

St. James' Episcopal Church, Cedartown
Brief Biographies of Clergy serving this congregation

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1909-1912 — RUGE, Carl August Ferdinand was born December 11, 1863, in Germany. He was ordained a Deacon in 1903 and a Priest in 1905 by Bishop Nicholson of Milwaukee. He married Rosa and they had two children: Arthur C. Ruge and Adelaide M. (Ruge) Stratmoen. He was Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Chico, California from 1903-05, and St. James, Cedartown, Georgia from 1909-12. From 1913-15, he was Rector of Holy Trinity, Decatur. For the next three years, he served as professor at Dahlonga College. In 1918, he left the Diocese of Atlanta to serve a parish in Savannah, Georgia. He died May 21, 1944, in St. John's County, Florida, at the age of 81.

1914-1917 — MURRISH, J. Thomas was born in England around 1880 and attended several colleges before coming to the United States: Westminster College for a Doctor of Philosophy degree; and Franklin College where he earned a Doctor of Divinity degree in 1901. He was ordained a Deacon in 1909 and a Priest in 1910 by Bishop Fawcett of the Diocese of Quincy, Illinois. He was Rector of St. James, Cedartown from 1915-17.

1918-1922 — WILCOX, Cyprian Porter Jr. was born December 15, 1871, in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, to Cyprian Porter Sr. and Mary Frances Willcox. He was ordained Deacon in 1909 and Priest in 1910 by Bishop Cheshire of North Carolina. Before coming to the Diocese of Atlanta, he served these three congregations: St. Paul's Church, Germantown, Georgia, Trinity Church, Mt. Airy, North Carolina and Christ Church, Raleigh, North Carolina. He was Priest-in-charge of St. James' Episcopal Church, Cedartown, Georgia, from 1918-22. Fr. Wilcox died January 30, 1953, in Clarke County, Georgia, and is buried in the Oconee Hill Cemetery.

1925-1928 — MOSES, William Francis – Bishop Moses was born in Atlanta, Georgia on February 6, 1893, to Hamilton and Cora Mina (Thibadeau) Moses. He graduated from Georgia Technical Institute in 1921 and received his Master of Divinity from the Seminary of the University of the South in 1924. He was ordained a Deacon in 1924 and a Priest in 1925 by Bishop Mikell of Atlanta. On April 2, 1923, he married Cornelia Chaffee and they had three children. After his

ordination, he was assigned as Vicar of the Church of the Ascension, Cartersville and St. James' Church, Cedartown (1925-28). In 1929, he accepted a call to be Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Tuscumbia, Alabama. And then he went to All Saints, Lakeland, Florida where he served until 1952. In 1956, he was elected as Suffragan Bishop of South Florida and consecrated on October 16, 1956. Bishop Moses died July 31, 1961, at the age of 63.

1930-1932 — HINSHELWOOD, Geoffrey Clyde (...died 1963 in California)

1937-1941 — BEALL, Olin Gordon was born June 15, 1911, in Macon, Georgia to Olin Perdue and Annie Alston (McGuire) Beall. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of the South in 1934, and a Master of Divinity from the Seminary at the University of the South in 1937. He was ordained a Deacon on August 1, 1937, and a Priest in 1939 by Bishop Mikell of Atlanta. On June 7, 1934, he married Alice Alexandra Myers and they had two children. His first parish after ordination was Minister-in-charge of St. James' Episcopal Church, Cedartown, Georgia (1937-39), and Rector (1939-41). He also took care of St. Margaret's, Carrollton from 1940 to 1941. He left the Diocese of Atlanta in 1941 to serve an Episcopal congregation in Indianapolis, and he pastored parishes in Arkansas and Mississippi. Beall died January 16, 1995, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, at the age of 83.

1945-1961 — HUNT, John Breckenridge, Jr. was born December 8, 1897, in Nashville, Tennessee, to John Sr. and Mary Love (Washington) Hunt. He attended St. Andrew's School, Sewanee Military Academy and the DuBose Memorial Training School, graduating in 1943. He was ordained Deacon in March 1944, and Priest in February 1945 by Bishop Walker of Atlanta. He married Callie Edith Dodson on April 24, 1937. They had two children, John Breckinridge III (1938-2011) and George (1944-). After his ordination, he became Priest-in-Charge of St. James, Cedartown (1945-61). During this period, he also held services for St. Margaret's, Carrollton, (1943-49). John Breckenridge Hunt, Jr. died April 4, 1964, in Cedartown, Polk County, Georgia.

