



The Quilt

Stitching together the fabric of our faith

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Father Jim's Reflection

Bishop Phil LaBelle will be visiting us on July 12th. This is his first visit to All Saints' although he's been to the Goshen congregation before. This is a large diocese, almost 100 churches, so we can expect to see him every three years. That is the canonical requirement. In the intervening two years someone from diocesan staff will make a visit. Recently that has been the Canon to the Ordinary, the Rev. Cristi Chapman.

Bishops do several things on their visits. Baptisms, confirmation and receptions are in order though we don't have any of those at this time. He will also look at our parish registers and sign them. I have those prepared. I know he wants to ensure that Bishop's Committee members and a few others have completed the "Safeguarding God's Children" curriculum. If you have questions about that let me know. An offering will be taken for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund with envelopes provided.

The Bishop is in his second year, and he's committed to doing work that will improve people's lives. He recently returned from a trip to Sudan where he and a few others brought medical kits for women. They've been scarce on the ground, and we were able to help. There is talk of setting up a medical facility to continue to aid those in need.

He has encouraged his clergy to move beyond land acknowledgements to develop relationships with our indigenous neighbors, to make connection with them.

He has organized a Steering Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations which replaces the former Holy Land Committee. As a priest in Massachusetts he worked with Muslims and Jews to bring people together and reduce animosities. Here he wants to do that and also to work more closely with the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem. I'm on this committee and I'm looking forward to what we might accomplish. When we were in Israel in 2015, my daughter Anne and I spent a couple of hours with the dean of St. George's Cathedral in Jerusalem. He is now The Most Reverend Hosam Elias Naoum, Bishop of Jerusalem, and he is a good person for the position.

This is good news for the diocese and our parish. Please join with me in welcoming Bishop Phil on his arrival.

Saint Mary Magdalene

July 22

Mary of Magdala, a town near Capernaum, was one of several women who followed Jesus and ministered to him in Galilee. The Gospel according to Luke records that Jesus "went on through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out . . ." (Luke 8:1-2). The Gospels tell us that Mary was healed by Jesus, followed him, and was one of those who stood near his cross at Calvary.

It is clear that Mary Magdalene's life was radically

changed by Jesus' healing. Her ministry of service and steadfast companionship, even as a witness to the crucifixion, has, through the centuries, been an example of the faithful ministry of women to Christ. All four Gospels name Mary as one of the women who went to the tomb to mourn and to care for Jesus' body. Her weeping for the loss of her Lord strikes a common chord with the grief of all others over the death of loved ones. Jesus' tender response to her grief—meeting her in the garden, revealing himself to her by calling her name—makes her the first witness to the risen Lord. She is given the command, "Go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God" (John 20:17). As the first messenger of the resurrection, she tells the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" (John 20:18).



In the tradition of the Eastern Church, Mary is considered "equal to the apostles" and "apostle to the apostles"; and she is held in veneration as the patron saint of the great cluster of monasteries on Mount Athos.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and of mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by your grace we may be healed from all our infirmities and know you in the power of his unending life; Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen

—Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2000

Bishop's Committee Meeting Minutes June, 2026

We deviated off the planned agenda to officially welcome Sue Beyerlein as our newest BC member. She will be replacing Trey Lindsey who, with sincere apologies, had to resign due to work requirements.

Lorraine then continued with the planned meeting agenda by giving her treasurers' report. She said we were doing better than we thought we would and would not have to draw additional money from our DIF. She said one of the positive financial surprises was the reduction in water bill. The stormwater fees have had a considerable reduction in cost due to the sale of our Norther property. Please refer to her more formalized Treasures Report for exact figures.

Jerry Garman, Junior Warden, reported that he made safety related modificationsto thehandicap ramp on the front (South) side of the church parish hall to preclude its use due to its deteriorated condition and reinstalled the shatterproof plastic window guard over one of the church's stained-glass windows.

He also reported he is still working on repairing the lock hasp closure on the primary church crawl space access cover. He noted the access itself has cobwebs running across it indicating that there have not been any attempts to violate the secondary much more robust deadbolted access vault-like door.

Liz Larson, Senior Warden, said she did not have anything to report at this time. Fr Jim says he needs some suggestions concerning our former and current outreach activities before our next BC meeting.

