

# Canterbury Tales

Canterbury Episcopal Church and Student Center at The University of Alabama

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## Dear Canterbury,

May is marked by many things, of course, but two significant markers for us are graduation and the Feast of Pentecost.

We are proud of all our graduating students-- well done! You have worked hard; now the time of transition is upon you. All the familiar, recent years of the still-fresh past still feel so normal, even as the unknown, yet imagined, future reaches to pull you forward into it. This is a complex time: past and future overlap in the present, and you live simultaneously in both worlds. Know that Canterbury is (and has been, and will continue) keeping you in our deep prayers and thanksgivings. Christ's good peace be on you always!

The Feast of Pentecost arrives in a blaze of (tongues of) fire on Sunday the 19th. On this day we remember and relive the mysterious outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples -- and on the many people who received the Gospel through their inspired articulation of it. They spoke, and people heard God. The disciples spoke words, and people heard the Word. The Divine One chooses, even to this day, to be revealed through the words-- and the actions which speak louder than words-- of people who can't help but share the love they've received. When God's love gets through to us, our joy is irrepressible: it just comes out, and it affects the people around us. This is what you might call old-school evangelism! Word and action, action and word-- both communicate the presence of, and inspire communion with, the One Who Loves Us Best.



May May be full of Fire!

Yours in the Holy Spirit,  
Marc

Homegrown Alabama's Refresh with Herbs celebration will be Thursday, May 2nd from 3-6. There will be a cooking demonstration and samples, herbal tea samples, kids activities and live music.

Herb starters, scented soaps, and other treats will be available in addition to the usual farmers market fare.



Homegrown Alabama is a non-profit, student-led group at the University of Alabama that seeks to educate students and community members about the value of local produce, as well as foster partnerships between local farmers, the University of Alabama, and the greater Tuscaloosa community.

The farmers market is held on the Canterbury lawn every Thursday from 3-6 pm, April through October.

## ECW News

The April ECW calendar was quite full and brought many opportunities for involvement. Easter Sunday found many of us wearing festive bonnets to celebrate this joyful occasion. Several ladies provided a Sunday supper for the students. The Spring Bake Sale was successful in raising money for Episcopal Relief and Development. We are blessed to have so many incredible women in our group.



The next few months will be much calmer as we use the time to relax, refresh, and rejuvenate. Check the ECW bulletin board, your email, and the Sunday church bulletin for any updates.

## Deacon's Notes

For the last few months I have been writing in this space about the Anglican

Communion's Five Marks of Mission. These "marks" are intended to provide a framework for mission and ministry activities. According to Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts-Schori, mission is how we respond to God's love by sharing with others in the world. "It is a matter of calling the near and the far off together into the fold. It is about healing and reconciling. It is about making that love incarnate in the lives of people around us and in the lives of people on the other end of the earth."

I am particularly drawn to the third mark of mission: **To respond to human need by loving service.** I think this may be because service is the hallmark of the deacon's work. But it may also be because I rejoice at seeing Canterburyans fully and enthusiastically engaged in loving service at every turn. It seems clear to me that we are a Christian community that takes very seriously our charge to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. We respond to God's inexhaustible love for us by seeking out and finding ways to serve others with love. We respond with love and kindness to the human needs of our family members, our friends, and our fellow parishioners. But as imitators of Christ, we also respond with loving service to people who are total strangers. Our Canterbury community consistently responds lovingly to a wide range of people in need. A short list, but by no means exhaustive, list of people we have served in recent months includes:

- Homebound adults to whom we bring Sunday meals on wheels
- Hale County children through the Sawyerville Project
- Adults with dementia through our gifts to Caring Days
- People served by medical missions and school lunch projects in Haiti
- Alabama prisoners through the Kairos project
- Foster children and other University of Alabama students with emergency needs
- People served by West Alabama AIDS Outreach
- Participants in the Deacon's Deli
- Campers at special session at Camp McDowell
- Children at Wilmer Hall in Mobile
- Elders living at Episcopal Place in Birmingham
- Survivors of the April, 2011 tornados
- Hungry people who visit the Tuscaloosa Soup Bowl

I find it astonishing to think about how many people in need we touch and help transform through our mission activities. And I give thanks for the energy and commitment of Canterburyans to imitate our Lord in responding to human need with loving service.

