

The Herald

June 5, 2011

Seventh Sunday of Easter

From the Rector: Of the Rapture

“Are you rapture ready?” a giant full page ad in USA Today read. I really haven’t said anything about all this recent rapture business, trusting that All Saints folks have reasonable intelligence and sound learning about such matters, but since the national media gave it so much coverage, even the ever-erudite National Public Radio, I feel compelled to weigh in. The term “rapture” referring to Christian-believing souls being snatched up into heaven upon the end of the world is a fairly modern concept. Early modern fundamentalists began using the term in its present context in the late nineteenth century as the theology of these sects of Christianity focused on exclusivity, which of course has far reaching ramifications beyond the “rapture” leaving behind the unbeliever as well as the wrong believer. The language of being “caught up” during the second coming of Christ emerged in the late middle ages, and it comes from Paul himself, who says in First Thessalonians that at Christ’s coming again that we followers of Christ, the living and the dead, will be caught up and meet Christ in the air. The term “meet in the air” is an idiom in the Koine Greek that refers to greeting a victorious army outside the city gates. Paul is speaking quite directly of the imminent return of Christ’s Spirit which will vindicate the oppression of empire.... in other words Paul is using dangerous highly charged political militaristic language in referring to this return of Christ’s emancipating Spirit. Eventually Paul is martyred in Rome for such speech.

That’s probably more than you care to know....but there are a lot of people who believe such nonsense. I was listening to an interview on NPR when all this was going on...the end of time date fast approaching....It was an interview with a Roman Catholic priest and a Jewish Rabbi. The priest simply stated that the so-called rapture was not a part of the church’s teaching, that only God knows when the end will come (that’s a separate topic, at least for me...I’m currently reading a book that in describing God the writer uses the metaphors of mystery, possibility and contingency....fascinating). The Rabbi was asked in the interview what he had learned about people during this eschatological hype (my paraphrase), and the Rabbi said that he had learned that people have such great hope....What?!...C’mon!! I screamed at the radio....I won’t tell you what I would have liked to have said about such belief, but what I will say is that this whole modern day notion of “rapture” is about two things: fear and exclusivity....and neither have a place in a studied and healthy life of faith.

It is we the sent ones, people of hope and conscience, people of compassion and mercy.... It is the sent ones who bear the rapturous and just dignity of God to our world. Christ’s second coming is now....It is now for us to bear to the world....to share the rapture, the victory of salvation that becomes as we speak and act....God’s coming commonweal sets its roots in earth, the good earth...not in some other worldly place up there...somewhere.... as Luke writes this Sunday in Acts... “Why do you men stare up to heaven” ...look for him among us...and among those who need his saving life the most...wherever there are acts of compassion and liberating justice...wherever there is non-violence and wherever meals are taken in community...wherever there is gracious dignity...there is the rapture....the rapture of the wounded made whole....Are we rapture ready? you bet....and the true date of it is.... NOW....I’m waiting for the media to call.

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, June 1
9:15am L’Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
6pm 15 Place Board mtg
7pm Adult choir rehearsal

Thursday, June 2
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Sunday, June 5
8am Holy Eucharist
9am breakfast
9:25am Adult Christian Ed
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Tuesday, June 7
11:30am All Saints serves @ 15
Place

Wednesday, June 8
9:15am L’Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)

Thursday, June 9
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Sunday, June 12
8am Holy Eucharist
9am breakfast
9:25am Adult Christian Ed
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Wednesday, June 15
9:15am L’Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)

The Wedding Guild will meet at Betty Bentley's house, 1256 Selma Street, on June 4 at 10:30am. If you would like to find out more about the guild, you are invited to this meeting. Men and women are welcome! You do not need any previous experience—we will provide on-the-job training! Call Betty for questions: 438-1312.

Food Share Weekend is June 17 and 18. Come to help pack food bags on Friday evening, June 17, at 5:30pm and/or on Saturday morning, June 18, at 7:30am to help distribute the food at 8am. Your help is appreciated!

Vacation Bible School will be held June 20-24 from 9am—12noon in Stirling Hall. All children from age 4 through rising 5th graders are invited to come. (See page 6 for more details and a registration form.) Please sign up your children or grandchildren as soon as possible so we can plan for the amount of supplies that we need!

IHN/Family Promise Week at All Saints will begin Sunday evening, June 26, with supper and end Sunday morning, July 3. If you are interested in helping by fixing either breakfast or supper, by being an evening host or an overnight host, please contact Henry Brewster at hbrewster@brewsterlaw.net; at home: 479.9781; or at work: 338.0630.

Food Share Needs Setup Help!

