

# *The Hallowed Word*

All Hallows Episcopal Church  
The Rev. Kenneth Thom, Priest-in-Charge  
July 2012

++++++

## **Preparation for Worship**

The time before worship begins on Sunday morning is used by many to “get in the mood” for worship. It is a time for quiet and reflection. There will be plenty of time after the service to greet friends and renew acquaintances during the Coffee Hour. Please try to minimize talking and other actions which might distract others.

## **New Minister Search Committee**

The New Minister Search Committee would like to invite members of the Congregation to participate in a workshop to be held during coffee hour following the service on September 23, 2012. The purpose of the meeting is to allow members to contribute thoughts, feedback and any additional factors participants would like the Committee to consider as we pursue Candidates for the position. While the Committee is relying upon both the Survey results from 2011, as well as Diocesan support, updated information that a member may wish for us to consider will be most welcome! If anyone needs additional information or has questions related to this meeting or its process, please see a Committee Member for assistance. Thank you!

- Daniel Westerlund, Bonnie Caudell, Anne Gibb, Harry Deitch, Betty West

## **Church Office**

Beginning July 30, Father Ken will not be keeping regular office hours at the Church Office. However, there is an answering machine on the church phone (410-632-2327), which he will be checking a couple of times a day. Also, his cell phone is normally on from 8 am to 10 pm (410-251-8651), and his home phone, on 24 hours a day, also with an answering machine, is 410-632-3977.

## **Inclusive Because We Believe**

The following is taken from the July 2012 issue of *News from the Hill*, a publication of Virginia Theological Seminary and was written by the Dean and President of the seminary, The Very Rev. Ian Markham. Although it speaks about the beliefs of the seminary community, it also reflects the overall beliefs and attitudes of the Episcopal Church. (*continued on page 2*)

“Anglicanism has always been a generous faith. When scholarly approaches to Scripture emerged, it was the Anglican tradition which engaged with these new approaches in a way that was faithful to the tradition. When the theory of evolution created havoc in the churches, it was the Anglican tradition that taught that science and Scripture are all part of the complete truth of God. When Christians agonized over the relationship of Christ to other religions, the Anglican tradition saw that the Christ of John’s Gospel can embrace the truths embedded in other faith traditions. The Episcopal Church has been the heir of this tradition. The emergence of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and discernment over women priests and gay and lesbian clergy have drawn on this tradition. It has been a process of struggle, prayer, and careful listening to Scripture. Forming the Biblical argument for the developments has been the central work of the Church. Sometimes it seems that too often arguments for change have been made in opposition to the Bible, not out of the Bible. Furthermore, proposed changes have been offered to core beliefs. For some scholars, the resurrection no longer needs an empty tomb; the Virgin Birth is questioned; the Trinity is simply a construct, which doesn’t capture anything true about God; the Incarnation is viewed as a problem; and life after death is considered implausible. At Virginia Theological Seminary, we don’t consider these changes either necessary or true. We believe good arguments can be made for the resurrection and Virgin Birth of Jesus, the centrality of the Trinity and Incarnation, and the reality of life after death. We are the seminary that believes. We are the seminary that includes because we believe, not despite our beliefs. We are the Seminary that welcomes conservatives, who worry about some of the recent innovations in the Church, and those liberals who think it important to explain the Biblical basis of any proposed development of our tradition. We have this conversation around a shared Trinitarian and Incarnational faith. This is the Anglican tradition at its best; this is the Episcopal Church being true to that tradition. Virginia Theological Seminary is determined to shape, form, and create leaders of congregations who understand and live in this tradition. We believe.”

### **God Knows All**

While creating women, God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the world. And then He smiled...and made the earth round.

**A Sunday School Teacher asked,** “Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?” “No,” replied Johnny. “How could he, with just two worms?”

**Vacation Bible School** During July several churches in Snow Hill sponsor an Ecumenical Vacation Bible School. All Hallows participates with four other local churches to provide activities for the children who are organized into age groups. Dominic Cucina, Vincenz Cucina and their cousin Nicolas Schoonmaker enjoy attending each year (see photos). Each day of the week there is a specific theme which includes prayers, songs, and activities reinforcing Bible stories. At the end of the week's activities, there is a special treat of ice cream served at Bates Memorial United Methodist Church. This project is supported by donations from the churches and those attending VBS. Please check the All Hallows website for more photos, coming soon.

