

*The Hallowed Word*  
*All Hallows Episcopal Church*  
*June 2013*

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**Priest Transition**

Father Ken will celebrate his last Sunday service at All Hallows June 9. *A Service for the Ending of a Pastoral Relationship and Leave-taking from a Congregation* will take the place of the normal Service of the Word that is the usual first part of the Holy Eucharist Service. This service provides an opportunity for him to express his thanksgiving for the time he has been at All Hallows and to briefly state his plans for the future. At 3 pm on June 9, the Bishop of Easton, the Right Rev. James J. Shand, will join the Rev. Nanese Hawthorne, the new Rector of All Hallows, and Father Ken at a Service of Rededication of the Bell and Tower at Holy Cross Chapel. This will be a relatively brief service (no communion, no sermon) and will allow us to celebrate the beauty of the renovations to the Chapel. The service will be followed by a time of fellowship on the lawn with cookies and lemonade. Nanese will lead her first service at All Hallows on June 16. The bishop has asked Father Ken to be absent from all activities at All Hallows for a period of at least two months to allow Nanese and the congregation to get to know each other and establish a relationship of trust and love. Also, he is not to conduct any religious services in Worcester County for a year. However, he considers All Hallows Parish to be his home church and will be returning to worship with the congregation as soon as possible.

## **Our New Rector**

The Search Committee and the Vestry of All Hallows Parish are pleased to announce that the Reverend Nanese Arnold Hawthorne has answered the call to become the next Rector of All Hallows. She will begin her ministry among us in June and plans to live in the Rectory on Federal Street. Nanese received her Master of Divinity Degree at the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia, and served as the Rector at the Church of Our Saviour in Jenkintown, PA. She came to the Diocese of Easton as Rector of St. Luke's Parish in Church Hill, MD, and is known to many members of our church who have been active in the Diocese. She serves on the Standing Committee of the Diocese and the Camp Wright Committee. She is an Education for Ministry (EFM) Coordinator for the Dioceses of Easton and Delaware. She is currently a Spiritual Director trained at Washington Union Seminary and is pursuing further training at Shalem Institute in Washington, DC. Her areas of special interest are Christian and Elementary Education. Nanese was graduated from Missouri Valley College with a BS degree. For 21 years, she served as a classroom teacher for grades 4-8. Her subjects included science, math, and language arts. For eleven summers, she worked at Camp Arrowhead, a summer camp in the Diocese of Delaware in Lewes, DE, where she was the Summer Director of Christian Education. Nanese lives in Rehoboth Beach, DE, where she enjoys spending time with family and friends at the beach. Her hobbies include traveling, reading, walking and playing with her dog. She has two grown children, a daughter and three grandchildren in Middletown, DE, and a son with two grandchildren in North Bend, Oregon.

**My prayer is** to be able to listen and be guided by the Holy Spirit in everything I do. My vision is to see that the people of God are restored and transformed in order for them to be a church in mission, for as it is said, 'A church that does not reach out...passes out.' (Rt. Rev. Ellinah Wamukoyu, Bishop of the Diocese of Swaziland, South Africa)

**Don't worry so much....**Worry is praying for what you don't want.

**Sermon on Sin** A minister told his congregation, “Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17.” The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Now, go to your Bible and check out Mark 17. (The rest of the story appears later in this newsletter.)

**Mea Culpa.** Katherine Gordon had prepared a biography of Kemp Wills for our last newsletter, and I truncated it to one paragraph. That was not our intention, and we apologize and provide the full text here. BTW, have you seen all the work Kemp has been doing to bring the rectory up to snuff for our new rector to move in? Our Junior Warden deserves that we double his salary.

**Kemp Wills** Kemp Wills and Bill Hatala moved to Snow Hill in 2004. Bonnie Caudell stopped by to welcome them, which they thought was very nice. Both Kemp and Bill were Catholic, and since there was no Catholic church in town, and All Hallows was two blocks away, that made it easy to decide to try out the church. Once they attended All Hallows and found how welcoming and active the parish community was, they both decided to keep coming back. In his own right, Bill Hatala has volunteered in many positions at All Hallows, and was recently a nominee for the Diocesan Office of the Board of Managers.

