

ALL SAINTS' BULLETIN
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Dear Friends,

This year the Sixth Sunday of Easter will fall on May 21st. In the 1928 Prayer Book the Sundays following Easter Sunday are numbered differently. Our present lectionaries see Easter as a continuous six-week celebration so they are named "The Sundays of Easter". The 1928 Prayer Book followed the convention of naming them as "Sundays after Easter". So, the Sixth Sunday of Easter in the 1979 BCP is the Fifth Sunday after Easter in the 1928 BCP.

If you look at p.175 in a 1928 BCP you will see the Collect, Epistle and Gospel for that Sunday. You will also see that the day is named "The Fifth Sunday after Easter, commonly called Rogation Sunday." The 1979 BCP de-emphasizes the name Rogation Sunday and simply says in small-print italics "Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week are the traditional Rogation Days." Certainly, we are a more industrialized and less agrarian society, and, as a result, celebrations of Rogationtide have fallen out of favor, but those celebrations emphasized theological truths that should not be lost. Principally, that we are dependent upon God for everything that we have and that we are the stewards of creation and not its masters or owners.

I read an article in the British Daily Telegraph as recently as February of this year. It was entitled "What is Causing the 2017 Vegetable Shortage and What does it Mean for Consumers?" It seems almost unthinkable, but in late winter this year British supermarkets had to ration vegetable sales. The problem was severe floods and storms that had ransacked crops across much of the Mediterranean. Broccoli and lettuce were the worst affected.

One of the worst hit areas was Murcia, which is the heartland of lettuce production in Spain and one of the biggest lettuce hubs in Europe. The region accounts for 74% of all lettuce consumed in Europe. You may have seen the television footage of the flooding there before Christmas which killed five people. The floods in December were followed in January by record cold and the heaviest snowfall in decades. The frost that set in meant that the farmers were unable to drain their land and replant what they had lost earlier. We may believe we are too sophisticated for our food supplies to be dependent upon weather but that is absolutely not the case. We are very much at God's mercy.

The problem is not limited to Europe. Food shortages are occurring globally and causing inflation in food prices. The Food Price Index of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations which measures the monthly changes in international prices of a basket of food commodities is currently 16% higher than it was last year. That is a real challenge for the poorest nations of the world.

Rogation Days are an ancient custom which have been observed since the fifth century. They were started by Archbishop Mamertus in Vienne in France in 470 AD. A series of natural disasters had caused much suffering among the people of his diocese and so he ordered a fast and told the priests to lead processions around the fields praying for God's protection and blessings upon the crops which were just beginning to sprout. The Latin verb 'rogare' means to ask so these became known as 'rogation' processions. Significantly, the rogation days that Mamertus ordered were the three days before Ascension Day, so they fell in the season of Easter when everyone was celebrating and not fasting. It was a way of saying that acknowledging our dependence upon God's mercy is so important that we should be ready to give up three days of celebration.

We are not sure when but from early on the Gospel that was prescribed for the Sunday before those three Rogation Days was drawn from John 16, where Jesus tells his disciples to 'ask and ye shall receive.' That was the Gospel that was used in the first English prayer books. It still was used in the 1928 BCP and we will

use it on May 21st – not the one that the Revised Common Lectionary prescribes which is from John 14!

I think it is very important that we be kept humble by nature. It is a lesson Job had to learn. Do you remember the voice from the whirlwind? “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? When the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?”

Here is a prayer for Rogationtide.

“Almighty God, whose loving hand hath given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor thee with our substance and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

OFFICE CLOSING

The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

CHOIR NEWS

St. David's Choir

St. David's Choir is scheduled to sing on Mother's Day. May 14th is also the Sunday that the children will be recognized with an appreciation gift for their participation throughout the year. This is the last Sunday the children will be singing. We appreciate their commitment and dedication to the ministry of music. Thank you to the parents who sacrificed their energy and time to get them to all rehearsals and Sunday services. Elle and Palmer McCollum, William McCollum, Elise McPherson, Ben Watts, Caroline Cobb

Adult Choir

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the adult choir members (and Elise McPherson) who devoted so much time this year to the music ministry. Your commitment and dedication in and outside of rehearsals is appreciated by all. You have made All Saint's music so very special. It's always a pleasure to come to work every week. Clarise Waddill, Emily Funk, Julie, Elise and Doug McPherson, Patti Poppell, Will Sheftall, Denny Lewin, Peter Potter, Lynn McCabe.

Hired Singers: Miriam Barfield, Joey Miller, Mariah Miller, Angel Lozado, Becky Thompson

Margit Miller

SENIOR AWARD AND COURTYARD CELEBRATION

Congratulations to our graduating Seniors:

Madelene Claire Bruhn
Gabriel Buckley
Virginia Jackson
William Ladson
Natalie Paige Moreton
Christopher Watt
Harrison Wright

Please join us on Sunday, May 14th for a special service of Morning Prayer honoring mothers and graduating seniors and choristers. The service will be followed by a courtyard reception.

VESTRY MEETING

The Vestry will hold its meeting this month on Sunday, May 21 at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall Library.

