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## UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

### ◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

#### Monday and Tuesday

*Morning and Evening Prayer*

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

#### ASH WEDNESDAY – FAST DAY

7:15 a.m. *Imposition of Ashes*

& *Holy Communion (Chapel)*

8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer (Chapel)*

9:45 a.m. *Litany (Church)*

10:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

*Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion (Church)*

#### Thursday & Friday

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

*Morning and Evening Prayer*

*With Holy Communion*

#### Saturday

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

### ◆ SHROVE TUESDAY

### PANCAKE SUPPER ◆

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Reservations Requested: 912-232-1251

Adults \$10; Children \$5 (12 and under)

Please make checks payable to The Children's School.

**Support our Children's School!**

### ◆ SAVANNAH ANTIQUES & ARCHITECTURE WEEKEND ◆

Tickets are going fast for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual *What's in Your Attic?* on March 3 & 4. Have a family heirloom that you would like appraised? Interested in *Savannah Antiques from Famous Attics?* Or a tour of Savannah highlighting historic houses by architect John Norris? Tickets: [www.savantiquesweekend.com](http://www.savantiquesweekend.com) or call: Elizabeth Schubert at 912-660-3041.

### ◆ ST. PATRICK'S DAY ◆

Friday, March 17

*Sung Eucharist - 9:00 a.m. (Church)*

**Parking:** Fifty spaces are being reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve a space, bring a \$20 donation to the Church Office with name, email, and cell phone #. Reservations are for parishioners and staff only. Limit one per household. Lot opens at 8:00 a.m. and spaces held until 11:00 a.m. Enter from Charlton Street.

### ◆ FRESH AIR WORKDAY ◆

Save the date: **Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>** is our second hands-on church-wide workday at the Fresh Air home. We're not joking!

### KEEPING LENT

Fasting, prayer, and almsgiving are the works endorsed by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount, and are customary during Lent, along with an intensified use of the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

**Fasting & Abstinence:** Except for reasons of health or necessity, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are observed by a complete fast from food until evening, when a light and abstinent meal is taken. The other weekdays of Lent (including Easter Eve) are observed with abstinence (a reduction in the quality of food, drink, other pleasures and entertainments). The historic custom is to abstain from flesh meat (fish may take its place). We curb our appetites so that we may serve God more fully.

### PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Last year's palms may be left in the basket by the door, to be burnt for ashes.

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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. Please call the Church Office to notify the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 Dr. James S. McClellan, Jr.

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Benjamin W. Baxter

**ACOLYTES**

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne  
10:30 a.m. Phillip Inglesby Patrick Perrie  
Hawkins Pindar Finn Repella  
Daniel Sills William Sills  
Turner Stevens William Taylor

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God on the occasion of the marriage of Julia Groves Train and Gregory Lynn Smith and in memory of loved ones by Julia and Robert Train and family.

The flowers on the Baptismal Font last Sunday were given to the glory of God on the occasion of the baptism of Benjamin Foster Bradshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Landon Bradshaw, on February 18, 2017.

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Edward J. Derst III,  
Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard,  
Mrs. Michael W. Rhinehart, Mrs. Martin R. Sullivan,  
Mrs. Morgan W. Murray, Mrs. Roland S. Summers,  
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**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. David A. Young

**SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.**

**ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**FOR YOUTH:**

CRANMER HALL-3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR  
CONFIRMATION CLASS-GRADE 6- *Catechism*  
JR. HIGH -GRADES 7,8,9- 25 *Lights of the World*  
SR. HIGH -GRADES 10,11,12- *Reasons to Believe*

**FOR ADULTS:**

READING ROOM: *II Samuel*- Father Dunbar  
CH3: *Joshua*- Jack Wray  
CH2: Women's Small Group Faith Fellowship

**MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Tuesday- Men's Breakfast with Father O'Brien  
6:45 a.m., Parish House  
*Why Be Moral?*

