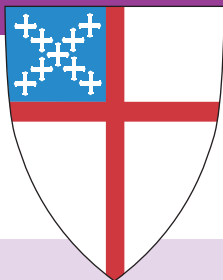


The Vineyard

Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

August 2012



"...a celebration of the past, present, and the future..."

The Rev. Peter Ingeman, at his retirement reception on July 28

Mark Your Calendar

August 5

Sunday School Kick-off
10:30 a.m.
on the lawn and
in the new
Gabard Christian
Education Building

August 8

Senior EYC
Fiesta Kick-off
at the Elliotts' home

August 12

The Rev. Canon Frank
Logue preaches

Sunday School
Classes begin
10:30 a.m.
The Gabard
Christian Education
Building

August 20

Vestry Meeting
5:30 p.m. in
the Parish Hall

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



The reception celebrating the 12-year ministry of The Rev. Peter and Happy Ingeman at Christ Church featured great food; a program of thanks in the beautiful surroundings of the Turner Center for the Arts; gifts from the clergy, the Daughters of the King, the Stitchers of Love, and the entire parish; and buzzed with over 250 voices in joyous celebration of a job well done. Jeani Synyard wrote new words to a hymn in the Ingemans' honor. A slide show with 250 photos of Fr. Peter and Happy through the years ran for 3 hours on 2 monitors drawing crowds to laugh and remember the many events we have shared. Colorful arrangements in silver goblets adorned the tables. Bishop Scott and Kelly Benhase and Bishop Henry and Jan Louttit attended the celebration, and Senior Warden Steve Roberts read a letter from Bishop Harry Shippis.

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The Vineyard On the Web

The Vineyard is posted to the Christ Church Web site in color at www.christchurchvaldosta.org. Look in the "Publications" area to see this newsletter.

The Vineyard Deadline

The newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Send information to juliacaraiail@bellsouth.net.

Christ Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Scott A. Benhase,
Bishop of Georgia
The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, Assistant Rector
The Rev. Jim Elliott, Assisting Priest
The Rev. Deacon Stella Clark
The Rev. Deacon Patricia Marks
The Rev. Deacon Nancy Sartin
Kim Dudley, Parish Administrator
Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper
Sue Ellen Rumstay, Organist
Kathy Armstrong, St. Gregory Choir Dir.
Maggie Roberts, St. Francis Choir Leader
Julia and Julius Ariail, Newsletter Editors

Vestry Members

Julia Ariail -'12	Phyllis Hiers -'14
Clinton Beeland -'13	Aaron Parten -'12
Stefani Carroll -'13	Steve Roberts -'13
Robin Coleman -'14	Sandy Sandbach -'14
Susan Elliott -'12	Jeani Synyard -'14
Sparky Grenaker -'13	Joe Tomberlin -'12
Jeff Hanson -'14	Lucy Tomberlin -'13
Will Hanson -'12	

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The Rev. Dcn. Clark	559-6159
The Rev. Dcn. Marks	244-5159
The Rev. Dcn. Sartin	834-0147
Kim Dudley	242-5115

Vestry Report from June 25, 2012

- Introduced Parish Administrator Kim Dudley.
- Scheduled interview with Fr. Martin Bagay, the first interim rector candidate, for July 2 and 3.
- Announced the service schedule for July.
- Reported the success of the El Pedregal mission trip on which 9 missionaries taught knitting, painted the second floor of the school, bought equipment for the school, taught Bible School, held a splash party for the village children, and supplied 24 scholarships and a teacher's salary at the Episcopal school for the 2012-13 school year.
- Approved a motion to purchase an iPad as a gift to departing Parish Administrator Molly Stevenson.
- Approved the purchase of "Living the Good News" curriculum for Pre-K through



Steve Roberts
2012 Senior Warden

Aaron Parten
2012 Junior Warden

- adult Sunday School for 2012-13.
- Thanked those who worked with the Vacation Bible School.
- Approved Deacon Nancy Sartin's request to work with the Southside Recreation Center for the coming year.
- Reported on the investigation of using the Tomberlin House as a thrift store when the Preschool moves to the new building. Several churches that have thrift stores were contacted for discussion of the difficulties and benefits of the program.
- Announced the schedule for interviewing the other two interim rector candidates as July 17 and 24.



