

The Herald

January 30, 2011

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

From the Rector: Of Reality and of Reality

We just watched the movie *Inception* about a group of people who are able to, in effect, live into each others' dream worlds... and as the dream world goes, one through imagination and projection is able to extract knowledge and manipulate reality, skew it towards our own perceptions and projections as to the way life should and could eventuate according to our own will. Of course we manipulate reality every day of our lives with our engaging events and decisions; and, in particular, in

our modern world in which the self seems, and indeed is extolled as, supreme, we tend to believe that we have power to control our destinies and the destinies of others. The movie offers several different layers of reality...the conscious, and the various levels of the unconscious mind. Freud didn't differentiate among the layers of the conscious and unconscious realities as having any more validity than the other...that each inform each as to the whole of what we can know about our world, inner and outer, one symbiotic reality. This movie accentuates the notion that the lines between consciousness and subconsciousness are blurred, if even they exist at all... Artists know this... The Christian faith and religion in general, post Freud, has been interpreted and reinterpreted through the lens of the discovery of the unconscious mind, Carl Jung, Paul Tillich, John McQuarrie to name just a few.... Jung's theological metaphor for God was the "Self," that deep reality at the heart of our being...Indeed, Plato as early as the fourth century B.C.E. posited as much, that to know the Self is to know God. Tillich referred to God as the ultimate ground of being...the ultimate concern that we bear as humans...that when all semblance of reality is stripped away then we are left with only one reality and that is God, the solid ground upon which we as individuals stand... upon which we stand for meaning at last against the post world war insanity his readers faced. McQuarrie holds the same premise for the Christ...that it is the notion of God incarnate...God come to earth among us that grounds us in a post-modern world full of conjecture and doubt as to ultimate truth. All three grasp at reality as if it is known, or can be known by the individual... But now, in post-modernity, it seems the more we think we know, the more we doubt what we know. Certainty now is quite out of the question for the contemporary religious consciousness... the all powerful individual of the twentieth century with quantifiable knowledge of conscious and unconscious reality is now adrift, and, dare we say, frightened.

Scripture, and an enlightened interpretation thereof is our friend on this matter....not for certainty, but for a way forward in a confusing and increasingly uncertain and fragmented world....The ancients had no concept of the singular power of the individual...power for the ancient meant living as enlightened community, practicing the art of living together the tried and true ways of their ancestors...tried and true ways facing changing circumstances, new knowledge, new challenges...which meant new interpretations of their sacred lore... but they faced these crises as neighbors helping neighbor for the good of the whole, the good of the whole the way of the ancients....The ancient had no term for the unconscious mind....but they minded their dreams, their dreams

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, January 25
3:30pm St. Michael and All Angels
choir rehearsal

Wednesday, January 26
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
4pm St. Cecilia choir rehearsal
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday, January 27
12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
7pm AA (Smith Rm)

Sunday, January 30
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Christian Education
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following
3-5pm EYC @ Mulherin Home

Tuesday, February 1
11:30am All Saints serves @ 15 Place
3:30pm St. Michael and All Angels
choir rehearsal
6pm Supper & Rector's Forum

Wednesday, February 2
8am Race Relations Committee
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
4pm St Cecilia choir rehearsal
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Finance Notes

As your treasurer, I wanted to bring you up to date on the state of our parish finances. The congregation met the challenge of our stewardship appeal, begun in October and concluded last week. After some intense but friendly encouragement, we obtained an increase in pledges over last year:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Number of Pledges	140	165	15.2%
Total Amount Pledged	\$440,237.16	\$465,985.44	5.8%

As you can see, we exceeded our goals of 5% increases both in numbers of pledges, and in total dollars pledged. This has allowed our vestry to adopt a budget for 2011 that will reduce our modest debt, make an increased gift to the diocese, and provide partial restoration of salaries reduced during our belt-tightening of a couple years ago. It is a prudent budget that also provides a small surplus against contingencies, which inevitably arise.

As always, detailed information—in the form of monthly financial statements and budgets—can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office. I encourage anyone interested to check them out, or to contact Mary Holbrook, our financial secretary (mary@allsaintsmobile.org), or me (clark@weld-supply.com) with specific questions.

Finally, now that the hard work of our pledge drive and budget process is concluded, I ask one last thing: Please, let's don't fall behind on payments against our pledges in 2011, but rather, let's all commit to "pay it forward" if at all able. *Our church's financial health depends on each of us fulfilling the financial commitment he or she has just made.*

I plan to put something of financial interest in the Herald periodically, so please stay tuned . . .

Thanks,
Clark Kelly

The Flag Maker of Market Street is a new play opening at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery on February 4. The playwright is Elyzabeth Gregory Wilder (an All Saints' parishioner) and it tells the story of George Cowles, a respected Montgomery merchant who is asked to make the very first Confederate flag. However, at night Cowles is secretly running Unionist meetings out of his backroom. When a customer becomes suspicious of his activities, Cowles' life and the lives of everyone close to him are placed in jeopardy.

