

# *The Hallowed Word*

All Hallows Episcopal Church

April 2018

## **Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter are nearly here!**

Greetings to all who call All Hallows their parish home and welcome to those who may join us regularly in the future or when they are close by and visiting.



Our Services continue to be Sundays at 9:30 am. We've just begun having the Sunday School children process into the church at the start of the service before heading to Sunday School. Watch for the children each week as they process in and join in the procession out!

This Sunday has an added bonus which will be available for ALL children: worship bags. When they come into the service for communion (also after Sunday School ends) the worship bags will allow them to stay busy, yet hear the service and engage in worship. The bags will contain coloring pages related to the Sunday Scripture readings, crayons, and small stuffed toys.

On Easter Sunday, there will ***not*** be Sunday School. Adele and I will offer a special Children's homily for kids.

### **Services for Holy Week are as follows:**

Our **Holy Week** schedule begins with the Palm Sunday liturgy. We'll gather in the Parish Hall for the Blessing of the Palms before entering the church. The Passion Gospel will be read after communion. My homily will be short.

There's a Eucharist Service on **Maundy Thursday** @ 7:00 pm with the Stripping of the Altar.

**Good Friday** is a triple set of services in Snow Hill: There's the *Ecumenical Way of the Cross* – walk beginning at 11:00 am at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. The 2nd stop is at All Hallows at approximately 11:30 AM +/- **15 minutes!** There's also an Ecumenical Friday evening service @ Ebenezer at 7:00 pm for those who would like to go.

Our *All Hallows Good Friday* service will begin at 12:15 pm. We'll use the Good Friday service as outlined in the BCP. The service will last about 45 minutes (+/- 10) so take a look at your prayer book for details. Page 276.

Our Bishop as well as Adele and I will be participating in a Holy Saturday service of the **Easter Vigil** up in Hebron @ St Paul's at 7:00 pm. Come a little early, as the starting time is up to the Bishop but should begin on or slightly before sundown. The Vigil begins outside by the Firepit for the Lighting of the Paschal Candle. Plan driving, arriving and parking by 6:30 up at St Paul's in Hebron and experience the Easter Vigil. It's lovely! **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Easter Day** – a Festival Eucharist beginning at the regular service time of 9:30 followed by a Children's Easter Egg Hunt (weather permitting) during coffee hour. Please bring extra food to help with coffee hour.

### **Vestry Updates:**

- **Sign Sign Everywhere a Sign:** Stephanie Clayville will be chairing a new sign for All Hallows committee. The goal is for a wooden one that the town approves, which enhances the historical nature of our parish. For some examples – go to [www.Episcopalsigns.com](http://www.Episcopalsigns.com) or take a look at the signs at other Episcopal churches – like St Peter's in Salisbury. It would replace

the sign that has rusted and swings freely on the corner of Church & Market Street. We want to make it an attractive corner with goal that the plans are ready to go or even completed by Labor Day.

- **Shop With Scrip** – Want to learn how to do your normal shopping and get cash back for All Hallows? Ask Rev Chuck. He’s an expert at helping one make their normal day to day shopping needs pay off for the church too! See him after Easter and he will gladly show you how it works.
  - Some examples include: Food Lion, ACME, Wal Mart, Regal Movie Theaters, Starbucks and Dunkin Donuts. Also, Lowes, Home Depot, Target, Panera, Subway, The GAP, Chain Gas Stations, Red Robin, Crate & Barrel, Pottery Barn, Brooks Brothers (*their 16% back to the church is one of the higher ones*), Petco, or online vendors like Amazon and Zappo’s. Plus airlines like Delta, Southwest and American will rebate 4-6% of your ticket price to the church –through Shop With Scrip. Even Dell Computers & Airbnb, Wow!
- **Save the week** – the Ecumenical Vacation Bible School is July 9<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. Details soon!
- **Property updates:** Have you noticed the trimming around the parish hall? Bill Hatala was kind enough to see that this was done before Palm Sunday. Thanks to Kemp Wills for getting the evening lights shining again both inside and outside the church. Plus the two offices have been painted to match the same color scheme as the parish hall. Our thanks to Ed Phillips for getting that project happening so effectively and efficiently. And thank you to all who helped empty and put back the furniture out of the two office area for the painting! Thanks to all who show their love of All Hallows in many unseen ways!!

Come & see – hope to see you in church – we’re there every Sunday at 9:30 am!

Chuck+

## **The Diocese of Easton and its Role**

Ron Geesey

As many of you know I served as Treasurer to the Bishop and to the Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of Easton for 6 years. Though I had once served as a Parish Treasurer of the Church of the Redeemer in Baltimore for 5 years, I had no previous experience with the administration of our Church at the Diocesan level.

