

The Hallowed Word

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

New Minister Search Committee

Thank you to all who stayed after the service last Sunday to give us your input, and to receive a copy of our brief survey. The purpose of the meeting was to receive thoughts, feedback, and any additional factors participants would like the Committee to consider as we pursue Candidates for the position. If you were not present, a copy of the survey is being mailed to you. 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! The surveys should be returned or placed in the box at the back of the church by October 3rd. 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, Ann Gibb, Harry Deitch, Betty West

Brief Biography – Kelley Gravenor

Kelley Gravenor and her husband Tom attended St. Peter's Church in Salisbury before moving to Snow Hill in 1985, and in 1986 they chose All Hallows as their new church. Their choice has contributed greatly to our Church Family. Kelley wanted to become involved in her new church, so she became a volunteer. She has volunteered as the treasurer of the ECW (Episcopal Church Women), a Sunday School Teacher, server at the Pancake Supper, and the Altar Guild.



Kelley Gravenor (continued from page 1)

Kelley gets a lot of satisfaction and the feeling of being part of the Church Family by being a volunteer, but it was her children who led her to teach Sunday school. Kelley's love of designing and making quilted fabric handbags led to starting her own business. She sells the handbags at local Arts and Crafts shows, fairs, Furnace-town General Store, and on her website www.KelleysCreations.etsy.com. With this busy schedule, Kelley still finds time for growing organic produce. The family's wooden produce stand is advertised by a sign saying "Fresh Produce" and there is an awning on top of the shed. The location is 4408 Pennewell Road. A wooden walkway provides a path from the driveway to the stand. Produce in season is for sale at \$1.00 a basket: such as tomatoes, potatoes, string beans, lima beans, squash, beets, onions, etc. The produce is picked daily which is very important for freshness. It should be noted that this volunteering family includes Kelley's husband Tom, and their children Matthew and Betsy. This is a family that shares their God given talents.

Candid Camera

The annual Blessing of the Combines honoring local farmers was held in downtown Snow Hill on August 4. A large crowd attended in the hot sun. Arlene and Ken Thom were snapped enjoying the sights:



Headaches

When you get a headache take two aspirins and keep away from children, just like the bottle says. (Submitted by Carolyn Cucina)

Some Historical Notes Collected by Kathy Fisher

A Fundraiser 1888 Style

(From the April 7, 1888 issue of *The Messenger*, a Snow Hill newspaper)

We are informed that the ladies of All Hallows Aid Society will hold a strawberry festival in the town about the last of May. Object, church improvement.

(From the June 2, 1888 issue of *The Messenger*)

The ladies of the P.E. Church will hold a strawberry festival at the Franklin House on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week. A cordial invitation is extention (sic) to all to attend and lend a helping hand to a worthy cause. Strawberries, ice cream, cake and lemonade and all the delicacies of the season will be served by beautiful and attractive ladies.

(From the June 9, 1888 issue of *The Messenger*)

The strawberry festival held by the ladies of the P.E. church in the Franklin House on last Tuesday and Wednesday evenings was a decided success. The ice-cream and other delicacies were prepared and served in the best style by ladies who fully understood their business. Throngs of people both old and young were in attendance each evening and the tables were crowded most of the time. Among others from a distance we noticed a number of ladies and gentlemen from Stockton, who had driven up for the occasion. The receipts, which will be used in building a tower for the ancient church of which the members are justly proud, amounted to \$107.52.

A Riddle

Answer all seven riddle questions with the same word!

1. The word has seven letters..
2. Preceded God..
3. Greater than God..
4. More Evil than the devil..
5. All poor people have it..
6. Wealthy people need it..
7. If you eat it, you will die?

