

The Herald

September 9, 2012

15th Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector: Of Our True Nature

Last night we watched a marvelous documentary on the life of Eugene Walter, a native Mobilian, best known for his poems and short stories and his novel *The Untidy Pilgrim*. He was one of those rare souls whom we encounter along the way who refuses to live life conventionally. He was an artist at heart; one of bursting imagination, a musician, painter, poet, novelist, critic, essayist, a gourmet cook, and raconteur extraordinaire. He ran away from home at an early age, barely finished high school, but his genius was undeniable. In World War Two he enlisted and was sent to the Aleutian Islands as a cryptographer, coding and decoding messages. After the war he moved to Paris and was instrumental in establishing the prestigious *Paris Review* at which he wrote essays on the works of such luminaries as Isak Dinesen, T.S. Eliot, Dylan Thomas, and others. He learned French and Italian fluently and effortlessly. He later moved to Rome financed by a wealthy heiress and continued his writing. There he struck up an acquaintance with Federico Fellini and assisted him in translating many of his films into English; he even played cameo roles in several Fellini films. He loved to tell tales of the South, of Mobile Bay, tales of characters he knew and admired; he loved to throw lavish parties purely to just celebrate life. He was always out of money, and relied unapologetically on the generosity and kindness of his friends. He finally returned to his beloved Mobile, about which he said did not really belong to North America, but was more akin to a Caribbean paradise. He loved the architecture, the food, the drink, and his friends. He died here in 1998.

Eugene Walter, so much like other such sojourners, characters of genius whom we encounter, are really strangers in a strange land. They live on the margins of convention, perhaps not so much out of choice, but probably because they are compelled to do so. It is an unavoidable calling for them to observe life as it truly might be and report upon it to the ones who can't see it for all the clutter of our tightly held conventions. They are our prophets, whom for many are at best irrelevant or worse, crazed; but we ignore them at our peril. To live into one's genius is to live close to one's true nature. Not all of us have the grand visionary genius that stands out so prominently in the likes of Eugene Walter, but all of us are born with an innate genius that knows the truth when we see it or hear it, knowledge from the source...and it most usually comes to us in surprising ways...not in the ways of convention...but on the wings of prophecy brought to us from the mysterious margins of life, by strange and mysterious couriers....So our role as people of faith and conscience is to "keep awake," pay attention, for truth lies in wait to spring upon us.

I'm sure Eugene Walter had his many faults, a dark side, like all of us, and because of his heightened genius I suspect a more intense dark side... but such is the life of a prophet... His eyes could pierce the mists of modern convention, he could see and name the beauty and truth that lovingly surrounds us....in art, in the life of the imagination, in hospitality....He could see and name beauty and truth that is always present, pervasive. And he chose to give himself to it, heart and soul. In our gospel reading for this Sunday, Jesus insults a Syro-phenician woman, she not a Jew, but a former mortal enemy of the Jews, who has asked him to heal her daughter. He calls her a dog, a racial slur to be sure...and then he gets his dose of truth from this surprising prophet: that God even feeds the dogs....Jesus is called out, and is in essence, converted....That is a Jesus I can relate to....One who sometimes fails to see, but lives in a predisposition to be open to the truth. That is our true nature as humans....to live open to the truth, and to expect it in surprising ways....and know that it will set us free, and to celebrate with heart and soul such precious freedom....and remember, finally, to make sure we show hospitality to the stranger, the ones from the margins who show up among us, because as the writer of Hebrews tells us...we may just be entertaining angels unawares.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, September 4
11:30am All Saints serves @ 15 Place

Wednesday, September 5
8am Race Relations Committee mtg
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
4pm Youth choirs rehearsal
7pm Adult choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 6
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Sunday, September 9
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast, Appreciative Inquiry dialogues
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following
IHN week begins
6-7:30pm EYC supper, playing with IHN children

Monday, September 10
IHN week continues
6-8pm 'Serving YOU' for Family Promise: Mary Robert serves at Atlanta Bread Company

Tuesday, September 11
IHN week continues
5pm Murray House Bd mtg

Wednesday, September 12
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
4pm Youth choirs rehearsal
IHN week continues
7pm Adult choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 13
12N Al-Anon
IHN week continues
7pm AA

Friday, September 14
IHN week continues
5:15pm Food Share packing

Saturday, September 15
8am Food Share distribution
IHN week continues

Reminder from the Vestry: You are invited to participate in a significant conversation about All Saints and its future. This Sunday, September 9th between services, we will begin an appreciative dialogue over breakfast to assess where we are and what we would like to be as a church in three to five years.

