

# *The Hallowed Word*

## *All Hallows Episcopal Church*

*November 2014*

*The falling leaves drift past my window...*

was a popular song from my childhood. I remember listening to it while visiting my grandparents who lived in Newark, Delaware.

The home was torn down in 1971 to make room for the University's School of Nursing,

but the large trees in the front yard still remain... and I'm sure the leaves are changing colors and drifting at this time of the year. One of the reasons I love living in this part of the country is because we do have seasons, clear markers of how the earth changes slowly but surely four times a year. The falling leaves are beautiful colors that slowly change our landscape. Haven't you sometimes driven into a street you know well only to be surprised by the beauty of leaves: red, orange, yellow or a mixture of the colors?



This season is preparing us for the "sleep" of winter; the cold blankets of frost and snow which aren't as welcome by some, but when snow does come and cover the earth you must admit that from your warm room where you can watch out a window, the snow is like a blanket covering the dead grass, the bare trees and bushes, the bleakness of leafless flower beds. And, we do know that come February and March things will again begin to grow and by April we will have green and other colors popping up in gardens and lawns.

That is another "blessing" of living in this climate. We are reminded that life continues although unseen. We can't "see" the life, but we know that we will see again the life we now are bidding good-bye. Life will return and the edges will soften and the warmth will fill our porches

and sun-lit rooms. Fall is the reminder not just of death—but of new life as well. Things will return, perhaps changed, but life will continue. The colors of fall remind us not just of loss, but of God’s promise of new life to come.

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**Saturday night, turn your clock back** unless you want to be an hour early to visit the Bishop Sunday morning.

**The Parish Annual Meeting** will follow the morning service on Sunday, November 9.

**A Discussion Regarding A Vision for the Future of Our Parish** will be accompanied by a wine and cheese buffet on Thursday, November 13, 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We ask that each member make a serious effort to attend. (If children need babysitting, at least one parent try to attend.)

### **Getting to Know Our Members...**

**Judi Menavich** started attending All Hallows in August 2013. She moved to Snow Hill approximately six years ago. Judi owned a bookstore, Maggie’s of Snow Hill, but had to close it because of the economy. While she had her bookstore, Ed Haile and Bonnie Caudell used to come in for their Sunday newspaper and both encouraged her to go to All Hallows.

She is originally from Pennsylvania. She is a widow with a son and his family in Tennessee and a daughter and her family in Pennsylvania. She has a grandson and two granddaughters, one of whom was adopted from China.

Judi loves to volunteer, but because she works full time and is currently renovating her house, it’s rather difficult. She was able to volunteer to do “clean up” after this year’s pancake supper. Judi is the current treasurer for the ECW. She is on the Board of the Worcester

County Historical Society. When Judi lived in Pennsylvania, she worked with the Domestic Abuse Project in Delaware County. She expects that when she retires she will have much more time to volunteer.

Judi works full time as a legal administrator and has worked in the legal field for over 40 years. Other than volunteering, her interests are in books, music and travel, both here and abroad.

Judi is very happy that Ed and Bonnie invited her to All Hallows. It is a very warm place – not only the service but the people as well. She felt welcomed from the first time she came. Nanese is a wonderful Rector, and Judi finds her sermons to be inspirational and human at the same time.

### **Musings by Jim**

Picking up where we left off last month:

September 22, 1906 – Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Kennard and son of “Driftwood Farm” are visiting his aunt, Mrs. Adams in Boston.

Rev. J. F. Kirk left this week for his usual vacation, which will be spent in New York, Philadelphia, and other points.

Bishop Leighton Coleman of the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware has returned from his annual 10 days tramping trip. The Bishop visited western Pennsylvania and Maryland and was entertained at farm houses along the route, the farmers not knowing that he was a clergyman. During the 10 days, the Bishop said he walked 210 miles. “That is not a bad record for a man of 70,” he said laughingly.

Several of our young men, who have been spending their vacation at home with their parents, returned to college this week. Mr. Edward Dashiell has matriculated at St. John’s College, Annapolis, and Mr. Asher R. Smith has returned to the same institution for graduation, while Messer’s Harris and Howard Corddry and Walter Price have returned to Washington College, Chestertown, to continue their studies for another year.