Ever wonder how the food we get from the Food Bank is made ready for packing each month? Usually, Burl Ratcliffe, one of the coordinators of Food Share, meets the Food Bank truck and helps unload it into Stirling Hall. Then he checks the invoice against what has been delivered, sets up tables, unwraps the pallets, puts the cases on the tables and opens the cases, making everything ready for the folks who come to help put all the goods into bags for distribution. He would like some help!

The food truck arrives around 9am on the Thursday before the third Saturday of each month (June 16 this month). If anyone would like to help Burl with this important job, please let Burl know (call the church, 438-2492, and leave a message) or just show up! Thanks!

Check out the latest Lagniappe for a cover story on the Kuot family and their flight from Sudan to Kenya, eventually ending up in the US.

The Rector's Forum is on hiatus for the summer but will start up again in the fall.

Special Ministries Camp

For more than 30 years, All Saints Parish has sent children from Leinkauf Elementary to Camp Beckwith for several days, paying for the children's tuition through fundraising and donation. This year's session will be Thursday, June 30 through Sunday, July 3 and 30 children have been signed up to go.

The cost to go to camp is \$200 per child. Many of you have said you want to send a child to camp. Now is the time to get your money in! Please make your check to All Saints Episcopal Church and mark it for *Special Ministries Camp*. Drop it by the church office, put it in the offering plate, or mail it; your dedication to this ministry is appreciated!

King James Bible 400 years old

By Melodie Woerman, May 31, 2011 [Episcopal News Service]

It has been called one of the two greatest works of the English language, rivaled only by Shakespeare. For many, it is the only Bible they consider "authentic." It was seven years in the making, the work of a 54-member committee, but within 90 years it had come to be known simply as "the Bible." This year marks the 400th anniversary of the printing of the King James Bible, a work of religious, political and linguistic force that continues to shape the thinking and vocabulary of much of the English-speaking world.

Two copies of first editions of the Authorized Version, as it was known when printed in 1611, are in the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas at the Quayle Bible Collection at Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas. Kay Bradt, director of library services at Baker and the wife of Episcopal priest the Rev. George Wiley, serves as curator for the collection. She said the two originals there are known as the "He" and "She" Bibles, based on differing translations of Ruth 3:15 — one says "he went into the city," and the other, "she went into the city." That difference comes because different printers produced the first runs of the newly revised translation. The confusion on their part is understandable, she said. "The Hebrew says 'he,' but the context indicates it should be 'she,'" Bradt said.

The collection also has a copy of the infamously nicknamed "Wicked" Bible, an edition printed 20 years later in which the printer glaringly omitted "not" in the seventh commandment, rendering it "Thou shalt commit adultery." Most of the 1,000

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copies were destroyed, making this version very rare.

Bradt said errors in these Bibles were common, even in first editions, given that all the type was set by hand. "They would print some copies, find errors, change them, and then print more," she said. That didn't help the printer of the Wicked Bible, though. He landed in debtors' prison, she said, unable to pay the fine levied against him for his mistake.

The *King James Bible* didn't spring just from the linguistic skills of the 54 learned men who produced it. Rather it was the result of more than 200 years of English translations of the Scriptures. John Wycliffe translated the Latin Vulgate version of the Bible into English in the late 1380s, an act that had the early reformer branded a heretic after his death.

As Reformation ideals spread across Europe, one of its adherents, William Tyndale, asked to translate the Bible into English but was denied the right to do so. He then fled to Belgium, where in 1526 he produced an English New Testament; copies of it were smuggled into England in bales of cloth. He translated the entire Bible into English in 1530, but its Protestant leanings were too much for King Henry VIII. In spite of his eventual break with the Church in Rome, Henry feared the egalitarianism advocated by reformers. In 1536 Tyndale was strangled and his body burned at the stake.

But the influence of Tyndale's Bible already was being felt. After Henry's break with Rome in 1531, he commissioned his own English Bible, known as the Great Bible because of its size, which was produced in 1538. He wanted a text that would promote knowledge of the Scriptures among his subjects but wouldn't introduce wholesale reformist ideals that were taking root elsewhere in Europe. Myles Coverdale, who had done his own translation in 1535, gave Henry such a Bible, basing his version on Tyndale's work but removing things the king found too Protestant, like the use of "congregation" for "church," and "senior" instead of "priest." Henry ordered that his Bible be placed in every church and chained to the lectern so it would be available at all times for those who wanted to read it for themselves.

