

# Jubilate Deo

The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

Fall 2022

## Looking Forward - Not Looking Back

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

In the spring of 2004, I left behind a life I loved—I was an Episcopal priest, serving a bright, interesting, accomplished congregation in a lovely suburb of Chicago. But I found myself in the untenable position of having to renew my Oath of Obedience to a bishop who had bidden Christian moral teaching farewell. It was incredibly hard. Enough so that for months, the prospect of that decision made me seriously consider giving up ministry in the church altogether.

I had served three great churches to that point; all thriving, mid-town parishes (the sizes of towns varied; the place those parishes occupied in society was similar—they were where you went to church if you were somebody) with amazing choral music programs and brilliant organists. I loved my life and ministry.

By the time I left, I had agreed to plant a church. Church plants don't have pipe organs or thriving choral programs. I was determined to make the best of things, but, if I'm honest, I was a solid pillar of salt candidate: if anyone was ever looking over their shoulder at a glorious past... it was me.

My son Chase recently pointed me to a passage by C.S. Lewis in *Letters to Malcolm, Chiefly on Prayer*. (Published posthumously in 1964 by Geoffrey Bles, this wonderful book is unfortunately overlooked, even by dedicated Lewis fans.) We had been talking about the



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Christ Church choir members sing during the recessional in the final worship service held on their historic campus, September 4, 2022.

situation of several of our parishes: forced to walk away from church buildings—not just bricks and mortar, but memories etched in stone, spaces where heaven and earth meet, worn thin by hymns of joy, prayers of need, hearts and minds shaped by faithful teaching that brought the Kingdom into greater clarity. As Winston Churchill said, “We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us.”

Leaving a cherished past is hard. Walking away from the buildings that have shaped us is hard.

So, here's Lewis. The quote is a bit long, but push on, it's worth it...

*“It seems to me that we often, almost sulkily, reject the good that God offers us because, at that moment, we expected some other good. Do you know what I mean? On every level of our life—in our religious experience, in our gastronomic, erotic, aesthetic, and social experience—we are always harking back to some occasion which seemed to us to reach*

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## Settlement Reached Between Dioceses

On Monday, September 26, 2022, the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina (ADOSC) and the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina (EDOSC) announced a settlement agreement resolving the numerous outstanding legal issues between the two dioceses. While the settlement does not affect the remaining issues regarding the property rights of three parishes currently pending before the South Carolina Supreme Court, nor the betterments lawsuit by several parishes pending in state trial court, it does resolve all issues regarding diocesan and trustee property and assets.

We are thankful to have reached this settlement after extensive, good-faith discussions, marked by mutual respect and good will, that have been occurring between both dioceses since the South Carolina Supreme Court ruling in April. While this settlement has required sacrifices from all involved, finalizing these issues enables us to move forward in mission and ministry free from impending litigation.

The full details of the settlement have not been released but the Bishops did release certain elements, including:

- The Anglican Diocese of SC (ADOSC) will transfer full control of all real estate owned by the Trustees including the Bishop's residence at 50 Smith Street and St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center to the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina (EDOSC).

- Full control of all assets, equipment, and bank accounts relating to St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, will transfer

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## Students Unite for Big Q Barbecue

By Dave Wright, Diocesan Coordinator for Youth Ministry

Seeking to reach Gen Z students, several of our youth ministers have been collaborating over the past year to create events that gather teens, and testify to God's work in our lives. Under the banner “Students United” Charleston area churches have brought together their youth groups for food, fun, and testimonies.

Students United began as an idea that Hunter Myers, Youth Minister at our Cathedral, pitched to local youth ministers that he befriended through our diocesan youth ministers' network. They dreamed together and designed events where they shared the organization of various aspects of the event, and then encouraged students to invite friends.



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Students were invited to share their big questions at the Big Q.

What began as an evening with two youth groups grew to reach eight of our Charleston area churches with the latest event, The Big Q BBQ. This event was created

out of a desire to hear from students about big questions they are facing. Hunter Myers commented, “We want to listen to Gen Z students.

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## Court Affirms Property Rights of Six Additional Properties

By Joy Hunter, Editor

On Wednesday, August 17, 2022, the South Carolina Supreme Court granted the “Petitions for Rehearing” filed by six of seven parishes in our diocese. With this ruling the court affirmed the property rights of these parishes, allowing them to remain in their historic places of worship within the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina. They are: Church of the Holy Cross, Stateburg; Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter; St. Jude's Church, Walterboro; Old St. Andrew's, Charleston; St. Luke's Church, Hilton Head; and Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach.

“We are grateful and heartened that the property rights of six more parishes were affirmed by this ruling,” said the Rev. Canon Jim Lewis.

“We rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn, but the balance is with rejoicing.”

These six churches, along with 21 others, have now had their property ownership affirmed by the Supreme Court. The August 17 opinion followed the Court's earlier ruling in determining if a parish had created a trust interest in its property in favor of The Episcopal Church (TEC) or its local Diocese (TECSC). Four of the parishes in this new ruling were judged to have never created a trust, based on that earlier standard. Two more were judged to have created a revocable trust, which they subsequently and properly revoked.

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# Christ Church Holds Final Service on Historic Campus

## Tears, Blessings, and a Glorious Service

By The Rev. Ted Duvall, Rector, Christ Church Anglican, Mt. Pleasant

**C**hrist Church Anglican in Mt. Pleasant is one of what Bishop Edgar has designated our “Corps of Discovery” churches: those who lost in the court and are thus sent out into uncharted territory, like Lewis and Clark and their great expedition into the American West.

Prior to the adverse court ruling, CCA was not sitting idly by, waiting to see which way the litigation would go: among other things, we invested significant funds and sweat equity in upgrading the parish’s offices and the sound system in the main church. We had moved forward, investing in the infrastructure of ministry, not only because we believed we would win the lawsuit, but also because these were needed investments that affected our ability to do important, ongoing ministries.

To say that it was a blow to receive the court’s April 20 ruling and then subsequent denial of our Petition for Rehearing would be an understatement. All that we have been able to do because of the ministry infrastructure of this 26-acre campus was taken from us. What was also taken was something intangible - our love for our church home, the deep affection for the place we have lived our life with God and each other for so many years.

But what was not taken, and can never be taken, is the life we can live with God and each other and the ministry we can do apart from what is now our ‘old campus.’ Despite a deep grief, we have realized and said to one another that “yet, it was never the place, but the people, that made it special.” We’re keeping (the majority of) the people, and together will make new places special, too.



Rector, the Rev. Ted Duvall, center top, prays with those leading the processional prior to the final service on historic campus.

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Our last Sunday on our old campus was August 28 and it was glorious, bathed in and empowered by the Holy Spirit from start to finish. Many cried – so many important milestones in the Lord were shared in this place:

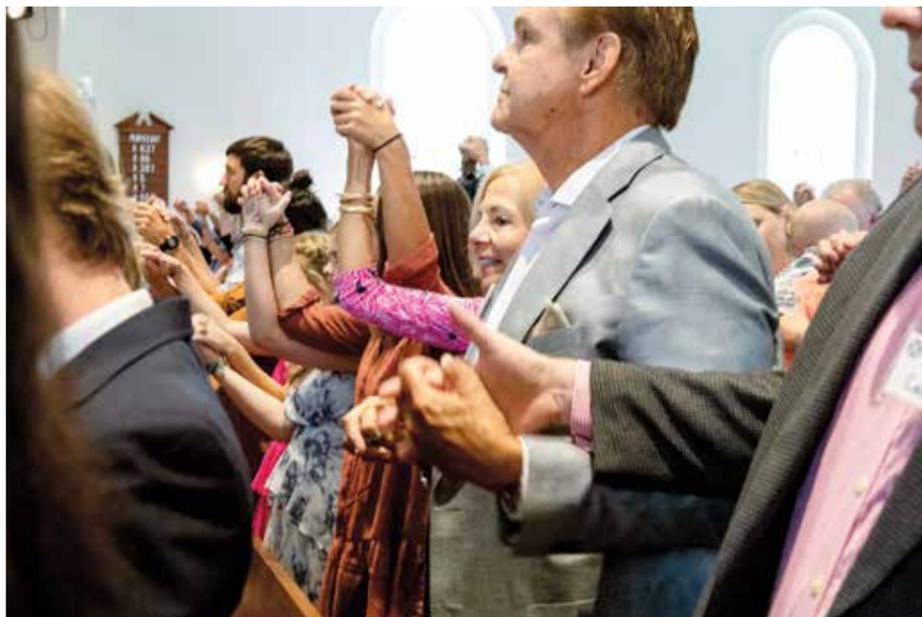
our families baptized, confirmed, married, buried, and also taught, built up week in and week out, friendships made, laughter, etc. – But more than tears (much more, as several people commented) there was a call and commitment, a clear sense of being together and sent out for mission. It was not a day of sadness so much as it was a day of power - the power of God to stitch a people together in faith under the promise of a glorious inheritance with all the saints. I so wanted my beloved Christ Church to have such a last Sunday service here, and God granted it: to Him be all honor and glory!

Through all of this we have received the love and care of many. So many clergy colleagues and other friends have

been calling, texting and emailing that sometimes when my phone dings again, I jokingly think, “Stop already with the ‘thinking and praying for you’ messages! I’ve got too much work to do to keep answering them!”

In no particular order, here are a few of the graces we’ve been offered or received: St. Peter’s Anglican will let us use their worship space for our weekly Wednesday Eucharist.

When people have contacted me to ask what their church can do to help, I’ve tried to say a couple of things: 1) Be patient, we’re still figuring out what we need. Please be there when we get back to you, 2) Pray, pray, pray!, and 3) When the Bishop and other diocesan leadership put out a call to contribute to the new Jerusalem Fund, a fund intended to support the Corps of Discovery churches now, and then eventually new missions down the road, please advocate for your church to make a significant monetary gift.



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During the final service the congregation joined hands in a show of unity.

## Parishes Undergoing Property Transitions

For latest information, visit <https://adosc.org/parish-property-transitions/>

**P**lease keep the following congregations, their leaders and clergy in your prayers as they move through this season of transition. As of press time, these parishes are moving from their historic properties into (for the most part) temporary worship spaces. The following details are provided for prayer support, for those who would like to attend final and first worship services and for those wanting to write notes of encouragement. We have created the Jerusalem Fund for financial contributions for their support, accessible from the Diocesan website. at <https://adosc.org/about/donate-now/development/>

### St. John’s Parish Church, Johns Island

Final Service in Historic Church: July 10  
 First Service in New Location: July 17  
 Address for New Worship Location:  
 Haut Gap Middle School,  
 1861 Bohicket Rd., Johns Island, SC  
 Mailing Address for Messages of Support:  
 St. John’s Parish Church, PO Box 125  
 Johns Island, SC 29457  
<https://stjohnsparishchurch.com/>  
 Clergy: The Rev. Jeremy Shelton (Jessica)

### St. David’s, Cheraw

Final Service in Historic Church: July 31  
 First Service in New Location: August 7  
 Address for New Worship Location:  
 309 Greene Street, Cheraw, SC  
 Mailing Address for Messages of Support:  
 St. David’s Church, PO Box 38  
 Cheraw, SC 29520  
<https://www.facebook.com/Stdavidscheraw/>  
 Clergy: The Rev. Jason Varnadore (Jenna)

### Christ Church Anglican, Mt. Pleasant

Final Service in current location: August 28  
 First Service in new location: September 11  
 Address for new worship location:  
 2725 Bulrush Basket Lane, Mt. Pleasant, SC  
 Mailing Address for Messages of Support:  
 3022 S. Morgans Point Road # 274  
 Mt. Pleasant, SC, 29466  
<https://www.christch.org/>  
 Clergy: The Rev. Ted Duvall (Katherine),  
 The Rev. Joyce Harder (Howard)  
 The Rev. Canon Jim Lewis (Libby)

### Holy Trinity Anglican, Charleston

Final Service in current location:  
 September 11, 2022  
 First Service in new location:  
 September 18, 2022, 10 a.m.  
 Address for New Worship Location:  
 Porter-Gaud School, 300 Albemarle Rd,  
 Charleston, SC

Mailing Address for Messages of Support:  
 PO Box 30476, Charleston, SC 29417  
[www.htchas.com](http://www.htchas.com)  
 Clergy: The Rev. David Dubay (Lisa)  
 The Rev. Tom Hample (Kelli)

### St. Bartholomew’s, Hartsville

Final Service in current location:  
 October 23, 10:30 a.m.  
 First Service in new location:  
 October 30, 10:30 a.m.  
 Address for New Worship Location: TBA  
 Mailing Address for Messages of Support:  
 (In process of obtaining a PO Box)  
<https://stbartholomews-hartsville.org/>  
 Clergy: The Rev. Bill Oldland (Ellen)

### St. Matthew’s, Fort Motte

Final Service in current location: TBA  
 First Service in new location: TBA  
 Services: (Continuing in Historic Church)  
 at 1164 Ft Motte Road, Ft Motte SC  
 Mailing Address for Messages of Support:  
 PO Box 447, St Matthews, SC, 29135  
<https://www.stmatthewsfmotte.com/>  
 Clergy: The Rev. Janet Echols (Charles)  
 The Rev. Dr. Charles Echols (Janet)

### Saint James Anglican Church, James Island

Final Service in current location: TBA  
 First Service in new location: TBA  
 Services: (Continuing in Historic Church)  
 at 1872 Camp Rd. Charleston, SC 29412  
 Mailing Address for Messages of Support:  
 Saint James Anglican Church, PO Box  
 14456, Charleston, SC 29422  
<https://saint-james.org/>  
 Clergy: The Rev. Toby Larson (Cynthia)  
 The Rev. Louise Weld,  
 The Rev. Elizabeth Bumpas

### Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston

Final Service in current location: TBA  
 First Service in new location: TBA  
 Services: (Continuing in Historic Church)  
 at 1393 Miles Drive, Charleston, SC 29407  
 Mailing Address for Messages of Support:  
 (In process of obtaining a PO Box)  
<https://www.goodshepherdsc.com/>  
 Clergy: The Rev. Will Klauber (Sara)  
 The Rev. Dan Farley (Sue)

While not a parish property we ask you to keep the clergy and leaders of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center in your prayers.  
 Clergy: The Rev. Ken Weldon (Boo), The Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner

St. Andrew’s Church is letting us use office and meeting space until we can find what we need in north Mt. Pleasant; those two and Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island, will all work with us when we need to do a wedding or funeral. When we went to the school system to secure space for our Sunday morning worship, the person who oversees that for the School District turned out to be a member of Old St. Andrew’s in West Ashley and so knew exactly who we were, what we needed and why, and helped us tremendously. Lighthouse Church (a non-Anglican church here in Mt. Pleasant) is letting us use their facilities for our weekly men’s breakfast/study. East Cooper Meals on Wheels’ Board, which we’ve housed on our campus for years and whose ministry we’ve participated in in significant ways, voted to donate \$10,000 to our church with thanks for the relationship we’ve had together. the Church of the Cross, Bluffton, paid for the BBQ we enjoyed during a lunch after our last service on our old campus (we had about 580 attend the service - that’s not a small BBQ bill!). Others came to worship with us: not least, Bishop Fitz and Martha Allison and their family, representing Prince George, Winyah. The Allisons are in their mid-90s but came

all the way from Georgetown. They also gave a generous gift, which we have designated to re-start the Parish Discretionary Fund (when you’re kicked out, you have to start everything over from scratch!) so we can immediately have funds to help those in need. We know we are not alone! Many other offers large and small have been made along the way, too numerous to list here. We know that the God of Hosts, through the hosts of God, will pour out more blessings as we move forward. We can’t wait to see.