Peace, Cindy

## **Our Mission**

Canterbury Chapel, the Episcopal Church and Student Center at The University of Alabama, shows God's love through Christ by being a sanctuary and an accepting community for worship, spiritual growth, and compassionate service.

## **Vestry**

### **Class of 2013**

Harris Cornett  
Janice McCollum  
Elizabeth Kent  
Tyler Richards

### **Class of 2014**

Bob Halli  
Camilla Huxford  
Ann Betak  
Margaret Cooper, Sr Warden

### **Class of 2015**

Selina Drewry  
Susan Windham  
Tim Hammond, Jr Warden  
Joe Woodyard

Drew Brislin, Treasurer

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Forum President

## **Newsletter**

Joe Woodyard edits The **Canterbury Tales**. Submit articles, requests, suggestions, and images for the newsletter by the 18<sup>th</sup> of the previous month by emailing the editor at: [canterburytales18@gmail.com](mailto:canterburytales18@gmail.com) or leave in Joe's box in the mailboxes in the hallway outside the administrator's office.

## *A Word from the Curate...*

*You're just too marvelous  
Too marvelous for words  
Like glorious, glamorous  
And that old standby amorous*

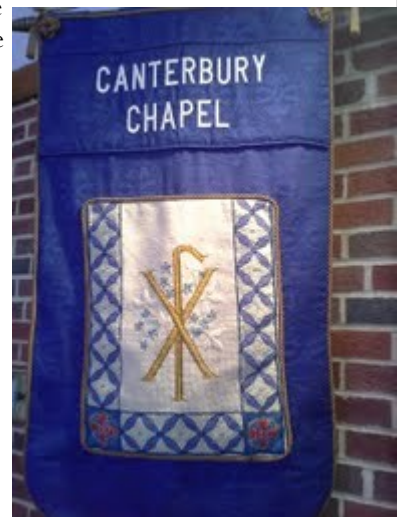
*It's all too wonderful  
I'll never find the words  
That say enough, tell enough  
I mean they just aren't swell enough*

*You're much too much, and just too very, very  
To ever be in Webster's Dictionary  
And so I'm borrowing a love song from the birds  
To tell you that you're marvelous, too marvelous for words  
~Johnny Mercer*

Friends, the Resurrection happened because Jesus thinks we are "just too marvelous." We are all that wonderful to Him that He was willing to go through the uttermost darkness of despair to cease our strife and forever win for us the battle for eternal life. How better can it be said? Jesus loves us. Jesus died for us. Jesus has risen from the grave for us. The debt for our sin has been paid. We have been freed from the shackles of sin and death. The strife is over and the battle is done. We now live because Christ lives. That, my friends, is THE Good News. Thanks be to God!

Your servant in Christ,

**Brandt+**



There are many vacant slots on the Altar Flower Calendar, which is located across from Father Marc's office on the bulletin board. If you would like to donate altar flowers in honor or memory of someone or in thanksgiving for a birthday or anniversary, the flower guild will provide floral arrangements. Please make checks for \$40.00 to Canterbury Chapel for Flower Guild.

## Margaret's Musings

You can find anything you want and a lot of what you don't want to ever see again on the Internet these days. If Joe was able to transfer the picture of the hissing raccoon to this newsletter, it was sent to me by a friend on Facebook from an Episcopal site. If it didn't 'come over' it is a raccoon in full grin with the caption "New Church Members, which committee can we put them on". It was meant in jest but is apropos for our church.



Because we are a transient congregation, we need help for several of our programs. Three of our key volunteers in the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Meals on Wheels program are moving away from Tuscaloosa. All three of these folks have served on cooking teams, driving teams and in the organization of the program. The plea went out for help last month and there is new energy from unexpected sources to help continue the program, but we still need commitment. In May,

we will also need people with organizational skills to work with the list of our meal recipients and our drivers to help the program to become more efficient and meet the needs of the folks we serve and those we need to add. Please call the Chapel or call me at 556-6189. Training is available and the camaraderie is great! The people we serve meals to are also, a joy. It is all good and not much work with plenty of hands.

