

# *The Hallowed Word*

All Hallows Episcopal Church

April 2014

## **Celebrations and Confirmation!**

On Sunday, May 11, Hettie Gordon will be confirmed by Bishop Shand at 10:30 in the morning at St. Alban's Church in Salisbury. This has been a long journey for Hettie; the bishop could not confirm her as part of our Celebration of New Ministry liturgy. Hettie has continued studying and reading on her own and attending All Hallows when family commitments do not take her out of state. I will be presenting Hettie to Bishop Shand at that service as other clergy also will be taking advantage of his visit to our Southern Convocation. I encourage everyone to join us on that day at St. Alban's. The service will be spectacular with at least 3 congregations joining for worship and what, for some, may be the last opportunity to worship with our bishop.

(I will arrange a service for All Hallows for those who are unable to join us at St. Alban's.)

Peace, Nanese+

**If April Showers bring May flowers...** we should have a flood of blooms, blossoms and fruit in the coming months! I think most of us were so tired of the clouds and rain and extra-cold weather of the past. However, we will remember these difficult days of Spring when we hit the heat and humidity of July and August. One of our weaknesses, I think, is that we often live in the present. We often only remember the sweet days of the



(photo Ann Gibb)

past and prefer not to worry about the future. Recently, while working through Lent and Holy Week, I have marveled at the resiliency of the disciples of Jesus. Although they spent the days and nights following Jesus' trial and death by hiding in fear for their lives, they came back strong and courageous after Easter. The open tomb gave them the boldness to confront future sufferings and challenges. The Love and Presence of God in Jesus Christ kept them strong. Our Church and faith continue because of their lives --- and we, too, carry the seeds of our Church and faith.

Our Easter celebration will continue for 50 days until June 8 --- Pentecost Sunday. Do that! Celebrate because by celebrating we will remember what it was to be so gloriously happy to discover an empty tomb---to know that we will continue to live after our earthly death. As Christians, we do deserve opportunities to respond to God's love in ways that express our joy in who and what we are... We are Christians and God loves us with a love that has no bounds!

Blessings...Nanese+

### **Can you help?**

In November 2012, Crisfield was hit by Hurricane Sandy, a devastating storm. It has been over a year, and the work continues.

The Diocese of Easton has reserved a work week in Crisfield for May 11- 17, 2014. We will arrive on Sunday afternoon, the 11<sup>th</sup> and return home Friday afternoon after work or Saturday morning. We will be housed in one of the facilities which have been refurbished for volunteer use while rebuilding Crisfield or surrounding Somerset County. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person per night. There are cooking facilities, but meals are not provided, so a few of the group may prefer to do some shopping and cooking for the construction workers. We may also go out for a dinner or two and support the local economy.

All workers must be older than 16 years. The procedure is to complete the application and send it to Sandy Wrightson, 28522 Almshouse Road, Oxford, MD 21654. We need to know as soon as possible who will be participating. There is a limit of 35 persons for this week.

For more information and images of the work in Crisfield, please visit our Crisfield relief page at Crisfield Relief or contact Joe Pinto, the coordinator for the diocese, at [jhp2411@aol.com](mailto:jhp2411@aol.com) or call him at 443-523-7696 (c) or 410-968-2855(h).

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### **A Time to Say Good-bye...**

As our diocese prepares to say good-bye to Bishop Shand, plans have been made for a special service and dessert to honor him. This will give us all a time to say goodbye both collectively and personally. The plans so far are for a gathering at Christ Church Kent Island on Saturday, June 14 for an 11 am special service to honor our Bishop, followed by desserts.

Please watch our Sunday bulletins as the plans develop.