Part of the sing-along:



Three fearless “vacationers”:



**WOW! I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!**

In March of 2011, Bob and Kathy Fisher went on a “research and lunch” excursion to The Archives of the Diocese of Maryland in Baltimore. Archivist Mary O. Klein helped us begin to explore the materials related to All Hallows – and we just scratched the surface. In July of 2012, Kathy finally began to organize the photocopies of original letters and proceedings and notes (for two retired people, we don't know where time goes!!), and they are now in Grey Box #29 in the All Hallows Archives – which are on a long high shelf (thank you, Kemp!) behind the folding doors in the Parish House, ready for you to explore. The Archives are easy to use – once you know the system – ask Kathy or Fr. Ken to get started.

Read more about:

...the All Hallows Glebe of 400 acres of rich land, an apple orchard, and a peach orchard with 1,000 trees in 1719.

*(continued on page 4)*

...David Ball, who served All Hallows from 1791 – 1813.

...Statistics from The Journals of Convention 1829 – 1842 – such as a the notation from John Wiley, Rector in 1834, that “through the exertions of the vestry, and the liberality of some parishioners, the interior of the building, which was ancient and much decayed, has been taken down, and rebuilt after a more modern style.”

...the challenges that John Rosse (of the big black plaques on the west end of the church) faced in becoming Rector of All Hallows.

### **More “Musings by Jim”**

We begin this article by looking at some of the families that are buried in All Hallows Cemetery. Many of the surnames will be familiar to you, and it is interesting to follow these families throughout their earthly journey.

#### **Purnell**

Lemuel Purnell was born in 1825. However, it is not known when he died, probably in early childhood.

#### **Robins**

Littleton Robins was born in 1826, died in 1884, married to Ellen W. Wilson in 1855, who died in 1862. She was the daughter of Major Ephriam K. Wilson Len A. Underhill (?), 1843-1918, married James Bowdoin Robins, born February 1, 1866, died June 18, 1904.

John Littleton Robins, born February 1, 1854, married Julia Leah Matthews (born October 23, 1857, died June 28, 1941) in 1878. He died March 31, 1911. His son, Judge James Bowdoin Robins, born April 1, 1883, married Julia Gray Jones (daughter of Gordon Bruce and Esther Bowen) in 1910. She died December 18, 1960; he died June 21, 1977.

Judge James Bowdoin Robins and Julia Gray Jones had a daughter, Esther Littleton , born October 22, 1914, who married J. William Garlick in 1938. She died August 6, 2003. He was born May 13, 1913 and died September 28, 1975. Esther and William Garlick have a daughter named Esther Littleton Robins Garlick, born in 1950.

### **Family-Owned Businesses in Snow Hill**

#### **The Corddry Company**

The Corddry Sompany – All Kinds of Building Materials and Coal. William D. Corddry, President; Charles W. Corddry, V-President and Treasurer; Harris S. Corddry, Secretary. Established in 1883, William D. Corddry and Son, Incorporated in 1907 as The Corddry Company.

*(continued on page 5)*

The Corddry family resided in the house on the southwest corner of West Federal and Church Streets.

### **T. H. Collins & Son**

Leading shoe store in Snow Hill. Shoes for every member of the family and Hosiery also. A full line of Gloves, Collars, Ties, Caps, and all kinds of Gentlemen's Furnishings. We represent The Best Merchant Tailoring Establishments of America and make Suits to your measure at the Lowest Possible Price. This ad appeared in the *Democratic Messenger*, c. 1880. The business was located on the corner of Greene and Washington Streets. It closed in 1963. The Collins family resided at 103 North Church Street, the current home of Randy and Ann Coates.

### **Sturgis & Hack**

Purveyors of Shepherd's Excelsior Cook Stoves, Made from Pure Pig Iron, Not 1 lb. of Scrap Iron is ever used in these goods. Durable, convenient and Economical. All Modern Improvements to Lighten Housekeeping Chores. Twenty different sizes and kinds. Every stove warranted against defects. Prices not much higher at this time than on common kinds of stoves.

(I'm trying to gather more information on these two families.)

