

The Hallowed Word

All Hallows Episcopal Church

February 2014

Speaking of faith:

*“When I find myself in times of trouble
Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be...”*

These words were written by Paul McCartney in 1970, and recorded around the same time. Amazing to realize that it has been 50 years since their momentous visit to the U.S.! Their music brought an impact and change to our country—some good and some not so good. They were able to communicate thoughts and feelings of a generation who were living in an “in between time”—no longer children, but not quite adults. This song came a good bit after their 1964 visit to the Ed Sullivan Show, but like most art and music, things mature and evolve as time goes by.

I always found this piece of music thoughtful and spiritual. Times when life seems to leave one feeling lost, alone, or just overwhelmed happen to everyone at some time or another, and it’s a good thing to hear these thoughts expressed in music.

That’s what music is supposed to do: get us in touch with our feelings—our deepest hopes and yearnings. Music can often clarify what we can’t find the words to say. Music has a way of living on after the song is done—like incense in church or a good sauce on the stove for dinner! We recall it because it touches our senses. Often the same scent will trigger memories of other days, other times and places.

This song always seemed to bring comfort—like a blanket drawn up and tucked under the chin. It brought reminders that we aren’t alone in a

scary and often turbulent time. Back then it was Viet Nam—now it is so much bigger and so much more overwhelming. What TV news could bring to us in 1964 was so limited compared to the multi-media of today. How can one escape the news? Certainly turning off all TV's, radios, computers, etc. is one way, but the downside of that is we then live in such remoteness that we feel ignorant on many levels.

The message this song brings (one of many messages) is that we are not left alone by God, or angels or Saints—however you chose to define “Mary” in your spiritual life. Sometimes it does take a tough time in life to nudge us toward prayer. Sometimes it takes prayer to nudge us toward being quiet and listening...just listening...not talking.

As we prepare to enter the Season of Lent, I encourage you to think about the ways you can connect with God that are a little different than the rest of the year. It could be music...music is often deeply spiritual...just listen to the words and you will hear the thoughts and feelings of others who are also yearning for the Holy Spirit.

Or, try just sitting in silence and instead of asking God for directions or guidance, just *listen*. It might feel a little challenging, but we do expect God to listen to us, so maybe we should try listening to God.

There are other Lenten opportunities for us at All Hallows. Some are in our newsletter, and some will pop up at announcements and in the bulletin. Just remember...we are all waiting and listening for words of wisdom.

Peace, *Nanese+*

Attention Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers

There will be a meeting of all acolytes and Eucharistic ministers on Monday, February 24 at 5:30 pm in the Church. We will be reviewing our practices and procedures so that we can all understand and know what to do when we are serving on Sundays or days of special services.

Operation We Care

Thank you for the donations you bring in for our Service People. If you have the name and address of a service person from our area, we will be glad to pass it on to Jeff Merritt, coordinator. The program makes two major shipments in November and May. These are sent to almost 700 individuals. But every month or so, smaller mailings are made. One will be going to 32 individuals the end of February.

The Diocese has scheduled a Warden/Treasurer Conference to be held on March 29 at Bray House. The attendance of all wardens and treasurers is strongly encouraged. Additional details on this important meeting will be forthcoming. Please plan ahead.

Church Periodical Club {CPC} Ministry

Happy New Year All Hallows Family! A special thanks to Katherine Gordon and to all of you who contributed to the C.P.C. in 2013. This report comes to you from your friendly C.P.C. Chairman Nelson Payne, volunteering for the third year of duty. The money from pennies to larger amounts is used to provide a means of funding for an on-going Diocesan/National project; this project is known as the Church Periodical Club or C.P.C. Well, those pennies, loose coins and paper money were put to good use. In 2013, you made it possible for the money from the jar to reach a record breaking contribution from All Hallows.

Do you remember a few years ago when I began calling attention to a glass jar located at the back of the church near the entrance? It pleases me to report that many of you have looked and found that putting money in the jar is a painless method of supporting this Ministry. All the money collected goes to provide seminary students with cash grants to purchase text books. Especially in these low cash times, pennies add up, and your support for this Ministry can continue in 2014 by filling the glass jar.

