

ANNOUNCEMENTS

	<u>February 8</u>	<u>February 15</u>
Altar Guild:	Vicki Jaynes	Dave Randolph
Church Cleaning:	Mona Michaud	Mary Anderson
Coffee Hour:		
Greeters	Alice Moll Dave Randolph	Mona Michaud Malinda Michaud
Lay Reader:	Rick Scarpitti	Rick Scarpitti
Lector	Charlotte Spooner	Francesca Wildman
Prayers of the People	Francesca Wildman	Carmie Scarpitti
Nursery	Stephanie Phillips	Louise Brown
Saturday Set-up:	Charlotte Spooner Alice Moll	Charlotte Spooner Alice Moll

"So You Want to be an Episcopalian?" is the title of the Christian Ed class for the 4 weeks prior to the visitation by Bishop Gregg. The topics are:

2/15/2009: "An Outline of Faith" (The Catechism)

2/22/2009: "We Believe..." (A look at the historic framers of our liturgical and theological traditions)

2/28/2009: No class - ministry meeting during the Christian Ed hour
3/8/2009: "Polity and Structure" (The infrastructure of the Episcopal Church and how it works.)

3/15/2009: "I Will With God's Help" (As members of the worldwide Anglican Communion, what we proclaim and act upon)

3/22/2009: Bishop Gregg's Visit

This class is open to all at St. Christopher's and guests. Attendance is required of those seeking Reaffirmation, Reception or Confirmation. If you are not sure what your "category" is, please speak with Vicar Lois, who needs to know in writing (Her memory is terrible!) by the end of the day Feb. 8 if you wish to be Confirmed, Received or Reaffirmed. This is also a perfect occasion for Baptism. The only text you will need is a Prayer Book. Lois will have the curriculum on a PowerPoint document - you are invited to request it by email at lois.boney@gmail.com.

Ash Wednesday is February 25th- St. Christopher's will offer the liturgy of the Imposition of Ashes with Holy Eucharist at 6:30 PM. Vicar Lois is open to adding a Noon service if there is interest, especially among those who would rather not be driving at night, for professionals in the community who might take advantage of the opportunity. Please let her know.

On Feb. 1 at the ministry meeting, much enthusiasm was generated by the prospect of responding through action to Goal #2 of the Millennium Development Goals: Achieve universal primary education. Worldwide, an estimated 114 million children of primary school age are still not enrolled in school, depriving one in every five children access to even the most basic education.

"Feeding The Littlest Scholars" - A financial gift of \$15 provides two hot meals for children enrolled in school (it's difficult to learn if little bellies are empty).

"Learning to Grow On" - A financial gift of \$80 sends a child orphaned by HIV/AIDS to school. In the most impoverished countries in the world, public school does not exist. Parents must pay to send their children to school. Children who have lost their parents due to HIV/AIDS have no way to go to school. A gift of \$80 pays for the supplies and fees for a child to go to school who would otherwise remain uneducated.

During Lent, we are invited to support at any financial level one or both of the activities (simply indicate it on your check or in a note attached to cash). In next week's bulletin we will have ideas of how to extend this project into the community and communicate the Love of Jesus Christ among those whom we interact while we support this project.

Easter is April 14th, and those present last week at the ministry meeting decided to add the liturgy of the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday night to our traditional Easter Day service. The oldest liturgy we have in the Book of Common Prayer (p. 285), this service dates back to perhaps the first century. It consists of four parts: The Service of Light, The Liturgy of the Word, Baptism and the Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and Holy Eucharist. The Great Vigil begins in darkness, a single candle is lit, and the church begins to fill with light. Readings and singing alternate, telling stories from the Bible of how God has acted throughout Creation. The service is held in the hours of darkness between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Day—most commonly in the evening of Holy Saturday—but is considered to be the first celebration of Easter Day, since the Christian tradition considers feasts and other days of observance where Masses are celebrated to begin at sunset of the previous day. The Great Vigil of Easter requires significant planning (there are many ways we can approach this service, including the participation of children of all ages). IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING VICAR LOIS WITH THIS SERVICE, PLEASE EMAIL HER AT lois.boney@gmail.com.

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St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

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We are a missionary parish in a missionary diocese.

We are a member of The American Anglican Council.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 A.M. Christian Ed (all ages): 9:30 A.M.

If you are new to the Episcopal Church and here to worship you might wish to familiarize yourself with the books we use. **The Book of Common Prayer** is the red book in the pew rack. Large print edition is available, ask your Greeter. It contains the order of worship. For singing we use the large blue book, **The Hymnal 1982**, and a musical insert found in the bulletin along with a Scripture insert. The latter includes the collect and the readings for the day. We hope your time of worship with us will be a blessing and that you will return.

The governing board of an Episcopal Church is the Rector or Vicar and a Vestry working in conjunction with each other to discern the Lord's will, manage the properties, and handle the financial matters. **The Vestry of St. Christopher's** is: **Bill Rhoades**, Senior Warden; **Dave Randolph**, Junior Warden; **Eric Olson**, Clerk; **Belinda Derby**, Treasurer; **Susie Winton** and **Russ Rotruck**. Vestry meetings are regularly scheduled to be held at 7:00 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month.

