

THE QUILL

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NEW OCCASIONS

"New occasions teach new duties" or "the more things change, the more they stay the same". St Bede's is a place which has undergone enormous changes over the last 14 years. 33 households were here in 1990 and 68 have arrived since then. The place looks different...much work has been done on the physical plant.

One of the areas that is still handled in the same manner as 1990 is the volunteering in the office. We have several faithful volunteers -- Janet Fox (Mondays), Ina Klem & Harriet Haddad (Tuesdays) and Joyce Matlack (Thursdays). Paul Thompson had been the "Wednesday man", but he has just moved to the San Fernando Valley and we have lost Paul's enthusiasm and dedication on the Vestry and in the office. Thankfully, he is remaining as the Treasurer of the Friends of Music, at least for this season.

More and more people are involved in the public face of the church -- Sunday & Wednesday

worship. We always need more lectors, eucharistic ministers, Healing Team members, Choristers greeters and acolytes. One priest cannot "run" a parish - it is a group effort!

Lent is a time to look inward so that one may be centered and then be enabled to reach outward. Thank God Lent comes every year!!

"The Sunday services are a time when we gather to meditate on God's Word for us without the busy-ness of Church School, coffee hour or group meetings, said Canon Newman. "I am hopeful that it will continue to grow and adjust with its constituency. We can be informal, we can use the rosary, we can use Taize music because God is in charge of speaking through whatever liturgy to the gathered community."

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THIS MONTH

New Occasions

Healing Ministry Workshop

News Briefs-Around the Parish

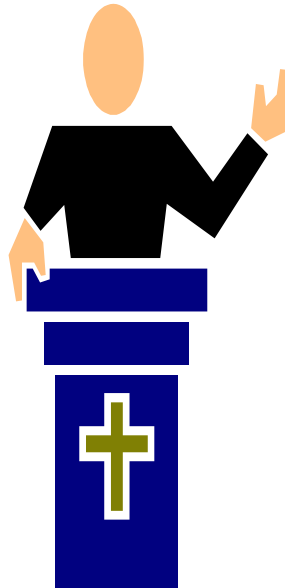
CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

Ask a rhetorical question and get a wide variety of interpretations on what people understand. Actually, there needs to be a time to have a rector's Forum periodically. Mike Olsen, Joelle Underwood and I will be working to put that kind of session together. As I see it, we might (NOTE "might"...I am thinking out loud) shorten the 8 a. m. service once a month so that we could gather in the parish hall between 8.30 and 9.45 to hear a presentation, see a film, have an open forum about something.

I raised a couple of questions last month, but there are many possibilities...such as reactions to Mel Gibson's film "The Passion of Christ", et. al. It is not simply a second sermon time. Congregations are healthiest when they can openly discuss any number of issues in the context of Christian love and charity.

In many ways, that is what our Lenten study & Lenten Quiet Day are all about this year. We will be studying "What Anglicans Believe in the 21st Century" and Canon Rettger will base his quiet day reflections on:

A QUIET DAY FOR EPISCOPALIANS AND THEIR FRIENDS: DISCIPLESHIP IN A TROUBLED CHURCH



HOW CAN WE KNOW? WHAT DO WE BELIEVE? WHERE IS OUR HOPE?

Our greatest strength -- our Anglican inclusiveness or "large tent" -- is often the area which gets us in trouble with some people. However, I think that we are a people who focus on the larger area of Jesus' love and God's promise and less on the minutiae that divides us (yes, women, race, sexuality -- even US elections -- all pale in the light of God's love for the Creation).

Lent is a time when we can get things back into perspective, when we can focus on God's call to us to be individuals responding to God's love and living that response in communities of faith, hope & love. It is hard, because I want to keep having my individuality prevail -- in my life, my relationships, my job, my faith. And then I look around at "The Peace" and remember that I am part of a larger whole. I also remember that Jesus loves me despite my individuality and my quirks...and I am amazed.

So, live Lent to the fullest. Take on the study of what makes us like we are. Take on the Quiet Day and the Ministry Fair. Take on an extra time of prayer and reflection. Take on helping another person -- even if it to call them and share a prayer of a good word. Live Lent so that you may live Life!!

Canon Jim

FROM THE RECORDS

Visitors:

Lee Williams, Marc Druyls,
Debbie & Rachel Boiteux
Page & Bren Palumbo,
Rosemarie DiSalvo, Patrick Yoergler,
Ed Crus & Jose Atil III

March Anniversaries

Brian & Jenu Mark 03/15
Jusak Bernhard & Jeffrey Manley 03/21
David & Evlynne Householder 03/24

March Birthdays

Mike Olsen 03/07
Alice Short 03/08
Henry Etta Waters 03/10
Angus Mackay 03/13
Daniel Mohler, III 03/14
Kelly Zullo 03/18
Devin Beaulieu 03/21
Amani Bolden 03/21
Diane Gandara 03/21
Patricia Toy 03/22
Barbara Sands 03/23
Karen Kuchel 03/25
Zane Householder 03/27
Mark Scott 03/27
Richard Dancer 03/29
Harold Eaton 03/29
Helmi Hisserich-Patterson 03/31

**Healing Ministry Workshop 9:00 –
10:00 a.m. March 21**

Have you wondered about the Sacrament of Healing? Have you stumbled across the Ministration to the Sick service in the Prayer Book and wanted to know more? Have you wanted to reach out to a member of our Parish when they were sick but weren't sure how? Have you wondered about the activity in the Chapel during Sunday Services? Has that quiet voice in your heart been calling for you to find out more about St. Bede's Healing Ministry?

