



The Crucifer

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I have said these things to you that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

John 15:11

From the Rector:

*Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!
He covers the heavens with clouds; He prepares rain for the earth; He makes grass
grow on the hills.*

He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. Psalm 147:7-9

For most of human history, people carefully followed the weather.

Most economies were built on agriculture. And everyone knew they depended on rain and sun and winter and snow for their survival.

The Scripture is filled with prayers and special worship services related to good weather. God's people Israel, and later the church, understood that God was sovereign over the weather, and filled their prayers and worship services with thanksgiving to God for good weather, and appeals for rain when it was dry and sunshine when the land was too wet.

In our world, the drought has been a sobering reminder of our need for adequate rain.

Texas State Climatologist, John Nielsen-Gammon, a professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M University, reports that July was the warmest month recorded since data collection began in 1895. And one publication notes that, "July's monthly rainfall total of 0.72 inches was also the third-smallest on record. Only in 1980 and 2000 did Texas get less rain. Texas also saw its lowest year-to-date precipitation record smashed, with only 6.53 inches in the last seven months. The previous record, 9.36 inches, was set in 1917."

I invite you to join me in offering earnest prayers to the Lord for rain. Rain for Smith County. Rain for Texas and Oklahoma and New Mexico and Arizona. Rain in East Africa and every place in the world suffering from extreme drought. We cannot make it rain, but we can ask the Lord to water the dry earth.

O God, heavenly Father, who by thy Son Jesus Christ has promised to all those who seek thy kingdom and its righteousness all things necessary to sustain their life: Send us, we entreat thee, in this time of great need, such abundant rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to thy honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer 828

Faithfully,

David H

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church office, 903-597-9854, during normal business hours.*

Scripture Readings for Sunday

9 Pentecost, August 14, Proper 15

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Psalm: 67
Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

10 Pentecost, August 21, Proper 16

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm: 138
Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

11 Pentecost, August 28, Proper 17

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm: 26 or 26:1-8
Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

In Memoriam

Our sympathies to the family and friends of
Byron Barber, brother of Brandi White and uncle of
Sadie and Anne White.
*May the souls of the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

In Our Prayers

*Please consider including the prayer list
in your daily devotions.*

Joan & Glenn, Alan, Wanda, Lindsey, Scott, S.J., Jake,
J.C., Shirley, Mike, Amy, Dick, Sonja, Pam, Jennifer,
Meredith, Joshua, Wayne, Bess, Gipsy, David, Terry,
David, Sheila, Christian, Cameron, Chris, Nicole, Tanya,
Mary and family, Maddie, Lula Sue, Kathy Rose, Mike,
Ray, Gage, Albert & Jean, Gregg, Murray, Hal, Richard,
Shirley, Sally, Brian, Ben, Sally, Francis, Bill, Yvonne,
Brooke, Todd, Jan, Marian, Morgan, Sean, Alan, Jerry,
Anne, Jamie, Jim, Lominta, Israel, Jr., Mariela, Charlotte,
Rosie, Dot, Jana, Kolbe, Leigh, Stephanie, Linda.

Prayer List Requests

If you would like to add, or remove a name on the prayer
list, please call The Rev. Stephen Stine, at 903-530-8168,
or the church office at 903-597-9854. To protect the confi-
dentiality of those in the prayer list, we will use first
names or initials only.

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Experiencing Epiphany



Summer Book Reviews

by Fr. Matt

The Spontaneous Expansion of the Church, Part II

Recently I had the opportunity to gather with some 40 “young, innovative, fruitful” leaders from all across the Episcopal Church to focus on and to discuss evangelism.

In so many ways it was an encouraging, motivating meeting. However, there was one aspect of the discussions which bothered me: it seemed like the idea of “evangelism” which everyone had in their minds was exclusively a matter of *individuals* sharing the faith with *individuals*.

Now, no one would deny the need for individual followers of Jesus to share their faith, and in fact (as I showed in Part I of my review of this book) Roland Allen draws much attention to the way in which sharing our faith in Christ with others intensifies and deepens it. And yet, in his *Spontaneous Expansion of the Church*, Roland Allen is clear on the fact that the work of the Holy Spirit to reach the world for Christ depends not just upon the spread of individual Christians, but rather upon the spread of new congregations of worshipping believers. This, the *ecclesiastical* nature of the expansion of the Faith, is the first emphasis he lays out in the second part of the book.