### **Musings by Jim, April 2014**

No microfilm was available between January 1900 and January 2, 1902. The following articles appeared in either “The Messenger” or “The Democratic Messenger”:

February 8, 1902 – Obituary for Rev. S. J. Morgan – Rev. Stephen J. Morgan, a former Rector of All Hallows Parish, Snow Hill, died in Davidsonville, Anne Arundel County, Sunday last. Mr. Morgan will be remembered as an eloquent preacher, probably not having a superior in this Diocese as an elocutionist. The telegram announcing his death said: “The Rev. Stephen J. Morgan, rector of All Hallows Parish, Davidsonville, Anne Arundel County, died yesterday at the rectory. The deceased was born in Wales and was about 50 years of age. He had been in poor health for some time past, and was under treatment at a Baltimore hospital until last Wednesday, when he returned home. The day was stormy and the rector had a drive of several miles to his home. This increased his bronchial trouble, which resulted in his death yesterday. The Rev. Mr. Morgan leaves a widow, who was a Miss

Duvall of Kentucky, and three children, two younger children having died a few months ago. He was rector of All Hallows parish for three years, coming here from Denton, Md. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from All Hallows Chapel. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Robert A. Mayo, rector of Christ's Church, West River. In the absence of Bishop Paret, who is ill of grip in Baltimore, and will not be able to attend the funeral, the bishop has telegraphed the Rev. Joseph P. McComas, rector of St. Anne's, to represent him at the obsequies.

March 29, 1902 – Miss Eleanor Butler is home spending the Easter holiday with her parents at the P. E. Rectory.

April 5, 1902 – The following were elected Vestrymen of All Parish last Monday evening: Messer A. D. Irwin, John J. Collins, E. S. Dashiell, L. E. Boehm, E. P. Davis, R. S. Stagg, W. J. Johnson, and William G. Kerbin.

April 12, 1902 – Pretty Home Wedding – Miss Anna Blanche Purnell and Mr. Alexander Russell. Miss Anna Blanche Purnell, daughter of Mrs. Margaret D. Purnell and the late George W. Purnell, Esq., for many years a prominent member of the Worcester bar, and Alexander Russell one of the firm of Burns, Russell and Co., of Baltimore, MD, were united in the bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride's mother in



Period 1902 Wedding Photo

Snow Hill, on Tuesday morning 8<sup>th</sup> inst. The ceremony was performed in the commodious reception room, which was prettily decorated with potted palms and white roses, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Adams of the Diocese of Easton, and the Rev. William Butler of All Hallows Church of Snow Hill officiating. The bride entered with her cousin, Mr. Frank Smith of Wayne, Pa. who gave her away. Mr. Charles W. Slagle Jr., of Baltimore, brother-in-law of the groom was best man; Mrs. Charles

S. Gregory, of New York, sister of the bride, matron of honor; Miss Frances Purnell the youngest sister of the bride, flower girl; Miss Susan Hurst Russell, sister of the groom, and Miss Margaret Payne of Snow Hill bridesmaids.

After the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served in the dining room which was beautifully decorated in green and white for the occasion; the china and silverware, Candelabra, etc., used were all of an antique pattern formerly the property of the great grandfather of the bride.

The gifts were many and costly. The gift of the groom to the bride was a superb diamond broach.

The bride wore a gown of white lace embroidered with pearls and orange blossoms; the veil was of tulle, caught with orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and orange blossoms and maiden hair fern.

The matron of honor wore a cream lace gown and carried a beautiful bouquet of American Beauty roses. The flower girl was gowned in white liberty silk over pink, and carried a basket of lilies of the valley. The bridesmaids wore gowns of white liberty silk over white taffeta and carried large bouquets of violets. The mother of the bride wore a gown of black Lonisine with lace appliqué and hand embroidery in white.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Slagle Jr., Miss Russell, Miss Susan Hurst Russell, Mr. Raymond Russell, relatives of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Mr. Wallace Smith of Wayne, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Gregor, Master Russell Gregor, Miss Gregor of New York; Mrs. E. A. Robins, Dr. J. B. R. Purnell, Mr. and Mrs. James Purnell, Miss Nanate Purnell and Miss Florence Hayward, relatives of the bride; Miss Hammond of Berlin, Mr. and Mrs. James Ingram of Baltimore, Bishop Adams of Easton, Rev. and Mrs. Butler, Miss Covington, Mr. and Mrs. William Powell, Miss Annie Staton, Miss Juliet Purnell, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Payne, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Johnson, Miss Nora Dryden, Mr. William G. Kerbin, Miss Nellie M. Payne, Miss Winifred Payne, Mrs. John H. Handy, Mr. Eben Hearne, Levin L. Dirickson.