An in-depth discussion concerning unwanted homeless activities was the subject of our new business agenda discussion. Homeless people have been observed sleeping in the South Portal access to the church. They have been leaving trash in that area and have been urinating on the side of the building. After much discussion concerning our Christian response to the needs of the homeless and our Christian responsibilities to be good stewards of the church property, it was decided we would look into the feasibility of either installing a gate-like structure at the entrance to the South Portal church access alcove as an attempt to deter their access to this area or we would investigate the possibility of installing a powerful motion activated spotlight to make the area uncomfortably bright with light. Larry will gather information to share at the next BC meeting.

Fr. Jim Reported that the bishop may try to attend our next BC meeting via Zoom. He would like to do that before his scheduled July 12th visitation. The BC members present decided to reschedule the July meeting from July 13th to July 6th to support the possibility of the bishop being able to attend the meeting via Zoom if at all possible.

—Larry Talbert

All Saints' Telephone Directory

I have placed a clipboard on the table in the Narthex with copies of the revised telephone listing along with the Birthday, Anniversary and Born-Into-Eternity lists. Please check and make any changes or corrections I need to make. I will be publishing the directory by July 1st. Thanks for your cooperation,

—Tom Stewart

Confessions of an Anglophile (Part 1)

—Sue Beyerlein



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Definition: “a person who greatly loves or admires England, its people, culture, and traditions”.

Some of you may be aware that I have accepted the opportunity to fill the current vacancy on the Bishop's Committee, not that I can begin to match my predecessor Trey's talented and dedicated efforts on behalf of the members of All Saints Episcopal Church. Nonetheless, I am honored to give it my best try. At this morning's June meeting I admitted in the context of a particular discussion that I am “an Anglophile”. That means I love all things English (well almost all). My husband Mike and I happened by chance to take the Chunnel train under the English Channel to London from Paris on May 8, 1995. We arrived at festivities celebrating the 50th anniversary of VE Day, i.e., Victory in Europe, with flowers in the public flower beds arranged in tribute, Union Jacks flying, and memorabilia for sale everywhere. Several of us here at All Saints including me have had a parent, spouse, grandparent, uncle, or other close relatives who served in WW II. My father was in the Navy in the south Pacific and spent 1946 as a member of the US occupying force in the port of Bremen, Germany, near Hamburg. Throughout his life he seemed to need to return to places he'd been to during the war and so I imagine that year helped

fuel his penchant for international travel. In 1967, as part of a professorship offer at the University of Oregon School of Business, he negotiated a one-year faculty exchange with the Nijenrode Business School near Utrecht, The Netherlands, and I began looking around for a European university that provided classes in the English language where I could continue my college education as an English major and be closer to my family.

I had the good fortune to be accepted by the Institute of European Studies at Durham University in the north of England for IES's inaugural year in England, 1969-70. A group of twenty-five American students from around the country arrived at the start of the fall Michaelmas term and were scattered in residential colleges throughout Durham city. Another young woman and I were assigned to "digs" at St. Hild's College which shared the real estate with the companion men's college, The Venerable St. Bede, overlooking the River Wear in view of the majestic 11th century Durham Cathedral. At that time, St. Hild's and St. Bede were independent Church of England colleges dedicated to teacher training. Students took their courses in-house and except for a few exceptions over the years were not enrolled in degree programs at Durham University. Compulsory mass for all St. Hild's and St. Bede students was said every morning in their respective College chapels. I recall having attended only once, finding it a long service and a rather formidable way to begin each morning.

Jane, the other American student assigned to St. Hild's, was seemingly never in her room next to mine, having fallen hard for Eddie, one of the students in our party. So, I was left with the task of finding friendships among the English women on our third floor of Christopher Hostel overlooking a dense, dark wooded area. That worked out eventually plus a lovely relationship with the caterer Mrs. Jones who provided all the meals for St. Hild's students and had me over for tea several times to her modest flat up the banked Gilesgate Street behind the college. It was a lonely year for me off and on,

particularly when the English students emptied out for major holidays. Mrs. Jones would tell me about her years as a cook in a nearby colliery, a total coal mining operation. There were still a few mines in existence in the area in those days although they were gradually facing closure. In fact, our Durham University IES faculty advisor Professor Spooner arranged for all 25 of us to go down a Durham County mine in groups of four or five via an open lift! I have often wondered about the liability issues associated with such a daring field trip. However, at age 20 one didn't think about the personal risks or such program essentials as insurance while being shepherded around to historic sites along with the other 24 eager American students!

