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Urgent Appeals From ERD~

Episcopal Relief and Development continues to provide emergency assistance to families impacted by a severe earthquake in China and the cyclone in Myanmar.

Up to 50,000 people are feared dead from the massive earthquake that shook southwest China on May 12. The situation in Myanmar remains dire. The death toll has officially reached 43,000, with international officials fearing that it could eventually top 100,000.

To help people affected by the earthquake in China, please make a donation to Episcopal Relief and Development's "Emergency Relief Fund." To help people affected by the cyclone in Myanmar, please make a donation to Episcopal Relief and Development's "Myanmar & Cyclone Response."

Gifts may be made online at <http://www.er-d.org/>, or by calling 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts may also be mailed to: Episcopal Relief and Development "Emergency Relief Fund" P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.

Pentecost: Feel the Spirit!

This is our second issue published on a seasonal cycle. That being said, "Pentecost-Trinity" is not a "season," but an 8-day period in the Church's calendar. The "season" which follows is not the "Pentecost season" but rather the season "after Pentecost". I will discuss that further in the next issue.

The Day of Pentecost is the Fiftieth Day -- the final day of the Great Fifty Days of Easter. The Church remembers through its lessons that the disciples gathered in a room (the "upper room"??) and heard "something like the rush of wind" and saw "something like tongues of fire" both of which were interpreted as the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which had been promised by the Risen (and now ascended) Jesus. Pentecost is called "the birthday of the Church" because the manifestation was not limited to the disciples, but was shared with the general populace. Pilgrims in Jerusalem for the Jewish religious feast being celebrated all understood each other -- sort of the Tower of Babel story in reverse. The Church spread because Pentecost proved that "we are one in the Spirit".

Pentecost is also one of the Church's baptismal days. If we do not baptize on this day, we renew our baptismal promises. The color of this day (and on every celebration of the Holy Spirit (such as confirmations, ordinations, etc.) is red. It is the end of the great celebration which began with the Great Vigil of Easter. The paschal candle burns one last time on this day. The kneelers get returned to their normal places after the services. We say "Alleluia. Alleluia" one last time. Life now returns to Ordinary Time.

Trinity Sunday (May 18) is the First Sunday after Pentecost. It is the celebration of a doctrine, not of a person or an event. It is the celebration that we know God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit -- Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier. It recognizes that throughout history our Creator had been manifested to the Creation in a number of ways. The special color of this day is White (as is Christmas, Easter, and other feasts of the Lord. We have felt God walk in the Garden with Adam and Eve, have heard his voice as he preached and taught on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, and have felt the movement of the Spirit at Pentecost. It is the celebration of the community of God and of communion with God.

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CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

As I write this note, I am in Richmond, Virginia for a conference called CREDO 2. I went to a CREDO conference six years ago. This is a follow-up conference for clergy who are 55 or over. It is designed to bring a group of 30-35 clergy together for a week to reflect on their vocations, health, spirituality, finances, and relationships.

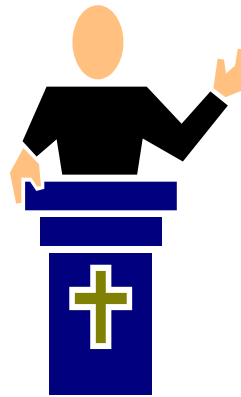
One of the reasons that the Church Pension Fund created CREDO ten years ago was that many clergy were suffering from perpetual burn-out, had little or no support systems, had no idea of how to get into a position of health, and had no plans for the future except to set their alarms for the next morning.

My week has been one of relaxation, refreshment, reinvigoration and renewal. We have spent a week at Roslyn, the beautiful conference center of the Diocese of Virginia. The team leaders include the Canon Theologian of the Diocese of Los Angeles and the recently retired Dean of Virginia Seminary.

The goal of the week is that each attendee develop three goals based on the talks and workshops as well as the resources they have brought with them. Some of you recently filled out an online questionnaire that was part of this process.

As you know, this summer I will reach the point that I could retire (based on my 30 years of ordained service to the Church). One of my learnings is that I feel called to "re-up" (as they say in the military) for the next period of my ministry. That could be for anywhere from 2 - 8 years, so don't buy the stamps for the next Rector search process yet (unless they're the "always" stamps).

Now, I have to work on my goals. Some of those relate to the parish, some to my household, and some to my relationship with God. They have to do with three areas (which I entitled my



"three clouds of unknowing") -- finances, health and clutter. Some of you may shout "Alleluia." Before you do that, however, know that I need your help.

All of these areas have an impact on my Parish life, my home life and my spiritual life. It is not, "that's nice, how will you do that?", rather it is "what is the road that we together will walk?" It calls for more discipline and dedication from me and for your patience, understanding and, where appropriate, your participation. We are, after all, part of a community of faith.

This conference is worth the \$500 that the parish invested in its cost. Most of the expense is borne by the Church Pension Fund and a bit from me. I will be sharing more with you in the weeks and month to come, but I wanted to let you know my feelings at this point.

