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The Church of the Holy Trinity (Anglican)



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Church Blog: "North Augusta Anglican"

Mere Anglicanism

In January a number of us attended the Mere Anglicanism Conference in Charleston. Along on this pilgrimage were Bill and Brenda Bargeloh, Twyla Tuten, Monte Steedley, Nancy Hartley and Fr. Rob. It took place at the beautiful and historic St. Phillips Church. Brenda Bargeloh said walking into St. Phillips was like walking into a wedding cake.

The speakers were from throughout the Anglican Communion: The Rt. Hon. Richard Chartres, Bishop of London; The Rev. Dr. Richard Turnbull, Principle, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford; Dr. John McCardell, Vice Chancellor, The University of the South (Fr. Dan's Seminary); The Rt. Rev. Dr. Michael Nazir-Ali, retired bishop of Rochester, England; The Very Rev. Dr. Justyn Terry, Dean, Trinity School for Ministry (Rev. Nancy's and Fr. Rob's Seminary); the Most Rev Dr. Ben Kwashi, Archbishop of the Anglican Province of Nigeria; and, of course, The Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence, Bishop of SC... a most impressive and fascinating lineup of speakers. Here are some memorable quotes to share with you:



Dr. Turnbull... Commenting on the Anglican inclination toward church structure, he says, "Church Order is to enhance proper doctrine. Order without doctrine [and by "doctrine" he is referring to our biblical and apostolic heritage] is not classic Anglicanism."

Dr. Chartes... The Book of Common Prayer has been at the center of the theological and spiritual identity of Anglicanism since it was first written during the Protestant Reformation. It is a mosaic of Scripture aimed at lifting the human heart up to God.

Bishop Nazir-Ali... What do us as a church need to be doing today? ...Zealously proclaiming the uniqueness of Christ which speaks to His universality in all times and to all people.

Bishop Lawrence.. Whatever else we know or say about the church and its current state, we know that Christ loves it and has purified it such that it is without "spot or blemish."

Dr. Terry... "We re-order our lives to conform to a distorted world, but the Church calls us to live right-side-up in an up-side-down world.... Our mission as Anglicans is to turn the world right-side-up, beginning with the re-ordering of our own lives according to God." ... Many people don't perceive the binary systems in the Bible; Sheep and goats for example. There are no goatish sheep or sheepish goats. To see things in shades of gray is today considered indicative of one's sophistication... "Our scientific thinking is describing a fallen world." ... Quoting George MacDonald: "We want to be fed out of silos; God wants to feed us by hand."

Archbishop Kwashi... Quoting Evelyn Underhill, "The man whose life is colored with prayer will win souls." ...The three priorities in Bp Kwashi's ministry are prayer, preaching (teaching), and mission (evangelism)... Authentic teaching will lead to wholistic life-change..."We face the same devil as the apostles did: false teachers..."We have left young people to the mercies of the world: video games, TV, etc."

During the Conference we also immersed ourselves in inspiring worship... a Choral Evensong, The Daily Office each morning, and a Festal Eucharist at the conclusion of the conference.

This conference sent me home with a joyful heart and a renewed zeal to do my part in growing the Kingdom of God in this corner of our hugely challenging world. **Fr. Rob**



"The church is not supposed to be a society of perfect people doing great work. It's a society of forgiven sinners repaying their un-payable debt of love by working for Jesus' kingdom in every way they can, knowing themselves to be unworthy of the task." ~ N T Wright, *Simply Jesus*

Newsletter



Season
of Lent

Our Mission

...to be a beacon
drawing others to
God and into the
transforming
fellowship of
God's people.

Lay Ministries for Sunday Eucharist

If you are unable to do the ministry as scheduled, please make arrangements with someone to take your place and inform Fr. Rob. This will relieve the clergy of having to designate someone at the last moment on Sunday mornings.



	Feb 5	Feb 12	Feb 19	Ash Wed	Feb 26	Mar 4
Euch. Min.	Paula W	Monique T	Bill B	Rosemarie	George C	Jerry N
Ushers	Ed P Wayne L	Ray G Bob J	Tom R Bill M	Sue and Bob J	Homer H Bill B	Ed P Wayne L
Presenting Bread/Wine	Julie and Tom R	Bobby Elah W	Monique T	Kevin & Jami W	Joe & Myrle W	JoEllen Bill B
Lector--OT	Brenda B	Annette M	Tom R	Ellie G	Sue	Jami
Lector--NT	Judy C	Wayne L	Ed P	Marilyn P	Myrle W	Margaret C
Prayer Team	Mary Ann Elah W	Joe and Myrle W	Ginger H Wayne L	Laura C Rosemarie	Bill B Elah W	Julie R Monique T
Altar Guild [week of]	Ginger H Barbara H	Marguerite Virginia F	Annette M Myrle W	Rosemarie Terry N	Annette M JoEllen B	Ginger H Barbara H
Acolyte Guild	Caitlin C	Kevin W	Ellie G	Caitlin C	Kevin W	Ellie G
Greeters Guild	Wayne L	Julie R	Martha P	Mary Ann B	Elah W	Judy C
Children's Ch	Laura C	Tracy P	Jami W	-	Julie R	Laura C

"Theologically Speaking"

with Fr Dan+

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, when we are reminded of the impermanence of all things. In our Lenten devotions we do not expect to be found perfect or even perfectible. The truth is that we all are sinners in need of God's grace.