A new class will begin in August for prospective members of the Daughters of the King. If you are interested in joining the class, please contact Pat Bezona pbezona@bellsouth.net or 229-242-8289. The Rev. Deacon Nancy Sartin will be teaching the class. New members owe \$50 which pays for the class, dues for the year and a DOK pin. DOK members' dues of \$35 are due to the national office by Sept 1. The dues help support new DOK orders and needs of DOK orders in the US and the world. Please make the check to Christ Episcopal Church with DOK in the memo line. Please send to the church attn: Amy Creasy or bring to the August 19th meeting.

The camera symbol indicates that an album of photos on this subject is available online at <http://picasaweb.google.com/christchurchvaldosta>.



Farewell Message from Fr. Peter and Happy Ingeman



Dear Christ Church Family,

Many of us are uncomfortable with change because it presents some uncertainty. It also presents a great opportunity for growth. We have a beautiful new building on campus which will help Christ Church grow educationally. New clergy will help in spiritual growth. Embrace these changes with the enthusiasm you have shown in the past twelve years, and know that you always will have our prayers for your continued work as a strong, faithful and Christ-like church.

The following quotation from Father Bede Jarrett tells what you have done for us:

" Human love and the delights of friendship, out of which are built the memories that endure, are also to be treasured up as hints of what shall be hereafter."

May God bless you, today and always.

With love, Peter+ and Happy



Senior Warden's Corner



Steve Roberts

Greetings.

With the wonderful celebration honoring Peter and Happy's ministry as well as the dedication of our beautiful Education Building behind us, we now enter a period of transition which will define our vision for the future of our parish. We have interviewed three candidates, and if we can agree on a financial package, one of them will serve as our interim priest for the next 12 to 18 months. All of the candidates – The Rev. Martin Bagay, The Rev. Joye Cantrell and The Rev. Rob Nichols – were impressive, and all received more positive than negative reaction. I have asked the vestry to individually rank the candidates and will seek a consensus. It is our hope to have the interim on the job no later than the second Sunday in September. Father Frank Logue, Canon to the Ordinary in our diocese, will preach at all three services on August 12 and will further explain the role of the interim. According to the diocese's Transitional Handbook, "this gives an opportunity for the parish to participate in a theological reflection upon the challenges and opportunities of an interim period and to share questions and concerns. It also provides the Canon an opportunity to share the bishop's policies for filling clergy vacancies and the reasons for those policies." Exciting times await us. I urge you to be an active participant in the process. I'm on call ... sroberts@valdosta.edu. 561-4344. Peace.

Steve



The Fourth of July

The Fourth of July celebration at Christ Church included a church service at 11:00 a.m. followed by a hot dog lunch. Approximately 75 people enjoyed the festivities.

Shonna Roberts at Camp Honey Creek

Christ Church,

I have a few photos from Shonna at camp this year. In some of these, like the one from the pool, she is with one of my youth group members from All Saints Thomasville. I thought it was really neat that they have developed a friendship. Shonna had a great time, as usual, and without the help from generous donors, she couldn't have gone to camp again this year (5th year!). The tire swing was a huge hit, there are three now at HC, and the kids loved them. There was a great square dancing evening as well that she loved! She loves to dance! My dog, Manfred, was with us all week as well. The kids loved having him around!

Savannah Spivey



From the Assistant Rector

77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church

My personal sense of the General Convention was in many ways overwhelming, to say the least. That is to say, I was overpowered at times, inspired at times, and awestruck at times. I love this church. I love the way we conduct our business with a bicameral house; I love the different ways we come together and worship; and I love the fact that we are under no illusion that we will agree on everything. What we do agree on is that as a Church we were created in the loving image of God, that we welcome all people regardless of their gender, sexual preference, economic status, or profession, and that we are trying to reconcile ourselves and the world to Christ. As a people of God, we unashamedly celebrate our differences and the tension that brings to our spirituality. We are a church that celebrates the *via media*, a middle way or compromise between extremes.