Of course, this fits well within our tradition of sacramental Christian practice which we hold dear in Anglicanism. The evangelical tradition of converting individuals to Christ does indeed have its place in Anglicanism, and so we need not cringe at it. And yet, what might it look like to do evangelism in ways which are communitarian (think of Hunter’s *The Celtic Way of Evangelism*, which I reviewed

in the last two *Crucifers*) and in ways which are sacramental? Allen encourages us imaginatively to think about these questions.

Second, however, Allen draws our attention to the unhealthy fruit which is reaped when leaders of the Church try to control the new members of their communities of faith. Such control often takes the form of denying them the “right” to lead communities themselves, due to a lack of theological education and / or a lack of funding with which to pay them. Citing Scripture as his authority and guide, however, Allen rails against these two excuses which are so often used to prevent those who have newly embraced Christ from actually exercising real ministry in the church.

Third, Allen reminds us that the first apostles (in Greek, “sent ones”) were “unlearned and ignorant” men, and so we must resist the temptation to think that our pastors and church planters must be highly educated and erudite men, or that they must be cultured in high society. Rather, as Allen points out, it takes all kinds of ministers to reach the world, and it may be that for far too long we in the Western Church have practiced a model of raising up ordained leaders which is far too tilted in the direction of sophistication, intellectual and cultural.

Matt Boulter, Assistant Rector

Epiphany Service

Every Sunday, 10:05 during summer (except August 28 for Fiesta Sunday at All Saints), 11:05 during fall/winter, 4th floor Grelling-Spence Bldg.

This is a service not only for ourselves, it is also for our neighbors, our friends and family, our co-workers. We love the liturgy so much we want to share it!

Letter from Episcopal Relief & Development

“Thank you for Christ Episcopal Church’s generous contribution of \$10,451 to Episcopal Relief & Development. Your gift was designated to the NetsforLife Inspiration Fund, a sweeping national effort within The Episcopal Church to help eliminate malaria...This bold and transformative goal cannot be reached without your help and the support of many others. Thank you for your faith and generosity.

Faithfully, Esther Cohen, Chief Operating Officer.”

Summer Schedule

Christian Education Classes

Sunday, June 5—Sunday, August 21

9:00-9:50 a.m.

September 11 fall classes begin at 10:00 am

Adult Teaching Series

Anglicanism, taught by Christ Church clergy, meets in the Ascension Room on the 3rd floor, Grelling-Spence Bldg. On August 14 The Rev. David Luckenbach will teach on *Anglicanism, A Global Church* and on August 21, he will teach on *The Future of the Anglican Communion*.

New to Christ Church?

Sunday, August 14, Dinner with the Rector in the Parish Hall at 5:00 pm. Interested? Please call Carolyn Velleca at 903-597-9854.

Children and Youth

Children (3–4 yrs. of age)

Meet in the Nursery classroom.

Grades 5K–4th *Prayer, Prophets & Parables*

Meet in the Discovery Kingdom hallway.

Grades 5–6

Christ: *The Basis of Faith*, meet on the 4th floor.

Mid-High (Grades 7–8)

Christ: *The Basis of Faith*, meet on the 4th floor.

Sr. High (Grades 9–12)

Christ: *The Basis of Faith*, meet on the 4th floor.

Adult Weekday Christian Education

Tuesday AM, (Men's Bible Study) beginning Tuesday, August 30, 6:45-7:45 am, Epiphany Room, Grelling-Spence Bldg., led by Father Luckenbach.

Men's Bible Study, Lectionary-based study, Gospel Reading: Wednesdays, 7:15-8:15 a.m., Undercroft.

Children & Youth Summer Activities

4k-4th grade—Fiesta Sunday, August 28, 10:30 am, All Saints School.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

Fish/Jr. EYC (Grades 5–8)

Sunday, August 14, swim party at Schroeder's, 11:30.

Sr. EYC (Grades 9–12),

Sunday, August 14, swim party at Bain's, 11:30.

Kids Corner—Happy Birthday!

8/14 Cheyenne Todd; 8/16 Austin Green;

8/21 Grant Felsenthal; 8/22 Fiona Thurmond;

8/23 Katie Luckenbach 8/27 Carleigh Zips.