Lent is a time of penitence, fasting, prayer and sacrifice that lasts for forty days. In the Eastern churches, the "Great Lent" season is for fifty days, and starts on the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday. In the West we observe Lent for forty days beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter (not including Sundays). Observance of a Holy Lent means not only the externals of fasting and prayer, but a change in our lives as well. We can seek this change by examination and renewal of our baptismal vows and by realizing a heightened sense of discipleship.

Recognize your transitions and progress through the days in Lent. Take time to mark the passage of these forty days in contemplation and study. Plant a seed and meditate on the mercies and wonder of God. Realize what remains deep within you: the mystery of life and the yearning for God. Surrender. Spend some time in silence. And listen with your heart.

"God is not found in the soul by a process of addition, but rather by a process of subtraction." Meister Eckhardt, Christian mystic (c. 1260 - 1327/8)

Opportunities to Grow in Christ at Holy Trinity

Tuesday Mornings

Women's Bible Study
9:30 am to 11:00 am
Beth Moore Series-
"To Live in Christ"
Led by Julie Roberts
and JoEllen Barbare

Wednesday Nights

Fellowship Supper
(supper provided)
followed by prayer, praise
and Bible Study
6:00-7:45 pm

Saturday Mornings

Men's Breakfast and
Study of
The Gospel of John
9:00 am to 10:20 am
Led by Fr. Rob

Sunday Mornings

Following Sunday Eucharist
Adult Forum:
Discussion on the Sunday
readings and sermon
Led by
Keith Brown & Twyla Tuten

Confirmation Reaffirmation Classes

Sundays in Lent
4:00-5:30 pm
If the Lord is calling you to
renew your baptismal vows,
or if you are new to this
church family and would
like to make a profession of
faith within the context of
your new family,
let Fr. Rob Know

Tuesdays and Thursdays Exercise classes

11:00-11:30 am

A group of ladies have invited a certified physical trainer to come to Holy Trinity and provide classes. Jackie specializes in working with older folks and those who have not been in a physical regimen before. The cost is \$10 per session. I this meets your need, come join them.

Holy Trinity's "Blog"

"Blog" (contraction for "web-log") is a contemporary term for a website that functions as an on-line journal of thoughts and ideas that we want to not only share with one another, but also solicit comments and insights. For a community like ours that is constantly growing and learning about the things of the Kingdom of God, a church blog is a natural venue. I encourage you to check it out and contribute. The blog is

"North Augusta Anglican"
<http://holytrinityna.blogspot.com>.

STEWARDSHIP



What is stewardship? Why does it matter to us? Why did Bill Means, our Junior Warden, bring it up at the Annual meeting? Let's talk about it.

Stewards are those who are to take care of something for someone else. In biblical terms, we are the ones who are to take care of the things of God. He has given us four primary things to take care of:

1. Time – Using wisely the Time that God has given us. (Eph. 5:16)
2. Temple - Care for our body, the Temple of the Holy Spirit. (1Cor. 6:19)
3. Talents - Use our given Talents for good works. (Eph 2:10)
4. Treasure - Being accountable for God's Treasure. (Haggai 2:8)

We tend to focus on what we are to do with "Treasure" because it is so concrete, but it is important for us to be good stewards of all four things. Even more important is that we believe God's Word about stewardship and trust Him for our provision.

Giving back to God part of the 'treasure' He has given us is not for His benefit. He doesn't need it. What he desires is that we obey Him and trust Him to care for us. It is hard to give a tithe at first, because our reasoning does not see how all of our bills can be paid if we give Him 10%. But God's Word says, "*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this,*" says the LORD Almighty, "*and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.*" (Malachi. 3:10) That is His promise, if we will but trust in Him and obey what He has told us.

In the New Testament, in [Matthew 23:23](#), Jesus rebukes the Pharisees for not obeying the weightier matters of the law along with tithing. That means that tithing is NOT the point. The Pharisees were doing that. So what was the main point? It was about their **hearts** and it is about our hearts today, too. God wants us to choose to TRUST Him... just like the Israelites in the desert. He wanted them to trust Him, but why did they wander for 40 years? They did not TRUST God. They thought they knew better. They were trusting in themselves. SELF was ruling in their lives, not God.