This is a wonderful opportunity to talk openly with each other and capture our congregation's best experiences so that we can build on these as we plan for the future. Please mark your calendar for breakfast on Sunday, September 9th at 9:00. We will also have time the following Sunday for those that can't make it on the 9th.

The Schedule:

Time: Sunday, September 9th at 9:00 am

Activity: Appreciative dialogue over breakfast

Location: Stirling Hall

Time: Sunday, September 16th at 9:00 am

Activity: Appreciative dialogue for those that could not attend on September 9th

Location: Chapel

Data from these interviews will be presented to us on Sunday, Oct 14 at 9am in Stirling Hall.

From the Treasurer:

While we got off to pretty good start during the first six months of the year, we have begun to slip a little too far behind on our pledge collections over the summer. As of the end of August, we were \$12,000 behind on our pledge contributions. Now that everyone is returning from summer vacations, it is also time to remember your pledge and get caught up if you are behind. Look for a statement in the mail or contact Mary Holbrook at the church office, mary@allsaintsmobile.org or 438-2492, if you have any questions.

Let's ensure the health of our parish and its mission by fulfilling our pledges!!

Thanks,

Curt Doyle

The EYC will meet this Sunday, Sept. 9, at 6pm to eat supper and serve as evening hosts for our IHN children as their parents get settled after their arrival at All Saints. The evening ends at 7:30pm.

Our prayers are offered for the families and friends of Becky Boulter and Iris Prosch. Both have been on our prayer list for a long time. Becky died last week and Iris died at the beginning of this week. *May their souls and the souls of all the departed rest in peace and rise in glory.*

The Sept. Food Share weekend is scheduled for Sept 13-15. Thursday, Sept 13, food is delivered from the Food Bank. If you can help with setup, please come at 8:30am. Packing the food for the families takes place on Friday, Sept 14, at 5:15pm. This usually takes less than 30 minutes to complete. On Saturday, Sept 15, the food will be distributed. Volunteers should come by 7:30am to help bag up any frozen food. Distribution begins by 8am and is finished by 8:30. New volunteers are always welcome! Please mark your calendars and plan to help feed our hungry neighbors.

It's time for the Ministry Fair!

The annual event will be held on Sunday, Sept 16, in the Parish Hall during the breakfast hour (9-10am) and during reception time after the 10:30 service.

Each group and ministry at All Saints is asked to prepare a display of some sort: posters, interactive materials, DVDs, handouts, etc, for the tables that will be out in Stirling Hall. If you are the facilitator of the group, please ask people in your group to help 'man' the booth during breakfast and after 10:30 church.

The Ministry Fair is always a great time to meet new people and get them involved. Sign-up sheets are encouraged; be sure to get enough information that you will be able to follow up afterwards. If you have been thinking of starting a new ministry, this is also a wonderful place to start it. Mark your calendars now!

Editor's note: Since our IHN guests will be staying in Stirling Hall during the week of Sept 9-16, Food Share activities, Breakfast AND the Ministry Fair will take place in the Parish Hall. There will be plenty of room for those activities so please join us!

The Refugee Pantry needs laundry detergent (not HE), toilet paper, paper towels, bathroom cleaning supplies and large garbage bags. Personal care items such as toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant for men and women, and bars of soap are also needed. Please leave them on the volunteer desk on Sundays or drop them off at the church office during the week. Thanks so much for your help!