### **Where Is My Sunday Paper?**

The irate customer called the newspaper office loudly demanding to know where her Sunday edition was. "Madam," Said the newspaper employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow on SUNDAY." Here was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition as she was heard to mutter... "Well, that explains why no one was at church either."

### **Call Ray and Tish Dryden's Son "Doctor"**

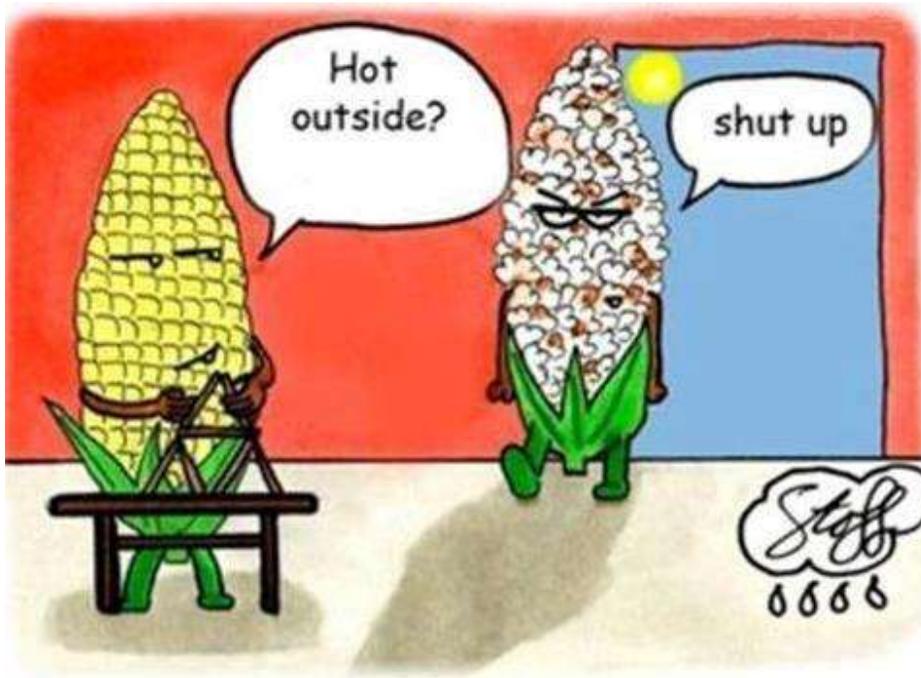
As of August 15<sup>th</sup> of this year, he will officially be "Dr. Alex Emerson Dryden." Alex defended his dissertation at William and Mary on April 30<sup>th</sup>, and it was accepted. His topic, "The Effects of Combat Exposure on Post-Deployment; Coping Deficits in Veterans" (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and its effects on our men and women who've been in a war not only now, but also in the past; i.e., Vietnam, World War II, etc.). During his Practicum at the Veterans Administration in Hampton, he worked with many soldiers both young and old, and some – though few – who had served in World War II and were still suffering from the effects of PTSD. His next big adventure begins in September when he begins a one year Residency, or Post Doctorate, as they now refer to it. After this, he will sit for the

**Dr. Alex Dryden** (continued from page 5)

test so that he can attain licensure as a PsyD. in Clinical Psychology. In addition to this milestone, he's a published author in the book entitled "The Multiple Identities of Feminist Women of Color." And he's just been notified that another article that he wrote is being published in the next few months. On May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, he was selected to give a presentation to a Linking Forces Conference in Miami on "Child Abuse and the Evolution of Art Therapy," a much misunderstood form of REAL therapy. And just in case you think all this can be overwhelmingly serious, while conducting a psychological evaluation with a 5 year old, the child told him, "I'm sorry about your hair, Mr. Alex." Alex responded, "My hair?" And the kid said, "Yeah, I am sorry your barber stole all your hair."

