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UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

Monday to Friday

*Morning and Evening Prayer
With Holy Communion
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.*

In addition, on Wednesday

*9:45 a.m. Litany
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion.*

Saturday

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

◆ LENTEN QUIET DAY ◆

Wednesday, March 29

*9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Parish House
Father O'Brien will speak on **Faith, Hope & Charity**. Light lunch is provided. Please
RSVP to the Church Office (912-232-1251).*

◆ FRESH AIR HOME WORKDAY ◆

Saturday, April 1

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

900 Butler Avenue, Tybee Island

Please RSVP to Cathy Baxter by Monday, March 27 to give a headcount for lunch and sign up for the area in which you prefer to work: Sanding/Painting, Handyman Tasks, Food Helper, Gardening, or Kids Project. We look forward to another beautiful, successful, fun-filled day of giving back! Call Cathy Baxter at 912-704-5111 to RSVP and if you have questions or financial donations.

◆ EASTER LILIES & BRASS ◆

To give an Easter lily for Church decoration, please send a \$35 check to the office payable to St. John's Chancel Society. To help with Easter brass musician expenses, send donations to the office payable to St. John's Church. Please include memorial and/or honorarium information with payment.

PARISH FORUM THIS SUNDAY

9:30 A.M. IN RALSTON ROOM

ST. JOHN'S MISSION

(Rector's Bible Class is Cancelled.)

EVEN SO SEND I YOU

From the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus evinces an awareness of mission – of “being sent” into the world by the Father, for the world's redemption. Moreover, he draws his disciples into his mission, and before his return to the Father, he charges them to continue it: *As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you. Go ye, and 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.* (John 20:21; Matt. 28:19, 20). Though led by the apostles (the word means “those who are sent”, emissaries), the mission belongs to the church as a whole. *Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a people of his own possession; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light* (1 Peter 2:9).

Mission, being sent by Christ to bear witness to the redemption he has accomplished in word and deed, is intrinsic to the Christian life: if we have received his grace, and if it is transforming our lives from the inside

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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 Mr. Edwin H. Culver

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Robert A. Vinyard

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Jamie McClellan
10:30 a.m. Phillip Inglesby Hawkins Pindar
Finn Repella Daniel Sills
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William Taylor

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

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SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FOR YOUTH:

CRANMER HALL-3RD 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:

BIBLE CLASS WILL NOT MEET SUNDAY.

CH3: *Joshua*- Jack Wray
CH2: Women's Small Group Faith Fellowship

ADULT CATECHISM

Mondays, 6:20-7:20 in Reading Room,
Cranmer Hall. For adults preparing for
Confirmation or Reception (May 7th).

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*

Wednesday, April 5- C. S. Lewis Group
11:00 a.m., Reading Room, CH3
The Four Loves- Chapter VI

Wednesday, April 19- Daughters of the King
After Evening Prayer, CH1

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

out, then it will be manifested in our words and actions. But this witness must be also intentional: *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.* We share what we have received with those who have not, to be the door by which others come to Christ and his Church.

If you are a Church, you have a mission; if you are a Christian, you have a mission, it comes with the calling: and from time to time, it is good to reflect on what form that mission takes. In the 1980's, the mission of St. John's was self-evident: it was the stronghold of those who held to the old Prayer Book. Powerfully articulated by Father Ralston, it instilled a strong sense of purpose in the congregation. That legacy remains fundamental to our mission; and yet the circumstances have changed. At present, there is no threat to our use of the Prayer Book; but the pool of Episcopalians who grew up with it and might be drawn to St. John's by it is aging and shrinking. Moreover, secular culture is steadily moving away from Christianity, and becoming more hostile to it all the time. A rising tide of skepticism demands response that many are ill-equipped to give. And if the generation that came of age in the 1950's was strongly motivated by duty, the millennial generation is highly individualistic and often transient in its loyalties. We can't just open the doors, ring the bell, and expect people to flood in. Yet the desire for spiritual meaning never disappears; and besides buildings, human and financial resources, St. John's has a rich, distinctive, and authentic (not generic or fabricated) tradition with much to offer.

Preserving and handing on the tradition of faith and worship we have received requires we develop a fresh understanding and sense of our mission. That's why the Vestry last year established the St. John's 2030 Committee to articulate a vision of St. John's flourishing in the year 2030 and to map some pathways towards that goal. Its recommendations have been accepted by the Vestry in principle, and have been referred to committees for further development and implementation.

The first recommendation was that St. John's adopt a mission statement, as touchstone for everything we do, and it is this: *St. John's Church seeks to build a community in Christ that is grounded in historic faith and reverent worship and is committed to sharing the life-transforming truth of the Gospel.*

First, we are building a *community in Christ*: not as atomized consumers of religious experiences, but as inter-dependent members of one body, united by faith and baptism in common prayer and shared mission.

Second, we are *grounded in historic faith and reverent worship* – not driven by fashion; not making it up as we go along; we have roots in the Christian tradition, and we mean to keep them!

Third, we are *committed to sharing the life-transforming truth of the Gospel*. This element may strike people as "new": but *the truth of the Gospel* is simply what is contained by historic faith and reverent worship. Where it is transmitted, lives are transformed. The question is – how best to transmit it?

In answer to that question, next week's paper will look at the St. John's 2030 recommendations about how St. John's may carry out this mission. GGD

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

Collects, Epistle, and Gospel.....Prayer Book, page 130, 124
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

HYMN #385 *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* Austria

ANTE-COMMUNION

Collect for Purity Prayer Book, page 67

The Summary of the Law 68-69

KYRIE ELEISON: #702 John Merbecke

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Children may exit following the cross for SUNDAY SCHOOL

SERMON Father Dunbar

OFFERTORY

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VOLUNTARY: *O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig* (Eliza ReRienzo, flute)..... Nikolaus Decius

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HYMN #589 *O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be*..... O Quanta Qualia

VOLUNTARY: *Aus der Tiefen rufe ich*..... Robert Lau

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.