Kemp stated that he was not sure what the official duties of the Junior Warden were, but he believes it is being responsible for the physical buildings and grounds of the church, including the cemetery, the rectory on Federal Street, and the Holy Cross chapel in Stockton. Kemp enjoys doing the smaller maintenance projects, but for larger things, the Junior Warden really just needs to coordinate calling a contractor and agreeing on the work to be done. Kemp and Bill help yearly with the Pancake Supper and are in the rotation for hosting refreshments for the coffee hour and acting as Sunday greeters.

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Kemp was influenced to become a church volunteer by the Jr. Warden, Ray Dryden. As Kemp tells the story, “There was this old man at church, Mr. Dryden, who was the Jr. Warden before me. He asked if I could help him change the chandelier light bulbs with a ladder one day. (His wife had pointed out the ones that were burned out.) I showed up to help him, and there was just a note on the ladder and a set of keys. I’m not sure what happened to him, but every fourth Thursday I still wait for him to see if he’s coming back.”

A lot of the volunteer work Kemp has done at other places has centered on his background in computers and technology. Luckily for All Hallows, Fr. Ken and many others are technically inclined (e.g., Deacon Buddy Murray built our website), to back him up. Kemp has been involved with more “low-tech” but equally important things like bleeding the air out of the radiators, keeping the drains clear of leaves, and keeping the ivy off the windows.

One thing Kemp is pleased with was the installation of the outdoor lighting of the church at night. When he moved here, Kemp thought All Hallows was such a beautiful historic building and would look so nice lit up every evening. Kemp had done the lighting for the first time for Snow Hill’s Christmas parade with extension cords and floodlights from his yard; Kemp didn’t want the marchers to have to turn at a dark, empty corner. Kathy Fisher and others encouraged Kemp to continue it, and eventually there was an outdoor circuit installed on a timer. Kemp thinks that the lighting has become a reliable fixture in the town’s evening landscape.

Although Kemp has shared some of his contributions to All Hallows, there are many that he left out. Being the man behind the little tasks doesn’t get much recognition, but he does deserve our THANKS.

(BTW, Kemp is chairman of the Chicken Festival coming up next month, and as usual, he has put a lot of work into the whole program.)

**Faith is** taking the first step, even when you don’t see the whole staircase. (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

**Church Picnic** Our Parish Picnic is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, August 18, in Byrd Park. There will be an abbreviated service of Morning Prayer, starting at 11:30, followed by the picnic. Please mark the date on your calendars and stay tuned for further info.

### **Caught Being Good. . . Student of the Month at SHES**

I caught you being helpful, I caught you being kind.

You set a good example for those who come behind.

We need more leaders just like you to show us right from wrong,

How to trust each other, and how to get along.

Kindergarten, **Luke Bickford**

“Luke is such a pleasure to teach! He has a wonderful sense of humor and a kind heart. He constantly shows me that he is ready by sitting quietly on the rug with the quiet signal up. He comes to school prepared to learn and always does his best. He is kind to all his classmates and has lots of friends. I am very proud of him for all his hard work. Way to go, Luke!”

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, **Andrew Blank**

“At a time of the year when most students are having Spring Fever, Andrew has decided to do the opposite! He is being a model of good behavior! He is working hard staying on task despite disruption. I am proud of Andrew’s progress.”

### **Musings by Jim – June, 2013**

Picking up where we left off in the last issue of “The Hallowed Word,” here are some interesting “news” clips that appeared in the *Worcester County Shield*:

Saturday Morning, July 2, 1881 – An ad for Stieff Grand, Square and Upright Pianos; at the bottom of the ad, it reads: “Mrs. John L. Robins (Julia Matthews, b. Oct. 23, 1857, d. June 28, 1941) near Snow Hill, has one of the above named Pianos and she is very pleased with it. It fully comes up to the recommendations. Editors Shield.

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Sept. 24, 1881 – George W. Covington Esq., our Representative in Congress, has gone on to Washington to witness this, the Nation's great sorrow. (President Garfield was assassinated.)

