

THE ANGLICAN

Holy Communion at 8:30 every Sunday and at 10:30 on 1st Sunday of the Month, Morning Prayer at 10:30 all the other Sundays of the Month except special Holy Days—Located in the Seventh-day Adventist Chapel 6300 Telephone Rd. , Ventura, California 93003 - Church phone : 642-9697—Webpage: anglicanepiscopalchurch.org



A BLESSED New Year to all the faithful remnant in Christ Jesus.—Resolutions come and go, but the prayers of the righteous remain constant.—This year will mark the beginning of the 19th year of our organization now known as the Anglican Episcopal Church. In reality, our beginning is founded in the Scriptures reaching back to the beginning of time when God created all that is. Our organization is unique in that we are committed to a worship and doctrine embedded in Holy Scriptures, but acknowledging all Christian people wherever they are found.—The heart of our faith is found in the parishes. The organizational structure exists as a means to support the parishes and the faithful members of each parish. The work of the parish is pastoral. Liturgy, ceremony, and sacerdotal activities are subservient to the two commandments of Christ, love God and love our fellow man. Without that love, we are just tinkling brass. Each member of the parishes should be treated and respected as part of the “Priesthood of the Laity” and as saints, those set aside for the service of God and man. The clergy exists as servants to support the work of the church and the congregations.

This cold winter scene was submitted by Mary Tucker of the Church of Our Redeemer in Fairbanks, Alaska. This boat is on display in the Historical Center where the Church of Our Redeemer is located.



These pictures were taken at St. Mary's in the Desert last month during a Holy Communion and Baptismal service officiated by Rev. Nicholas Neubauer and assisted by Postulant Arnold Garcia. On February 5, 2012, Rev. Neubauer will be ordained as a priest under the direction of the Presiding Bishop, George Conner. The ceremony will take place in Las Vegas. - This is a young and youthful ministry and congregation full of Christian zeal and dedication.



Christmas Candle Light service at St. George's in Ventura, California. -The candle holders were created by Rev. Bylo who provided the decorations in the narthex. The cost of the materials came from Kaye Mc Morran in memory of her late husband. Fifty seven people attended; however, many of our older parishioners were traveling to visit children and grandchildren in various parts of the country. The refreshments were hosted by Marietta Ayer-Smith. The Candle light ceremony began with Christmas Carols led by Lucille Ternahan. Special Christmas music was provided by our young organist, Elena Kokhanovski. The service included Holy Communion for parishioners and visitors.



THE JURISDICTIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE– The AEC 2010 General Convention established several committees to work on Jurisdictional issues. One committee was to explore and evaluate other jurisdictions wishing to affiliate with the AEC. Rev. Phil Ternahan heads this committee with the assistance of Mark Owens and Hank Williams at St. Bede's Anglican Church in Tucson, Arizona. Rev. Ternahan and Mark Evans are our Internet Webpage experts and are in an excellent position to work on outreach programs. Hank Williams is a Postulant for orders.

Currently. We have five or six overseas organizations that have requested affiliation with the Anglican Episcopal Jurisdiction. The process begins with directions from Bishop Conner followed by a vote of the Standing Committee which has approved the activities of the Outreach Committee. So far, we have had inquiries from India, Mexico, Colombia, Brazil, and Martinique in the Caribbean. The Committee will evaluate the background and orthodoxy of each applicant and will make follow-up recommendations to Bishop Conner and the Standing Committee for action.

We have two such agreements in place with a small diocese in Texas and the Diocese of the Great Lakes in Northern Michigan. These agreements are spiritual in nature and do not involve organic union with the AEC. The purpose of the agreements is to recognize other Christians of like mind, like Doctrines, and those that follow the standards of our traditional worship as imbedded in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and the Thirty-nine Articles of Faith appended thereto.

MILITARY ENDORSEMENTS Religious jurisdictions and organizations provide chaplains to our Armed Forces. These chaplains are commissioned officers with ranks commensurate with their service and training; however, the Armed services require religious organizations to go through a process called "Endorsement" to determine eligibility of chaplains and their sponsoring religious affiliations. The AEC has been approached and requested to go through the process of "Endorsement" in the event that interested chaplains may be sponsored for military service by the AEC. Bishop Conner has requested that we begin the process and application for the AEC to become a qualified endorser. His request has been followed by approval of the Standing Committee, the secular arm of the AEC. Rev. Phil Ternahan will be responsible for initiating the application and follow through. - Rev. Ternahan retired after 24 years in the U. S. Navy before becoming a priest. He is well qualified with the requisite skills to begin this process. - Of course, military service is a younger man's profession, but having an endorsement in place may encourage qualified young men to seek affiliation with the AEC.