Elyzabeth has agreed to coordinate a trip to see her play on March 19, a Saturday, at the 2pm matinee. If there are 10 or more who want to go, the ticket prices will be \$33 each or \$25 for people under 25. The show will run approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes with one intermission. Afterwards, there will be a discussion with the playwright that will last about 30 minutes for those who are interested.

For more information, email Elyzabeth at elyzabethw@aol.com. Reservations must be made and checks received by March 1.



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intimate companions to their waking life... Scripture is rife with the dreams of our ancestors of the faith... we are told of the dreams of the patriarchs, matriarchs and the prophets... some utterly fantastic... visions of their hopes and what they believed God inhabiting their dreams prompted them to hope for... sight for the blind in both worlds, inner and outer... the universe entire.

We are never told by the New Testament scribes of any dream of Jesus....Perhaps it may be that Jesus' very life and ministry is God's waking dream for the world....A dream of inclusion and embrace...a dream of nonviolence and living justly together...a dream that compassion and mercy and forgiveness are the means of a life brimming with reality.... a dream that the dignity of every human being matters most in our world... a dream in which healing and well being are the way of things... It has been a hallmark of the twentieth century to seek for certainty, quantified reality... but ours as people of faithful conscience is to make the dream reality... To give the dream flesh and blood... It is ours through the power of the imagination, which Coleridge named as Spirit.... through the power of the imagination, the Spirit, to make the dream real, so that others may dream of this grand commonweal on earth as well... that they may dream of a world in which there is enough for all in a peaceable, graceful existence... a dream plain and simple, but still opposed and manipulated by the insidious structures, the collective brokenness of our world that would kill the dream.

Let us dream God's dream for this world God loves still... and may we awake one day, one day soon, and find it truer than we ever dreamed.

Congratulations to:

- * Elizabeth Jenkins, Austin Seamands and Melanie Petithory, parents and grandmother of Olivia Ann Jenkins, born on January 15 in Mobile.
- * Tom Rouse, Ann Margaret Weaver, Frances Rouse and Buck St. John, parents, grandmother and great-grandmother of Selah Weaver Rouse, who was born January 18 in Birmingham.

Rector's Forum: Questions, Answers, Speculations

This new class lead by the Rector will begin Tuesday evening, February 1. It will start at 6pm with supper and class will begin at 6:30 and end at 7:30. There was great demand after this year's Inquirer's class that we continue our exploration of the Episcopal Church, its history, its practices (why we do the things we do) and its current polity. We will also discuss the interpretation of scripture, the Book of Common Prayer, among a wide range of topics decided upon by the group as a whole. This is intended not to be a lecture series but a conversation. The class will meet bi-weekly.

If you are planning to come to supper, PLEASE call the church office to sign up. 438-2492.

Prayers go out to the family and friends of Imogen Inge Fullton, a life-long member of All Saints, who died recently in Texas at age 95. *Let light perpetual shine upon her.*

TriLoCue

MUSLIMS, JEWS, AND CHRISTIANS – TOGETHER

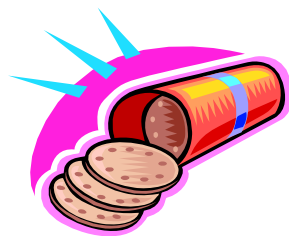
The next Interfaith Symposium will be held this Thursday, January 27 from 7-9pm in Byrne Memorial Hall on the campus of Spring Hill College. The topic is "Peace: What Does It Look Like for People of Faith?" Admission is free. Please RSVP (252) 380-4458 for the sake of planning purposes only.

Peanut Butter & Crackers

Have you ever thought about how easily we can come home from school or work and open a cabinet to fix a snack?

At each Food Share, the Food Bank sends foods that we have not ordered but must take, in addition to the food we do order. In December we received MANY boxes of crackers that we have stored in the Parish Hall to give to people who come to our door during the month asking for food.

It has been suggested that it would be nice to have peanut butter to give along with the crackers to have a more filling snack. If you would like to donate small jars of peanut butter, bring them to the church office or put them in the basket in the Ann Street narthex. Thanks from the office volunteers who greet our hungry neighbors daily!



If you cannot be present for the date you are scheduled, please try to get a substitute and let the church office know who it is. 438-2492. If you cannot find a sub, let us know as soon as possible.