That is what stewardship is all about; TRUSTING GOD, not ourselves, and doing what God wants with His things.

Bill Means asked us to consider filling out our stewardship cards and turning them in. We are not making a commitment to the Vestry or the Clergy of Holy Trinity when we turn those in. Our commitment is between us and God. Our commitment is to God. We are saying to God, I trust in You and will take care of the things You have given me to care for in this life. It all belongs to You. Show me what You want me to do with Your things; Your time, talents, temple and treasure and enable me to be faithful to Your desires. I am trusting in You.

Bill knows that God is after our hearts. He is presenting this to us so that we can grow spiritually and be the men and women God created us to be. Part of his responsibility as one of our Vestry leaders is to help us to grow spiritually.

So the rest is up to us. What will our response be? Will we do what we think is right or safe, or will we trust God's Word and put our trust in Him to do what He says He will do? "*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this,*" says the LORD Almighty, "*and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.*" (Malachi 3:10)

And here is another passage to encourage your faith. Jesus tells us in [Matthew 6:28-34](#): "*And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?'³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.³⁴ So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.*"

Tuesday, February 21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



5:30 pm to 8:00 pm
\$3:00 per plate
children under 12 free

Fund raiser for the
Augusta Rescue Mission
(homeless shelter)

Bring your friends and
introduce them to
Holy Trinity

Hosted by
Holy Trinity
Men's Fellowship

Get your tickets to buy,
sell or give away from
any of the men
of the church.

February 22 Ash Wednesday Liturgy

7:00 pm
Imposition of ashes

Daily Office of Morning Prayer During Lent

9:00-9:30 am
Monday through Friday

If you are willing to be on
the rotation to officiate at
Morning Prayer,
let Fr. Rob know.

Saturday, February 25 Lenten Quiet Day

Sponsored by the
Daughters
of the Holy Cross.
Details to follow

Annual Parish Meeting



February, 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
		9:30-11:00 am Women's Bible Study <i>To Live in Christ</i> Beth Moore 11am Exercise 6 pm Choir	5:00 pm Women at the Well 6:00 pm Fellowship Supper & Bible Study <i>"The Story"</i>	10:00am Eucharist & Prayers for Healing 11:00 am Exercise		<u>No</u> Men's Breakfast / Bible Study Vestry Retreat
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
5th Sunday after The Epiphany 10:00 am Worship 11:40 am Christian Ed		9:30-11:00 am Women's Bible Study <i>To Live in Christ</i> Beth Moore 11am Exercise 6 pm Choir	5:00 pm Women at the Well 6:00 pm Fellowship Supper & Bible Study <i>"The Story"</i>	10:00am Eucharist & Prayers for Healing 11:00 am Exercise		9:00 to 10:20 Men's Breakfast and Bible Study <i>Gospel of John</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
6th Sunday after The Epiphany 10:00 am Worship 11:40 am Christian Ed 5:30 pm 2 nd Sunday Covered-Dish Fellowship		9:30-11:00 am Women's Bible Study <i>To Live in Christ</i> Beth Moore Study 11am Exercise 6 pm Choir	5:00 pm Women at the Well 6:00 pm Fellowship Supper & Bible Study <i>"The Story"</i>	10:00am Eucharist & Prayers for Healing 11:00 am Exercise		9:00 to 10:20 Men's Breakfast and Bible Study <i>Gospel of John</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
World Mission Sunday 10:00 am Worship 11:40 am Christian Ed <u>No</u> Vestry Luncheon		9:30-11:00 am Women's Bible Study 11am- Exercise 2:00 pm Prayer Intercessors 5:30-8:00pm Shrove Tues. Pancake Supper	9:00 am Morning Prayer (Ash Wed Litany) 7:00 pm <i>Ash</i> Wednesday Liturgy	9:00 am Morning Prayer 10:00am Eucharist & Prayers for Healing 11:00 am Exercise	9:00 am Morning Prayer	<u>No</u> Men's Breakfast and Bible Study Lenten Quiet Day
26	27	28	29			
1st Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Worship 11:40 am Christian Ed 12:15 pm Daughters of the Holy Cross luncheon meeting	9:00 am Morning Prayer	9:00 am Morning Pyr 9:30-11:00 am Women's Bible Study <i>To Live in Christ</i> Beth Moore 11am Exercise 6 pm Choir	9:00 am Morning Prayer 5:00 pm Women at the Well 6:00 pm Fellowship Supper & Lenten Study			



The Church of the Holy Trinity

Clergy: The Rev. Rob Hartley, Rector
 The Rev. Dan Brown, The Rev. Nancy Kenney, The Rev. Rick Barbare
Wardens: Bill Bargeloh (Senior Warden), Bill Means (Junior Warden)
Vestry: Julie Roberts, Bob James, Paula Wahl, Bobby Centers

Prayer Teams

are always available in the back of the church during Communion for those with individual prayer needs.