1962 — WINN, William Douglas was born May 3, 1920, in Fitzgerald, Georgia, to Perry Gillespie and Emma Jeanette (Newborn) Winn. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Georgia in 1951 and a Master of Divinity from the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia, in 1952. He was ordained Deacon in June 1952 by Bishop Walthour of Atlanta, and Priest in December 1952 by Bishop Penick (for Atlanta). On January 4, 1948, he married Betty Jane Larrabee, and they had two children. His first ordained ministry was

as the Chaplain at the Battey State Hospital in Rome, Georgia (1952-57). In 1957, he was called to be the Vicar of the Church of the Ascension, Cartersville and, in 1960, he was named Rector. His tenure ended in 1964 with a call from St. George's, Griffin, to be their Rector (1964-85). He left the Diocese of Atlanta in 1995 to serve on the staff of St. Boniface Episcopal Church in Sarasota, Florida. He retired at the age of 78 and returned to Griffin, where he died on August 14, 2006, at the age of 86.

1962-1965 — CHICHESTER, Helon Lewis Jr. was born in Macon, Georgia, October 29, 1929, to Helon Lewis Sr. and Jeanet (Murphy) Chichester. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Georgia in 1951, and a Bachelor of Divinity from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in 1962. He was ordained a Deacon in June 1962 and a Priest in July 1963 by Bishop Claiborne of Atlanta. On December 18, 1950, he married Cherie Poe and they had four children. He began his ministry as Deacon-in-Charge of St. James, Cedartown (1962-63), and Vicar (1963-65). He left the Diocese of Atlanta in 1965 to be the Assistant Rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Beverly Hills, California and never returned. He died November 27, 2013, in Alameda, California, at the age of 94.

1966-1972 — BOYD, William Orgill was born in Brownsville, Tennessee, on October 19, 1924, to Graham Stanley and Florence Boyd. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of the South in 1949, and a Master of Divinity from the Virginia Theological Seminary in 1952. He was ordained a Deacon in June 1952 and a Priest in June 1953 by Bishop Dandridge of Tennessee. He married Betty Kennedy on September 25, 1963. He came to the Diocese of Atlanta in 1966 as Vicar of St. James, Cedartown (1966-72). From 1972-84, he was Vicar of the Church of the Redeemer, Greensboro, Georgia and Vicar of the Church of the Mediator, Washington, Georgia from 1972-90. He died in Washington on October 25, 2017.

1972-1977 — MASSEY, Nathaniel Wilson Jr. was born in Macon, Georgia, November 3, 1941, to Nathaniel Wilson Sr. and Virginia Mozelle Massey. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mercer University in 1964 and his Master of Divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1967. He was ordained a Deacon in June 1967 by Bishop Claiborne of Atlanta, and a Priest in June 1968 by Bishop Wood of Atlanta. On September 30, 1978, he married Lynn Christian Heyboer. His first assignment after his ordination was as Vicar of Grace Church, Clarkesville, and Calvary, Cornelia (1967-68). In 1968, he accepted the position as Assistant at Trinity Episcopal Church, Columbus (1968-72). From

1972-77 he was the Vicar at St. James' Church in Cedartown, Georgia and Church of the Transfiguration, Rome. In 1978, Nat left the Diocese of Atlanta to accept a call as Dean of St. John's Cathedral in Jacksonville, Florida. From 1982-93, he was the Canon to the Ordinary of Western New York for the Rt. Rev. David Bowman. Fr. Massey died May 14, 1998, in Decatur, Georgia.

1978-1982 — CALLAHAN, James Allen was born December 3, 1928, in Athens, Georgia, the son of Hamlin Harwell and Mary Carlton (Bray) Callahan. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Emory University in 1950 and graduated from Candler School of Theology of Emory with a Master of Divinity in 1954. He was ordained a Deacon in June 1977 and Priest in March 1978 by Bishop Sims of Atlanta. On August 31, 1952, he married Margaret "Peggy" Thoroughman. After his ordination in 1978, he served as Priest-in-Charge of St. James, Cedartown (1978-82) and St. Mary's, Carrollton (1982-2000). He died November 1, 2006.

1983-1987 — GIRARDEAU, Charles Michael "Chuck" was born September 21, 1954, to Joseph Lang and Olive Jane Girardeau in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He earned an Associate of Arts degree from Oxford College of Emory University in 1974, and a Bachelor of Arts from Emory University in 1977, and a Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1982. He was ordained a Deacon on June 12, 1982, and Priest on May 29, 1983, by Bishop Sims of Atlanta. He served as Curate at Trinity Church, Columbus, from 1982-83. He was Vicar of St. James, Cedartown, from 1983-87. In 1987, he became Assistant to the Rector of Holy Trinity Parish, Decatur for four years. From 1991-95, he was the Assistant for Education at Holy Innocents Church in Atlanta. In 1995, he was called to be the Rector of St. Mary and St. Martha in Buford, where he served for ten years, becoming the first Rector of the parish in June 2000. He married Susan Johnson Saunders on January 1, 2002. From 2005-14, he was Priest Associate at All Saints, Atlanta. He was Interim Assistant Rector at St. Mark's, Dalton, for a brief time in 2014. He was Priest-in-Charge at All Angels, Eatonton, from 2015-18. In the 2023 Clerical Directory his address is 1446 Edinburgh Drive, Tucker, Georgia, 30084.