Also, April 12, 1902 – The son and namesake of the Rev. Mr. Butler has accepted offer of a prominent place with corps of civil engineers in the city of London, now engaged in extensive electric road work in that city. Mr. Butler is about to take steamer from New York where he has been in similar work, for some years. His father and mother will make him and his wife a visit of several days inclusive of next Sunday, so that All Hallows will be without services of that day.

April 19, 1902 – Mrs. Priscilla H. H. Milbourne aged 81 years died here Tuesday noon after a lingering illness. She was the widow of the late Zadok Milbourne, and had lived in Snow Hill all her life. She is survived by one son, Mr. Charles Milbourne a traveling salesman who resides in Cambridge and who arrived in Snow Hill just too late to see his mother before she passed away. Sewell Milbourne, Esq., a prominent lawyer of Cambridge, is a stepson. Mrs. Milbourne was a member of All Hallows Church and her remains were interred in that churchyard Thursday afternoon. She leaves quite a number of relatives in Snow Hill, among the number being Mrs. A. D. Irwin, Mrs. Wm. I. Rownds and others.

April 26, 1902 – At the request of William G. Kerbin, president of the Fire Department, the Diamond State Telephone Company will place a fire ‘phone in the power house so that in case of a fire persons can ‘phone direct to the power house.

June 21, 1902 – Cadet Thomas Robins of the West Point Military Academy is home on a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Robins.

June 28, 1902 – Mr. A. D. Irwin, Jr., is home on his vacation from the Pennsylvania Military College. He is accompanied by his room mate, Mr. Clifford W. Metz of Louisville, Ky.

Also, Miss Mary Scarborough, one of the accomplished teachers of the State Normal School, Baltimore, is home spending her summer vacation with her parents in Snow Hill.

July 12, 1902 – Snow Hill will have a public drinking fountain, thanks to the progressive spirit manifested by the City Council. The order was passed Thursday night and the fountain will be purchased and erected at once where the town pump formerly stood, across the street from

Purnell's Hotel. The fountain will be for man and beast and will be especially advantageous to farmers coming into town.

September 13, 1902 – Mr. Harold D. Boehm, who has been in Europe on business since June, will sail from Havre, France, on the French Liner “La Davoir” today, reaching New York on Saturday next.

October 11, 1902 – A. D. Irwin, Esq., left Tuesday on a business trip to New York and other cities.

Also, Mayor William D. Corddry and wife returned last week from a visit to New York City.

Oct. 18, 1902 – An oyster supper under the auspices of All Hallows Parish Guild will be held during the last week of October. A silk quilt donated by Mrs. Marshall will be disposed of, Time and place next week.

Nov. 8, 1902 – The Misses Payne entertained the Euchre Club at their home Thursday evening, Professor Colbourne won the gentlemen's prize and Miss May Purnell won the lady's prize. There were ten tables and the evening was one of great enjoyment for those present. Supper was served between 11 and 12 o'clock.

That's all Folks! We'll pick up with 1903 next issue. See you then. Jim

### **This month's biography – Mary Deitch**

Mary Margaret Hood Deitch prefers to be called Mary (or Nana by her grandchildren). Mary and her husband Harry joined All Hallows in 1989 when they moved from Chincoteague to Snow Hill.

