

# THE VENITE

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**Bishop Waynick Visits February 15**

The Rt. Rev. Cate Waynick, Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis, will join us again for her bi-annual Episcopal visit on Sunday, February 15, when she will celebrate and preach at both services. This is always a festive occasion for a parish and Bishop Cate will welcome conversation during a Q & A session at forum time. Please make every effort to be present on February 15 to join in the festivities and welcome our bishop.

**Shrove Tuesday** pancake supper February 17, 5:30 PM

**Ash Wednesday**, February 18

service of imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist

12:05 PM, 6:00 PM

**Evening Prayer**

5:45 PM

Wednesday, February 25

(prior to the Lenten forum)

continuing through Lent

**Lenten Dinner and Forum**

6:00 PM

beginning Wednesday, February 25

**Pitch-in Breakfast Sunday, February 1**

Sunday, February 1, is the first Sunday of the month, so bring a dish share for the pitch-in breakfast as we begin the forum mini-series on sermons: prep and listening (see more information on 4).

**Lenten Meditation Booklet Available  
Sunday, February 15**

There is such potential for spiritual growth and renewal during Lent as we prepare for the holy celebration of Easter. The Prayer Book's opening to Ash Wednesday (p. 265) suggests any number of ways we can do this: self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, etc. Another suggested approach is to devote a part of our day - over morning coffee, a quick escape at lunch, or in the quiet of the evening - to reading and meditating on God's holy word. The Lenten meditation booklet featuring reflections on Lenten scriptures by members of St. Paul's will be available beginning Sunday, February 15, for individuals and families to use for daily reflection as we prepare for the joyous season of Easter. (Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18.) As we read the scripture referenced and then reflect on the meditation, it not only allows us to immerse ourselves in holy scripture, but to be enriched by the spiritual insights of our sisters and brothers in this community of faith, thereby strengthening our bonds with one another as we seek a deeper and more faithful relationship with God.

**Shrove Tuesday Supper, February 17, 5:30 PM**

The Shrove Tuesday pancake supper is Tuesday, February 17, at 5:30 PM. The term "shrove" is derived from a word (shrive) meaning to confess or absolve. The day is also known as Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday because traditionally this is the last chance to consume all the animal fat (the basis of the word "carnival") before the penitential season (i.e. fasting and self-denial) of Lent begins the following day on Ash Wednesday. A sign-up sheet is posted in the parish hall. Many volunteers are needed for this annual event. Please sign-up and/or talk to Patrick Schumacher about helping out.

**Mission, Vision, and Values**

**Mission:** Proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ.

**Vision:**

- We are first and foremost a worshipping community, participants rather than spectators.
- Hospitality
- Service to the community (St. Paul's as well as local, national, and international)

**Values:**

- Anglican traditions (e.g. scripture, tradition, and reason, the via media, unity in diversity.)
- Uphold the traditional orthodox formularies (scriptures, Creeds, sacraments, and the historic episcopate.)
- Recognize and value every person as made in the image of God, welcoming the gifts that diversity affords.
- Seek to equip all the saints in the baptismal ministry to which they called.



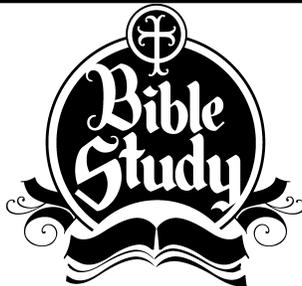
**Meetings**

Finance Committee: Tuesday,  
February 10, 5:30 PM

Vestry: Tuesday,  
February 10, 6:30 PM  
Bishop Cate will join us for  
this meeting

**Vestry Officers**

Rector's Warden	John Settle
People's Warden	Nancy Morris
Clerk	
Treasurer	Mike Bell



This month, we continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew. Please come join us on Wednesday mornings, 10:00-11:30 AM, for prayer and lively discussion (and tea) as God's word impacts our faith formation.