The church family should be proud and thankful that our gift glorifies our Lord's work, and it brings hope to all seminarians studying to work toward serving God in the Episcopal Church.

Lighting Update – Junior Warden, Kemp Wills

You may have noticed some recent changes around the Church and Parish Hall. It's all part of an energy upgrade to more efficient fixtures. Last year, Fr. Ken responded to a request from Delmarva Power to evaluate the church's energy usage, and we have been meeting with them for the past year. Delmarva Power participates in a rebate program from the State of Maryland to help commercial buildings (churches included) eliminate older fixtures and thereby put less stress on the power grid and reduce the state's need for building more power plants. Through the program, the rebates cover the cost of the new fixtures and even some of the labor cost to install them.



The new lighting fixtures are all based on LED technology (light-emitting diode). There are no bulbs to replace, and no moving parts. It is the same technology as the small red and green blinking lights on circuit boards – but they have finally found a way to make them bright enough and white enough to use for lighting. These LED lights are replacing both incandescent bulbs and the spiral compact florescent lights (CFLs). In the close-up picture above, the small yellow squares are the LEDs, and each fixture has dozens of them in it. They should last 20+ years without maintenance, but they are expensive right now, which is why there is a program to provide rebates.

Lastly, and most importantly, the reason there is such a push for these LED lights is that they use about 60% to 80% less electricity than

the old bulbs and fixtures. That is the reason Maryland and Delmarva Power are paying us to make the upgrades.

The same goes for the new refrigerator in the basement. Replacing an old refrigerator in a commercial building was eligible for a \$700 credit toward a new one. Our old refrigerator was 27 years old, very inefficient and small by today's standards, while the new one is rated to use only \$43 of electricity for the entire year.

While we had the electrician here, we also decided to perform other improvements and conveniences—for example, replacing the parish hall “circuit breaker switches” with a bank of normal light switches. Still on the list are upgrades to the parking lot lighting—which will replace the large flood lights with modern down-facing lights which use a fraction of the electricity. If you have any questions about this program or the new lights, please see Ken or myself.



(An example of the old florescent ceiling fixtures - showing where the ballasts had been leaking black fluid. Good riddance!)

The ECW will be electing officers at their May meeting on Monday, May 12, 2014. Connie West and Katherine Gordon have volunteered to stay on as Secretary and Vice-President, respectively. We need two volunteers to fill the President and Treasurer's positions for a two year term. Anyone who is interested in serving the ECW in either of these positions is asked to contact Ann Gibb so she can draw up a slate of officers to present at the meeting. (Work: 410-632-2080; Cell: 757-999-9911) Thank you for considering this ministry!

Don't tell God how big your storm is. Tell your storm how big God is.

The Origin of St. Valentine

The origin of St. Valentine, and how many St. Valentines there were, remains a mystery. One opinion is that he was a Roman martyred for refusing to give up his Christian faith. Other historians hold that St. Valentine was a temple priest jailed for defiance during the reign of Claudius. Whoever he was, Valentine really did exist, because archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to Saint Valentine. In 496 Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom.

A Collect for St. Valentine as prayed by some Anglicans

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, You gave Saint Valentine the courage to witness to the gospel of Christ, even to the point of giving his life for it. Help us to endure all suffering for love of you, and to seek you with all our hearts; for you alone are the source of life and love. Grant that we may have the courage and love to be strong witnesses of your truth to our friends and family and to the whole world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Ultimate Valentine – John 3:16

**For God so loVed the world
That he gAve
His onLy
BegottEn
SoN
That whosoever
Believeth In Him
Will Not perish
But have Eternal life.**

(Thanks to Katherine Gordon for finding us so much useful information.)

February 14 is also celebrated as St. Valentine's Day in other Christian Churches; in the Church of England, for example, it was included in Calendars before the Reformation, and Valentine, Bishop and Martyr, was restored to the Church's Calendar in the 1661/1662 Book of Common Prayer. He remains in the Calendars of the Church of England and in those of most other parts of the Anglican Communion.

