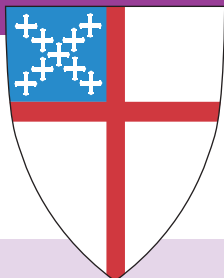


The Vineyard



Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

November 2008



Mark Your Calendar

November 1

Confirmants meet
Bishop Louttit - 2PM

November 2

Bishop and Mrs. Henry
Louttit visit.
(Confirmations &
Baptism @ 9:30)

November 7-9

New Beginnings @
Honey Creek

November 8

Saturday Evening
Guitar Eucharist (6PM)

November 15

End of Life Issues
Workshop @ Christ
Church - 9AM

November 16

UTO INgathering

November 27

Thanksgiving Day
Eucharist followed by
Feast - 11AM

November 30

Advent 1 - Wreath
Making Event

[www.christchurch
valdosta.org](http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org)

ALL THE SAINTS

What or who is a saint? Just a few days ago I celebrated my eighth anniversary as Rector of Christ Church. As I sat in my usual seat during the Eucharist, I looked out over our wonderful parish family and thought what a joy and a privilege it is and has been to be here. My mind drifted back to the appearance of the church eight years ago; yellow walls, red carpet, white tile, a dark brown pulpit and rail and cylinder lights, and I thought of the physical changes we have seen together. More importantly, I thought of the many people who have made Christ Church what it is today, a loving parish family centered on the worship of Christ and committed to his service. It seemed that I could see some of those parishioners who are no longer visible with us still in the places they occupied over the years. It's a curious truth that very often those places remain unfilled as though we have a sense that they are still seated there. Of course they are. Those are our saints, and there are many. Looking back over the twenty years that I have known Christ Church, I am reminded of so many men and women, boys and girls whose lives have profoundly influenced those around them; models of what it means to be a follower of Christ. Should I name them? I need not, because the list is too great and I dare say you might have names to add. It seems to me that they have taken their place in an unbroken line of servants of Christ stretching back to those few who heard His call and followed Him. They are still here, of course; some smiling upon us from their apparently empty places rejoicing in each successive generation at prayer and many seated today in our congregation. How blessed we are by their loving presence. As November begins, we set aside a date, All Saints Day; in truth, every day is a day to celebrate the saints among us. May God bless you, always.

Peter+



The Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Henry Louttit will visit
Christ Episcopal Church November 1 - 2, 2008.





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The Vineyard Deadline

The newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Send information to [<juliacaraiail@bellsouth.net>](mailto:juliacaraiail@bellsouth.net) or phone 229-559-7329.

Christ Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Henry I. Louttit,
Bishop of Georgia

The Rev. Peter Ingeman, Rector

The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, Priest
in Residence

Stella Clark, Deacon

Patricia Marks, Deacon

Molly Greneker, Parish Secretary

Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper

Sue Ellen Rumstay, Organist

Jessica Israels, St. Gregory

Choir Director

Dr. John Curtis and Maggie Roberts,

St. Francis Choir Leaders

Julia and Julius Ariail, Newsletter

Vestry

Mimi Allen Sandra Fletcher

Hugh Bailey Phyllis Holland

Clinton Beeland Pepi Nelson

Charles Boatwright Bill Nunn

Tom Carroll Buddy Pitts

Jan Carter Joe Singletary

Carolyn Eager Al Turner

Sylvia Warrick

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Deacon Marks 244-5159

Molly Greneker 292-8215

www.christchurchvaldosta.org

Guitar Mass on Second Saturdays

The guitar mass led by the Rev. Tar Drazdowski is moving to the second Saturday of the month. The next one, planned for November 8th at 6 p.m., will be accompanied by a hot dog and hamburger cookout by John Hiers and Dave Clark.

Everyone who comes should bring a dish or bag of chips to share.

If you would like to support this service, Tar+ is looking for people to help set up for the dinner, serve on the altar guild, or as chalice administrators, readers, musicians, ushers or people to fill the pews.



Please call Molly or Tar+ at the church office, 242-5115.

UTO Fall Ingathering November 16, 2008

November is always a time of thanks for our rich blessings and also once again time for all faithful United Thank Offering supporters to submit your collections.

Twice a year, you are asked to bring the amount of your daily thanksgiving in the form of coins and dollars collected in your "Blue Boxes" since our last ingathering in May 2008.

