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*Thursday May 3 at Noon  
on the Old Courthouse Steps  
In Heathsville*

*Join local clergy and public servants  
in praying for our community  
and our nation.*

**Bishop's Visit  
May 4-6**



**Bishop Guernsey on Prayer  
Saturday May 5**

10:00 AM to Noon  
O.A. Brinkley Hall  
Everyone is invited

**Sunday May 6:**

- 8:45 Confirmands meet with Bishop Guernsey in Downstairs Living Room
- 9:00 Bishop Guernsey will lead Bible Study in Brinkley Hall
- 10:00 Worship and service of Baptism, Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation
- 11:45 Cookout at the Pavilion at First Baptist Church

**If you would like to reaffirm your confirmation vows on May 6, please contact the Rector at 580-4555 or [jcerar2@gmail.com](mailto:jcerar2@gmail.com) before May 29.**

## JEFFREY'S JOURNAL



The annual visit of our Bishop is a time of blessing. Traditionally, it is a time when young people are confirmed and make their mature affirmation of

faith. It is also a time when adults who have not been confirmed or received into the Anglican Communion come before the Bishop for a laying-on of hands. This year, when Bishop John Guernsey leads us in worship on May 6, he will confirm Katrina Mochamps, receive Nina Martin and baptize Heidi Saunders. In addition, thirteen of our members have expressed their desire to reaffirm their faith with the same laying-on of hands. It will be an exciting morning indeed.

Bishop Guernsey offers to make his visitation much more than a Sunday event. His vision for himself as Bishop is one as a pastor, a teacher and a witness. In describing his visitation ministry, he says, "I go to serve the church, to teach, listen and encourage." He likes to visit a congregation beginning on Friday evening, do whatever congregational teaching we request, meet with the vestry and spend time with the clergy. Bishop John does not require this more extended visit, but makes the offer. We have accepted his offer. He and his wife, the Rev. Meg Guernsey, will arrive on Friday evening and stay two nights at our home, and will spend an evening with the vestry and clergy.

On Saturday morning, the whole congregation is invited to attend Bishop John's teaching on congregational prayer ministry from 10:00 to noon at Brinkley Hall. Bishop John has said, "I find tremendous satisfaction in leading God's people to seek and follow the Lord's vision. The ministry of transformation begins in the life of prayer. We are called prayerfully to discern God's vision, His will and plan for His Church." I am asking all who are involved in our prayer ministry in any capacity to be there.

On Saturday evening, Bishop John and Meg will meet with the vestry and clergy for conversation and dinner. We have asked him to speak with us about leading Christians in a time of transition. This is a perfect time for our leadership to sit under the guidance of our

Bishop. We will have brought over five years of litigation to a close with the filing of papers by April 30. We have concluded an agreement with the Diocese of Virginia and The Episcopal Church which includes a promise that there will be no further litigation arising out of our departure in 2006. We have moved into our new temporary home at First Baptist Church. In the near future, we will be purchasing some land, and beginning our fundraising for building a facility which will be our permanent home. Transition will be our way of life for the foreseeable future. At such times, our faith is tested, the unity of our fellowship is challenged, and we are forced to shed the illusion that we know how the future is going to play out. We are forced to trust in the Lord and to give each other a wider measure of grace. Hearing our Godly Bishop's thoughts about navigating these complex waters will bless our leaders greatly.

On Sunday, Bishop Guernsey will meet with the confirmands at 8:30 AM in the living room downstairs from Brinkley Hall. At 9:00, he will lead our Sunday Bible Study. Worship will be at 10:00 as usual. After the service, we will, as always, have a celebration with the Bishop at a cookout in the covered pavilion at First Baptist Church. I hope every one of our members and many guests will join us for this very special time with Bishop Guernsey.

Yours in Christ,  
Jeffrey O. Cerar, Rector

### ***Fresh Expressions***

The Rev. Daniel Mochamps and his wife Katrina will offer a presentation on the "Fresh Expressions" conference they attended in March 2012. Fresh Expressions is an initiative of the Church which aims to reach unchurched and formerly churched people with the Gospel and invite them into Christian fellowship. Recognizing that church buildings and "churchy" ways of doing things is not universally appealing to people, this initiative is working successfully with many creative approaches to evangelism and church planting. Join Daniel and Katrina for this interesting presentation at Noon on Sunday, May 20 downstairs from Brinkley Hall.



