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THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BEGINS

Preschool through Upper School classes start this Sunday * Registration and Rector's Meeting with Parents in Fellowship Hall * New Website demonstration for all * **At 10:30 a.m.: Confirmation Class and Parents:** please sit in reserved pews in front of lectern. * Adult Classes start next Sunday *

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR TODAY

All are invited to attend the Coffee Hour after the 10:30 service in honour of Dr. Bergstrom's ordination to the Diaconate. It will be more than usually sumptuous!

TRANSPARENCY

Excerpts from a sermon preached at the ordination of Dr. Jeremy Bergstrom to the diaconate.

We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord: and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. (2 Cor. 4:5)

Today we meet for the making of a deacon; the making, that is, of a servant, which is what the word "deacon" means: a servant of Christ in the service of the church, who represents among us the servanthood of Christ. The preacher's task, on this occasion, is to declare the purpose and possibility of a deacon's service. *What or whom* does a deacon serve?

We begin with the examples of Aidan and Cuthbert, the saints we commemorate today [August 31st]. They were monks and bishops of Lindisfarne, the great island monastery of the 7th century Northumbrian kingdom; evangelists of the English

people, fathers of English Christianity, who helped to shape the tradition which is ours. The apostolic faith we profess, and the apostolic orders imparted today, in the making of a deacon, we receive in unbroken succession from them.

According to the Venerable Bede, Cuthbert's call to monastic life took place the night that Aidan died. "Cuthbert, at the time, happened to be looking after a flock of sheep committed to his charge, away up in the hills. One night when his companions had gone to sleep and he was keeping watch and praying as usual, he suddenly saw light streaming from the skies, breaking the long night's darkness, and the choirs of the heavenly host coming down to earth. They quickly took into their ranks a human soul, marvellously bright, and returned to their home above." Next day Cuthbert learned that Aidan had died. Inspired by the vision, Cuthbert forthwith "delivered the sheep back to their owners and decided to enter a monastery". The vision of human life taken up into the glory of heaven moved him to the contemplative life of a monk devoted to the disciplines of prayer, living the life of heaven here on earth. It

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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. Floyd G. Whittington, Jr.

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Benjamin W. Baxter

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and loving memory of Mr. Andrew Gay Labrot by Mrs. Andrew Gay Labrot and his children.

and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Herbert Mather, Mr. William P. Thompson, and Mr. Robert M. Thompson, by Mrs. William P. Thompson.

and in honour of the life of Col. Lindsey P, Henderson, Jr. from his loving family.

and in loving memory of my parents Summer and Virginia Farwell by Rence Schmidt.

The flowers in the chapel of Wednesday, September 11th, are given in honour of Fr. Gavin Dunbar's birthday.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr, Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry III
Ms. Anne H. Mingledorff, Mrs. Martin R. Sullival
Mrs. Nicholas Farley, Mrs. Jeanne H. McMillan, Mrs. W. Lee Belford, Mrs. R. Bart Turner

ACOLYTES

8:00 Lawson Turner
10:30 Chris Dixon
Charles Perrie
Jamie McClellan, Mikel Kelly
Turner Stevens, Patrick Perrie

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

The Women of St. John's

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY YOUTH & ADULT EDUCATION

- Dr. Bergstrom will meet with Upper School students 3rd floor classroom on the right.
• Fr. Dunbar will meet with Parents in the Fellowship Hall during the 9:30 hour.
• All other Adult Classes begin September 15

WEEKDAY STUDY GROUPS

- Tuesdays 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Parish House Dining Room (enter by kitchen door), with Dr. Bergstrom - Begins this week!
• Thursdays 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study, on Judges, Reading Room, Cranmer Hall. (Fr Dunbar)

BAZAAR NOTICES

Canning—Jane's Canners meet in the Cranmer Hall kitchen at 10:30 on Wednesdays. Figs, pears, apples, etc. are needed for chutneys.

