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*“If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under.”*

*President Ronald Reagan*



## THE FROZEN CHOSEN

Episcopalians have had a far larger impact on American history than their small numbers would indicate. Eleven of our presidents had Episcopalian roots, as well as many of the Founding Fathers of this nation. The Episcopal Church with roots in the Ancient Celtic Church had a beginning in the Middle East, not Rome. Later, Rome conquered Britain and imposed their traditions on the Britons and later Anglo-Saxons. When the Anglican Church asserted its independence from Rome in the Reformation, the English nation was transformed into a Reform Christian people.

Unfortunately, even churches become corrupted when power and authority is abused as clergy become self-seekers instead of Christ-seekers. As government and church authority became intertwined, the most biblical faith was subverted and became an instrument far removed from its godly mission. When those events occur, there is always a remnant that holds true to those eternal covenants and promises from God.

But there is another aspect of our religion. **When the religion becomes a social club, a status symbol, and a ritualistic exercise removed from Christ and his teachings, arrogance replaces Godly love.** That arrogance became so pronounced in a sense of superiority that it excluded the humble elements of society. The outsiders looking in often referred to members of that church as the “Frozen Chosen.” Christ does not respect that arrogance. Christ respects humility. Remember the words which

## FEBRUARY SERVICES

Wed Feb. 1	Evening Prayer	6:00 PM**
Sun. Feb. 5	Holy Communion	9:00 AM*
Wed. Feb. 8	Evening Prayer	6:00 PM**
Sun. Feb. 12	Morning Prayer (Vestry Meeting)	9:00 AM
Wed. Feb. 15	Evening Prayer	6:00 PM**
Sun. Feb. 19	Holy Communion (Stepping Stones Collection)	9:00 AM
Tues. Feb. 21	Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Supper)	6:00 PM
Wed. Feb. 22	Morning Prayer (Imposition of Ashes)	9:00 AM
Wed. Feb. 22	Holy Communion (Imposition of Ashes)	6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 26	Holy Communion (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent)	9:00 AM
Wed. Feb. 29	Evening Prayer (1 <sup>st</sup> Soup Supper)	6:00 PM*

\*Healing Service follows

\*\*Healing Service and Game Night

we hear at Holy Communion, “And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences . . . .”

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**Fr. Walt ☩**



**Rector's Pen**

Where did January disappear? For those of you who only see me on weekends, you didn't notice that during the 1<sup>st</sup> week in January Bea and I were in Tucson for a clergyman's funeral; the 2<sup>nd</sup> week I went to California for a day as the Bishop's representative to an ACA-DOW Standing Committee meeting; and the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month, as Vicar-General of our diocese, I was at the House of Bishops' meeting in Orlando, FL. In between these trips, with the help of Deacon Lyle Ambler, the Vestry, and others, your church continued to function seamlessly.

One event kept your Rector and the Vestry busy in-between these trips – planning for our 14th Annual Meeting on January 22nd (yes it has been 14 years since our first one).

The annual recap of All Saints' health went very well. Two new vestry members were elected, Jane Jackson and Ben Lizak, whom we welcome to the Vestry.

As your church has grown, so has the cash-flow. The Vestry recommended, and the congregation approved, that starting this year we incorporate a bookkeeper to handle day-to-day bookkeeping. The bookkeeper can be a member of the congregation (preferred) or outsourced, at the Vestry's discretion. To this end, Ben Lizak was nominated for this position, and will function on the Vestry as Assistant Treasurer. All reports, Treasurer's, Rector's, Altar Guild, and Ladies Guild were approved.

On a broader note, the proposed reunification of the APA and the ACA on a diocese-by-diocese basis is progressing. Our primary concern, of course, is the melding of the APA and ACA Dioceses of the West. With the resignation of the APA-DOW Bishop Ordinary, the Rt. Rev. Daren K. Williams, neither diocese currently has a bishop, and rely on "Episcopal Visitors."

As of this writing, I can say that plans are under way for the melding of these two dioceses. I have recommended that we do not try to elect a bishop in either diocese until the unification is complete, and we conclude with about 25 parishes and missions. I will keep you abreast of developments.

*Fr. Walt ☩*



**LADIES GUILD JANUARY MEETING**

The All Saints Anglican Church Ladies Guild held their January Meeting at Leigh Ambler's home in Victorian Estates. A fabulous potluck luncheon was provided by the ladies who attended and a good time was had by all.

Those in attendance were: Elizabeth Allbright, Leigh Ambler, Annette Clift, Bea Crites, Madeline Fowler, Peggy Kusler, Lee Nelson, Marilyn Olsen, and Donna Rumpfelt.

Up for discussion was the financial contribution to the small adult care home presently adopted by the Guild as a service project. Also, it was noted, there is a need for volunteers to purchase items used in the Parish Hall kitchen. Chairperson Madeline Fowler said that the cost of items purchased will be reimbursed by Vestry Treasurer David Dievendorff.

