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PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday –

Morning Prayer 8:15 a.m. and Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday – *Litany 9:45 and Sung Eucharist 10 a.m.*

Saturday—THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Holy Communion - 10:30 a.m.

OF COWS, CHOIRS, AND CATHEDRALS

It was while I was tramping through a cow pasture in the rain that I realized how lucky I was to be in England this July, accompanying the choir of St. John's on its residency at Wells Cathedral in Somerset. Partly it was the cool, damp weather, which means you can go for a hike without melting, and that the countryside through which you walk is lush and green. Partly it is the network of public footpaths, established since time immemorial, which cover the entire countryside, and give free access to its many and varied beauties, as well as stiles to climb, cows to shoo away, and cow pies to avoid. Mostly, however, it is what the foot path leads to, for through the gently misting rain, like a galleon of weathered grey stone riding in a sea of green hills and woodlands, rise the towers of an ancient cathedral like that of St. Andrews in Wells. If you are lucky, a chance ray of sun breaks through and turns its weathered grey stone towers to gold.

After your tramp, in the cathedral for Choral Evensong in the chancel, the choir makes audible what the building

makes visible: the witness of Christian faith to the glory of the triune God. When the final notes of *Gloria patri* ring through the vaults, the stones themselves cry out in praise, and the congregation knows itself as living stones built up a spiritual temple for the worship of the Father.

Afterwards, in good company other parishioners and their families, relaxing over a pint of bitter, or a hot cup of tea, you may perhaps reflect that for all that is wrong in Episcopalian and Anglican churches today - and the Church of England is certainly not exempt from these errors - there is much to be said for being the kind of Christian we are. Here in Georgia we don't have the footpaths, the ancient cathedrals, or the gloriously cool and damp weather: but we have received the same ancient tradition of faith and worship, grounded in the Word of God, catholic and reformed, serious and humane, that comes to us through the English church from Christ and the Apostles, and which has rooted itself here in this hot and humid coast of Georgia.

These are our roots: and knowing them clarifies what we are, and what we may stand for, and what we may pray for. We belong to a tradition that has borne much

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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.

Those who have been baptized and confirmed, or are ready and desirous to be confirmed, are admitted to the Holy Communion. In case of doubt, please consult the clergy.

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

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. R. Gilbert Wells

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Ross Haire

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Julie Backus Smith by Bill Cathcart.
And in loving memory of Dr. Gordon W. McKinley by his family.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. McDonwald Fawcett, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard
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Mrs. John Reiter, Mrs. John C. Wylly, Jr.

ACOLYTES

8:00 Kelley Compton
10:30 Austin Nichols
Kameron Sallee, Lawson Turner
Cord Helmken, Mikel Kelly

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Christopher E. Klein

**ALL-AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
... CONTINUES ALL SUMMER!**

9:30 AM--NOON *Nursery*

9:30 A.M.-- *Child Care* for ages 3—5.

9:30 A.M. ADULT CLASSES

- FLANNERY O' CONNOR'S "THE ENDURING CHILL" – the Rector (Chapel)
- BIBLE BASICS - taught by Mike Chastain (South Classroom, 3rd Floor, Cranmer Hall)
- **10:30 A.M. CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM**

For *Preschool--Kindergarten* ages 3 to 5. (Teen Helpers and Adult volunteers needed)

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNING

Men's Study and 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)
St. Mark's Gospel (Ch 13) – the Rector

BAZAAR HAPPENINGS

- JANE'S CANNERS meet Wednesdays in the Cranmer Hall kitchen immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion service
- Please remember as you are cleaning your closets to keep in mind the **White Elephant, Treasure Room, Books,** etc. **Storage is available.** Instructions for access to storage facility are available in the church office.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m.—12 noon

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

fruit, and though the vine may need pruning, yet by the grace of God it shall bear much fruit again. To know ourselves to belong to this tradition, and to measure ourselves by it is invaluable to our own spiritual health, and it is what we bring back with us from these journeys, both the choir and those other parishioners (like myself) who had the good fortune to accompany them and worship with them.

