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The Second Sunday after Easter

April 30, 2017

THIS SUNDAY AFTER 10:30 A.M. SERVICE – PARISH PICNIC ON CHARLTON STREET

Please bring a covered dish (side, salad, or dessert).

UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

Morning and Evening Prayer

With Holy Communion

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

Tuesday to Friday

Morning and Evening Prayer

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

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

◆ SAVE THE DATES ◆

ECW Picnic: Wednesday, May 3, 11:30 a.m. at the Fresh Air Home on Tybee Island. Please bring a side dish to share!

Confirmation: May 7 at 10:30 a.m. service

Men's Golf Tournament: Friday, May 12, 1:30 p.m. at The Landings. Call Jim McClellan at 201-3895 or mcclellzoot@gmail.com.

Annual Tennis Tournament: Thursday, May 18- 6:00 p.m.- Savannah Golf Club Open to all- Scott Howard- 912-286-0315

◆ BENEFIT SPONSORED BY MEN'S CLUB ◆

Proceeds go to Green Collection Restoration
Thursday, May 25, 6:15 p.m. in the Green-Meldrim House (after Ascension Day service). Ladies welcome! Heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine and cocktails. Tickets to St. John's members on sale now in Church Office (\$75 each). Tickets sales expanded to community on May 8. Semi-formal attire.

COMING HOME

This past week the Women of St. John's unveiled "Coming Home", an exhibition of selected objects from about a hundred and sixty pieces of fine furniture, photographs, china, silver, and almost six hundred documents, recently acquired by St. John's, which once belonged to Charles Green, the English cotton factor who was the original owner of our Parish House. None of these had been in Savannah since Charles' son Edward sold the house and moved to Paris in 1893, nor was it known that they survived. How they came home is a story worth telling (and this must be a condensed version.)

Edward's youngest son, Julien Green (1900-1998), was an American citizen, but lived most of his life in France, where he is recognized (not least by his election to the prestigious *Académie française*) as one of the pre-eminent writers in French in the 20th century. His novels distilled family memories of the Savannah he never knew, and his celebrated memoirs recorded his acquaintance with such luminaries as Gertrude Stein, Marie Laurencin, André Gide, Jean Cocteau, Jacques Maritain, and Angelo Roncalli, the papal nuncio to France (and the future

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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 or hospice.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

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

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. B. Ray Summerell

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne
10:30 a.m. Phillip Inglesby Jamie McClellan
Jack McClellan Hawkins Pindar
William Sills William Taylor

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth Peoples by her loving husband, Homer Peoples; And in loving memory of Frank B. Arden, Jr. and Frank B. Arden III by their family.

continued from Easter Lily Dedications

In honor of our grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Roland S. Summers by their four grandsons, Ralston, Cullen, Bennett, and McLain Welch.

With grateful hearts for the gift that is Father Gavin Dunbar.

For the blessing of Father Craig O'Brien's service.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr.; Mrs. Timothy E. Coy,
Mrs. Edward J. Derst III, Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry III,
Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard,
Mrs. David A. Young, Mrs. Morgan W. Murray,
Mrs. John R. Reiter, Mrs. Rhett N. Willis,
Mrs. Richard W. Adams

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

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:

READING ROOM: *II Samuel*- Father Dunbar.
CH2: Women's Small Group Faith Fellowship

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday- Men's Breakfast
6:45 a.m., Parish House
Thursday- *St. Luke* (with Fr 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- May 10- C. S. Lewis Group
11:00 a.m., Reading Room, CH3
The Four Loves- Chapter VI
Wednesday- May 10- Daughters of the King
After Evening Prayer, CH1

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

Pope John XXIII).

About seven years ago, his heir Eric Green offered the Green Family Bible to St. John's. A parishioner, Susan Arden-Joly, who had been interested in the early history of the Green-Meldrim House, asked her husband Christian, a lawyer with business and family in Paris, to pick it up. He did so, and returned from a cordial visit with Eric Green with the news that in the apartment of Julien Green there were a large number of Charles Green's family heirlooms. (We have since identified explicit references to them in Julien Green's writings.) Christian's visit opened the way for Susan to visit Eric, who took great pleasure in showing her pieces which he identified as originating in Savannah – and which Susan recognized, from her study of an inventory Charles Green had made, and his will. A warm acquaintance developed, and with the support of the Women of St. John's and the Rector, Susan initiated a conversation with him about bringing a few representative pieces back to Savannah. No satisfactory plan emerged for doing so, and it was after his death about two years ago, that an agreement was reached with the heir, a distinguished French jurist. In view of the friendly relationship with Eric Green that Christian and Susan had cultivated on behalf of St. John's over the years, he was ready to let us acquire many of the Charles Green heirlooms for a very reasonable price.

Of course, this was just the beginning. The Women of St. John's had already set aside some funds towards the purchase, but more was needed. Dale and Sonny Thorpe were the first to step in with a gift, and others followed their lead. Then it fell

to Susan once again to travel to Paris, to search out and identify all the objects in Julien Green's estate that had belonged to Charles Green; to negotiate for their inclusion in the sale, to photograph them, and to plan the logistics of their removal and shipment to Savannah. Legal advice and drafting was provided by Christian and Ty Butler, the St. John's Chancellor; then-Senior Warden Bill Rodgers and Business Manager Janice Woods handled paperwork at this end, and when no one else was available, even the Rector was drawn into the international shipping business! At the last minute we hit a snag; the movers changed the date to a time when Susan could not possibly be in Paris. Here another parishioner, Brian Harlander, sent us a colleague of his in Paris with professional experience with movers, who was present to ensure that the move took place as planned.

Much of this work fell on Susan Arden-Joly, and we owe her and her husband a debt of thanks for the part they played – not least in bridging the cultural and linguistic divides between America and France! But Mrs. Arden-Joly is the first to say that she could not have done what she did without the deep and wide support (both financial and practical, direct and indirect) of many groups and individuals - the Women of St. John's, the Wardens and Vestry, and many individual parishioners. Much remains to be done: cataloging, conservation, restoration, and study of these objects is ongoing. But now we may justly tell the story of a parish community that came together to bring back to Savannah a long-lost part of our cultural heritage, and of the providence that worked in and through them. *Laus Deo.* GGD

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECTS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL..... Prayer Book, pages 171
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.

10:30 A.M. - MORNING PRAYER, SERMON & SUNDAY SCHOOL

HYMN: #89 *At the Lamb's High Feast* Salzburg
 Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord's Prayer.....Prayer Book, pages 3-7
 Versicles and Responses7-8
 EASTER ANTHEMS: #682 461, 463
 Psalms #23, #33 368, 378
 First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:1-16, 30, 31.....*Insert*
 TE DEUM LAUDAMUS #613, 61710
 Second Lesson: 1 St. Peter 2:19 and St. John 10:11 172
 BENEDICTUS #638..... 14
Children may exit following the cross for SUNDAY SCHOOL (Kindergarten – Grade 5).
 Apostles' Creed..... 15
 Versicles and Responses 16
 Collect of the Day 171
 Other Collects, Prayers and the Grace.....17-20
 HYMN: #345 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* St. Columba
 SermonFather Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *Psalm XXIII*..... C. Hylton Stewart

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

General Thanksgiving (*said by all*) and Aaronic Blessing 19

HYMN: #396 *The Church's One Foundation*.....Aurelia

VOLUNTARY: *Song of Triumph* Charles L. Talmadge

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.)