Future plans are for the Ladies Guild to hold their February meeting at Peggy Kusler's home in Kirkland, and the March meeting will be held at Joan McKirahan's home in Glendale. All ladies are invited to join us.

**LADIES GUILD APPEAL**

The Ladies Guild reminds all who sign up for refreshments that they are also expected to serve and clean up afterwards. All supplies are in the storeroom. If supplies are low, let Madeline and/or Bea know. Thank you!



## ALL SAINTS' 14th ANNUAL MEETING

Thirty-seven members attended the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 22nd. A nice luncheon was prepared by Madeline Fowler and served prior to the meeting.

Vestry Chair Ron Franklin called the meeting to order. The Treasurer's report was presented and approved, and the position of a bookkeeper or assistant treasurer was also approved. An investment committee was appointed to decide where to put financial assets to be more productive. The agenda was followed, highlighted by the following:

Madeline Fowler was chosen to be our special events chairman. The time of our Sunday services was discussed, and it was decided to keep it at 9:00 AM. Refreshments will be simple after the service, i.e, sweets, snacks, and drinks. The ladies will plan a Sunday each month to eat at a restaurant.

Church repairs were decided on and will be taken care of immediately. This will be done under the general fund, rather than the building fund. At Fr. Walt's request, Ben Lizak plotted Vestry tenures from our inception 14 years ago. Joe Jackson felt that some early dates of the Vestry members need to be re-visited. This will be done as our older records are reviewed.

Madeline Fowler gave the Ladies Guild report. We had a great year with our various activities including the Rummage Sale that cleared about \$1,448. Father Walt gave the Rector's report and explained what the Diocese is doing to reunite the APA and the ACA provinces. Deacon Lyle Ambler reported on the Church Library.

There were three parishioners nominated for the Vestry, which required two new members to bring it to full strength. They were Ben Lizak, Karen Litt, and Jane Jackson. After much discussion, Ben Lizak and Jane were elected for three-year terms. New Vestry Officers were elected at a short Vestry meeting following the Annual Meeting, as follows: Rob Rumpfelt - Chairman; Ben Lizak - Vice-Chairman and Assistant Treasurer (bookkeeper); and Jane Jackson - Secretary. Dave Dievendorf was reaffirmed by the congregation as the Treasurer. If you have questions about any church activity, please contact someone on the vestry, or Fr. Walt. The minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

*Submitted by Jane Jackson*



### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

February 8	Lyle Ambler	Birthday
February 11	Marlaine White	Birthday
February 13	Kusler	Anniversary
February 18	Peter Bloom	Birthday



### GRANITE CREEK VINEYARDS TOUR

Everyone is invited to join us! Bring family members and friends.

Date: Friday, February 10

Time: 2:30 pm leave from All Saints parking lot.  
3:00 pm arrive at Granite Creek Vineyards.  
Approximately 5:00 pm meet for dinner at the Bon Fire Chillin' & Grillin'

Addresses:

Granite Creek Vineyard, 2515 N Road 1 East  
in Chino Valley.

Bon Fire Chillin' & Grillin' 1667 S. Highway 89A  
in Chino Valley.





## JOHN HOUSEL

August 5, 1928 - January 22, 2012

### A Church Founder Leaves Us

John Housel died on January 22. John and Jean were one of the couples who left St. Paul's Anglican Church to become staunch supporters, physically and financially, in starting All Saints Anglican Church. The Housels were married for 62 years, had four children, nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

As I worked with John and got to know him, I learned that he was a fine, Christian and people-oriented individual. We became great friends, and when I visited him on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, I knew that the friendship had never faltered. An Electrical Engineer for 40 years at Motorola in Scottsdale, he was a gifted and talented craftsman and could do anything that required his many skills. His shop had enough tools to build a house or an airplane. He was a model railroader and ham operator among his many talents. His fine touch is on many things at church. The most obvious are the Altar Rail and Kneelers. Although I built the original ones, I have little skill in those matters and John re-did them, and as you know, they are now of professional quality.

He was involved in the Church as a Vestryman and a dedicated Parishioner. I can still see him high up on scaffolding painting the church ceiling - hoping he would not fall (Jean too) and he never did. Everything he did was professionally done because he would not abide any less.

He so loved Jean and his family and had plenty of warmth left over to be a very good friend, indeed.

God knows what He is doing. It was time for John to join Him. Our loss is temporary. We will meet again.

*Submitted by Joe Jackson*



## LAMPS USED DURING BIBLICAL TIMES

*B'Lou Carter, Founder and a Director of the Museum of Biblical History in Collierville, TN, a high school friend of Fr. Walt's, submitted this article that the Pews-News publishing staff thought you would enjoy, and perhaps visit one day. Ms. Carter is also a biblical artist and sculptor, and has done museum-quality reproductions for world-class museums.*



MR. AND MRS. PHILIP  
E. FORD  
LOAN RARE  
HERODIAN LAMP AND  
OIL VESSEL  
TO MUSEUM OF  
BIBLICAL HISTORY



Above, you see three "Herodian" lamps. Like thousands of other lamps from the Middle East, they are small enough to fit in the palm of one's hand. When filled with olive oil through the large hole in the top and fitted with a wick through the hole in the fish-tail shaped neck, a Herodian lamp may burn for several hours, as in the picture.