**Vestry Members**

- Frank Guthrie '14
- Beverly Kennedy '13
- Nancy Morris '13
- Rocky Myers '14
- Barbara Parker '15
- John Settle '13
- Mark Stocks '14
- Lou Wenzler '15
- Melissa zur Loye '15

**Liaison**

- Finance
- Outreach/Mission
- Worship
- Formation (adult, children, youth)
- Welcoming
- Building and Grounds
- Congregational Development

**Office Notes:** New deadline for Venite information and articles is the 15th of the month. If you wish, you may leave a message concerning schedules to serve, etc. in the gray book outside the office, call the office, 372-7869, or send an email, [stpaulscols@att.net](mailto:stpaulscols@att.net). Thanks, Cathy

# FROM THE RECTOR

**The Bishop is coming!  
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So if you look at the offset box you will see that the Bishop (as in Bishop Cate) is coming - on February 15. Often enough, people do not really know much about the bishop's ministry or even how our church is structured and why the office of bishop is not just important, but essential for us in the Episcopal Church. Often enough, it is just the person in the diocesan office in another town who comes and visits every couple of years and someone with whom the rector is involved somehow or other, but otherwise is kind of out-of-sight-out-of-mind. As the info on the front page indicates, Bishop Cate will celebrate and preach at both services that day and will welcome conversation during a Q & A session at forum time. Maybe I can help A some Qs beforehand, though.

The Catechism (BCP p. 855) describes it thusly: "The ministry of a bishop is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as apostle, chief priest, and pastor of a diocese; to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the whole Church; to proclaim the Word of God; to act in Christ's name for the reconciliation of the world and the building up of the Church; and to ordain others to continue Christ's ministry." This statement essentially is covered in the examination portion of the ordination service (BCP p. 517) and lays a heavy burden of responsibility by placing this ministry within the "heritage...of patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs and those of every generation who have looked to God in hope." Additionally, the bishop acknowledges that she (in this case) will encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries, nourishing them without ceasing (BCP p. 518). (You might like to take a look at all the ordination services in the Prayer Book beginning with the prefatory remarks on p. 510.)

So if you have ever really wondered what a bishop's ministry is, this hopefully gives you some idea, but the best way to really learn about who the bishop is and what the bishop does is to come ready with your questions to forum and welcome Bishop Cate on February 15.

## Annual Meeting



## Christian Formation

### Adult Forum

- 1 sermon: preparation, listening
- 8 sermon: preparation, listening
- 15 Bishop Waynick's visit
- 22 Forgiveness study

February 1 and 8 Comfort the afflicted...and afflict the comfortable! If you have ever wondered what all is involved in putting a sermon together, that is one of the underlying principles. More important is understanding the purposes of sermons and how to get the most out of them. This two-Sunday series will explore just that: What is involved in how sermons are prepared (e.g. an hour of prep for every minute of preaching) so that parishioners are equipped to understand how the structure and presentation, themes and content, and purpose and meaning all convey a message of good news.

February 15 Bishop Waynick will welcome conversation during a Q & A session during this forum time.

February 22 As a Lenten discipline, beginning today and continuing through the end of March, we will enter into a biblical study of Forgiveness. Based on the study *Forgiveness, Making Peace With the Past*, author Douglas Connelly notes that forgiveness is a door, but it is a small door and cannot be entered without stooping - or kneeling. Yet, it is the way to peace and joy. Connelly asks, When we hurt the people we love, how do we go about restoring the relationship? When we suffer the pain of betrayal or injury or rejection from someone else, how do we deal with the anger and resentment we feel? This study will help us discover the biblical response, the perfect preparation for the great feast of Easter.

### Wednesday Night Lenten Soup Dinner and Study Series Beginning February 25

Ash Wednesday is on February 18 this year, marking not only the beginning of Lent, but the beginning of the annual Wednesday night Lenten soup dinner and formation series. Starting on February 25 and continuing each Wednesday through March 25, we will be using the video and discussion series *Embracing Forgiveness* by the Rev. Barbara Cawthorne Crafton. In a culture struggling for civility and reconciliation, we will first explore what forgiveness is *not*, then what it *is* and how we can practice it, both personally and communally. As with similar *Embracing* series we have enjoyed in the past, we will begin with a video of the author addressing the topic of each unit and then proceed with conversation among those in attendance.