## Thank You for "What Was In Your Attic!?"

Our new offices and worship space at First Baptist Church have been almost COMPLETELY furnished through your generous donations and loans. Thank you so very much for your support of this endeavor. We could never have got up and running as fast as we did without the help of all of you.

Now, just a couple more items are still needed.

Do you have a flat panel door kicking around someplace? It will be used to make a work surface for Leslie by sitting on top of the two filing cabinets we have. She needs the space for putting the Sunday worship booklets together.

Do you have a really large rug? Margaret Radcliffe would like one really big rug for the nursery. The size needed is 14 feet wide (or as close to that measurement as possible), and as long as 18-feet. Looks are not critical, although shag is not desirable.

If you can help out, please contact Corinne Anthony, 580-9092, [neadv@kaballero.com](mailto:neadv@kaballero.com).

Thanks again.  
Corinne Anthony, for the Vestry

To My Dear St. Stephen's Family:

*There are no words adequate to express my sincere love and gratitude for the numerous meals, cards and prayers that were showered on me, Brooke and our daughter, Elizabeth. I am convinced that it was your prayers that finally pulled me through and got me out of intensive care and back on my two feet! I can't thank you all enough!*

*Yours in Christ,  
Susan Read*

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*The move is finished, and we are in our new home. As we look at all the hard work that went into this move, my thoughts have gone to those individuals behind the scene and who do not get much appreciation. In particular, these words are to say "thank you" to Leslie. While many were doing the grunt work, Leslie was on overload with trying to get out bulletins for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. She did all of this in the middle of moving from one location to another during that week, while continuing to work in her other duties and answering all the questions we had for her. I thank God for Leslie and for getting her through these times of many trials; and I thank you, Leslie, for all you do for our church family that we take for granted.*

*The next time you see Leslie, why not let her know how much you appreciate her?*

*Phyllis TeStrake*

*All praise to the Lamb,  
Accepted as I am,  
Through faith in the Savior's  
Adorable name;  
In Him I confide,  
His blood is applied;  
For me He hath suffered,  
For me He hath died.  
-Wesley*

## Senior Warden Report



With each passing day I fully recognize how wonderful, loving and kind the Dear Lord is to our church. We are truly blessed! We continue to welcome new members, another of God's blessings.

On April 15, I signed the settlement agreement that details the separation terms among The Episcopal Church, The Diocese of Virginia and our church. The transfer of the property deeds to the Diocese of Virginia will occur shortly and that will complete the settlement. All of these legal steps are necessary to transfer property, funds and items to the Episcopal Church and close all future claims against our church.

We owe Jane Wrightson, Hunter Manson and Mary McReynolds a huge thank you for their legal work and many hours of negotiations and document preparation as they defended our interests. Due to their efforts we are in good condition to move forward toward construction of a new church building. We are in good financial condition with higher-than-expected bank balances after the settlement, no debt, and no pending claims. The Lord has been good to us!

We are continuing our search for land so we can begin construction. The right parcel has not been found yet but we do have some good leads. I am confident the Lord will show us where He wants his new church.

Many thanks to Bill Andrulot and all our folks who supported the moving efforts. We sure can field a lot of pick-ups and trailers when necessary.

Corinne Anthony's "What is in your attic?" generated all kinds of office equipment, furniture, a piano, and other items we needed in our new quarters and saved us many hundreds of dollars. Thanks Corinne for your good work.

Bishop Guernsey will visit us in a couple of weeks to welcome new church members into the

Anglican faith and meet with our congregation. He will also meet with the Vestry to discuss matters of spiritual leadership.

In Christ,  
George

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## The Story of the Chalice



After my mother died, I designed and made a chalice as a memorial. The text I chose was from Hebrews 10:19-22 which includes a reference to the moment of Christ's death when the curtain of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The writer of Hebrews uses this tear as a symbol of the believer's access to God, which Christ's death obtained for us.

My design is intended to show that the split in the curtain culminates in the round bowl of the Cup, Christ's blood poured out for us, symbolized in the chalice. Hebrews 10 has further encouragements for believers, applicable for us at St. Stephen's Anglican at this time, verses 23-25: "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie de Bordenave



## *My Toaster*

I have a toaster that only toasts on one side of the bread. I decided to see what I could do about it because I have always loved that toaster. I dug out the instruction book and started to read. It was interesting reading (who would have guessed?) There is a section on the inventor. It turns out that he invented a lot of other things, not just small appliances. There are user reviews, too. Just as an aside, some of those users had serious personal problems. But they all gave five stars to the inventor. I plan to read more later.

