

The Hallowed Word
All Hallows Episcopal Church
The Rev. Kenneth Thom.
Priest-in-Charge
January 2010

From the Priest-in-Charge. Dear Members of All Hallows, Again this year you have been extremely generous to Arlene and me with your Christmas gift. For the moment, we have deposited the money in the bank.

We are in the planning stages for a couple of vacation trips for the coming year, and your gift will be used to give us travel opportunities we otherwise wouldn't have. Thank you again for your generosity and thank you even more for continuing to make us feel so much a part of the All Hallows Church family.

Love to all, Ken+

Pancake Supper. The Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. This fund-raising event provides the major portion of the budget for the Episcopal Church Women of All Hallows and is used by them to provide the primary financial outreach of the church to our community. Letters announcing the supper have been sent to all parishioners. Included with the letters are tickets for the supper and all are encouraged to sell as many tickets as possible to assure the success of the event.

Please report sales of tickets so that adequate supplies can be ordered. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and all carry-outs, and \$4.00 for children. Tickets will not be available for sale at the door. We also ask you to consider making a donation to purchase supplies for the pancake supper since this will help maximize the outreach capability for our ECW. For additional information or to volunteer to assist, contact Ann Gibb at 410-546-1978 or Katherine Gordon at 410-632-1560.

Make a Snow Hill Memory.

Proceeds from the 2006 Delmarva Chicken Festival are being put toward the design and construction of the Byrd Park Bandstand. It will be a focal point for town activities, musical events, shows, theater, services, recitals, exhibits and receptions. Primary funding is from Program Open Space. The open hexagonal design includes lighting, classic columns, brick flooring, and a cupola. Completion is scheduled for Spring 2010. Space for two rows of personalized bricks around the perimeter has been set aside. Each brick can be inscribed with two lines at 14 characters each. The cost per brick is \$25.00. Remember loved ones, children, grandchildren, a special occasion, your business Order forms are available from Kathy Fisher at 410-632-1265 or kfisher44@verizon.net ; or at <http://www.snowhillmd.com> - click on (continued on page 2)

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Diocesan Convention. The annual convention of the Diocese of Easton will be held at the Hyatt Regency Resort in Cambridge, MD, on Friday and Saturday, February 26 and 27. The format this year will be a little different from prior years with all of the business-related activities being held on Friday, allowing a full day for a workshop led by the respected author and historian Phyllis Tickle. Her most recent book is *The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why*. This topic – the once-every-500-year reformation that the Church is in the midst of – will be the focus of the workshop Saturday. An entire day has been set aside for this conversation, so that interested parishioners from across the diocese may be able to come to Cambridge and participate. Congregations are encouraged to read the book and many may even participate in a parish book study. Father Ken has print and video resources for such a book study, and books are available for purchase through the diocesan office at a significant discount. There is no doubt that the Church is experiencing a time of change, and may struggle with it. Featured along with Phyllis Tickle is the Rev. Robert

Honeychurch, the Episcopal Church’s Program Officer for Congregational Vitality, to help us understand and navigate this change. Bishop Shand has asked for the widest participation possible for the program day, Saturday, February 27. “Together we can begin to respond to this shift in our culture, in order to nurture the Kingdom of God.” The cost for participation in this program, which includes a buffet lunch, is \$25.00 per person. Fr. Ken has registration forms for the program and he can also obtain books from the diocesan office during his frequent visits to Easton.

St. Andrew’s Day Celebration. St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland, was the first apostle called by Jesus. In honor of his calling, his feast day, on November 30, is always the first feast day in the liturgical year. On November 29, the first Sunday of Advent, All Hallows celebrated St. Andrew’s Day during the morning service of Holy Eucharist. Members of the congregation were encouraged to wear an item of Scottish regalia and there were several who wore various items of clothing made with Scottish tartans, including a few kilts. (Fr. Ken’s kilt was made with the blue Clergy tartan). The liturgy for the service was taken from the Scottish Prayer Book of 1948 and much of the music for the service was provided by a bagpiper. Matthew Wallace, a member of the Ocean City Pipe Band, (continued on page 3)

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played *Highland Cathedral* accompanied by Jim Bosworth at the organ for the offertory anthem and he played several solo pieces for the postlude. It is expected that the celebration of St. Andrew's Day will become an annual event at All Hallows.