As you read this on or after Pentecost (May 11), I will have just returned from a week in Hawaii helping my sister and her family. Mary has just begun a regimen of chemotherapy due to the ovarian cancer that was detected in April. Thankfully, it appears that it was quite limited in its spread and that no other areas were affected by the cancer. That is a blessing! I appreciate your support and prayers. Based on this visit and what it seems her schedule of treatments seems to be, I will decide about further trips to Kauai this summer. I am thankful for your prayers, gifts (for Mary), and thoughts.

In Christ,

Jim Newman

Rector

VITAL STATISTICS

Please Pray for:

Mary, Fr. Giles, Lois, James, Eugenia, Dulcie, Diane, Nabila, Harriet, John, Fr. John, Elsie, Daniel, Joe, Wes, Kim, Frances, Rita, Jeff, Kelly, Dan, Samira, Caleb, Dennis.

Guests:

Cynthia Dunbar, Paul Waebben, Wiley Pugh, Elaine Stumpus, Linda & Nelson Post, Fiorella O'Brien, Daniel & Angela Loyd, Becky McKelvey, Winthrop Sheldon, Radovan Diklich, Christine Reynaert, Ed Bednar & Lois Kelley, Petra Uribe & Paul Collins

Burials and Memorial Services:

Donald Angelo Thomas (4/5)

Amy's Farewell~

Dear St. Bede's,

I must say that I am a bit shocked that my official time with you is over because it feels like such a short time ago that I arrived. I say my "official time" because I know that I will be back. This is not only because Canon Newman always says that once you've been with St. Bede's, you never really leave. It is also because I have been so blessed in my time here that I know I will have to come back.

These past nine months have flown by for me (time flies when you're having fun), and I have everyone at St. Bede's to thank for that. I arrived to a group of strangers—on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights, at vestry meetings and NCD planning sessions—and I was embraced as if I had always been there. It turns out that God was there too, and God shone through the people of St. Bede's. I am indebted to Frank Basile

and the choir who included me as one of them, even though I had never sung in a choir before. Mother Golie and Vicki Mouradian believed I could teach Sunday school, and it turned out that they knew something about me that I did not yet know. Canon Newman put me behind the pulpit when neither of us really knew what was going to happen there, and he never once asked to see my sermon ahead of time. The belief that you have all had in me, combined with the abundant community that embraced me here, is incredible. I have lived with a call to ordained ministry for many years, and my experience at St. Bede's this year made that call real, putting flesh on what God had whispered in my ear. I am deeply grateful to all of you.

God's peace to St. Bede's,

Amy

Out and About with St. Bede's

by Vicki Mouradian

Noah's Ark at the Skirball Cultural Center

70 parishioners with family and friends attended the outing to the Noah's Ark Exhibit on Sunday afternoon, April 27. Pizza and soft drinks were served prior to our departure from the church. The interactive exhibit was enjoyed by young and old who explored the 8,000 square foot permanent installation. Whimsical animals created out of recycled materials greeted us at every turn: crocodile faces from violin cases, zebra manes from piano keys, and elephant ears from car mats were just a few of the artistic touches we saw. The visual and tactile impact of the exhibit wowed us with a new impression of this beloved Bible story.

Movie Night

Our youth will enjoy an opportunity to gather at the Dugre home on **Saturday, May 31 at 4:00 p.m.** to watch *The Secret Garden*. We will serve popcorn to munch on during the movie, and afterwards will enjoy pizza and ice cream while we discuss what we learned from the movie. We encourage our youth to invite a friend who might enjoy this opportunity for fellowship. Fliers with information will be distributed at church.

Sound of Music Sing Along

St. Bede's is going to hear the hills come alive! On **Friday evening, September 19** we will be attending the *Sound of Music* Sing Along at the Hollywood Bowl. We will picnic

before the performance in a reserved picnic area on the grounds (bring yummy food and drink). 68 have already expressed their interest in attending the event so 76 seats have been reserved in bench area M (center to stage). The movie is now shown on 3 screens for our viewing pleasure with the words to each song appearing on the screens at the appropriate times. The pre-show will include a costume parade so be creative and come as a favorite character or item from the movie! Not to be outdone by the evening's hosts, St. Bede's will have separate awards for best costume in both children and adult categories at our picnic. Please consider taking the park and ride systems to the Bowl offered through our city bus lines. Questions? Ask Vicki. If we have many more who wish to attend, I will attempt to purchase an additional block of seats. More details will be following.

Fall Retreat Information~

The 18th Annual St. Bede's Fall Retreat will be held at Mount Calvary Monastery and Retreat House Santa Barbara, California, October 24-26, 2008. We will gather for Friday dinner and meet through Sunday lunch.

Our retreat is a silent retreat with meditations led by one of the brothers. There will be opportunity to read, hike, pray, meditate, reflect, etc. We will join in the worship life of the monastery during that time.

The cost is \$175, and space is limited. Please pay when you sign up (made out to St. Bede's Church, memo: Retreat). The reservations are due no later than Sunday, August 23rd.