1987-1991 — HARRIS, Gareth Scott was born June 18, 1940, in Athens, Georgia, to George Elmer and Hazel (Adams) Harris. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Georgia Technical Institute in 1965, and a Master of Divinity from the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas. He was ordained a Deacon in June 1970 by Bishop Wood of Atlanta, and a Priest in January 1971 by Bishop Claiborne of Atlanta. He married Bonnie Virginia Lange on December

14, 1963, and they have two children. Scott began his ordained ministry as Curate at Holy Trinity, Decatur, Georgia (1970-71). He was non-parochial from 1971-87. From 1987-91, he was Vicar of St. James, Cedartown, Georgia. His current address is Post Office Box 191708, Atlanta, Georgia 31119.

1993-1995 — GLOVER, Hazel Smith was born in LaGrange, Georgia, August 30, 1952, the daughter of Clarence and Martha Smith. She earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from West Georgia College in 1981. In 1993, Hazel earned a Master of Divinity degree at the Seminary of the University of the South. She was ordained a Deacon on June 5, 1993, and a Priest on December 11, 1993, by Bishop Allan of Atlanta. She married William D. Raymond on November 30, 1996. She served as Vicar of the Church of the Transfiguration in Rome and St. James, Cedartown (1993-95). From 1995-96, Hazel was Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Whiteville, North Carolina. She returned to the Diocese of Atlanta in 1996 as Associate Rector of St. Margaret's, Carrollton, and in 2002 became the Rector. In 2016, she served as the Rector of St. Paul's, Newnan, until 2023.

1997-2002 — KIDD, Paul David was born in Fisher, Illinois, on January 9, 1936, to Shirley Raymond and Mable Adeline Kidd. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Florida in 1959, and a Master of Divinity from Seabury-Western Seminary in 1976. He was ordained a Deacon on June 6, 1976, and as Priest on December 12, 1976, by Bishop Cerveney of Florida. On April 17, 1960, he married Margaret Clark Bache and they had two children. His first ordained ministry was on the staff at St. John's Cathedral in Jacksonville, Florida (1976-78). He came to the Diocese of Atlanta in 1996 to serve two congregations: St. James Church, Cedartown, and the Church of the Transfiguration in Rome (1996-2002). From 2005-11, he served as the Interim Vicar of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Atlanta. Dave died May 12, 2023, at the age of 86.

2002-2009 — BLACK, George Donald was born in Swainsboro, Georgia, April 29, 1935, to George Alton and Runelle Black. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Richmond University in 1962 and a Master of Divinity from the Seminary at the University of the South in 1963. He was ordained a Deacon in June 1963 by Bishop Rose of Southern Virginia and a Priest in June 1964 by Bishop Gunn of Southern Virginia. On June 29, 1963, he married Suzanne Watkins DuPuy, and they had two children. His first assignment after ordination was Curate of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Norfolk, Virginia. He came to the Diocese of Atlanta from a parish in Blacksburg, Virginia, as the Rector of St. Peter's, Rome,

Georgia (1986-2000). Don died January 5, 2021, in Rome, Floyd County, Georgia.

2013-2015 — BRICE, Sandra Teresa “Terri” was born in Sumter, South Carolina, in 1948. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Georgia State University in 1995, an MBA degree from Mercer University, and a Master of Divinity from General Seminary in 2004. She was ordained Deacon on June 5, 2004, and Priest on December 11, 2004, by Bishop Alexander of Atlanta. She began her ministry as the Priest Associate for St. Chrysostom’s Church in Chicago, Illinois. In 2013, she moved to the Diocese of Atlanta, serving in several Congregations: St. Teresa’s Acworth, St. Anne’s, Atlanta, St. James, Cedartown, St. John’s(?), Atlanta, and Ascension, Cartersville. Terri died June 9, 2023, and is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Allen, son, John E. Brumby IV and his wife, Janna Brumby, brothers, Billy Brice (Linda), Kenny Brice (Carleen), and Alan Brice (Robin).

2015-present — ANDERSON, Paul Kemper III was born on January 2, 1959, in Miami, Florida, to Paul and Mary Grace (Godard) Anderson. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Kennesaw State University in 1993, and a Master of Public Administration in 1999. He worked for thirty years in law enforcement and the military prior to attending seminary. He earned his Master of Divinity degree (MDiv) from the School of Theology at the University of the South in 2015. He was ordained Deacon on December 20, 2014, and Priest on June 20, 2015, by Bishop Robert C. Wright of Atlanta. On December 5, 1992, he married Philippa Buhayar, and they have five children. He became Priest-in-Charge at St. James’ Episcopal Church, Cedartown, after his ordination and remains in this position as of this writing.