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LOOKING FORWARD TO A YEAR OF MUSIC AT ST. BEDE'S

"With a stunning performance by cellist Fang Fang Xu of the third of the solo cello suites by Johann Sebastian Bach, the eighth season of the Friends of Music at St. Bede's got under way this past Sunday evening, October 19. When the performance ended, about 90 minutes later, the members of the audience had also heard a sonata by Beethoven (performed by violinist Tamsen Beseke and pianist Frank Basile) and a trio by Debussy; and most had found that some things had changed about the annual series, but that much was the same.

There have been two significant changes made this year, which we hope will encourage greater participation. First of all, the concert starting time has been changed to 6:00 p.m. This earlier time allows for the concert to be over by 8:00, so that those who attend can still get home at a reasonable time on a Sunday night. Second, the suggested donation has been rolled back from \$12 to \$10, making it easier for those on a restricted budget to afford to attend. And parking is still free!

What has not changed is the composition of the series and the quality of the music. We are still presenting three concert events, three choral evensongs, and three regular Eucharist services with a variety of music performed by parishioners, well-recognized guest performers, and some performers whose faces will be new to the congregation.

The first of the three concert events took place on October 19. The next, on January 11, 2004, will feature the Anglican Chorale under the direction of James Person. This highly accomplished choral group has just returned from England, where they were the choir in residence at Wells Cathedral for a

week this summer. Their performance at an evensong last Lent was so well received that we decided to ask them back to perform a full-length concert this year.

On June 27, 2004, the St. Bede's garden will come alive with the swing sounds of vocalist Rebecca Downs and her musical combo, Strictly Ornamental. This performance will inaugurate the summer in a style that has become traditional at St. Bede's, and we're sure that Rebecca's style will be one you will enjoy immensely.

The evensong events will also follow the traditional pattern, with the first on November 16, commemorating the end of the church year, a Lenten evensong on March 7, and a festive celebration of our patronal feast on May 23. The St. Bede's choir will perform at all three. In November, the music will be by Herbert Howells, as the choir proceeds through its cycle of all of the evening canticle settings by this great English composer. The Lenten service will feature compositions from the earliest years of Anglican church music, with composers such as William Byrd and Thomas Tomkins. The final evensong of the season will contain music by the great 20th Century English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, and will complete the year in a truly festive style.

Rounding out our annual series will be the Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols (Sunday, December 14 at the regular 10:00 a.m. Eucharist), the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass (which actually starts at 10:30 p.m. on December 24), and the Easter Sunday services (the Great Vigil at 6:30 a.m. and the Festival Choral Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.).

— Frank Basile

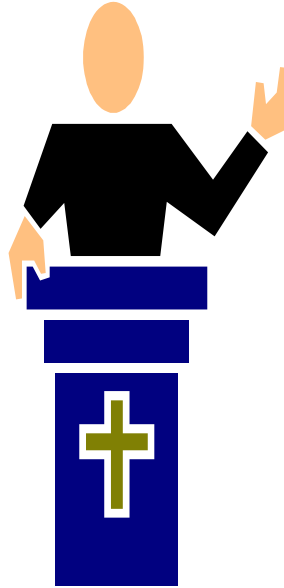
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FR. JIM'S JOTTINGS



It seems that I am making it a habit of being away on the Sundays we renew our baptismal promises. I missed Pentecost because of vacation and I will miss All Saints' Sunday due to Church business on the East coast. These are important days in the life of our congregation -- more so in November because we will have the first baptism in with the new baptismal font

Our baptism is the sacramental entrance into citizenship in God's dominion. We are all God's children -- baptism recognizes and affirms that fact. It is the primary, the foundational sacrament of the Church. It defines us. It marks us "as Christ's own forever". And all are invited to receive the Spirit in Baptism. All ...all...ALL. We make no distinction of age, gender, political affiliation, height, ethnicity, profession, educational attainment, weight, sexuality, marital status. Nothing can separate us from God's love, as St. Paul says; and that is represented in our baptisms.

All of our ministries come from our baptisms: mine as a member of the clergy and yours as members of the laity (the 'laos', the 'people of God'). We teach or cook or feed others or catechize or sing or garden or celebrate eucharist or read or visit the lonely -- all because of our baptism. Read the Baptismal Covenant on pp. 304-305 of the Book of Common Prayer. It is all there.

Much has been made in recent days about who can or cannot be ordained a Bishop. It is important, I realize, but not as important as our baptism. Our baptismal promises come first because we make them first. They are more important and therefore shape those of marriage, ordination, and national creed.

If you have not read those promises in a while, please do so before November 2. Not only will they save your life...they will define it!