Every Week at Christ Church—Summer

Sundays

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
 8:30 am Epiphany Praise Team Rehearsal
 9:00 am Christian Education classes
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
 10:05 am Epiphany Eucharist
 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist Rite I

Tuesdays

8:30 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel
 9:00 am Staff meeting

Wednesdays

7:15 am Men's Bible Study

Thursdays

12:00 pm Holy Communion, 1928 Prayer Book
 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes

Fellowship and Outreach Opportunities

Sunday, August 14

11:30 pm Fish & Jr. EYC Swimming Party
 11:30 pm Sr. EYC Swimming Party
 5:00 pm Dinner with the Rector

Monday, August 15

Church office returns to regular schedule today

5:30 pm Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, August 16

7:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Wednesday, August 17

6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 18

3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friday, August 19

11:00 am Meals on Wheels
 Time TBA Godly Play

Saturday, August 20

Time TBA Godly Play

Sunday, August 21

11:30 am Safeguarding God's Children

Monday, August 22

9:00 am Mom's Group Breakfast at Rossman's

Wednesday, August 24

8:30 am Paper Guild
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Crucifer Deadlines

Articles Due	Print Date
Monday, August 15	Tuesday, August 23
Tuesday, September 6	Tuesday, Sept. 13

Music & Liturgy

Where do you spend your time??????

Why not consider giving of your time and talents to the music of Christ Church?

Children: We have something for everyone. If you are a parent get your children involved in the Wednesday evening children's choir program to see if that is something which would encourage your child to develop their singing voice.

Adults: We have two choirs, the 8:45 Choir that rehearses on Sunday morning and the Chancel Choir that rehearses on Wednesday evening and sings for the 11:00 Eucharist.

Handbell: The St. Cecilia Handbell Ensemble rehearses once a week and provides music for the 8:45 Eucharist Service.

Think about how you spend your time and sign up on September 4 at the *Round Up Sunday Ministry Fair*, 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.

Choir School of East Texas



The choristers wish to say
"Thank you for your support!"

\$5300 for College Scholarships and Travel

We hope you enjoyed our show!



Children's Ministry

Fiesta Sunday

All Saints Episcopal School
Davis Gym
August 28, 2011
Worship Service 10:30
Nursery available

Dunking Booth

Music

Choir School of East Texas

Brass

Epiphany Praise Team

Water slide bounce

Snow Cones

Lunch

Obstacle Course Bounce House

Toddler only Bounce House

Youth Ministry

One question I continually hear is simple and very direct. "Why do you have to take our youth and do mission work out of town when there is so much to be done within the borders of *our city*?" And if I am to be honest with you, I have to admit that I have asked that same question. Having been in this position for a year and a half and only 3 mission trips under my belt, I can answer that question now - with unequivocal certainty. Going out of town allows these youth to grow in ways they cannot, and will not, here in Tyler. Let me explain.

When the van pulls out of the parking lot, everyone is all smiles, there is excitement in the air and there is energy to spare. They are polite, jockeying for the best spot to sit and ready to share the coming days with friends and acquaintances on the bus. By the end of the first day, you (the adults) can see who is going to open up and make new friends and who is more comfortable staying in "their" space. They have had to share a bedroom, a bathroom and have seen their work project. By day two, most all have had a "moment" which is uncomfortable with another person. They are realizing that everyone does not have the same beliefs, the same thoughts, the same likes and dislikes. Day three generally has some conflict because they have stayed up later than the chaperones recommended and they are beginning to get tired. Five sharing one small bath-room is getting old and the irritation as well as frustration level is rising.

I can continue, but I think you see where I am going. Leaving town and making these kids live with strangers is an

experience they cannot get if we stay home. Learning to live and/or work with those you do not particularly care for and drive you nuts is a life lesson—a valuable life lesson. Understanding you have to stand on your own two feet rather than relying on your parents to pick up the slack is hard. And parents, myself included, you have to admit that we are notorious for answering questions for our children or worse, doing the task for them.

Working in an unfamiliar environment, with different leaders is something they cannot experience if we stay home. Having them meet people like Mr. Darrell, the foreman at St. Vincent's, House, is an experience in and of itself. This man was mentioned more than anything else during our reflection time because of his presence and his teaching ability. He was a mentor for us all.

I cannot deny that leaving town does take away things from our community. However, venturing out into our world allows these kids to grow in so many other areas that I truly think is important. They learn to adapt. They learn about different cultures, people and places. But most importantly, *they learn to live with people and meet them "where they are in life," not where they want them to be or where they think they should be.* Those life lessons are a gift we can give our children because they have to learn to love one another. No matter what.

Denise Jarrett,
Director of Middle School Ministries

Fellowship & Outreach

Fall Office Hours

Begin Monday, August 15
Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-5:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4:00 pm

Fiesta Sunday August 28 10:30 am at All Saints
7:30 am & 5:30 pm services will be held at church.

Epiphany Service will join service at All Saints.