My experience began with my election to the Diocesan Council which has both lay and clerical members and serves much as a Bishop’s Vestry, meeting most months of the year. When Bishop Shand lost his Treasurer in 2011, he asked for volunteers, and without really understanding what I was getting into I offered to take it on. The Treasurer’s responsibilities involved reporting on the Diocesan financial picture at Council meetings, attending on an ex officio basis the meetings of the Board of Managers and those of the Finance Committee and reconciling with the Financial Administrator all the Diocesan Bank Accounts. Most important was my report on the overall picture of the Diocese’s financials at its annual Convention. Since the Finance Committee prepared the budget annually and the Board of Managers was responsible for managing the Assets, I had a good understanding of all the activities of our Diocese. This involved many trips to Easton and other parishes and locations on the Eastern Shore from Virginia to Pennsylvania. Two years ago, I was elected by the Convention to a voting membership on the Board of Managers, and so my experience with Diocesan life continues.

The Diocese of Easton is one of 99 Dioceses in the United States. It is one of the smaller ones with about 6,600 parishioners and 39 parishes. The Diocese itself has a relatively small endowment of \$6.5

million (The Diocese of Delaware which is roughly the same size as Easton has \$63.9 million.) which supports the annual budget with a spend rate of 4.75% of the Endowment calculated on a 3 year rolling average basis to help iron out the swings in the stock market. This small endowment means that the Budget of the Diocese is primarily dependent on the payment of each Parish's annual apportionment which annually represents a payment of about 12% of the Parish's previous year's net income. This is a significant expense for every parish, and at present the payments total about 92% of the requested total apportionment.

As I traveled around the Diocese in my 6 years and met most every priest and many parishioners, I was surprised to learn how few of us understood the role of the Diocese in the life of our Church.

It is always useful to begin an understanding with some definitions. An Episcopalian is a member of a church which is 'ruled' by Bishops. "Episkopos" is the Greek word for "overseer" and is the root for both Episcopalian and Bishop. Any Bishop is distinguished from his priests by his or her sole power to confer Holy orders (make Priests and Deacons) and administer the rite of confirmation. So at the most basic level of ministry we need Bishops and the small staff which they manage. Prior to the American Revolution our Church had no Bishop in the colonies and a person had to make the risky voyage to England to be ordained as a priest or deacon.

The Diocese also forms a community of parishes and by this more can be accomplished. One sees this in the examples of Camp Agape, Camp Wright, our new retreat house at Hillsboro, and the investment opportunity of the Easton Episcopal Fund. No single parish could make these things happen. There are a myriad of other administrative activities which the Diocese carries out, often with the help and support of the National Church, a body which all Dioceses financially support through an annual 'asking' based on the net revenue of the individual Diocese.

While the financial resources of our Diocese are limited, those of some of our parishes are considerable. Unfortunately, the opportunities for growth are often with the less well off parishes. Or another way to

put it is that there are opportunities not matched by available resources. It is very difficult to cause individual congregations to work for the good of the whole Diocese; I pray that someday we will find a way to match up our resources at the parish level with all our opportunities to spread the Gospel on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. It is no wonder that a lack of interests beyond the parish has become the dictionary's second meaning of the word parochial – "petty, narrow in outlook".

A good start in building a broader more inclusive view would be for every parishioner to learn more about their Diocese. So I wish that each member of All Hallows and every other parish in the Diocese could participate in some way at the Diocesan level. I have noticed that even those who attend the annual Convention as a delegate or even as a guest come away from that experience not only with a better understanding of the Diocesan contribution to our spiritual life, but they also are themselves newly energized for the accomplishment of our mission and ministry.

I also wish that each parish would provide or encourage others to provide support for our Camps, whether Camp Wright with scholarships, or help to spread the geographic extent of Camp Agape's mission, or that of our enthusiastic, nascent Diocesan Youth Ministry for this is truly the only future for our Church.

I have worked for two Bishops who are remarkable men and who were dedicated to the health and growth of our Diocese. Having gotten to know Bishop San, I believe that his great spirituality, sincerity and enthusiasm will help us to meet these challenges in the future

### **Musings by Jim**

June 14, 1919 – Miss Lucile Collins presented six of her pupils in an interesting piano recital at her home Monday afternoon, June 9<sup>th</sup>. The young pianists were heard by an appreciative audience, and showed careful preparation and training. They were assisted by Mrs. T. Spence Smith, who gave two charming songs. Those taking part in the program

were: Evelyn Shockley, Marie Burbage, Willie Shockley, Ethelyn Bowen, Marie Henman, and Ethel Shockley.

You who have feet are invited to read the advertisement of T. H. Collins & Son on the Editorial page and to look at the show windows of this firm. Mr. Collins is doing all in his power to give you foot comfort.