Lessons and Carols

The annual Festival Service of Lessons and Carols was held on Sunday, December 2, at All Hallows. This service has been regularly conducted at King's College Chapel, Cambridge, England, and is now broadcast world-wide. It is also a regular feature at Washington National Cathedral and at many other churches. In 1918, Eric Milner-White returned to King's College, Cambridge as Dean from work as a chaplain in the British army, where he gained experience in devising new services for his soldiers for special occasions in the church year. He applied this to adapting a service that had first been used in Truro Cathedral on Christmas Eve, 1880. That service had been drawn up by the then bishop, E. W. Benson, whose son, A. C. Benson, wrote, "My father arranged from ancient sources a little service for Christmas Eve – nine carols and nine tiny lessons, which were read by different officers of the

church beginning with a chorister, and ending, through different grades with a bishop." At All Hallows, in addition to singing of many of the familiar carols by the congregation, some were performed by a Recorder Ensemble.

Calendar of Events

Worship Schedule

January 10, Holy Eucharist, Rite II
January 17, Holy Eucharist, Rite II
January 24, Holy Eucharist, Scottish Liturgy
January 31, Morning Prayer or Deacon's Liturgy
February 7, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Special Events

February 16, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 26 & 27, Diocesan Convention

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world!

The great thing about getting older is that you don't lose all the other ages you've been. (Madeleine L'Engle)

The Food Pantry at Ebenezer UMC is open the 2nd Friday of each month. Your contributions of non-perishable foods make a great deal of difference in the effectiveness of this ministry. Also, cash donations provide money to purchase fresh foods to add to the food bags. Thank you for your generosity.

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Episcopal Relief and Development continues to minister to a needy world in our name. Whether it is a flood on Maryland's Eastern Shore, an erupting volcano on an island in the Philippines, crop failure/hunger in Somali, or any other disaster, ERD is present working through local church leaders to help people.

People are needed for the Altar Guild. Fit a quiet time in your life as you prepare the altar for our services. (Men are welcome, too; Altar Guild was one of Bill Kerbin's favorite duties.) Talk to Alice Tweedy or whomever is clearing the altar after Sunday's service.

Are You Thankful? Your change deposited regularly in the blue box adds up and adds to your gift to the twice-yearly United Thank Offering.

We have been flying a new Episco-pal flag since the old one reduced to tatters. At about the same time the ECW noticed the need, others did, also, and the Vestry purchased the new flag.

Kitchen Clean-Up February 6 at 8 a.m. We will scrub and polish to pre-prepare for Shrove Tuesday's Pancake Supper.

New treasures appear regularly in the Bazaar Corner. It is worth checking out. And if you find items at home which others might value, bring them in to place on a shelf. You may put a price on the item, or leave it up to the purchaser to make a donation. Also, there are still some of the unique glass All Hallows plates. All money placed in the basket goes into the ECW treasury to use for Com-munity outreach.

Nancy Blank continues to do a great job of thoughtfully sending greeting cards to each of us at special times. If you should find a good deal on a box of cards, please pick them up and pass them on to Nancy.

The Fifth Sunday (January 31) is Penny Sunday, when an extra offering plate is passed to collect your gifts for the Church Periodical Club. (The can remains in the back of the church every Sunday to receive your change.)

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori attended the Niobra Convocation in South Dakota recently. The Niobra women honored her with a new name: Ni-ce Olewin, which means "Looks for the Needy." Bishop Schori was visibly moved and "abundantly honored."