

The Herald

September 25, 2011

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector: Of Chicken Salad

Mary and I from time to time, not too often, but from time to time get scolded for our persistent preaching about matters of social justice, which is kind of an all-inclusive rubric that covers economic and political justice as well. Glenn Beck of Fox News fame went so far to say within the last year that if your preacher used the term “social justice” don’t just walk away, but run....that lets me know we must be on the right track. A few years ago Mary and I had a running joke between us that in order not to offend, instead of using the term social justice, we would use the code word “chicken salad.” So each week at staff meetings in which we read the scripture for the upcoming Sunday, we would invariably say...oops, there it is again: chicken salad! Indeed if we were to scour the whole of Hebrew scripture and the New Testament substituting our silly code for matters of justice...the Bible would be teeming with...yes...you’ve got it:...chicken salad.

If one studies the philosophical and theological history of the ancient world, not just Hebrew writings and New Testament literature, but the writings of Confucius and Lao Tzu....the teachings of Buddhism...and the moral imperatives of the Hindu Vedas, the writings of Plato and Aristotle (Islam came along much later but the Quran speaks clearly about matters of justice), one would find that the principal theme in each is the concern of how we humans live together in which the whole of the community is edified....loving our neighbors as ourselves quite simply and quite profoundly. Our post modern world’s leadership sadly lacks that ethos.

In our modern western culture I think we tend to think of the term justice as retributive justice... punishment for wrong doing...but the Greek word *Dike* is much richer, often translated in English as righteousness (right-being). It places much more emphasis on distributive justice.... the egalitarian ideal for God’s gracious realm on earth in which the abundance that exists on this planet is shared equally for the good of the whole...the writer of Luke makes no bones about it, arguing not so tactfully for a reversal of the socio-economic order....Read the Magnificat in Luke (Lk. 1; 46-56). It is nothing short of revolutionary....but perhaps the better translation of *Dike* is *restorative* justice.... restorative justice, a means of setting things right the way they were intended in the first place. This notion of justice has profound implications for our vocation as people of faith. It makes us participants in the Creation enterprise itself... restoring our world to the way God intended it, envisioned it from the beginning....It makes us social, economic and political critics....It makes us environmentalists....It calls us out of the illusory torpor of self-interest into an imaginative and productive life of living for the whole...a vocation of raising up the things that are cast down....bearing the new as the old passes away....restoring well-being and dignity where there is abasement and oppression....this is work that is local and global...and it is full time work....this vocation of restoration, of re-creation...of setting things right.

I wouldn’t harp on this so much if Jesus, and the prophets before him didn’t harp on it as well. I heard a preacher once say that all one had to remember about the gospels is just three things: Jesus, Jesus, Jesus (whatever that means)....but I want to say that the gospels are about what Jesus was about in his life and ministry and that is: justice, justice, justice.... calling to account things that are amiss; that shared resources and shared empowerment, a sense of destiny for all is the way God would order this world, and we, vital agents of this work in progress; restoring the right, the just, where there is wrong, and injustice....socially, economically, politically*....It is the only thing for us, dear people of God, the only thing we live for....the rest is just chicken salad.

* By now you know that when I refer to the “political” I don’t mean partisan politics....I am referring to politics in the Platonic sense (which the gospel writers have in mind) as the way and order by which we humans live together.

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, September 21
9:15am L’Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
4pm St Cecilia Choir
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, September 22
12N Al-Anon
6pm Newcomers Supper
7pm AA

Friday, September 23
5pm Wedding rehearsal

Saturday, September 24
3:30pm Wedding

Sunday, September 25
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:20am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following
IHN/Family Promise begins

Monday, September 26
IHN/Family Promise continues

Tuesday, September 27
3:30pm St Michael Choir
IHN/Family Promise continues

Wednesday, September 28
9:15am L’Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
4pm St Cecilia Choir
IHN/Family Promise continues
6pm Rector’s Forum
7pm Adult Choir

A Newcomers Dinner will be held at the home of Jim and Katharine Flowers, 922 Conti Street, this Thursday, Sept. 22 at 6pm. Anyone who is new to



All Saints (if you think you are new, come on!) is invited to come. Vestry and Staff will be there to welcome you and get to know you better. Please call the church office to let us know if you are planning to attend (438-2492).

The Rector's Forum has been moved to every other Wednesday instead of Tuesday, beginning next week, Sept. 28 at 6pm. Potluck dinner begins at 6, followed by conversation from 6:30-7:30. In addition to being conversation for anyone who is interested, this gathering is the place for all those who might be considering joining the Episcopal Church and wanting to know more about it. Everyone is welcome!