Once in a Decade: The Lambeth Conference

From July 16 to August 4, over 880 bishops from Anglican churches all over the world are meeting at the University of Kent in England. Named after the residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lambeth Palace, where the conference took place until it outgrew the actually small palace, there have been thirteen conferences to date, with the first being held in 1867.

The Lambeth Conference is a gathering of bishops meeting every ten years under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury to focus on Anglican unity, to discuss issues of common concern, and to study and learn about the faith alive in each of the member churches of the Anglican Communion.

There are more than 77 million members in the Anglican Communion in 38 self-governing Provinces in more than 160 countries. Believing in the wisdom of the local churches, Anglicanism is not governed by a central authority, and so the Lambeth Conference has no legislative rights or privileges.

Thanks From the St. John's Guild

The members of St. John's Guild would like to thank all of you who supported us in our Easter Bake Goods Sale/Jewelry Sale – those who donated bake goods and items for sale and those who bought them. We cleared \$494.10 on the bake goods/jewelry sale and \$200.00 on the "Guess the Number of Jelly Beans" contest. All proceeds go to items needed at St. Bede's or to outreach programs.

Please keep us in mind as we hope to do this again in November. So save your jewelry and small white elephant items suitable for sale. You may bring items to St. Bede's on any Sunday and give them to Joyce Matlack, Janet Fox or Ina Klem.



You might be an Episcopalian if—

- ...you recognize your neighbor, or rector, in the local liquor store and go over to greet him/her.
- ...you have totally memorized Rite I, Rite II and the first three episodes of *The Vicar of Dibley*.
- ...while watching the movie "The Madness of King George" you're able to recite with the King, when he undergoes "surgery," the Collect for Purity.
- ...words like: "vouchsafe", "oblation", "supplications", "succor", "bewail", "wherefore", "dost", "meet", and "very" (in its archaic sense) are familiar to you even if you don't have a clue that they mean.
- ...you can pronounce "innumerable benefits procured to us by the same."
- ...hearing people pray in the language of "jesuswejus" makes you want to scream.
- ...you can rattle off such tongue twisters like: "...who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full and perfect sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the world" and "Wherefore, O, Lord and Heavenly Father, we thy people, do celebrate and make here, with these gifts which we offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make..." without missing a beat.
- ...someone says, "Let us pray" and you automatically hit your knees.
- ...the word "Sewanee" puts a lump in your throat.
- ...you catch yourself genuflecting or bowing as you enter a row of seats in a theater.

...your choir director suggests discussing something over a beer after choir rehearsal.

...when visiting a Catholic Church, you are the only Ah-men amongst a sea of Ay-mens.

...your covered dish for the potluck dinner is escargot in puff shells.

...you think the most serious breach of propriety one can commit is failure to chill the salad forks.

...your picnic basket has sterling knives and forks (entree, fish, salad and cake).

...you ever find yourself saying, "Oh, but we've never done it that way before."

...you know that a sursum corda is not a surgical procedure.

...if you don't think Agnus Dei is a woman.

...if you know the difference between a surplice and a cotta...and the appropriate use of each.

...if you know that the nave is not a playing card.

...if you know that the Senior Warden and the Junior Warden are not positions in the local prison.

...if your friend said "I'm truly sorry..." and you replied, "and you humbly repent?"

And finally....

...if you reach a point when you're not sure about anything theologically but you still feel completely at home at the altar rail and somehow know you're meeting God there, even though you can't begin to understand how.

Summer Music in the Garden—June 22, 2008

On Sunday, June 22, at 7 p.m., as part of the Friends of Music's "SummerMusic in the Garden" series, the L.A. Caribbean Ensemble, comprised of steel drums, electric bass, drum set, and world percussion, will visit St. Bede's.

This group of talented musicians performs a wide variety of instrumental styles, including Caribbean, Reggae, Latin, Pop-Favorites, and Jazz Standards, to name a few.

This exuberant performance will be a fitting conclusion for the Friends' thirteenth season. A suggested donation of \$15 for those not holding a Friends of Music Season's Pass will again benefit the music program at St. Bede's.

For more information about this group, please visit www.jasonleebruns.com and click on "Projects."

SAVE THE DATE—August 9, 2008! Sisters of Bede Mystery Dinner Theater!

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SERVICES & CLASSES

SUNDAYS: 8 am, Holy Eucharist (no music)
10 am, Church School & Nursery
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer

TUESDAYS: 10 am, Morning Prayer & Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS: 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class

TUESDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE
Hosts (and back-up):

5/13 D. Smith (J. Fox); 5/20 J. Fox (B. Casillas); 5/27 B. Casillas (V. Mouradian);
6/03 - NO CLASS (Voting); 6/10 J. Newman (V. Mouradian);
6/17 V. Mouradian (I. Klem); 6/24 I. Klem (R. Jayne)

JULY & AUGUST, 2008 - No Classes

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:

"Lost Christianities": Christian Scriptures & the Battles over Authentication"

5/14 Infancy Gospels
5/21 The Gospel of Peter
5/28 The Secret Gospel of Mark
6/4 The Acts of John
6/11 The Acts of Thomas
6/18 The Acts of Paul & Thecla
6/25 Forgeries in the Name of Paul

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