Camp Hope 2017

“Leaders In Bloom”

Oak Street Episcopal Mission will be hosting, for the third summer, Camp Hope. Camp Hope is a four-week Christian camp that promotes social, emotional, spiritual and physical growth. We believe that campers learn best from staff members who speak and act consistently with the teachings of Christ. Campers will connect to God through learning about Christ and His Creation through fieldtrips and experiences, which encourage them to stretch their imagination and find HOPE as “Leaders in Bloom”.

Camp Hope will be held Monday through Friday from June 5th to June 30th. It is open to 15 children in 1st through 5th grade from the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church neighborhood.

Camp Hope will need your support to be successful. We will need volunteers, rising 8th grade to adult, to help with any and all activities of camp. From snack angels, field trip lunch angels, drivers, mentors, art instructors, to gardeners, any and all talents brought to camp will be welcomed and appreciated. whatever other talent you can bring to the camp. We will also have an acorn donor tree to help support some of the financial needs of camp. We need YOU and your gifts, financial or physical. Please consider being a part of this transformational experience. There will be a volunteer Sign-up Genius sent out soon. In the meantime, please reach out to Alston Watt or Jenny Ladson if you have questions or want to get involved!

Thanks so much!

BOOK CLUB NEWS

At our meeting on April 12th, we discussed The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. Our next meeting will be on May 10th in the Parish Hall at 11:50 a.m. Jack Coppedge will lead the discussion of The Alphabet House by Jussi Adler-Olsen. In June, Lee Chubb will be the leader for a medley of three of her favorite beach

books/ summer reads. We hope that you will join us for a light lunch and a spirited discussion and all are welcome to attend. Looking ahead, Chip Bragg will present his newest book, Martyr of the American Revolution: Isaac Hayne, South Carolinian and Tammy Miller will be our leader for Kick Kennedy: The Charmed Life and Tragic Death of the Favorite Kennedy Daughter by Barbara Leaming.

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ECW NEWS

The ECW enjoyed a wonderful reception at the home of Carlton and Kathryn White on April 26. The home was lovely, as were the refreshments and conversations. Thank you so much Kathryn White, Pat Glenn, and Janie Deal for hosting.

Our final gathering before summer will be a tea held at Springwood Plantation, the home of Russell and Lee Chubb, on May 9 at 5:30 p.m. Lee Chubb and Lee Mitchell will be our hosts. Men are welcome. Carpooling is encouraged; if you would like to carpool, please meet in the parking lot on the side of the church at 5:15 p.m.

It has been an honor to lead the ECW this past year. It is now time to find a leader for the coming year. Please consider serving in this role. It is not difficult, and will not require a lot of your time. Contact me for more information or to volunteer. Also, be thinking about what month you would like to host the ECW next year. There will be a sign-up sheet at our May meeting.

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ALTAR GUILD NEWS

The month of April was super busy for our Altar Guild and we truly appreciated the help of our members. We extend a special thanks to members Lisa Scott, Clarise Waddill, Eleanor Lilly and Jinanne Parrish, and also to Bob Parrish, who helped us strip the altar on Maundy Thursday and then put it all back together on

Holy Saturday. Meanwhile, as we continue to celebrate the Easter season, the vestments and paraments in our church will be the liturgical color of white, which symbolizes gladness, purity, light, and the joy of Christ. Thank you! Patti

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

May 7

Abigail
Taylor

May 14

Berkeley
Maryam

May 21

Lizzie
Hendley

USHER SCHEDULE

May 7 Holy Communion
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Paul Gurley
John Hand

May 14 Morning Prayer
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
St. David Choir Sings
Mother's Day
Recognition of Choristers
Recognition of Seniors
Bob Jackson
Brad Jackson

May 21 Holy Communion
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
(Rogation Sunday)
Vestry Meeting
Ben McCollum
Paul McCollum

May 28 Holy Communion
The Seventh Sunday of Easter:
The Sunday after The Ascension
Gates Kirkham
Buck Mitchell

TRANSITIONS:

Happy Birthday in May to:

Ford Faulk	5-2-98
Samuel Harrison Watts	5-8-04
Taylor Hill Middleton	5-10-04
Natalie Paige Moreton	5-11-99
Eliza Fontaine Miller	5-15-03
Ella Simmons	5-18-01
Ella Claire Thomas	5-19-08
Christopher C. Watt	5-27-99
Samuel Bruhn	5-28-01

Happy Birthday in June to:

John Brigham Daniel	6-1-07
Robert Amos Rollins	6-4-11
Emmett Clark Overton Griffith	6-6-12
Will Bracken	6-10-10
Anna Kelly	6-18-97
Jack Anthony Hodges	6-19-03
Claire Louise Hodges	6-23-01
August Kachaluba	6-24-07

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 3

Body & Soul – Desmond Tutu

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

Recognition of Graduating Seniors

Recognition of Choirs

Courtyard Reception to follow Morning Prayer

Wednesday, May 10

11:50 a.m. ECW Book Club Lunch