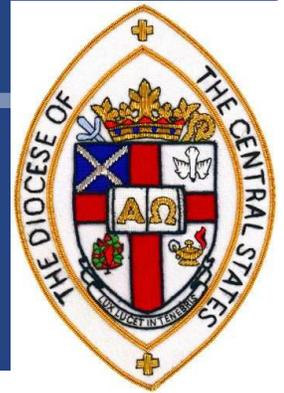


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News from Holy Trinity Church, Fairfax, VA

By Deacon Jonathan Kell

On Trinity Sunday, Holy Trinity Church was blessed to begin worship at Trinity Christian School. This facility has provided the parish with room to grow and more classroom space for Sunday School and catechesis. Trinity Sunday was also the occasion for our episcopal visit. Bishop Morse laid hands on seven individuals in the sacramental rite of confirmation.



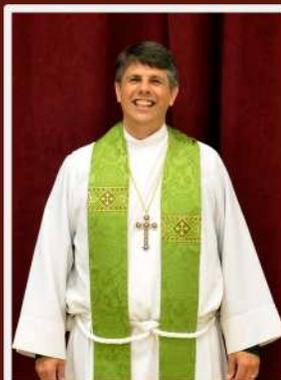
At the beginning of July, Holy Trinity had seven children attend Vacation Bible School where they were instructed in the character of the twelve disciples.

On the Sixth Sunday after Trinity we were blessed to witness George Henry Reed's birth from above in the sacrament of baptism.

We sent five of our young adults to attend the Anglican Way Institute at Church of the Holy Communion in Dallas, TX. They were encouraged by the fellowship, the beautiful worship and the teaching concerning the Church's catechetical life. One of the attendees from our parish remarked that above all else she loved the chanting of Evensong. She said that she already misses the daily corporate worship.

In an effort to encourage and direct the parish's mission, Holy Trinity Church has been teaching through "A Pastoral Letter on Missions" written by the bishops of the Reformed Episcopal Church in 2004.

Sunday, August 5 (Trinity 9), marked the seventh anniversary of Fr. Charlie Camlin's faithful service as Rector of Holy Trinity Church.



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Episcopal Visit Schedule

August

- 1—Asheboro, NC
- 2—Lynchburg, VA
- 5—Trinity 9: Wilson, NC
- 12—Trinity 10
- 19—Trinity 11
- 25—Ordination of Matt Colvin, Mason, OH
- 26—Trinity 12: Reception of Dorino Cozzini, Dayton, OH

September

- 2—Trinity 13
- 9—Trinity 14: Timothy, Lynchburg, VA
- 16—Trinity 15
- 23—Trinity 16—St. James, Memphis
- 29—Consecration of Chuck Gillen as Bishop in Philadelphia

Submissions for the Advent Issue are due November 12. Please send them to newsletter@recdss.org.

British Celebration at Trinity Anglican Church, Evansville, IN

By The Rev. David S. Straw

Trinity Anglican Church in Evansville, IN, held its second British Celebration Night on June 9. We emphasized our great Anglican musical heritage and also had a guest bagpiper play in our processional and recessional. We had prayers giving thanks for Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee. American and British flags were processed by McKenna Paulson and Ben Sexton. Lead Youth Acolyte Ben Paulson was received into the Order of St. Vincent as well this evening.



After the service we had "high tea" with a wonderful spread of food and desserts (including scones).



We also had a "British Glory Table" where various people brought in all kinds of British items and displayed them.



The most interesting item was a commemorative 1662 BCP printed for the Coronation of King George V in 1911. We also had British paper money, flags, and the local Antiochian priest even brought an icon of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Visit the parish website: www.tacrec.org

Around the Diocese . . .

Christ Our Hope Anglican Church in Dayton, OH, sponsored a Back to School Bash on August 4. They were able to give away 306 bags of free school supplies to their neighbors.

