

# Trinity NOTES

**February 27, 2011**

## *Dear Sisters and Brothers*

We will soon begin a journey through another season of the liturgical calendar. Lent is a time in the church year when we commit ourselves to a special time of devotion. There will be a number of opportunities for you to follow up on the Lenten challenge during the 40 days of the season. Here are some:

### *Ash Wednesday services*

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday which this year is March 9th. The Ash Wednesday service is a powerful reminder of our mortal nature and an invitation for renewed devotion.

### *Lenten Program*

On five Wednesday evenings (March 16 through April 13) from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Trinity will participate with Westminster Presbyterian, St. Mark Lutheran and some other churches in a joint five session Lenten program. The first and last of these programs will begin with a potluck and conclude with worship. The three evening intervening Wednesdays will begin with a potluck and the programs will be based on Walter Brueggemann's book "*Journey to the Common Good*" which will further our exploration of the nature of reconciliation and our ministry as ambassadors for Christ.

### *Sermon Series*

During the five Sundays of Lent I will be preaching a sermons series on spiritual disciplines as vehicles for discernment and experiencing God.

### *Adult Education*

During the Sunday morning adult education time we will be exploring different elements of our liturgy and what these elements offer us for our daily spirituality.

### *Small Groups*

I hope the three small groups which we currently have at Trinity will adopt a study appropriate to the season.

### *Holy Week Services*

There will be 2 or 3 services during Holy Week which will allow for a solemn consideration of Jesus' last week on earth in bodily form and of our own time here.

As you can see there are a number of different opportunities for you to deepen your devotion to Jesus as you journey through this Lent season. I do hope you will take advantage of as many of them as you can.

*Yours in Christ,*

*Pastor Cass*

## **LAST WEEK'S VITALS TITHES & GIFTS**

1. Last Sunday's attendance:	78
2. Last Sunday's offering:	
Pledge	\$2,690.00
Gifts & Plate	39.87
Breakfast Ministry	51.00
Chair Fund	<u>450.00</u>
Total	\$3,230.87

Chair Fund (\$6,438.47) that is enough for 47 of the 150 chair goal.

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# The Diocese of Virginia



## Election of a New Bishop Suffragan

Dear Diocesan Family,

As we prepare for Bishop Jones' retirement at our next Annual Council in January 2012 and a celebration of his ministry, we will undertake the search for a bishop suffragan. I'm writing today to encourage us all to embrace this opportunity, and to recognize it as such: an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for Bishop Jones; an opportunity to examine our health and needs as a diocese; and an opportunity to welcome new episcopal leadership to the Diocese of Virginia.

The election process is watched over by two committees. First, the Nominating Committee is charged with engaging the Diocese of Virginia in a discussion about who and where we are as a diocese, and then to undertake faithful, prayerful discernment to identify a slate of not less than four nor more than six nominees to stand for election. Once the nominees are announced, the Transition Committee takes the lead in the process. They are charged to introduce the nominees to the Diocese through the "walkabout" process. The committee then serves as a liaison to the nominees during the election. They also assist in organizing the consecration. The Transition Committee will continue as a resource for the new bishop as he or she begins this new episcopal ministry. Most importantly, the members of the Transition Committee provide pastoral support to the nominees and their families through and after the election.

With the thoughtful advice and unanimous consent of the Standing Committee, I have appointed the Nominating and the Transition Committees as requested by resolution at Council. Two gifted members of our diocese will lead these committees: Ms. Allyson Getlein of St. Andrew's, Richmond will chair the Nominating Committee and the

Rev. Jim Dannals, rector of St. George's, Fredericksburg, will chair the Transition Committee.

The members of these committees have accepted a call to serve, first and foremost.

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### **Nominating Committee**

**Ms. Allyson Getlein**, Chair  
St. Andrew's, Richmond

**Mr. Sam Bridges**  
St. Francis', Great Falls

**Ms. Ellyn Crawford**  
St. George's, Arlington

**The Rev. Ross Kane**  
St. Paul's, Alexandria

**The Rev. Lucia Lloyd**  
St. Stephen's, Heathsville

**The Rev. Alexander MacPhail**  
Beckford Parish (Emmanuel, Woodstock &  
St. Andrew's, Mt. Jackson)

**The Rev. Cuthbert Mandell**  
Aquia Church, Stafford

**Ms. Kendall Metz**  
Grace Church, Alexandria

**Mr. Russell Randle**  
Christ Church, Alexandria

**Ms. Mildred Robinson**  
St. Paul's Memorial, Charlottesville

**Mr. Alex Slaughter**  
St. James's, Richmond

**The Rev. Sven vanBaars**  
Abingdon, White Marsh

February 20, 2011

The Diocese of Virginia and the Episcopal Church announced a settlement with Church of Our Saviour, Oatlands following a congregational vote in favor held today. Our Saviour is one of nine congregations that left the Episcopal Church in 2006 that then sought to retain Episcopal church property. "It is truly heartening for us to come to an agreement," said the Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, Bishop of Virginia. "This settlement ensures that the legacy entrusted to the Episcopal Church continues, while providing a clear way forward for the Oatlands congregation."