It is a completely voluntary personal and family devotional program of the Episcopal Church, established in 1889 to keep us mindful of our many blessings, be it the birth of a child, a wedding, healing, relief from a hot summer, an unexpected visit, the smile on a young child's face. The money is then combined with the offerings of hundreds of thousands of

Episcopalians to become a worldwide effort to meet compelling human needs and to expand the mission and ministry of the church for people throughout the world. Every coin submitted makes a difference.

If you do not already have a UTO box, pick one up in the tower or parish hall. For your convenience, UTO envelopes will be placed in the visitor's card holders in the pews. Use the envelope for the money you have collected in your blue boxes, or insert a check payable to United Thank Offering. A second collection by our youth will be taken up on this day.

Thank you for your past and continued support.

Helen Tucker, UTO Chairman

Words for Season After Pentecost
Humility, Justice, Judgment Day

Iraqi Pencil & Paper Project

Master Sergeant Tom Price recently sent photographs and a letter describing the delivery of the Christ Episcopal Church contributions of school supplies to the Iraqi children. Kathy Mayer, Price's aunt, organized this project last January and has sent three shipments to be distributed by her nephew. The next shipment will be sent on October 28. Please bring contributions of school supplies to the church parish hall before that date. This shipment will be the last until a new contact person is identified in Iraq as Msg. Price is being relocated in late November.

The Stitchers of Love hope to include some scarves to be given to local Iraqi residents. If you have a scarf you would like to contribute, please bring it to the church to be included in the shipment.

The letter from Msg. Price follows:

Sun, 19 Oct 2008 15:31:14

Hello Aunt Kathy,

I was finally able to give out about half the school supplies during our first school visit on 14



In October the Iraqi children received the pencil and paper supplies which were gifts of the congregation of Christ Episcopal Church.

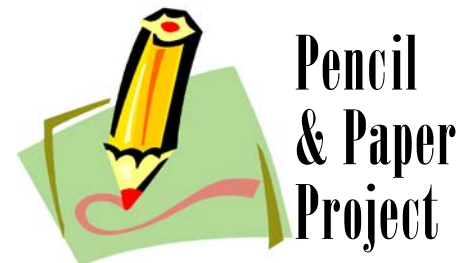
Oct. We plan to deliver some more supplies to a school that is in a poor neighborhood. The students and teachers were overwhelmed with the generosity that they received. I am hoping to have an article placed in the *Valdosta Daily Times* about your contribution. The Public Affairs Office wrote an article on the school's opening, and I was interviewed and mentioned the project. I have pictures that I am attaching to this e-mail. You can send what you currently have on hand. I am trying to find a point of contact to continue with the project. I will be leaving my current location in late November. After that time I will be unable to receive or distribute any

more school supplies. I will keep you updated on the project's future.

The scarves would be a great idea if the stitchers can have them here before I leave the area. Let Deacon Patricia Marks know that if this is not possible, tell everyone thanks for their hard work and donations.

I will send more pictures and updates every chance I get. Take care and I love ya'll.

Tom
Thomas D Price, MSG, US ARMY
<thomas.d.price@us.army.mil>



Iraqi Children's Fund

Canterbury Club and Episcopal College Ministries

by Michael Black

The Canterbury Club is a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia through its Valdosta member parishes Christ Church, Christ the King, and St. Barnabas. The mission of the Canterbury Club is to offer a space for students, faculty, and staff of VSU, Georgia Military College, and Val Tech to rest, study, worship, serve, and grow in faith. Some of us are Episcopalians, but others come from a variety of denominational and faith backgrounds. Some of us are well established in our beliefs, and others are questioning their faith. All of us are part of a loving and supportive community of disciples who are helping each other follow the way of Jesus, who calls to a life of radical hospitality by loving God, loving everyone else, and loving ourselves.