More recently, we've learned Alex has just been granted a position as "Post Doctoral Resident/Fellow at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami Florida." In other words, he'll be doing his 1-year Residency there, and this time next year can sit for the exam to be a "licensed" Clinical Psychologist. He will be in the "Child and Adolescent Mental Health Unit." His specialty is Child Psychology, but not exclusively, and he's bilingual, as well. His duties at Jackson will include: Inpatient Unit with children who are hospitalized for various degrees of mental illness; Outpatient Unit with children that are in the "lock-down" units; Group Therapy with children who have attempted suicide or are chemically dependent or schizophrenic. He will be presenting for medical doctors as well as psychiatrists and giving them training in psychological testing. Alex shared how God has worked in his life. He said, "I prayed that I could find a Residency position (because I can't sit for the exam until I have one year of Residency with Supervision) and in a hospital setting. I asked God to give me an answer either way by the end of the week. I prayed that on Sunday. By Tuesday the hospital had posted the opening for the position I was hoping for. By Wednesday I had an interview; once the interview was over, they contacted my current supervisor asking what type of therapist I was, etc. The hospital called me that same afternoon and offered me the position I was praying for."

**Busy-ness** is Satan's greatest tool. (Overheard at General Convention.)



### Noah's Ark

Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark,

**ONE:** Don't miss the boat.

**TWO:** Remember that we are all in the same boat!

**THREE:** Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

**FOUR:** Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

**FIVE:** Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

**SIX:** Build your future on high ground.

**SEVEN:** For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

**EIGHT:** Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

**NINE:** When you're stressed, float awhile.

**TEN:** Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

**ELEVEN:** No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

**From *Trinity News*:**

Every week the Food Pantry at St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco, CA, gives away 11 tons of food. Eleven tons of food given away from the altar in the middle of the sanctuary, to anyone who shows up, no questions asked. Sara Miles, who founded the food pantry in 2000, put it in theological perspective during a conversation at Trinity Wall Street in March. “The Gospel forces us to see that the bread of heaven and macaroni are meant for everyone without exception.” ... “The food pantry is not a social service program,” she said. “It’s a Eucharistic community.”

**Amazing, isn’t it**, the great attention to detail we notice in the smallest parts of nature. Little bugs have intricate little parts which carry out remarkable tasks. Mosquitoes have knees of all things! God has designed a system which involves so very many little things which make the bigger things possible. God begins his work and completes it so wonderfully.

Our faithfulness at the end of our tasks allows us to remove some barriers between us and God. Those unfinished projects or projects finished half-heartedly, plague us. Guilt and shame mount and we are separated from the love of God because we know we have not lived into our God-given potential. Learning to follow through with a sense of hope and encouragement helps us see God’s great faithfulness to us. God begins journeys in our lives. And God always completes what he has begun in us. Learning to finish well in our earthly tasks helps us see how well God accompanies us through each step of our pilgrimages.

Finish what you have started. Participate in grace as fully as you can. Know that God blesses and makes possible all our efforts.  
(Robert C. Wisnewski in *The Anglican Digest*)

**Prayer Posture**

Three ministers sat discussing the best positions for prayer while a telephone repairman worked nearby.

“Kneeling is definitely best,” one opined.

“No,” another contended, “I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven.”

“You’re both wrong,” the third maintained. “The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate face down on the floor.”

At this moment the repairman could contain himself no longer. “Hey, fellas,” he interrupted, “the best prayin’ I ever did was hangin’ upside down from a telephone pole.”

All Hallows Parish  
109 West Market Street  
Snow Hill, MD 21863

## **Calendar of Events**

### Worship Schedule

August 5, Holy Eucharist, Rite I and Healing Service  
August 12, Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
August 19, Morning Prayer at 11:00 at Sturgis Park for Church Picnic  
August 26, Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
September 2, Holy Eucharist, Rite I and Healing Service  
September 9, Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
September 16, 11:00 am, Holy Cross Sunday, Stockton

### Significant Dates

August 4, 11:00 am, Blessing of the Combines  
September 23, 10:30 am, Congregational Workshop

## **From: Living Stones: Washington National Cathedral at 100**

My Cathedral, our Cathedral, beckons us both inside its doors. We will meet there, you and I, in all our human frailty and imperfect vision, in all our hearts' longings for ourselves and for the world. It is a relief to have a place to lay aside the grasping and bustling. It is a relief to leave a world where conflict is a kind of currency to leverage and spend. It is a relief to walk through the Cathedral's great doors, where conflict is not wished away but instead is understood to be a state far short of the happiness that the One who made us longs to be ours. (Ray Suarez, NPR reporter) (This is so true of All Hallows, where I find peace among my family!)