The Annual Blessing of the Animals

will take place on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 4pm in the garden, weather permitting. This service is held in conjunction with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4. Bring your dog, your cat, your rabbit, frog, fish, ferret, or any other creature of God you take care of; be sure it is on a leash or contained, and bring a plastic bag to scoop donations your pet might make to the fertilization of the garden!



Eagle Scout Project



Brewer Ayres is planning to clean up and landscape part of the DeTonti Square Park for his Eagle project. In order to raise funds for the project, he has arranged for a showing of 'The Money Pit,' a wonderful comedy with Tom Hanks and Shelley Long, to be shown at the

Crescent Theater on Wednesday, October 12, at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15. Brewer will be selling concessions at the theater. A nursery will be available at All Saints during the movie. Everyone is invited!

The University of Mobile Center for Performing Arts presents Joanie Brittingham in recital September 25, at 4:00 pm in the Mooter Auditorium. Admission is free. Works by Bolcom, Lehmann, Caccini, L'India, Brahms, Fauré and Mozart will be performed. Joanie is a soprano in the All Saints Choir. All are welcome.

The Musica Sacra Chamber Choir will be singing Choral Evensong at All Saints on Thursday, September 29th, the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, at 6:15 pm. Works by Philip Moore, Charles Villiers Stanford, William Byrd, and Edward Bairstow will be sung. Everyone is welcome.

Blood Drive on Sunday, Oct. 9

There will be a blood drive at All Saints on Sunday, October 9, from 8:30am to 1:30pm in Stirling Hall. Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 year-olds may donate with written parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and not have donated blood within the last 56 days. There is no upper age limit to donate blood. You must bring an official form of I.D. that includes proof of age, your signature and/or your photo.

Beds will be set up in Stirling Hall with privacy screens separating the donation and breakfast areas. Please eat something before donating. The usual cookies and drinks will be available after you donate, as well as breakfast at 9am or the reception after 10:30 church.

LifeSouth Community Blood Centers is a community blood supplier for local hospitals in Florida, Georgia and Alabama. LifeSouth is committed to meeting the blood supply needs of these hospitals in each of the communities they serve by providing the highest quality blood components and services. The blood donated here will stay in this community for local patient transfusions.

There are no substitutes for blood. Volunteering to give blood is giving the gift of life to patients who need transfusions. Please consider becoming a part of the community's blood supply by donating blood with LifeSouth.



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

Volunteer Tutors Needed

The Youth Academy, a program of the Mobile Housing Board, is looking for volunteer tutors. The Academy's mission is to provide academic resources, life skills training, and employment opportunities for youth and young adults ages 12-25 that will improve their chances of becoming financially independent adults.

Youth Academy believes in the old adage that "it takes a village to raise a child" that is reflected in the design of their program. Parents, the program system, church groups, local business people and other community organizations mount a team effort. Each of these groups or "stakeholders" is tapped to play a role in the participant's development. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the main office at 251-434-2278 or by email at sonukwuli@mhb.gov.

Subjects needed are Math, English, Science and Social Studies. Three volunteers are needed at each location. Listed below are the various tutoring locations and the schedules:

Clinton L. Johnson Center, M-W-F, 3:30-5pm

Gulf Village, T-Th, 3:30-5pm

RV Taylor Optimist Boys & Girls Club, T-Th, 3:30-5pm

Orange Grove Community Center, M thru F, 3-5pm

Roger Williams Boys & Girls Club, M-W-F, 3:30-5pm

Box Tops for Education

Just a reminder that Box Tops for Education are being collected for Council Traditional School and for Phillips



Preparatory School, two magnet schools in Mobile. Many products have this coupon on the packaging, such as Betty Crocker, Juicy Juice, Cheerios and Chex cereals, Fiber One cereals, Progresso soups, Huggies, Avery office supplies, Ziploc bags and containers, Kleenex, and

Hefty trash bags. (A list of more of the products is posted on the bulletin board across from the kitchen in the Parish Hall.)

If you cut them out and turn them in, the school makes money to use for various things that they need. Since Council and Phillips are not Title I schools, they do not receive any Federal money and therefore must earn the money they need. Many All Saints children are currently attending these two great school, so let's help them out with this program! Please collect these Box Tops and bring them to church with you on Sunday or drop them off at the office during the week; a box is on the volunteer's desk to put them in. Thanks for your help!

Save the Date!!! Bayou Bash 2011

November 12 is the date for All Saints' annual Bayou Bash fundraiser. Come enjoy a great evening of good food and drink, great music, silent and live auctions, and great people! Tickets are \$30. You won't want to miss a thing!!!