When I think of what that means to us as a congregation, the image that comes to mind is when the celebrant opens his or her arms at the peace or while standing at the altar praying on behalf of God's people. In essence, the celebrant is welcoming all of the baptized to come to God's table and receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Each and every time this action is repeated, we welcome the tension found in the world and offer the world a safe harbor of peace and reconciliation.

Yes, we did pass resolutions about the business of the church. In fact, over 440 resolutions were passed from July 5- July 12. How will the church will react to those resolutions. Will they make a difference in 10 to 25 years? That remains to be seen. What you and I need to focus on is how we live out the mission of reconciliation in our daily life and play.

Amen.

Christian Education

It's that time of year again. This is the time of year that we begin to think about fall schedules, new school years, fall sporting events and the beginning of a new year of Christian Education. Christian Education allows us to become stronger in our faith as we face many of life's challenges. Whether we realize it or not, Christian formation allows us to look at God's word in more of a personal manner and intentional formation draws us closer to God. It also provides us with a broader sense of community as we interpret God's word in a small group format.

This fall Christ Church will offer many opportunities for Christian Education or Christian formation. Two adult Bible studies will be offered this fall. Tammy Borders will be teaching a women's group on Wednesday evening, and Dr. Willa Valencia's class will be taught in the home of Eloise Smith on Tuesday evenings. Education for Ministry (EFM) will be offered on Sunday nights. Dr. Mike Holland and Dr. Will Hanson will mentor this year's study. Space is still available and all 4 years will be taught simultaneously. If you have started EFM and not completed, talk to Mike or Will and I am sure they will be happy to include you in this year's study. A 20's and 30's Something Class will also be added to our offerings this year. The study will be focused on the Nooma Series which focuses on living the Christian life in the modern world. Times and dates for all of these classes will be printed in the bulletin in the next few weeks. If you are interested in participating or teaching Adult Sunday School, please call Tar+ in the office. More offerings will come available later in the fall.



Blessings, Tar+

Honoring the Ministry of The Rev. and Mrs. Peter Ingeman

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With the poise and dignity that are his signature, Fr. Ingeman told the group that "this is a celebration of the past, present, and the future," that the guests **were** the church, and that we had an amazing future ahead.

The words "Thank you" seem too small to express our appreciation for all you have done, Peter and Happy, but we mean them sincerely. God bless you.



Dedication of the Gabard Christian Education Building - July 29, 2012



SPECIAL DAYS

AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS

1 Pat Bradley	22 Steve Honeycutt
Searcy McClure	Josie Parten
Beverly Williamson	Christopher Sandbach
4 Sandra Walker	23 Curt Grieve
5 Eloise Smith	Robert Porter
7 Rusty McCall	24 Alex Elliott
8 Erin Macheski-Preston	26 Aaron Davis
11 Pauline Brown	27 Julius Ariail
13 Mike Tanner	Andrew Diamond
14 Emma Claire Campbell	28 William Parmelee, Jr.
16 Patricia Marks	Helen Tucker
17 Katherine Berckman	29 Craig Lambert
18 Tommy Hatcher	Marty Tucker
Josie Tidmore	Deanna Wagoner
19 Maggie Roberts	30 Phyllis Hiers
20 Robert Tillman	Marie Moser
21 Ellis Moser	Mary Peebles
	David Singleton

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

3 Emily Saeger Jarvis
4 Gail Hobgood
Amy Wisenbaker
6 Jerry DeMott
8 Brighton Prine
Julie Prine
9 Elizabeth Hanson
11 Hudson Tanner
14 Natalie Savoie
15 Betty Chason
18 Katherine Mayer
19 John David Greneker
25 Andrew Greneker
Eleanor Parten
28 Jacob Diamond

