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SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY – ANGLICAN RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

*Please give generously to assist our partner churches in the Global South.
Thank you to all who have already turned in your Mission Envelopes for the ARDF!*

UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

Monday, October 8th - Columbus Day

No Services, Office Closed

Tuesday to Friday

Morning and Evening Prayer

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

In addition, Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

In addition, on Thursday

5:30 p.m. *Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday, October 14th

TRINITY 20 - 10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

◆ PRAYER CIRCLE ◆

Wednesday, October 10th

St. John's Prayer Circle

6:15 p.m. Cranmer Hall 1st Floor

SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM (5)

Two Sundays ago the visiting preacher, Canon Logue, told us about a faithful Christian woman he knew, and the story she told him of a conversation that had changed her life years before. At that time, she was very involved in her country club, and like many other families went there after church on Sundays, to play golf or lounge by the pool while the children splashed about. One Sunday another woman, a friend of hers, mentioned that this would be her last Sunday at the club. The club dues had recently gone up, and she said she 'could not afford to pay

those dues and also increase her giving to the church. She would not give more to the country club than she did to her church' - that was a line she would not cross.

For the woman who told this story to Fr Logue, this was a revelation. It had never occurred to her to compare the time and money she gave the church with any other area of her life - nor to consider what that revealed about her own priorities. She was not instantly converted - but she also did not forget that conversation; and she began to invest herself more in her religion, in the study of Scripture, in the fellowship and service of the Church. In that poolside conversation there began a conversion that - slowly and gradually - extended from her pocketbook into every area of her life.

Like many others, I was struck by the power of this story. What does the examination of our spending patterns reveal about our *actual* priorities? And (to step up the pressure) how do our spending patterns reflect Jesus' call to seek *first* the kingdom of God and his righteousness? I dare say that many, if we allowed ourselves to ask those questions, we would want to make some changes in the way we allocate our spending. I hope it would also make us want to make some changes in the way we spend our time, and our minds.

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STANDING NOTICES

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary. Please call the Church Office to notify the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital or hospice.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 a.m. Mrs. Gary M. Schubert
(Elizabeth)

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. G. Edward Warner

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne
10:30 a.m. Jack McClellan, Finn Repella,
Edwin Shepherd, William Taylor

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Edith Wills DuBoise and William Aldrich Schaller in Camden, SC by Marie Simmons.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr., Mrs. Edward J. Derst III, Mrs. James C. Pedrick, Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry, Mrs. Shack B. Wimbish, Jr., Ms. Linda H. Pounds, and Mrs. John C. Wylly, Jr.

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Mrs. Paul M. Pressly

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Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH:

Cranmer Hall – 3rd Floor
Children Sunday offering supports a little girl in Africa through Compassion International.

Middle School – David Svihel & Kalista Svihel
High School – Rick Wright & Martin Sullivan

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS:

Collects Study with Father O'Brien, Will & Mary Helen Burdell – CH3-Reading Room
Father Dunbar's Class on 2 Kings – Chapel
The Gospel According to John with Jack Wray – CH3-Room 309

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday Breakfast with Father O'Brien, 6:45 a.m.
Parish House

Thursday *Jeremiah* with Father Dunbar, 7:00 a.m.
Cranmer Hall – Reading Room

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday Book Study with Father O'Brien
9:15 a.m., CH3-Reading Room

GOD AND THE GALAXY:

Students and Families discussing faith in a scientific age with Kitty Ferguson on Thursday, October 25th at 6:15 p.m. in Cranmer Hall. This event is free and open to the public.

This talk is based on a letter Kitty wrote to her daughter and published as "What I Want My Teenager to Know about the God/Science Debate" in the book *God for the 21st Century*.

YSJ "ON THE ROAD" AT THE MCCLELLAN'S

On **October 7th, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.** the youth of St. John's will meet at the McClellan's home for lunch and fellowship. Contact David Svihel at dsvihel@stjohnssav.org or 415-250-3077 to RSVP and get the address. Friends and parents are welcome!