Back to my toaster. The instructions were pretty clear. Since the products are all worldwide there is a franchise here in the United States. I contacted the local representative about my particular toaster, and that's when things got messy. They asked what was wrong with my toaster and I explained that it only toasted one side. They said that there was nothing wrong with that. I said that was not true, toast is supposed to be crisp on both sides. They said that I was being narrow-minded, even hateful about other kinds of toast.

So I pointed out that the instruction book clearly says that the toaster will toast both sides. They actually told me that I was reading it wrong. They said that things have changed since the inventor wrote that, and the current interpretations are different. And this was not just for toasters but for all the other appliances and inventions. (Since the instruction book is exactly the same for all of the inventor's work worldwide, this was beginning to sound like a major problem.) Furthermore, they said, it was not clear that the inventor and his instructions were the only way to get things fixed.

Now I'm worried. Why am I thinking that I know what toast is? Who is the inventor? What did he mean? These questions trouble me more than the toaster issue. I'm trying to figure out my options. They include:

- A. Put the toaster in the closet and the instructions back in the file cabinet;
- B. Leave the toaster where it is and try to get some new guidance on how to read the instruction book;
- C. Leave the toaster where it is and study the instructions until you figure out how to fix it yourself;
- D. Keep the toaster and find another franchise that understands the original instructions and can help.

Joy Gwaltney



God has truly blessed our new Thrift Shop! The location couldn't be better as we have attracted so many new customers. Our former Thrift Shop was hidden behind those big bushes and if you didn't know the shop was there, you could miss it. Our new space in Lottsburg is on a busy corner and very visible.

Up to date we have had a "soft opening," but a "Grand Opening" is being planned for Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. We will need volunteers to bake cookies and such and we will offer lemonade and juice (but no food is to be taken inside). We will have balloons and a sign saying "Grand Opening." It will be a busy day so we will need all available volunteers - men and women!

Our new shop is also to have a Christian presence. We will have a prayer box at the register where people may submit prayer requests, and we will also have a prayer room at the back of the shop where people may go to be prayed for or just to talk. We're still working the kinks out of how this will work. If you would like to be a part of the planning process for this ministry, please contact Donna Soule or Lou David.

Have you been doing your Spring cleaning? Please remember to donate your gently used items to our Thrift Shop. We need to keep fresh merchandise on display to keep our customers coming back.

If you haven't stopped in to see our new digs, please do so. I think you will be very impressed. It's the big, blue building, 2816 Northumberland Highway, (Rt. 360).

Suzy Norman



## Women of St. Stephen's

Your Leadership Team met last Thursday and made plans for finishing up the work in the Thrift Shop. We set the date for a grand opening which will be on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Shop has done very well during its soft opening in late March and early April. In the first week we made \$1,683.75, and with most of our expenses paid for the month of April, we have a current balance of \$5,401.61 in the Thrift Shop checking account. This is remarkable, but understandable as I hear there has been a steady stream of customers every week and the comments are very positive and upbeat. You will find more information about the Grand Opening elsewhere in the newsletter.

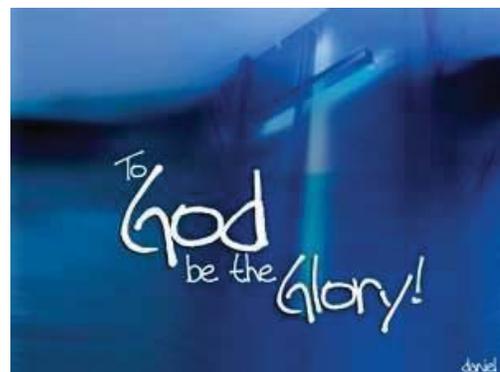
We plan to turn our attention now to selling the 800 St. Stephen's Cookbooks. Much work needs to go into this project as the cover will have to be changed, the dividers inserted, the corrections made, as well as revising several pages inside the book with new information necessitated by our move to First Baptist Church. You will be receiving soon a list of dates and times to sign up to help out with this project. It should be fun to work on this together and it will provide a great opportunity for fellowship. We invite all those interested to participate. Corinne Anthony and Marie Carstensen have been working hard to get ready to move ahead with this. Corinne has devised an attractive packaging plan for the cookbook with two oyster shell tea lights wrapped in cellophane with the book, tied with a bow with a gift tag attached. We believe that this will make the cookbook a clever, ready to present hostess gift, birthday present, etc. and should attract customers. Marie has been working on ideas for marketing the cookbook in different areas of the Northern Neck. We plan to have a supply ready to sell at the Grand Opening of the Thrift Shop on May 12<sup>th</sup> and then later in the month at the Heathsville Farmer's Market. If you have oyster shells (deep side only) and/or leftover candle stubs, please put them in a plastic bag and leave it at the church by the food tubs in the foyer.