September 29, 1906 – Miss Lula Covington was stricken with appendicitis one day last week and on Saturday was taken to the Church Home Hospital, Baltimore, where she was operated upon. Dr. Paul Jones accompanied Miss Covington to Baltimore and remained with her until the operation was performed. Hon. George W. Covington and Mrs. Covington, parents of the young lady, also accompanied her to the hospital. We are pleased to learn that the operation was successful, and that Miss Covington is getting along nicely.

October 6, 1906 – Mrs. Waldo Kennard, who has been in poor health for some time, is under the treatment of a specialist in Boston. Mrs. Kennard and son were here last week, closing their home at “Driftwood Farm,” and making arrangements to remain several weeks in Boston.

October 13, 1906 – Of Note: You cannot build up a town by decrying the merits of its citizens, nor by any kind of fault-finding. Always speak a good word for the town in which you live, or else, if you cannot consistently do so, move out and look for a town which does conform to your ideas of what it should be.

October 27, 1906 – The alarm of fire was sounded Tuesday morning around 4 o’clock, and it brought Snow Hill people out of their beds on double quick. The occasion for the alarm was the explosion of a coal oil lamp in the bed room of Mrs. George W. Covington at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Covington at the head of Church Street. Mrs. Covington attempted to extinguish the blaze by throwing bed covering upon it. The Fire Department responded promptly, but it was not necessary to turn on the water as the fire was put out by neighbors who were on the spot before the fire gained much headway. The furniture of the room was considerably damaged. Mr. Covington was sick in bed at the time.

November 3, 1906 – The Very Reverend Edward R. Rich, Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Easton, will preach in All Hallows Church this (Friday) evening. Services at 7:30.

The ladies of All Hallows Church will hold a bazaar on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. James D. Hack has moved into the new storehouse on Washington Street just completed for him by Mr. Levin B. Disharoon. The work was done by W. P. Pusey & Son, and they have made a good job of it. The building is two-story, 22X80 with two large plate glass windows in front. An open stairway provides easy access to the second floor. Mr. Hack now has an excellent place to show off his large stock of stoves, hardware, and tinware, and up stairs has a complete shop for doing all kinds of repair work. He would like all his friends to call and see him in his new quarters.

November 17, 1906 – The friends of Hon. George W. Covington will be glad to learn that he is convalescing, tho' slowly, from his long illness of typhoid fever. He is now able to sit up several hours daily. Mr. Covington, as soon as he is able to travel, proposes to go to New York with his family to spend the winter.

[There was no microfiche available for the year 1907, so we will begin with 1908 in the next edition of "The Hallowed Word."]

### **Let's Try Something New!**

Some folks seem a little shy about trying something new, but let's face it; if we never tried something new how would we know what might work?

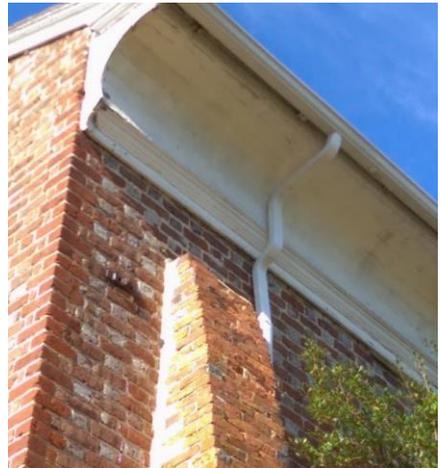


We are in need of additional acolytes! Let's try and start gently! We need you to carry the cross and hand and receive the offering from the greeters. That's the basic need right now. We also would like a few people who would be willing to read the Prayers of the People and assist with the chalice on a Sunday.

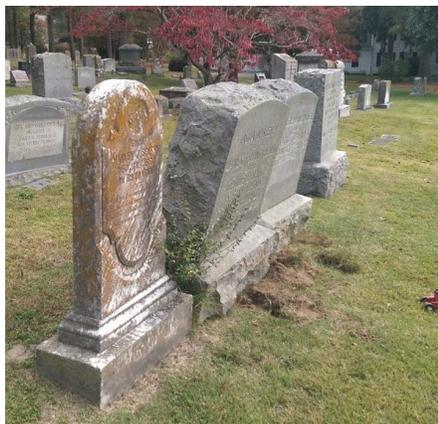
The rector will assist and give you all you would need—And, you would be serving the Lord! How lucky is that? Please speak to the rector and let's see how you can help us out!