Alfred S. Dashiell, who graduated at the Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia, Tuesday night of this week, made an enviable record at the school, and one of which his friends are very proud. He was commended for the highest honors, standing third in his class, with only a quarter of a point's difference between him and the second honor man. He was awarded the Latin prize, and also won the coveted letter "E," on the athletic field. Mr. Dashiell completed three years' course in two years, and was the Editor-in-Chief of "The Tabula," the Class Year Book. His oration on commencement night, entitled "Our Nation's Wealth," elicited great applause from the audience.

June 28, 1919 – Mr. William G. Kerbin has purchased the property where he resides on Church Street. (Currently the home of Judi Menavich).

July 5, 1919 – ENTERPRISING FIRM PROVIDING MORE ROOM FOR GROWING LUMBER BUSINESS – Work is rapidly progressing on the new warehouse The Corrdry Company are building on the wharf property between the River and the Railroad, on the northeast side of Washington Street. This site has been occupied by a succession of blacksmith shops for the past half century, and, in its way, was one of the picturesque spots of the town; but since last summer, when destroyed by fire, it has remained unoccupied, and new buildings across the River have been erected and occupied by the former tenants, Messers, David J. Bradford and Samuel J. Williams.

The new building will be 45 by 52 feet, two story, of heavy frame construction, with composition roof. The foundation will be of

reinforced concrete placed on piling, which have been driven down to the low tide level. It will be provided with double doors on the side next to the railroad, so carloads of merchandise can be easily unloaded directly into the building by a gravity conveyor system. It will also have double doors on the Washington Street front to provide additional facilities for both receiving and shipping goods.

In addition to a plentiful number of windows around the sides of both stories, there will also be a monitor on the roof, the sides of which will be practically all glass, affording additional light and ventilation.

The same firm has also recently acquired the old brick building used a number of years by the Electric Light and Power Company, as a power station. Since the erection of the new building on bank Street, this old structure has been used but little. The Corddry Company are preparing to tear down all the frame walls and other wooden partitions of this building and will continue the present brick walls to form a brick building 36 x 48 feet, resting on foundations of reinforced concrete and piling, and with concrete floor, the idea being to make this warehouse practically fire-proof.

When these buildings are completed, the additional storage space of 5500 square feet will provide ample space for the business.

Also, MR. JOHN W. STATON WAS HIGHLY HONORED – Mr. John W. Staton has returned home from Atlantic City, where he attended the annual meeting of the Maryland State Bar Association. Mr. Staton was honored by the Association in being made Vice-President, to represent the First Judicial Circuit. The meeting which was one of the most successful in the history of the Association was addressed by some of the biggest men in the country.

While Mr. Staton was away the Baltimore Sun and other papers mentioned his name in connection with the Democratic nomination for State Comptroller. Nothing would please us better than to see him fill this office, because it would [redound] not only [to] his credit, but to the credit of the Democratic party. Mr. Staton is a splendid business man,

who never puts off 'til tomorrow what he can do today. But, and there's the rub – Mr. Staton does not want the job.

July 19, 1919 – Rev. G. M. Galarneau and Mr. Alfred S. Dashiell are enjoying a trip to Philadelphia, New York and Princeton, N.J. Mr. Dashiell has been notified that he has successfully passed the entrance examination to Princeton University and will be admitted in the fall without conditions.

July 26, 1919 – ROBINS FARM SOLD AT \$40,000 – Beautiful “Caaerlaverock” Farm Near Snow Hill Is Sold To Two Virginians. Mrs. John L. Robins and James B. Robins have sold their beautiful farm, “Caerlaverock” to Messers. Taylor and Parsons, of Onley, Va. For \$10,000. The farm originally contained 408 acres, but Mr. Robins sold 70 ½ acres to Mr. Frank West for \$10,000 about two years ago, leaving as the purchase of Messers. Taylor and Parsons 307 ½ acres and the beautiful residence, farm and outbuildings of “Caerlaverlock.”

So, in all the farm has sold for \$50,000. It was purchased from Thomas A. Spence and wife in 1852 by James B. Robins, father of the late John L. Robins and grandfather of the present James B. Robins. (Note: Spellings of words as they appear in the original article in the Democratic Messenger).

Also, Mr. Edward J. Dashiell has been engaged as general manager by Mr. J. Milton Clogg, of Pocomoke City. Mr. Clogg conducts a garage in Pocomoke City, and is a large dealer in automobiles and automobile supplies. Mr. Dashiell has splendid executive ability, and should prove a valuable man to the firm. He entered upon his duties Monday morning.

August 23, 1919 – Miss Lucile Collins, who has been spending several weeks in New York at the New York School of Music and Arts, returned home Wednesday night. Miss Collins specialized in interpretation and expression, and in the theory and methods of teaching.