After the tumultuous reign of the Roman Catholic Queen Mary I, Elizabeth I wanted an end to factional religious strife and hoped to advance that with her own Bible translation, which appeared in 1568. Known as the Bishops' Bible, it struck a balance between Henry's Great Bible and an English version produced in 1560 by English Protestants who fled to the continent during Mary's reign, known as the Geneva Bible. It did, however, introduce some odd variations.

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The Great Bible translated Ecclesiastes 11:1 as "Lay thy bread upon the waters," but the Bishops' Bible offered the peculiar "Lay thy bread upon wette faces."

Like the Great Bible, the Bishops' Bible was printed in large-format lectern editions. But the Geneva Bible was becoming a favorite among the people, with its smaller size, study aids like maps, and its novel idea of breaking up the biblical text into chapters and verses. It also was printed in easier-to-read Roman type, not the fancy Old English print style of the large lectern Bibles.

A year after James became King of England in 1603, a group of Puritan clergy petitioned for greater reform in the church, and from that grew the desire for a new translation that recognized the impact of the Geneva Bible on everyday life. James, himself a noted linguist, gathered scholars to create his new text. He ordered them to use as their basis the Bishops' Bible, "as little altered as the truth of the original will permit," he decreed. They also relied on previous English editions, as well as their knowledge of the Greek and Hebrew manuscripts available to them.

In 1611 they gave their monarch the new Authorized Version that came to bear his name. However, Reformers wanting a more radical translation were left disappointed, as James' text avoided many of the changes they had sought. This version's impact was so great that by 1700 James' Bible had become the English Bible. A new, official translation wasn't even undertaken for another 250 years.

The real hero of the King James' Bible, however, turned out to be William Tyndale. More than 80 percent of his 1530 translation ended up in it, and his work introduced into the English language such phrases as the powers that be, my brother's keeper, the salt of the earth, knock and it shall be opened unto you, seek and you shall find, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

The impact the King James Bible has had upon the English language, beyond the everyday phrases it introduced, includes the rhythmic cadences heard in the likes of Abraham Lincoln, poet Walt Whitman and Southern author Willa Cather. Even noted atheist Richard Dawkins said that with its influence on the culture of English-speaking countries, "...not to know the King James Bible is to be in some small way, barbarian."

-- Melodie Woerman is director of communications for the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas. (Article edited for space limitations; see entire article at http://www.episcopalchurch.org/79425128531_ENG_HTM.htm)

These two pages are reprinted due to the number of changes and corrections that have been made to both schedule and calendar. Please mark any that apply.


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.

Those Who Serve Lay Ministers for June 2011

Date	Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Reception
June 5 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	8:00	S Willcox	J Basenberg	A Lilly		B & B Evatt	S Drew L Raouf B Ratcliffe J Rogers M Winkler	K Flowers K McKenzie	K McDonald A Thompson	
	10:30	V Mitchell H Tate	T Locke	H Callaway B Barrett	D Williams M Williams S Williams G Williams	H Brewster J Ayres	"			???
June 12 <i>Day of Pentecost</i>	8:00	S Powell	J Clearman	S Willcox		M Taylor C Coker	"	S Drew C Mackey	C Kelly C Doyle W Hester	
	10:30	D Nichols J Hamilton	B Hardaway	M Elledge N Lancaster	B Reeves D Williams D Reeves D Reeves	M Williams B Hines	"			M Hennessy
June 19 <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	8:00	K Winkler	B Evatt	M Taylor		B Ratcliffe W English	"	C Ryan K Butler	J Clearman M Harris S Cleveland	
	10:30	R Williams B Harris	S Williams	F Rouse S Robertson	B Foster B Williams E Gray	H Caddell R Pappas	"			C Hall
June 26 <i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> (Proper 8)	8:00	P Wilson	S Willcox	B Ratcliffe		B Case J Basenberg	"	J Tucker E Doyle	J Tucker B Ratcliffe R Rodriguez	
	10:30	B Hardaway L Van Dyke	H Caddell	M Morrison L Thomas	B Ayres L Ayres G Ayres	S Robertson H Callaway	"			???