The Women's Association has \$15,431.86 in its treasury, and we have held off disbursing our usual budgetary items until June when we will know where we stand with the Thrift Shop and Cookbook expenses. Stephen Kaziimba wrote and asked for support for a mass wedding ceremony he will be doing for 250 couples on June 16<sup>th</sup> in Mityana. Stephen considers this a great evangelistic opportunity since 250 couples plus their best men and matrons total 1000 people. The women need to rent wedding dresses and plan for a big wedding cake for the joint reception. The Ministry Team voted to send \$1,000 to be used for renting the dresses and providing the cake which we believe is a good way for our women to reach out to their women in ministry.

The next women's meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17 at first Baptist at 10:30 a.m. and Mary Swann will be speaking with us about intercessory prayer. Our annual June potluck picnic will be held on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at Mallard Bay Clubhouse (more details to follow). Finally, mark your calendars for August 18<sup>th</sup> when we plan to hold an all-day retreat for our women at a local site.

Special thanks go out to Hospitality Teams 1 and 2, headed by Marie Carstensen and Charlaine Androlot, for the beautiful coffee hour they provided for the congregation after the Easter service. It was a glorious morning of worship, hospitality and fellowship. Our new space in Brinkley Hall amply provided for the large crowd, and it was a joyful time for all who attended. The resurrection light of our Risen Lord abounded!

Blessings,  
Donna Soule



## IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

### Ushers

May 6	Bobby Edmonds and Steve Proctor
May 13	Anna and Pat Brennan
May 20	Bev and Brain Hart
May 27	Colston Newton and Susan Thomas

### Assisting Clergy

May 6	The Rev. Mary Swann
May 13	The Rev. Daniel Mochamps
May 20	The Rev. Mary Swann
May 27	The Rev. Mary Swann
June 3	The Rev. Daniel Mochamps

### Acolytes

May 6	Jennifer Radcliffe
May 13	Caitlyn Cralle
May 20	Tim Lewis
May 27	Sarah Saunders
June 3	Emma Saunders

### Lesson Readers

May 6	Ruth Franck (L) Jeanne Hickey (P)
May 13	Ward LeHardy (L) Judy LeHardy (P)
May 20	Langley Lewis (L) Margaret Radcliffe (P)
May 27	Katrina Mochamps (L) Frank McCarthy (P)
June 3	Youth Sunday

### Lay Eucharistic Ministers

May 6	Suzy Norman
May 13	Tony Blackstone
May 20	Harrison Williams
May 27	Bill Bloom
June 3	Priscilla Williams

### Altar Guild

May	Ruth Franck and Jane Peterson
June	Barbara Seed, Dana Bloom and Val Hutchison

### Greeters

May	Joyce and Lewis Smith
June	Priscilla and Harrison Williams

## Coffee Hour

May 6	Cookout: Men's Ministry and Hospitality Team 3
May 13	Val Hutchison and Julie Pritchard
May 20	Shirley Smith and Ellie Knight
May 27	John and Bill Powers



May 2	- Craig Soule
May 3	- Betty Hillman, Erik Johnson
May 5	- Margaret Radcliffe
May 7	- Steve Joslyn, Matthew Haley
May 10	- Harrison Williams, Bill Andrulot
May 12	- Bud Doggett
May 13	- Paul Kimball
May 14	- Joan Blackstone
May 16	- Sandra Ward
May 21	- Martha Joslyn
May 26	- Betty Dillingham, Jessie Anderson
May 28	- John Powers
May 31	- Denise McCarthy



May 9	- Pat and Bob Dalzell
May 15	- Patty and Dale Sherman
May 28	- Barbara and Bill Ressler

*O God, grant that the wills of this man and this woman may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. Amen.*



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