Saturday morning, October 8, 1881 – Married – On Wednesday morning, October 5<sup>th</sup> at All Hallows P.E. Church of this town by the Rev. Mr. Batte, Mr. George Pope of Baltimore to Miss Ruth (?) Upshur of this place. No cards.

Saturday morning, November 12, 1881 – Bishop Lay visited All Hallows Church, in this town, on Monday evening, preached and confirmed one person – a middle-aged lady. His sermon on the occasion was unusually edifying. At Stockton, on Tuesday, he preached in the church there to a large congregation, and his discourse is said to have been of rare ability and effect. The Bishop is a preacher of extraordinary eloquence and power.

March 4, 1882 – The Rev. Mr. Batte is giving a series of services of interesting lectures on Wednesday and Friday evenings during Lent at All Hallows.

May 20, 1882 – The reason that men prefer to marry women with small feet is because in the winter they don't feel like such big lumps of ice as large ones.

July 15, 1882 – The best cow in town is owned by George W. Purnell, Esq. (Grave #873). He realizes 12 pounds of butter a week. We have seen a sample of the butter, and it is as yellow as gold.

August 26, 1882 – The large organ at All Hallows Church has been tuned and put in thorough order. The halls of the old edifice will ring tomorrow with the sweet melodies at the hands of Miss Susie Marshall.

November 4, 1882 – Married – At the home of the bride's sister, in the country, on Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock am, by the Rev. Mr. Batte, Mr. E.W.F. Smith and Miss Lizzie Richardson. No cards.

January 6, 1883 – The Rev. Mr. Batte wishes to thank his congregation for the nice "slap" they gave him and family Christmas. We say let's "hit" him again soon, for he deserves it.

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January 5, 1883 – Samuel H. Townsend, Esq. (grave #690) as Trustee, will sell some valuable real estate at the Court House gate on Tuesday next. See advertisement in another column. Married – All Hallows P.E. Church, of this town, was pretty well filled, from both far and near to witness the marriage of Mr. Marion Hargis, son of Mr. John P. Hargis, to Miss Ella Wilson, eldest daughter of Judge E.K. Wilson, by the Rev. Mr. Batte on Thursday morning week. The church was nicely trimmed and everything passed off as nice as a new pin. The bride was dressed in a dark suit of green embossed velvet and ottoman silk, while the groom was attired in a black cloth suit. The happy pair returned home after a short tour on Tuesday, and were given a public reception by Mr. and Mrs. George S. Richardson, at their residence, and of which many guests partook.

The following were bridesmaids and groomsmen: Mr. Thomas Hargis (a cousin of the groom) and Miss Priscie Cottingham; Mr. Adrial P. Barnes and Miss Katie Hammond; Mr. John Wilson and Miss Lillian Snow; Mr. George T. Batten and Miss Julia Hammond. The presents were numerous and costly, amounting to several thousand dollars.

June 7, 1883 – Artist Boehm has this week been painting scenery for the Dramatic Entertainment that is to take place at Foundry Hall, this town on Wednesday and Thursday evenings next. This will be one of the most enjoyable occasions our people ever had the pleasure to witness in this town. See notice elsewhere.

August 23, 1884 – Workmen are now engaged tearing off the roof of All Hallows P.E. Church, of this town, preparatory to replacing it with a new one. The house and lot in this town, now occupied by Wm. C. Bratten, and which was sold at Trustee's sale on Tuesday last, was purchased by Mr. Horace Payne (grave #202) for \$1,045.

September 13, 1884 – Snow Hill has 12 lawyers, 5 doctors, 2 editors and only 2 ministers. For Heaven's sake, increase the number of ministers! Eight against 1 is too much and it is not fair.

September 27, 1884 – Mr. Wm. J. Scarborough (grave #153) is building a handsome house on Federal Street, opposite Judge E.K. Wilson's. Mr.

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Scarborough will leave his farm and occupy his new habitation when the latter is finished.

November 2, 1884 – Remember the festival to be given by the ladies of All Hallows Church of this town, at the residence of Mr. Batte, on next Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Supper tickets 50 cents each, children under 15, 35 cents. All are invited.

