
The Christ Bearer

Newsletter of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Vol. 17, No. 8

August 2011

From the Rector:

The latter part of August will find Jenny and me back in Scotland revisiting a few of the sites that we visited with the Anglican Heritage Tour of Scotland and England arranged by Deacon Melissa Wafer-Cross for our group in June of 2010. That was a wonderful experience and struck a deep chord in both Jenny and me. We've been talking about going back ever since we got home from that first visit.

One of the high points in our plans for this trip is to return to Aberdeen and St. Andrew's Cathedral there. The Provost of the cathedral, The Very Reverend Richard Kilgour, was so very hospitable to our group, even inviting Melissa and me to assist him at the high altar for the Eucharist, and using the same chalice that day which was used at the consecration of Samuel Seabury, the first American Episcopal Bishop in 1784. We enjoyed our visit with Richard and his wife Katherine over coffee after the service so very much that we have made arrangements with them to go out to dinner together when we get back to Aberdeen. But there's more to this friendship that still amazes me.

I noted the Welsh flag on the wall in this Scottish cathedral at our first meeting and was told that Richard is in fact Welsh himself. I told him that my great-grandfather Edward Evans had left a small village near the coastal city of Llandudno in the north of Wales, emigrating to Canada in 1867. Richard got a funny look on his face and asked me, "Which village?" I answered, "The village of Mochdre" and he told me that Mochdre was the same village in which he himself had grown up! To make a long story short, when I wrote Richard and Katherine to arrange our dinner date, I told him the name of my great-grandfather's farm and by return email he sent me a satellite map of the village showing the location of the farm and the nearby road on which he himself had lived. He even sent me a contemporary photograph of my great-grandfather's farmhouse, still almost identical to the century-plus old picture that my grandfather kept over his desk in China and in Canada as a reminder of the family's Welsh roots.

So, there in the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew in Aberdeen we discovered that the Scottish Episcopal Provost and the Texas Episcopal Rector of St. Christopher's quite literally share common ground. I suspect that the Holy Spirit has something to do with all this!

Edson+

The Christ Bearer

A monthly publication of
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

As members of St. Christopher's, we seek to act as a part of the body of Christ in response to God's love and grace by:

- praising God together in Christ-centered worship
- providing opportunities for education and spiritual growth for all
- loving and supporting each other in our life together, and
- reaching out to our community and larger world in love and service.

Weekly Services

2807 42nd Street
Lubbock, TX 79413
(806) 799-8208
www.stchristophers.org

Sunday – 8:00, 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesday – 5:30 pm – Holy Eucharist
w/ Holy Unction

The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Mayer, Bishop
Rector – The Rev. J. Edson Way
Deacon – Melissa Wafer-Cross
Deacon – Kathleen Borsch

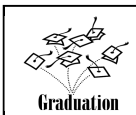


**Income & Expenses
Through June 30, 2011**

	Budgeted	Actual
Plate	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,181.71
Pledge	103,500.00	102,643.00
Other	3,600.00	3,600.00
Total Income	\$ 114,600.00	\$ 114,424.71
Expenses	114,600.00	105,684.16
Balance: Inc-Exp.	0.00	\$ 8,740.55

Vestry Highlights – June

- Fr. Way reported Josh Rodriguez has now been made a postulant and will be ordained as a transitional deacon in May 2012. Les Jackson will be ordained to the priesthood at St. John's, Odessa on August 13th.
- Steve Maines, Sr. Warden informed the vestry of a Risk Management Conference to be held July 8th. He hoped the Jr. Warden and the Administrative Assistant will attend and said other vestry members were welcome.
- Steve announced plans for a nursery worker to be employed from 9 – 11:30 each Sunday are progressing.
- The new computer set-up is complete and is working well.
- The remodel of the downstairs restrooms was tabled for further study.
- Fr. Way reported on repairs made to the columbarium following recent vandalism and on the planned water feature.
- A collection plate has been placed by the choir loft on a small table for convenience of choir members.
- Pledge statements for the first six months of the year will be mailed shortly after June 30.
- A memorial service for Art Foster is being planned by his family for October 29th at St. Christopher's. Following the memorial service there will be a committal service in the columbarium for both Art and Ada Wre.



BlancheTodd attended the graduation of her grandson, Read Trammel, from Denver University in June. Read graduated Magna Cum Laude and has been accepted for graduate studies in London in 2012.



Our condolences go out to Susan & Del Dyche on the death of her mother, Margaret Higley, at age 95, on July 4.

Mrs. Higley was also the grandmother of Lisa Morgan. Her memorial service was held at Christ Lutheran Church on July 7.