Many volunteers are needed to run this great evening. To volunteer, please contact Carol Mackey at carolmackey@gmail.com or 251-402-9448, or Pete Mackey at psmackey@bcmlawyers.com or 251-510-6905. More details will be coming in the weeks to follow. Bayou Bash is our annual fundraiser, benefiting the community ministries supported by All Saints. Mark your calendars for this terrific event!

Annual Parish Meeting, 11/6

This year the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on All Saints Sunday, November 6. On that day we will elect five vestry members each to serve three-year terms as usual, and one to serve an unexpired term of two years. We will also elect three deputies with alternates to Diocesan Convention, which will be held in February, 2012.

Who may vote at the Meeting?

The Canons of the Episcopal Church (Canon 17.3) define communicants as 'confirmed persons aged sixteen and over who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.'

The All Saints Episcopal Church Constitution also requires that a communicant must have received Holy Communion at least three times in the preceding year.

Who may serve on the Vestry of All Saints Episcopal Church?

If you meet the qualifications to vote at the Parish Meeting you are eligible to serve on the Vestry, with the following exception: The All Saints Constitution states that retiring Vestry Members may not be elected to succeed themselves for *two years*, with the exception of those serving an unexpired term for one year or less.

Please check this page ASAP to see if you are scheduled this month!

You are expected to find a substitute if you cannot be present on your scheduled date.

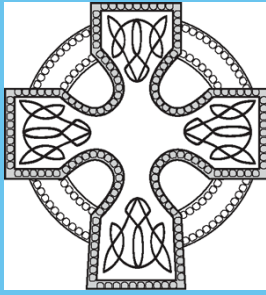
Please let the church office know who it is. 438-2492.

Lay Ministers for October 2011


Date	Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Reception
Oct 2 <i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8:00	J Basenberg	L Hallett	A Lilly		P Mackey H Dodge	B Bentley D Nichols P Reeves C Ryan R Williams	C Hall K Butler	C Kelly C Doyle W Hester	
	10:30	R Coarsey E Kelley	R Gray	L Thomas J Irving	M Williams G Williams S Williams M Mosley	D Greene C Doyle R Pappas	"			E Mosley
Oct 9 <i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8:00	MH Slaton	E Wilder	L Van Dyke		R Dillard W Hannum	"	B Bentley E Doyle	C Hall K McDonald A Hamilton A Thompson	
	10:30	A Barrett J Ayres	F Rouse	L Wood B Ayres	L Gray B Williams D Greene	A Mitchell J Hamilton B Hines	"			M Morrison
Oct 16 <i>18th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8:00	L Hallett	J Basenberg	B Ratcliffe		F & B South	"	B Ratcliffe D Nichols	C Kelly C Doyle W Hester	
	10:30	J Hamilton M Nissen	M Petithory	B Barrett H Callaway	B Foster E Doyle SF Greene D Butler	M Hennessy C Conte S Robertson	"			D Foster
Oct 23 <i>19th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8:00	P Wilson	S Willcox	M Taylor		B & B Evatt	"	B Hardaway C Ryan	J Clearman M Harris S Cleveland B Evatt	
	10:30	V Mitchell M Kelley	T Pressley	T Locke B Harris	B Reeves D Reeves D Reeves Atong Kuot	L Wood D Mosley C Mosley M Morrison H Callaway	"			C Hall
Oct 30 <i>20th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8:00	K Winkler	W Butler	S Willcox		M Taylor C Coker	"	B Wilson S Hester	J Tucker B Ratcliffe R Rodriguez	
	10:30	C Zimmermann E Browne	H Williams	C Ryan J Irving	B Ayres L Ayres G Ayres E Gray	R Bradford T Locke H Brewster	"			Ayres family

October Birthdays

1	Barbara Evatt	6	Erin Schaub	13	Libby Davidson	24	John Shields
1	Wyatt Ayres	7	Gwen Hughes	14	Susan Meztista	26	Randy Fogle
2	Nyirou Kuot	9	Becky Wilson	14	Billy Parsons	27	Diana Nichols
3	Suzanne Cleveland	9	Palmer Hamilton	16	Wylly Stirling	27	Jim Ayres
3	Liam Gray	9	Gigi Armbrrecht	19	Matt McDonald	29	Andy Mitchell
4	Tom Hewitt	9	Betsy Schneider	20	Caroline Snow	30	Woody Hannum
5	Aguol Kuot	10	Julia Stirling	21	Zach Samuels	31	Laura Shields Brangle
6	Mark Williams	10	Abby Dodson	22	Kathy Mckenzie		
6	Elizabeth Jenkins	11	Hortense Bruce	22	Michael Morrison		