You should know that the Choir of Saint John's worked hard and sang well all its week of residency. Comparisons with cathedral choirs (based on choir schools and auditioned entry) are pointless: of course they are stratospherically good. I had the opportunity to hear the Wells Choirs (boys, girls and men) on the two days before the rest of the St. John's company arrived, and they deserve their stellar reputation. But in this day and age cathedrals depend upon parish choirs like ours to maintain their ministry of daily choral worship during their own choirs' vacations. In my own vacation after the choir's stint in Wells I had the opportunity to hear other "choirs in residence" like our own (that is, community or parish choirs) at Gloucester and Lichfield cathedrals – and St. John's has nothing to be ashamed of. To the contrary: it more than held its own.

So my thanks to the choirs, to Choirmaster Brian Taylor, who has been the driving force behind this enterprise, to Stephen Branyon, who came to play the organ for us, to Elaine Barrow, who tirelessly contributed hours of her expertise to plan and organize the details of travel and accommodation, and to Caroline Warner, who kept track of us all on the trip itself. And my thanks also to all those parishioners and friends of St. John's who generously contributed to the

expenses of the choir. It was money well spent. GGD

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Please sign up for photographs in one of these two ways:

1. **Sundays** in Cranmer Hall or the Green Meldrim House—sign-up tables will be set up in their foyers.
2. Sign up **on-line** and choose a sitting time. The web link is:

<https://signup.olanmills.com/familyinfo.aspx?chcontract=60979>

The shooting dates that are scheduled are:

- ✚ Wed. Sept 14th to Sat. Sept 17th;
- ✚ Thurs., Sept 22nd to Sat. Sept 24th.

MILITARY IN DIRECTORY

Please send (to Leroy Suddath or the Church Office) your picture in uniform, (no larger than 5x7). On the back list your name; Component of Armed Forces; Rank; Dates of Service; Specialty; and main Location of service (Europe, Pacific, ConUS, etc.) Pictures must be received by Sept. 10th

Save The Date: MEN'S FORUM:

begins Thursday August 18th

Lunch Noon-1pm Talk 12:10-12:50.

Donation requested; guests welcome.

RECEIVING COMMUNION:

Those who are baptized and admitted to Holy Communion by due authority (normally after Confirmation); and are ready to repent, believe, and do good works as the Prayer Book liturgy requires, are welcome to receive the Sacrament. All others are welcome at the altar rail to receive a blessing (please kneel and cross both arms across your breast).

Save The Date:

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL:

FEAST OF DEDICATION (resumed)

Sung Eucharist

Saturday August 20th: 10:30 a.m.

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity (The Transfiguration of Our Lord) August 7, 2011

8:00A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel 247, 198, 248
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30-12:00 (Noon)—Nursery (Cranmer Hall)

9:30-10:15 A.M.— ADULT & CONFIRMED YOUTH CLASSES (CHAPEL & CRANMER HALL)

9:30-10:15—Pre-School through 6th Grade Summer Program (Cranmer Hall)

10:30—Activities for Pre-School & Kindergarten (Cranmer Hall)

Jr. Choir—grades 1st through 4th

10:30A.M. — SUNG EUCHARIST & SERMON

HYMN # 287 *Give Praise and Glory unto God* Elbing

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KYRIE ELEISON: #710 Healey Willan

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HYMN #346 *Fairest Lord Jesus* St. Elizabeth

Children enrolled in Jr. Choir will exit following the Cross.

SERMON Fr. Dunbar

OFFERTORY

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ANTHEM: *Then Shall the Righteous Shine, fr. Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn

Matthew Jones, tenor

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ORGAN: *Psalm XIX* Benedetto Marcello

Everyone is invited to attend Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 service.

If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12 NOON—HOLY COMMUNION (CHAPEL) Collect, Epistle, Gospel as 8:00 a.m.