Storage—for the white elephant is available. Written instructions for use of storage facility are available in the church office.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

was also to lead him, eventually, to the active life as pastor of the flock, preaching to those who lived in earth's darkness the gospel of human life taken up into the light of glory by Christ.

St. Paul speaks of the apostolic ministry in terms similar to those of Cuthbert's vision. The Apostle celebrates "the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God" (2 Cor. 4:4). The light of the gospel which Paul celebrates is the glory of God revealing himself in Christ, the true image of God. It is this same divine glory, revealed in Christ, proclaimed in the gospel, which illuminates the minds of men: "for God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (4:6). The comment of Thomas Aquinas on this passage is to the point: "Before being converted to Christ, we were dark.... Now, however, after Christ calling us through his grace, ... the power of the glory of the clear light of Christ is shining in us. It shines so powerfully in us that not only are we given light to let us see: we also have light for giving to others". Here is the possibility and the potency of apostolic ministry of a deacon, as a servant of the revelation of God in Christ, entrusted to the apostles in the preaching of the gospel: "not only are we given light to let us see: we also have light for giving to others". *(To be continued)* GGD

JOYFUL NOISE

If you are old enough to have old favourites (sacred *and* secular), please join us at the Green Meldrim House Saturday September 21st at 5:30 p.m. for a glass of wine as Stephen Branyon tinkles the ivories and we sing along. RSVP 232-1251 or at [www.stjohnssav.org/contact us](http://www.stjohnssav.org/contact-us)

MEN of Saint John's

MEN'S FORUM Thursday September 12th from Noon to 1 p.m. Speaker: Fr Dunbar "Christian Men in a Lonesome Dove world" *Good food for body and soul. Guests welcome. Donation suggested.*

MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET. Thursday 18th *Tickets on sale this Sunday.*

"PAINT IT LIKE PICASSO"

Have you ever thought, "I can"? Pick up a brush and try! Join us for wine sipping and instructed painting class with fellow parishioners! 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 EricaCJarman@gmail.com

CHOIRS

Boys and Girls Choir (4th-8th Grades) begins this Wednesday. Snack and Study Hall available in Cranmer Hall beginning at 3:45. Rehearsal are from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Parish Choir (9th grade-Adults) continues rehearsing Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and is accepting new members.

For more information about choirs check the website (www.stjohnssav.org) under *Music* or write the choirmaster at btaylor@stjohnssav.org.

PARISH KALENDAR

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*
10:00 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

Saturday, September 14th:
HOLY CROSS DAY
9:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

8 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL.....Prayer Book, page 210
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30-12:00 Noon: NURSERY (Cranmer Hall)

9:30—10:15 A.M.: ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Cranmer Hall and Conference Room.

9:30 A.M. – NOON: PRESCHOOL-PREKINDERGARTEN
(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 #418 *Blest are the pure in heart* Franconia
 Sentences, Confession, Absolution & Lord’s Prayer Prayer Book 3-7
 Versicles and Responses 7-8
 VENITE (Hymnal #610) 9
 Psalm #34 380
 First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-16, 21b-27 *Choose this day whom ye shall serve* insert
 TE DEUM (Hymnal #615, 619) 10
 Second Lesson: Galatians 6:11-18 and St. Matthew 6:24-34 210
 BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #634)..... 1
 Apostles’ Creed 15
 Versicles and Responses 16
 Collect for the Day..... 209
 Other Collects and Prayers, the Grace 17-20
 Notices and Address to Confirmands..... The Rector
 HYMN #337 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Rockingham
Children up to Grade Four may exit following the Cross for Junior Choir
 THE SERMON The Rev’d Dr. Jeremy Bergstrom, Deacon

OFFERING

Sentences
 Anthem: *Teach Me, O Lord*..... Thomas Attwood
 Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)
 Prayer and Blessing
 HYMN #484 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* Truro
 ORGAN: *Fantasy in G (WV 572)* Johann Sebastian Bach

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) - Collect, Epistle, Gospel as at 8 a.m.