Everyone is invited to come eat at the Atlanta Bread Company on Dauphin Street next Monday, Sept. 10, between 6 and 8pm. The purpose is to raise money for Family Promise / IHN, the only organization in Mobile that provides shelter for homeless families. As you order your food, please tell the cashier that you want to leave a tip for All Saints Church, and I will serve your meal to you. Your tip, which you can pay for at the time of order if you are using a credit card or can hand to me in cash, will all go directly to Family Promise. Bring your kids—they eat free on Mondays! Tell your friends. Tell your neighbors! This is a great way to help homeless families stay together instead of being separated by the system.

On Monday, Sept. 17, Jim Flowers is doing the same thing for Family Promise at Atlanta Bread Company. I have challenged him to see if he can raise as much or more than I raise this year. (Last year I raised over \$1000!) Come once, come twice, just come help us out! We'll see who can raise the most. Mark your calendars now: Sept 10 and Sept. 17, between 6 and 8pm. See you there!

--Mary Robert



Join Reverend Mary Robert
at the Atlanta Bread Mobile
Monday, September 10th, 2012
between 6 – 8pm

She will be serving YOU!
Your generous tips will go to support
Family Promise of Coastal Alabama,
a non-profit organization which benefits
local homeless families with children.

Atlanta Bread Mobile
3680 Dauphin St., Mobile, AL 36608
Phone: 251-380-0444

Invite friends, family and colleagues for this great
night of fun. Kids eat free on Monday nights, too!
I look forward to Serving YOU!

www.familypromisemobile.org • www.servingyoumobile.com

The Friday Night Supper

Club will meet on September 14 at 7pm at the home of Keith and Margaret Winkler, 9601 Three Notch Road. Everyone is welcome; dues for 'old-timers' is \$3.00. Please call Margaret at 666-0984 and let her know what you'll be bringing.

At the Ministry Fair on the 16th, there will be a basket at the Refugee Committee booth to receive needed items. A list is in the article on page 2. We would also like to have donations of basic school supplies to use throughout the year: wide-ruled notebook paper, colored pencils, crayons, flashdrives and spiral notebooks would be very helpful. Thanks!

Have you 'liked' the All Saints page on Facebook? It has pictures of recent events (more pictures from the August Birthday celebration will be added soon), announcements about upcoming events, reminders, Jim's blog and other comments. Why not join us by visiting, and liking, our page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/All-Saints-Episcopal-Church-Mobile-Al/122150107854448>.

THE
Episcopal
CHURCH



welcomes you

KeepAlabamaWorking.com

Vote "YES" September 18th!



KEEP ALABAMA WORKING

SEPT 18



KEEP ALABAMA WORKING

SEPT 18

**On September 18th,
Vote "YES" to
Keep Alabama Working!**

**It's Our Money,
Our Savings Account**

Our Savings Account Still Grows

**We Meet Our Needs
All Without New Taxes**

**VOTE "YES"
on September 18th!**

To **SAVE** 10,000 jobs in Alabama.

To **STOP** the release of
9,500 prison inmates.

To **KEEP** hospitals, nursing homes
and doctors' offices from closing.

To **KEEP** Children's Hospital
and pediatricians across the state
from losing the resources needed
to provide care for our children.

KeepAlabamaWorking.com

Paid for by KAW PAC • P.O. Box 2863 • Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35403

See the Parish Hall bulletin board for more information as well.

Dear Women of the Central Gulf Coast,

On behalf of the Episcopal Church Women's Commission, I would like to invite you to join us for The Fall Women's Conference. It will be held at Beckwith Camp and Retreat Center on October 5-7, 2012. Come and experience great fellowship and worship with other women.

Our guest speaker is The Rev. Dr. A. Katherine Grieb. She has taught New Testament at Virginia Theological Seminary since 1994. Her theme is "Opening the Bible, Opening Ourselves; Toward a Deeper Reading of the Scripture." We are excited and blessed to have such an outstanding teacher to lead our retreat.