Of late, when people have contacted me to ask what their church can do to help, I’ve tried to say a couple of things: 1) Be patient, we’re still figuring out what we need. Please be there when we get back to you, 2) Pray, pray, pray!, and 3) When the Bishop and other diocesan leadership put out a call to contribute to the new Jerusalem Fund, a fund intended to support the Corps of Discovery churches now, and then eventually new missions down the road, please advocate for your church to make a significant monetary gift.

Christ Church Anglican thanks you all for your love, prayer, and support.

## The Jerusalem Fund Walking Together with Churches Which Have Left Property

By The Rev. Canon Jim Lewis,  
Canon to the Ordinary

We have weathered the storm of litigation together, as the Body of Christ. We have partnered together in bearing the weight of the diocesan defense and been largely and mercifully successful. Of the 54 congregations in this diocese, all but eight have retained their historic properties and places of worship. And even in the midst of this long season of litigation, we have welcomed seven new congregations to our diocesan family, with two more soon to come. This is what we exist to do as a diocese; to grow the Kingdom of God.

In the new season that lies before us, this means working together as the Body of Christ in a new task: providing assistance in replanting these eight congregations required to leave their historic properties. This is the work of the newly created Jerusalem Fund. As the Body of Christ, our goal is to provide the resources to help them become effective and significant mission outposts in their communities as quickly as possible. As they are restored to health and strength as parishes, we will be made stronger as a diocese. Together, we will be about the work of growing the Kingdom. Just as St. Paul collected funds from his many missionary congregations for support of the church in Jerusalem, so are we standing with our brothers and sisters in these congregations.

### The Need

While all the congregations leaving their historic properties share the necessity of finding a new place of worship, their needs for today vary greatly. For some, the providence of God has already been generous in providing temporary new homes (and possibly permanent ones). For others that provision is more complicated and costly. And for a few, the need to provide clergy housing with limited resources is a significant challenge.

Every circumstance is unique. But whether the need is for assistance with operating expenses, clergy housing, staffing support, ministry initiatives or worship resources, we don't want limited funds to obstruct any parish in a vigorous recovery.

To that end we would like to raise \$1,000,000 to be used exclusively for this initial work. To date, \$250,000 has already been committed. We plan to raise the balance (and hopefully more) through generous individual donations from parishioners, through grant and foundation applications, through tithing from planned parish capital campaigns and through a planned Diocesan Ingathering scheduled for early in 2023. As this issue of the Jubilate Deo illustrates well, these congregations are already moving forward in faith and strength. The Jerusalem Fund has been created to provide the vehicle for the rest of the Diocese to come alongside them for this Kingdom work. Those ready to give generously today are urged to visit our diocesan webpage for more information (or use the QR code at the end of this article).

### Kingdom Giving

As the first work of The Jerusalem Fund, its governing board has already approved an initial disbursement of support to those congregations leaving their historic church homes. An encouragement gift of \$10,000 is being provided to each to help with the immediate expenses of these transitions. Going forward, parishes will apply for additional grants to meet their specific needs and fulfill the vision for ministry to which God is now calling them. Because we do believe God is indeed calling them out, to lead the diocese into new paths of ministry which will bless the entire diocese.

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# Market Street Building, Not St. David's Church, Returns to TEC

## A Young Rector Reflects on the Loss of Historic Church Property

By Joy Hunter, Editor

When Jason Varnadore was asked to describe his congregation's feelings about having to relinquish their building, he had two words: grief and relief.

"I think if you'd asked about a month ago, we were really hurting," he says, "but this month we're feeling better. We're starting to be able to envision a future again, to be able to imagine new possibilities."

"Different people in our church have grieved in different ways," he says. "Some were really angry on the front end and have just shown up now and been really strong. Others were really strong on the front end and are struggling now."

"It's also been painful for some of our people to feel like the town doesn't understand what's going on," he says.

Social Media posed a challenge with posts appearing that looked as though St. David's was returning to the Episcopal Church. "From a legal standpoint, that's simply not true," he says. "The Market Street building is returning, but the church itself, the congregation of St. David's, is not. We remain with the ACNA. We're just going to a different location."

"The grieving process is important," he says. "But from a social media standpoint, we are very careful about what we put in writing." He encouraged his parishioners not to retaliate or engage in bitter exchanges on social media.

"One of the more difficult things is the spiritual discipline of not having to defend yourself," he says. "We believe the Lord justifies us. We don't have to walk around justifying ourselves. We simply need to obey Him and allow Him – whether that's now or later – to do that. He's the one who vindicates us."

"I think we have to be very careful not to say, 'Well, the church is the people, not the building.' I agree with that. That's very true," says Varnadore. "But we're spatial creatures. We live in bodies. We inhabit places. And these places have meanings. There are symbols of faithfulness all over that old church, and we should grieve it and mourn it. And yet we're able to say, 'we count it all as loss if we don't abide in Christ.'"

And so, there's a real sense of abiding in Christ rather than just abiding in our historic building."

### Relief Comes

Some relief has come from releasing the financial burden of maintaining an historic building and running a day school. "The rent we're paying now is cheaper than the mortgage-free maintenance bill we paid on our building every month," says Varnadore.

Though their commitment to the day school was strong, running a 52-year-old entity on a day-to-day basis took its toll. "Now we're finally able to go from a season of maintenance to mission."

### Ecumenical Blessings

An unexpected blessing has come through the experience. "Other churches in our community have joyfully come to our aid," he says. "Wesley United Methodist Church, an historically African American church, generously signed over a lease to let us use their property. The PCA minister in town said, 'If you need any office space, you let me know. You can have it.' So, we have really nice



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offices over at Faith Presbyterian in town. The Baptist church said, 'Let us know what we can do.' It's been a beautiful thing to see. Other congregations care about us, and our people feel loved. I think people really sense that this is the Lord's movement."

### Diocesan Support

The support from other clergy and parishioners from around the Diocese have made an impact, as well. The Diocese holds a weekly Zoom call where rectors, whose congregations faced eviction, can connect, voice their concerns and share their hopes and plans. "I love those weekly calls," says Varnadore. "I love hearing from other rectors and seeing how they're all handling it, how supportive everyone is of each other. The camaraderie between clergy has been really good. And frankly, I've gotten to know a lot more clergy because of this lawsuit than I would have otherwise. It's bound us together in very deep and personal ways."

When St. David's held their last service in the historic building July 31 a number of people from around the Diocese showed up to support them. "We had people from all over our Deanery this past week come to support us," he says. "Lots of clergy were here."

### Symbolic Procession

The week before that service they held a symbolic procession, marching through town from their historic building to the church they are now leasing a few blocks away. The idea for the march came from church member Gayle Davis. "You should use Gayle's name because she's the best person in the whole world," says Varnadore. "Gayle is the matriarch of our church, and we all adore her. If Gayle isn't for it, you might as well just not do it because she hears directly from the Lord. It's a wonderful thing."

Davis pointed out that, back in the early 1900's when the church moved from its original building (built in 1768 and now owned by the historical society) to the current one, the entire congregation marched through town from the old building to the new.

St. David's reenacted that procession this past July to signify their move to a new location and a new season. "After the service and our potluck supper, we rounded everybody up and marched about 50 people through

Cheraw, blocking traffic as we went," he says. "Then we went into our new sanctuary where we spent time praying as a congregation and sang the doxology."

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"God must have something strangely special in store for us," says Varnadore. "This has lit a fire under our people. They're beginning to say, 'All right, who are we going to be? What is our goal here? Why are we doing any of this at all? Why do we want to be Anglicans in Cheraw, South Carolina?' We don't have to duplicate what we just left. We can think afresh about doing evangelistic ministries that gather people to worship the risen Lord and make sure we're intentional about inviting our neighbors!"

# Christ Church Anglican Campus and Buildings “A Back-Drop” For Memories

Life-long Member Reflects on Church Home During Final Service on Property

By Florrie Sloan, Christ Church Anglican, Mt. Pleasant

*During the final service on the historic campus of Christ Church Anglican, Mt. Pleasant, Florrie Sloan spoke to the congregation. The following is the text of her comments.*

For those of you who don't know me, I'm Florrie Sloan and I am a lifelong member of Christ Church, as was my mother, Sarah Gregorie Miller, and many generations of our family before us.

I have been asked by Ted (The Rev. Ted Duvall, Rector) to reflect on a lifetime of growing up here at Christ Church and watching it grow, as well.

We were certainly a much smaller congregation in the 1970s and 80s. The historic church had more than enough room to hold us. At one point there were very few of us to be acolytes. If our family arrived early enough, Billy Mitchell would press us into service by simply nodding his head and pointing at the sacristy.

I got a call a few months ago from Frank Collins asking if I knew what year the oyster roast started. The only answer I could give was that I remember there always having been one. It wasn't always at Oakland. In the 70s it was held in the space behind the historic church and Porcher Hall. It was at night with lights strung. I remember my grandmother, mother, aunts, and the other ladies of the church would sell homemade crafts while we kids played hide and seek in the graveyard.

Porcher Hall is where the Tea Room ministry started. I have so many fond memories of working alongside my aunts, Mary and Bibba Gregorie, in the take-out kitchen and beside my mother at the ham biscuit station. We



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worked hard and laughed hard as well. I see so many faces here today who know exactly what I mean!

Christ Church is where I learned about our loving God and where my faith has deepened as an adult, through study groups taught by Joyce Harder and Marcia Slott.

Chip and I have been blessed to have our three children, Florence, Allan, and Eliza, baptized and confirmed here at Christ Church, setting them on their own course for a personal relationship with the Lord.

Our campus has grown so that we could welcome more people into our church family. It has sheltered us as we have bonded with each other, served each other, and worshipped our Lord together.

As we now say goodbye, the Holy Spirit has made something very clear to me. This campus and these buildings, as thankful as we have been for them, have been merely the backdrop for all my memories.

Who has made all of my memories come alive are the people in them. All of you, my church family. This is what has given me peace, hope and joy as we begin our new journey with God as our faithful guide.

## “Our Call is No Different Than it Was Before”

Good Shepherd’s Rector Finds Comfort and Hope In Time of Loss

By The Rev. Will Klauber, Rector, The Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston

When the original Supreme Court ruling was published in April, I had only been a rector for a year and a half. All of a sudden, with one swift tug, the rug of security was yanked out from under me. Questions began flooding my mind. “Where will we go? Who will go with us? What about the Day School?”



How will I care for the families who will immediately feel led away from Good Shepherd?

And then, as quickly as the wave of questions had swallowed me up, I was filled with what could only be described as the peace of the Lord. As time passed, I was able to press on in faith knowing we are not a forgotten or forsaken people. This is but a momentary affliction.

While the decision of the Supreme Court may still not yet be finalized, I do not find any peace in what may or may not come as the court case winds down. What I do rest soundly in is the knowledge that, even as this groundswell overtakes us, the Lord will be glorified. That is who he is. He has not left us, and our call to love God, love our neighbor, and make disciples is no different now than it was before. So we press on. We do so knowing that despite the outcome He is with us. He has not left us nor forsaken us. In this location, or in a new

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# St. John’s Parish Church Holds First Service at Haut Gap Middle School

More than 200 people joined St. John’s Parish Church for their first worship service at Haut Gap Middle School on July 17. The clergy, staff, and many church members had converted the middle school cafeteria into a beautiful worship space, which will serve as the temporary worship home for the church.

“The service was entirely dedicated to the worship of our Lord, recognition of the one true Gospel of Jesus Christ, and being united together by the power of the Holy Spirit,” said newly called Rector, The Rev. Jeremy Shelton. “Upon entering the converted space, many parishioners

were overwhelmed with emotion by the beauty and reverence.”

Shelton noted that he received many positive comments about the day. “Today was inspiring, a wonderful beginning on our new path!” “The service today was wonderful! We are praising God!” “Today was great. I could feel the Holy Spirit in that room with us. So happy for us moving forward.” “It is quite evident that the Lord is doing something big.” “That’s not some middle school cafeteria, that’s beautiful!” “Fabulous service today!” “We have so much to build on from this morning! We love the new welcome table and children’s ministry. Haut

Gap looked so great today!” “Great first service!”

St. John’s was joined in worship by mission-partner parish Good Samaritan of Summerville. Good Samaritan encouraged their entire congregation to worship with St. John’s that first Sunday in Haut Gap. St. John’s is also partnering with the Church of Our Saviour, Johns Island during the transition.

“Encouragement, prayer, and fellowship has come from all over the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina to the people of St. John’s,” said Shelton. “It means so much. We’re excited to move into this new season of life and ministry together. I am incredibly encouraged by the Body of Christ at St. John’s Parish Church, and by our Lord. We worshipped the Lord in a spirit of unity and fellowship that was palpable. Sunday, July 17, 2022, is a day we will remember forever as the day the Holy Spirit moved mightily within us — leading us further into His mission and ministry, participating in the building up of God’s Kingdom on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness.”

St. John’s Parish Church meets at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings at Haut Gap Middle School, 1861 Bohicket Road, John’s Island, SC.



JENI BECKER

*The clergy, staff, and many church members had converted the middle school cafeteria into a beautiful worship space, which will serve as the temporary worship home for the church. If you’re in the area on a Sunday, make a point to join them.*

# Court Affirms Property Rights of Six Additional Properties

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The earlier, April 20, ruling stated that 15 parish properties of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina will also remain with their parishes in the diocese. They are: All Saints, Florence; Church of our Savior, John’s Island; Church of the Cross, Bluffton; Christ-St. Paul’s, Yonges Island; Epiphany, Eutawville; Redeemer, Orangeburg; Resurrection, Surfside/Myrtle Beach; St. Helena’s, Beaufort; St. Paul’s, Bennettsville; St. Paul’s, Summerville; St. Philip’s, Charleston; St. Luke & St. Paul, Charleston; St. Michael’s, Charleston; Trinity, Edisto; and Trinity, Pinopolis.

Of the 36 parishes that were parties to this litigation, 28 have had their property rights upheld. All 36, whether having their property rights affirmed or not, will continue their parish ministries going forward, though some in new locations.

On August 17 only one additional parish, Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston, was ruled to have created a trust interest in their property on behalf of TEC and TECSC.

In addition to Church of the Good Shepherd, the April 20 opinion called for transfer of the deeds to Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant; Holy Trinity, Charleston; St. Bartholomew’s, Hartsville; St. David’s, Cheraw; St. Matthew’s, Fort Motte; St. James, Charleston; and St. John’s, Johns Island, to the Episcopal Church and its local diocese, the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina.

**Update:** On September 1, 2022, the Episcopal Church and The Episcopal Church in South Carolina filed a Petition for Reconsideration

and Rehearing with the South Carolina Supreme Court asking the Court to reverse their ruling regarding the property rights of two parishes whose rights they had affirmed in their August 17 ruling. Those parishes are: Old St Andrew’s, Charleston, and Church of the Holy Cross, Stateburg.

Additionally, Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston, whose property rights the Court denied in their August 17 ruling, filed a Petition for Rehearing presenting arguments for the Court to reconsider that decision.

We join with Bishop Edgar in praying the Court will deny the request of the Episcopal Church regarding Old St. Andrew’s and Holy Cross and reverse its earlier ruling regarding Good Shepherd, enabling these three parish properties to remain with their historic congregations and the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina.

Quoting Bishop Edgar in his note to the diocese, “With me, you are likely tired of the back-and-forth and wondering if this will ever end. It will. Someday, in the not-too-distant future, I trust these matters will be behind us, and we will move forward—whatever the outcome—into ministry without this distraction. Until then, we do well to heed St. Paul’s advice to ‘Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, and be constant in prayer’ (Romans 12:12) never losing sight of the fact that, (as John reminded us) ‘...you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world’ (1 John 4:4). That truth can never change.”

## Developing a Diocesan Ministry Strategy

By Bishop Chip Edgar

In the past several years, our Diocese's commitment to church planting for the growth and vitality of the church has been steadily increasing.