November 15, 1884 – The repairs on All Hallows Church are rapidly approaching completion and services may be expected in a few weeks. (We will pick up next time beginning in January 1886. Either nothing of consequence occurred in 1885 or there was no paper available to review. Happy reading! Jim Bosworth)

### **Biography: Kathy and Bob Fisher**

Kathy and Bob Fisher moved to Snow Hill in 1967. Bob joined the church while in the Navy in San Diego, CA. Kathy's home church was St. Paul's by-the-Sea in Ocean City, MD. They moved membership to All Hallows in the early 1970's and welcomed a son Rob in 1971. Key to this move was their neighbor across the street, Eloise Adkins Coffin, a cradle Episcopalian, who felt it was way past time for them to be part of "her church," All Hallows. The Fishers volunteer as a team in many situations and always support each other. They enjoy volunteering – clean up, research, serving on committees, altar guild, assistant treasurer, vestry, junior warden, senior warden, and other activities such as the Rotary Club, Worcester County Historical Society, Furnace Town, various Snow Hill events, County Economic Development and Regional Tourism. These activities provide a way that Bob and Kathy can work together and learn from these experiences. Church members Herman and Elizabeth Adkins set an example for "saying Yes" when there was a need for help at All Hallows. This example impressed Bob and Kathy to volunteer their time and talents where needed. The best volunteering experiences Bob and Kathy have had involve: (a) Knowing what the job is, (b) knowing what end result should be, and (c) developing a plan to get from a to b. Sometimes it required not spilling too much paint,



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maintaining a sense of balance, not picking up more than you can carry, learning that a single word “oops” can be disconcerting in some situations. Remembering to have fun along the way and always to say “please” and “thank you” (even if you are much too close to poison ivy, or at the top of a ladder and going through that hole in the ceiling above the balcony and are terrified of heights). Bob and Kathy Fisher enjoy raised-bed gardening, local history and reading. Their many years with the All Hallows family have proven that they met their calling as productive members and examples of stepping forward to serve. All Hallows is blessed to have such examples in our church family.

### **The Origin of “Taps”**

In 1862 during the Civil War, as the story goes, a Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier on the battlefield. Not knowing which side the soldier was on, Captain Ellicombe put his life at risk to rescue the wounded soldier. After safely getting back to his side, the Captain discovered that not only was the soldier dead, but he wore the uniform of a Confederate and looking at the soldier’s face, recognized his son. The grief struck father did not know his son had joined the Confederate side. The Captain asked permission to give his son a military funeral, but this request was denied because the soldier was a Confederate soldier. But out of respect for Captain Ellicombe, he was granted one musician. The Captain chose the bugler and asked him to play the musical notes written on a piece of paper found in his son’s pocket. So the tune we know as TAPS was born. Here are the words for the first verse: Day is done. Gone the sun. From the lakes. From the hills. From the sky. All is well. Safely rest. God is nigh. (The story doesn’t say where the battlefield was, but it should be noted that Southern and Eastern Maryland were sympathetic to the Confederate cause, and the state of Maryland would probably have seceded, but were prevented by Federal troops.)

**If you think** you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito. (the Dalai Lama)

## **Living by Faith in Times of Fear**

(The following article originally appeared in the Spring issue of *Epiphany*, the newsletter of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. It was written by the bishop of the diocese, The Rt. Rev. F. Neff Powell. It was published just before Easter and has some references to Lenten activities, but mostly it is an inspiring Easter message.)

When I was a little boy, I sometimes stayed overnight at my grandmother Spencer's house. It was a fear-filled experience to be in a dark room all by myself upstairs while she slept downstairs, and it was a long, dark hallway down to the bathroom. But there was a little night-light in my bedroom in the shape of a cross. As I lay in bed, the lighted cross gave me comfort and held my fears at bay, so I was able to fall asleep. I recalled that experience recently as I reflected on Lent and Easter and the emotions that affect us as we move from winter into spring. In my Council address this past January, I called the diocese to live by faith and not by fear. If we focus on our fears, we will fail. But if we live by faith, God will prevail. *Live by faith and not by fear.*