(Christian Formation continued from page 4)

## **Children's Ministry**

- Feb 1 Jesus Teaches the 12 Who Changed the World (movie, cookie decorating)  
Feb 8 Jesus Teaches the 12 Who Changed the World (classroom)  
Feb 15 Jesus Teaches the 12 Who Changed the World (classroom)  
Feb 22 The Mystery of Easter (St. Paul's theatre)

## **Liturgy**

### **Ash Wednesday February 18**

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the preparatory season of Lent, is on February 18. The service of imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist will be offered at 12:05 PM and 6:00 PM.

To the Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith. You are invited, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. (BCP p. 264-5)

### **Great Litany on 1 Lent (February 22)**

The Great Litany will again set the worship tone for our penitential season of Lent. The Great Litany, a series of intercessory prayers, originated in the fifth century and has enjoyed wide usage in our tradition since the Reformation in the mid-1500s. It will be said at the 8:00 service and sung during the opening procession at the 10:15 service on the First Sunday in Lent, February 22.

### **Evening Prayer During Lent at 5:45 PM beginning February 25**

Beginning February 25, Evening Prayer will continue to be offered at 5:45 PM through Lent, prior to the Lenten forum.

### **Stations of the Cross During Lent at 5:05 PM**

Stations of the Cross will be offered beginning on February 25 at 5:05 PM and continuing on Wednesdays during Lent, prior to Evening Prayer at 5:45 and the Lent program at 6:00 PM. Stations of the Cross is a tradition stemming from the fifth century (and popularized in the fifteenth century) in which participants who walk the Stations of the Cross (or Way of the Cross) imitate the practice of visiting the places of Jesus' Passion in the Holy Land by liturgically participating in meditations and prayers at fourteen "stations," or pictorial representations recalling a series of events at the end of Jesus' life from his condemnation to his burial.



# February

## anniversaries

7 - Matt and Kim Swope

14 - Albert and Julia Christopher

22 - Vinh and Tam Nguyen

3 - Hadlee Swope

3 - Stephen Abedian

9 - Alice Conejo

9 - Connor Ricketts

10 - Steve Chapman

15 - Lalith Paranavitana

17 - Rory Willats

19 - Joan Bouggy

21 - Bob Manley

23 - Nicky Schumacher

24 - Alex Abedian

24 - Kate Robinson

24 - Adam Willats

25 - Nancy Morris

28 - Naomee Myers

**Lincoln's birthday, February 12**

**President's Day, February 16**

### **Fellowship**

Coffee hour is brought to you this month by the Worship Commission. Their hospitality efforts for set-up, provisions, and clean-up are greatly appreciated.



## **Various and Sundry**

If you have ever wondered what draws young people to the Episcopal Church, this link is required reading: 11 things I love about the Episcopal Church, January 22, 2015, by Ben Irwin.

<http://benirwin.me/2015/01/22/11-things-about-the-episcopal-church/>

## **Annual Report: from the rector**

If the Spirit searches even the deep things of God (I Cor 2:10), should we not pay deep attention to the Spirit? This is not to imply that we do not, but to suggest an emphasis for the coming year: going deeper. I say this because I notice some incongruities that I cannot really explain. For example, we had a net gain of few people in 2014, which is pretty typical of us. We increase ever so slightly in membership each year. However, our average Sunday attendance (which we have to track for the annual Parochial Report to the diocese and national church), tends on the slight downward side. It essentially stayed the same in 2014 as 2013, but what that means is that we have more people who call St. Paul's home, but fewer people attending worship. I cannot explain that, just acknowledge it. Too, this is a very active, very vital parish, as can be seen just by looking through the 2014 mutual ministry review and summary reports for the annual meeting on January 18. As I have noted on various occasions, we have upwards of eighty percent involvement of members of this parish in at least one ministry (and often more) of this church. Yet, that involvement and activity level is not reflected in our annual budget. I cannot explain it, just acknowledge the incongruity.

