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ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAYS 9:30 A.M.

Men's Discussion Group *Parlor, Parish House.* Led by Rick Wright, Walter Strong, and Charles Ezelle

Women's Discussion Group *Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.* Led by Carol Hewson, Susan Donahue, Linda Sheahan, and Laura Wimbish

Men & Women's Group Study of Tim Keller's Gospel in Life. *Ralston Room.* Led by Jon and Mary Sprague, Mark and Chambliss Stevens.

Harlotry, Compassion, Shepherding, and Jesus - *3rd Floor East.* led by Jack Wray.

Sin and Judgment in Shakespeare's History Plays *3rd Floor East* led by David Noble.

St. John's Gospel *Chapel* led by Fr Dunbar

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Breakfast and Discussion on *the Holy Spirit*, with Fr O'Brien, Parish House.

Thursday 7 a.m., *Samuel*, Fr. Dunbar, Reading Room, Cranmer Hall

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Monday Noon, led by Fr Bergstrom, on John Jewell's *Apology and Defence*.

Thursday 9:15 a.m., led by Fr O'Brien on *How We Know: A Study of Plato's Meno*

IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Some years ago a parishioner lent her voice for a special service at another Episcopal Church in the area. She is by no means uninformed, but she returned from the Rite Two liturgy reeling in shock. (It was, of

course, the enthusiastic exchange of the peace that crowned her dismay.) I was perplexed by her surprise at the goings-on, since the innovations of the 1979 Prayer Book are now routine. I thought to myself, 'where have you been these last thirty years?' - to which the answer presented itself, 'at St. John's, of course'. This church is an enclave of the kind of worship once common and now rare. There are a handful of other 1928 Prayer Book congregations within the Episcopal Church, and more outside; and rather more where they do the best they can with Rite One (the 1979 service in 1928 Prayer Book language). But St. John's is a kind of ecclesiastical Rivendell, a place where the old traditions live on in unusual fullness and vibrancy. *Classical Anglican liturgy done with care and conviction* - that is our distinctive offering to the wider church. If we do not hand on this tradition to the next generations, who will?

"Classical Anglican liturgy". Worship at St. John's follows prescribed and customary forms, and though there are some embellishments, the core of it, found in the 1928 Prayer Book, goes back through the first American Prayer Book of 1789 to the first English Prayer Book of 1549 - and this in turn is based on Latin forms older yet, often 1500 years old, or more. Other churches have sought to embrace the present cultural moment in their worship; at St. John's there is a deliberate decision to stay rooted in the time-tested forms of the tradition. The pursuit of 'relevance' too

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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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8:00 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 a.m. Joseph R. Ross, Esq.

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Herbert Mather, Mr. William P. Thompson, and Mr. Robert M. Thompson by Mrs. William P. Thompson;
and in honor of the life of Col. Lindsey P. Henderson, Jr. from his loving family;
to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Lou Hague and all others lost on September 11, 2001 by Mr. and Mrs. Randolph H. Kulp, II.

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8:00

10:30

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Mrs. Paul M. Pressly

HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR (11/12 & 13).

The *Silent Auction* needs fabulous donations! Call Holly Montford, 897-6202

Chili! Football Season is around the corner. Please make an extra batch of chili for the Bazaar luncheon. Question or commitments, call Christiana Turner 898-1810.

Jane's Cannors are still in need of fruits and vegetables to make jams and chutneys. They meet on Wednesday mornings in Cranmer Hall kitchen. Call Jane Pressly 233-6551.

Crafts: Wreathmaking Workshops Saturday October 4th, and Wednesday October 15, both at 10 a.m. call: Mary Dawson 657-9099

BACKPACK MINISTRY

Women of Saint John's serve 48 needy children at Thunderbolt Elementary every week. We meet every Wednesday from 3:30-4 pm at Second Harvest Food Bank to provide food for the weekends so the children are ready to learn on Mondays. To offer your help, call Martha Sullivan at 663-6221.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

readily cuts us off from our roots and maroons us in the superficial fads of the present moment. The classical Prayer Book grounds us in a community of faith much bigger than ourselves.

