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SPECIAL COLLECTION – ANGLICAN RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT FUND

PARISH PICNIC (AFTER 10:30 SERVICE)

5:30 P.M. COMBINED CHOIRS CONCERT: RUTTER REQUIEM

LIFE AMID THE RUINS

(PART 102 IN A CONTINUING SERIES)

This spring the hope for rebuilding the Anglican Communion seems to have faded away. Despite support from York and Canterbury, the proposed 'Anglican Covenant' failed to win approval by the requisite number of diocesan synods in the Church of England. Though a number of other provinces in the Communion have approved it, the absence of the Church of England can only be a major blow to its prospects. The sticking point was Part IV - in my own view a reasonable provision for a very mild degree of mutual accountability between autonomous national churches. It was denounced (not just in England) as a crypto-papalist, neo-colonialist attack on the liberty of the gospel.

Why accountability is to be required by a national church of its members (as in the problematic recent revision of the Episcopal Church's discipline canons) but rejected *between* national churches, escapes me. Actually it doesn't. The failure of the covenant is the latest in a string of victories of institutionalism over the institution, of canonical process over constitutional commitments. The idolatry of the corporate processes of the national

structure prevailed over the accountability of the national church structures to something greater than themselves. The liberty of the gospel, which is invoked against the Covenant, is a liberty expressed in love, and this love is humble, patient, self-restraining, ready to serve in mutual submission. It does not mean unqualified autonomy.

Perhaps, some have said, the failure of the Covenant is a necessary evil. It was, they say, too rickety a structure to contain the centrifugal forces at work in the churches of the Communion. Its failure is a necessary prelude to a more radical and thorough rebuilding. Perhaps this is so. For now, however, the Anglican Communion is fast becoming the ecclesiastical equivalent of the Holy Roman Empire, that constellation of autonomous states and myriad statelets, which was (as one wit quipped) neither Holy, nor Roman, nor an Empire. There will be, no doubt, a lingering "family resemblance" among the churches, occasional sentimental reunions, some alliances and hegemonies both conservative and liberal: but no commonly recognized and shared

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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.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

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Parish Paper essays may be read on our web site: www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. R. Gilbert Wells

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The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Wilson.
And in loving memory of Frank B. Arden, Jr. by his family.

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10:30 Clayton Compton
Charles Perrie, John Osborne
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SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES

➤ **NO ADULT CLASS** in the Chapel this Sunday.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. *Men's Breakfast and discussion on the Psalms (Fr. Dunbar)*

Thursday 7 a.m. **Men's Bible Study** (Reading Room, with the Rector).

Thursday: Noon —MEN'S FORUM

WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Reading Rm, Cranmer Hall.

Wednesday: 10:45 a.m.—Noon

Thursday: 9:15-10:30 a.m. -

CHOIR TRIP TO DOUGLAS, GA

Sunday, April 29, 2012 at 4:00pm.

The Parish Choir will be singing Evensong at St. Andrew's in Douglas, GA. A caravan will be leaving the parking lot at 12:00 for anyone wishing to join. Please contact the Choirmaster, Dr. Brian Taylor for details. (232-1251)

SAVE THE DATE

Sculpture Show

Monday, May 21st

in the Green Meldrim House from
5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

currency of doctrine, discipline, worship, ministry, and marriage. The loss of shared institutional currency means the end of communion. We should not be surprised - we have been living in the ruins for some time now! - but we should be saddened at the refusal to rebuild the house of God.

Moreover, the failure of the Covenant must be counted a grievous blow to the Episcopal Church, since our church's constitution explicitly commits it to being a "constituent member" of the Communion, and without something like the Covenant, that commitment is reduced to pious words and empty gestures. As they stand now, the canons do not supply that deficiency. A canonical process that can elect, confirm, and consecrate candidates to episcopal office who in most other provinces of the Communion would not even be regarded as priests in good standing shows how inconsistent the canons of the Episcopal Church are with their constitutional mandate.

What lies beyond the next corner of history? We know certainly only that we do not know. Faith knows, however, that God remains God, and his purpose for his Church does not waver. "Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion; for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come. And why? thy servants think upon her stones, and it pitieth them to see her in the dust" (Psalm 102:13, 14). GGD

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

MONDAY– FRIDAY:

8:15AM - *Morning Prayer*

5:30PM - *Evening Prayer*

TUESDAY MAY 1ST ST PHILIP & ST JAMES THE APOSTLES

8:15AM - *Morning Prayer &
Holy Communion*

5:30PM - *Evening Prayer &
Holy Communion*

WEDNESDAY

9:45 – *Litany*

10am *Sung Eucharist*

THURSDAY:

NOON *Men's Forum*

VESTRY MEETING IN CHAPEL

SUNDAY – 9:30 A.M.

The Vestry will be meeting in the Chapel this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Adult Class in the Chapel will resume next Sunday, May 6th.

ECW NEWS

The ECW Board will meet Monday, April 30th at 10:00 in the Parish House.

The ECW Picnic will be Wednesday, May 2nd, after the 10:00 Communion Service, at Nita Ann Klein's home (144 Schley Ave., 31419, 927-4270). Please let the church office know if you will need transportation 232-1251.

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel Prayer Book, 173
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30 — 12 Noon NURSERY (*Parish House*)

9:30 A.M. —ADULT, YOUTH, and CHILDRENS CLASSES (*Chapel and Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 –Pre-school—3 year olds through Kindergarten (*Cranmer Hall*)

Jr. Choir—1st through 4th Grades (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON

CARILLON

HYMN #89 *At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing*..... Salzburg

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HYMN #88 *Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now* St. Albinus

1st through 4th grade children enrolled in Jr. Choir will exit following the Cross.

THE SERMON Fr. O’ Brien

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *Up! Up! My Heart! With Gladness* Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #472 *Hark, hark, my soul* Pilgrims

ORGAN: *Crown Imperial March* William Walton

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

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