There are a number of things I pointed out at last year's annual meeting that I think are still pertinent for us in 2015. For example, more than ever I am convinced that we do not need to become a church that entertains people, especially in worship. We need to keep our focus on preaching *good* news and not devolve into proclaiming a gospel of fear and exclusion. We need to be more attentive to who God is calling *us* to be. We need to go deeper. We live in an era unlike any generation before us, but our church is still functioning like it did fifty, seventy-five, a hundred years ago. We still need to proactively seek ways to proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ that are effective in *this* era in which we live. We know this, but...we need to go deeper.

I think the conclusion I have come to is that we do not need a wholesale change in direction. All we need to do is tweak our focus just a bit: Stop worrying about numbers and...go deeper. We already have lots of people of solid faith and heart for ministry, but we can capitalize on that and go deeper into relationship with God and one another. We already offer a number of spiritual formation opportunities - Sunday forum, Lenten study and Stations of the Cross, Bible study, quiet days sponsored by Daughters of the King, various liturgical options, and Education for Ministry. We are active and faithful, but we can go deeper into spiritual formation and growth in our daily walk at home, at work, and at leisure. So as we envision where God is leading us as a community of faith through 2015, I want to suggest that it is pretty simple tweak in our direction: Continue to focus on faithfulness to who God calls us to be as proclaimers of good news, adjusting as appropriate for the era in which we live, but putting a renewed emphasis on the Spirit's searching for the deep things of God.

## Youth



The youth group is going underground! Yep, caving, that is. On Saturday, February 14, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, the youth group will be headed to **Marengo** caves in southern Indiana for a foray into (or under) God's creation - and have fun doing it. Details will be sent to participants as the time draws closer.

The summer 2015 camp schedule at Waycross is now available. Please look for info on tables and the bulletin board in the parish hall for information and consider taking advantage of all camp has to offer. It is often life-changing and builds faith and friendships that last a lifetime.

Information about diocesan youth events are posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall, in the youth room, and can be found at the diocesan website's youth page, <http://indydio.org/diocese2010/ministriesmenu/youth-ministries> or at the Waycross website, [http://www.waycrosscenter.org/sum\\_overview.html](http://www.waycrosscenter.org/sum_overview.html).

## Things To Celebrate

We express our appreciation to Donna Lawlor for her years of faithful service as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor.

### Trip report

Hi Carolyn,

I just returned home from my trip a week ago late tonight. We had a fantastic time and all of the flights went well. I unfortunately have gotten sick from my flight home. It happens every time I fly. Anyway, I'm attaching a picture of our choir after our last evensong performance, Friday, Jan 2, 2015. We were only allowed to have one person take a photo, which is wonderful, since no photography is allowed in Westminster Abbey. I am front row, red robe, on the right as you look at the picture. This experience was incredible. A few of the people knew a couple of others there but, for the most part, we were all complete strangers. We spent all day singing at the abbey on Monday, Dec 30, and most of the day there on the 31st. Our director, Andrew Walker, was thrilled and amazed at our sound right from the get-go. Everyone knew their notes, no goofing around, and no waste of time, but we had such fun! We sang Psalms every day, 7 bars to each verse, William Smith Preces and Responses daily, canticles were Stanford in C, Sumsion in G, Murrill in E, and Howells Coll. Reg, along with different anthems and introits. The sound was amazing. We practiced in Cheynevgates, which has an interesting history (please Google). It was rather cold inside, however, but we just sang with coats on. There was quite a long staircase to climb as well. The tube was down for several days and we walked from Southwark to Westminster, I suppose a mile to one and a half miles one way. The weather was good, actually sunny most days, but cold on Tuesday. We had a get-together on Friday night at a pub, where the group decided they would like to stay together. That being said, our director is hoping to secure a date this July to sing at The National Cathedral in Washington DC. We are excited at the prospect of singing together again. A recording is being made but it will be some time before it is ready. Our director is in the middle of writing a mass, I think to be performed at his church in Orlando. It takes time to edit, mix, etc. I can send you a couple more pics, if you like.