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



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5 Steve & Sallie Honeycutt
Henry & Sarah Parrish
6 Ken & Electa Ricket
8 Thaddeus & Hiroko Agar
11 Joe & Norma Tomberlin
12 Billy Tidmore & Jennifer
Lawrence
21 Nicky & Leanne Balanis
Joe & Tilda Stubbs
25 Will & Bonnie Hanson

Christ Church Ongoing Projects

Adopt a Haven Family - The Haven has a special need for new or like-new clothing and kitchen supplies (appliances, dishes, etc.) for mothers and children moving out of the shelter. Contact Patricia Marks (244-5159); [<spmarks@bellsouth.net>](mailto:spmarks@bellsouth.net).

Hungry at Home Program - Deacon Stella Clark chairs the project in conjunction with other churches to collect backpacks and financial support to be used to send food home on Fridays to children in need. (559-6159); [<stellamclark@att.net>](mailto:stellamclark@att.net).

Sleeping Mats for Africa - Deacon Stella Clark chairs the project in conjunction with other churches to collect plastic shopping bags to be woven into sleeping mats. (559-6159); [<stellamclark@att.net>](mailto:stellamclark@att.net).

Partnership for Health Clinic Project - Diane Halim chairs this project for donations for specific items to patients and families. [<dhollim@valdosta.edu>](mailto:dhollim@valdosta.edu).

Pop Tabs - Collect pop tabs to benefit the Atlanta Ronald McDonald Houses. Please add them to the container on the round table in the Parish Hall. Deacon Stella Clark chairs this project. [<stellamclark@att.net>](mailto:stellamclark@att.net).

Toiletries Project - A project to collect unused hotel toiletries for families at LAMP. It needs a new coordinator. Bring in your travel toiletries from your summer vacations.



Honey Creek Camps

The Summer Camp season for 2012 has concluded, but lots of photos and a terrific video are available to remember the fun!

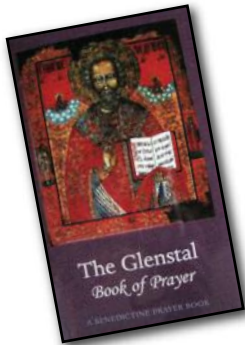
View the 2012 Summer Camp photo album and the 2012 Summer Camp video at
[<http://georgia.anglican.org/?page_id=3921>](http://georgia.anglican.org/?page_id=3921)

The Honey Creek Summer Camp sessions in June and July, 2012, offered incredible opportunities for exploration, adventure, learning about God and building relationships. Campers enjoyed spending time in exciting activities including swimming, arts & crafts, campfires, archery, singing, exploring nature, kayaking, ropes course, disc golf, and more. Each camp session also featured great music and worship every day.

Blessing the Kneelers - July 8, 2012



Frances Crawford, Bill Nunn, Sally Nunn, Gnann Moser, Rita Hightower, Eloise Smith, Jane Ferrell, LaVoe Houck, Tilda Stubbs, Marilyn Kemper and Julia Ariail stitched the ten new kneelers which were blessed at the 9:30 a.m. service on July 8. When added to the original six kneelers stitched in 1971, the set now fills the current altar rail and honors 32 saints.



The Church Bookshelf

by Patricia Marks

The Glenstal Book of Prayer

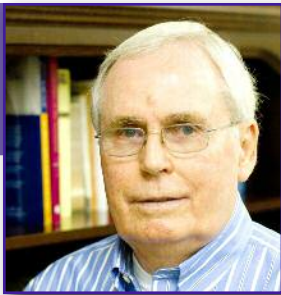
Liturgical Press, 2001.