Canterbury Club has been hosted at Christ Church for over three decades. The Rev. J. Robert (Bob) Carter came to Christ Church in 1977, and at the encouragement of then rector the Rev. Henry I. Louttit, Jr., began Canterbury Club with four to five participants. He invited college students for a Tuesday night supper and Bible study which met in the front living room of his home, later called Canterbury House (since razed). Fr. Carter left Christ Church in 1982 to be founding pastor at St. Barnabas. Canterbury Club



continued but lacked a full time person dedicated to the organization. The Rev. Peter L. Ingeman came to Christ Church in 1987 as Assistant Rector and Chaplain for Canterbury Club. Working with Sister Ellen at St. John's Catholic Church, they jointly hosted Canterbury Club at Canterbury House and established an event schedule. At the time, the VSC dining hall was not open on Sunday evenings, so Sundays provided a perfect opportunity for a dinner and program for students; Bible study and movie night were held on other evenings during the week. Canterbury Club members have participated in Vocare, a renewal weekend designed for young adults, and two diocesan college weekends at Camp Honey Creek. From 2002 to 2004, Rev. Mary R. Hemmer served as Chaplain for Canterbury Club. In the future, Christ Church plans to rehire a full-time priest to coordinate Canterbury Club/Episcopal College Ministries. VSU faculty member

Patricia Bezona's faithful service as sponsor has allowed Canterbury Club to maintain its status as a recognized VSU student organization.

Canterbury Club opened this academic year on August 24 with a cookout hosted by VSU

faculty and staff members. This event provided an opportunity for new and returning college students to meet and begin networking with faculty and staff. All our activities are hosted in the newly renovated Louttit Hall which provides a space welcoming to young people and conducive to the activities of Canterbury Club. All college students are invited to participate in Canterbury Club's scheduled events for the year:

- *1st Sunday of month: 5:00pm, dinner and bible study and Compline
- *2nd Sunday of month: 5:00pm, dinner and movie night and Compline
- *3rd Sunday of month: 5:00pm, dinner and game night and Compline
- *4th Sunday of month: 5:00pm, dinner and outside activity (i.e. bowling, play)
- *5th Sunday of month: 5:00pm, dinner and activity t.b.d. and Compline

In addition to Sunday evening events, members are welcomed at Sunday morning services and Wednesday evening services and supper (which is provided at no charge to Canterbury Club members). The Saturday evening service, held monthly, is intended to be multi-generational, and Canterbury Club members are encouraged to take roles in the service. Look for updates and pictures on our Facebook group forum or our Web page: www.christchurchvaldosta.org/canterbury.html





Special Days Remembered in November



BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Diane Corker
Brandon Jackson | 19 Jim Elliott
Lauren Sandbach |
| 2 Robbie Beeland
Nancy Lutsko | 20 Lori Campbell |
| 4 Robin Guice | 22 Claire Hanson |
| 5 Jennifer Carter
Marge Fitzsimons | 23 Danny Clark
Dan Holcomb |
| 6 Stefani Carroll
Georgianna Manning | 24 Elizabeth Wisenbaker |
| 7 Robert Bauer, Jr.
Brad Burnette
Diane McPipkin | 26 Betty Leff
Valerie Page |
| 8 Melissa Carter
David Kirk
Karla Lauckhardt | 28 John Roberts |
| 12 Lindsey Wisenbaker | 29 Phyllis Holland |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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| 14 Duane Carter | 2 David & Sue Sandbach |
| 15 Helen Bennett | 16 Richard & Barbara Rigby |
| 18 Jeanette Bajalia
Jon Burch
Aldine Carter
Tristen Carter
Marty Diamond
Sara Lazari
Emory Warrick, Jr. | 17 Hugh & Joan Bailey
24 Charles & Carmen Boatwright
Steve and Maggie Roberts
25 Brooks & Mary Lovelace
26 Jon & Linda Burch
Marshall & Barbara Parks
30 Dennis & Patricia Marks |

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

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|---|--|
| 1 Nicholas Balanis
Cecilia Carroll
Stefani Carroll
Molly Greneker
David Holland
Marie Moser
Robert Porter | 12 Charles Adams
Helen Bennett
Dennis Savoie |
| 2 Erin Carter
Landon Miley
Marty Tucker | 14 Tamara Dennis |
| 3 Brett Nelson
Alexandra Peebles
Lauren Rutledge | 16 Christopher Sandbach |
| 4 Michael Black
Rachel Greneker
Patricia Marks
Harrison Tillman, Jr. | 17 Ellie Copeland
Andrew Diamond
Emily White |
| 7 Elonda Holcomb | 20 Chase Adams
Jake Adams
Regan Adams |
| | 21 Grace Diamond |
| | 22 Gil Gjertsen |
| | 26 Nancy Lutsko |
| | 27 Tom Carroll |
| | 28 Chapell Wolfson
Molly Wolfson
Wilby Wolfson |

If your special day is not included in our calendar, please call the church office at 242-5115 to let us know.