Someone said to me the other day that this proclamation is so radically profound and counter to the culture we are living in today that under every "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You" sign, there should hang another sign that proclaims, "We live by Faith, not by Fear." As we grow up, our fears begin to cluster around fear of loss and fear of death. In our churches, in our communities and in our country, we are bombarded by fear. National headlines remind us that the economy is still frightening, that many people are still unemployed, some losing homes as well as careers. Here in southwestern Virginia, we live in the midst of shrinking communities, with few jobs for our young people to stay around for. We have sound reasons to be concerned. Furthermore, the more we do have, the more we seem to be afraid. We are the richest country in the world, and yet we spend more on military might in this country than the rest of the world together. That is a response based on fear. Our nearest competitor in military spending is China, and we spend seven times more on military than China does. We are taking food out of the mouths of our children to feed our fears. In the Bible, angels are messengers from God. They are awesome and we have good

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reason to be afraid when they appear. And yet, what does the angel say to the shepherds as he prepares to announce the birth of Jesus? “Fear not.” (Luke 2:10) And what does the angel say to the women at the empty tomb? “Fear not.” (Matthew 28:5) As this issue is heading to press, a devastating earthquake and tsunami has hit Japan and the Pacific, damaging nuclear power plants and taking hundreds, if not thousands of lives, following in the aftermath of earthquakes in Haiti and in Christchurch, New Zealand, where people asked what God meant by sending such tragedy. The dean of the destroyed Christchurch Cathedral said that God was not in the earthquake – God is in our response to the earthquake. His words reflect a life lived in faith, not fear. As you read this, Lent will be drawing to a close. Holy Week will soon be upon us and Easter is just over the horizon. When you go to church on Good Friday, leave your fears at the foot of the cross, knowing full well that He will rise, the tomb will be empty; the angel will proclaim to us all, “Fear not.” He is not here. He is risen. Death is conquered. Of what then can we be afraid?

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When the minister asked his congregation how many of them had read Mark 17, every hand went up. He smiled and said, “Mark has only 16 chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying.”

### **Same Sex Marriage**

After extended review and discussion by a committee appointed by the Bishop and the Diocesan Council, and further review by the Standing Committee, the Bishop has issued guidelines for the celebration of a marriage of same sex couples in the Diocese of Easton. Requirements of these guidelines are very similar to those applied to any marriage in the Episcopal Church: every member of the clergy is required to conform to the laws of the State of Maryland governing marriage; the couple must receive adequate pastoral and premarital counseling prior to marriage; neither party to the marriage may be currently married or civilly united;

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if either party to the marriage has been previously married and divorced, the bishop must give prior approval to the marriage; clergy are authorized to use the liturgical rite “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Lifelong Covenant” for couples of the same sex; however, no priest shall be required to use this rite, nor shall any priest be required to bless any civil marriage performed in another state; the parties should make the arrangements for the marriage at least 30 days prior to the date of the ceremony; there shall be at least two witnesses to the marriage; the ceremony is to be recorded in the parish register including the date, the place, names of the individuals being married along with the names of their parents, the age of individuals, their residence, their church status, the names of the witnesses, and the signature of the cleric officiating. (“The Witnessing and Blessing of a Lifelong Covenant” was approved by General Convention in 2012, and is a beautiful ceremony. bc)

### **Operation We Care**

Thank you for your donations. On Sunday, May 19, 200 persons gathered to pack 683 boxes to send to our servicemen.

Do you know a soldier? Maybe a family member, co-worker, neighbor, friend or do you know a service person currently deployed overseas to whom we could send a care package? Email contact info with

Soldier’s Name, Rank

Soldier’s Mailing Address

Soldier’s Branch of Service

How long they’ve been deployed

Your Name, Your Phone Number, Your Email to:

[Operationwecare.org@gmail.com](mailto:Operationwecare.org@gmail.com)

**The proud parents** Michael and Carolyn Cucina announce that Michael Cucina, Jr. graduated from Snow Hill High School and will join the U.S. Air Force in August. His brothers Dominic and Vinny, and sister Kristen, and extended family share in this joy.