Fall Worship Schedule Begins on Sunday, September 4

7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:45 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:00 am Round-up Ministry Fair in Parish Hall

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

11:05 am Epiphany Eucharist

5:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Tuesdays 8:30 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

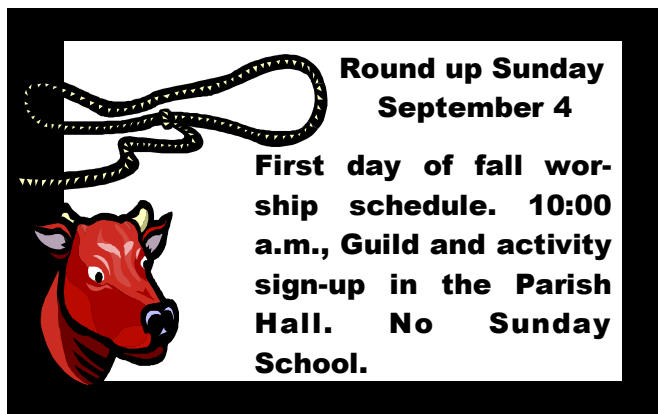
Thursdays 12:00 pm Holy Communion,
1928 Prayer Book

Fall Christian Education Begins all ages
Sunday, September 11



Fiesta Sunday, August 28

Last day of summer worship schedule, Holy Eucharist, Rite II service, 10:30 a.m., All Saints Episcopal School. After services, fun activities and lunch on the grounds of All Saints. All ages invited to attend, something for everyone!



Round up Sunday September 4

First day of fall worship schedule. 10:00 a.m., Guild and activity sign-up in the Parish Hall. No Sunday School.

Preparation for Ministry Round-Up

If you are the contact person for a group or guild, please contact Tina Ridley at the church office or tridley@christchurchtyler.org. We need your input to make plans for Round-up Sunday to be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, September 4.

Letter from Father Skully

"To the Clergy, Wardens and Vestry, and People of Christ Church, A belated but sincere thank you for the wonderful send-off and the beautiful framed print of the Church. It was a pleasure to be there and serve with all of you. I wish you all the best as you look forward to the future. We are doing well here but miss all of our friends in Tyler. God bless and thank you again. Peace, Skully."

Congratulations!

Austin Wyatt Clements was baptized on Sunday, August 7, 2011. Proud parents are Lacy & Jonathan Clements and grandparents, Tammy & Jerril Burnette.

*You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism
and marked as Christ's own forever.*

Volunteer Corner

Thank you to Laurel Beaty, Marilyn Chionsini, Sue Deakins, Lynda Harrison, Shellie Lohman, Anne Roberts, Cecil Ward and Carolyn Waters for giving your time to sit at the Reception Desk. I had a wonderful, relaxing vacation. Love in Christ, Carolyn.

Save the Date

Monday, September 12, at 11:45 am in the Parish Hall, ECW will be hosting their first luncheon of the year recognizing the wives of Episcopal priests in East Texas. All women of the church are members of ECW and invited.

Crucifer News

On Wednesday, July 27, Christ Church sent out the new "E-Crucifer." If you want to receive it by email, along with periodic notices about church news and special pastoral services, please notify office@christchurchtyler.org. We will not give your email address to anyone outside the church. Some of our responses:

I like it (new E-Crucifer). Way to go staff!

I applaud this new format!

Beautiful! Save a tree save postage!!! Love it!

Nice. But could you make it with larger print?

**above the page, click on the minus or plus sign or on the percentage arrow to increase or decrease the size of the font. When printed out from your computer it prints at 100% .*

Great idea!

Wonderful!!! I support this movement!!! It should also help prevent identify theft.

Fabulous! So excited we are going to do our part & be green!

Thanks, Carolyn. It came thru perfectly. Good format.

Crucifer Mailings

If requesting USPS to forward your mail during vacation time, please notify Lee Hensarling, 903-597-9854 or lhensarling@christchurchtyler.org. The Post Office does not forward bulk mail, we are charged for the return. Thanks.

Summer Worship Schedule at Christ Church

<i>Sunday</i>	7:30 a.m.	The Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	10:00 a.m.	The Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	10:05 a.m.	The Holy Eucharist, Rite III
	5:30 p.m.	The Holy Eucharist, Rite I
<i>Tuesday</i>	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Rite II (in the Chapel)
<i>Thursday</i>	12:00 p.m.	Holy Communion from BCP 1928

The vision of Christ Episcopal Church is to be recognized as a joyful, spirit-filled community of apostles reaching out and transforming lives for Christ.

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