June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12N Holy Eucharist 7pm Adult Choir	2 12N AI-Anon 7pm AA, Smith Rm	3	4 10:30am Wedding Guild: 1256 Selma Street
5 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Adult Christian Ed 10:30 Holy Eucharist Reception following	6	7 11:30am All Sts @ 15 Place	8 12N Holy Eucharist	9 12N AI-Anon 7pm AA, Smith Rm	10	11 10:30am PFLAG
12 <i>Day of Pentecost</i> 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Adult Christian Ed 10:30 Holy Eucharist Reception following	13	14 5pm Murray House Board mtg	15 12N Holy Eucharist 6pm 15 Place Board	16 9am Food Share preparation 12N AI-Anon 7pm AA	17 5:30pm Food Share packing	18 8:00am Food Share distribution 
19 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Adult Christian Ed 10:30 Holy Eucharist Reception following VBS set-up, Stirling Hall	20 6pm Vestry mtg	21	22 12N Holy Eucharist	23 12N AI-Anon 7pm AA	24	25
Vacation Bible School 4yrs-5th grade 9am-12noon						
26 <i>2nd Sun. after Pentecost</i> 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Adult Christian Ed 10:30 Holy Eucharist Reception following	27	28	29 12N Holy Eucharist	30 12N AI-Anon 7pm AA		
IHN week, June 26-July 3						

Vacation Bible School at All Saints will be held this summer from Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24, 9:00am to 12 Noon. The theme this year is *Saints of God*, an exploration of saints from the early Church all the way to the present day — “just folk like me!” Ages 4 through rising 5th graders are invited to come learn how they can “be one, too.”



Vacation Bible School Registration Form

Name(s) _____ Age/Grade _____

_____ Age/Grade _____

Parent's name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____ (work) _____

Do any of your children have any allergies? Please list: _____

Saints of God

Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 20 — Friday, June 24
9am — 12 noon

Time and Talent Sheet

(Note: you don't have to be a parent to help)
Please fill it out and return it to the church office

I am:

_____ Willing to lead a small group

_____ Willing to assist leading a small group

_____ Willing to help set up on Sunday, June 19, after church

_____ Willing to help clean up Friday, June 24

_____ Willing to take photos

_____ Willing to help with arts and crafts

_____ Willing to help with snack time

_____ Willing to help with play time

_____ Willing to help with registration

_____ Willing to help get supplies organized

_____ Willing to help make scenery

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sunday Lectionary: 7th Sunday of Easter

[Acts 1:6-14](#)

[1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11](#)

[Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36](#)

[John 17:1-11](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday, June 5

Altar Guild: Suzanne Drew, Lavada Raouf, Burl Ratcliffe, Johnna Rogers, Margaret Winkler

Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers, Kathy McKenzie

Breakfast: Karen McDonald, Amy Thompson

Reception: TBA

8:00

Lector: Serena Willcox

Intercessor: Joe Basenberg

Chalice bearer: Albert Lilly

Ushers: Bill & Barbara Evatt

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Rosemary Williams 2) Hubert Tate

Intercessor: Thomas Locke

Chalice bearers: Henry Callaway, Bruce Barrett

Acolytes: Darrel Williams, Mark Williams, Grace Williams, Sarah Williams

Ushers: Henry Brewster, Jim Ayres

Music for Sunday, June 5

Prelude Olivier Messiaen *Prière du Christ montant vers son Père*

Processional Hymn 450 *Coronation*

Craig Phillips *Festival Eucharist, Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

Kellow Pye *Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36*

Sequence Hymn 483 *St. Magnus*

Anthem Paul Isom *King of All Ages, Throned on High*

Presentation Hymn 494 *Diademata*

Craig Phillips *Festival Eucharist, Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*

Ambrosian Chant S-148 *The Lord's Prayer*

Craig Phillips *Festival Eucharist, Christ our Passover*

Communion Hymn 307 *Bryn Calfaria*

Motet Michael Praetorius *The Lord Ascendeth Up on High*

Post Communion Hymn *Guiting Power*

Processional Healey Willan *Prelude on 'Deo Gracias'*

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

Please keep in your prayers for healing:

victims of severe weather

David Reeves

Sarah Lacour

Frances Christian

Ronnie Benton

the Evans family

Virginia Hallock

Gary Hamilton

Dottie Lundy

Ben Wilson

Iris Prosch

Hugh Mauldin

Ken

Sarah

Shannon Reeves

Debbie Phillips

Linda Coarsey

Jerry

Martha Mason

Sylvia Spann

Richard Melton

Martha Murdock

LaNiece Bland

Lamar Elledge

Sharon Cleverdon

Mike Downing

Celeste Taylor

Pauline Oliver

Cheryl Peach

Butch Boyington

Devanie Ellison

Barbie Driver

Patsy Childress

Laura

Serving in the military:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Glenn Foster, Jr.

T. J. Sherman

Haley Jones

Thedford Daniel Jones, Jr.

Daniel Taylor

Charley Taylor

Daniel Robert

Wes Parks

Jonathan Carter

Scott Tanos



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Clark Kelly, Treasurer
Pete Mackey
Susan Meztista
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Diana Nichols, Clerk
Jean Tucker, Senior Warden
Darrel Williams

All Saints Committee Chairs

Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert
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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)