

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR NEWS

St. John's Leadership

Vestry:

Senior Warden, Mike Meyer
Junior Warden, Troy Henderson
Clerk/Treasurer, Cathy Phillips
Polly Gaeke
Bobby Peterson
Joe Owen

Rector: The Rev. Judy Filer

Director of Music: Sue Visser

Parish Administrator: Cathy Phillips

Altar Guild Chair: Louise Burton

Altar Flowers Chair: Polly Gaeke

Christian Education Leader: Joe Owen

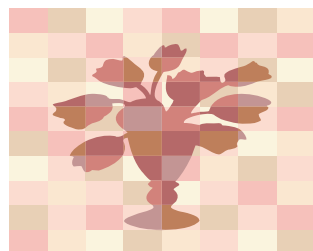
Special Events Hostess: Libby Price

MEMORIALS

Anyone wishing to make a memorial should contact Jean Trice, chairperson in charge of memorials. Telephone number is 883-2611.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you want to request flowers for St. John's altar, contact Polly Gaeke, chairperson, phone number 584-4464.



CHURCH DIRECTORIES

The new 2007 St. John's church directories are ready for members to pick up in the parish hall. Please be sure to get your copy!

There are St. John's throws still available if anyone would like to purchase one for \$35. Please contact Sue Visser if so.



CURSILLO

If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, please contact either Polly Geake (584-4464) or Kyla Smith (584-2461). Applications to attend Cursillo can be obtained on the Diocesan Cursillo website at texascursillo.org.

2007 CURSILLO WEEKENDS

June 14-17, 2007

August 2-5, 2007

November 1-4, 2007 (campsite)



SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN

Safeguarding God's Children is scheduled for two Sundays at St. John's: August 12th or 19th. We have scheduled two dates hoping that the whole parish will have time to attend one of the two dates. Trainers are Meg Barrett and Sandy Smock. Everyone is encouraged to take the first part of the training which lasts about an hour and a half. Anyone who wishes to work in the nursery will also need to take the second session, which continues for another hour

and a half. Those wishing to work in the nursery or with children's Sunday School will need to be registered as having completed all three hours of training. By Diocesan rules, background checks are required on all those who wish to work or assist in any children's program. This is the training that all church members must have to work with children in the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Texas. To recap, all parishioners are encouraged to attend either August 12th or August 19th for the first hour and a half. Then, if you wish to work with the children, you should stay for the final hour and a half. The course will take place in the Parish Hall following coffee hour after the Sunday service.



PARISH EVENT-DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Linda Astala, President of the Diocese of Texas Daughters of the King, will visit St. John's on Sunday, May 6th. She will participate in the Sunday service. Following coffee hour, she will talk to the congregation about renewing our Daughters of the King chapter at St. John's. She will explain the history and mission of the organization and how it can be helpful to individual parishes. All are invited, guys too, to hear the presentation. The purpose is to help all of us understand how this organization is a part of the overall ministry of the Diocese of Texas and of individual parishes.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

Our website is up! Please check our website at www.stjohnsmarlin.net to see our work in progress. The newsletter and the calendar for lay readers will eventually be on the website. Please check often for upcoming events.



EMAIL UPDATES

Email updates to parishioners about what is happening in the parish go out weekly and emergency emails go out more often (i.e., if someone becomes ill). If you do not receive these and would like to, please email stjohnsepiscopal514@sbcglobal.net **AND** jwfiler@aol.com. Please put the words "email update" in the subject line and you will be included in the list.



LITTLE CHURCH CLUB

The Little Church Club met at Camp Allen on April 19 and 20. The Rev. Judy Filer, Pam Williams and Louise Burton represented St. John's. Bishop High discussed the Anglican Communion. As the Reverend Don Legge is retiring, Ben Bloomer of Christ Church Mexia will be the

new director of LCC. Registration will continue to be handled by All Saints Church in Cameron. Anne Matthews presented a program that allowed time to do a visioning project for our individual churches. The use of credit cards for office expenses was discussed. Each church gave a report on activities. As always, the meetings were fun, energetic and creative. Pam Williams was drafted twice to play piano for chapel services.

The Little Church Club will meet again July 22 and 23. Any member of St. John's is welcome to attend this conference. It is a wonderful opportunity to renew and receive ideas.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

An ECW meeting will be scheduled in May to discuss the fundraisers for this year and to elect a new president.

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild is a quiet ministry done behind the scenes. It is vital to every prayer service held in the church. Altar Guild members must understand seasons of the church year, as well as different services including Holy Eucharist, Morning Prayer, Healing Services, Baptism and all the services listed in the Book of Common Prayer. They carry out their duties prayerfully for the good of the parish. The service given by members of Altar Guild is holy work that is vital to parish life. It is historic service in the church, dating back to the time of Moses and the Tribe of Levi. Altar Guild members are invited to serve by the Rector and serve under the leadership of Altar Guild Directress, Louise Burton. If this is an area of ministry and service that you would like to explore, please talk with our Rector. And by the way, there are many men throughout the Diocese who serve on the Altar Guild!

WELCOME

The congregation of St. John's welcomes with joy:

David Henderson, baptized March 25, 2007, and our "Fab Four" newly confirmed members: Sherry Patterson, Gary Smith, Pat Smith, and Eddie Visser, confirmed March 25, 2007. Alleluia!