We need a Director for the Nursery at the 10:30 service. This person should love working with children and their parents, and must be available on Sunday mornings to supervise the program. This person will be involved with hiring, training and scheduling workers, as well as providing input on how to maintain and improve the facilities and programs for our children. If this touches your heart strings as I hope it will, please contact Father Marc at 345-9590.

Taking care of the Lord's table is a "large" service of worship. It tends to make me feel kind of "special" when it is my turn to serve. Altar Guild is not difficult, but the duties must be done right and well. It is a labor of love that really enriches the person serving. Call Ben Porter to learn more about this form of worship.

Being an Acolyte used to be a 'rite of passage' for children in the Episcopal churches I grew up knowing. At a certain age, the kids were sort of tapped into service. They joined with the Priest and choir to process to the front of the church to do really 'grown up' responsibilities. They were dressed in starched costumes that made them look just a little less than the angels. They were and are a wonderful part of the 'Hocus Pocus' (forgive me) of our service. Well, its not just for kids anymore. Anyone can serve as an acolyte. Let Father Marc or Mary Lowery know if you would like to help.

There are programs waiting to be developed by the creative individuals in our parish. There are needs to be met. There are as many ways to serve as we have people in the church. There are people in the community who need to come and join us. I encourage everyone to look at their current service, pray, and look again at the programs that need help or need to be started. The blessings are waiting for you.

## Watch Out for Him: Those Waters Run Deep

The Vice-President of the UA Religious Studies Student Association is now attending Canterbury Chapel. He's checking us out. He thinks he might even want to join us.

He's already working with the Altar Guild. And, he moved into Gribbin House in April first for a better look-see vantage point. Then he shaved his head. But the suspicious behavior doesn't stop there. He has actually attended the last two Vestry meetings "out of interest." I'm asking you: who would knowingly attend a bureaucratic business meeting "out of interest?"

At the last Vestry meeting, he provided a clue: He neglected to take off his ushanka before the meeting. That's one of those big, black Russian fur hats. He also mentioned he had "picked it up at Russian Army Surplus."

Need I say more! Are you convinced? Or perhaps it's just time for yours truly to get over his military intelligence training from many years ago. Of course there's a spy behind every bush.

His name is Ashton Sims, and he's a very calm-centered and comfortable person. He's been attending most of the services at Canterbury since the first of this year, having been steered here by Zach Price, a fellow Religious Studies student. Thanks, Zach.

Born in Rahway, New Jersey, Ashton lived most of his formative years in Decatur, Alabama. Then he moved to Madison, Alabama, for his last two years of high school. While there, he studied German and sang in the high school choir.

Ashton came to the University of Alabama because his girlfriend at the time was coming here. Originally a history major, he's now working on a double major in History and Religious Studies. He expects to graduate in December of this year.

In addition to hanging out at Canterbury, Ashton works as a student aide in the Religious Studies Department. He has also worked for the past two and a half years as a server at the local Cracker Barrel.

"I'm on an epic journey for spiritual truth," said Ashton. That explains why he is so very comfortable talking about God and spiritual life in general. It also explains why I enjoyed very much our long conversation on the subject. Those waters run deep.



### Canterbury Kids

Pentecost Sunday, May 19, will mark the final Sunday School class for

our children before the summer vacation. We are planning a special day in church on that day with our children performing some of the tasks that adults usually perform during the service. Children will ush-



er, acolyte, read and lead us in prayer. We hope you will join us in this great, potentially noisy feast! Though Pentecost will end Sunday classes for children until September, the Nursery will continue to accept children throughout the summer. If you are interested in helping in the nursery or with Canterbury Kids, please contact Joyce Stutes or Father Marc at 345-9590.