That's due, in no small part to my predecessor, Bishop Lawrence's, decision to appoint (the Rev'd) Todd Simonis to be Canon for Church Planting.

Bishop Lawrence could have appointed a full-time Diocesan Director for Church Planting, but instead, with his selection of Simonis, he capitalized on the wisdom of someone in the trenches, doing ministry as a church planter.

That model—having Canons for certain ministry areas needing diocesan emphasis and support—seemed to me a strategic way for our diocese to move forward. Compared to full-time diocesan ministry staff, Canons are more cost-effective, increase cooperation between parishes and the diocese, and allow us to focus on a greater number of potential ministry emphases.

I determined to move to that model in the coming years, planning to fade out our full-time positions over time.

With the financial uncertainty introduced by the South Carolina Supreme Court's decision, I determined that the calendar for the change needed to be advanced, so I have ended our two full-time diocesan ministry positions to begin the process of appointing Canons for various ministry areas.

I am grateful for the years of service in the areas of Student Ministry and Faith Formation that Dave Wright and Peter Rothermel, respectively, have offered the diocese. Both are good and godly men who have advanced those ministry areas across the diocese during their tenures. I, together with the whole diocese, am grateful for their work. (See Page 14)

In the coming months we will begin moving forward in the calling and appointing of Canons for various areas of ministry important to our diocese. In consultation with diocesan leaders, I will announce developments as they are made.

## The Jerusalem Fund

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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. We will do this, to the degree we are successful, together, as the Body of Christ in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina.



# “All Glory Belongs to God!” Henrietta Rivers Ordained A Priest

Rivers First African American Woman to be Ordained a Priest in Diocese's History

On Tuesday, September 13, 2022, The Rev. Henrietta Rivers was ordained to the sacred order of priests by Bishop Chip Edgar at St. John's Chapel, Charleston. The service was a glorious gathering, bringing priests and laity from around the diocese to celebrate the occasion.

Henrietta holds a Master of Divinity degree from Trinity School for Ministry and has the daily privilege of sharing the Gospel of Christ with students at Porter Gaud School as the Middle School Chaplain. In addition to teaching and pastoral care at the school, Henrietta serves as an Intern at the Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's and Daniel Islands and also serves at St. John's Chapel, Charleston, where her husband, The Rev. Matthew Rivers, is the Rector. Henrietta and Matthew have two adult children: Kariesha Richardson and Herbert Jordan Drayton. She serves on the board of the Anglican Women of South Carolina, and served on the Bishop's Search Committee for the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina.



JOY HUNTER

*Prior to the ordination we had an opportunity to interview Henrietta. Here is an abbreviated version of the interview. (Joy Hunter - Editor)*

### How did you come to Christ?

I came to Christ when I came to the end of myself. After hitting all of the indicators of success, as I and the world defined them, I was still very unsatisfied. I wanted to be an example to my children but struggled with how to cultivate my own relationship with Jesus. Early one morning, at 2:30 a.m., while singing worship songs on a ladder, painting a vaulted ceiling, I began screaming and crying out to the Lord. I was empty and just existing and I couldn't do it anymore. After pouring out everything within me that

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night until I had neither tears nor a voice, I fell asleep on the floor. The next morning, I woke knowing that He was Lord and that He was with me. From that day, Jesus revealed Himself through everything: billboards, people, songs, street signs, and scripture. I finally realized He had been chasing after me the whole time. In response, I chased after Him.

### When did you first sense a call to ordained ministry?

For me, I find fulfillment and contentment in the ministries I serve, until it is time for the next step. God will illuminate a need and plant a hunger in me to fill it or He will subtly position me, and by the time I realize what He has done, I'm moving in the direction of purpose. My call happened both ways.

I went to seminary with my own agenda, but God revealed and confirmed His call and His agenda before

the end of my first year. I kept it secret for a while but He was relentless in His pursuit, confirming it in dreams and through others. Because the Lord knew I would still need more confirmation, He illuminated the steps so clearly (even in what seemed like denial or closed doors) until I could no longer deny it was His will for my life.

### You're a middle school chaplain, an intern at HCSI, you minister alongside your husband, you have an online video ministry.... Which of these makes you come alive the most?

The part of ministry I enjoy the most, is exalting Jesus, whether that's from the pulpit, in the classroom, during a live broadcast, in counseling sessions one on one, or at large. He's the greatest gift and I simply want to share Him. When He is high and lifted up, He will draw men to Himself.

### What makes your ministry unique?

I love working in the church but as a chaplain at Porter-Gaud I have the tremendous privilege of impacting young lives daily. It's a mission field and missional work requires that you go out and be the hands and feet of Jesus daily. I don't get a day off from proclaiming His goodness or teaching His love and sacrifice. I remember the person who impacted my spiritual journey in my youth and I strive to be that person to every student I encounter.

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JOY HUNTER

*Rivers, right, gathers on the porch of St. John's Chapel with other clergy from the diocese moments before her ordination.*

## How to Donate to the Jerusalem Fund

If you would like to donate to the Jerusalem Fund, please make your check payable to: “The ADOSC Development Fund” with a check memo line that it is designated gift “for the Jerusalem Fund”

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## Youth Retreat Update

Due to transitions in the Diocese, our Middle school's “Mondo,” and Senior High School's “Regenerate,” will be combined in to one event at a different venue in November. We are confident the price will be \$165 per student, and hopeful the date will be Nov. 18-20. Details will be announced soon. Learn more at: [www.adosc.org](http://www.adosc.org).

# St. Paul's, Conway and St. John's, Florence, Partner Together for 14th Youth Mission Trip

By Sean Richardson, Youth Pastor, St. Paul's, Conway and Charlotte Smith, Youth Pastor, St. John's, Florence



SEAN RICHARDSON

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In July 2022, for the 14th year, the youth groups of St. Paul's, Conway and St. John's, Florence served together during our annual summer mission trip in Jacksonville, FL, where we worked with City Rescue Missions (CRM) to help out at a thrift store and food pantry. Previously we have served together in New Orleans, Asheville, Atlanta, Tampa, and Chattanooga. These joint mission trips between our two churches have helped to create a family that is bigger than one church or one location.

Since COVID hit, CRM has struggled to find and retain volunteers. A thrift store they oversee was overrun with donations, so we were able to help clean and organize it. They also oversee the running of a local food pantry. The kitchen at this pantry was poorly managed and very recently had a leadership change. We walked into a place full of moldy food and dirty appliances. Though it may seem hard to believe,

our students had a blast cleaning, organizing, and throwing out old moldy food. Our hope is that these opportunities to serve in Jacksonville will motivate and guide these



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students to serve at home.

Chapel time consisted of worksite stories, games, worship, and a message. The theme for the week was "Being a Disciple." A major focus at each chapel was the difference of "being" a disciple and "doing" as a disciple. We learned about abiding in the Lord, loving like the Lord, and counting the cost to follow Christ. The chapel time will hopefully guide further discussions about "being a disciple."

The best part of the trip was the relational side...all of us hanging out. It was a true glimpse of authentic community. Undistracted authentic community. No phones were allowed on the trip, which gave students an opportunity to disconnect from the outside world and reconnect with each other. New friendships were formed and people were welcomed and accepted. We could go on with stories from the week, but we will leave you with this: While lying in bed, students were talking into the wee hours of the morning, and one said, "This is the best week of my life." Perhaps this was an overstatement on the student's part, but perhaps not. This particular student tends to be viewed as awkward and an outsider in school, and yet he was completely accepted within our youth group community this week. May our students continue to embrace others and welcome those who have a history of feeling unwelcomed. Jesus did this first, and we are to follow in his footsteps.

If you have taken some time off from ministry or serving since COVID, we want to encourage you to get back into it. It was great to be away with students for a week and watch them grow in their faith after a two-year hiatus.

# St. Christopher Sees Final ADOSC-Led Summer Camp

The final session of summer camp at Camp St. Christopher led by The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina ended on August 5, 2022.

The camp ministered to 1,251 campers this summer. They had 28 college/post college staff, eight interns (recent high school graduates), and over 70 high school counselors. There were 12 sessions of camp starting June 3 and ending August 5.

"As our time of stewarding St. Christopher comes to a close, it's important that we pause to remember all that the Lord has done in the lives of so many here in this hallowed place over the years, and to thank Him for His abundant grace," said Justin Johnson, who has served as the summer camp director for the past six years.

"This summer was marked by the joy of the Lord and a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit," says Johnson. "We had an amazing staff. The unity among our staff, counselors, and interns was remarkable. They served faithfully in the face of so much adversity."

Reflecting on his time serving as the Director of St. Christopher, the Rev. Ken Weldon said, "It has been an incredible honor and privilege to walk through this particular season at this beloved place. I cannot begin to express my gratitude to our staff and to our diocese for their unwavering support and their ongoing commitment to this ministry. It is truly a blessing to serve alongside you. We look forward to walking faithfully into what the Lord has in store for the future of this ministry."



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## Looking Forward

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perfection, setting that up as a norm, and depreciating all other occasions by comparison. But these other occasions, I now suspect, are often full of their own new blessing, if only we would lay ourselves open to it. God shows us a new facet of the glory, and we refuse to look at it because we're still looking for the old one. And, of course, we don't get that... And the joke, or tragedy, of it all is that these golden moments in the past, which are so tormenting if we erect them into a norm, are entirely nourishing, wholesome, and enchanting if we are content to accept them for what they are, for memories. Properly bedded down in a past which we do not miserably try to conjure back, they will send up exquisite growths. Leave the bulbs alone, and the new flowers will come up. Grub them up and hope, by fondling and sniffing, to get last year's blooms, and you will get nothing."

I've been making it my goal to be present on the final Sunday when a parish bids farewell to its building. (I haven't and, sadly, won't be able to make them all, but even when absent in body, I am present in the Spirit by prayer.) A few Sundays ago, I was with the faithful of Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant, as they said goodbye to theirs.

I'm not sure how to describe it. Glorious hardship is as close as I get. I went expecting somber faces and teary eyes. And there were tears, of course. But the glory of the future to which Christ is calling that parish was there in even greater measure.

In the spring of 2004, Beth and I moved our family to Columbia, SC, to plant the Church of the Apostles. We threw ourselves into the work, but it took our hearts a while to catch up. Gloomy doubts and faithless fears eventually gave way, in God's tender mercy, to embracing the glorious goodness of the new thing God was doing in and through our efforts. A church was planted, grew, and sent out others to plant, and to our surprise continued to thrive in the glory of the gospel.

We eventually got a pipe organ, but we never quite got to the rich choral tradition we both loved. But God gave us the gift of seeing the glory of the new thing that he had built through our efforts.

As we move through this hard season in the life of our diocese, I pray that we not, "hark back to some occasion which seemed to us to reach perfection...and depreciate all others by comparison..." but that, with tears, we embrace the unknown glory to which God beckons.

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from the ADOSC to the EDOSC on October 1, 2022. Camp and conference center operations will continue uninterrupted when EDOSC assumes control.

- ADOSC will transfer rental property at 129 Coming Street, Charleston, and a vacant lot in the town of Santee, both properties in possession of the ADOSC, to the EDOSC.

- EDOSC waives and relinquishes any claim in the ADOSC lease hold interest in the Diocesan Headquarters building.

- The historical papers in the possession of ADOSC will be made available for imaging or copying by both dioceses and then jointly donated to the South Carolina Historical Society or another jointly agreed upon nonprofit organization in Charleston.

- The historical silver, now in possession of the ADOSC, where no parish has a claim, will be jointly do-

nated to the Charleston Museum or other jointly agreed upon nonprofit organization in Charleston.

- Both the ADOSC and the EDOSC will provide quitclaim deeds to several active mission congregations associated with the ADOSC.

- Additional financial assets have been returned to the EDOSC. Each diocese made financial concessions and agreed to forego claims against the other to reach this agreement.

- The parties will not pursue further or future litigation between each other and all parishes and missions of the ADOSC except for those currently awaiting rulings from the South Carolina Supreme Court or those which have pending claims in the betterments lawsuit.

- The pending litigation in Federal Court will be dismissed, leaving in place the current Federal District Court orders regarding use of certain names and seals.

- All bishops' portraits, now in possession of the ADOSC, will be given to the EDOSC after copies are made by the ADOSC.

Reflecting on the agreement, Bishop Edgar said, "This settlement agreement allows us to invest our diocesan energy, time, focus, and resources in gospel ministry rather than litigation. While the losses we have experienced, including those of St. Christopher and several of our parish buildings are painful, I am grateful that the work we have done has brought an end to litigation between our dioceses. I am grateful, too, for the willingness to work to avoid further litigation that Bishop Woodliff-Stanley showed throughout this process. These hard past few months were made easier by her kind and generous willingness to compromise to reach this settlement."

Bishop Woodliff-Stanley echoed this sentiment: "From the very beginning of this process, I have been grateful for the gracious

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## Rivers Ordained to Priesthood

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### What's the best part of being called to serve the Lord Jesus?

I'm a walking billboard, of a perfect Savior dying for a wretch like me. When I am declaring the Gospel, I am a living witness and no one can dispute what He has done in my life. So I get to share the transformative power of His love, His sacrifice, His grace, and His mercy as a vocation, even though I would totally do it for free.

### What specific gifts do you bring to the body of Christ (the Church)?

The gift I believe absolutely necessary to the body, is my gift of faith. I actually believe the Word of God. I've been called a fool for believing when what is happening in the natural world appears contradictory to the Word of God. I've been told "it doesn't take all of that." My superpower is that I BELIEVE in Whom I'm called to serve and in what He has and will do, period.

### What are you most looking forward to in being an ordained priest?

When I began reading the Bible, I was most fascinated by everything in red. I wanted to say the words Jesus spoke, even though I understood He inspired all of what is written. As an ordained priest, I am humbly privileged to celebrate the sacrifice of the Cross weekly during Eucharist. Even typing this, I am overwhelmed thinking of the great magnitude it is to guide the body of believers to the tangible reminder of the sacrament of reconciliation. I really don't have words to explain the significance of this to me, just tears and a deep, inner knowledge of its relevance and enormity.

### How can we support you?

I covet prayers and true accountability. I have seen the body of Christ turn a blind eye to the frailties of leaders, at a time when accountability and encouragement are needed most. I want to be surrounded by people who care first for my soul, and then the office to which I'm called.

### What does it mean to you to be the first black woman priest in our diocese?

The fulfillment of this day is twofold for me. It does come with an awareness of the struggle a people had to pray through and believe, that such a day would come, to them and those assisting them, trusting in God and His timing, without ever witnessing it. I want to acknowledge that those prayers are answered. But most importantly, Scripture doesn't change. When history aligns with His Story, we celebrate the strides that are made because we understand God's timing is perfect. But it is with a resounding acknowledgement that none of this is man-made, all of the glory belongs to God!

## Big Q Youth Event

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What questions are they asking? What are they seeing that we might need to hear? Listening is an act of love, and we want to love this generation."

Sunday, August 21, about 125 students and their youth leaders descended on a pavilion at James Island County Park to play games, eat BBQ, and consider life's big questions. An eight-foot-tall question mark stood at the pavilion and students took turns writing out their questions. After getting their fill of pulled pork, students heard testimonies from a few of their peers and some of our youth ministers. It was a great night of collaborative youth ministry.

In the coming year, it is our desire to pilot new events around the diocese to help our churches engage students. We have a gospel that offers much needed hope to a world that is broken and confused.

# Building Multiple Generations of Disciples Through Life Groups

## Two Churches Work on Discipling Together

By Catherine Warner, Church of the Holy Cross

Life group ministry (small groups) can be one of the most challenging ministries offered by the church. Yet it is essential to the health of the church. When we look at how Jesus lived and ministered, we see that a great deal of his ministry was in the context of a life group. He called 12 men to walk together with him so he could form them spiritually and teach them to carry on his ministry. Jesus didn't call 12 people that looked alike, either. He called together a variety of people from widely disparate backgrounds. He had both sides of the political spectrum, white collar, blue collar, introverts, extroverts, leaders and followers. Sometimes they argued with one another and even with him. The disciples were a tough crowd. And so are we. Why would we expect a thriving life group ministry to be any different?

