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May 24th, 2015

VISITING PRIEST

Canon Alistair Macdonald-Radcliffe will speak about Christians in the Middle East (and the Prayer Book too) at Fr Dunbar's 9:30 a.m. class in the Reading Room. A priest of the Church of England, and a member of the Prayer Book Society board, he has served in the Anglican Church of Egypt, and with bodies concerned with Muslim-Christian interfaith relations.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUMMER SCHEDULE -

Begins this Sunday

Nursery: 10:15 to end of 10:30 Service

At 9:30 a.m. No Sunday School classes for children or youth. Adult classes continue.

At 10:30 a.m. *Preschool – Kindergarten* continues: Music, Lesson and Fun! *Psalm Psingers (1st - 5th Grades)* continues – children exit before sermon.

Special Summer Singing Opportunity begins June 7th: Psalm Psingers are invited to vest, process, and sing with Parish Choir for first part of 10:30 service. Children meet Miss Kristin Pair at 10:15 a.m. in Cranmer Hall.

Sunday School resumes September 14th

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Parents or Grandparents are asked to give ONE Sunday in the summer to lead the 10:30 a.m. Pre-School/Kindergarten. Sign up in Cranmer Hall or call Caroline Hayes 233-8887 or 429-2195

BELONGING TO CHRIST (12)

In accord with its definition of a Sacrament, the Catechism analyzes each in terms of an outward visible sign and an inward spiritual grace. In the case of the Baptism, the outward sign (a ceremony making use of material elements) is *Water; wherein the person is baptized, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*

Water features prominently in the religion of the Old Testament, as an element by which God performs mighty acts of creation, judgment and new creation, redemption, and endowment (Genesis 1; 6-8; Exodus 14-15; Joshua 3); in washings and baths of ritual purification according to the Law; and (at least metaphorically) in God's promise of an inward purification of Israel proclaimed by the prophets (Ezekiel 36:25, 26). All of these, but perhaps most of all this aspiration to an inward purification by God, lie behind John's appearance at the Jordan, "the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord", preaching "the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins" (Mark 1:4). Re-enacting the final stage of the Exodus, Israel's first entrance into the promised land, John's baptism looks for the definitive entrance into the promised inheritance of the

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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 www.stjohnssav.org
ON FACEBOOK: St. John's Church in Savannah

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. Richard L. Wright

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Leslie Johnson

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of George Anderson Mercer III and George Anderson Mercer IV by Elizabeth Mercer Gilbert, Wayne Mercer Willis, Bessie Mercer Halsey and their families;

And in loving memory of Jane Philbrick by Dr. Thomas Philbrick and Hunter Philbrick;

and in loving memory of Jane Philbrick by Mr. and Mrs. Brian D. Harlander;

and in loving memory of Peter Loran Spurbeck, Professor of Cello, Master Artist and Pedagogue, by Lane Newton Summers;

And on the occasion of Fr. O'Brien's birthday on May 24th.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Ms. Jayne G. Holland, Ms. Anne H. Mingledorff, Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr. Mrs. T. Herbert Guery III, Mrs. Roland S. Summers Mrs. W. Lee Belford, Miss Laura Reid Mrs. H. Emerson Thomas, Mrs. Robert L. Pair, Jr.

ACOLYTES

8:00 volunteer welcome
10:30 John Osborne
Charles Perrie, Mikel Kelly
Jamie McClellan, Hawkins Pindar
Philip Perrie, Jackson McClellan

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Wm. Howard Helmken

Summer Coffee Hour Chairmen Needed!
Please sign up TODAY with Joyce McClellan
or call 201-3895 or mimi1joyce@aol.com

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS

Biblical Covenant - 3rd Floor East. Jack Wray.
Mallory's Mort D'Arthur:-3rd Floor East. Led by David Noble.
Middle and High School Youth. Third Floor Resource Room. (Mrs. Jennings and Fr. Bergstrom).
St. John's Gospel Reading Room. Led by Fr. Dunbar.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Study—
(Parish House Dining Room, enter by Kitchen)
Thursday 7 a.m. Bible Study—Reading Room

WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Hebrews with Fr. Bergstrom, Mondays at Noon, Reading Room, Cranmer Hall. No Meeting Monday 25th.

JANE'S CANNERS will be cooking in the Cranmer Hall kitchen through the summer on Wednesdays beginning at 10:15 a.m. Donations of sugar, brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, raisins, figs, pears, apples, squash, onions, etc. gratefully received. Please call Jane Pressly for more information 233-6551.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

Spirit. Yet John knows the difference between his baptism and the Messiah's: "I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost" (1:8). It is in the Lord's baptism, not John's, that the promises of God are fulfilled. Nonetheless, it is in John's baptism that Jesus is manifested as the Spirit-anointed (i.e. Messianic) and Spirit-baptizing Son of God (Mark 1:9-11, John 1:33). So the baptism which Christ ordains is a sign of John's hope realized: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). Yet the Spirit is not given until Jesus is glorified (John 7:39) and so it is only after the "baptism" of his own Death and Resurrection (Luke 12:50), the definitive revelation of his Sonship (Romans 1:4), that the Sacrament is instituted: "Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:19-20). It is this institution that supplies the Trinitarian formula of baptism (as well as grounds for the Creed of Nicea). Along with Christ's ordinance there is a promise of grace: "He that believeth [the gospel] and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be condemned" (Mark 16:16). *(To be continued)* GGD

**MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT
NEW DATE – FRIDAY JUNE 5TH**

At the Westin. Contact Jules Victor at:
victor.jules@gmail.com.

MEN OF ST. JOHN'S

STEAK & BOURBON NIGHT

Thursday, May 28th at Forest City Gun Club, 9203 Ferguson Avenue
5pm – Skeet Shooting; 6pm – Social
7pm – Dinner

\$25 Donation – \$15 Shooting fee
Guests are welcome & complimentary
*Guest Speaker – Captain Erik Alfsen
Chaplain, 1st Ranger Battalion*

Tickets available at Coffee Hour or by
emailing Scott Howard
at Robert_s_howard@ml.com

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

(RISING KG TO GR 5) :

July 27th - July 31st 9:30am until noon

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP

(12 MOS – 5 YEARS OLD)

July 27th - July 31st

9:00am until 1:00pm

Offered by The Children's School

For more information: contact Caroline

Hayes: chayes@stjohnssav.org

**PARISH KALENDAR FOR WHITSUN
WEEK (OCTAVE OF PENTECOST)**

Office Closed Memorial Day

Monday to Friday:

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

*Morning or Evening Prayer
& Holy Communion*

In addition, on Ember Wednesday:

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Holy Communion*

Ember Saturday

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

EYCS EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Needs-based scholarships for post-secondary education. Apply by **May 31st**. Applicants must be Episcopalians, 22 years of age or under, and legal residents of, and members in good standing within, the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia. To apply, go to eycs.georgiaepiscopal.org and click on *Education Scholarships*.

8:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

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