This is not a guilt trip – but an invitation to step forward in gratitude. Nor is it an invitation to works-righteous pride in comparing our performance with others. "I thank thee that I am not as other men are... I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess" (Luke 18:11, 12). If we are tempted that way, remember (as Fr Logue also noted) that Christ does not demand ten percent from us. He claims from us *one hundred percent*: as the Prayer Book puts it (echoing Romans 12:1) he claims, "our selves, our souls, and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee" - and in gratitude for the free gift of his grace we could not be satisfied to give him anything less.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

What we give him on Sunday morning, what we invest in our physical presence, mental attention, emotional connection, outward participation, and financial support of his church and mission, is just the earnest-payment on the whole of our lives. Our faith, worship, and service of Christ is not just a segment of our lives - tightly sealed, perhaps, in its own "spiritual/religious" compartment: it is the whole of our lives, and the frame and measure of everything else that happens in them. It is a life surrendered to Christ, and to the Kingdom of God he proclaims - a life filled with blessing, in this life and in the world to come - "fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction".

We have been asking each parishioner household to make a pledge of financial support for the mission and ministries of St. John's Church in 2019 - and specifically, to consider an increase of 5% so that we can sustain and make progress in them. We are asking those who have never pledged before to start giving, even if they don't

have much to give. But such requests are of course just rough guides: what God is calling you to give trumps anything the Church may ask for. And that might be much more than five percent.

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ELEVENSES

For Parish House Guides and Docents
on Wednesday, Oct. 17th at 11 a.m.
RSVP with either Jane Pressly or Martie
Campbell Thomas.

MICHAELMAS BRASS

Additional donations for the musicians
present last Sunday are given to the
glory of God by:

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy E. Coy
Mrs. William F. Summerell

And in honor of Steven Branyon by Mr.
and Mrs. Charles E. Seyle

And that God may grant us all a grateful
heart by Mrs. Shack B. Wimbish, Jr.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Submit written nominations by
November 4th for four 3-year terms to
the Nominating Committee or to the
Church Office in a sealed envelope.
Nominees must:

- 1.) Be members of St. John's 3+ years
- 2.) Support St. John's financially.
- 3.) Worship regularly at St. John's.

2018 Vestry Nominating Committee

- Dr. J. Davidson Carson, Senior
Warden, *ex officio*
- Mr. Richard L. Wright, Immediate
Past Senior Warden
- Mr. Joseph R. Ross (Rusty), Men's
Club Representative
- Mrs. Mark D. Stevens (Chambliss),
Women of the Church Representative
- Mrs. Neil H. Victor (Patti), Adult
Choir, Church Organization
Representative

**Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, November 18th**

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE & GOSPEL *Prayer Book*, p. 215

A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

NURSERY for birth - age 3 (Cranmer Hall, 1st floor) from 9:15 a.m. till 12:15 p.m.

9:30 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Cranmer Hall)

10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER, SERMON & CHILDREN’S CHURCH

HYMN #522 <i>Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Men</i>	Bohemian Brethren
Sentences, Confession, Absolution & Lord’s Prayer.....	<i>Prayer Book</i> , p. 3-7
Versicles and Responses.....	7-8
VENITE Hymnal #609.....	9
Psalm 103.....	466
First Lesson: Zechariah 8:1-17: <i>As God turns from wrath to mercy</i>	
TE DEUM Hymnal #613, 617.....	11
Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:17 & St. Matthew 9:1.....	216-217
BENEDICTUS Hymnal #638.....	14
<i>Children up to Grade 5 may exit following the cross for CHILDREN’S CHURCH</i>	
Apostles' Creed.....	15
Versicles and Responses.....	16
The Collect.....	215
Other Collects and Prayers, the Grace.....	17-20
HYMN #280 <i>God, My King, Thy Might Confessing</i>	Stuttgart
SERMON.....	Fr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *Lead Me, Lord*..... S. S. Wesley

Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #411 *O Thou to Whose All-searching Sight*..... Grace Church

VOLUNTARY: *A Trumpet Galliard*..... Samuel Scheidt, arr. David M. Lowry

Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service.

If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12:00 P.M. (Noon)—HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel - as at 8:00 a.m.)