Jesus said, "Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men." When Jesus invited his disciples by saying, "Come, follow me..." he was initiating a call to repentance and relationship to himself. When he said, "I will make you..." he was indicating he would transform the hearts and lives of his followers. When he stated, "fishers of men," he was indicating that the disciples would be reproducing themselves and creating more disciples. At Holy Cross, we call this, "Follow, Form and Fulfill." Jesus calls us to follow him, to be transformed by his Spirit, and to fulfill his mission to go and make disciples of all nations.

A few years ago, we took a hard look at discipleship in the context of our parish and realized we needed to reevaluate what Jesus asked us to do. We looked at our programs, classes, and how disciples were being formed, and what was actually being produced. We



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Cathedral and Holy Cross leaders at Growing Leaders Training at Holy Cross.

focused on life groups in order to build a structure to develop our discipleship. Some key things we noticed:

1. Just because a group was growing numerically, didn't necessarily mean it was growing spiritually.
2. Just because a group had longevity, didn't necessarily mean it was growing spiritually or reproducing itself.

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spirit of Bishop Edgar in doing just this work with us. I am grateful for his leadership and his generosity. While each diocese has had to leave things on the table to get to this moment, and while we experience pain over losses of some of the historic churches our members hold dear, even still, we have seen the Spirit at work in drawing us toward God's redemptive way of love at every juncture."

While we give thanks that the legal disputes at the diocesan level are being brought to a close, we nevertheless recognize that a number of our parishes await a final resolution of their legal concerns. It is our prayer that



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Participants in the Growing Leaders Training do a "Pipeline" activity to illustrate unity in purpose.

3. Some groups had become social gatherings with very little spiritual information or transformation.

4. Many groups focused on spiritual information but showed very little spiritual transformation.

On a macro level, we weren't seeing disciples growing deeper in their faith and reproducing themselves. We wanted to see multiple generations of disciples made. To use an example from family life: we wanted to see people have "spiritual grandchildren and great-grandchildren," i.e. disciples making disciples who make disciples.

As we looked around for help, we discovered there are many great organizations that exist to help churches grow disciples. We looked into several and found one that made sense for our congregation and adapted their materials to train and equip leaders to begin facilitating life groups that would grow and multiply. It was hard work to make the shift and it required vision and leadership from the top down. The rector, vestry, and clergy agreed this was both the biblical pattern and the particular vision God had for Holy Cross, and all became invested in shaping ministry around discipleship and life groups.

It has not been a smooth road and we have learned a great deal from mistakes and failures. However, lay-led groups are now birthing groups, and we are seeing members intentionally discipling others who will eventually disciple their own people. It's beginning to become normative in our culture and part of our DNA.

And an exciting thing has happened. A couple of years ago, the Very Rev. Peet Dickinson, Rector at the Cathedral, reached out and introduced me to Kathleen Brinson. Kathleen is the Director of Community Groups at the Cathedral. They were interested in developing relational discipleship strategies as well. Kathleen and I met, and a beautiful discipling friendship was birthed. We have shared together, groaned together and grown in Christ together! This past year, Kathleen brought leaders from the Cathedral to two of Holy Cross' life group leaders' trainings. We were able to talk after both of these about what worked for the Cathedral and what didn't work in the different cultural contexts where we minister. We looked at strategy together and prayed for one another. We celebrated as people became encouraged and equipped to minister.

The Cathedral took the principles we shared and then adapted and developed their own strategies for their specific parish context. It was an incredible joy when the Cathedral offered their own leaders training this summer, and my husband Chris (the Rector of Holy Cross) and I participated with them to support what they are doing. We had so much fun together. And Holy Cross learned from things they are doing that we are now taking back into our ministry. We are loving the mutuality and camaraderie in Christ. And we are partnering in the mission Jesus gave us to make disciples in the context of our diocese.

these issues will soon come to a resolution as well as we move forward together as a diocese into this next season of ministry.

What does this next season look like? For some, it will be full of new challenges - and opportunities - as they as they learn to minister outside the walls of their beloved church buildings. For others we'll seek to pull together as a diocese and grow in our roles as supportive brothers and sisters. For all of us we'll continue to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and pursue the work of the gospel in South Carolina and beyond out from under the shadow of litigation with a renewed focus

on our mission and ministry. Therefore, let us move forward prayerfully, in thanksgiving for this Spirit-led settlement, and in hope for the work of the Gospel and continued in-breaking of the Kingdom of God.

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

The Revd B. Tyler Prescott, *President of the ADOSC Standing Committee*

The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

# MEN AND THE CHURCH

## 2022 Men's Summit

Bishop Edgar to Speak on "Faith in the Home"



The Diocesan Men's Summit will be held on Saturday, October 15 at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Summerville starting at 9 a.m. and finishing by 12:30 p.m. The Rt Revd Chip Edgar will be our speaker. The Bishop will be speaking on Faith in the Home. The Summit will also be available for those participating virtually as well. We are asking everyone who plans to participate to register online at <https://adosc.org/ministries-and-departments/mens-ministry/mens-summit/>.

"...if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another..."

## Diocese Holds Men's Spring Hike

By Les Sease, Christ St. Paul's, Yonges Island



BILL READ

We camped along the Middle Saluda River, and listened to the river running through the gap. Studying 1 John 1 - 5, we talked about the walk each of us takes individually with God and collectively as a band of brothers.

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life ... that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ." 1 John 1: 1-4

During the second weekend of May 2022 (5/12-15), a fellowship was forged between eight men that camped and hiked at Jones Gap State Park in Greenville County, South Carolina. Legend speaks of Solomon Jones building a toll road through this gap in the Upstate with only a hatchet in the 1800s. We hiked the trails that remain from that effort, as well as

a few more, that gave us views that were breathtaking.

"...if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." 1 John 1:7

We camped along the Middle Saluda River, and listened to the river running through the gap. Studying 1 John 1 - 5, we talked about the walk each of us takes individually with God and collectively as a band of brothers. Laying down our worldly burdens we hiked several of the trails around Jones Gap. We summited Little Pinnacle Mountain, following the Rim of the Gap Trail, and viewed Pretty Place across the gap from us sitting on the Continental Divide.

"...whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected." 1 John 2:5

The next day, hiking up from the gap below, we heard the water falling for the longest time before walking into view of Rainbow Falls. Standing in the spray from Rainbow Falls we were bathed in the cool mountain waters falling 100' from above. And although not as tall, we also stood before Jones Gap Falls and let God captivate us with His beauty.

"... I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one." 1 John 2:14

And we ate well. The first night was beef tenderloin prepared in camp and served to the brotherhood of hungry men. The second night was hamburgers and baked beans. Some of the best meals are filled with the smell of anticipation before enjoying each mouthful. Finally, we ate barbecue the third night and watched the stars.

"...whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him." 1 John 3:22

Each morning we celebrated with Morning Prayer and each evening closed with Compline. We shared our meals together and celebrated the life that God provides for each of us.

"God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." 1 John 4:16

Five Parishes participated in the 2022 Spring Hike:

Old Saint Andrew's, Saint James, the Cathedral of Saint Luke & Saint Paul (all of Charleston); Saint Jude's, Walterboro; and Christ Saint Paul's, Yonges Island.

"For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world." 1 John 5:4

The next group of Men's Hikes will be in the Fall of 2022. More information will be posted on the Men's Hike Ministry webpage in the coming months. If you are interested in joining a Men's Hike or starting a Hike Ministry in your church, connect with Les Sease. Contact and information forms are found on the Men's Hike Ministry page: <https://adosc.org/ministries-and-departments/mens-ministry/mens-hikes/>



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## Camp Anderson and the Gift From God

By the Very Rev. John Burwell, Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg

This article is reprinted from the newsletter of the Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg

God is so good. Your vestry has just worked out an arrangement to get Camp Anderson not just restored, but vastly improved and at no cost to us.

Remember when Camp Anderson's lake looked like this?



Camp Anderson, circa 2014

Seven years ago, on Friday, Saturday, and early Sunday, October 2-4, 2015, Orangeburg received over 15 inches of rain causing massive flooding. The 1000-year flood overpowered our spillway, took out a portion of our dam, and it completely drained our lake.

In the years since, we've fought DHEC and we finally won the right to rebuild our dam. The problem is, the cost of rebuilding is prohibitive for us. The lake bed is now fully grown up and grown over with fairly large pine trees and all manner of shrubs and six-foot tall marsh weeds. Because there is still water on the property where there used to be a lake, it's not a simple matter of cutting down the trees and adding water again. Additionally, the entire length of the dam will have to be rebuilt to current codes and substantially reinforced.

Our vestry got a few estimates from companies who do things like that and we found that we would be looking at a cost of a half-million to as much as a million dollars to fix the dam and remake the lake. Even if we could find generous donors to assist us, our vestry agreed that spending that kind of money just to give us a lake again would not be good stewardship of our resources. I completely agree with their thought.

About a year ago James Sutcliffe, who is a very good friend of vestry member Buster Way, mentioned to Buster that he'd be interest-



Camp Anderson after the 2015 flood

ed in buying the property if we ever wanted to sell. (We don't want to sell and we won't.) Mr. Sutcliffe owns the land on the far side of what used to be the lake as well as the property on the other side of the road from the lake, and he has the equipment and the financial acumen to rebuild it.

Being that Mr. Sutcliffe and Buster are life-long friends, Mr. Sutcliffe then made Buster a different offer that blesses Orangeburg's Redeemer. Mr. Sutcliffe proposed that we lease him the property for 15 years, and in return he will rebuild the entire dam and bring it up to all safety codes, rebuild and restore the lake to a better condition

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## Church Planting: Begins with the One

By The Rev. Canon Todd Simonis, Canon for Church Planting

When we consider church planting, too often we have in mind what an established church looks like and we then ask questions like, "How are we going to get there? Where are the people going to come from? How can we afford a building?"

However, church planting doesn't begin with a picture of an established church. Church planting begins with the conviction of the Gospel to reach individuals who do not know Jesus Christ. For that reason, church planting doesn't begin with worship services filled with lots of people. Most often, church planting begins with one. That one person who comes to Christ who embodies the Gospel hope for others to see.

This strategy of "beginning with the one" is how the Apostle Paul planted the church in Philippi. The Philippian Church began with one. Her name was Lydia. "One who heard us was a woman named Lydia,

from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said

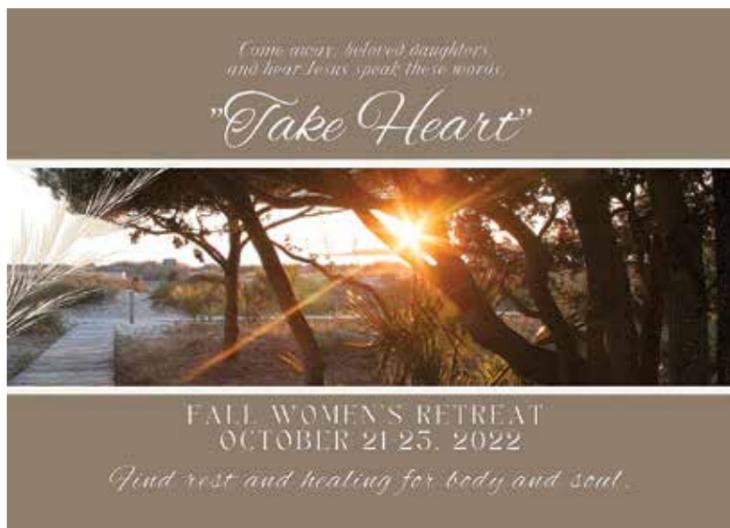
by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well..." (Acts 16:14-15)

The Spirit-filled, joyous church in Philippi was birthed when one individual received the Good News of the Gospel.

Years later, Paul would write these words to that same church at Philippi: "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil 1:6).

Not only is that true for us as individuals in Christ, but it is also how we need to understand church planting. Don't begin with a picture of the established church in mind. Begin with the one. And then trust that He who began a good work will bring it to completion.





## Anglican Women's Retreat October 21-23, 2022

Kerner ADOSC Women's Retreat Speaker

The Anglican Women of the ADOSC will hold their fall women's retreat October 21-23, 2022 at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. The Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner, who serves as the Director of Programs and Chaplain at St. Christopher, will be our speaker. We pray that this retreat will be an opportunity for women to find rest and healing for body and soul.

"Take Heart!" is the theme. Jesus prepared his disciples to face an unprecedented season of trial by speaking these encouraging words, even as his own death loomed very near: "I have said this to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation. But take heart, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33, ESV).

### About our Speaker

The Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner, Director of Programs and Chaplain at St. Christopher, will lead our retreat this year. Ordained a Priest in 2005, Sandi served as Rector for 14 years

in parishes in Southern Virginia before joining the St. Christopher staff in 2019 and directing The Prayer



Center on campus. For many years she has led retreats, offered spiritual direction, and designed and led healing prayer schools. She is a Chaplain in the Order of St. Luke and served for five years as Director of Prayer Ministry at Christian Healing Ministries, Jacksonville, FL.

To learn more and register visit [www.adosc.org](http://www.adosc.org). If you have questions, contact the Anglican Women's President, Sunny Walker at [smwdok@aol.com](mailto:smwdok@aol.com).

## Women's Peace Retreat

November 11 – November 12, 2022

(optional add-on stay until Sunday, November 13)

Led by Mary Tutterow

This retreat is for any woman who would like to rest, relax, and renew learning practices that can keep you in perfect peace.

No matter your circumstances, you can have peace. This retreat is not only an opportunity for you to rest and renew, but it is an opportunity to learn more about the lasting peace only God can give, and claim it for yourself.

Peace is a personal choice. Even if the circumstances of your life are in chaos, you can choose peace. It's not easy, but with insight and practice, you can experience dramatic improvement in your attitude and perspective.



Learn to quiet your mind so you can hear from God. Learn to let go of old thoughts and patterns that run your life, so the Holy Spirit can take over. No matter your circumstances, you can have peace.

Learn more at [stchristopher.org](http://stchristopher.org)

# George & Pink's Homecoming Celebration and House Blessing

By Beth Berry, Trinity Church, Edisto

George and Pink's Vegetable Market is an icon on Edisto. Established in 1972 by Rosa "Pink" Brown and her stepfather, George, the market has provided fresh vegetables to Edisto residents and vacationers seven days a week, year-in, year-out for 50 years. George moved from Bennett's Point to Edisto in the 1950's and over the ensuing decades helped many young people with jobs and was a leader in his church and community.

George and Pink's 100-year-old family home was destroyed by fire on August 21, 2019, and for the last three years, they have been living with other members of their family. At 93, George Days missed his chickens on the farm and sitting on the porch watching the activity at the market next door.

With the desire to help this deserving family who has helped many people on Edisto, the Rev. Michael Lumpkin spearheaded the "Fund-Raisin' for a House-Raisin'" project to build George and Pink a new home. Rev. Lumpkin assembled the George and Pink House Construction Team, composed of seven island residents. The team's story is filled with many blessings from the Lord, including the Biblically important number "seven." The seven-member team launched its fund-raising effort on January 27, 2021, with significant prayers, via GoFundMe plus personal appeals to members of the Edisto community, vacationers and the Edisto churches. In seven short weeks, they raised the targeted goal of \$190,000. House plans were drawn, permits obtained, and on August 27, 2021, the team held a groundbreaking ceremony, attended by about 50 people, including Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg, whose family has a long connection with George and his now deceased wife Evalina, Pink's mother.