Thank you to St. Paul's church and DOK, for sending money to be used for my trip. It is extremely expensive there. Very nearly 100% doubled. The most I received on currency exchange was 61 pounds out of my 100 dollars. Every dollar that was donated for my trip was so very much appreciated. It made this trip possible. My voice stayed strong and I learned some new things. Such a rewarding experience, and I am blessed to have been part of this first ever RSCM America National Choir. This inaugural event was a huge success!

Thanks, again, to my DOK Sisters. You helped make this trip possible and I will treasure it always.

FHS,

Teresa L Woods

## Vestry Minutes

January 13, 2015

### **Treasurers Report**

The Vestry reviewed the December Treasurers report. We discussed several line items and had a healthy discussion about fiscal responsibility. The Treasurer then introduced the 2015 Annual Budget. We walked through it line item by line item in preparation for the Annual Meeting. It was a budget very much in line with last year. We are holding the line. It is very similar year over year. There are 7 pledges less than last year and we will reach out to these church members. Rocky Myers moved to approve the 2015 budget and it was seconded by Bob Manley. The 2015 budget was approved to present at Annual Meeting.

### **Commission Reports**

The Vestry appreciates the work of each commission and acknowledges the importance of reviewing these reports each month which celebrate all the good work happening at St. Paul's. We thank everyone for their participation.

### **Building and Grounds Commission**

#### *New Front doors*

After reviewing proposals it was decided to move forward with the proposal to install automatic openers on the outer doors of the sanctuary and the office. It was moved by Bob Manley and seconded by Barb Parker to authorize up to \$2000.00 to match donor funds. The Vestry very much appreciates this generous donor matching opportunity.

### **Worship Commission**

#### *Music Director Update*

The Vestry decided to advertise in The Republic for 4 successive Sundays beginning on January 18. This will also include being posted on monster.com for 28 days. We are hoping that will provide sufficient exposure to gain applicants for interviews. The Vestry appreciates choir members volunteering to share their vocal gifts at Sunday services.

### **Other Business**

The annual Parochial Report was reviewed and signed by appropriate officers.

Bishop Cate will make her bi-annual visit on Sunday, February 15 and will join the Vestry at the February 10 Vestry meeting.

**The Vestry Retreat is set for Saturday, February 21.**

**Next Vestry Meeting is Tuesday, February 10 at 6:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Morris

### **Vestry Retreat**

The Vestry retreat will be on Saturday, February 21, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This functions as both an orientation for new Vestry members and a refresher for veterans regarding the roles and responsibilities of Vestries, including its basis in ministry leadership, conflict management, and financial stewardship, among others. While members of the Vestry are primary leaders in and of the parish, they also are servants, so please take advantage to speaking with Vestry members regularly about life and ministry at St. Paul's.

## Finance

**Financial summary:** For the month of December, receipts were \$14,383 and expenses were \$13,136 resulting in a positive cash flow for the month of \$1,247 as compared to the budgeted positive cash flow of \$4,594 for a difference of -\$3,347. Year to Date receipts have finished at \$169,235 and expenses are \$177,548 showing us with a negative cash flow to \$8,314.

December this year versus December last year shows the positive cash flow of 2014 being \$1,247 and for 2013 being a positive of \$11,329. YTD this year shows a negative cash flow of \$8,314 while last year at this time we had a negative cash flow of \$4,699; therefore we are \$3,614 worse than last year.



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The deadline for  
submitting articles for  
**The Venite** is the 15th  
of the month.

**Ash Wednesday,  
February 18  
Services at 12:05 PM  
and at 6:00 PM**

In case of pastoral  
emergency please call  
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