Life is not about finding yourself;
it's about discovering who *God created you to be*.

Top Ten Predictions for 2014

(Found and passed on by Ruth Bowie.)

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. The Holy Spirit will still move.
3. God will still honor the praises of His people.
4. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
5. There will still be singing of praise to God.
6. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
7. There will still be room at the Cross.
8. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

Isn't it great To Remember Who Is Really in Control and that "The Word of the Lord endures forever." (1 Peter 1:25)

Wanted: Anyone interested in learning the sausage cutting technique. The Pancake Supper Sausage Committee has two openings for sausage cutters. No experience needed, just a sharp knife and a cutting board. Training will be provided. If the Spirit leads you to fill this need, Contact Katherine Gordon.

A New Lenten Program:

Hallelujah! The Bible and Handel's Messiah

All Hallows' Lenten program will pair the beautiful composition of Handel's *Messiah* with a study of the scriptures he used to relate the Biblical events of Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection. We will explore the scriptural text of Handel's *Messiah*, using the Kerygma program: *Hallelujah, the Bible and Handel's Messiah*.

Our program begins on Monday, March 10 and concludes Monday, April 14. We will begin at 6 pm with a Simple Supper and begin our listening and discussion at 6:30. Please watch for sign-ups and more information on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

Musings by Jim – February 2014

Picking up where we left off last month:

February 24. 1894 – The Messenger – Clayton J. Purnell, Esq., has purchased the Bishop lot, opposite the residence of Senator Smith and Hon. George W. Covington, of Dr. Bishop, and will shortly commence to build for himself a handsome and commodious residence.

Jackson Gott, of Baltimore, is to be the architect. Mr. Purnell certainly has purchased one of the most desirable building lots in the town and we are sure his new home will be worthy the location.

April 27, 1895 – The Messenger – A little more sociability in the churches would be desirable. There are scores of people who sing “We’ll know each other there,” meaning in Heaven, who refuse to know each other here. But they will not have a chance to know each other in the celestial world because they won’t get there. If they do not love their brother whom they have seen, how can they love Him who they have not seen?

What are “Strawberry checks?”

Why did Rev. Robert Scott not live in the Rectory? In the June 15, 1895 edition of The Messenger, it was stated that the Rectory was rented to Professor J. Edward White. When did Rev. Scott resign from All Hallows? A call was made to Rev. Edward Rich of Greensboro, MD. Sometime before July 13, 1895.

July 13, 1895 – The Messenger – A needed improvement has begun in our midst, that of numbering the houses and stores of Snow Hill. Now there will be no inconvenience in directing anyone to our residences or places of business. Let everyone fall in line!

Complaints have been received at The Messenger as to why there are no telephone lines projected for Ocean City, Snow Hill or Pocomoke in Worcester County.

December 7, 1895 – The Messenger – Snow Hill's first telephone line is in operation.

The Messenger – Mrs. Eleanor Rock died December 18, 1895, buried at All Hallows, December 20, 1895.

January 11, 1896 – The Messenger – Rev. Mr. Morgan, All Hallows, welcomed to Snow Hill.

March 14, 1896 – The messenger – The institution of the Daughters of the King, over twenty in number, will take place in All Hallows Church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. The service is one of the most beautiful and impressive of the Episcopal Church.

Also, same date, The confirmation service at All Hallows Church last Wednesday evening was the most interesting and impressive that has taken place in this parish for many years. The Bishop of the Diocese, Rt. Rev. W. Forbes Adams, D.C.L., was assisted by the Rector, Rev. S. J. Morgan, and the Rev. David Howard of Berlin. The comparatively large number of persons to be confirmed, including several of our most prominent business men, drew a large congregation and created the

deepest interest and attention. Among the number of those confirmed were: Dr. C. P. Jones, Dr. G. W. Bishop, Capt. W. E. Timmons, Horace Payne, James R. Purnell, A. D. Irwin, Edwin Dixon, Mr. & Mrs. T. Z. Johnson and 12 others.

What is “Paralysis of the brain?”

March 28, 1896 – The Messenger – J. J. Collins (John James) represented the Seaside Real Estate Agency in 1896.