The blessings flowed in, but also the challenges. After breaking ground, the team experienced a several-month delay while seeking a zoning variance with Charleston County to reduce the required 50-foot setback from the road, so the



BETH BERRY

The Homecoming Celebration and House Blessing was a true celebration of what the Lord can do through His people.

house could be situated closer to the location of the original family home. The zoning variance approval was granted November 1, 2021, and construction began soon after.

There truly could not have been a more challenging environment in which to build a home. Despite construction prices that have remained high and supply chain issues that delayed deliveries, the project kept

\$214,000. If it is determined there are any remaining funds, they will be given to the Edisto Island Home Mission Team, a Christian ministry of home repairing for Edisto residents in need.

"We would especially like to recognize businesses and individuals who have donated supplies, services and labor to this community effort," said Lumpkin. "Builder's First



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Source provided employee pricing on the lumber package; Clay Branham provided roofing installation; Rob Zapata's Electric, Inc. provided all electrical materials; Rick's Lighting donated light fixtures and fans; Noni Langford donated the house plan development; Frank Langford provided engineering plans; Lee Frank donated surveying and elevation certificate; Beers Millwork supplied door hardware; Mayor John Tecklenburg and his son John Henry of JH Landscaping, designed and installed landscaping. Thanks also go to Knight's Septic, Apex Exterminating, CT Lowndes, Ellie's Attic, Island Pressure Washing, and many others, especially Fisher Walter, who has served as General Contractor on a pro bono basis and Trinity Church on Edisto for serving as our 501c3 sponsor. In all, we received around \$60,000 of in-kind services that were donated."

Additionally, many people donated furnishings for the home: four bedrooms furnished with beds, mattresses, linens and pillows; a dining room table and chairs; living room furniture; TVs, pots and pans, cleaning supplies, spices and condiments. The generosity and abundance truly helped make the house a

steadily moving forward, thanks to the vision and leadership of the Team, all of whom are members or friends of Trinity Church, Edisto. Mike Lumpkin, Fisher Walter (the project's General Contractor), Van Leer Rowe, Kay Henry, Jerrel Jernigan, and Jim and Beth Berry comprise the team. The generosity of the 590 people, Edisto residents, vacationers and friends helped the team raise \$214,885 (\$213,632 net of GoFundMe fees) for the project. The amount raised is well over the original goal of \$190,000, but every dollar has been necessary in today's high-priced construction market. Current estimates for the cost of the home at completion are close to

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than it has ever been, landscape the grounds, repair the Bailey building, update the entrance gate, repair the outside chapel, repair the dock and continually maintain the grounds (cutting the grass, weeding, etc.). Mr. Sutcliffe will guarantee us four regular days a year to use the camp

at no cost to us and anytime that we want additional days to use the camp, all we have to do is give him advance notice. He will pay all insurance costs, utility costs, and all upkeep costs. And one other note – if either party wishes to cancel the lease at any time, we can.

In short, we retain ownership of Camp Anderson, we get to use the camp anytime we want to, and Mr. Sutcliffe will take care of all the upkeep and all future expenses, and he will rebuild the lake and refurbish the buildings and property within three years.

What's the catch? There is no catch. This is a gift from God to us for our future Redeemer generations.

Last week our vestry signed a lease agreement with Mr. Sutcliffe. If you know him, thank him for his incredible generosity to us. At the very

least, thank Buster Way for moving this project forward the next time you see him. And above all, thank our Lord for making this gift to us possible and for continuing to take care of us in ways we couldn't ever imagine. God is so Good!

# Supporting a Kenyan Missionary Serving in our Diocese

Several Diocesan Churches Bring The Rev. Fred Onyango to South Carolina for Ministry Partnership

By The Rev. Jim Cato, The Parish Church of St. Helena, Beaufort

Jesus told his disciples before He ascended into heaven that after receiving the power of the Holy Spirit they would become His “witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

In other words, Jesus gave them a mission to expand the worship of God and prepare communities of faith in places they couldn't even imagine — yet.

The Rev. Fred Ochieng Onyango of Emmanuel Shaurimoyo Parish, Kisumu, Kenya, feels a call to his end-of-the-earth assignment — to encourage mission among the churches

priority for educational opportunities, jobs and more while girls and women are secondary, or fare far worse.

The American team, led by the Rev. Jamie Sosnowski of the Parish Church of St. Helena and the Rev. Gary Beson, rector of Prince George Winyah, visited Huma, where this school for 560 girls sits nearly in the shadow of a boy's school, which serves 1,200 or more boys. The girls' school lacks many necessities including proper drinking water, showering facilities, and proper toilet facilities. They must wash their clothes in outdoor sinks.

“Affirmative action and a good education for the girls is a priority for the school,” says Olympia Jelagat Okal, Vice-chair of the school and Chair of Community Projects. “At home they must do all the work and have little encouragement for education. The girls' school is a safe place for them.

“Here we have 100 girls in senior class. The hope is that 50 percent of them will go to university. Right now, only two percent of girls attend university. A number

of girls who come here are from very poor families. A goal is that they could remain in the school where they are safe. At home they are vulnerable in a male-dominated society, and many become pregnant.” Others are at financial risk and can't afford to return to school, as many are tasked with the labor of the house or are sent to work in other houses at a very young age.

“Better medical care is another goal of the school, Olympia said. “We just want them to have care when they are sick. The school doesn't have a full-time qualified nurse. We have a matron who serves as school nurse to provide some aid to sick girls.”

Fred and the Huma Girls School Board want to expand, offering opportunities to girls who otherwise would be left behind.

In addition to his work with the girls' school, Fred also shows the love of Christ to a disadvantaged community of Muslims. Using uniforms donated by Holy Trinity Classical

Christian School in Beaufort, a soccer team has outfits for practice — but more importantly fellowship with each other, and with Christians.

In Fred's call to us, God is providing a great opportunity for parishes in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, as Fred endeavors to help encourage and prepare others to take the challenge Jesus presents in Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:16-20. Jesus has been given “all authority,” and He will fulfill the request if we ask. Fred wants to encourage diocesan parishioners, and we pray that support will follow to make his family's transition here a reality.

St. Paul's Parish and the Rev. Tripp Jeffords are the lead financial supporters of the initiative to bring Fred to our diocese. They



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The Diocesan Huma Girls School honors the visiting missionaries with traditional singing and dance. Above, the Rev. Gary Beson, center, joins in.



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Above, three former seminary classmates, the Rev. Gary Beson, left, the Rev. Jamie Sosnowski, center, and the Rev. Fred Onyango, right, meet before Sunday worship at Immanuel Church ACK Kisumu.

of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina. He feels the call as an opportunity to serve as a liaison for building mission partnerships between parishes in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and Anglican parishes, dioceses, and institutions in the Anglican communion, particularly in the Global South.

Fred “believes he is being called to come to America to educate his children and to offer his unique gifts and experiences to our diocese,” says the Rev. Tripp Jeffords, rector of St. Paul's, Summerville.

On a recent trip to Kenya a nine-member team, comprised of members of Prince George Winyah, Georgetown, and the Parish Church of St. Helena, Beaufort, witnessed first-hand the things that matter to Fred, in addition to providing a worship music class, Vacation Bible School, preaching and teaching on healing prayer. One of his great concerns is for Huma Girls School. Boys and men in Kenya receive

How can we support Fred's call while he ministers to our Diocese? His family is still in need of the following:

- Visa fees for six @ \$190 (\$1140)
- Six airline tickets @ \$1500 (\$9000)
- Housing in or around Summerville
- Auto insurance
- Driver's license
- Family medical insurance
- School enrollment for Fred and Sophie's children: Jason Treasure (17), Pascal (15), Christian Hawi (10), Epiphany (3).
- Setting up a bank account
- Moving donated furniture from Pawleys Island
- Housewares and yard equipment
- Clothing, curtains, blinds, beddings
- School uniforms, school supplies and toys for the kids
- Any other assistance deemed helpful for their arrival and settling in.

are joined by five other parishes. The network includes the Rev. Gary Beson of Prince George Winyah; the Rev. Shay Gaillard of St. Helena's, Beaufort; the Rev. Luke Deman of St. Timothy's, Cane Bay; the Rev. Tyler Prescott with the mission Church of the Good Samaritan; the Rev. Jamie Sosnowski of The Parish Church of St. Helena, Habersham; and the Rev. Rags Coxe of St. Matthew's, Darlington (most of whom were classmates of Fred's at Trinity School for Ministry). This network of friends and churches has been working on some of the details, but many details remain.

The plan, right now, is to have Fred and his family move to Summerville, where he will become part of St. Paul's staff and be in the middle of his network of support churches and priests. Fred and his wife Sophie's children would attend school in Summerville.

Current projects underway at the Huma Girls' School include a new well and water filtration system from Water Mission International, and solar electricity for dorms and school, which are the focus of Prince George Winyah. St. Helena has committed to providing an additional two-story dormitory with beds and mosquito nets. St. Timothy's contributed the funds for the construction of two new classrooms. These are just a few examples of mission projects and ministry that Fred will help churches in South Carolina connect with, when he and his family arrive in our diocese.

If you would like to assist with this effort, contact the Rev. Tripp Jeffords at [frtripp@stpaulsummerville.org](mailto:frtripp@stpaulsummerville.org)

## St. Helena's Compassion Action Team Goes Above and Beyond

By Jai McDowell, Director of Local Missions, The Parish Church of St. Helena, Beaufort

Over the past year, the servant leaders who make up St. Helena's, Beaufort's, Compassion Action Team have been joining together to provide home repairs and support to people in need in our community. It's been a great outreach ministry at St. Helena's, helping to fulfill our vision of ‘Knowing the Savior, Aligning with the Lord, Seeing the Kingdom Come.’ There are tremendous blessings as we serve and fellowship — opening ourselves up to live out the Gospel, share God's love, and bring glory to Jesus by loving our neighbors.

Our volunteers serve with joy, laughter, and lots of commitment and determination in their hearts. Instead of just repairing some rotting wood on the back siding of one of their recipient's porch, they took it all off, propped up the house where it was leaning, replaced the



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back with new wood, painted, and cleared things out so a faithful retired teacher could have a nice screened-in porch to enjoy for the summer. Another neighbor asked for help with her kitchen which was in desperate need of repair. She received new flooring, cabinets and nice pantry shelving, all new and freshly painted.

Again and again, this group has shown up with their own gifts, talents, power tools, and sometimes, household goods donated from their own homes, just to help fellow neighbor. They're serving as the hands and feet of Jesus and going above and beyond to help as a way of demonstrating how God has loved us and cared for us in a big way!

It's a real blessing to see how this group of volunteers has come together to really LOVE Beaufort and beyond. Bobby Smith, our



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Compassion Action Team leader scopes out the work and organizes our volunteer teams for each project, Deacon Jim Cato faithfully shepherds this group and helps with our outreach ministry onsite, and our Rector, Rev. Shay Gaillard, has been hugely supportive of this LOVE Beaufort ministry and all of our missions' efforts.

## St. Luke's Says Goodbye to Cherished Rector and Friend, The Rev. Greg Kronz

Submitted by St. Luke's Church Staff, Hilton Head Island

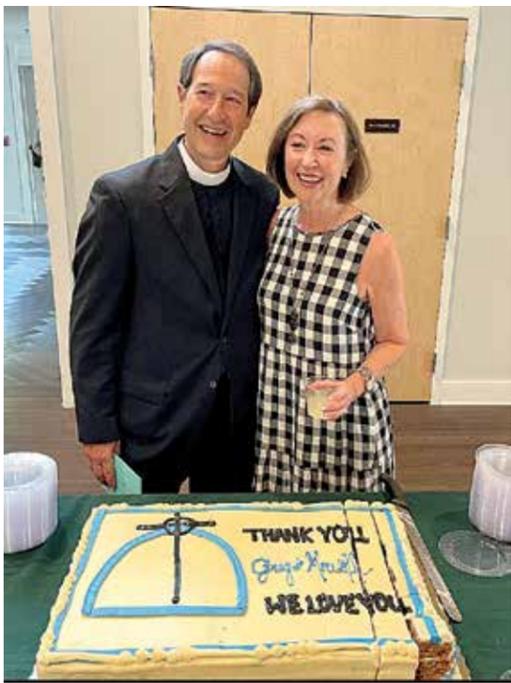
On September 4, 2022, the Rev. Greg Kronz gave his final sermon to a packed congregation at St. Luke's Church on Hilton Head Island. Greg, who has faithfully served St. Luke's for the past three decades, took his last opportunity as rector to remind his parishioners of many aspects of faith, ministry, and mission for the sake of Jesus and His Church at St. Luke's, including most importantly, that St. Luke's is a parish built solidly on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Greg declared that he has been amazed over the years at what the Lord has done, in and through the congregation of St. Luke's. He also exhorted his congregation to, "Trust God... period," no matter what changes may come.

Greg arrived at St. Luke's to take up the role as rector in 1992. Greg earned a Master of Divinity/Pastorate from Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry and had served, prior to his arrival, as the associate rector at Christ Episcopal Church in San Antonio, Texas and St. Stephen's in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania (part of the city of Pittsburgh) prior to San Antonio. While there, Greg was introduced to the Diocese of South Carolina and to St. Luke's Church, who issued the call to come to St. Luke's. Greg wholeheartedly felt God's desire leading him to the Island and accepted the invitation, bringing with him his wife, Meredith, and their three young children, Bethany, Daniel, and Aaron. Although Greg was just 35 at the time, and despite uncertainty about, "exactly what he was getting himself into at an upscale resort and retirement community," he knew St. Luke's was where the Lord was calling him to serve.

Since then, Greg has steered St. Luke's through various highs and lows of ministry work, through blessed, peaceful waters as well as stormy seas. Some of the highlights of his ministry have included the expansion of the St. Luke's campus through five capital campaigns. These efforts have resulted in the establishment of St. Luke's Preschool, which nurtures up to 85 children a day in a loving, educational environment; the renovation of a brand-new ministry center, providing necessary meeting space for a variety of ministries including youth, family, and outreach;

improvements and expansions to the main sanctuary; as well as recent construction of the newly dedicated "Kronz Fellowship Hall." This latest project will afford St. Luke's a beautiful event space for years to come, providing even greater ministry opportunities.

Beyond the St. Luke's campus, Greg's career has also greatly impacted the wider Hilton Head Island community and other missional endeavors overseas. Through his leadership, shepherding and guidance, along with the help and dedication of a faithful staff, plus the vision, generosity, and enthusiasm of the congregation, the following are just some of many successful organizations that have been nurtured, supported, or launched from St. Luke's:



The Rev. Greg Kronz and his wife Meredith at the church's retirement celebration.

the start-up location of the local Habit for Humanity chapter; The Church Mouse Thrift Shop, which raises more than \$500,000 annually for local charities as well as missions; Memory Matters, a thriving institution that provides services and programs for caregivers, individuals and families living with Alzheimer's; ACTS Counseling Center, which offers licensed therapeutic help to hundreds of families; the Allendale Prison Ministry; as well as initiatives for missions in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, the

Valentine Project orphanage in Tanzania, Africa, and more.

At the close of his final sermon, Greg encouraged his flock to be joy-filled, despite whatever circumstances may come. He also expressed his sincere love for his congregation, calling them not just "parishioners" but "friends." Greg said, "Just as Jesus said to his disciples before he was about to depart, 'I no longer call you servants, I have called you friends' (John 15:15a), I think of you as my friends. We are all members of Christ's body. All of us are brothers and sisters in Christ. All of us are meant to be friends."

So, what will Greg's future look like in retirement? In part, he'll spend increasingly more time with his children and grandchildren. Moreover, he declared that his goal will be, "To do His Father's will. I'm not retiring from ministry but seeking His will and how to use my time faithfully in the coming years."