Durham University has been graced by a couple of noted (or notable) people over the years. As Father Jim has mentioned, it was an early academic home of The Right Reverend N.T. Wright, FRSE, the renowned "English New Testament scholar, Pauline Theologian, and Anglican bishop. He was the Bishop of Durham and Lord Spiritual in the UK Parliament from 2003 to 2010" (Wikipedia). He has authored or co-authored over 80 books, many of which have been translated into multiple languages. Lesser known was the actor George Lazenby, an Australian, who played James Bond in the 1969 film, "On Her Majesty's Secret Service". After the film wrapped, he passed up any additional Bond roles and was briefly in residence at St. Bede College while enrolled at Durham University to study drama (Wikipedia). St. Hild's and St. Bede joined forces as the "amalgamated" College of St. Hild and St. Bede in 1975 for financial reasons, and in 1979 "Hild-Bede" was relinquished by the Church of England to become a regular Durham University undergraduate college.

Durham University was founded by an act of Parliament in 1832 and "was granted a royal charter in 1837 incorporating it and confirming its constitution" (Wikipedia). To my knowledge, and until fairly recently, it relied from its inception on the historic Oxford/Cambridge (i.e., "Oxbridge")

academic model where course credit was granted at the end of the academic year to students who successfully passed final comprehensive course exams. During my time at Durham University, regular assigned papers written for the weekly tutorials didn't count for credit as in US university courses. I royally failed the Greek and Roman history course preparatory exam in January 1970 and was given a tutor of a certain age to try and get me up to speed for the June reckoning. She succeeded. The English students tended to stick around in the University library over Christmas break copying notes out of books in preparation for January exams whereas many of the Americans were travelling in Europe to soak up as much experience as possible. I decided the English students somehow survived by rote learning in this University system rather than with the analysis and synthesis skills expected of students in US universities. It didn't take me long to conclude that US universities in general must therefore be superior!

On the way back to Durham from a travel break between terms in the spring of 1970 a couple of us had a day's layover in Munich. We had the option to spend it in the Hof Brau house drinking beer or taking a short train trip to Dachau to tour the WW II Nazi death camp. You can guess which option won out! However, I generally made some better choices along the way with a helpful dose of good luck. The group visited St. Paul's Cathedral in London, and we were able to sit for a service in the chancel rows perpendicular to the altar where the choir boys and clergy resided on Sunday mornings. On a future solo visit, I knocked on the Secretary's door in the Cathedral's inner courtyard area and met a lovely man who had been part of the water brigade working nights over eight consecutive months during the London Blitz to save the Cathedral and particularly its domed roof. This gentle man eagerly recounted their efforts to keep it hosed down to ensure against all odds St. Paul's intact survival amidst the unrelenting German bombing of London (September 1940 to May 1941). In addition, the St. Hild's caterer Mrs. Jones' sister worked for

the House of Commons in the Westminster Abbey buildings, and I was generously afforded a private tour. Her sister also gave me a 12 x 12" red leather envelope with the Queen's official "Elizabeth R" embossed seal which was one of many used to carry official messages between the MP's. This was of course in the days before widespread electronic communication. Not forgetting Armistice Day, (our Veterans Day, November 11th, 1969), I attended services at Durham Cathedral out of some curiosity and to pay my respects to surviving WW I soldiers. The veterans were decked out in their full military dress replete with their medals and ribbons, making their way slowly on foot or escorted in wheelchairs down the center aisle of the nave flanked by the massive, embellished Norman columns. It was an honor to witness their solemn dignity and pride in their service long ago to their beloved England and the surrounding UK countries.

(to be Continued in the August edition of The Quilt)



Birthdays

7/18, Barbara Barnett
7/21, Tristan Nichols
7/26, Thomas Stewart



In Memorial

7/4, Vera McMillan, 2006
7/6, Avery Miller, 1985
7/8, Judy Barnett, 2025
7/10, Helen Klages, 2001
7/12, William Barnett, 1983
7/17, Harold Hansen, 2018
7/21, Ann Stevenson, 2004



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