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## THIS SUNDAY - E.Y.C.S. INGATHERING

*This charity of Episcopal Churches in Savannah provides need-based educational assistance to youth in the diocese. Cheques may be made out to EYCS. [Thanksgiving offering envelopes for November 22<sup>nd</sup> may be used at this time, and gold envelopes are also available in the church.]*

## NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

AFTER 10:30 A.M. MORNING PRAYER - ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

5:30 P.M.— CHORAL EVENSONG (MEN, BOYS, AND GIRLS CHOIRS)

### IN HIS SERVICE

Another November brings another Bazaar organized by the Women of St. John's, a major gathering point for the congregation in the fellowship of shared and mutual service. There are some critical factors not subject to human control, which are conventionally left up to the clergy - such as weather cold enough for chili served at lunch, but not so cold that you cannot sit on the porch to eat it - but otherwise the clergy are free to *enjoy* this parish and its people.

The occasion does, however, stimulate a reflection on "service", a word central to the Christian religion. There is "divine service", the service of God, which is both the activity of worship ("attending service") and man's entire relationship with the Lord, "whose service is perfect freedom". We are set free from anxious self-concern to "serve him in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life". It is grateful love for our Saviour which makes us his willing servants, ready in all things to do his will, which is our eternal good.

This service we offer the Lord, we

offer not only directly to him (in the faith, fear, and worship of God) but also in the service we offer one another. The Law which commands the service of God also requires we serve our neighbour: "by love serve one another" says the Apostle (Galatians 5:13). "And who is my neighbour?" The lawyer's question resounds even now. It is true that we are to look after "our own", taking responsibility, to the full extent of the abilities which God has given us, for the welfare of those who belong to us. Charity (as the saying goes) starts at home - but there is nothing in Scripture to suggest that it ends there. The lawyer receives his answer from Christ in the parable of the Samaritan - that is, of the despised enemy, who came to the aid of the half-dead Israelite, and at his own risk and expense rescued him and nursed him back to health. He shows himself the true neighbour, says the Lord, and we must go and do likewise. The parable's answer, therefore, is categorical: love makes all men (even our enemies)

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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.

**ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE**

Parish Paper essays may be read on our web site:  
[www.stjohnssav.org](http://www.stjohnssav.org)

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 Dr. J. Davidson Carson

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Dr. James S. McClellan, Jr.

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of G. Phillip Morgan, Jr. by his family.

In loving memory of King and Lisa Simkins by Marshall, Lynah, and Wesley Stone.

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

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**ACOLYTES**

**8:00** Clayton Compton  
**10:30** Cord Helmken  
Lindsay Pindar, John Osborne  
Jamie McClellan, Mikel Kelly  
Henry Bowden, Hawkins Pindar  
**5:30 Evensong**  
Mikel Kelly

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

The Women of St. John's

**TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNING**

**Men's Bible Study & Discussion Groups**

(READING ROOM, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, CRANMER HALL)

**Tuesday** 7:00 a.m. – *Ecclesiastes* with Fr. O'Brien.

**Thursday** 7:00 a. m. — *Acts*, with Fr. Dunbar

**WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS**

(READING ROOM, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, CRANMER HALL)

**Monday** – Noon- 1 p.m. *Romans* (Dr Bergstrom)

**Thursday** 9:15 – 10:30 a.m. – Dorothy Sayers

*Mind of the Maker* (Fr. O'Brien).

**MANY THANKS**

A great big **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the 2011 Holly Days Bazaar! Another year of delicious food, fellowship and fun was enjoyed by all. Thanks especially to the Bazaar Committee and its chairman Mrs. Scott (Betsy) Howard, and co-chairman Mrs. Alex (Erica) Jarman.

Please pick up your **SILENT AUCTION** purchases during coffee hour this Sunday. *Items remaining will be offered to the next highest bidder.*

**TEEN LUNCH FORUM**

*Meets this Sunday after Church until 12:45*  
*Parishioners in Upper School welcome.*

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

neighbours, who serve one another with the gifts God has given them.

What about the claims of the "insider" and the "outsider"? "Let us do good unto all men", Saint Paul says, "but especially them that are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10). Our care for those who are nearest and dearest to us, should be the expression of a universal charity - and not the reason for denying it. On the one hand, "God is not unrighteous, that he will forget your works, and labour that proceedeth of love; which love ye showed for his Name's sake, who have ministered unto the saints, and yet do minister" (Hebrews 6:10). On the other hand, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (13:2, an allusion, perhaps, to Genesis 18). Ministry to the saints - that is, the service of the faithful within the church - is not exclusive of ministry to strangers. In this ministry to outsiders, we may "entertain angels unawares" - agents of God's watchful providence, messengers bringing us good news, wise counsel, and the assistance of heaven.

Which is to say: the service we offer others often results in service they render us. "Cast thy bread upon the waters" advises the Sage, "for thou shalt find it after many days", as a farmer does in the harvest, or a ship owner when his ship returns (Ecclesiastes 11:1). "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7). "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same

measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38).

To give just one of many examples: in the *Acts of the Apostles*, Barnabas is sent by the (Jewish) church of Jerusalem to serve the strange new Gentile church in Antioch - the definitive "outsiders". Barnabas calls Saul (another outsider) to assist him in this work; and when famine strikes Judea, it is Barnabas and Saul who coordinate a huge relief effort by the church in Antioch to the church in Jerusalem. It would be foolish to apply the narrow calculus of *quid pro quo* to every act of service - but there is lots of evidence that those who serve others do not suffer loss, but are enriched by it in many ways. GGD

#### **THURSDAY MEN'S FORUM**

*Good Food for Body and Soul*

**Gifts and Callings**

(Fr Dunbar)

*Donation suggested - Guests Welcome*

*Food service begins, 11:50 a.m.*

*Talk runs 12:10 - 12:50 p.m.*

*Please reserve your place by Tuesday*

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*or call the Church Office 232-1251.*

#### **PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK**

**Monday to Friday**

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

*Morning or Evening Prayer*

**In addition, on Wednesday**

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Holy Communion*

#### **STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

Responses to the Stewardship campaign continue to come in at an encouraging rate, and to date, 63% have increased their pledge over last year's. If you have not yet made a pledge for 2013, and wish to do so, you may call the Financial Secretary to make a pledge or to have an *Estimate of Giving Card* mailed to you. Tel. 232-1251.

**8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION**

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

**9:30 — 12 Noon NURSERY** (*Cranmer Hall*)

**9:30 A.M. —ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** (*Cranmer Hall, Chapel, Conference Room*)

**10:30—Pre-School Worship Hour—3 year olds through Kindergarten** (*Cranmer Hall*)  
 Jr. Choir—1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades (*Cranmer Hall*)

**10:30 A.M. —MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON**

CARILLON

HYMN #288 <i>O Worship the King</i> .....	Hanover
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HYMN #350 <i>Rejoice the Lord is King</i> .....	Darwall
THE SERMON .....	Fr. Dunbar

**OFFERING**

Sentences

Anthem: *I Vow to Thee, My Country*.....Gustav Holst, arr. Rich Mays

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

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #357 *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*..... In Babilone

ORGAN: *Toccata in F*..... Dietrich Buxtehude

*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.*

**12 NOON—HOLY COMMUNION (CHAPEL)**

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