April 18, 1896 – The Messenger – The Vestry of All Hallows Church have voted their Rector, Rev. S. J. Morgan, a month of absolute rest from all pulpit and parochial work on account of throat affection, with instructions to obtain the best medical treatment that can be had. Mr. Morgan will leave on Friday morning for New York City where he will consult an eminent specialist and will then return to Snow Hill for rest and treatment. The church will be closed for four weeks, except the Sunday School and the two chapters. We trust that Mr. Morgan may speedily recover and the work of All Hallows be successfully resumed.

Mr. Horace Payne is having a brick pavement laid in front of his store on both Pearl and Bank Streets. It will make quite an improvement.

Mr. J. J. Collins has announced clearing of the site of the old bridge storehouse, preparatory to erecting thereon three two-story brick buildings.

May 16, 1896 – The Messenger – We are glad to learn that the Rev. Mr. Morgan, Rector of All Hallows Church, who has been under treatment of an eminent New York Specialist for respiratory troubles, is sufficiently recovered to occupy the pulpit tomorrow morning.

The Daughters of the King, of All Hallows Parish, are preparing to hold a grand out-door entertainment on the 16th and 17th of June. It will consist of a typical Gypsy Camp with Gypsy fortunetellers, music,

games, refreshments, and many other attractions. The proceeds will be applied to the organ fund.

June 6. 1896 – The Messenger – The Gypsy Encampment, an open air entertainment to be given by the Daughters of the King of All Hallows Church, will take place on June 16th and 17th at the residence of L. E. Boehm and adjoining grounds which will be left undone to make the affair one long to be remembered. The Daughters are hard at work making preparations for what promises to be one of the most unique and delightful festivals ever given in Snow Hill.

June 20, 1896 – The Messenger – The gypsy encampment held on the grounds of Messers. L. Edward Boehm and George W. Covington by the ladies of All Hallows' Church, Tuesday evening, was a novel and successful affair in every particular. A large tent was set up in the Covington lot and around it on the outside and in Mr. Boehm's yard were tables in which ices were served. In the tent sat the gypsy fortune teller plying her avocation; and flitting here and there were some of Snow Hill's prettiest maidens attired in the vari colored costume of the traveling gypsy maiden, mammoth earrings and all. The grounds were illuminated by Chinese lanterns. The orange tree was probably the most novel thing of the gypsy camp, and we will briefly describe it to you. A nicely shaped tree had been planted near the tent and on it yellow canvas oranges to the number of about one hundred hung in the most natural manner. Inside of each of these oranges was a present, or a ticket calling for something too large to get inside an orange, but which could be found on a table under the tree. Each orange had a price and the buyer could take his choice. It was the purpose to hold the camp open Wednesday night but the inclemency of the weather prevented and on Thursday evening, the ladies offered ices for sale in the storehouse of Mr. O. D. Collins, under the Messenger office. The amount realized was \$100.

Diocesan Convention, February 21 and 22 in Cambridge

Our delegates are Alice Tweedy and Bonnie Caudell. Katherine Gordon is the alternate delegate. You have been hearing about the study/discussion to be held on Saturday, 22nd, about the future of our diocese. You are very strongly encouraged to participate in Saturday's event, and we can talk about car pooling.

Calendar Dates

(Please don't forget there is a calendar on the bulletin Board in the Parish Hall.)

Rotary every Tuesday, 7:30-8:30 am in the Parish Hall

AA: Wednesdays, 7:30 pm and Fridays, 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Feb. 19: Vestry, 5:30 pm

Feb. 21 and 22: Diocesan Convention at Hyatt in Cambridge

March 4: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 5: Ash Wednesday Service: Noon and 7:00 pm

March 10: Lenten Study: Alleluia: The Bible and Handel's Messiah, 6 to 8:30 pm

March 16: Irish Book of Common Prayer worship, 9:30 am

March 17: 6 pm, Lenten Study

March 19: Vestry, 5:30 pm

March 24: Lenten Study, 6 pm

March 31, Lenten Study, 6 pm