The Church of Our Saviour will discontinue its efforts to keep the Oatlands church and all litigation regarding the Oatlands church will conclude immediately. Our Saviour will lease the Oatlands church from the Diocese for up to five years, and retain the parish funds it has on hand. Our Saviour will use a significant portion of those funds for maintenance and much-needed repairs of the Oatlands church. At Our Saviour's request, the congregation will also retain several memorial items.

As part of the settlement, the Church of Our Saviour will also voluntarily disaffiliate from any connection to the Convocation of Anglican

Churches in North America (CANA), the Anglican District

of Virginia (ADV), and the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). Lastly, Our Saviour has agreed that no bishop will visit the congregation without the permission of the Bishop of Virginia.

Church of Our Saviour is located six miles south of Leesburg, a thriving community in Northern Virginia. "We have a long-term view that looks forward to an Episcopal presence in that area in the future," said Bishop Johnston. "At their essence, that's what our efforts have been about: ensuring that the mission of the Episcopal Church continues in churches and communities across Virginia."

Bishop Johnston added, "We are grateful to the leadership of the Church of Our Saviour for engaging in these good faith negotiations. It is my hope that other congregations in this litigation will consider the benefits of a similar approach."

The trial on property issues for the remaining Episcopal church properties is scheduled to begin in the Fairfax Circuit Court on Monday, April 25.

Henry D.W. Burt  
Secretary and Chief of Staff

## CAN YOU IMAGINE NO COFFEE HOUR AT TRINITY?

We are still in need of one or more persons to host a coffee hour once a month. This is an important ministry that can be shared with 2 or 3 other persons. If you are interested please speak with Pastor Cass.

## SMALL GROUPS

Tuesday evenings — 7:00 to 8:30  
(contact Bill Anderson)

Friday mornings — 8:30 to 10:00  
(contact Pastor Cass)

Friday afternoons — Noon to 1:00  
(contact Ayuko White)



# The Episcopal Church

February 27, 2011 – Eighth Sunday After Epiphany

## Good Friday Offering

**Excerpt From a Message From the Presiding Bishop**  
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

For almost a century, the Good Friday Offering has been a source of support, love, and hope for our brothers and sisters in the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. ... This offering expresses our own commitment to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to walk with the church of the Middle East as they continue to work toward justice, reconciliation, and peace. Through our prayers for and support of these churches we are helping to realize God's vision of shalom. ... Please join with me in giving thanks for the work of the Good Friday Offering by generously sharing the gifts we have been given with our sisters and brothers throughout the Middle East.

I remain, Your servant in Christ,  
Katharine Jefferts Schori

(To read the complete letter, see  
[http://www.episcopalchurch.org/110049\\_126699\\_ENG\\_HTML.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/110049_126699_ENG_HTML.htm).)



Priest and young congregant in the Diocese of Jerusalem

Some of the projects funded by the 2010 Good Friday Offering include:

- St. Peter's Elderly Home in BirZeit, which offers housing for elderly Christians
- St. Andrew's Day Care Center in Ramallah, a new clinic for diabetic cardio treatment
- St. Andrew's Housing Project for Young Christian Couples, which helps young couples afford apartments
- Needy families on the West Bank
- Ras Morbat Clinic in Aden, Yemen, which provides unlimited access to basic health services in a low-income area
- Scholarships for religious education for Christian children (who represent only 1 percent of the population)

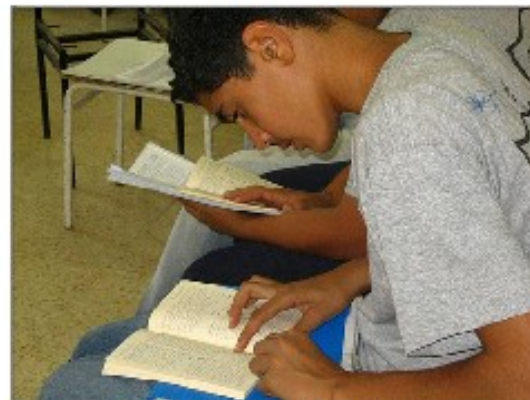


Breaking ground for the Anglican Church in Doha, Qatar

Collected funds can be sent in the form of a check, payable to "The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society" (please write "Good Friday Offering" in the memo line of the check) to:

Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society  
Good Friday Offering  
PO Box 12095  
Newark, NJ 07101

For more information contact the Rev. David Copley  
(800) 334-7626, ext. 5461; [dcopley@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:dcopley@episcopalchurch.org)



Bible Study in Arabic, Diocese of Jerusalem

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# SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 27, 2011

8:45 a.m.	Breakfast	Parish Hall
9:15 a.m.	Christian Formation For Children	Upstairs Classrooms
	Christian Formation For Youth	Library
	Christian Formation For Adults	Library
	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
10:30 a.m.	Worship*	Sanctuary (Holy Eucharist)

\*Childcare for infants and toddlers is offered during the worship service (10:30 a.m. - Noon.)

February 24, 2011

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ:

On behalf of Bishop Johnston who is in Tanzania to strengthen our ties with our mission partners there, we write to you regarding the situation in the Diocese of Christchurch, New Zealand following the February 22 earthquake. The reports of loss of life and damage in Christchurch continue to mount. As of this writing, there are nearly 100 confirmed dead and over 200 people still missing. In perhaps the most powerful symbol to us as Anglicans, the steeple of Christ Church Cathedral fell, the remaining structure was severely damaged, and as many as 20 people are feared trapped inside the rubble.

The Rt. Rev. Victoria Matthews, Bishop of Christchurch, has shared that there are high levels of anxiety and a sense of despair in the diocese she now serves. She noted that the current needs are as basic as finding a church with running water that is structurally safe and can serve as a spiritual base to meet the profound needs of those in the diocese. She also is calling on her clergy to "go out into the highways and byways to offer pastoral care." (Many of you will remember Bishop Matthews' powerful presence amongst us as the chaplain of the 213<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Virginia in 2008.)

From across the world, we as sisters and brothers of Christchurch can lend a helping hand. Episcopal Relief and Development, or "ERD", is an incredibly effective organization that is well practiced in disaster relief. We have worked closely with them in Sudan, in Haiti, and in countless other areas of need. Should you wish to donate to them, you can do so directly on their website at [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org). In addition, you can also donate through the Diocese of Virginia either online or by check payable to the Diocese with "New Zealand Relief" in the memo line. We will bundle those donations and get them to the Diocese of Christchurch as soon as possible.

In addition, we hope you will pray this collect in your parishes and homes this week:

*God of mercy, comfort those who are grieving, give peace to those who have died and protect those who are working to save lives. Strengthen the Christchurch community for the long period of recovery and healing ahead. Help us to support them through prayer and compassion. Amen.*

Faithfully,

David Colin Jones  
Bishop Suffragan

Edwin F. Gulick  
Assistant Bishop

## Trinity Leadership

**Lay Ministers:** The Congregation

**Bishops:** The Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston

The Rt. Rev. David C. Jones

The Rt. Rev. "Ted" Gulick, Jr.

**Vicar:** Pastor Cass Bailey

**Senior Warden:** Mark Bell

**Junior Warden:** Mary Newton, 2013

**Vestry:** Mark Bell, 2012

Lauren Fleischmann, 2013

Amy Griffith, 2013

Nick Garber, 2014

Deborah Gille, 2014

Jenny Holmes, 2012

Erica Lloyd, 2014

Diane Sampson, 2012

**Treasurer:** Beverly Bivins

**Music Minister:** Carlton Dickerson



Altar Flowers for February 27 are given by Kendra Hamilton in memory of her grandmother Anna Hamilton.

## Please NOTE:

The Prayer Request Box in the chapel is checked regularly and prayer is offered for any requests that are present.

## Prayer List

Please pray for:

- Hazel Clave (Kristin Szakos' grandmother who is 106 years old).
- Joe Cochran and family as they journey through seminary.
- David, Margaret Ann, and Jenna



## Lay Ministers Scheduled:

Sunday, February 27, 2011

**Lectors:** Lauren Fleischmann & Susan Fleischmann

**Intercessor:** Leah Puryear

**Chalice Bearers:** Stephanie Commander & Gloria Johnson

**Altar Guild:** Shirley Thompson & Jane Meniktos

**Acolyte:** Kevin Barnard

**Ushers:** Mark Bell & Sylvia Milner

**Counter:** Lauren Fleischmann

**Home Communion:** Stephanie Commander

**Hospitality Hour:** Kevin Barnard

**Breakfast:** Team 3 (Al Anderson & Donnell Douglas)

If you are unable to serve, please get a substitute.

