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This Sunday we welcome back to St. John's Fr. Douglas Dupree, sometime Priest Assistant of the Parish, and now chaplain of Balliol College, Oxford.

KEEPING THE LORD'S DAY (2)

As a *ceremonial* observance, the Sabbath on the seventh day has passed away with the old covenant of which it was the sign. The *moral* requirement of Sabbath keeping remains, and has passed over into the observance of the Lord's Day on the first day of the week, the day that Christ rose from the dead as the first fruits of the new creation. The Lord's Day, therefore, is a sign of our redemption in Christ, the new and spiritual creation set free from servitude to labour and toil, from the burdens of sin and the bondage of corruption, in which we participate already by faith and for whose fullness we look forward in hope.

"Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you" (Matthew 11:28). That's the old translation preserved in the Prayer Book. In the King James Version, this is translated, "all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest". Both translations capture the nature of Sabbath rest whose foretaste we experience on the Lord's Day and whose fullness we shall know on the Day of the Lord: it is respite, relief, and refreshment of the soul and body. Already, here and now, it is relief from guilt, wrath, and condemnation, for Christ has died for our sins and risen again for our justification,

and we are counted righteous before God by faith in his sacrifice. In Day of the Lord it will be complete relief from trial and tribulation, from the ceaseless nagging of temptation, from the sins which beset us, from the weakness of the flesh and the strength of disordered appetites and emotions. But it is not just relief from evils, it is also rest and peace and enjoyment of good: the effortless freedom of the resurrection body, the endless enjoyment of God's infinite goodness.

The Lord's Day is a sign of the fullness of rest that will be ours on the Day of the Lord. It is a sign that the redemption whose fullness lies in the future has begun in us already, through faith. And so on the Lord's Day we rest from our labours, and give ourselves to his worship in common prayer, that by his Word and Spirit God may work in us his good and perfect will. We rest from our labours, that he may work in us, and if we do not rest from our labours, we leave him no space in our lives to work in us. Make no mistake: though we resist it with every fibre of our stubborn hearts, our true good requires that God have his way with us. On Sunday, we do nothing else than let him have his way.

So like the old Sabbath, the Lord's Day is a day for resting from servile labours, for corporate worship and festal joy, for study and meditation on God's word, for works of charity and

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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

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. P. Drew Troxler

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Benjamin W. Baxter

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Radford by Mr. and Mrs. John E. Roller.

and in loving memory of Captain Harry E. Jennings by Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. E. Jennings, Nolan and Alex.

and in loving memory of Donna Lynn Patterson by her sister, Karen Elaine Patterson.

and in loving memory of Frank Perdue Lee by his wife and family.

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ACOLYTES

8:00 Lawson Turner

10:30 Lindsay Pindar

John Osborne, Charles Perrie

Mikel Kelly, Patrick Perrie

Jamie McClellan, Hawkins Pindar

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

ADULT EDUCATION - SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

NO ADULT CLASSES THIS SUNDAY

MEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Thursday 7 a.m *Judges, Samuel, Kings,*

Reading Room (Fr. Dunbar).

All other Discussion Groups are in summer recess.

STAFF CHANGES

Effective immediately, Mrs. William Harrell is Christian Education Director, Mrs. Holden Hayes is Parish Fellowship Director (including Communications). Mrs. Hayes will continue to function as staff liaison between St. John's and the Children's Preschool.

ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL NEWS

Open House, Tuesday September 3rd 11 a.m.
to Noon (Second Floor Cranmer Hall).

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE

www.stjohnssav.org

- legible on smart-phones (no more squinting)
- sign up to get the Parish Paper online (no more delays due to delays in the post)
- day-by-day calendar of events

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

mercy. Works of necessity are permitted - though the definition of "necessity" needs to be watched carefully, in a 24/7 working world. There is also a place in Sunday for "recreation". Though some English-speaking Protestants disagreed vehemently, King James I issued a declaration known as the Book of Sports", legitimizing "lawful sports" after Evening Prayer on Sundays and Holy Days (which in those days took place mid-afternoon) lest "the meaner sort who labour hard all the week should have no recreations at all to refresh their spirits". (Those who did not attend Divine Service were prohibited from taking part in them.)

A note about the "early service" – said quietly about 8 o'clock, often (although not invariably) without a sermon. This practice originated in the late 19th century for those who wished to receive communion while fasting from midnight: and those who had so communicated returned later the same morning for the preaching of the word and other aspects of corporate worship and fellowship. There are many who appreciate the tranquillity of that early morning service, and I do not begrudge them that: but there is also a place for the teaching of the Word of God, and it would be a healthy discipline for those parishioners from time to time to return for the preaching of the word at the principal service of the day. GGD

Next Saturday, September 6th, at 11 a.m.: **Acolyte Practice** for all confirmed boys Grades 7 -12. If you cannot attend, email jbergstrom@stjohnssav.org.

Next Sunday, September 7th. at 9:30 a.m. **All Ages Christian Education begins** - Registration and Parents' meeting.

WOMEN OF SAINT JOHN'S

The **Installation of the new Board** will take place at the 10 a.m. service on Wednesday September 4th.

The **Women's General Meeting** will be *Wednesday, September 4th*. in the Green Meldrim immediately following the service.

The **Holly Days Bazaar Committee's** kick-off meeting will be held in conjunction with the General Meeting. All Committee heads should plan to attend.

Bazaar Storage is available for your White Elephant and Treasure Room goods. Please call Nita Ann Klein for directions to the unit: 927-4270.

"PAINT IT LIKE PICASSO"

Have you ever thought, "I can"? Pick up a brush and try! Join us for wine sipping and instructional painting class with fellow parishioners and me as your artistic guide! Real painters welcome too! **Thursday, Sept 12th at 7 PM**, Cranmer Hall. Just sign up and show up, it's FREE! Babysitters available. Contact Erica Jarman at 398-0138 or EricaJarman@gmail.com

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday

Office Closed--No Services

Tuesday 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. *Sung Eucharist*

GENTLEMEN, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2013. Watch the paper for news on more information, including ticket purchase.

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPELPrayer Book, p. 209
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30-12:00 Noon —Nursery (Cranmer Hall)

9:30—10:30 A.M. —NO ADULT CLASSES THIS SUNDAY

9:30 A.M. – NOON— PRESCHOOL-KINDERGARTEN SUMMER PROGRAM

(Cranmer Hall –activities for children during the 9:30 education and/or 10:30 service times)

10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

HYMN #288 <i>O Worship the King</i>	Hanover
Sentences, Confession, Absolution & Lord’s Prayer	Prayer Book pp. 3-7
Versicles and Responses	7-8
VENITE (Hymnal #610)	9
Psalms #84	445
First Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-19 <i>The cleansing of Naaman the Syrian</i>	
TE DEUM #615, 619.....	11
Second Lesson, Galatians 5:16 and St. Luke 17:11.....	209
BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #634).....	14
Apostles' Creed	15
Versicles and Responses	16
Collect for the Day	209
Other Collects and Prayers, the Grace.....	17-20
HYMN #287 <i>Give Praise and Glory unto God</i>	Elbing
SERMON	Fr. Dupree

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord*Christopher Tye

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

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #279 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King* Praise to the Lord

ORGAN: *Prelude & Fugue in C (BWV 547)*..... Johann Sebastian Bach

Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Green Meldrim House immediately following the 10:30 service. If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12 Noon HOLY COMMUNION in the Chapel. (Collect, Epistle, Gospel as 8 a.m.)