**Jr. Warden's Column** Several recent improvements to comment on. The basement of the Parish Hall has been greatly cleaned up (mostly cleaned out!) due to many people's efforts. Thank you!

The roof gutters and downspouts on the lychgate side of the main church have been repaired by Dailey Gutters. The gutters were damaged during the heavy snows last year, and hence have been overflowing and pounding the mulch and landscaping. They also replaced the damaged gutters on the south side of the Rectory. (as an aside, it is always the South side of the roof that has more damage because the winter sun melts the snow which then rushes down the roof all at once, ruining the gutters and the landscaping below. The North side melts more gradually and the gutters function properly).



Lastly (and mostly because there are pictures to show) some leaning tombstones have been jacked up and straightened in the cemetery this Fall. Of course... this only makes the next ones more noticeable -- what have we started?! 😊



## **BUILDING A FOUNDATION**

By Bethany Ziegler [bziegler@stardem.com](mailto:bziegler@stardem.com)

(Since everyone is not familiar with our diocesan ministry of The Children's Home Foundation, this seemed a great introduction.)

EASTON – There's a brick building that sits behind Trinity Cathedral on Goldsborough Street in Easton. It's used as an apartment building now, but until 1958, it had a much different use—serving as an orphanage called The Home for Friendless Children of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Opened in 1871, the home was the brainchild of Anna M.L. Earle, Elias Dawson and Bishop Henry Champlain, the leader of the newly formed Diocese of Easton, which sponsored the home. According to a history compiled by Eloise Howard Davis for the Children's Home Foundation, a scholarship-giving group founded after the closing of the home, the first house was opened on Glebe Road in Easton with two children with money raised, donated and granted by Talbot County and the state of Maryland. By the end of the year, the home housed 14 children, and in 1874, a new home was built on North Street to accommodate more residents.

Neavitt resident Norma Higgins lived in the new house from 1953 to 1958, with about 24 other girls ages 5 and up.

"It was one of the best places, I think, that you could live with the circumstances that you had in your life," Higgins said.

Higgins, 76, moved to the children's home when she was 13 and stayed for her teenage years, moving out when she got married at 18. Though she can't speak for what it was like to live there during its early years, she said near the end of its tenure, it was a great place to grow up.

During her time in the house, Higgins said, a typical day involved waking up, doing chores and heading off to school, much like any other teenager. She had a curfew, attended school dances, and there were sponsors to make sure the girls still had gifts on their birthdays and for Christmas.

“I really enjoyed everything about living there ... We used to call ourselves the poor little rich girls,” Higgins said. “It was just really a nice, nice place to live when you didn’t have a mother and a father.”

There also were three house mothers and a superintendent who, Higgins said, were less administrators and more like family.

“They were like mothers to us; they cared about us and they loved us,” Higgins said. “If we had any problems, we would sit and talk to them, and they would help us in any way that they could.”

What she never saw, Higgins said, was any kind of stigma among her classmates and friends because she lived in the children’s home.

“I never minded living there at all, and I don’t feel ashamed even now to tell anyone,” Higgins said. “I have nothing to be ashamed of.”

According to Howard Davis’ report, compiled with the help of the book “Unto the Least of These” by Polly Ross, a history of the children’s home, the home was closed in 1958 for many reasons, including the increasing popularity of foster homes, growing government regulations and a shift in attitudes about social responsibility.

A few months later, in 1959, with the funds from the sale of the home and continued support from the Episcopal Diocese of Easton, the Children’s Home Foundation of the Eastern Shore of Maryland was created. Higgins and another former resident of the children’s home recently connected with members of the foundation board, a first for both sides.

“It was really touching for us to hear the stories of these women,” said Martha Austin from the foundation. “We’re ever mindful of where our roots are.”

The Children’s Home Foundation each year grants scholarships and camperships to students specifically on the Eastern Shore. The scholarships are for students who are pursuing vocational or job training, and the camperships are for children who are otherwise unable to afford summer camp. According to a report, the foundation gave out \$170,375 in scholarships to 108 students in 2013-14 and \$29,924 in camp funding. Austin said the scholarship number has gone up this past year, with the foundation giving money to 119 students.

They also provide emergency aid to young people in the area when disaster or hardship occurs and there is no other aid available.

Despite living under the umbrella of the Episcopal Diocese of Easton, Austin said the foundation functions independently and maintains its own records and finances. The foundation depends solely on donations and the remaining endowment from the sale of the orphanage. November is the group's fundraising month.