On July 12, an early member of St. Christopher's. Charles Terrell Read, Jr. died following a long illness. A memorial service for Mr. Read was held at St. Christopher's on July 15. Karen Barrington remembers that it was Charles (or "Red") who made the iron candelabras that stand in our sanctuary.

*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let
Light perpetual shine upon them.*



**Food Pantry Requests
for August**

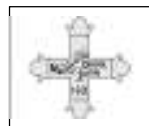
**canned chicken or tuna
and Jell-o**

The Food Pantry crew expresses their thanks to everyone for their donations and support.

Prayer Shawls

The Prayer Shawl group will meet on Monday, August 8th, at Jane Barnes' home, 3816 56th Street. Please bring any completed shawls and plan to sit and visit for a while. We only had a few shawls completed last month, so we'll save them and have them blessed with those brought in August.

There is a good supply, in many colors, of completed shawls in the credenza outside the church office. Everyone is encouraged to share these warm, cozy symbols of our prayers with those who are in need of comfort and blessing. Just take the one you like and be sure to add the person's name to the book in the cabinet.



Daughters of the King

St. Christopher's chapter of Daughters of the King will meet Sunday, August 7th following the 10:00 service. We will complete our discussion of *The Irrational Season* by Madeline l'Engle and will select the next book we want to study, so come and give your input.



Deacon's Corner

While doing some research about the problem of plastic shopping bags for the last article I wrote for this column, I made some discoveries about some good and godly things people are up to around the world.

In Delhi, India, some of the world's poorest women have become empowered by the problem of plastic shopping bags! They diligently collect the thousands of bags that blow around the cities and countryside, carefully wash and dry them, and then use a process that makes sheets of usable plastic, now called HRP (handmade recycled plastic). They use templates to cut pieces from the HRP and stitch them into fashionable handbags and other sturdy items for sale. These women of some of the poorest parts of India now have incomes and pride in their work.

In Mombasa, Kenya, there is a place called Bombolulu Workshops, where disabled individuals create beautiful jewelry, clothing, and home furnishings and décor using a variety of materials. You would be surprised what they can do with a soda can; something we often carelessly discard can be transformed by these artisans into jewelry and clever ornaments. "Bombolulu" is such a lovely name, don't you think?

Items produced by these and other fair-trade organizations are then sold by worldwide retailers. Ten Thousand Villages is one such retailer, with stores throughout the country and a user-friendly website at www.tenthousandvillages.com. Another organization is SERRV, which was begun as a refugee relief organization by the Church of the Brethren after World War II; they can be found on the web at www.serrv.org.

Oh, and ask Jane Ann Wilson about that fair-trade coffee she can order for you. Farmers who produce this coffee have better work conditions and pay, grow their crops without pesticides, and provide you with a better tasting cup of morning brew.

Are you thinking what I'm thinking? Here are opportunities to shop online for nice gifts and things from around the world, *at the same time* empowering disadvantaged women, the disabled, and others trapped in generational poverty, *at the same time* doing something good for the environment! Sounds like a winning combination to me.

Kathleen



Caregiver Support

Once again, I've "borrowed" the following, this time from *The AARP Magazine*, the November & December 2007 issue. The article was written by Sheree Crute.

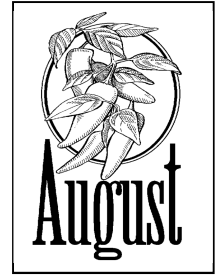
Nine Ways to Make It Better

1. **COMPROMISE:** Work hard to avoid family fights and resentments if you're a sibling or a relative of the primary caregiver. Don't let old issues pull you apart. This is the time to stick together.
2. **COORDINATE:** Offer your services if you have skill with insurance forms, Medicare, or legal documents. Try to help prepare a game plan for when an illness becomes more severe or fatal. Adult kids often avoid that conversation.
3. **ENCOURAGE:** Help the caregiver find some type of professional support. If he or she is not comfortable with in-person support groups, suggest online chat-rooms. Many organizations have them.
4. **FACILITATE:** Ask somebody who can be objective – a cleric, a social worker – to act as a negotiator in stressful situations where the caregiver may be struggling with the patient, other family members, or even health care providers.
5. **INVESTIGATE:** Find books, go to websites, or get in touch with organizations that can help caregivers learn about the illness of the person they're caring for; it will save them time.
6. **ORGANIZE:** Work with the caregiver to make a list of people who can be called upon for different duties, if needed. If time is what is needed, help the caregiver schedule friends to work shifts.
7. **DISCUSS:** Ask the caregiver to tell his or her story or keep a journal. Writing these things down can be a release and might help others better understand the caregiver's needs.
8. **PLAN:** Tell the caregiver about the services you can offer, and be specific. Making yourself clear makes it easier for the caregiver to ask for your help.
9. **SOCIALIZE:** Create events for the caregiver and, if possible, the person for whom he or she is caring. Include them in community and family activities.

