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ELLIOT HOUSE CLERGY SEMINAR

This week we welcome to the annual clergy seminar, Dr. David K. Anderson, professor of Renaissance literature at the University of Oklahoma and parishioner at All Souls Church, who will be leading the Elliot House seminar on *Martyrdom, Persecution, and Resistance in the English Reformation Tradition*.

THREE WEEKS TO LENT

Ash Wednesday is February 10th. Along with Good Friday, it is observed by fasting (no food till evening, when a light meal may be taken); and begins the forty (week-) days of Lenten abstinence (reduction in quality of food taken) that lead us to Easter on March 27th. Along with fasting and abstinence, this is a season of prayer and almsgiving.

THE PRIMATES' MEETING

Given the usual snowstorm of spin, outrage, baffle-gab and blather that followed last week's statement from the Primates, I invite parishioners to read the statement for themselves. Though not without nuance, it is clear enough.

•We gathered as Anglican Primates to pray and consider how we may preserve our unity in Christ given the ongoing deep differences that exist among us concerning our understanding of marriage.

•Recent developments in The Episcopal Church with respect to a change in their Canon on marriage represent a

fundamental departure from the faith and teaching held by the majority of our Provinces on the doctrine of marriage. Possible developments in other Provinces could further exacerbate this situation.

•All of us acknowledge that these developments have caused further deep pain throughout our Communion.

•The traditional doctrine of the church in view of the teaching of Scripture, upholds marriage as between a man and a woman in faithful, lifelong union. The majority of those gathered reaffirm this teaching.

•In keeping with the consistent position of previous Primates' meetings such unilateral actions on a matter of doctrine without Catholic unity is considered by many of us as a departure from the mutual accountability and interdependence implied through being in relationship with each other in the Anglican Communion.

•Such actions further impair our communion and create a deeper mistrust between us. This results in significant distance between us and places huge strains on the functioning of the Instruments of Communion and the ways in which we express our historic and ongoing relationships.

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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. William C. Rodgers

USHER CHAIRMAN

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The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Robert A. Burnett by Mary, Decie, and Wendy;

And in loving memory of Julia Floyd Smith, Sanford G. Simmons, John Pindar Bradshaw Schaller and loved ones by Marie Simmons;

And in loving memory of Leonard Trosten on his birthday by Mrs. Ali Trosten and Jay Overstreet.

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10:30 a.m. Hawkins Pindar Phillip Inglesby
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9:30 A.M. SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION

Jack C. Wray- Do You Hear What I Hear?
3rd floor, Cranmer Hall, far left room

NEW CLASS - ADULT CATECHISM

Sundays (Beginning January 24)
9:30 a.m. in the Reading Room

For those considering/preparing for Baptism or Confirmation (if not confirmed by a bishop in historic succession) or Reception (if already so confirmed) into membership at St. John's Church: and for those seeking a refresher course in "the basics".

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday- Men's Small Group Faith Fellowship, Noon Thursdays, 1st floor, Cranmer Hall

Tuesday's Breakfast (Fr. O'Brien) and Thursday's Bible Study (Fr. Dunbar) will NOT MEET this week.

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Wednesday- C. S. Lewis Women's Fellowship
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon)
Fellowship Hall, Cranmer Hall

Thursday's Mouchette (Fr. O'Brien) will NOT MEET this week.

ECW MEETING- FEBRUARY 3

Home from Exile: The Return of the Green Treasures after 120 Years
Join us after the 10:00 a.m. Chapel Service to hear Susan Arden-Joly speak on the Green Treasures and her adventures in Paris! Refreshments will follow.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

•It is our unanimous desire to walk together. However given the seriousness of these matters we formally acknowledge this distance by requiring that for a period of three years The Episcopal Church no longer represent us on ecumenical and interfaith bodies, should not be appointed or elected to an internal standing committee and that while participating in the internal bodies of the Anglican Communion, they will not take part in decision making on any issues pertaining to doctrine or polity.

•We have asked the Archbishop of Canterbury to appoint a Task Group to maintain conversation among ourselves with the intention of restoration of relationship, the rebuilding of mutual trust, healing the legacy of hurt, recognizing the extent of our commonality and exploring our deep differences, ensuring they are held between us in the love and grace of Christ.

In what can only be read as a mild response to the authorization of same-sex marriage by the Episcopal Church (TEC), it has not been expelled from the Communion, but rather suspended for a limited time from participation in certain processes. Its leaders were quick to assert TEC's legal "independence", and to make clear it has no intention of altering its course. Yet precisely by its moderation, the statement is an invitation to TEC to think more deeply than it has so far of how to square its zeal for social justice with its self-limiting constitutional commitment to membership in the Communion and with the teaching of the Bible. TEC's insistence on "independence" may be the letter of the law – but the spirit calls for something more. GGD

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday, January 25th
THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer
With Holy Communion

Tuesday - Friday
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer

In addition on Wednesday, January 27
8:15 a.m. *with Holy Communion*
9:45 a.m. *Litany* 10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

THE ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, February 6
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

If you are cleaning out your closets, please keep this sale in mind! Drop off donations NOW at the Storage Unit or beginning Sunday, January 31 at Cranmer Hall. Call Nita Ann Klein at 658-1005 for information.

MEN'S CLUB

ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST

Saturday, January 30
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Camp Villa Marie

(Directions: LaRoche Avenue to Isle of Hope,
Turn left onto Grimball Point Road, to 6 Dolan Dr.)

Tickets are All Inclusive

\$30- Adults- Age 21 and Over
\$10- Teens/Young Adults- Age 13-20
FREE- Children- Age 12 and Under

*Tickets are on Sale at Coffee Hour, at Church Office,
and at the Oyster Roast.*

To help in planning, please purchase tickets in advance, or RSVP to the Office.

In response to the recent rise in violent crime, the proceeds of this year's Oyster Roast will go to the **200 Club of the Coastal Empire**, which provides financial assistance to the families of local law enforcement and fire-fighting personnel who have lost their lives in the line of duty, and to the **Savannah Chatham Police Foundation** for additional training and equipment.

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL.....Prayer Book, page 118
A continental breakfast is available in the Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M. (Noon)—Nursery (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M.—ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 A.M.—JOYFUL NOISE, JOYFUL HEARTS

Music, Teaching, and Fun for Pre-School through Kindergarten

10:30 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER & SERMON

HYMN #288 *O Worship the King*..... Hanover
 Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer Prayer Book, pages 3-7
 Versicles and Responses.....7-8
 VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO (Hymnal #608)..... 9
 Psalm #9 351
 First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:3 *God created the heavens and the earth*..... *Insert*
 BENEDICTE *Insert*
 Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 9:24 & St. Matthew 20:1 119
 BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #638)..... 14
Children may exit following the cross for PSALM PSINGERS (Grades 1-5).
 Apostles' Creed 15
 Versicles and Responses..... 16
 Collect for the Day 118
 Other Collects and Prayers, the Grace 17-20
 HYMN #573 *Go, Labor On!*..... Angel's Song (Song 34)
 THE SERMON Father Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *Be Strong In The Lord* Thomas Matthews
 Presentation of Alms #732 *All Things Are Thine* Gardiner
 and Hymn #141 (verse 4)

PRAYER and BLESSING

HYMN #279 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Lobe den Herren
 VOLUNTARY: *Kommst du nun, Jesu vom Himmel herunter (BWV650)*..... J. S. Bach

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

12:00 P.M. (NOON) — HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel) as at 8:00 a.m.