## "I Want A Fresh Start. I Want to Live Like That Guy"

### Introducing Citadel Cadets to Jesus Christ

By The Rev. Dr. Rober Sturdy, St. Alban's, The Citadel

During this fall semester, St. Alban's Anglican Chapel has been overwhelmed. We have been welcoming as many as 160 for Holy Communion and 100 for our weekly Bible study. Very few of our students have an Anglican background (less than 15 out of 160!). Some of our students don't even have a Christian background. Spending time with students who have no real Christian background is exciting as well as illuminating.

Typically, when interacting with these students, I assume that they have some cultural knowledge about the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. But recently, that assumption was proved wrong. A young man indicated to me that he would like to be baptized, so I began weekly meetings to prepare him for baptism. Here is a snippet from our first conversation:

Rob: "I'd like to have some idea of what you know about Jesus. I'm going to ask you some questions, so I know where we need to start. Do you know how Jesus was born?"

Student: "Um...no. I don't know how he was born."

Rob: "No problem. How about his life? Jesus performed miracles. Have you heard of any of the miracles he performed?"

Student: "No. I don't know about any of that."

Rob: "Ok. We'll learn about it together. How about his death? Do you know how he died?"

Student: "Oh yeah! He died on a cross."

Rob: "Great! How did you know that?"

Student: "You said it in chapel last week."

Rob: "Right. I remember! Well, do you remember what I said Jesus thought he was doing when he died on the cross?"

Student: "You said he thought he was dying for our sins. He prayed that the people hurting him would be forgiven."



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Rob: "Right. What happened after that? Do you know what happened three days later?"

Student: "Yes. You said he was raised from the dead."

This young man isn't from a secular region of the U.S. He's from a large city in the Bible Belt. At St. Alban's, we're seeing more and more young people just like this young man, with no religious background, and no cultural knowledge of the Christian faith. Some Christians will feel threatened by the steep decline in Christian faith that this young man represents. But there is no reason to be threatened. Our experience at St. Alban's is very encouraging. We have found that the world beyond the walls of the institutional church is very receptive to the Gospel of Jesus, and young people like this are not only open to conversations about the faith, but eager to have them.

This young man is currently scheduled to be baptized on the weekend of Oct 14-16. That may actually not be enough time to prepare him. I asked him why he wanted to be baptized and was genuinely curious to hear his answer given how little he knew about Jesus. Here is what he said:

"You told us in chapel that Jesus could give us a fresh start through baptism. And I really liked what that other guy said, about if you have two coats then give one to someone who doesn't. I want a fresh start. But I also want to live like that guy. I want to live like you guys."

Pray for this young man, and the six others we are preparing for baptism. And also pray for anyone ministering beyond the walls of the local church, actively trying to evangelize our post-Christian America. It is not easy work, but it is richly rewarding.

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location, we do not fear the ways of man. We will praise Him and rejoice knowing that we are heirs of a Kingdom which cannot be shaken.

### Thoughts/Reflection from Christ Church's Last Sunday:

On Sunday, August 28, I was blessed to worship with our brothers and sisters at Christ Church Anglican on the last Sunday in their church building. Long before I was a priest, deacon, or even a summer camp director at St. Christopher, I was the youth minister at Christ Church. I owe a great deal of gratitude to the people of Christ Church for helping form me as a leader, and a pastor. That last Sunday was

a glorious time of worship. Florrie Sloan's words (see page 4) reminded us of the importance of relationships within the Body of Christ, and Ted Duvall's moving sermon reminded all those in attendance that, as Christ Church steps forward into this new season, they do not go alone. Good Shepherd Church in West Ashley; St. Luke's, Hilton Head; Church of the Cross, Bluffton; and all the parishes of the diocese go with the people of Christ Church into this new era.

Throughout the service there were a whole passel of emotions that raced through my mind. One moment which stood out was the presentation of the offering by the ushers. While four ushers brought the offering forward as usual, they were also accompanied by the entire suite of ushers who regularly

serve. What must have been nearly three dozen men and women came forward and stood shoulder to shoulder, as the plates filled with the offerings of the people were presented. As I surveyed the ushers, I began to weep. What was represented by them was hundreds of thousands of hours of service to the Lord in that beautiful place. I wept for the loss of the space, but I also cried tears of joy knowing that these men and women, and the entire congregation, will continue to serve God faithfully in their move to Jennie Moore and beyond. So I praise God for the people of Christ Church. I praise God for the mighty work that the Lord is doing through them and in them, and I rejoice in the knowledge that they are not alone. Wherever they go, we go with them.

## Flag Retirement Box Installed as Eagle Project

By Sean Richardson, St. Paul's, Conway

Keith Bullard is a member of St. Paul's Church, Conway (where he serves as a master server acolyte and a member of his youth group) and a Boy Scout with Troop 891 in Socastee, SC. This summer he brought these two institutions together for his Eagle Scout project, which was themed "For God and Country." Bullard installed a flag retirement box on the church property where parishioners and community members could drop off their old and tattered flags. He will periodically collect the flags



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# Ordinations and Institutions

## Institution of Koch as Rector of St. Luke's, Hilton Head, October 8

Join with the congregation of St. Luke's Anglican, Hilton Head, as they celebrate the Institution of a New Rector on Saturday October 8 at 10 a.m. The Revd. Dr. Jady Koch graduated from Washington & Lee University (2000) and Trinity School for Ministry (2007) and earned his Doctorate in Systematic Theology at the University of Humboldt in Berlin, Germany in 2014. He is one of the hosts of *The Stand Firm Podcast*



and posts various classes and sermons at Pelican Pie. In addition to various articles and lectures, he is the author of *The Distinction Between Law and Gospel as the Basis and Boundary of Theological Reflection*, which was published in 2016 (Mohr/Siebeck) and explores the interrelationship between the doctrine of justification by faith alone and the preaching and teaching ministry of the church. Having served churches in Berlin, Vienna, Louisville, and Mt. Pleasant, Jady is excited to have been called to St. Luke's and is looking forward to continuing his work in bringing the truths of the Gospel to bear on the everyday realities of contemporary life.

He serves on the board of Trustees for Trinity School for Ministry and is on the Diocesan Men's Council. He and his wife, Liza, have five children (Tucker, John, Carrington, Garland and Davis), a Corgi (Lily), and about a thousand house plants.

## Bowman Ordination to the Priesthood, November 6

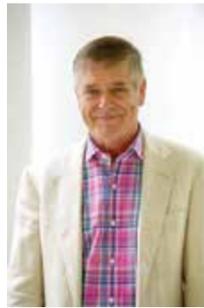
On Sunday, November 6 at 3:30 p.m. Rt. Revd Chip Edgar will ordain the Rev Laura Bowman to the priesthood at the Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island.



Laura came to the diocese 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 Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership from Penn State University, and a Master of Divinity (M.Div) degree from Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge, PA. Over the past year, Laura has served as a transitional deacon at Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island. Following her ordination to the priesthood, Laura will remain on staff at Holy Cross and will serve 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.

## Larson Called as Rector of Saint James, James Island

The Rev. Toby Larson was welcomed by Saint James Church, James Island, on Sunday, June 12, as their new rector. Toby most recently served as Director of Celebration International in Fredericksburg, VA.



He received his B.A. from Gonzaga University and his Th.M. in Biblical Theology and M.Div. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Before his ministry at Celebration International, Toby worked in China, as a Foreign Expert in China's Ministry of Television, Radio, and Film. After his time in China, he planted two congregations in Virginia and led evangelistic missions to central and east Asia. Toby said, "Love God, Love Life' is our family motto, and we're excited to live that out at Saint James." He and his wife Cynthia have five children the youngest of whom will live with them on James Island.



been born and raised in Rock Hill. Roger is married to Cindy, who is French, and they have two children: Audrey (4) and Hugo (2). Cindy has worked

in the international development and relief sector for upwards of 15 years and is a trained Stephen Minister. After several years of work in electoral politics, followed by a stint in international business, Roger discerned a call to ordained ministry, which was confirmed by the church. He took his Holy Orders as an Anglican deacon and then priest in Canada and has served as a congregational pastor, church planter, and chaplain. Roger's first Sunday as the Rector will be October 2, 2022.

## Shelton Called as Rector of St. John's, Johns Island

The Rev. Jeremy Shelton accepted a call to serve as Rector of St. John's Parish Church, Johns Island, and began serving in that role, July 17, the first Sunday the congregation worshipped in their new temporary worship space at Haut Gap Middle School. In a message to the parish, upon accepting the call, Shelton wrote, "Serving here the last four years has

## Revell Called as Rector of Christ the King Grace Church, Pawley's Island

The Rev. Roger L. Revell has joyfully accepted a call to serve as the next Rector of Christ the King Grace Church, Pawleys Island. With this appointment, Roger will be returning to his home state of South Carolina, having

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## People News

The Rev. Rick Belser was recently named Rector Emeritus of St. Michael's Church, Charleston, by Rector, the Rev. Al Zadig.



In a note to the congregation, Al wrote, "The title, Rector Emeritus acknowledges an ongoing two-way relationship of love, affection, respect and honor as we pledge to hold Rick up in prayer. It also means Rick and Annie may choose more freely the ministry they would like to participate in as they feel called... For the last several years, Rick has been dealing with the effects of Parkinson's, and is not as mobile. He and Annie have felt called back to their beloved St. Michael's and so it is only right, true and good to thank God for their transformational and faithful ministry by bestowing this honor upon them." Rick served as the Rector of St. Michael's for 21 years from 1986 until 2007. He was their 18th Rector.

Marc Collins has joined the staff of St. Philip's Church, Charleston, as their Director of Audiovisual Content. Marc will oversee all aspects of the church's audio-visual production, providing support for all worship services, ministry events, and special events, and ensuring the church's ministries



continue to grow in effectiveness, quality, and excellence as they work

to spread the Gospel in Charleston and beyond. A low country native, Marc grew up in Summerville before heading to Boston in 1980 to attend Berklee College of Music. He worked as a professional musician and songwriter for 26 years, including 13 years playing saxophone and singing at the Carolina Opry. In 2006, Marc changed his path to focus on production and joined East Cooper Baptist Church, where he served as media director for 15 years. Now Marc is a freelance engineer who wears many hats: flying drones, producing videos, and doing AV installs. Marc and his wife, Nancy, have four grown children and three grandchildren.

The Rev. Chase Edgar, son of Bishop Chip and Beth Edgar, was ordained to the priesthood on June 29 by the Rt. Rev. David Bryan of the Diocese of the Carolinas at the Cathedral Church of the Apostles in Columbia, SC. Chase received his B.A. in Public Relations from the University of South Carolina



and his M.Div. from Beeson Divinity School. Chase is married to Jessica, and they have a one-year-old daughter, Mary Andrew. Chase loves spending time with friends and family and is an avid reader of CS Lewis. "I'm excited about this final step in the ordination process," he said, "and beginning the work to which God has called me." Chase and his wife are planting a church in Anderson, SC.

Dee Goehring has accepted a call to serve as the Director of Children's Ministry at St. Michael's Church, Charleston.



A long-time St. Michaelite, Dee has served in Children's Ministry on their staff in the past as the Interim Director of Children's Ministry, Director of Preschool Ministries and Director of Toddler Time. A South Carolina native, born in Mauldin, Dee received her B.A. in Elementary Education from Clemson University. She and her husband, Allen, have three daughters: Annabella (18), Jacqueline (17), and Beatrice (9).

Shay Godwin has accepted a call to serve as the Family Life Coordinator for The Well By the Sea in Myrtle Beach, where he will focus on ministering to young families. Shay is a native South Carolinian, a 2012 graduate of Coastal Carolina University (CCU) with a degree in History,



concentrating in Ancient Near East and Religious studies. He earned his Master's in Theological studies at Erskine Theological Seminary and is currently working on his second Master's degree in Communication with a concentration in Organizational Leadership. He teaches Biblical Studies classes in CCU's OLLI program and World

Religions at Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC). He also works at CCU in the Office of Admissions and Merit Awards. Shay says 2015 was one of the best years of his life because he married his amazing wife, Emily, who has a Bachelor's degree from CCU in Graphic Design. They have two children: James-Michael and Eden. The Rev. Tom Woodle, Rector of The Well says, "We are delighted to have the Godwin family with us and we look forward to working together with Shay's and Emily's unique God-given gifts for building God's Kingdom at The Well."

The Rev. Joyce Harder, who serves as a deacon at Christ Church Anglican, has accepted a call to serve as the assistant to Bishop Chip Edgar. (This is following the resignation of the Bishop's long-time assistant Beth Snyder, who moved to TN with her family.) Joyce has



been a member of Christ Church Anglican for 35 years, during which time she served as Senior Warden, President of the Daughters of the King, and in varying roles in Christian discipleship. She was ordained as a deacon in 2016 with a focus on Kairos Outside, a program that ministers to women whose lives are impacted by the incarceration of loved ones. Joyce is married to Howard. Their son, Walt and his wife, Jenny, have three children in their 20's. Their daughter, Cameron Handel, and her husband, Jeff, have two little girls. Deacon Harder will continue her Sunday diaconal duties at Christ Church Anglican, as

well as some of her other volunteer responsibilities. She noted, "I am humbled and thrilled to accept this new call. God has blessed me above and beyond what I could hope or imagine, and I'm so looking forward to working with Bishop Edgar. At the same time, I'm very grateful to be able to continue to serve Father Ted and my beloved Christ Church Anglican family." She joined the staff of the Diocesan office on June 27.

Please keep the family and loved ones of Ed Holt in your prayers. Ed, who died on June 14 following



a courageous battle with Lewy body dementia, served as the Treasurer for the diocese for more than 15 years beginning in the early 1990s. He was a member of St. Philip's Church, Charleston. Beloved for his gentle spirit and service to the community, Ed was treasured by all who knew him. His memorial service was held June 17, in the Chapel at Bishop Gadsden. A private burial was held in the St. Philip's Churchyard.



Please keep the family and loved ones of the Revd Toby Larson, Rector of Saint James, James Island, in your prayers. Toby's mother, Shirley Mae Bromsath Larson, of Spokane, WA, died on September 5. The funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

# Saint James Bids Farewell to Long-Time Rector, Arthur Jenkins

By Virginia Bartels, Saint James, James Island

On June 5, 2022, Pentecost Sunday, the Rev. Arthur Jenkins gave his final sermon to the congregation of Saint James. He served our church first as an assistant priest from 1991 to 1993, answered the call to be rector at Christ Church in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and then returned to Saint James as rector from 1998 to 2022. According to the 302 years of our historic church, he is the third longest serving priest. Although the Rev. William Guy and the Rev. Charles Martyn of the 1700s both served at Saint James for more years than Arthur, they preached on the average of one Sunday a month, whereas Arthur has often preached three sermons per Sunday and spearheaded many other spiritual endeavors on weekdays.

His service is remarkable in many ways. He led at least six priests from discernment to ordination--Reverends Louise Weld, Craig Stephans, Martha Horn, Elizabeth Bumpas, Mary Ellen Doran, and Jeremy Shelton. Assistant rectors with whom he served include not only Louise Weld and Elizabeth Bumpas, but also Reverends Floyd Finch, Marc Bouton, Marshall Huey, Robert Horn, Andrew Williams, and Mark Cooke.

Arthur's ministry is marked with outstanding achievements. He led the congregation as we built the Ministry Center, which has become a multi-purpose place of worship, fellowship, and meetings for not only our congregation but also for the diocese and the community. He was instrumental in getting the James Island Outreach facility built on Saint James' grounds, where many churches on the island work together to provide food and services for those in need.

He has been very involved in missions, often accompanying groups to Guyana to provide assistance at Save R Kids where about 35 children are reared in a Christian home in a predominantly Muslim community. For years

he served as a guide on pilgrimages throughout the Holy Land. He helped us navigate through all the complications brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. He has sustained our church during the litigation. Whether the challenges were brought about by politics or financial shortages or cultural upheaval, he has kept us focused on Scripture.