For the Answer, turn to page 7

Fire at Cambridge

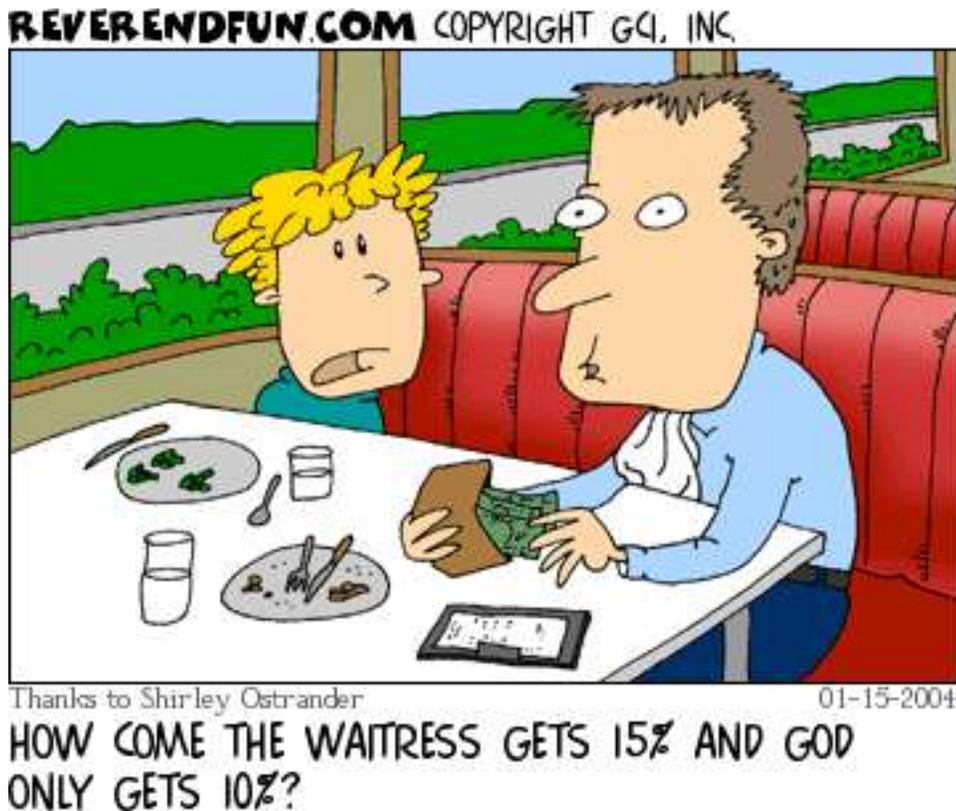
From the December 16, 1882 issue of *The Messenger*.

The Episcopal Church in Cambridge was destroyed by fire on Thanksgiving Day. The fire originated from a defected flue and was first discovered during services, when water was thrown upon it and, it was thought, was put out. The services were completed, and the congregation dismissed, when in half an hour after the church was again found to be on fire, but it had gained such headway this time that it was impossible to put it out, and the entire building was destroyed, nothing but the bare walls left standing. The organ, pulpit furniture and some cushions were saved. The church was valued at \$8000, upon which there was an insurance of \$3000. The church was a venerable structure, having been built in 1795, of brick brought from England.

Convocation

From the October 21, 1882 issue of *The Messenger*.

A meeting of the Southern Convocation of the Diocese of Easton was held in St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, commencing on Tuesday last and continuing in session three days. Bishop Lay presided and introduced the speakers. On Tuesday afternoon, addresses were made by the Revs. Messrs. Lee, Hilliard, Brooks and the Bishop. On Wednesday morning the Rev. Dr. Barton delivered an historical sermon, and at a missionary meeting in the afternoon the Dr. gave an address on the Church in the West, giving an interesting account of his recent trip to the western frontier. Addresses on the subject of missions were also delivered by the Rev. Dr. Barber and Revs. Messrs. Hilliard and Batte. On Thursday morning the Rev. H.T. Lee delivered a sermon to which our reporter would like to add the words "learned and eloquent" were it not that these adjectives have long since had their backs broken by the fearful load they have been forced to carry in their application to sermons both true and commonplace. In the afternoon, addresses were delivered by Bishop Lay and Drs. Barber and Barton on the state of the departed. A lunch was served each day at noon in the woods near the church, to which all were invited. In addition to the services at Spring Hill there was a service each night at St. Peter's Church, with sermons by Bishop Lay and Revs. Messrs. Lee and Hilliard. The Convocation throughout was greatly enjoyed by the people, and the clergymen left with pleasant remembrances of Wicomico hospitality.