Thursday- *St. Luke* with Father Dunbar  
7:00 a.m., Reading Room, CH3

Thursday- Men's Small Group with lunch  
Noon- Fellowship Hall, CH1

**WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Thursday- Book Study with Father O'Brien  
9:15 a.m., Reading Room, CH3  
*Iris Murdoch's Under the Net*  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday- Next meeting March 8  
C. S. Lewis Reading Group  
11:00 a.m., Reading Room, CH3  
*The Four Loves*

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday- Next Meeting March 8  
Daughters of the King  
CH1 after Evening Prayer

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

## CONFERENCE REPORT

Last week St. John's played host to a theological conference co-sponsored by the Elliott House of Studies and the Prayer Book Society USA. About one hundred clergy and laity were in attendance, some from near and some from far, and from across denominational and jurisdictional lines. We were honoured in particular by the attendance of Bishop Benhase, who welcomed the participants to the Diocese and spoke very warmly of his support for St. John's and the ministry of its clergy and people.

On this 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Luther's Ninety-Five Theses, the topic was *Reformed and Catholic: Revisiting the Reformation Heritage of Anglicanism*. Speakers from the United Kingdom and Canada joined American ones for the occasion, representing evangelical and catholic wings of Anglican churches on both sides of the Atlantic. Those attending spoke glowingly of the substantial nature of the papers, the beauty of the conference liturgies (especially the Evensong and closing Eucharist sung by our choir), and, of course, the charm of Savannah in an unusually-mild February. It was an opportunity for St. John's, and its tradition of faith and worship, to shine, and it did. I am very grateful to Laura Sparks, the Elliott House coordinator, as well as Tracey Inglesby, David Carson, Ray Summerell, Daniel Garrick, as well as the church staff for their invaluable assistance.

Certain themes emerged more than once. First, that the idea of Anglicanism as a *via media* or bridge church between catholic and

protestant is a historical myth. Where this myth has been embraced, its effect has been to alienate Anglicans from their true identity, and left them neither catholic nor reformed. Anglicanism was forged in the crucible of the reformation, as a reform that purified the catholic church and the catholic faith from (mainly) late medieval distortions. If it has retained and recovered some catholic practices, these must be related to the underlying foundation. One aspect of the genuinely reformed and catholic character of Anglicanism was given in the paper of Dr. Jesse Billett, of Trinity College, Toronto, on the collects. He showed how Cranmer retained this form of prayer from catholic tradition, but gave it scriptural content.

Second, the centrality of the historic Prayer Book to Anglicanism, its identity, its unity, and its mission. If we are to grasp ahold of what Anglicanism is, and why it matters, we must do so by taking seriously the Book of Common Prayer, which is to Anglicans what the Augsburg Confession is to the Lutherans, or the Westminster Confession to Presbyterians. It not only shapes our praying, but our believing, belonging, and behaving. One example of this, also a paper based on the collects, was Oliver O' Donovan's paper, which showed how the collects provide a complete outline of the moral transformation of life by the gospel.

Our good neighbours at Independent Presbyterian are hosting their own conference on *The Reformation's Reforms* March 23-26. For information: <http://1517-2017.com>

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**8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION**

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel .....Prayer Book, page 122  
*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*

9:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon) - **Nursery** (*Cranmer Hall*)

**9:30 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** (*Cranmer Hall*)

*Supervised Fellowship and Fun is available for children from Preschool to Grade Five whose parents are attending class.*

**10:30 A.M.— SUNG EUCHARIST, ADDRESS & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**INSTRUMENTAL VOLUNTARY at 10:25 a.m.:** *Cantilena in F* (Op. 148) ..... Josef Rheinberger  
 Eliza DeRienzo, flute

HYMN #272 *Thou, Whose Almighty Word*..... Moscow

**ANTE-COMMUNION**

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*Children may exit following the cross for SUNDAY SCHOOL*

ADDRESS..... Father Dunbar

**OFFERTORY**

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*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.