### Centering Prayer Workshop

Canterbury Chapel is hosting an Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop on Saturday, May 18, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Registration begins at 9:00 am. Centering Prayer is a means to deepen one's prayer life by learning "to rest in God." It is a method of consenting to the presence and action of Christ in the stillness of our being. It leads one into silent communion with God beyond concepts, words and images. Centering Prayer is a simple and disciplined waiting lovingly on God.

The workshop is designed for all who are seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord through their prayer life. The registration \$30 per person and includes lunch. The presenter is Diana Tschache, coordinator for Contemplative Outreach in Alabama. To register call Tyler Richards at 205/200-9533 or [tcchrds@gmail.com](mailto:tcchrds@gmail.com).

Registration deadline is May 15.

**This month we  
celebrate  
the birthdays of:**

Lin Olin	May 3
Kelley Hudlow	May 4
Brooklyn Marable II	May 4
Annika Reitenga	May 4
Selina Drewry	May 5
Frances Wright	May 6
Sally Reeves	May 7
Charlsie Pannell	May 9
Juliet Pruitt	May 10
Mary Jane Tarver	May 11
Michael Innis-Jimenez	May 12
Steven Katsinas	May 13
Elizabeth Kent	May 16
Celesta Riner	May 17
Julie Gresham	May 18
Mary Catherine Vail	May 18
Allison Taylor	May 19
Caroline Vail	May 20
Kristin Frangoulis	May 24
Charles Lane	May 24
Anne Tucker Hudson	May 24
Charles E. Adams	May 25
Doug Behm	May 26
James Elder	May 27
Jan Pruitt	May 29
Sarah (Annie) Leonard	May 30
Will Marable II	May 30
Juliet Pruitt	May 30
Mary Ruth Pruitt	May 30

**Happy Birthday,  
Canterburians!**

If your name was left off  
please let the office know.

**Website News**

Tyler Richards is Canterbury's  
webmaster. The website is:

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**This month at Canterbury:  
Deacon's Deli Food Ministry**  
Tuesdays, 8:00 am

**Students' Mid-week Suppers**  
Wednesdays, 8:00 pm

**Choir Rehearsals**  
Wednesdays, 7:00 pm  
Sundays, 9:30 am

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**Our Service Schedule**

**Sunday**

Adult Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Canterbury Kids

10:15am

Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. with coffee hour

6:00 p.m. with supper

**Monday**

Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m.

**Tuesday**

Morning Prayer 10:15 a.m.

Centering Prayer

12:00 noon & 5:15 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m.

Student Supper 8:00 p.m.

Chaplain's Class 9:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist 10:00 p.m.

**Thursday**

Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist and

Healing Service 6:00 p.m.

**Friday**

Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m.



## Serving At Canterbury

**May 5**

**Vestry Person of the Day**  
Tyler Richards

**Flower Guild**— Kristen Kuczenski  
**Coffee Hour**— Monthly Potluck

**8:00 am**  
**Altar Guild**— Henry Betak  
**Lectors**— Gus Davis & Laurie Fowler  
**Intercessor**— Drew Brislin

**10:30 am**  
**Altar Guild**— Peggy Canterbury  
**Lectors**— Ralph & Diana Liverman  
**Chalice**— Linda Chambers  
**Ushers**— Rufus & Lois Lewis  
**Intercessor**— George Frangoulis  
**Crucifer**— Colin Hammond  
**Book Bearer**— Janice McCollum

**May 12**

**Vestry Person of the Day**  
Harris Cornett

**Flower Guild**— Carolyn Vail  
**Coffee Hour**— Janice McCollum

**8:00 am**  
**Altar Guild**— Tyler Richards  
**Lectors**— Drew & Allison Brislin  
**Intercessor**— Camilla Huxford

**10:30 am**  
**Altar Guild**— Mona Horshok & Joyce Ochoa  
**Lectors**— Gus Davis & Laurie Fowler  
**Ushers**— Susan Windham & Virgene Ficken  
**Chalice**— Zach Price  
**Intercessor**— Ruth Ellen Behm  
**Crucifer**— Joe Woodyard  
**Book Bearer**— Kristin Frangoulis