Vestry Report from the September Meeting

- Received report from Fr. Ingeman that Vestry nominations will be solicited from the parish the first two Sundays in Oct. and voted on the first two Sundays in Nov. He also reported that the rectory kitchen is complete and renovation of the master bath is now underway. Liz Powell and Michael Black are now assisting Pat Bezona with the college ministry. Foyer groups have been well received and others can be formed if there is interest.
- Announced upcoming events: Confirmation classes on Sept. 20 and another to be determined if interest warrants. Bishop Louttit will visit on Nov. 1 and 2. All Saints Thomasville is hosting a Convocation picnic on Oct. 25 when the topic of the new bishop



Pepi Nelson, Senior Warden and Clint Beeland, Junior Warden

- election will be discussed, and the Christ Church Oktoberfest will be held on Oct. 30.
- Reviewed report of Phase One of the Master Plan for facilities planning. Clint Beeland will go before the Valdosta Historic Preservation Commission on Oct. 6 to request approval for a handicap ramp for Louttit Hall

and the demolition of Miller House. Louttit Hall renovations are complete.

- Approved donation of \$1000 to the Habitat for Humanity 2008 Grace Build as a sponsor.
- Received report from the Rev. Tar Drazdowski about the first guitar mass to be held Oct. 18 with others to follow.
- Received report of Youth Activities: Undie Sunday, Sept. 21 for Haven children; Youth Sunday Oct. 26 and a corn maze adventure.
- Received report that Deacon Patricia Marks will present a book review at Langdale Place and take the portable labyrinth to Valwood School.



The Blessing of the Pets - October 5

photographs by Deacon Patricia Marks, Phyllis Hiers,
Karen Gunter and Eleanor Parten



Altar Guild Luncheon - October 3

photographs by Deacon Patricia Marks



Jessica Israels named St. Gregory Choir Director



Jessica Israels

ington University in Bellingham, Washington, she performed several leading roles in operas and musicals there, and won a variety of awards and competitions. Between 2000 and 2006, as a member of the Soldiers'

Jessica Israels started singing at the age of 10 with the San Francisco Opera as a member of the children's chorus. A graduate of Western Wash-

Chorus of The U.S. Army Field Band, Jessica was a featured soloist with the Cincinnati Pops, the National Symphony Orchestra, and the London Symphony Orchestra.

She is currently a Graduate Assistant at Valdosta State University, where she is pursuing her Master's degree in Choir Conducting, is teaching private voice, and is the director of The Spotlighters vocal jazz ensemble.

Father Ingeman said, "We welcome Jessica to Christ Church and look forward to her conducting our wonderful 9:30 choir."

New Vestry Election

The nominating committee for next year's vestry includes Hugh Bailey, chair, Clinton Beeland, Jan Carter, Buddy Pitts, and Sylvia Warrick. Bailey announced that the following list of Christ Church members were nominated, agreed to serve if elected, and will be voted on the first two Sundays in November: Tal Barnidge, Tammy Borders, Dave Clark, Jerry DeMott, Susan Elliott, Sparky Greneker, Karen Gunter, Tommy Hatcher, John Hiers, Terry Parsons, Aaron Parten, Maggie Roberts, Sue Ellen Rumstay, Elise Sandbach, Katie Schutt, Melanie Schwallenberg, Jeani Synyard, Mike Tanner, and Lucy Tomberlin.

End of Life Issues - Preserving Your Legacy

It has been said that when one of us dies without passing on our wisdom and stories, it's like a library burning down. Money and property are only part of what you have to share with others.

On Saturday, November 15, at 9

a.m. in the Parish Hall, Christ Church will sponsor a workshop addressing end of life issues. Our own John and Helen Bennett, as well as Tar+, will be presenters.

We will discuss and review examples of living wills and other

end of life instructions. You will be given the forms and instructions to complete a Personal Legacy Statement, Living Will, Personal Property Declaration and Memorial Instructions.

This workshop will allow time for questions and answers. Please feel free to bring a list of questions.

Join us for Regular Services

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

11:30 a.m. Holy Communion*

Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. @ Langdale Place

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion*

6:00 p.m. Vespers

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.*

10:45 a.m. Christian Education*

Thursday: 7:00 a.m.

*Nursery Available

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