Prayer books abound in many a library, and these, along with the host available on the web — *the New Zealand podcast*, *the Northumbria Community*, *Sacred Space*, to name a few — can create a dizzying array. So what a delight to be gifted with *The Glenstal Book of Prayer*, a Benedictine prayer book whose slenderness belies the richness inside. Glenstal, located on the southwest coast of Ireland, is dedicated to Saints Joseph and Columba. The beautiful Abbey chapel icon of Christ Blessing, which opens the book, is symbolic of the Benedictine tradition of hospitality, inviting us to consecrate the day with morning and evening prayer as we give thanks for the joyful light Christ poured into our lives. The selection of brief readings and psalms, of prayers and thanksgivings, reflect the Celtic heritage of this Norman Revival monastery, where prayer is woven into everyday activities. Here is a treasure — not only daily prayers, but a host of others, like the Jesus prayer or the Guardian Angel prayer, as well as blessings, readings from St. Benedict, and a saints' calendar, all at hand in a pocket-sized book. Like the prayers it contains, this book will find a place near the heart as we pray,

Lead us from darkness to light,
Lead us from sadness to joy,
Lead us from death to immortality.
Glory be to God who has shown us the light.

Northumbria Community daily prayer: <http://www.northumbriacommunity.org/pray-the-daily-office/>
New Zealand podcast: <http://www.genesis.net.nz/daily/>
Sacred Space: <http://www.sacredspace.ie/>



Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

On January 21, 1949, Bishop Middleton S. Barnwell wrote to Vestry Clerk Robert G. Macks that his “understanding” was that Christ Church intended to borrow \$15,000.00 in Valdosta to pay for erecting the Parish Hall, provided he signed the mortgage and notes as the “Bishop of Georgia.” Barnwell reported that the officers of the diocese had authorized his doing so. He had discussed the mortgage with Joe Harrison, Vice President of the Citizens and Southern Bank in Savannah, and “he was perfectly willing to let me have the money but the home bank here is reluctant to take business away from the Valdosta bank if they care to make the loan.” He asked Macks to “find out from the Valdosta bank if they will let you have the money if I sign the notes and at what interest rate. . . .” Barnwell added, “It certainly ought not to be more than 4½ [percent].” Macks responded on January 26, 1949, “Your letter of the 21st has been in my hands for a couple of days. With all the good will in the world I have not been able to take care of the matter, insofar as Mr. Fleming Winn, head of the Citizens & Southern, is ill in bed.” Nothing more could be done, he said, until Winn was back at work because the Senior Warden, Jerome Tillman, had been working with Winn in making preparations for the loan.

At the Vestry meeting on February 6, 1949, Mr. Tillman declared that “a

slight difficulty” existed with borrowing “from the Citizens & Southern National Bank and that he was endeavoring to straighten the matter out.” Indeed, according to Tillman, the possibility had arisen that Christ Church would acquire the money from a private source “rather than . . . the Citizens & Southern Bank.” After the report on that situation, Vestry turned to a discussion “of our early move into the new Church . . . together with the form of announcement and the programs for the event.” The minutes asserted, “Every one is anxious to get into our new home, and it is felt by all that . . . February 20th [1949] would be the most practical date.”

Meanwhile, Vestry had to deal with the bills for construction work that were still arriving. In the meeting on April 10, 1949, three bills payable required action, including the following: \$732.00 for flooring in the Church, \$500.00 for Lloyd Greer’s services as supervising architect, and \$100.00 for “electrical fixtures and wiring.” Vestry approved a complex motion offered by Jamie Carroll to handle those expenses and other issues. The Carroll motion, first, called for the flooring bill to be paid from Christ Church’s savings account. Second, \$320.00 in donations would be deposited, and the electrical bill would be paid from that deposit. Third, “any balance remaining [was] to be paid to Lloyd Greer on account.” Also, “on . . . receipt of statement from him as to balance

due, effort [was to] be made to reduce this indebtedness monthly.” Fourth, Christ Church would no longer solicit money from the people “who had already contributed,” and there would be “no active solicitation from those outside the Church family.” Fifth, Horace Caldwell, a Christ Church communicant who managed the Daniel Ashley Hotel, had asked to be released from his pledge to the fund campaign. Consequently, his check for \$1,000.00 would be returned to him. Then, on approval of a motion by the Vicar, Fr. White, the savings account was renamed “The Building Fund” and those who had served as officers of the Building Committee were “released and discharged from their duties.” Further, Vestry voted to thank David and Alec Wainer by letter for their gift to the church of a “cement cross walk” and to add to the existing church insurance coverage against “vandalism and malicious mischief.”