The ECW Commission is responding to the needs of our younger women by offering a "Women of Vision" retreat. This will be a great opportunity for younger women to come together with their peers for fellowship and spiritual growth. Under the direction of Joanna Taylor, a team of six young women will collectively present the modules for "Women of Vision". Space is limited to twenty-four women and these will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

This year, the Diocesan Altar Guild, under the direction of Cecelia Lacey, will host the President of CM Almy, Stephen Fendler. He will lead a workshop on Sacristy Do's and Don'ts. Dianne Walters will also present a Disaster Communion Kit workshop. The Altar Guild will have a short meeting on Saturday October 6th at 1:00pm. All Altar Guild members (men and women) are welcome to attend the meeting and workshops. Please make sure you register for the meeting and workshops.

The Diocesan Parish Nursing Network Group will meet for lunch on Saturday, October 6th at 12:00 Noon. The cost for lunch is \$10.00 and you must register. They will offer two opportunities for the CEUs. Low Vision and Post-traumatic stress disorder workshops will be offered in the afternoon.

An Anglican Prayer Bead workshop will be offered for \$10.00 to cover the cost of materials. Jan Craver will offer two Yoga workshops on Saturday afternoon. There is a \$5.00 charge per class. One class will be for chair yoga and the other class will require a mat.

There will be many wonderful events taking place during The Fall Women's Conference. Your Commission has worked hard to provide a variety of workshops to accommodate everyone. Please join us for some time away to become spiritually renewed. Don't forget to add any workshop fees to your registration fee. Remember space is limited so register now.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Dyson
ECW Commission President

See the Parish Hall bulletin board for more information as well.



October 26 - 28, 2012

St. Paul's Daphne and Beckwith Camp and Retreat Center

Invite You

To a Diocesan Homecoming at Beckwith Camp and Retreat Center

Featuring inspired preaching from one of the greatest Biblical story tellers in the church,

The Rt. Rev. Charles F. Duvall

With The Rt. Rev. Philip Duncan.

Weekend events include: praise filled music, activities for the entire family, a silent auction, youth dance - a - thon fundraiser, arts and crafts, badminton tournament, & children's games.

Food and drinks will be sold all weekend or bring your family picnic.

Join together in Christian community for worship, fun, and fellowship.

St. Peter's Fish Fry at Beckwith Friday Night 6pm - BBQ with Bishop Duncan Saturday 12 - 2

Silent Auction Wine and Cheese Party Saturday 7pm - 9pm

Services with Bishops Duncan and Duvall - Saturday 5:30pm and Sunday 10:00am

For more information: Alyson Jackson - 251-751-0084 Eleanor Reeves - 251-928-7844

To reserve a guest room, dorm space, or for tent camping at Beckwith call Rhona Reid: 251-928-7844

Meal tickets available for breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings.

See the Parish Hall bulletin board for more information as well.

Sunday, September 9, 2012
15th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 18

The Lessons

[Isaiah 35:4-7a](#) [Psalm 146](#) [James 2:1-17](#) [Mark 7:24-37](#)

The Collect of the Day

Lord of the changing, you help us find our voice that we might find our faith: we praise you for the Gentile woman who answered back the Son of God; release us from the crowds which command our silence and free our tongues to demand from you the healing for the earth; through Jesus Christ, the opener of the gate. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Suzanne Drew, LaVada Raouf, Burl Ratcliffe, Johnna Rogers, Margaret Winkler
Bread bakers: Jeff Clearman, Betty Bentley
Flower Guild: Suzanne Drew, Becky Wilson
Breakfast: Clark Kelly, Curt Doyle, Will Hester, Jim Rivers
Reception: Charlotte Hall

8:00am

Lector: Warren Butler
Intercessors: Serena Willcox
Chalice: Mark Taylor
Ushers: Renee Dillard, Woody Hannum
Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30am

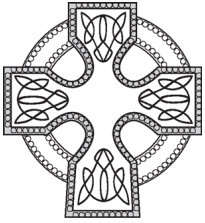
Lectors: Lillian Carsten, James Hamilton
Intercessor: Hank Caddell
Chalices: Clayton Ryan, Ruth LaMonte
Acolytes: Mark Williams, Caroline Mosley, Emma Gray
Ushers: Henry Callaway, Chris Conte, Skeeter Robertson