Lay Ministers for February 2011


Date	Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Reception
Feb 6 4th Sunday after the Epiphany	8:00	J Clearman	L Hallett	K Winkler		H Dodge P Mackey	J Clearman M Harris D Moreau J Praytor E Wingard	K Flowers K Butler	J Clearman M Harris S Cleveland	
	10:30	A Barrett M Elledge	B Hardaway	A Lilly J Carson	R Brewster L Gray T Thiel LH Greene	L Wood C Blackwell H Callaway M Morrison H Tate	"			M Morrison
Feb 13 5th Sunday after the Epiphany	8:00	L Hallett	S Willcox	M Taylor		W Hannum R Dillard	"	(Wedding)	J Tucker B Ratcliffe R Rodriguez	
	10:30	F Hannum B Harris	M Harris	H Callaway B Hardaway	JB Pappas B Williams D Greene B Foster	R Bradford H Brewster M Elledge T Locke	"			E Mosley M Mosley C Mosley
Feb 20 6th Sunday after the Epiphany	8:00	MH Slaton	J Basenberg	S Willcox		F & B South	"	D Nichols C Mackey	C Mackey V Case W Hannum B Schneider	
	10:30	M Hennessy T Locke	K Montgomery	A Mitchell L Wood	L Wood L Ayres G Ayres B Ayres	D Mosley H Caddell J Ayres S Robertson	"			F Rouse K McKenzie
Feb 27 7th Sunday after the Epiphany	8:00	P Wilson	W Butler	R Hester		B & B Evatt	"	J Tucker C Hall	K Flowers K Gray R Greene	
	10:30	V Mitchell D Moreau	D Nichols	L Thomas M Morrison	W Kelly SF Greene E Doyle K Kelly	D Greene C Doyle M Williams R Pappas	"			P Reeves K Gray

February Birthdays

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| 2 Danielle Juzan | 19 John Arnold |
| 8 Henry Seawell, IV | 20 Meg Caldwell, Laura Hampton Greene |
| 10 Kim Gray | 21 Gillian Ayres |
| 11 Ariana Moore, Cart Blackwell | 22 Johnna Rogers |
| 13 Allan Tucker, Nick Galanos | 25 Bill Evatt, Renea Greene |
| 15 Dick Van Benschoten, Charlotte Hall | 26 Paula Reeves, Laura Chamblee |
| 16 Rob Nichols, Avery Kelly | 28 Hayley Praytor, Thomas Praytor |
| 18 Hank Caddell, Douglas Greene | 29 Richard Coarsey |



February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11:30am All Saints serves @ 15 Place 6pm Supper & Rector's Forum	2 8am Race Relations Committee 12N Holy Eucharist 4pm St. Cecelia choir 7:30pm Adult Choir	3	4	5
6 4th Sunday after Epiphany 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Christian Ed 10:30am Holy Eucharist Reception following & EYC Bake Sale	7	8 3:30pm St. Michael choir	9 12N Holy Eucharist 4pm St. Cecelia choir 6pm 15 Place Board 7:30pm Adult Choir	10 12N Al-Anon 7pm AA, Smith Rm	11 5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal	12 10am Flower Guild Mtg (Stirling Hall) 10:30am PFLAG 6:30pm Wedding
		Diocesan Convention @ St. James', Fairhope & Beckwith				
13 5th Sunday after Epiphany 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Christian Ed 10:30am Holy Eucharist Reception following 2-4pm EYC @ Taylor Park	14	15 12N Golden Circle 3:30pm St Michael choir 6pm Supper & Rector's Forum	16 12N Holy Eucharist 4pm St. Cecelia choir 7:30pm Adult Choir	17 12N Al-Anon 7pm AA	18 5:30pm Food Share preparation 7:00pm All Saints Music Ministry Concert	19 8:00am Food Share distribution 
20 6th Sunday after Epiphany 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Christian Ed 10:30am Holy Eucharist Reception following 3-5pm EYC @ Mulherin Home	21 6pm Vestry mtg	22 12N Golden Circle 3:30pm St Michael choir	23 12N Holy Eucharist 4pm St. Cecelia choir 7:30pm Adult Choir	24 12N Al-Anon 7pm AA	25	26
27 7th Sunday after Epiphany 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Christian Ed 10:30am Holy Eucharist Reception following No EYC today	28					

Mark Your Calendars!! The All Saints Acoustic Concert Series will resume on Friday, February 18 at 7pm with a concert by Kathryn Scheldt and Tom Morley. Admission is \$10. Kathryn Scheldt is a Nashville recording artist who grew up in South Carolina and now lives in Fairhope, AL. Her Lamor Records CD, "Southern Wind," her fourth and latest, is deeply rooted in the Gulf Coast South, with shining stories and honest love songs and lyrics that range from fun-filled to poetic. "Kathryn Scheldt," says Grand Ole Opry legend George Hamilton IV, "is a wonderful songwriter who is also blessed with a beautiful voice. 'Southern Wind' may be her best CD yet." Tom Morley is a member of *Mithril*, and the Mobile Symphony, and has a solo career as well. You won't want to miss this fabulous concert!