"Done with Care". It is in worshipping God that we shall enjoy his infinite goodness forever. Because there is no access to the Father except through Christ, and no fellowship with Christ apart from his Church, our worship must be a corporate act, done in fellowship with the body of Christ, his Church, and in reliance upon his Spirit to lighten our dull minds and warm our cold hearts. Because worship matters so much, it must be done with great care; and so we invest a lot of energy and time in doing it well – with dignity, with reverence, with beauty of music, words, vestment, ornament, furnishing, and building.

True, worship is more than just outward forms; but the outward forms make visible the inward substance of faith and obedience. A holy hush prevails before a service, so that we may leave our preoccupations behind and give our full attention to the word and sacraments of Christ, in repentance, faith, hope and charity. There is time for warm hospitality after the service, as the expression of our fellowship; but in the service itself there is reverence and reserve, lest we be distracted from the interiority necessary to prayer. Not for us the disruptive exchange of a sign of peace; it is in turning to the Lord that we find our point of unity, and so we turn to the altar to profess our common faith, as does the priest to offer our prayers.

"Done with Conviction". We are not the “audience” in worship but a congregation engaged together in a corporate act of worship, setting forth God’s glory and man’s salvation. Outwardly this corporate participation in the act of worship is manifested in hearty group singing and fully audible “amens”, in the antiphonal recitation of psalms. The body also is engaged, in liturgical

calisthenics – there is a good deal of standing up, sitting down, kneeling, and standing again; reverent bows, genuflections, and signs of the cross. But participation is not just a matter of having outward things to speak and do: it is in the interior participation of the mind and will in the revelation of Christ that unites us as one body in worship.

That is why we read the prayers and the lessons intelligibly, audibly, with deliberation; that is why sermons at St. John’s are highly *doctrinal*; they are intended to instruct and engage us in the truth of the Gospel as this has been set forth in Scripture and in the tradition of the Church. This does not mean they are arid or academic exercises, for (if nothing else) they are always done with passionate conviction. The truth matters, and it must engage the minds and the wills of the worshipping congregation, that we may be united in one Body and one Spirit, in the worship of the Father.

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MEN’S CLUB ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET

6:00 p.m. Thursday, **September 18th**

Tickets in advance \$20, at the door \$25.

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday

Morning and Evening Prayer

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

In addition, on Ember Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany* 10 a.m. *Eucharist*

Ember Friday

Daily Prayer & Holy Communion

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

Ember Saturday

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Follow-up Meeting for interested women, Saturday, Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. in the Ralston Room. Contact: Mary Dawson 657-9099.

8:00 A. M. – HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECTS, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL *Insert & Prayer Book, page 207*
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

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

9:30-10:15 A. M.—ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(*Conference Room, & Cranmer Hall*)

9:30 A.M. - end of 10:30 service: Pre-School & Pre-Kindergarten

Playtime at 9:30 a.m. and Lesson at 10:30 a.m.

10:30 A. M. —SUNG EUCHARIST & SERMON

HYMN (*insert*) *The Royal Banners Forward go*..... Gonfalon Royal

ANTE-COMMUNION

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Decalogue 67-69

KYRIE ELEISON: (Hymnal #710)..... Healey Willan

Collects and Epistle *Insert, & page 207*

HYMN #66 *Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle*..... Oriel

The Holy Gospel *Insert*

The Nicene Creed..... 71

HYMN: #337 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Rockingham

Children may exit following the cross for JOYFUL NOISE (5's and 6's) and PSALM PSINGERS (Gr 2-5).

SERMON Fr. Bergstrom

OFFERTORY

Sentences; Anthem: *O For A Closer Walk With God* Charles V. Stanford

Presentation of Alms (Hymnal #139)

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The Lord's Prayer, Prayer of Humble Access (*said with the congregation*) 82

AGNUS DEI (Hymnal #712)..... Healey Willan

HYMN #189 *And, now, O Father, mindful of the Love* Unde et Memores

MOTET: *Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow* John Stainer

Thanksgiving (*said with the congregation*) 83

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Hymnal #713) Healey Willan

The Blessing (*Kneeling*)..... 84

HYMN #357 *Hail, thou Once Despised Jesus!* In Babilone

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stand (BWV 621)*..... J. S. Bach

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