Fr. Jim+

FROM THE RECORDS

VISITORS

James Preston, Allison Johnson, Brian Pasek, James & Patricia Norskig, Jackie Hesley, Quinn Kelley, Jim Peck & Anne Kitch

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Anita Wacker—11/01
James Newman—11/15
James Baxter—11/16
Ned Vaughn—11/20
Bettina Ayers—11/21
Jean Boone—11/25

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY

11/29: Tori Patterson & Helmi Hisserich

Spaces Remaining at Sisters of Bede Events

Food of the Andes (11/8/03) - 8 spaces
Christmas Tree Trimming (12/20/03) - unlimited
Rose Parade (1/1/04) — many spaces
Prayer Breakfast (2/7/04) — many spaces
First Bloom (4/25/04) — 17 spaces
Eclectic Cabaret (4/30/04) — 6 spaces
Western Pacific Seafood (5/8/04) — 4 spaces
Middle East Folk Dance/Dinner (5/15/04) — 19 spaces
Iraqi Dinner (5/1/04) — 11 spaces
Chinese Cooking 102 (5/22/04) — 5 spaces
Picnic in the Park (6/6/04) — many spaces
Goldline Art Tour (7/17/04) — 10 spaces
Beach Bash (8/7/04) — 28 spaces
Summer Garden Fest (8/22/04) — 7 spaces
Champagne Garden Lunch (9/19/04) — 5 spaces

KIDS-EYE VIEW OF THE BIBLE

Here's part of an email posting from a Catholic elementary school. Kids were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. The following statements were written by children. They have not been retouched or corrected (i.e., incorrect spelling has been left in). These are from the Old Testament. The New Testament will appear in a future Quill.

1. In the first book of the bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark, which the animals come on to in pears.
3. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.
4. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with the unsympathetic Genitals.
5. Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
6. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
7. Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
8. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten

ammendments.

9. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
10. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
11. Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
12. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
13. David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Finklesteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.
14. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

NEWS NOTES

*** November 16, 2003, Bishop Bruno, will preside & preach at Evensong and will present The Very Rev. James Newman the certificate & cross to complete the process of naming him an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral Center of St. Paul in Los Angeles.

*** The AIDS Project has a special need for gift certificates for the Christmas baskets for older teens in the AIDS clinic.

*** St John's Guild's Bazaar is in the works. They need white elephants, baked goods and people who are looking for "opportunities." The big day is November 9.

*** The series of historical anglican services moves across the pond on November 9. The service on that day will be an amalgamation of the 1789 and 1892 American Prayer Books.

NOVEMBER LESSONS

SUNDAY LESSONS

- November 2: All Saints' Sunday—Mother Haynes**
Wisdom of Solomon 3.1-9; Ps 24; Revelation 21.1-6a; John 11.32-44
- November 9: Proper 27—Canon Newman**
Ruth 3.1-5, 4.13-17; Ps 127; Hebrews 9.24-28; Mark 12.38-44
- November 16: Proper 28—Canon Newman**
1 Samuel 1.4-20; 1 Samuel 2.1-10; Hebrews 10.11-25; Mark 13.1-8
- November 23: Proper 29—Canon Newman**
2 Samuel 23.1-7; Ps 132.1-18; Revelation 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37
- November 30: Advent 1: Mother Haynes**
Jeremiah 33.14-16; Ps 25.1-9; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13; Luke 21.25-36

WEDNESDAY LESSONS

- November 5: Fr. Hancock**
Ps 112; Romans 13.8-10; Luke 14.25-33
- November 12: Canon Newman**
Ps 145.8-13; Romans 10.8b-17; John 21.15-17
- November 19: Canon Newman**
Ps 146.4-9; Tobit 12.6b-9; Matthew 25.31-40
- November 26: Mother Haynes**
Ps 126; Joel 2.21-27; 1 Timothy 2.1-7; Matthew 6.25-33

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SERVICES & CLASSES

SUNDAYS: 8 am, Holy Eucharist (no music)
10 am, Church School & Nursery
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer

TUESDAYS: 9 am, Breakfast, Morning Prayer & Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS: 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class

BREAKFAST & BIBLE

*A weekly class – beginning with breakfast – which previews
the lessons for the upcoming Sunday.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM

Holy Eucharist is celebrated each week at 7 pm.

November 5: The Jacob Saga: Genesis 25-36

*November 12: Folklore Analysis & Type Scenes:
Genesis 25-36 continued*

November 19: Moses & Exodus: Exodus 1-15

November 26: No class (Thanksgiving Eve)

December 3: Movies & Theology: "A Separate Peace"

ST. BEDE'S VESTRY & STAFF

RECTOR: The Very Rev. Canon James Newman

ASSISTANT: The Rev. Argola Haynes

ASSISTING: The Rev. Giles Asbury,
the Rev John Hancock, the Rev. Howard Happ, Ph.D.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Mr. Frank Basile

MSY INTERN: Ms. Vicki Mouradian

SEXTON: Mr. Masoud Jamneshan

VESTRY

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Paul Thompson ('05) - Junior Warden

Connor Winston ('06) - Clerk

Tom Ledsam—Treasurer

Gordon Fuglie ('05) Karen Kuchel ('04)

Mike Olsen ('06) Mark Scott ('04)

Samira Tamer ('05) Joelle Underwood ('06)

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION

Dennis Winston (D)/Angus Mackay (A) - ('04)

Annette Graw (D)/Kyle Ferstead (A) - ('05)