On Sunday, March 21, 9:00 – 10:00 a. m., join the Healing Ministry Team for a workshop where we will discuss these questions and the Scriptural basis for Anointing and Laying on of Hands. The St. Bede's Healing Team is open to all who feel called. There is no prerequisite other than an open heart and love for your neighbors.

NEWS BRIEFS—AROUND THE PARISH

Coffee Hour is one of the special occasions in St. Bede's parish life. Like all special occasions, someone has to take the responsibility for organizing it. Please consider volunteering to share your special goodies with your friends some Sunday. Sign up on the list in Luther Hall.

There are no Sisters of Bede events scheduled during Lent, but check with a Sister for openings at venues after Easter. Keep your ears open for information about the Spring Brunch after the early service on Easter Morning.

Arlene Cull, of the Parish of St. Mary's in Palms, has recently returned from Haiti. She will share her experiences at the March 10 meeting (and potluck) of St. John's Guild. All are welcome to gather at Noon on that day.

If the opening article of this month's Quill piqued your interest, you might check out the offerings at this year's Diocesan Ministry Fair. Not only can you explore new avenues of service, but you can make new friends from our wide, wonderfully diverse, diocese. Class schedules are available near the back of the church.

The Friends of Music at St. Bede's event for March will be an Evensong service on March 7, at 6 pm. The music selections will be by William Byrd (Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis) and Thomas Tomkins (When David Heard)

MARCH LESSONS

SUNDAY LESSONS

March 7 Lent 2 Canon Rettger

Genesis 15.1-12,17-18; Ps. 27; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-35

Match 14: Lent 3: Mthr. Haynes

Exodus 3.1-15; Ps. 63.1-8; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9

March 21: Lent 4: Fr. Asbury

Joshua 5.9-12; Ps. 32; 2 Corinthians 5.16-21; Luke 15.1-3,11b-32

March 28: Lent 5: Ms. Mouradian

Isaiah 43.16-21; Ps. 126; Philippians 3.4b-14; Luke John 12.1-8

WEDNESDAY LESSONS

March 3 (Ember Wednesday): Canon Newman

Ps. 63.1-8; 1 Samuel 3.1-10; Ephesians 4.11-16; Matthew 9.35-38

March 10: Canon Newman

Ps 31.9-16; Jeremiah 18.1-11; Matthew 20.17-28

March 17: Fr. Hancock (cel.); Canon Newman (p)

Ps 78.1-6; Deuteronomy 4.1-2,5-9; Matthew 5.17-19

March 24 (Annunciation, eve): Canon Newman

Ps. 45; Isaiah 7.10-14; Hebrews 10.4-10; Luke 1.26-38

March 31: Canon Newman

Canticle 13; Daniel 3.14-20, 24-28; John 8.31-42

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SERVICES & CLASSES

SUNDAYS: 8 am, Holy Eucharist (no music)
10 am, Church School & Nursery
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer

TUESDAYS: 9 am, Breakfast, Morning Prayer & Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS: 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class

BREAKFAST & BIBLE

*A weekly class – beginning with breakfast – which previews
the lessons for the upcoming Sunday.*

MONDAY ADULT INQUIRER'S CLASS

[An informal discussion for those preparing to be confirmed, received,
renewed, or simply to refresh their minds]

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Book Study:
"What Anglicans Believe in the 21st Century"

COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS

[A series of take-home lessons for children & their parents to discuss
the sacraments of baptism & Eucharist] See Cannon Newman by
March 7th to enroll your child in this class.

ST. BEDE'S VESTRY & STAFF

RECTOR: The Very Rev. Canon James Newman

ASSISTANT: The Rev. Argola Haynes

ASSISTING: The Rev. Giles Asbury,
the Rev John Hancock, the Rev. Howard Happ, Ph.D.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Mr. Frank Basile

MSY INTERN: Ms. Vicki Mouradian

SEXTON: Mr. Masoud Jamneshan

VESTRY

Mike Olsen ['06] - Senior Warden

Annete Graw ['07] - Junior Warden

Kyle Ferstead—Clerk

Tom Ledsam—Treasurer

Gordon Fuglie ('05) Michael Gallagher ['07]

Edmonde Haddad ['07] Ina Klem ['06]

Samira Tamer ('05) -vacancy- ['05]

Joelle Underwood ('06)

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION

Angus Mackay (D)/Frank Basile (A) - ('06)

Annette Graw (D)/Kyle Ferstead (A) - ('05)