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"HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR"

10 A.M. - 2 P.M. WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY THIS WEEK!

Sunday during Coffee Hour: *A Bubbly Parishioner Preview of the Silent Auction*

Sunday Afternoon: "All hands on deck" - bring a change of clothes, help unload the storage units, and we will feed you lunch! White Elephant donations also accepted **Sunday-Tuesday**

Wednesday & Thursday: Southern Lunch; Silent Auction, Gift, Craft, & Garden Shops

Thursday ONLY: White Elephant Thrift Shop, Treasure Shop and Book Sale (Cranmer Hall)

VISITATION OF THE SICK

(FIRST PART)

The martyrs and confessors whose victories we celebrate at All Saints welcomed the suffering that came their way for the sake of the gospel as an opportunity for bearing witness to Christ. Though in every age martyrs and confessors be few, yet all Christians must encounter suffering, death, trouble and loss, and in that adversity there is an opportunity for great grace. *That* we suffer is inevitable; *how* we do so is what makes the difference.

Such was the teaching of the old Prayer Book's "Visitation of the Sick" and the great Exhortation it contained until it was omitted by the American revisers of the 1928 Prayer Book, a foolish concession to the "progressive" temper of the age. It began with this ringing affirmation of God's sovereign freedom to act as he wills in every circumstance: *Almighty God is the Lord of life and death, and of all things to them pertaining, as youth, strength, health, age, weakness, and sickness. Wherefore, whatsoever your sickness is, know you certainly, that it is God's visitation.* We may think sickness

and suffering is the proof that God is either weak or unwilling to help us; but the Prayer Book takes the view that God is free to act as he pleases. He can use evil circumstances just as much as good ones, adversity as well as prosperity, to accomplish his good and saving purpose. The exhortation considers there are two possible aspects to his visitation: either the advancement of virtue or the correction of vice. The critical thing is that the sick person receive God's visitation in the right spirit: *Whatever God's purpose may be therefore, whether it be to try your patience for the example of others, and that your faith may be found in the day of the Lord laudable, glorious, and honourable, to the increase of glory and endless felicity; or else it be sent unto you to correct and amend in you whatsoever doth offend the eyes of your heavenly Father; know you certainly, that if you truly repent you of your sins, and bear your sickness patiently, trusting in God's mercy, for his dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, and render unto him humble thanks for his fatherly*

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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 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed

10:30 a.m. Mr. Charles B. Compton, Jr.

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Walter H. Strong, Jr.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lisa and King Simkins by Marshall, Lynah and Wesley Stone;
and in loving memory of G. Philip Morgan, Jr. by his family.

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ACOLYTES

8:00 *volunteer requested*
10:30 Charles Perrie, Mikel Kelly
 Turner Stevens, Patrick Perrie
 Henry Osborne, Edwin Shepherd

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. John M. Hewson, III

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAYS 9:30 A.M.

Men's Discussion Group *Third Floor, Cranmer Hall.* 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
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.

Middle and High School Youth. *Third Floor.* Led by Mrs. Skip Jennings and Fr. Bergstrom.

St. John's Gospel Chapel. Led by Fr. Dunbar.

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

NO Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Breakfast and Discussion.
NO Thursday 7 a.m. Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.
NO Thursday Men's Forum for rest of November.

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

NO Monday Noon, led by Fr. Bergstrom
NO Thursday 9:15 a.m., led by Fr. O'Brien.

EYCS INGATHERING

The annual "ingathering" for the Episcopal Youth and Children's Services will take place at the services on Sunday, November 23rd. The EYCS is not an organization of the national church but of the Savannah area churches, and every year it provides significant scholarship assistance to parishioners of St. John's. Please be generous in your support.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

visitation, submitting yourself wholly unto his will, it shall turn to your profit, and help you forward in the right way that leadeth unto everlasting life. Though evil in itself, sickness may be the instrument by which God may work his gracious purpose; and if we receive it in faith, in repentance, in patience and gratitude, "it shall turn to your profit", it may be a means of advancing and increasing in his grace. To someone suffering illness or infirmity, that is an extraordinarily encouraging perspective. My suffering does not mean that God is too weak to help me. It does not mean that God has abandoned me or turned his back on me. It is not reason for anxiety or despair. It is just another means by which God accomplishes his gracious work of sanctifying his people.

*Many a blow and biting sculpture
Polished well those stones elect
In their places now compacted
By the heavenly architect
Who therewith hath willed for ever
That his palace should be decked.*

(To be continued.)

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday
Morning and Evening Prayer
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

In addition, Wednesday
9:45 a.m. *Litany* 10 a.m. *Eucharist*

ESTIMATE OF GIVING (PLEDGE) CARDS

All cards are acknowledged within 5 business days of receipt. If the pledge you mailed in has not been acknowledged in a timely manner, please call the church office to make sure we received it!

EVENSONG - ALL SAINTS HILTON HEAD
The Choir of Holy Communion,
Charleston, will be singing Evensong at All Saints, Hilton Head, Sunday at 5 p.m. All welcome.

JANE'S CANNERS OPEN THE PANTRY!

Jane will open the pantry Sunday, November 9th, after 8 o'clock service for those parishioners who may not be able to attend the Bazaar. (All who can help with the sales are asked report to Cranmer Hall as soon after Communion as possible).

"HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR"

*****NOVEMBER 12TH & 13TH*****

>> Patrons always return for homemade delicious **desserts!** Please call Marsha Berger, 596-0396, to donate.

>> **Silent Auction** is seeking Wine and Champagne donations. Please call Holly Montford, 897-6202.

>> Attention **Sandwich Makers**, please call Laura Wimbish to sign up, 897-5527.

>> Calling for **Crafts!!** Anything handmade! Please call Mary Dawson, 657-9099, to commit your donations!

>> **White Elephant, Books and Treasure** donations are being accepted in the storage units now and will be accepted at Cranmer Hall the week if the Bazaar from 9 AM to 3 PM.

>> Let your child join the fun at the Holly Days Bazaar **Kids Camp**, being held both days from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Please pack lunch. Sign up with Caroline Hayes at chayes@stjohnssav.org

SAVE THE DATES -

SUNDAY 16TH - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. Vestry reports and elections, after 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer.

SUNDAY 23RD The **PSALM PSINGERS** (grades 2-5) will be joining the Parish Choir for the first part of the 10:30 service. Also this Sunday: **EYCS INGATHERING.** (see page 2).

SATURDAY 29TH (AFTER THANKSGIVING)
LOW COUNTRY BOIL AND COOKOUT at Villa Marie on Isle of Hope. Food, Fun, and Fellowship from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to include games and a live band. Tickets on sale at Coffee Hour, \$15 Adults, \$5 Children 12 and under, children under 5 eat free.

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

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

Jane's Cannors Opens the Pantry at 9 a.m.

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

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

(*Chapel & Cranmer Hall*)

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

10:30A.M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

CARILLON

HYMN #370 *Spirit Divine Attend Our Prayers*..... Graefenberg

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HYMN #550 *Am I a Soldier of the Cross ?* Marlow

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

THE SERMON Fr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences

Instrumental Voluntary: *Prière, Op.158*..... Camille Saint-Saëns

Kerri Sellman, violin

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

PRAYER and BLESSING

HYMN #551 *A Mighty Fortress* Ein' feste Berg

ORGAN: *Sonata I in C* Jean-Baptiste-Loeillet

(Largo Cantabile)

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.

12 Noon —HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel) - as 8 a.m.