"We really do depend on donations," Austin said. "We don't have galas or dinners or golf tournaments. It's very quiet."

### **Blessing of the Animals**

If you noticed a poster around town advertising the Blessing of the Animals at All Hallows, then you can thank one of our own church family members. A big thank you to Vinny Cucina for the poster he drew for the Blessing of the Animals.

St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) loved animals and birds, and he spent most of his time praising God and God's creation.

Many stories are told about the work of St. Francis, and near his feast day in October the blessing of animals is celebrated in many churches.

One story about St. Francis is that he was walking along a road when he came upon a large flock of all kinds of birds. He stopped and began to preach to them. He told them how lucky they were to have such beautiful feathers, wings, and the clear blue sky to fly in. He said they should praise God who had given them all these things. The birds listened carefully and did not fly away until Francis had given them his blessing.



Francis was in the town of Gubbio where a fierce wolf was scaring the people and the other animals. Francis went into the forest to talk to the wolf. He told this animal that he must stop frightening the people in the town. He promised the wolf that the people of the town would bring him food if he would promise to be kind to them. The wolf became tame and never hurt anyone again.

### **Hymn of the Month - November 2014**

#### **“This day at thy creating word”**

Number 52 in the Hymnal 1982

This day at thy creating word  
First o’er the earth the light was poured;  
O Lord, this day upon us shine  
And fill our souls with light divine.

This day the Lord for sinners slain  
In might victorious rose again;  
O Jesus, may we lifted be  
From death of sin to life in thee!

This day the Holy Spirit came  
With fiery tongues of cloven flame;  
O Spirit, fill our hearts this day  
With grace to hear and grace to pray.

All praise to God the Father be,  
All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whom  
With the Spirit we adore  
For ever and forever more.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1879)

Music: Rushford, Henry G. Ley (1887-1962)

William Walsham How (1823-1897), first bishop of Wakefield, was eldest son of William Wyberg How, who belonged to an old Cumberland family and practiced at Shrewsbury as a solicitor. He was educated at Shrewsbury school, and on 19 Nov. 1840 entered at Wadham College, Oxford. He received several honors and graduated B.A. in lit.hum. in 1845, and M.A. in 1847. He then passed through the theological course at Durham, was ordained deacon in 1846 and became curate at St. George's, Kidderminster, under Thomas Legh Claughton, afterwards bishop of St. Albans, from whom he received an excellent training for his ministerial work. He was ordained priest in 1847, and in 1848, for family reasons, returned to Shrewsbury, where he acted as curate in the parish of Holy Cross. In 1849 he married Frances Anne, daughter of Henry Douglas, rector of Salwarpe and residentiary canon of Durham. In 1851, he became rector of Whittington in Shropshire, and remained there, an exemplary parish priest for 28 years. In 1854 he was appointed rural dean of Oswestry, in 1860 honorary canon of St. Asaph, in 1868 proctor for the clergy in convocation, and in the same year select preacher at Oxford.

How soon became known as a devotional writer, an efficient conductor of parochial missions, quiet days, and retreats, and a congress speaker. He was offered and declined the bishoprics of Natal (1867), New Zealand (1868), Montreal (1869), Cape Town (1873), and Jamaica (1878), besides a canonry, with superintendence of home mission work, at Winchester (1878), and the important livings of Brighton (1870), All Saints, Margaret Street (1873), and Windsor with a readership to the queen (1878). The first offer he accepted was that of suffragan to the bishop of London, with Episcopal supervision of East London. He had to assume the title of bishop of Bedford, because the only titles which could then be used by suffragan bishops were those specified in the Suffragan-bishop Act of Henry VIII. He was consecrated on St. James's Day, 1879, and on the following day was instituted to the living of St. Andrew Undershaft, which supplied the income for the bishop, and a prebendal stall in St. Paul's Cathedral; in the same year he was created D.D. by the archbishop of Canterbury, and on 15 June 1886 by Oxford