Our Episcopal Identity By The. Rt. Rev. Mark S. Sisk, Bishop of New York
(The following is extracted from the Summer 2012 edition of *The Episcopal New Yorker*, the Newsletter of the Diocese of New York)

Episcopal identity...has many and various definitions. We are a people whose faith is formed by Scripture, Reason, and Tradition. Classically, in relationship between these three, Scripture is primary, while reason and tradition help in understanding Scripture ever more deeply and profoundly. One compelling image of what defines an Episcopalian was proposed, somewhat indirectly, by a former priest of this diocese, the well-known and recently deceased liturgical theologian, Leonel Mitchell. The title of his foundational book, *Praying Shapes Believing: A Theological Commentary on the Book of Common Prayer*, in a sense says it all: "The way we pray together shapes and forms what we believe." Therefore, it could be said, and I would say it, that an essential element in what it means to be an Episcopalian is to be found in our common worship as offered to us in our *Book of Common Prayer*. Liturgy's central place in Episcopal identity is the reason that all those being ordained take the vow: "I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline and worship of The Episcopal Church." (continued on p 6)

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That lays the foundation: praying shapes believing. And believing shapes action. At the heart of the Christian faith, as received by the Episcopal Church, is the conviction that the consequences and implications of our faith influence – even determine – the way we live out our lives in the world beyond the community of faith. To be more specific: In terms of our identity as Episcopalians, our praying, as well as the direction that our praying has taken us through the centuries, has imbued us with certain sensitivities; our focus on the incarnation of Jesus, and the life of the sacraments, has given us a deep sense of the sacramental nature of creation itself. This focus on the incarnation has also reinforced in us a sense of the fundamental goodness and wonder of the created order, and of the essential claims of justice which flow naturally from the Divine origins of that gracious and wondrous act of creation. As a further consequence, a fundamental respect for the other has been built into the DNA of our tradition. Or, at least, that is the hope to which we give witness in our Baptismal Covenant when we pledge to “respect the dignity of every human being.” As a consequence of this conviction, we have a strong inclination to work with anyone and everyone who shares a desire to work on behalf of that perceived good. In practical terms, that means that we often find ourselves working collaboratively with folks of different, or no, religious tradition in order to achieve a common good. All of these elements of identity combine to provide Episcopalians with a rich and textured identity as Christians: children of God called to full maturity as witnesses to the wonder of Divine Love extended to all. This is a calling worthy of the life that we have been given.

Church Periodical Club (C.P.C.) from Nelson Payne

As the final quarter of the church year approaches, I am pleased to report on the growing success of the glass jar. Who would have ever thought a transparent vessel that was placed inside the church’s front door would draw the desired attention to itself?! But that is just what is happening, once word became generally known that the money collected would be offered to our seminary students as a grant for the purpose of text books. Where does the “growing success of the jar make itself known? Simply by comparing the total receipts for each succeeding month of the year. The jar is growing in donations and our contributions grow in number. A big thank you to the All Hallows Family for this accomplishment and for your important part in this outreach program through which we can all take pride in spreading the work of the Lord.

Answer to “A Riddle” (from page 3)

The answer is, “Nothing.”

Nothing has 7 letters.

Nothing preceded God.

Nothing is greater than God.

Nothing is more Evil than the devil.

All poor people have nothing.

Wealthy people need Nothing.

If you eat Nothing, you will die.