CHORAL EVENSONG

Tuesday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m., St. Paul's, Waco, there will be a Choral Evensong celebrating the Feast of Dame Julian of Norwich. Dr. Terry York, Associate Professor of Christian Ministry and Church Music, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, will be the guest preacher. Anthems by Ireland, Stanford, Hancock and Duruflé.

DIOCESAN CLERGY TO MEET PRESIDING BISHOP

The Diocese is hosting a day for our clergy to meet with and hear the Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, 26th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. The meeting is May 16th, and Judy will report back to us after the event.

VISIONING STATEMENT FOR DIOCESE

The Diocese is in the process of writing a new Vision Statement. The Diocese will be writing its Statement within the next few months. They are seeking input from parishioners who are interested. Vision Events will take place in four locations throughout the Diocese during May, June and July. You are invited to participate in any of these events to help discern the future vision of the Diocese. There is no charge for the events, which last from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., but reservations are requested. If you wish to attend, sign up online at www.epicenter.org or call the church office.

May 12, Saturday: St. David's, Austin

May 19, Saturday: St. Cyprian's, Lufkin
June 9, Saturday: Christ Church Cathedral,
Houston
July 7, Saturday: St. Thomas, College
Station

I will try to attend the July 7th event in
College Station if you would like to ride
along. Thanks, Judy

WORKING FOR CHRIST

The Working for Christ Housing Rehab
Project will be held June 11-15. If you
know of any families in your church or
elsewhere that need assistance with
improving the appearance and accessibility
of their homes, please contact 883-2157.
There is also an application form in the
church office. Volunteers are also needed,
and there is a volunteer registration form in
the office.



FOOD FOR MAY:

Salvation Army — Canned Goods; Macaroni
& Cheese; Peanut Butter and Jelly
**Please remember to bring these items to
put in the food baskets. Let's help restock
their food shelves.**

*"For I was hungry, and you gave me something
to eat . . ." Matthew 25:35*

IN THE NEWS:

A big round of applause to all members of
St. John's who participated in the theater
production of "Trapped in a Villain's Web."
We have a great many talented and
dedicated members of St. John's.

ST. JOHN'S WISH LIST:

St. John's would like to add the following

to its Wish List: A digital camera. The
camera would be used to photograph events
at the church, and the photographs would be
posted on our web site.

ENTERED INTO LIFE ETERNAL:

Cameron Kay's mother

Ruby Bennett

We offer our deepest sympathy and
prayers to family and friends.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine on you and be
gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you
peace.

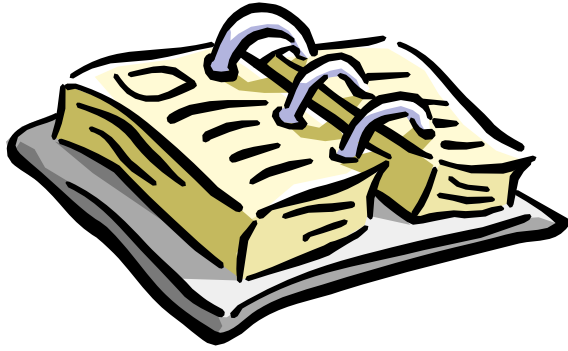
CATHY'S CORNER:

I am thrilled to begin work on May 1st as
the Administrator. You can reach me at the
church office, 803-3800, on my cell phone,
716-6851, or at home, 803-3515. I will be at
the church office Tuesday-Friday next week.

Please note that the Rev. Judy Filer's days in
the church office are Wednesdays and
Sundays. Also, please note her cell phone
number (254) 722-2013.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please remember: Deadlines for newsletter
submissions is the 25th of each month. In
the shorter months, this is very critical.
Thank you!



July 7: Vision Event, St. Thomas, College Station

July 22-23: Little Church Club, Camp Allen

August 2-5: Cursillo

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Nov. 1-4: Cursillo

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

May 1: NW Convocation Gathering, Christ Church Temple ECW

May 3: National Day of Prayer, 12:00 Noon and 5:15 – Courthouse

May 3: Clericus, Killeen

May 4-5: Relay for Life

May 6: Linda Astala, Pres., Daughters of the King, Guest Speaker after service, St. John's

May 6: Ultreya, Holy Spirit, Waco

May 8, 7:00 pm: Choral Evensong, St. Paul's, Waco

May 12: Vision Event, St. David's, Austin

May 13: Mother's Day

May 16: Clergy of Diocese meet Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, 26th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church – The Rev. Judy Filer will attend

May 16 at 6:00 p.m.: Vestry Meeting

May 18-June 3: The Rev. Judy Filer on vacation

May 19: Kairos to meet at St. John's

May 19: Vision Event, St. Cyprian's, Lufkin

May 20: The Rev. Joseph Webb officiating

May 27: PENTECOST – WEAR RED!
Ray Bagby officiating

May 28: Memorial Day – Office Closed

May 29-31: Cathy out of office

June 3: Morning Prayer

June 9: Vision Event, Christ Church Cathedral, Houston

June 11-15: Working for Christ

June 14-17: Cursillo

June 23: Transitional Deacon's ordination, Christ Cathedral, Houston

July 4-8: Kairos, St. John's