Dr. Daniel Thomas writes that a parish he works with has a ministry to Myanmar refugee children. If you would like to donate money for Bibles, email him at the following address: fatherdanielthomas@gmail.com

Reminder: Synod will be held Oct. 25-26 at Church of the Resurrection in Shalimar, FL, where The Rev. Frank Gough is Rector. The theme of the worship and presentations is evangelism. The Most Rev. Leonard Riches will attend to give his greetings to the diocese.

Confirmation at The Church of the Redeemer, Wilson, NC

By Fr. Paul Edgerton

The Church of the Redeemer was pleased to receive the ministry of Bishop Morse on August 5 when five members of the church were presented for Confirmation.



Confirmands included Daniel Valencia, a new convert to Christianity. Though raised in a fairly devout Roman Catholic family, Daniel had rejected the faith and embraced a philosophical form of satanism. His conversion has been exciting for the parish; Daniel has grown quickly in grace and has begun to serve as an acolyte.

Christopher Ramos (not pictured) is a former English student of mine and comes from independent Pentecostalism. His new discovery of

evangelical catholicism has been a great encouragement of his faith and of many, many good questions, which he raises in Bible study to keep me on my toes.

Chelsea Olson, who has recently joined with her mother, has a Lutheran background but has searched for years for a church that could really be home for her family. Redeemer has been blessed in receiving the Olsons and feel that they make the church a better home for all of us.

Dan and Candy Edgerton were also among the confirmands. They are the parents of the rector and have recently joined from the Pentecostal tradition. Theirs has been a long journey spiritually and theologically. They moved to Wilson several years ago and joined an Assemblies of God church. After a period of time coming to Redeemer once a month to receive holy Communion, they felt led to join.

Bishop Morse preached a wonderful sermon about what it means to be in Christ and members of his Body. Since the service I have spoken with several others who would like to be confirmed during our next episcopal visit. Redeemer is seeing good growth with enough adult members now to be considered a mission parish rather than an extension work. Our thanks to the bishop and the diocese for their patience with our small beginnings. We are beginning now to reap the fruits of that patience.

Anglican Church in North America: Provincial Assembly

June 7-9, 2012, Anglicans from all over North America gathered at Ridgecrest in North Carolina for a time of worship, workshops, fellowship, and a brief business meeting to approve minor changes in the ACNA Constitution and Canons. Delegates from the Diocese of the Central States are pictured at right: Liberty Bain, The Rev. Johnny Bain, Bishop Morse, Marianne Morse, Susan Sanders, and The Rev. Franklin Sanders. Representing the diocese as youth delegate was Tucker Bain (not pictured).



St. Nicholas Anglican Church, Parochial Mission, Owensboro, KY

By Rob Sexton, Postulant, and The Rev. David Straw

Right after Easter this year, Trinity Anglican Church in Evansville, IN started a Parochial Mission in Owensboro, Kentucky. Our missionary congregation in Owensboro is known as St. Nicholas Anglican Church, and it meets on the campus of the Wendell Foster Center. We are really blessed in that several of the residents at Wendell Foster have started to attend. St. Nicholas already has seven members who are registered members of this parish, but it has reached as many as thirty people with the Gospel on a given Sunday. St. Nicholas meets at 10:30 AM on Sunday morning. Ordinarily, Fr. David goes to Owensboro to lead our mission in the Eucharist; but on at least one Sunday a month, Rob Sexton (pictured at right), our Postulant for Holy Orders, leads the congregation in Morning Prayer.

Rob is a graduate of the University of Virginia, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the University of Louisville School of Law. He has a law office in Hawesville, Kentucky, and is also an occasional part-time instructor in Brescia University School of Business. Rob has worshiped as an Anglican for many years and was confirmed in the Episcopal Church at age thirteen. Rob is married to Nancy Sexton, and they are the parents of Ben and Rena. They live in Owensboro.

Two new members, Bryce and Jacob Nugent, were baptized by Bishop Morse on May 18th during his episcopal visit to Trinity Church in Evansville, IN.

Members of Trinity with a call to the mission field do not have to travel to a foreign country. We are on mission right here in the tri-state. We encourage everyone to come over to St. Nicholas and check out our work. We're out to change our community!