Two days prior to the Vestry’s April meeting, Mr. Macks had received from Zoë Coburn, Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Council of the Diocese of Georgia, a letter raising again the same issues regarding insurance on Christ Church that were dealt with in the May 2012 history article. Miss Coburn had written letters to Macks in September and November 1948 about insurance questions, and he had answered in a way that seemed satisfactory to her in her letter of November 16, 1948. More about this topic in September’s *Vineyard*.

Youth News by Stefani Carroll

Sunday School Kick-off, Sunday, August 5 "Building God's Kingdom"

Join us as we begin classes in our new Gabard Christian Education Center. We are posting photos of the teachers for all the classes on the bulletin board in the Christ Church Parish Hall. The classes begin at approximately 10:30 a.m. following the 9:30 Sunday Service. We look forward to a new year.



August - December 2012 Youth Schedule

AUGUST

Happening #89

5 - Sunday School Kickoff

8 - Junior EYC and Middle School EYC Begin

12 - Sunday School Begins

SEPTEMBER

14, 15, 16 - Fall Event, Honey Creek, 6th - 8th grades (tentative)

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

2, 3, 4 - New Beginnings #41, Honey Creek (7th - 9th grades)

NOVEMBER (continued)

18 - No Sunday School (Thanksgiving Break)

21 - No EYC (Thanksgiving Break)

25 - Advent Wreath Making (Intergenerational Sunday School event)

DECEMBER

14, 15, 16 - Winterblast, Honey Creek (9th - 12th grades)

21 - Annual Christmas Party and Youth lock-in (also possible to do it the 14th...?)

23 - No Sunday School (Christmas Break)

26 - No EYC (Christmas Break)

30 - No Sunday School (Christmas Break)

Senior EYCers Staying Connected!

with Dan Schert and Fr. Jim and Susan Elliott

Between vacations, camps, and work schedules, our "Super Group" has continued meeting on Wednesday nights enjoying the slower pace summer allows. We've met at Church, at The Wedge (to harass Mary Lee where she works) and for pizza and splash basketball at the Elliotts' where we also blessed new driver Katie Wisenbaker's car! Whether we discuss the news of the week, the latest movie or personal happenings or even something resembling a theological issue, we enjoy each other's company and just hanging out together! We are anxiously awaiting the opening of our new Education Building! Thanks to everyone!

DON'T FORGET . . .

Our annual **FIESTA KICKOFF** will be **Wednesday, August 8 at the Elliotts'!**

Bring a friend and lots of ideas and energy!

August Schedule

August 1 - Church

August 8 - Elliotts'

August 15 - Church

August 22 - Querins'

August 29 - Church

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Christ Church Volunteers for Haven Project

On July 16 many members of Christ Episcopal Church volunteered to assist in moving furniture and household goods donated to the Haven, a shelter for abused women and children. Those who served included: Phyllis Hiers, Julia Ariail, Robin Coleman, Ann Singletary, Bobbie Warren, Carter Elliott, Mike Richardson, Allan Dear, Will Campbell, Dennis Marks and Deacon Patricia Marks, who organized the event. Lynn Ponder, pictured in center back, also assisted the group.



The Georgia Delegation at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church

Christ Church member Molly Stevenson served as a deputy from the Diocese of Georgia to the General Convention and The Rev. Tar Drazdowski served as an alternate from July 3 - 13 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Letters from the delegation and Bishop Scott Benhase can be viewed at the Georgia Diocesan website at:

<<http://gc2012.georgiaepiscopal.org/?p=143>>
and
<<http://gc2012.georgiaepiscopal.org/?p=153>>.



Join us for Regular Services

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
11:30 a.m. Holy Communion*

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion*
6:00 p.m. Vespers
***Nursery Available**

10:45 a.m. Christian Education*
8:00 p.m. Holy Communion

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

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.*

Thursday: 7:00 a.m.

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