Our Ministers of Music

Belinda Derby, Voice
Francesca Wildman, Piano
Carmalee Scarpitti, Flute
Stephanie Williams, Accordion

Interim Vicar: **The Rev. Lois Boney**

Rector: **The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry**,
Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina

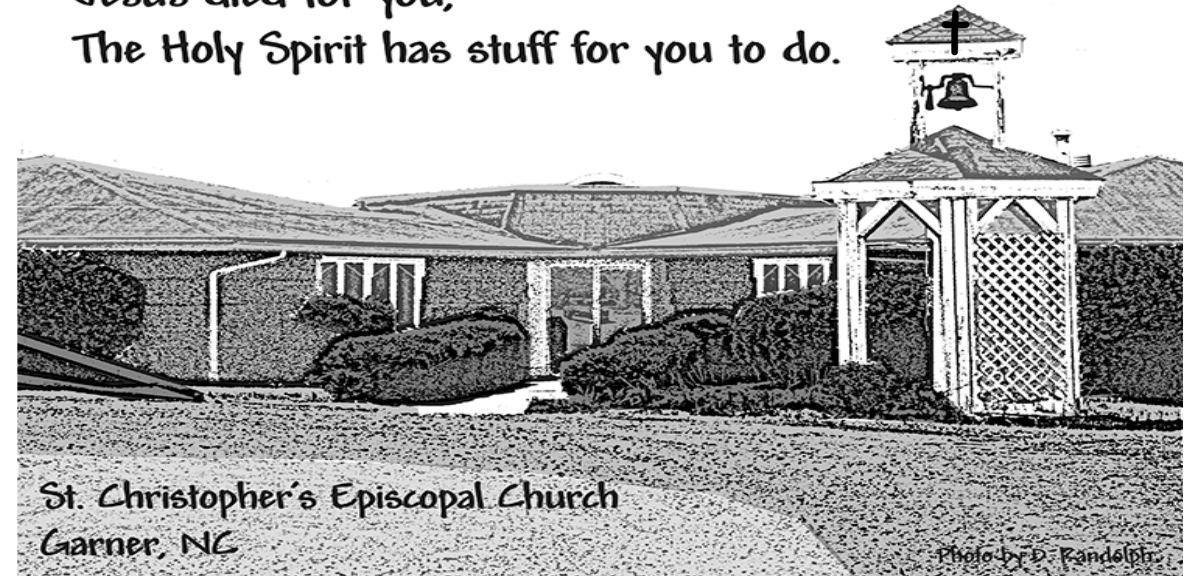
The Rt. Rev. Alfred "Chip" Marble, Assisting Bishop

The Rt. Rev. William Gregg, Assisting Bishop

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God loves you,
Jesus died for you,
The Holy Spirit has stuff for you to do.

February 8, 2009



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Garner, NC

Photo by D. Randolph

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S VICAR SEARCH PRAYER:

Almighty God, in whom we trust and have our being, you know our every need. As we search for a new vicar, grant us the grace to ask what You would have us do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, help us to be open to Your ideas and to call the person whom You have prepared to minister to St. Christopher's, that Your Name may be glorified as we go forward together, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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PRAYERS

FIFTH SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 8, 2009

Please stand where indicated by (*)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*Processional & Worship in Song		(Insert)
*Opening Acclamation		page 355
*Collect for Purity		page 355
*The Collect of the Day		Insert (Contemporary)
First Reading		Isaiah 40:21-31
*Psalm	Psalm 147:1-12, 21c	Insert & BCP 804 & 805
Second Reading		1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Gradual Hymn		Insert
* The Holy Gospel		Mark 1:29-39
The Sermon		Rev. Lois Boney
*The Nicene Creed		page 358
The Prayers of the People	Form IV	page 388
Confession of Sin		page 360
*The Passing of the Peace		page 360
Announcements		The Rev. Lois Boney

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory:		Insert
*Presentation of the bread and wine		page 361
Worship in Song		Insert
*Presentation of Tithes and other offerings		page 361
The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A		page 361
*Sursum Corda (Lift up your hearts...)		page 361
*Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy ...)		page 362
The Lord's Prayer		page 364
The Breaking of the Bread		page 364
Ministration of Communion (Please inform the Greeter if you require a gluten-free Communion wafer.)		
Communion songs:		Insert
Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving		page 365
*Recessional Hymn		Insert
*The Dismissal:		The Rev. Lois Boney
The people respond:		

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Maseno South (Kenya) The Rt. Revd Francis Mwayi Abiero

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: February 8-Barbara Coke (James Baker), St. Thomas', Sanford
February 9-Bill Coolidge (Karen Day), Alameda, CA
February 10-Gale Cooper (Elliott), St. Johns, Charlotte
February 11-James Coram (Donna), Ellicott City, MD
February 12-Diane Corlett (Fred), Nativity, Raleigh
February 13-Joe Coulter (Anna), Retired
February 14-Edwin & Frances Cox, Greensboro

PRAY FOR THE SICK: O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servant *N.* for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon him/her with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort him/her with a sense of thy goodness; preserve him/her from the temptations of the enemy; and give him/her patience under his/her affliction. In thy good time, restore him/her to health, and enable him/her to lead the residue of his/her life in thy fear, and to the glory and grant that finally he/she may dwell with Thee in the life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces especially those in harm's way and those separated from their families. Pray for those who have been wounded and their families. Pray for peace throughout the world. Pray for the world to catch God's vision of peace. Pray especially for Randall Jaynes (from Vicki Jaynes) who is currently serving in Iraq. Stephen Novick (Vicki Jaynes Grandson) has been deployed to Korea. Gus Mansilla, a friend of Sara Poole, has been deployed to Iraq with the 82nd Airborne.