New information about Holy Cross Chapel

An article from The December 17, 1850 front page of the *Worcester County Shield*, G.W.P. Smith, Editor and Proprietor. Transcribed for us by Kathy Fisher

(Published by Request)

For the Shield

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH at Sandy Hill

Mr. Editor: In taking a ride the other day, I passed through Sandy Hill, a little village in the lower end of our County. I saw a new building in the process of erection – of course glad to see any signs of improvement within the limits of our county, I was led to enquire about this new building. And to my surprise, I was informed it was intended for a place of worship where divine service was to be celebrated according to the solemn rites of the Episcopal Church – knowing that they never had an Episcopal Minister residing among them, and that from time immemorial, they have never had a Congregation established there, and that from their slender circumstances they were not able to support one, curiosity led me further to enquire respecting this new religious enterprise – I was informed that the Rector of All Hallows Parish Snow Hill, about a year ago, by invitation, began to hold divine service there; his services were so well attended and the community so well pleased with that spirit of self-denial, which led him like his divine master to mingle with the common people in the sacred use of the book of common prayer, and give them religious services gratuitously every other Sunday afternoon that they solicited him to continue his very acceptable and successful labors among them, believing from the interest manifested it would succeed in establishing a new Congregation in a field which was unoccupied before by that denomination and the subsequent erection of a church. The said Rector with his Book of Common Prayer and the Holy Bible in compliance with their wishes continued (cont. on p. 8)

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his services, and during the last year through cold and heat, rode down to celebrate divine service for them every fortnight in the afternoon. And what has been the result, Mr. Editor, of the Minister with his Bible and Book of Common Prayer among common people? Why, sir, if you ride down you will see – he has succeeded in establishing a Congregation who love and respect him, and for a manifestation of that love and respect they are building the pretty little church I saw in my ride. When completed it will be an ornament to the village and one of the neatest little churches for the means used on this side of the Pocomoke, this side of New Town in our county. Of course being unpretending and plain people of small means, they do not expect to come up to the model Churches of this end of our Peninsula.

The building is 20 x 30 feet with three pointed windows on a side and vestry room in the rear 8 feet by 8 feet.

The building committee are Capt. James M. Holland, John W. Jones and George Bishop, Esqs. By whose indefatigable exertions the enterprise is expected to be carried to a successful termination. The building is advantageously situated on a piece of ground given by Capt. Holland, which can be seen from any point in your approach to the village. The building is to have free seats, and throws its doors open wide, as the house of prayer for all people. Mr. Editor, the people in the neighborhood have contributed very liberally, but if any of your readers feel disposed to aid in so good a cause as establishing the institutions of religion and planting the gospel among the poor, here is an enterprise worthy of their aid and within the bounds and among the poor of Worcester. The poor says Christ ye have always with you. Contributions will be gladly received by the building committee and devoted to the furtherance of the good cause.

Mr. Editor by your permission I will indulge in one reflection after my ride, the “Old Church” prides herself in her divine origin and apostolic character, but I fear she is not so solicitous as her divine Head, in preaching the gospel and carrying its imperishable and priceless blessings to the poor. The rich have the simple means to build their own new churches and have their own minister to serve at her altars, and their fine equipages to convey them to the house of prayer, but the poor of our Forests have not these comforts and conveniences. Has not the Old Church been remiss in her duty to the poor within her influence? The candidate and (cont. on p.9)

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the politician can find them on the day of election, and why not the Church in her holy vocation do a more glorious work. Situated as she is in the county seat, which should be the centre of every good and holy influence, ought she not to plant all around her little chapels among the poor and destitute, and sustain them by that kind of sustenance which should ever emanate and go out from such a divine body. Worcester County is emphatically missionary ground, and how can the Old Church as she is called by the common people prove her divine character better than by doing the work given her by her Divine Master to do in this field. The poor, who have no other way but walking to attend divine service must have little houses of prayer erected within their reach to invite them to go up and worship. And sir, what a beautiful sight in connection with the church on whose walls creep the ivy and has become venerable and time honored by her antiquity, than to see her (not tumbling and falling with the decrepitude of old age), but rising in her pristine strength and perennial youth going out into this missionary field fulfilling her high commission and scattering all around her the offspring of her own benevolence and preaching the gospel to the poor.

