 8 p.m. on Monday, March 20, in Skardon Hall at St Jude's Anglican Church, in Walterboro, SC.

Duo Formosa (violinist Huifang Chen and pianist Catherine Lan) offer dazzling performances demonstrating a wide spectrum of music for piano and violin in duets and solos. The music will include sacred Christian and classical secular compositions. Our guest performers are internationally known musicians who offer recitals across our nation. All are welcome and a simple reception will follow.

St. Luke's Anglican, Offers Lenten Series Hope in the Shadow of the Cross

The inaugural Saint Luke's Anglican March Lenten Lunch Series, "Hope in the Shadow of the Cross" is a new exciting speaker series, which is being held on Wednesdays in March from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Saint Luke's Anglican Church on Hilton Head Island. A delicious complimentary soup & salad lunch will be provided to all participants by Truffles Cafe. Donations are welcomed, and childcare is available upon request.

March 1: *The Rev. Andrew Pearson*, Interim Executive Director of Rwanda Ministry Partners.

March 8: *The Very Rev. Dr. Bryan Hollon*, Dean President of Trinity School for Ministry

March 15: *Dr. James Wood*, Assistant Professor of Ministry at Redeemer University pastor in Austin, TX

March 22: *The Rev. Nick Lannon*, Rector of Grace Anglican Church, Prospect, KY

March 29: *The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Mumme*, Professor of Theology at Hillsdale College

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If you have any questions, please call the church office at (843) 785-4099. To register, visit: <https://www.stlukesghi.org/march-lenten-lunch-series.html>

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The Inaugural Bishop Sanco K. Rembert Memorial Lecture

Lecture Information

Date & Time: Thursday, March 23, 2023 @ 7:00pm

Teaching: "Persistence and Humility: Jesus on Prayer in Luke 11:1-13 and 18:1-14"

Location: The historic sanctuary of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Summerville, South Carolina.

Dr. Bonnie B. Thurston

Dr. Bonnie B. Thurston is an internationally known New Testament scholar and poet who will be our first Lecturer for the Bishop Sanco K. Memorial Lecture Series.

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