Missionary Diocese Prayer: Most gracious and loving God: strengthen the hearts of your people in this Diocese, that loving you with our whole heart, and loving our neighbors as ourselves, we might, in the power of the Spirit, obey the call of Jesus, to go into our world as disciples, making disciples, and making a difference, through your saving love. *Amen.*

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† PRAY FOR THE SICK PARISHIONERS †

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8, 2009

Carmalee Scarpitti-Strength, Wisdom, Health Guidance for pending Surgery

Elsie Smith-Recuperation from Cataract Surgery, Discernment, Wisdom,
Healing & Guidance

Margaret Blanchard-Wellness, Comfort

Belinda Derby-Continued Healing & Peace

Mary Hoffman- Disc Spurs, Degenerative Arthritis, Employment

Mildred Kane-Healing, Health and Wisdom

Ann Rotruck-Cancer, Healing, Comfort, Healing & Peace

Russ Rotruck-Peace, Wisdom & Strength

Alice Moll-Pinched Nerve in Spine, Foot Pain, Diabetes, Wellness, Comfort & Peace

Mary M. Anderson-Peace, Wisdom & Guidance MS, Healing, DDD, Vertigo, COPD

Francesca Wildman-Depression, Wisdom, Discernment & Guidance

Helen Donaldson-Lymphoma, Comfort, Wellness & Peace

Mona Michaud-Continued Employment

† PRAY FOR FRIENDS OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S †

Robert Scott Jaynes-Wisdom & New Vocation (VickiJ's son)

George Broadbent-Broken Collarbone (Charlotte's friend)

Amber Scarpitti-Recovery from Miscarriage & Surgery (Scarpitti's Niece)

Robert Scarpitti-Emphysema, Asthma, Healing (RickS Father)

Frederick Slaght-Heart Disease, Diabetes (now under Hospice Care)
(Francesca's Grandfather)

Kim Archer-Aggressive Brain Cancer (from BelindaD)

Samantha Boyd-Care-giver & MS (MargaretB daughter)

Alex Cherry-COPD & Sallie Cherry-Continued Recovery from Surgery

Wayne Clark-Acute Leukemia (from the Puetts)

Nancy Sagar-Colon Cancer (from JamaD)

Serena Waldman-Healing & Wellness (from CarmeeS)

Angel Coan-Breast Cancer (from BillR)

Mike Huffman-Employment and Wisdom (friend of AliceM son)

Gregory Moll-Wellness & Employment (AliceM's son)

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Joan Jenkins-Systemic Scleroderma (from Belinda)

FRIENDS CONTINUED

Anna Carter-Smoking Cessation (friend of MaryM)

Lee Jenkins-Peace, Discernment (from Belinda)

Evelyn Ellingson-Congestive Heart Failure (VickiJ mother-in-law)

David Thomas-Kidney Cancer (Term) (from CarmeeS)

Marion Chames-Colon Cancer, Diabetes, COPD, Aneurism (MaryH Sister)

Doris Kingsmoor-Kidney Dialysis (from VickiJ)

Ginny Erts-Stroke (friend of VickiJ)

Mike Medvick-Cancer of the Esophagus (DaveR's Brother-in-Law)

Al Sabitch-Lung Cancer (from DaveR)

Zach Lanier-Guidance, Wisdom & Strength (friend of StephanieW.)

Helen Simmons-Guidance, Peace & Discernment (friend of StephanieW.)

Susan Zuchino-Parkinson's Disease (friend of StephanieW.)

Vance Zuchino-Retinol Neuropathy (friend of StephanieW.)

Kathy Dewar-Wisdom, Guidance, Peace & Discernment (friend of StephanieW.)

Katie Allen-Wisdom, Guidance, Peace & Discernment (friend of StephanieW)

Louise Johnson-Rex Rehab (referral from Diocese) (Lois)

Dorothy Pillithis-Abdominal Surgery (friend of MaryM)

Louise Seagle-Hemorrhage behind her eye (EllenS sister)

Harriet Poole-Cancer (SarahP's Aunt)

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Robert Weigert

-father-in-law of MarleneW at the Diocese Office

Eddy Dallas-(friend of the Rotruck's)

FOR THOSE SERVING OUR ARMED SERVICES

Randall Jaynes-Iraq (VickiJ nephew)

Stephen Novick-Korea (VickiJ grandson)

Gus Mansilla-Iraq (friend of SarahP)

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