## **A Jelly Bean Prayer**

(borrowed from the Augustine Parish newsletter)

Red is for the blood He gave  
Green is for the grass He made  
Yellow is for the sun so bright  
Orange is for the edge of night  
Black is for the sins we made  
White is for the grace He gave  
Purple is for the hours of sorrow  
Pink is for the new tomorrow.

This is the story of our Father's love told by some jelly beans.  
So every day munch a few.  
They're really very yummy. Something for the soul, you see,  
and something for the tummy!

## **The Legend of Easter Eggs**

By Fitz James O'Brien

(Originally published in *Harpers New Monthly Magazine*,  
*Vol. XXII, Dec. 1860 to May 1861*)

Submitted by Ray Dryden

Trinity bells with their hollow bong,  
And their vibrant lips and brazen tongues,  
Over the roofs of the city pour  
Their Easter music with joyous roar,  
Till the soaring notes to the sun are rolled  
As he swings along in his path of gold.

"Dearest papa." Says my boy to me,  
As he merrily climbs on his mother's knee,  
"Why are these eggs that you see me hold  
Colored so finely with blue and gold?"

And what is the wonderful bird that lays  
Such beautiful eggs upon Easter days?"

Tenderly shine the April skies,  
Like laughter and tears in my child's blue eyes,  
And every face in the street is gay,  
Why cloud this youngster's by saying nay?  
So I cudgel my brains for the tale he begs,  
And tell him this story of Easter eggs:

You have heard, my boy, of the Man who died,  
Crowned with keen thorns and crucified;  
And how Joseph the wealthy – whom God reward! –  
Cared for the corpse of his martyred Lord,  
And piously tombed it within the rock  
And closed the gate with a mighty block.

Now close by the tomb a fair tree grew,  
With pendulous leaves, and blossoms of blue;  
And deep in the green tree's shadowy breast  
A beautiful singing bird sat on her nest,  
Which was bordered with mosses like malachite,  
And held four eggs of an ivory white.

Now when the bird from her dim recess  
Beheld the Lord in his burial dress,  
And looked on the Heavenly face so pale,  
And the dear feet pierced with the cruel nail,  
Her heart nigh broke with a sudden pang,  
And out of the depths of her sorrow she sang.

All night long till the moon was up  
She sat and sang in her moss-wreathed cup,  
A song of sorrow as wild and shrill

As the homeless wind when it roams the hill,  
So full of tears, so loud and long,  
That the grief of the world seemed turned to song.

But soon there came through the weeping night  
A glittering angel clothed in white;  
And he rolled the stone from the tomb away,  
Where the Lord of the Earth and the Heavens lay;  
And Christ arose in the cavern's gloom,  
And in living luster came from the tomb.

Now the bird that sat in the heart of the tree  
Beheld this celestial Mystery,  
And its heart was filled with a sweet delight,  
And it poured a song on the throbbing night;  
Notes climbing notes, till higher, higher,  
They shot to Heaven like spears of fire.

When the glittering white-robed angel heard  
The sorrowing song of the grieving bird,  
And heard the following chant of mirth  
That hailed Christ risen again on earth,  
He said, "Sweet bird, be forever blest,  
Thyself, thy eggs and thy moss-wreathed nest!"

And ever, my child, since that blessed night,  
When Death bowed down to the Lord of Light,  
The eggs of that sweet bird change their hue,  
And burn with red, and gold, and blue –  
Reminding mankind in their simple way  
Of the holy marvel of Easter day.

## **Relationships Depend**

(found on FaceBook by Katherine Gordon)

A man went to the Pastor of his church and said, “I won’t be attending Church anymore.”

Pastor said, “May I ask why?”

He said, “I see people on their cell phones... texting and typing during the service, some are gossiping, some just aren’t living right, some are sleeping, some are staring at me, they are all just hypocrites.”

The Pastor was silent. Then he said, “Can I ask you to do something for me before you make your final decision?”

He said, “Sure, what’s that?”

He said, “Take a glass of water and walk around the church two times and don’t let any water fall out of the glass.”

He said, “Yes I can do that!” He went and got the glass of water and walked around the church two times. He came back and said proudly, “It’s done.”

The pastor asked him these questions: “Did you see anybody on their phone?; Did you see anybody gossiping?; Was anybody living wrong?; Did you see anyone sleeping?”

He said, “I didn’t see anything because I was so focused on this glass, so the water wouldn’t spill out.”

He told him, “When you come to church, you should be just that focused on God, so that you don’t fall. That’s why Jesus said ‘Follow Me’; He did not say follow them.”

Don’t let your relationship with God be determined by how others relate with God. Let it be determined by how focused you are with God. Amen!