EYC NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The high school EYC Mission Trip will be to Tulum, Mexico with Hands and Feet Ministries from June 5-12!!!
Email Catherine for more details.

I will be gone from January 2nd- March 3rd. I will have limited access to email, but will be checking periodically. There will be a different person to contact each week for questions regarding EYC.
I will miss you all, but will see you in March!

January 30th

Mulherin Home. Coloring, baking cookies and playing with the residents.
3-5pm Contact for this week: Renea Greene 251.533.1536

February 6th

Mission Trip Fundraiser. Bake Sale! There will be a bake sale after both services. Please see Karen McDonald for details: 251.533.0296

February 13th

Taylor Park. Meet at the park from 2-4.
Contact: Kate Kelly 251. 487.0525

February 20th

Mulherin Home. 3-5pm Contact for this week: Renea Greene 251.533.1536

February 27th

NO EYC!

Contact Info

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Sunday Lectionary: 4th Sunday after Epiphany

[Micah 6:1-8](#)

[Psalm 15](#)

[1 Corinthians 1:18-31](#)

[Matthew 5:1-12](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

Altar Guild: Suzanne Drew, Johnna Rogers, Margaret Winkler, LaVada Raouf, Burl Ratcliffe
Flower Guild: Kathrine Butler, Charlotte Hall
Breakfast: Clark Kelly, Curt Doyle, Will Hester
Reception: Renea Greene

8:00

Lector: Steve Powell
Intercessor: Tressa Pressley
Chalice bearer: Ray Hester
Ushers: Joe Basenberg, Bill Case
Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Diana Nichols 2) Michael Morrison
Intercessor: Richard Coarsey
Chalice bearers: Skeeter Robertson, Jayne Carson
Acolytes: Darrel Williams, Dustin Reeves, David Reeves
Ushers: Louie Wood & EYC

Music for Sunday, Jan. 30

Voluntary Richard Pantcheff *Fanfares*
Processional Hymn 440 *Liebster Jesu*
William Mathias S-278 *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*
David Hurd *Psalm 15*
Sequence Hymn 442 *Tomter*
Offertory Anthem John Dowland *He That Is Down Needs Fear No Fall*
Presentation Hymn 605 *Sharphorne*
William Mathias S-128 *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*
Mason Martens S-167 *The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus*
Communion Hymn 560 *Beatitudes*
Motet H. Walford Davies *Blest Are the Pure in Heart*
Post Communion Hymn 782 (Wonder, Love and Praise) *Abbot's Leigh*
Processional Richard Lloyd *Exeunt Omnes*

Please keep in your prayers:

Danny Moreau
Mike Downing
Celeste Taylor
Pauline Oliver
Cheryl Peach
Pauline Danner
Butch Boyington
Bette Coan
George Weaver
Bill Mayhall
Betty Torbert
Dot Casey
Devanie Ellison
Barbie Driver
Patsy Childress
Marion
Debbie Davis
Chris
the White family
Brenda
Tillye Semple
Laura

Serving in the military:

Spencer Abbot
Matt Abbot
Glenn Foster, Jr.
Soren Rodning
Zack Hadley
T. J. Sherman
Jamie Pontious
Haley Jones
Thedford Daniel Jones, Jr.
Daniel Taylor
Daniel Robert

The policy of this church is to keep people on the prayer list for one month. After a month, they will be removed. If you want someone to be on the list longer, please call the office; the request will be updated and s/he will be kept on for another month.

★ **Refugee Pantry Items** ★
★ We need items such as **toilet paper** (multi-packs), **paper towels**,
★ **dish soap** and **garbage bags**. Please put them in the church office
★ or the Ann St. narthex. Thanks! ★





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Woody Hannum
Amy Hunter
Clark Kelly, Treasurer
Pete Mackey
Susan Meztista
Michael Morrison, Junior Warden
Diana Nichols, Clerk
Jean Tucker, Senior Warden
Darrel Williams

All Saints Committee Chairs

Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert
Addiction & Recovery: Becky Wilson
Adult Christian Education: The Rev. Jim Flowers
Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Melanie Petithory
Choirs: Jeff Clearman
Communications: The Rev. Mary Robert
Community Ministries: Matt McDonald
Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey
Episcopal Youth (EYC): Catherine Mackey
Finance Committee: Clark Kelly, treasurer
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers
Food Share: Susan Meztista, Mark Taylor, Burl Ratcliffe
Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling
Hospitality & Events: Charlotte Hall, Jean Tucker
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
Lectors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary C. Robert
Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle
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Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Michael Morrison
Refugees: Martha Harris
Ushers: Bill Evatt, Louie Wood
Stewardship: Woody Hannum, All Saints Vestry
Youth Christian Education: Renea Greene

All Saints Episcopal Church

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Service Schedule

Sundays 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Breakfast
9:25 am Christian Education Classes (during school year)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays 12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)