Music for Sunday

Voluntary Felix Mendelssohn *Sonata in C minor (I. Grave II. Adagio)*
Processional Hymn 371 *Moscow*
William Mathias S-278 *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*
Henry Smart *Psalm 146*
Sequence Hymn 568 *Was lebet*
Offertory Anthem Christopher Tye *Give Almes of thy Goods*
Presentation Hymn 429 *Old 113th*
William Mathias S-128 *Sanctus*
William Mathias S-165 *Agnus Dei*
Communion Hymn 633 *Mt. St. Alban NCA*
Motet John Rutter *God Be In My Head*
Post Communion Hymn 375 *Du Lebensbrot, Herr Jesu Christ*
Processional Felix Mendelssohn *Sonata in C minor (III. Allegro maestoso e vivace IV. Fuga)*

Please keep in your prayers:

- ✚ For healing for: Scott Clark, Fred South, Mary Stewart Stephens, Steven Bodiford, Donna Baines, Debi Foster, Katie Hammond, Arthur Johnson, Ernestine Rogers, Jim Hamilton, Walter Sims, Patricia Fry, Alan Grubbs, Mitch Price, Austin Brown, Vic Underwood, Jason Cummins, Jim Wilson, Barbara Deming, the Hale twins, John Stephens, David Barrineau, Ann Wilson Wesley, Johnny Madden, Brian Hammond, Heather and family, Martha Collier, JoAnn Pappas, Martha Rose Hester, Dunn Chandler, Geoff Peach, Scott Podstata, Abraham Kuol, Roy Muth, Jim Gray, Jane Arnau, Jessica Montalvo-Lopez, Gregg Pounds, Evina Valera, Ed Givhan, LaNiece Bland, Sharon Cleverdon, Mike Downing, Patsy Childress, Anna Marie Brown, Laura
- ✚ For those who serve in the armed forces, especially: Spencer Abbot, Matt Abbot, Jonathan Carter, DeMario Snead, Randy Johnson, Jordan Caturia, Joseph Willcox
- ✚ For those who have died, especially Becky Boulter and Iris Prosch



All Saints Church

151 SOUTH ANN STREET
MOBILE, AL 36604

www.allsaintsmobile.org

Clergy

The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Duncan II, Bishop
Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
The Rev. James B. Flowers, Jr., Rector
rector@allsaintsmobile.org
Office: 438.2492 Home: 436.8932
The Rev. Mary C. Robert, Assistant Rector
asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org
Office: 438.2492 Home: 479.7398

All Saints Church Staff

Jeff Clearman, Principal Parish Musician
jeff@allsaintsmobile.org
Mary Holbrook, Financial Administrator
mary@allsaintsmobile.org
Office Volunteer
office@allsaintsmobile.org
Irene Raymond, Parish Sexton
Gretchen Thiel and Aguol Kuot, Nursery Workers
Breck Pappas, Director of Youth Ministries

All Saints 2012 Vestry

Joe Basenberg
Ricky Bradford, Jr Warden
Henry Callaway, Sr Warden
Valerie Case
Harold Dodge
Elizabeth Doyle
Rob Gray
James Hamilton
Woody Hannum
Amy Hunter
Emily Kelley
Don Mosley
Diana Nichols, Clerk
Jean Tucker
Darrel Williams

Curt Doyle, Treasurer

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): Breck Pappas
Finance Committee: Curt Doyle
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers
Food Share: Mark Taylor, Burl Ratchliffe
Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling
Hospitality & Events: Jean Tucker
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Bill Evatt
Lectors, Intercissors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary Robert
Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle
Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres
Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Ricky Bradford
Refugees: Martha Harris
Ushers: Harold Dodge, Louie Wood
Stewardship: Woody Hannum, All Saints Vestry
Wedding Guild: Betty Bentley
Youth Christian Education: The Rev. Mary Robert

All Saints Episcopal Church

151 South Ann Street, Mobile, AL 36604 www.allsaintsmobile.org

Service Schedule

Sundays	8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Breakfast 9:20 am Christian Education Classes (during school year) 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays	12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)