October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 IHN continues
2 <i>16th Sun. after Pentecost</i> IHN concludes 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Eucharist Reception following 4p Blessing of Animals	3	4 11:30a All Saints serves @15 Place 3:30p St Michael Choir	5 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 4:00p St Cecelia Choir 7p Adult Choir	6 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	7	8 10:30a PFLAG
9 <i>17th Sun. after Pentecost</i> <u>BLOOD DRIVE—8:30-1:30</u> 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Eucharist Reception following	10	11 3:30p St Michael Choir 5p Murray House Board Mtg	12 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 4:00p St Cecelia Choir 6p Rector's Forum 6p 15 Place Board 7p Adult Choir 7p <i>The Money Pit</i> @ Crescent Theater	13 9a Food Share prep 12N Al-Anon 4:30p Southern Care Hospice, Chapel & Saad Rm 7p AA	14 5:30p Food Share packing	15 8:00a Food Share distribution 
16 <i>18th Sun. after Pentecost</i> 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Eucharist Reception following 5p Conde Explorers	17 6p Vestry mtg	18 3:30p St Michael Choir	19 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 4:00p St Cecelia Choir 7p Adult Choir	20 12N Al-Anon 7p AA	21	22
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Mark your calendars now!!!

All Saints Sunday

is
November 6

Join us for a day of
Celebration
for the **WHOLE Parish**

Schedule for the day:

9:00am Annual Parish Meeting

**Election of Vestry members and Diocesan Convention delegates
'State of the Parish' reports
Presentation of anticipated 2012 budget**

10:00am Holy Eucharist (one service only)

Banners, choirs, fabulous music, pledge ingathering, a sacred meal

Following the service: LUNCH!

Saucy Q, baked beans, slaw, desserts

Details to follow

This Sunday: September 25, 2011

14th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 20

The Lessons

[Exodus 17:1-7](#)

[Philippians 2:1-13](#)

[Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16](#)

[Matthew 21:23-32](#)

The Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory, Kim Gray, Laura Williams, Gretchen Thiel

Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers, Betty Bentley

Breakfast: Carol Mackey, Valerie Case, Betsy Schneider, Woody Hannum

Reception: Charlotte Hall

8:00

Lector: Warren Butler

Intercessor: Serena Willcox

Chalice: Mark Taylor

Ushers: Will English, Bill Case

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: Rosemary Williams, Catherine Mackey

Intercessor: Michael Morrison

Chalices: Clayton Ryan, Henry Callaway

Acolytes: Louie Wood, Emily Doyle, Sarah Greene

Ushers: Don & Caroline Mosley, Hank Caddell, Jim Ayres, Skeeter Robertson

Music for Sunday

Voluntary Harold Darke *Chorale-Prelude on "St. Peter"*

Processional Hymn 492 *Finnian*

William Mathias S-278 *Gloria in excelsis Deo*

Thomas Jackson *Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16*

Sequence Hymn 679 *Thomas Merton*

Offertory Samuel S. Wesley *O Lord My God*

Presentation Hymn 435 *King's Weston*

William Mathias S-128 *Sanctus and Benedictus*

Mason Martens S-152 *Christ our Passover*

Communion Hymn 339 *Schmücke dich*

Motet Sir Arthur Sullivan *Turn Thy Face From My Sins*

Post Communion Hymn 477 *Engelberg*

Processional Noel Rawsthorne *Sortie: Forth in thy Name, O Lord*

Please keep in your prayers...

✚ For healing for:

Eddie Brown

Jean Dodge

Jessica Montalvo-Lopez

Jeff Hurst

Robby

Ethan Fisher

Dick Van Benschoten

Devin Carlino

Charles Blackmon

Butch Boyington

Steve & Jared Hicks

Laurie Bailey

Gregg Pounds

Evina Valera

Ed Givhan

Devon Booth

Iris Prosch

Hugh Mauldin

Linda Coarsey

Jerry

Martha Mason

Richard Melton

Martha Murdock

LaNiece Bland

Lamar Elledge

Sharon Cleverdon

Mike Downing

Cheryl Peach

Patsy Childress

Laura

✚ For those who serve in the armed forces, especially

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Haley Jones

Daniel Taylor

Wes Parks

Jonathan Carter

Scott Tanos

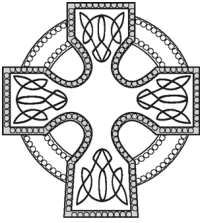
Kyle Metcalf

DeMario Snead

Randy Johnson

Todd Jolly

✚ In thanksgiving for the safe return of Charley Taylor from Afghanistan



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Renea Greene
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: Mark Taylor, Burl Ratcliffe
Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling
Hospitality & Events: Jean Tucker
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
Lectors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary Robert
Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle
Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres
Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Michael Morrison
Refugees: Martha Harris
Ushers: Bill Evatt, Louie Wood
Stewardship: Woody Hannum, All Saints Vestry
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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)