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I have every confidence in their collective ability to lead us through the search and transition process with sound wisdom and faithful judgment.

The job set before these two groups is not a small task. The Rt. Rev. David C. Jones, our bishop suffragan, leaves a legacy of profound excellence in ministry. These committees will seek not to replace Bishop Jones, but to honor his ministry by seeking out candidates who are well equipped to live out the tradition of dedication and gracious spirit established by Bishop Jones in his 17-year ministry as a bishop.

In the weeks to come, both committees will start their work, spend time in prayer and retreat, and start producing search process materials that will be made available on the diocesan Web site. The key dates are these: the Nominating Committee will announce nominees shortly after Annual Council in 2012; the walkabouts will occur in March and the election will take place on Saturday, April 21, 2012. The consecration will occur on July 28, 2012, with the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori joining us to celebrate that wonderful day. More details will be forthcoming in the weeks and months ahead.

In the meantime, I ask for your prayers during this time of transition: prayers for Bishop Jones as he continues his faithful ministry amongst us this next year; prayers for a spirit-filled search process; prayers for our dedicated Nominating and Transition Committees, named below; and, as always, prayers for our diocese.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston  
Bishop of Virginia

**Transition Committee**  
**The Rev. Jim Dannals**, Chair  
St. George's, Fredericksburg

**Mr. Robert Allen**  
St. Stephen's, Richmond

**The Rev. Dr. Don Binder**  
Pohick Church, Lorton

**The Rev. Kate Chipps**  
St. Margaret's, Woodbridge

**Ms. Joan Inger**  
St. Paul's on the Hill, Winchester

**Ms. Barbara Maniha**  
Holy Comforter, Vienna

**The Rev. Daniel Robayo**  
Emmanuel, Harrisonburg


**Mr. Joseph Royster**  
Meade Memorial, Alexandria

**The Rev. John Sheehan**  
Church of the Redeemer, Aldie

**Mr. Dick Shirey**  
St. James the Less, Ashland

**Ms. Mareea Wilson**  
St. Barnabas', Annandale

**The Rev. Deacon Barbara Ambrose**  
St. Andrew's, Richmond

The Diocese of Virginia 

## Mitchell House News and Call for Assistance

The downstairs apartment of the Mitchell House, Trinity's transitional housing for families effected by domestic violence is nearly ready to be occupied. We need help from the congregation in putting finishing touches on the apartment. First we need several volunteers to sort through the kitchen which is over-stocked. We need to select and box NICE, usable, and preferably matched items to keep in the apartment. Other items should be boxed for Goodwill or thrown away, depending on their condition. After this is done, the apartment will be professionally cleaned, courtesy of the Shelter for Help in Emergency.

Once the apartment is cleaned, we need teams of volunteers to adopt and set up one room. There are basic furnishings in each room, so the main tasks will be arranging and decorating the rooms. There are some linens, but we may need to add to these. We would like the rooms to be comfortable and welcoming.

There are some furnishings that could be replaced or augmented.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex on Sunday. Please consider signing up for one of the tasks or to provide some of the needed materials. For further information, please contact Gretchen Ellis at 971-3078 or [ellisg53@msn.com](mailto:ellisg53@msn.com).

### Mitchell House Tasks

- Kitchen organization (Ideally this would be done during the week of February 28). Select and box NICE, usable, and preferably matched items to keep in the apartment. Other items should be boxed for Goodwill or thrown away, depending on their condition.
- Adopt-a-Room (after the apartment is professionally cleaned, which should be completed by March 11). All rooms need to be made move-in ready. The bedrooms are furnished with single beds and dressers. There are some linens. The rooms need to be set up and decorated. The living room has a sofa, rocker and dinette set. The rooms needing adoption are:
  - Back left bedroom
  - Back right bedroom
  - Front bedroom
  - Kitchen set-up
  - Living Room
  - Bathroom - Shelter for Help in Emergency Board of Directors will do this.

### Wish list (items with asterisk most urgent needs):

- \*Area rug(s) for living room
- \*Dinette set
- \*Arm chair
- \*Light fixture for living room
- Coffee and/or end tables
- Installation of lattice around stairs to upper apartment



Join the Senior Ministry in attending

## Ladysmith Black Mambazo

A musical and spiritual alchemy

Wednesday, March 16th at 8:00 PM

Tickets start at \$35 and can be reserved by calling the Paramount (434) 979-1333 M –F 10:00 am– 2:00 pm