Mary was born and grew up in Portland, Oregon. She went to high school in Honolulu, attended college in Pittsburgh and Charlottesville, and earned a Master's degree while in San Diego. She and Harry were married in Lynchburg, Virginia. The U. S. Navy



took them to San Diego and Japan, before moving to Chincoteague in 1980. Mary finds that living on the Eastern Shore is delightful and that All Hallows is one of the friendliest churches around.

Mary taught special education for 35+ years in Virginia Beach, San Diego, Chincoteague, and the last 23 years in Snow Hill. Since retiring in 2009, she has enjoyed expanding her sewing experience, learned to knit, volunteered with the Chincoteague Garden Club, and done some volunteer tutoring. She also enjoys volunteering for the Altar Guild at All Hallows and has been busy finishing a two year term as ECW Treasurer. She loves swimming, aquacise and gardening.

Mary states that “time spent with my family has been fabulous, and babysitting the grandchildren is joyous!” Her family also includes a son, Christopher, and his wife Ursula and daughters Emma and Grace; a daughter Heather and her husband Jim, who have a son Noah and are expecting another son in June.

Mary is looking for a volunteer at the next ECW meeting to replace her as the ECW Treasurer.

**We have been praying for Billie Grey, who sent the following report:**

I thought that having asked the All Hallows folks to pray for me while I got treatment for cancer, I should let you know how things have progressed.

The news is good, but there are still a few bumps. I got a very difficult chemo regime starting in September and ending (I hope) the last week of February. All the tests so far have shown my body to be clear of cancer. There is another test March 21. I expect to go back to work around the first of April. That won't be quite full time since there are more tests and procedures.

So, thank you for your prayers. It might be a bit premature for a full-on celebration but a brief prayer of thanksgiving is probably justified.

Billie

**From a review of a biography of Archbishop Rowan Williams found in *The Living Church*:**

In a chapter on “Saints” he explores the influence on Williams of the Orthodox conviction that much of what we know of God comes through the example of saintly lives. This “theology of sanctity” helps us to see that holy lives make the idea of God credible, and shows us how Jesus’ revelation of the Father’s love can be reflected in the individual lives of the church community. This might be thought of as a meditation on the story of the road to Emmaus: the stranger whom we fail to recognize also becomes our nearest and clearest encounter with God.

**In Memory of Ruth Bowie**



Bowie Family on Occasion of granddaughter Hanna Semsker’s Confirmation. (Deacon Buddy Murray, Bishop Shand, and Fr. Ken Thom’s 10th anniversary as a Priest).

To our Friend Ruth,  
Who was always there to lend a hand to everybody she knew,  
Her smile was bright and sunny and fresh as the morning dew.  
You were an awesome beautiful lady so full of life, joy, peace and love,  
And you were soft and gentle as a Dove.  
The angels are there for you.  
Good-bye our dear friend; rest in peace.  
Our love for you will never cease.

Nancy Blank

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**Life without God** is like an unsharpened pencil – it has no point.

### **2014 Pancake Supper**

Belated snapshot of February's Pancake Supper. Ready to work are: Barbara Flatley, Jane Bradford, Bea Adkins, Noreen Godwin, Hettie Gordon, Margaret Papadopolous, Katherine Gordon, and Mary Deitch



### **May Calendar**

All Wednesday and Friday evenings include AA meetings.

Snow Hill Rotary meets in the Parish Hall each Tuesday 7:30-8:30 a.m.

**Sunday, May 4:** 3 Easter, Service at 9:30 with Sunday School

**Sunday, May 11:** 4 Easter, 10:30 service for Confirmation at St. Alban's; service at All Hallows 9:30 am.

**Monday, May 12:** ECW at 7:00. The ECW will be electing 2 volunteers to fill the President and Treasurer positions for a two year term. Anyone interested in either of these positions is asked to contact Ann Gibb. Work: 410-632-2080; Cell: 757-999-9911

**Wednesday, May 14:** Vestry at 5:30

**Sunday, May 18:** 5 Easter, 9:30 service and Sunday School

**Monday-Friday, May 19-23,** Rector away for Continuing Education and Retreat