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of our families at baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals. He delighted school children as he donned his Santa suit and arrived on his motorcycle to give out presents at a local elementary school. He has visited our sick and bereaved in our homes and hospitals. He has counseled us wisely and prayed with us fervently as we dealt with life's difficulties. He has celebrated with us at the milestones in our lives and throughout the church calendar, including Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas services.

The congregation hosted a farewell luncheon serving Arthur's favorite meal--barbecue and all its accompaniments. As each church group stepped forward to speak words of immense appreciation and give him various gifts, he accepted them with the smile we have all grown to love as well as gracious words of appreciation. Even in retirement, Arthur will continue to serve the Lord in many worthy ways.

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been a tremendous blessing. Serving with Fr. Gregory Snyder has been the best learning experience of my life. Learning

from and pastoring the people of St. John's has truly been God's calling on my life and our family. ...God has called us to here, at this point in time, for His greater purposes. I am certain that God has great things in store for Johns Island." Jeremy received a BS in Human Services & Sociology from Southern Wesleyan, Central, SC and his MDiv from Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA. He and his wife, Jessica, have three sons, Will (15), Ben (12) and Hayes (5).

### Nathan Weaver Ordained to the Priesthood, July 23

The Rev. Nathan Weaver, who serves as Assistant Priest at the Church of the Cross, Bluffton, and as Director of Spiritual Life at Cross Schools was ordained to the priest-



hood on Saturday, July 23, by Bishop Derek Jones, Bishop of the Jurisdiction of the Armed Forces and Chaplaincy. Nathan, who hails from Weston, West Virginia, received his MDiv from Asbury Theological Seminary and his Undergraduate in Christian Studies from West Virginia Wesleyan College. Ordained in the United Methodist Church, it was while in seminary that Nathan sensed a call to the Anglican Church. He is married to Lauren and they have two sons, Ezra (2), and Levi, (born September 6). Nathan continues to serve as a reserve chaplain in the Air Force.

Read about The Rev. Henrietta Rivers ordination on page five.

### Ryan Landes Ordained to the Priesthood, August 31

The Rev. Ryan Landes was ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Chip Edgar on Wednesday, August 31 at Prince George Winyah Parish, Georgetown. Landes was born in



Portland, Oregon, and raised in Waterford, California. He attended Biola University in Southern California, graduating in 2012 as a double major in Biblical Studies and Philosophy. He then attended seminary at Talbot School

of Theology, earning Master's degrees in New Testament, Old Testament, and Theology. Ryan serves as an Associate to the Rector at Prince George Winyah, Georgetown. He and his wife, Rianna, have one child, Noelle (2).

### Jason Varnadore Ordained to the Priesthood, September 6

The Rev. Jason Varnadore was ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Chip Edgar on Tuesday, September 6 at St. David's Anglican Church which is worshipping at Wesley United Methodist Church (309 Greene Street in Cheraw). Jason serves as the Rector



of St. David's. A South Carolina native, raised in Powdersville, he senses a special calling to rural and small-town ministry and is delighted to have been called to serve at St. David's. He received his BA from North Greenville University, majoring

in linguistics and theology and received his Mdiv from Beeson Divinity School at Samford University. He and his wife, Jenna, have two children, a daughter River (4) and son Jonas (1 1/2). Read a story about Varnadore's leading of St. David's, Cheraw on page three.

Daniel Miles has accepted a call to serve as a Pastoral Assistant to the Parish Church of St. Helena, Beaufort, and to lead in worship at the 9:15 a.m. service. Daniel and his family discerned a call to become Anglican and to be equipped for missional work through the ministry of



St. Helena's. In a note to the parish, Rector, the Rev. Shay Gaillard wrote, "We are excited to welcome Daniel to the pastoral staff to lead our connections ministry to newcomers as well as providing pastoral care. Daniel is married to Renee, and they have three children; Jack (11), William (9), and Claire (7)." Daniel comes from a Southern Baptist tradition where he was ordained and he served most recently as Pastor of Discipleship at The Church at Sandhurst in Florence, SC. Prior to that he and his wife served as missionary church planters in France.

The Rev. Drew Miller has accepted a call to serve as the Assistant Rector at St. John's Church, Florence. Miller joined the staff in June. In a note to the congregation, the Rector, the Rev. Corey Prescott wrote, "Drew is a trusted friend and a gifted preacher, teacher, pastor, and evangelist.



Growing up together in Charleston, the Lord led us down similar paths in life and ministry, and we have been shaped by many of the same mentors along the way. He is a graduate of Furman University and Trinity School for Ministry where he and I were seminary classmates. Drew was elected Student Body President our senior year." Drew previously served at St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant; City Church, Charleston and Christ Church Anglican in Savannah. Drew and his wife, Jessie, were married July 16.



Heather Pienkos has accepted a call to serve as the Director of Children's Ministries at Christ Church Anglican, Mt. Pleasant. She comes with an

extensive background in children's ministry and, as importantly, with a clearly deep and loving call to exercise that ministry. She and her family are originally from Ohio and moved south to be with family (and escape the snow). Heather and her husband, Charles, met in college, have three children and have always had a heart for ministry. In a note to the congregation Heather wrote, "I love being with children. God gave me a calling at a young age to minister to children to build His kingdom and I wouldn't have it any other way! Thank you for trusting me to come alongside with you and teach the children of Christ Church Anglican the wonders of God's love! We can't wait to be a part of your church family."



born at 1:21 p.m. on July 5, 2022. Charlotte's brother and sister joyfully welcomed the new arrival!



Cross, Bluffton, and his wife, Lauren Sanders Weaver, at the birth of their son, Levi Wesley Weaver. Levi was born September 7. Mom and

Congratulations to the Rev. Corey Prescott, Rector of St. John's, Florence, and his wife Cory on the birth of their daughter Charlotte Cooper Prescott. Charlotte was

baby are doing great. In addition to mom and dad, Levi is welcomed by big brother Ezra.



Church of our Saviour, Johns Island, recently honored Helen Wheeler for her "decade of traditional worship and the 50+ years of faithful service (as) pianist, organist, and musician extraordinaire, at Church of Our Saviour." Helen played the organ for many churches in the area, and on May 22 the church celebrated with an event celebrating her talent, with her playing combined with the sounds of Our Saviour's other beautiful instruments. The church's pipe organ was a gift of the Citadel Cadets many years ago. She also played the Steinway, which was a gift from one of the church's members. Congratulations, Helen for your many years of service.

## Giving Thanks for the Ministries of Dave Wright and Peter Rothermel

As we transition to a season where the coordination of diocesan ministries is carried out by canons (see page 5) rather than full-time ministry staff, we want to take time to honor our two ministry coordinators, Peter Rothermel and Dave Wright for the exceptional ways they have served on our Diocesan Staff. Please keep these two men and their families in prayer as they enter the next season to which they are called.

### Dave Wright, Coordinator for Youth Ministry

Dave Wright, who joined the Staff in August 2001, has distinguished himself in serving this diocese as our Youth Ministry Coordinator.



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“We owe Dave Wright a tremendous debt of gratitude as a Diocese for his faithful service, but I owe him an even greater and more personal debt,” says the Rev. Justin Hare, who serves as the Assistant

for Young Adult and College Ministry at St. Philip’s Church in Charleston. “I had the unique experience of being under Dave’s tenure both as a student in our Diocesan Youth Ministry and as a youth minister in our Diocese. Many well-known names in our diocese today - Will Klauber, Melissa Bennett, Peter Rothermel, and Dave Wright - all were used by God in my youth to form my faith. But it was Dave in particular, through the Diocesan Youth Ministry Apprenticeship Program which he developed and led, with whom I first began to discern God’s call on my life as a minister of the Gospel. I will be forever grateful to God for Dave, not only for this, but also for his insight, encouragement, and care for me as a young minister. I am confident that the Lord will continue to use Dave in mighty ways for His Kingdom in the days ahead.”

Dave is a veteran of decades of student ministry, having worked for churches in the Chicago suburbs and Cheshire England before coming to South Carolina. His work included networking, training, mentoring, and coaching student ministry leaders. Dave has served as a resource to churches seeking

to develop ministries to younger generations. He also oversaw Diocesan youth events and represented the interests of young people on various boards and committees in the Diocese. Over the years he has written a vast number of articles published in youth ministry magazines as well as on blogs, including “The Gospel Coalition.” He has trained youth leaders all over the USA and in Canada, as well as in England and Ireland.

Dave has carried out faithful service under three different bishops. Through times when our world desired and applauded student ministry, as well as seasons when he was nearly the lone voice of promoting biblical ministry to students, he has diligently worked inside and outside of our Diocese with other churches, provinces, and organizations. In addition, he has faithfully loved and cared for the youth ministers at our churches.

He will be sorely missed, and following his effective ministry, Bishop Edgar and this Diocese remain committed to being the leader in youth ministry for the ACNA.

Dave is married to Jane, a middle school teacher in Summerville. They have three young adult children, all married, and three grandsons. They worship with Good Samaritan Church.

### Peter Rothermel, Coordinator for Christian Faith Formation

Peter Rothermel, who joined the Staff in September 2004, has distinguished himself in serving this diocese as our Christian Faith Formation/Family Ministries Coordinator.



JOY HUNTER

“Peter Rothermel is a man who is passionate, tender-hearted and laser-focused on the Lord and His Word,” says Catherine Jacobs, President of Pass the Legacy Ministries. “Peter has never

strayed from his mission of leading children and families into a close relationship with the Lord. Early in his work, he shifted the focus of Children’s Ministry to Family Ministry, recognizing that faith formation begins in the home.

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## Celtic Advent Retreat: December 2022

### Caught Up in Love: Celtic Prayer and Wisdom as We Wait, Watch, and Walk

The Prayer Center at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center is partnering with the Community of Aidan and Hilda USA to host a Celtic Advent Retreat December 9-11, 2022. The Community of Aidan and Hilda USA is a dispersed ecumenical Christian community of committed members, explorers, and friends who espouse a common way of life inspired by the Celtic

#### Registration Information:

The cost for the retreat is \$355 for a single room (limited availability) and \$305 per person for a double room (2 beds). These fees cover lodging, meals (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast), and all program costs. Those who choose to join by Zoom will have access to presentations given, and could form a discussion group online. The cost for joining online will be \$100 per person to cover program costs. Some who join via Zoom could gather regionally in person to share a communal retreat experience. We invite you to consider a contribution toward scholarships if you are able. Others in need of assistance may request a partial scholarship.

A deposit of \$100 per person is required to reserve a space on campus. For more information, contact Sandi Kerner, US Guardian, at skerner@stchristopher.org

For more information, check out the Community website: Community of Aidan & Hilda – USA | Community of Aidan and Hilda – USA (wordpress.com). This Community was founded in the UK in 1994 and has spread world-wide to North America, Australia, New Zealand, Europe, and several Scandinavian countries. Some of the original founders include authors and speakers such as the Rev’d Ray Simpson, Russ Parker, and Michael Mitton.



saints, whose communities evangelized and cared for creation and those on the margins of society, giving witness to Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All are welcome to attend the retreat in person at St. Christopher or on Zoom. The Rev’d Simon Reed will lead the retreat. He serves as one of the UK Guardians (Leaders of the Community) and is Vicar of Church of the Ascension, Ealing, and St. Mary’s, West Twyford, on the west side of London. Simon is the author of two books: *Creating Community* and *Followers of the Way*, both available on Amazon. He also contributed to *Celtic Prayer – Caught Up in Love*, a recently published compendium on the many forms of Celtic prayer.

## Loving their Neighbors

Christ the King-Grace Waccamaw hosted their second annual “Welcome to the Lowcountry” event on Saturday, May 21. Over 90 newcomers to the area spent the evening enjoying a lowcountry boil under the oak trees and hearing from speaker, Lee Brockington, on the history of the Lowcountry.



## In Sympathy

### Death of Bishop Edgar’s Brother, Wendell O’Neal McKinney

Please keep the family and loved ones of our Bishop, the Rt Revd Chip Edgar, in your prayers as they grieve the death of his brother, Wendell O’Neal (Neal) McKinney. Neal died the morning of September 5, 2022, following a surgical procedure after battling cancer for the past year.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made, but the service will take place in Atlanta.

### Death of Leona Finch July 21, 1930 - August 5, 2022

Please keep the family and loved ones of Leona Finch, wife of the Rev. Floyd William Finch, Jr. in

your prayers. Leona died on Friday, August 5, 2022.

An excerpt from her obituary reads: “As part of a husband-and-wife team in the Episcopal Dioceses of NC, Western NC, Atlanta and SC, she was an ardent and active participant in church and civic activities wherever she was. Leona served on the Board of Directors for the Florence



Crittendon Home in Charleston, SC. She was on the Board of Governors of the Appleton Family Ministries in Macon, GA. She was President of the Doctors Hospital Auxiliary in Columbus, GA, and the Prison Ministry in Columbus, GA. She also served on the auxiliary of the Springer Opera House which is Georgia’s official state opera. Leona has volunteered at hospitals, American Red Cross, the Heart Association, Multiple Sclerosis, H.E.L.P.

and Girl Scouts of America. She has been on the staff of Camp Shantituck (Girl Scouts), Camp Kanuga and Camp Henry. She has been president of the Episcopal Church Women, a delegate to diocesan conventions and an Episcopal Church Women member in multiple locations.”

Her memorial service was held August 13, 2022, in the Chapel at Bishop Gadsden.

### Death of Joanne Vickers Peterson March 4, 1942 - August 4, 1992

Please keep the family and loved ones of Joanne Peterson, wife of the Rev. Paul Douglas Peterson, in your prayers. Joanne died on Thursday, August 4, 2022.

Joanne was born March 5, 1942 in Hamilton, Ontario, daughter of the late Joseph William Vickers and May Ireland Vickers. She was a Nurse/Mid-wife. She is survived by her husband, Paul Douglas Peterson of Charleston, SC; children: Andrew N.D. Peterson (Kunsang) of Bar Harbor, ME, Meghan P. Fenn (Nich-



olas) of Worthing, England, Molly P. Woods (Steven) of Austin, TX, and Sarah Peterson of Merrimac, MA; five grandchildren; sister, Jane Watanabe of Port Hope, ON.

For decades, Joanne and Doug opened their home to college students, to feed them, provide them with a home away from home, to teach them to pray, read the Bible, and worship. Many generations owe their conversion and discipleship to the Petersons, and with others they celebrate Joanne’s life and are grateful to God for her.

Her memorial service was held August 10, 2022 in St. Michael’s Church, Charleston.

## Eagle Project

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to bring to his troop for an official flag retirement ceremony. Keith will graduate from the Scholars’ Academy in the spring of 2023, and after this time the troop historian will pick up the flags. Within 10 days of installing the box, more than 20 flags were dropped off. In addition to installing the flag retirement box, Bullard spearheaded several mini-projects to help beautify the playground at the church, including pressure washing and painting the fence, spraying for weeds, and raking the mulch.

“I have enjoyed my time at St Paul’s Church,” said Keith, “and I thought this project would be a great way to serve members in my church and my community. I was astonished at the number of flags that have already been dropped off. I look forward to collecting more and am thankful St. Paul’s allowed me to create this space.”

# Daughter of Missionary Greats Jim and Elisabeth Elliot Coming to St. Philip's

Val Elliot Shepherd and Husband, Walt, to Speak on Passing the Legacy of Faith to the Next Generation, October 19

By Susan Clarkson Keller, St. Philip's Church, Charleston

The Generations Ministry at St. Philip's Church, Charleston, will host Valerie Elliot Shepherd and her husband, Pastor Walt Shepherd on Wednesday morning,



Valerie is the only daughter of missionary parents, Elisabeth, and Jim Elliot.