God's blessings, Jane

Sundays & Wednesdays in August

You will get more out of our worship together if you take a little time beforehand
To look at the Scripture lessons and think about our special prayer intentions.



Wednesday, August 3rd – Joseph of Arimathaea (trans.)

Proverbs 4:10-18 Psalm 16:5-11 Luke 23:50-56

Service of Holy Eucharist & Unction at 5:30 pm

Agape supper following service – All are welcome

Sunday, August 7th Proper 14

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

Wednesday, August 10th – Laurence, Deacon & Martyr

2 Corinthians 9:6-10 Psalm 112:1-9 John 12:24-26

Service of Holy Eucharist & Unction at 5:30 pm – Agape supper following service – All are welcome

Sunday, August 14th Proper 15

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:10-28

Wednesday, August 17th – William Porcher Dubose (trans.)

2 Timothy 1:11-14 Psalm 19:7-14 Luke 24:25-32

Service of Holy Eucharist & Unction at 5:30 pm – Agape supper following service – All are welcome

Sunday, August 21st Proper 16

Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

Psalm 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

Wednesday, August 24th – St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Deuteronomy 18:15-18 Psalm 91 1 Corinthians 4:9-15 Luke 22:24-30

Service of Holy Eucharist & Unction at 5:30 pm – Agape supper following service – All are welcome

Sunday, August 28th Proper 17

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

Wednesday, August 31st – Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne

1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Psalm 97:1-2, 7-12 Matthew 19:27-30

Service of Holy Eucharist & Unction at 5:30 pm – Agape supper following service – All are welcome

Notes from the Senior Warden

...where were you in 1956??? Reports say that the last time we were this hot, I was not yet four years old. Though I can't reflect back on any particular day back during that hot summer, I'm confident that my mom and dad had the swamp cooler on high with the water trickling down through the straw padding. That was always a great smell! So much for hot weather and smells...

Thank you to everyone in our church family who recognizes the needs of those close to us and those outside our immediate touch...thank you for your prayers and your action.

P.S...I'm hoping that the Good Lord isn't holding off the rain until we get enough money for a new roof for His church, but just in case...any and all donations are appreciated.

God's Grace to All...

Steve



ECW Happenings

Those of you who weren't able to attend our outreach luncheon on June 26th missed out on a great early 4th of July feast, but the good news is that there are other events coming up!!!

Your donations from the June 26th luncheon amounted to \$639, and a check has been sent to the national ECW Women-to-Women program, benefitting not only women in third world countries but women here in the U.S. who need a hand in starting up new businesses. Thank you all so very much!! Many thanks, also, to Nancy McReynolds and Carolyn Jones for putting together this delicious event and to all of you who helped serve and CLEAN UP. Many Hands Make Light Work.

Looking to the future for ECW activities:

- On Sunday August 21st we will help Nancy and Rob Bethea celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, following the 10:00 service.
- On Monday, September 12th will be the next Ladies' Night Out. Details will follow, but save the date.
- The next Luncheon/Business meeting will be on Sunday, October 11, following the 10:00 service.
- Our annual BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL – a joint outreach event with the Brotherhood and the 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off – will be held Saturday, October 22nd.
- The last Luncheon/Business meeting of 2011 will be on Sunday, December 11th.
- On Sunday, December 18th we will have a special reception to end the Advent Season with the Hanging of the Greens.

Serving St. Christopher's and our community through God's Grace and Love – we are ECW

Missy



Paul and Mara Driscoll celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary with a trip to Hawai'i. Most of their time was spent on Kauai, where they did a lot of scuba diving – a total of four dives, one being a night dive. They saw sea turtles, eels and corals, but Mara says her personal favorites were the shrimp, crabs and lobsters – anything she could eat. The temperature never got over 89, with a constant, gentle breeze. They also went to Pearl Harbor one day.

Nancy and Rob Bethea will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 19. They were married in Cedar Rapids, IA in 1961. Because they have no children, Nancy and Rob have asked their church family to help them celebrate. The ECW will help to prepare a reception following the 10:00 am service on August 21st. Everyone is welcome.



Education for Ministry (EFM): A Call to Action by Candia Welch Thew

EFM is not just for ministry. It is a course for anyone interested in enhancing their knowledge of the Bible and in learning more about our church history. Set up as a four-year extension program from the School of Theology, University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, students gather together to study and discuss the Old Testament, the New Testament, Anglican/Episcopal church history, and, in year four, the remaining history, philosophy and theology. Students may interrupt the program, picking up where they left off when they return. The materials provide the teaching and the jump-off points for lively group discussions; however, a Mentor (in Lubbock, Anna Marie Wanasek) provides the structure and organization to each sharing process.