Mr. Editor, I understand there is another enterprise on foot through the exertions of the same missionary, the building of a little chapel at Coston's Cross Roads. If it should succeed, perhaps on some fine day I may feel like taking a ride, and should I pass by that way, and should I see or hear anything worthy of your columns, you may hear from me again, but for the present I bid your farewell, hoping that a better day will soon dawn upon old Worcester and that the language of the prophet Isaiah may be realized as far as the poor of our forests are concerned. "Even them says God, I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices shall be accepted on mine altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people." *Signed, M.*

The All Hallows Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

The fall meeting welcomed in the new officers for the next year.

President, Ann Gibb; Vice President, Katherine Gordon; Secretary, Connie West; Treasurer, Mary Deitch. The business meeting began with the ECW prayer and included the reading of the minutes, the budget report, committee reports, and old and new business topics. The report of the UTO Chairman Kathy Fisher reported that for 2012 the amount of \$519.19 has been collected. (cont. on page 10)

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October 28 will be the date for the congregation's last offering for this year. The CPC Chairman Nelson Payne reported that his jar has been overflowing and that this year, he has collected \$112.48, and he thanks the congregation for their outreach. Bonnie Caudell is collecting paperback books, Sunday comics, newspaper crossword puzzles and magazines for a local nursing home.

The need for a Pancake Supper Chairman was discussed, and a volunteer is needed. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. All women of All Hallows are automatically members of the ECW. The next meeting will be January 7, 2013.

Musings by Jim

In this issue of the newsletter, we digress a bit to let you know what the people of All Hallows were thinking in 1881/82.

From the *Democratic Messenger*,

May 28, 1881 – “The fashion of ladies kissing each other by way of friendly salutation is all out of fashion now. When two ladies meet, they touch each other's finger tips, fairly murmur “So Glad,” smile as sweetly as women can smile on each other, and pass on. There is no longer danger of their complexion being kissed off in spots.”

“Dr. E. S. Dashiell, our popular young dentist, now has the finest and best equipped set of dental rooms on the Peninsula. He keeps constantly on hand a supply of fresh gas, and is at all times prepared to extract teeth without pain, and to perform all operations on the teeth in the most skillful and satisfactory manner.” (Don't you just want to run right over?)

October 22, 1881 – “Bishop Lay was thrown from his carriage at Galena one day last week and somewhat bruised, but his injuries were not serious enough to prevent him from punctually filling his appointments.”

September 16, 1882

All Hallows Cemetery

“As the writer has frequent occasion to pass the Episcopal Church and Cemetery of our town he certainly cannot but notice the bad condition in which the Cemetery is kept. The small quantity of grass yet remaining, and which is almost choked out by the overgrowth of weeds, bushes, etc., and the long branches which hang from the trees and almost touch the ground, the old barrels and pieces of plank, which are always permitted to stand near the grave of one recently interred as if waiting

Musings by Jim (continued)

for the flight of another soul, are certainly a discredit, yea, almost a disgrace to those who have relatives or even friends whose remains lie sleeping there. Enter either gate to the yard and you will find among the first a grave of one who while living was near and dear, perhaps, to the reader, but now altogether forgotten, and whose place is filled by another; there you will find the mound almost completely covered with weeds and bushes, the tomb only, if there be one erected, serving as an index to mark the sacred spot. On a little farther, and you will find tombs almost falling for the want of attention and care; the slab of some grave, which was once supported by brickwork is about to fail, the mortar having dropped out and the bricks tumbling to the ground. Oh! How shameful to humanity and the Christian religion. Speak to your wife, child, husband or parent, if such are not already laid away, and tell them that you would never forget them and their last resting place as you have forgotten others as dear, that you would never visit their graves, but leave it to care for itself, and by its condition tell the passers-by that it contains the body of one who although while upon earth had relatives, friends and loved ones, had now been entirely forgotten, the sepulcher only remembering that the corpse therein contained once lived; tell them this and, if you can, make them believe you will cause endless grief and almost broken hearts. This time honored spot, the receptacle of the dear for nearly a century and a half, has the mark of God's hands upon it. Nature has made it one of the most beautiful spots of our county, and as it contains the bodies of those who were nearly related to some of the most influential and wealthy citizens, it thus becomes the duty, the Christian duty, that such citizens should aid nature in her display of beauty, and make the above spot as ornament to the town as well as a token of respect to the dead. Reader, you have relatives and friends buried there, and it is a duty you owe to yourself, to the dead and to God, that you care for the resting place of such friends and relatives. A citizen."