**May 19**

**Vestry Person of the Day**  
Janice McCollum

**Flower Guild**— Myra Joyner  
**Coffee Hour**— Harris & Camille Cornett

**8:00 am**  
**Altar Guild**— Laurie Fowler  
**Lectors**— Tyler Richards & Charles Adams  
**Intercessor**— Henry Betak

**10:30 am**  
**Altar Guild**— Ben Porter  
**Lectors**— Patrick & Elizabeth Hamner  
**Ushers**— Mike & Mona Horshok  
**Chalice**— Tammy Dodson  
**Intercessor**— Camilla Huxford  
**Crucifer**— Ashton Sims  
**Book Bearer**— Tyler Richards

**May 26**

**Vestry Person of the Day**  
Ann Betak

**Flower Guild**— Paula Sue Hayes  
**Coffee Hour**— Ralph & Diana Liverman

**8:00 am**  
**Altar Guild**— Camilla Huxford  
**Lectors**— Carroll Bement & Henry Betak  
**Intercessor**— Tyler Richards

**10:30 am**  
**Altar Guild**— Margaret Cooper  
**Lectors**— Jerry & Millie Hudson  
**Ushers**— Harris & Camille Cornett  
**Chalice**— Roberta Ford  
**Intercessor**— Colleen Beall  
**Crucifer**— Parker Evans  
**Book Bearer**— Laurel Reeves



**June 2**

**Vestry Person of the Day**  
Bob Halli

**Flower Guild**— Ben Porter  
**Coffee Hour**— Monthly Potluck

**8:00 am**  
**Altar Guild**— Becky Shirley  
**Lectors**— Gus Davis & Laurie Fowler  
**Intercessor**— Tim Hammond

**10:30 am**  
**Altar Guild**— Tammy Dodson  
**Lectors**— Foote Hooper & Colleen Beall  
**Ushers**— George & Kristin Frangoulis  
**Chalice**— Camilla Huxford  
**Intercessor**— Eric Hamilton  
**Crucifer**— Wes Lowrey  
**Book Bearer**— Mary Lowrey

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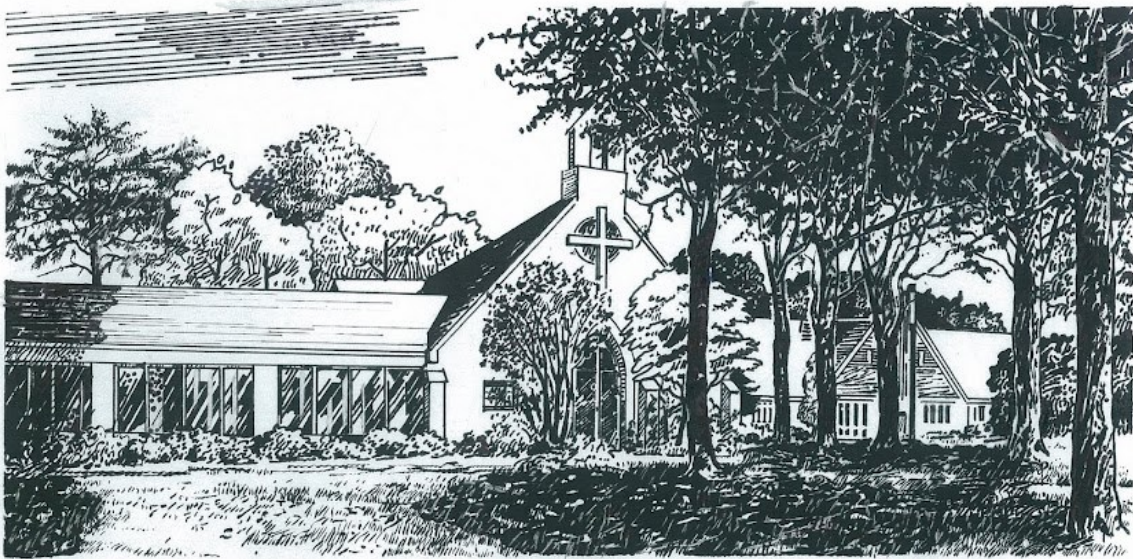
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