Classes will start on September 8th, meeting every Thursday (6:30pm to about 9:00pm), except holidays, etc., for a total of 34 classes. People are invited to visit a session to see if they might like to participate. Please contact Anna Marie at amwanasek@sbcglobal.net or at 795-0535 for further details.

After having completed the first year, I'd like to recommend this course to anyone interested. The cost is \$350. It would be more, but our diocese is a participant, so the cost is reduced. I don't know if there are any grants available to help further subsidize.

A Prayer for Rain

Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky above, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs, but You want us to ask You anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on You. Look on our dry fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice and the rivers will sing Your praises and the hearts of men will be glad.

AMEN



August 15

Please send any newsletter material to Jane Barnes,
jambarnes@suddenlink.net, by the above date.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Kathleen Borsch	August 2	Missy Ratcliff	August 16
Jane Barnes	August 4	Ben Harrison	August 17
Robert Dean	August 5	Romola Devaneson	August 18
Debbie Crites	August 10	Frances Lohmann-Smith	August 19
Allan Dorsett	August 11	Martha Robinson	August 22
Vikki Rhodes	August 14	Nancy Bethea	August 27
Joyce Wilson	August 15	Randall Carpenter	August 31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

David & Melissa Cross	August 3	Rob & Nancy Bethea	August 19
Clay & Linda Lawson	August 9	Paul & Mara Driscoll	August 24
David & Sue Veal	August 11	Ben & Marilou Harrison	August 29

This 'n That

- **FELLOWSHIP REFRESHMENTS** – One or two people are needed each Sunday to bring “goodies” for the Adult Forum group, following the 8:00 service, and three people are needed each week to prepare coffee and treats for the fellowship time following the 10:00 service. There are sign-up sheets in the basement and in the Nelson Room in white notebooks. Please keep the refreshments simple. There will be a basket present during the 9:00 hour for donations. On Sundays when no one has signed up, Martha Robinson will use the donated money to purchase cookies or other goodies for the group. Please be generous.
- **NAMETAGS** – If each of us wears our nametag each week, it makes it easier for newcomers (and for those of us with failing memories) to put names with faces. Karen Hodges does a great job of preparing the name tags and putting them on the bulletin board in the Narthex. It's your job to take it off the board and put it on each week. If you need a nametag, see Karen. There is a \$.25 penalty for not wearing your nametag – put your payment in the blue jar on the refreshment table.
- **CANS FOR CAMP** – Bring empty aluminum drink cans, tied up in bags, to the church. The money from cashing in these cans goes into a fund to help send children from St. Christopher's to Camp Quarterman. Jenny Way is in charge of collecting the cans.
- **MEMOIR-WRITING WORKSHOP** – On Sunday, August 7, there will be a Memoir-Writing Workshop conducted by Nan Phifer, author of *Memoirs of the Soul: A Writing Guide*. The workshop will introduce participants to a style of writing that is more selective than journals. According to Ms. Phifer's website, “Memoirs focus on keenly-felt hours and minutes, times when we are most alive, times when experiences are significant.” The workshop will be conducted at St. Paul's-on-the-Plains, from 2:30 – 5:00. There is a \$12.00 fee, which will cover handouts and a copy of Ms. Phifer's book. For registration or information, contact Anna Marie Wanasek at amwanasek@sbcglobal.net.

2011 Diocesan Convention Elections:

Enclosed in this newsletter is a nomination form for elections to be held at the 2011 diocesan convention. The positions to be filled include members of the Standing Committee, members of the diocesan Board of Trustees and of the University of the South Trustees. If you would like to put your name in nomination, complete the form, including the questions on the back, and submit it to the address given on the nomination form.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

2807 42nd Street (at Elgin)

Lubbock, Texas 79413

(806) 799-8208

e-mail: stcoff@nts-online.net

website: www.stchristophers.org

The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Mayer, Bishop

The Rev. J. Edson Way, PhD, Rector

Kathleen Borsch, Deacon

Melissa Wafer-Cross, Deacon

Elaine Howard, Administrative Assistant

Linda Swartz, Financial Assistant

Jane Barnes, Newsletter Editor

David Cross, WebMaster

Josh Rodriguez, Seminarian

The Vestry

Steve Maines, Senior Warden

John Edwards, Junior Warden

Nancy McReynolds, Clerk

Luann "Podi" Stofel, Treasurer

Doug Cashell

Karen Hodges

Paul Driscoll

Paula Evans

Jan Kireilis

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

2807 42nd Street

Lubbock, TX 79413

Non-Profit Org.

U.S. Postage Paid

Permit #566

Lubbock, TX

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