COFFEE CONVERSATION AND THOUGHTS Rev. Bylo and +Dave Pressey were having a cup of coffee at Mac Donald's- (Believe it or not, Mac Donald's has good coffee and it's a bargain. Mac Donald's has a special price for seniors if you ask. For investors, Mac Donald's Corporation is far superior to Chase Bank and pays a decent dividend- But enough of Mac Donald's)

John Bylo and I were talking about the future of the Anglican Church. Talking out loud John commented, "We are part of an old ancient and proud Christian tradition.; yet, our individual parishes and jurisdictions are on their own. There is no mega organization to support and underwrite us. There is no fallback other than our local resources. However, most modern people have no background or appreciation of the liturgy, beauty, and truth of our Christ-worshipping godly tradition. For the remnant of the faithful in Christ, it becomes our duty and mission to reach out to the unchurched to help them discover the benefits of our system of Divine worship through our communion and liturgy." Bishop Hammond always said, "If our church is of God, we will succeed. If it is of men it will cease to exist."

PRIESTS ARE NOT ALL EQUAL In our faith priests are servants of God and man. Their ordination does not place them in a position between God and man. When they bless or pronounce the absolution, they are saying the words, but it is God who truly forgives and blesses each of us. We all have direct access to the Father through prayer and petition. The role of the bishop has its limitations. His primary role is to maintain the purity of our biblical faith; therefore, he must be of sound learning and seeped in knowledge of the entire Holy Scriptures. Unfortunately, some clergy and lay people alike think that being clergy is about title, pay, position, and worldly perks. - And some of the pay and perks are extraordinary in the larger scheme of secular employment.— One tradition at St. George's was to never ask for money or have every member canvases. In eighteen years, we have never failed to pay our expenses. We view this as a blessing and sign from God. However, the whole church, Lay and well as clergy work in the "Vineyard" pro bono. While this is difficult for young family men, we have several young men who are doing just this. We are so thankful for Rev. Neubauer and Postulant Garcia who are just such dedicated young men. They are in their early thirty's and fully committed with the support of their wives and families.

BISHOP GODFREY Many years ago when St. George's was looking for spiritual leadership and direction, we came under the leadership of Bishop Godfrey who lived in Michigan. Bishop Godfrey was a Doctor in his field of Counseling and Guidance as well as holding degrees in mathematics. He served much of his career working as a civilian employee of the U. S. Military in Europe before receiving Holy Orders and becoming a priest and bishop. He guided Reg Hammond in the polity of the church and helped St. George's avoid many of the pitfalls that threaten small jurisdictions. Most of the priests and the two bishops in the AEC received their ordination or consecration through the Apostolic line represented by Bishop Godfrey. Today, Bishop Godfrey is retired and resides in Michigan in the summer and Florida in the winter. He remains active in several churches as a supply bishop when there is a need for confirmations or ordinations. Bishop Godfrey stays in contact with St. George's through +Dave Pressey. We were pleased to receive a substantial Christmas gift from him and his wife, B. J. Those of us who know Bishop Godfrey will always be grateful for his wisdom, guidance, and leadership of our church and jurisdiction in our formative years.

THE FROZEN CHOSEN Episcopalian have had a far larger impact on American history than their small numbers would indicate. Eleven of our presidents had Episcopalian roots as well as many of the Founding Father of this nation. The Episcopal Church with roots in the Ancient Celtic Church had a beginning in the Middle East, not Rome. Later, Rome conquered Britain and imposed their traditions on the Britons and later Anglo-Saxons. When the Anglican Church asserted their independence from Rome in the Reformation, the English nation was transformed into a Reform Christian people. Unfortunately, even churches become corrupted when power and authority is abused as clergy become self-seekers instead of Christ-seekers. As government and church authority became intertwined, the most biblical faith was subverted and became an instrument far removed from its godly mission. When those events occur, there is always a remnant that holds true to those eternal covenants and promises from God. But there is another aspect of our religion. When the religion becomes a social club, a status symbol, and a ritualistic exercise removed from Christ and his teachings, arrogance replaces godly love. That arrogance became so pronounced in a sense of superiority that it excluded the humble elements of society. The outsiders looking in often referred to members of that church as the "frozen chosen". Christ does not respect that arrogance. Christ respects humility. Remember the words which we hear at Holy Communion, "And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee thee to accept this our bounden duty and service: not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offence,"



Father Richard Ingalls of the Mariner's Church in Detroit leads the procession at Rev. Pressey's Consecration in 2008. Father Ingalls is an attorney who saved this most beautiful and historic Anglican church from the demands of the Episcopal Church which seizes the property of all churches that continue to follow our ancient and biblical worship. Father Ingalls is a true Anglican and provided his church for this ceremony with Bishops from the Great Lake Diocese. - The church is the most magnificent church among all the Anglican Churches in the United States thanks be to God and Fr. Ingalls.





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