University. He resided at Stainforth House, Upper Clapton, which was generously put at his disposal by the owner, and became, as a co-worker said, 'the leader of an East London crusade.' He availed himself of the general feeling that the spiritual destitution of East London was appalling, and enlisted agencies for remedying the situation from all quarters. His first policy was 'to fill up the gaps in the ministry, both clerical and lay,' and for this purpose he founded an 'East London Church Fund,' which met with a ready response. The Princess Christian evinced the deepest sympathy with his work. He secured pulpits and drawing-room meetings in the rich west end to help the poor east, and awakened an interest in the subject in rich watering-places like Brighton, Turnbridge Wells, and Eastbourne, and also in the public schools and universities. Being recognized as a spiritual force, he attracted all spiritually minded people round him, and especially the clergy and laity in his own diocese. He received his clergy daily at Clapton, visited them at their own homes, and spent every available Sunday with one or other of them. But perhaps the work he loved best was that among children. There was no title that he valued more than that of 'The Children's Bishop,' which was popularly accorded him, and no one of his compositions which he wrote with greater zest than his volume of sermons to children.

How was a keen fisherman and an accomplished botanist, and a most popular writer, both in prose and verse. His writings include 'Plain Words,' four series of admirable short sermons, the first of which appeared in 1869, and is now in its forty-eighth edition; several other volumes of 'Sermons,' published at various times; a 'Commentary on the Four Gospels' for S.P.C.K. (Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge), begun in 1863 and finished in 1868, which has had a sale of 223,000; 'Pastor in Parochia' (1868, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. 1872) and 'Pastoral Work' (1883), which have also had a very large sale; 'Manual for the Holy Communion,' S.P.C.K., 1868, of which 657,000 copies have been sold; 'Daily Family Prayers' (1852, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. 1872), which are very widely used. In 1854 he published, in conjunction with the Rev. T. B. Morrell, a compilation of 'Psalms and Hymns;' He was one of the original

compilers of 'Church Hymns,' brought out by S.P.C.K. in 1871, and Mrs. Carey Brock's 'Children's Hymn Book' (1881) was published under his revision. His own original hymns are very popular. His last was the hymn for Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee, written at the request of the Prince of Wales in 1897, not many weeks before his death. He also wrote some good sonnets and poems on miscellaneous subjects.

**Henry George Ley, MA, DMus, FRCO, FRCM, HonRAM (1887-1962)** was an English organist, composer and music teacher.

Dr. Ley was born in Chagford in Devon in 1887. He was a chorister at St. George's Chapel Windsor Castle, Music Scholar at Uppingham School, Organ Scholar of Keble College Oxford (1906) where he was President of the University Musical Club in 1908, and an Exhibitioner at the Royal College of Music where he was a pupil of Sir Walter Parratt and Marmaduke Barton. He was organist at St. Mary's, Farnham Royal from 1905-1906, and at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford (1908-1926), Professor of organ at the Royal College of Music in London from 1919, and Precentor at Radley College and at Eton College (that is, in charge of the music in College Chapel) from 1926 to 1945. He was an Honorary Fellow of Keble College, Oxford, from 1926 to 1945 and died in 1962.

He was a composer of choral works, including a celebrated setting of the Founder's Prayer of King Henry VI.

**Wisdom** (discovered and passed on by Katherine Gordon)

A 10 year old girl was asked by a classmate, "What is it like to be a Christian?" The girl replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in and washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts open the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

## **November's Calendar:**

Saturday, November 1, All Saints (All Hallows) Day

Sunday, Nov. 2: 9:30 All Saints Day Service with The Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley, Bishop Provisional of the Diocese of Easton will be with us.

Tuesday, Nov. 4, Election Day

Wednesday, Nov. 5; 4:00-5:00 P.M. Bible Study in the Parish Hall

Sunday, Nov. 9: 9:30 Holy Eucharist and Sunday school; Annual Parish Meeting to follow service in the church

Wednesday, Nov. 12: 4:00-5:00 P.M. Bible Study in the Parish Hall

Thursday, Nov. 13: 5:30-7:00 A Conversation on the future of our parish and diocese in the Parish Hall. All are welcome; more information to follow

Sunday, Nov. 16: 9:30 Holy Eucharist and Sunday school

Wed. Nov. 19: 4:00-5:00 P.M. Bible Study; 5:30-6:30 Vestry

Sunday, Nov. 23: 9:30 Scottish Service w/ music and Holy Eucharist; Sunday school; Thanksgiving Service at Snow Hill Christian Church, S. Market and Park Sts. Eve service time will be announced.

(Wed., Nov. 26: No Bible Study)

Thursday, Nov. 27: Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, Nov. 30: First Sunday in Advent; 9:30 Holy Eucharist and Sunday school