The following is taken from "Bits and Pieces from Old Eastern Shore Newspapers" by George Elwood Richardson, III:

Page 19 – Dashiell/Marshall – At all Hallows P.E. Church, in this town, a pretty wedding was solemnized on the morning of the 27th of December last, the happy couple being Dr. E. S. Dashiell, our well-known dentist, and Miss Sallie, daughter of Dr. E. W. Marshall.

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Page 20 – “Drowned in Well” Miss Ziporah (Zipporah) Sturgis, a sister of School Commissioner Jacob Sturgis and Mr. Charles Sturgis, was found drowned in the well at the residence of Charles Sturgis on Thursday evening. It is not known whether she committed suicide or not. She was subject to epilepsy, and is thought by some that she fell into the well during one of those attacks. She was about 50 years of age. The remains were interred in the Episcopal church yard yesterday afternoon.

Page 44 – Mr. Levi Wells is very sick with ERYSIPELAS in his face and is not expected to live.

Page 45 – Mrs. Ephriam Dennis, of near Whiton, has again lost her mind. Mr. Dennis and children have the sympathy of the community.

Death came suddenly to the household of Mrs. Margaret E. Parsons Monday morning, carrying off the head of the family...brain trouble caused her death.

I hope you enjoyed the way people expressed themselves nearly 150 years ago. I wonder what people a hundred and fifty years from now will say about the way we express ourselves, i.e. LOL, U R, etc.?

Episcopal Church Women {ECW} Bakeless Bake Sale

There is still time left to donate to the bakeless bake sale. The money from this annual fundraiser goes towards ECW' outreach Ministry. These funds benefit local organizations such as Camp Agape, Children's Home Foundation, Samaritan Shelter, Snow Hill Vacation Bible School, Worcester County Sheriff's Christmas for the needy, as well as other outreach programs. Contact Ann Gibb for donating to this Mission Outreach Program. A big thanks you to all for your support!

The Altar Guild needs new people. (Men, too.) See Alice Tweedy.

Thank you to the gardening parishioner, who is doing a great job of weeding and landscaping around the church. She has added nice flowers around the lych gate and the corners of the church. There are two beautiful pots of flowers on the back step into the church office. It has all made a big difference. Enjoy looking around!

The Aumbry and Aumbry Candle

An aumbry is a cupboard or secure receptacle in the altar, side of the sanctuary or sacristy. Ambries traditionally have been used to keep sacred vessels, books, reliquaries and oils for anointing. At All Hallows, the aumbry, a small wooden box to the left of the altar, is used to keep reserves of consecrated bread and wine. If the celebrant misjudges the number of people present for communion and runs short of bread or wine, the already consecrated elements in the aumbry can be used. Since a deacon is not authorized to consecrate the elements of communion, previously consecrated bread and wine from the aumbry are used during a Deacon's Mass. Whenever consecrated elements are in the aumbry, the aumbry candle is lighted. At All Hallows, the only time the aumbry is completely emptied is at the Maundy Thursday service when the altar is stripped and the aumbry candle is extinguished for Good Friday. New elements are place in the aumbry and the candle is relighted during the first Eucharist of Easter.



Cost for Altar Flowers is now \$44 to fill the two vases on the altar. Price for greens for Advent, Lent remains at \$20, Thank you all for supporting this ministry.

Bishop Shand will visit us on November 18.

Operation We Care continues with another mailing to be made in early November. There is a tub in the parish hall to receive your donated items to let our Armed Forces overseas know that we appreciate their service. A list of suitable items is in the tub. Thank you!

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Worship Schedule

September 23	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
September 30	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
October 7	Holy Eucharist, Rite I and Healing Service
October 14	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
October 21	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
<u>Significant Dates</u>	
October 3	Minister Surveys Due