October 19 at 10 a.m. in the church parish hall.

Born in Ecuador in 1955, Valerie was the only daughter of missionary parents, Elisabeth, and Jim Elliot. They were missionaries to the Quichua Indians of the Amazon jungle. In January 1956, while attempting to reach the Waodani Indians (a primitive and savage stone age tribe) with four other missionaries, Jim and the other men were speared to death. Elisabeth and Valerie continued to live with the Quichuas until, miraculously,

they were invited to live with the Waodani tribe that had killed Jim. They lived with these Indians for two years in safety and contentment as Elisabeth and another missionary, Rachel Saint, learned to speak the language and translated the story of Jesus for them. Most of the them accepted the truth and said they would not kill anymore. They have not killed since that time.

The killing of the five men galvanized a whole generation of young men and women for the mission field. Elisabeth's first book, *Through Gates of Splendor* brought the event to life for thousands of people.

Valerie lived in Ecuador until she was eight years old when she and her mother moved back to the States. Elisabeth went on to become one of the most beloved and respected evangelical speakers and writers of the 20th century, penning some 30 books and hosting the radio program, *Gateway to Joy*, for many years. Elisabeth died in 2015 and the Elisabeth Elliot Foundation now makes her books, photos, and all recordings available in many formats.

Valerie, known as "Val" to her family and friends, is a gifted speaker in her own right and is very much sought after as she has been given the high calling of passing on the faith and legacy of her parents, as well as sharing from her own life of faith as a pastor's wife, mother, and grandmother.

Valerie and Walt are parents of eight children and grandparents of 13. Walt was also raised by missionary parents and will be with Valerie as they speak to us about the privilege and responsibility of passing



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on our faith to the next generation. "One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts." Psalm 145:4

This event is free and open to men and women. We are excited to continue the good work of the Grandparenting ministry in our Diocese. Anyone interested in starting a grandparenting ministry at their church should contact the Diocesan Office at (843) 722-4075. For more information about the event on October 19 email Susan Keller at [susanckeller@knology.net](mailto:susanckeller@knology.net), Lynn Dayton at [lynnjdayton@gmail.com](mailto:lynnjdayton@gmail.com) or Jane McGreevy at [janemcgreevy@yahoo.com](mailto:janemcgreevy@yahoo.com).

To register after October 1, call St Philip's church office at (843) 722-7734.

## Vocational Deacons Gather

By The Rev. Joyce Harder, Assistant to Bishop Edgar

On Saturday, September 17, Bishop Chip Edgar welcomed vocational deacons from across the Diocese to the Cathedral for his first annual Deacons' Day. Also attending were The Rev. Janet Echols,

by the traits listed in Acts, and that current deacons should be front-line recruiters of new deacons. Bishop Edgar also said that he is a huge fan of the vocational diaconate because of the freedom to preach the Word deacons afford priests. Moreover, he said that whereas a church might have too many priests, it can never have too many deacons, as the need to reach the marginalized for the church is often beyond the scope of parish priests as they shepherd their flocks.



JANET ECHOLS

"While a church might have too many priests, it can never have too many deacons," said Bishop Edgar, above with the deacons of the diocese.

Director of the Diocesan Deacon School and the current class of five deacons-in-training.

Following a Eucharistic service, Bishop Edgar addressed the group by reminding them of the qualifications for a deacon as laid out in Acts 6: to be a person of good repute and full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom. He observed that potential vocational deacons are already identifiable

The group moved from the Cathedral to the Bishop's residence at 50 Smith Street, where he and Beth served a delightful lunch.

Anyone seeking information on the vocational diaconate can find it at <https://adosc.org/about/committees/commission-on-ministry/vocational-diaconate/>.

## St. Michael's Delivers School Supplies to Angel Oak Elementary

By Jean Corbett, St. Michael's Church, Charleston

During the pandemic, St. Michael's Mission Task Force sought ways to "Do Mission" without actually sending teams. Through some of our local mission partners, we learned of the need for some of life's basic items in our own community. St. Michael's congregation



In weeks, St. Michael's members filled a large collection box to overflowing.

was asked to donate whatever they could, and our Holy City Committee would deliver the gifts. We have continued this mission outreach even as pandemic restrictions eased.

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## Doing Something for Life

One Anglican Woman Making A Difference

By Georgette Forney, President of Anglican for Life

The following article was published on the Anglicans for Life website in June, 2022, recognizing the work of Deb Spellerberg, a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Conway.

Late last summer, an email came in from a woman named, Deb Spellerberg. The email said, "How can I help you? My family attends St. Paul's Anglican Church in Conway, SC. I recently became a

to help protect and honor life. We discussed various options, and a few weeks later she sent a picture of a beaded bracelet with a charm that said, 'Life is a Gift.' She asked if AFL thought women would like to wear a witness for life! I LOVED the idea!

She started making bracelets, selling them at her church, and sending us the profits! Before I knew it, she had sent us additional pieces that we sold at our Life SUMMIT in January. She has continued to make



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member of Daughters of the King, and I noticed your organization on our prayer list. I belong to many ministries but the cruelty of wrongful ending of life is so very close to my heart. I was wondering in some small way how I can be of service to you?"



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After reading the email I reached out to the author, Deb Spellerberg. We met over the phone, and I heard her passion for life and her willingness to serve God. I asked her about herself, and she noted that she loved doing crafts and was interested in using her "crafting"

them, and we now have some in stock and available on our Shopify store online.

But Deb didn't stop there! She heard about "Hats from the Heart," a ministry developed by chaplain, Canon Julie Russell-Crunk. Hats from the Heart provides impoverished newborn babies and young children worldwide with hats to protect them from weather and unsanitary conditions. "Most of what parents are able to salvage for their children comes from the scattered unsanitary refuse of others," commented Canon Julie. "A new item is anything they can find. These hats are a welcomed joy and needed protection for children living in adverse conditions." The hats can be crochet, hand knitted, or sewn with love, and each one is prayed over and sent with a Bible verse.

Once Deb learned about Hats from the Heart, she began crocheting and sent Julie a collection of handmade hats that were shipped off for distribution to the Ukraine, Guatemala, and Lebanon.

I thank God for Deb and I hope others are inspired by her faithful witness. Just as the little boy in John 6 offered his loaves and fishes, Deb, in offering her hobbies to God, is touching many lives.

## George & Pink's Homecoming Celebration

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home for Pink and the family when they moved in. The Homecoming Celebration and House Blessing was a true celebration of what the Lord can do through his people.

The "Fund-Raisin'" project for a House-Raisin'" project to build George and Pink a new home came to a joyous completion on September 9, with a Homecoming Celebration and House Blessing for the new home attended by many members of the Edisto community. Very sadly, one week before their scheduled move-in on September 2, George moved to his ETERNAL home quietly and peacefully - fully aware of the new home being complete. In fact, he sat on the porch in a porch rocker for about an hour two days before his death.

"We want to express our grat-

itude to all those who have had a hand in making this dream a reality for George, Pink, Celestine, Bobby and their entire family. The G&P House Construction Team and the Brown/Days family have been overwhelmed by the many and significant acts of generosity shown toward them. It has been a response of gladness and thanksgiving for all that George, Pink and their family have meant to the Edisto Island community for generations," said Lumpkin.

Pink's brother Bobby summed up the family's feelings. "We are so grateful for the community. To God goes the glory. We are filled with emotion and thanksgiving because out of tragedy we have traveled into triumph! This is what God has done for us," he concluded.

# Diocesan Clergy Retreat

November 14-16, 2022

Epworth By the Sea, St. Simon's Island, GA

The 2022 Clergy Retreat will be held November 14-16 at Epworth By the Sea on St. Simon's Island, GA. All rooms have balconies facing the Frederica River. This will be a time for rest, relaxation, repasts, respite, refreshment, recreation, restoration, renewal of vows and rejoicing.

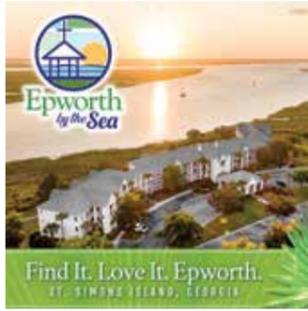
Our keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. John W. Yates, III. Registration information and more details will be coming soon. Scholarships will be available.

The Rev. Dr. John W. Yates, III



John W. Yates III is the rector of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Raleigh, NC, where he has served since 2010. Having grown up in northern Virginia, he attended the University of Virginia before moving to London, England, where he served as study assistant to the well-known Anglican theologian, John Stott.

John went on to earn an MA in Theology



from King's College, London, an MDiv. from Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge, PA, and a PhD in New Testament from Cambridge

University, England.

John is in his 20th year of ordained ministry, having served in the Chapel at Clare College, Cambridge, and at Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli, PA, prior to becoming rector at Holy Trinity.

John has been married to Alysia for 22 years and they have four teenage children: Sylvia, Isabel, Jack and Alexander. He enjoys reading, writing, cycling and taking his kids to estate sales or antique shops in search of treasure. He intensely dislikes board games, which the rest of his family views as a moral deficiency.

# Wellspring of Life Healing Retreat

November 11 – 13, 2022

Who among us remains untouched by loss in this season, unmoved by upheaval in every sphere of our lives? The Book of Proverbs counsels us, "Pay attention to the welfare of your innermost being, for from there flows the wellspring of life." Hear this invitation to gather with brothers and sisters in Christ to drink in His healing Word, soak in the loving presence of our God, and find release and rest for your soul. Each morning, afternoon, and evening session includes worship, teaching, and prayer ministry.

St. Christopher welcomes back Judith MacNutt, who has ministered here in teaching and healing prayer with her team, on several occasions. Trained as a clinical psychologist, Judith is now Director of Ministry and Presi-

dent of Christian Healing Ministries, Jacksonville, Florida – a global ministry she founded with her late husband, the Rev. Dr. Francis MacNutt. She oversees the organization, writes, teaches, and travels as a conference speaker. Judith co-authored *Praying for Your Unborn Child* with Francis, and has written two other books: *Angels Are For Real and Encountering Angels*.

The Retreat will begin Friday, November 11, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and concludes Sunday, November 13, after worship (before lunch).

To register visit <https://stchristopher.org/prayer-center/wellspring-of-life-2022/>



The Diocese was blessed to host multiple international guests, visiting in the diocese in advance of the New Wineskins Conference. Many gathered with Bishop Chip Edgar and his wife Beth for a dinner in their honor on September 20.

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## Life to the Limit Men's Experience, Sponsored by Church of the Resurrection, North Charleston, Nov. 3-6

Life to the Limit is NOT another men's retreat – That's the last thing anybody needs. The reason most messages for men ultimately fail is simple: they ignore what is deep and true to a man's heart and try to shape him up through various forms of pressure and/or guilt. Not Life to The Limit, this weekend is an honest, no-BS



trek into the deep passions and desires of a man's heart, the healing of the wounds he's taken in this battle, the

realm of fatherhood and God and calling—life as it was meant to be lived – abundant and true. Life to the Limit is a four-day experience with 30 men set in the heart of the beauty of Buck Ridge Plantation tucked in the forests of the South Carolina Midlands. During the downtimes you will have access to golf, fishing, skeet shooting, sporting clays and more. We expect that if you are called to attend you will say it is one of the greatest weekends of your life. To learn more contact The Rev. Rich Giersch, Priest Associate at the Church of the Resurrection, North Charleston at rich@resurrectionnorthcharleston.com

## Combined Choral Evensong/ Christ Church Anglican, Mt. Pleasant and St. Philip's, Charleston Choirs, November 6

On Sunday, November 6, All Saints Sunday, the choirs of Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant and St. Philip's, Charleston will join for a service of Choral Evensong at 5pm at St. Philip's Church. Sung works include pieces by Gabrieli, Rutter, and more. We cordially invite you to attend this ancient service of worship while we show a powerful sense of unity in the diocese. A reception follows on the portico. Free parking in St. Philip's lot on the corner of Cumberland & Church Sts. Questions? Contact cwalchesky@stphilipchurchsc.org or lhenkel@christch.org

## Pilgrimage to Israel, 2023

Rev. Marshall Huey of Old St. Andrew's Church announces a 2023 pilgrimage to the Holy Land, led by Israel Bible Tours. Our tour guide, Sahar, led our group on our last pilgrimage to Israel in 2015. This promises to be a life-changing experience for all who come! We will depart Charleston Sunday night, June 11 and return June 24. Cost of the trip is \$5,450 including airfare from Charleston, based upon double occupancy. If interested, please call Father Marshall for more information on his mobile phone, 843-532-4839. Shalom!

## Giving Thanks for Wright and Rothermel

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Peter's ministry did not stop with parents. A few years into his work, Peter caught the Biblical vision of multi-generational faithfulness. Based on Psalm 78, grandparents became a growing part of his focus as he pioneered an anti-cultural mindset that grandparents are 'to tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.' Under Peter's tireless leadership, Grand Camp became a foundational piece of grandparenting ministry in our Diocese as well as a role-model to other camps across America. Blazing a deep trail, Peter leaves a powerful legacy. He has touched the hearts of countless people, young and old. He will be greatly missed."

In addition to his work with children and families, Peter served as a liaison with our Diocesan Women's Ministries and Men's Ministries. Peter was involved in bringing Jay Crouse, who oversees Diocesan Men's Ministries to our diocese.

The vision Peter has focused on is restoring relationships to biblical order through the transforming power of Jesus Christ. He worked with parish leaders, both clergy and laity, to develop relationships, provide resources, and offer events which assisted in making disciples, equipping saints for ministry, and building up the body of Christ for the work of the Gospel.

Peter and his wife Jackie live on James Island and attend St. Michael's Church. They have two adult children, one daughter-in-law and a grandchild. Breezy lives in CA, and son Peter and his family live in Texas.

# Upcoming Events

View full calendar at [adosc.org/events/](https://adosc.org/events/)

- Koch Institution, October 8
- Cursillo #191, October 13-16, 2022
- Men's Summit, October 15
- Anglican Women's Retreat, October 21-23
- Behold the Man Pilgrimage Oct. 22-Nov. 4
- Bowman Ordination, November 6
- Women's Peace Retreat, November 11-12
- Healing Retreat, November 11-13
- Clergy Retreat, November 14-16
- Youth Retreat (Middle & HS), November 18-20
- Advent Retreat, December 9-11
- Diocesan Council, December 15
- Jubilate Deo Deadline, January 6, 2023
- Mere Anglicanism, January 26-28, 2023
- Christian Men's Conference, Feb 24-26
- Diocesan Convention, March 10-11, 2023

## Mere Anglicanism January 26-28, 2023 Charleston Music Hall

Telling a More Beautiful Story:  
Lessons from C.S. Lewis on  
Reaching a Fractured World

[mereanglicanism.org](https://mereanglicanism.org)

## School Supplies From Page 15

On our monthly Mission Sunday, members bring a variety of non-perishable foods, baby items, cleaning supplies, and snacks which are distributed to our local mission partners.

Rising inflation has hurt everyone's budget. School supplies have doubled in cost. So, this summer, Lynn Rogers and Jean Corbett sought a school that could benefit from the generous donors of St. Michael's. Lynn contacted Angel Oak Elementary School on Johns Island to offer school supplies. Ms. Valerie Grant gratefully accepted the offer. Within a couple of weeks, St. Michael's Members filled a large collection box to overflowing with student and teacher supplies - crayons, pencils, markers, ruled paper, construction paper, composition notebooks, glue, and even tissues and disinfectant wipes.

Harris Jordan, Johnnie and Jean Corbett loaded an SUV with nearly 100 pounds of school supplies. The supplies were delivered just before the opening day of school. The following week, a second delivery was made as squealing and laughing children played in the playground.

Thanks to all who have supported the local ministries in our community.

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