These lamps are 2000 years old and were made by potters in the province of Judea during the days of wicked King Herod who slew all the babies of two years old and younger in the effort to kill the newborn baby Jesus (Matt. 2:16). They are sometimes called "fish-tail" lamps because of the shape of their neck, but they are most often referred to as "Herodian" lamps.

This is exactly the sort of lamp Jesus was talking about when He said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel container but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all that are in the house" (Matt. 5:14-15).

In the top left picture you see a small vase or cruse beside one of the lamps. A vessel like this was often carried along with a lamp to supply extra oil when one's journey or stay in a place might pass late into the night. This lamp and cruse are precisely the items carried by the young women of Jesus' parable of the wise and foolish virgins (Matt. 25:1-13). The foolish young women in the parable carried only a lamp; the wise ones carried a lamp plus a full vessel of oil.

On a recent trip to Israel, Mr. and Mrs. Philip E. Ford of Memphis, Tennessee, acquired a very rare Herodian lamp and oil cruse from Shibly Kando of Bethlehem. (Mr. Kando is the grandson of the famous merchant who first brought the Dead Sea Scrolls to public attention.) Their lamp and cruse are one set out of only seventy-nine recovered from the remains of the famous Essene Community of Qumran that copied and preserved the Dead Sea Scrolls. Only three sets are in the United States. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ford, one of these lamp sets may be viewed at the Museum of Biblical History, 140 East Mulberry Street, Collierville, Tennessee, Tues.-Sat., 10 A.M.- 5:00 P.M. *Don Bassett, Chairman*



## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Calling all Men and Pancake Lovers of the congregation! The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is scheduled on Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m. This is the one Church social where the men do it all.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for the men to ensure we have sufficient preparers, cooks and clean-up crew to ensure a successful epicurean night out for everyone.

There is also another sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to contribute foodstuffs. We have sufficient pancake mix, syrup and butter. Ham, bacon or sausage would be welcome, as would dietetic syrup for those who need it.

*Fr. Walt ☩*



## A CHORUS OF HOPE

The beloved and immortal writer Bernard Rose once wrote: *“It’s your right, as a person on this planet, to know you have the capacity to behold a sacred moment of transcendent power.”*

Christ offers us this HOPE with every Word from His mouth. God gave us an essence of Hope through His creation of music – the universal language. In these times, where economic downturn has left many wondering what happened to all that security they had, we often need a piece of Hope to enter our lives.

During WWI in Japan, many Germans were held as prisoners of war. They had little Hope on their minds, but then someone decided to sing Beethoven’s *“Ode to Joy”* and soon the entire camp was singing and crying in happiness. The Fourth section of the Ninth Symphony lifted the spirits of not only the Germans encamped in Japan, but introduced Japan to this glorious piece of music.

Known today as the *“Number Nine Chorus,”* many Japanese see this as the ultimate way to find hope. In a place where the Shinto Religion and Buddhism dominate the religious scene, the Christian-based works of Beethoven shine through for a people who have little reason for Hope today. In the wake of the tsunami last March, Japan is a broken and damaged country today. The words to this piece take on a deeper meaning for the residents of Osaka. Watch this – it is amazing: <http://sayitaintsoalready.com/2012/01/02/ode-to-joy/> (Copy and Paste this into your Browser address line) It is well worth your time! You will see and hear 10,000 Japanese people in a stadium all singing this glorious piece.

Beethoven wrote the Ninth Symphony, the piece of music where the *“Ode to Joy”* is the end section, in 1824. At that time, he was completely deaf. The audience at the end of the first performance, which was also the first time a chorus had been added to a symphony, and the lead singer had to turn Beethoven around on his podium to see the audience going wild.

Beethoven never would have known it was a *“hit”* if he had stayed turned towards his orchestra and choir. He felt this last Symphony was given to him from God alone. Who is to say he was wrong?

Our hymnal includes this beautiful tune on page #769. This is in the Supplementary Hymnal at the back of our traditional hymnal. Before Lent begins, we all need a sense of Hope to guide us through our goals and achievements for Lent through Christ. When we sing the hymn *“Ode to Joy”* on the first Sunday of February, remember that you are singing about the HOPE that Christ has given to each of us. Sing out, sing loud, rejoice in the HOPE only Christ can bring!

<http://classicalmusic.about.com/od/classicalmusic101/tp/symphonylist.htm>

*Elizabeth DeWolfe, PhD., Music Minister*



## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Our Lenten Soup Supper schedule is as follows below. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall if you are willing to contribute. We usually offer two soups each evening, so two cooks can each supply their culinary skills.

We start sampling the evening fare after Wednesday Evening Prayer, with the Healing Service following. Bon Appétit!

February 29  
March 7  
March 14  
March 21  
March 28

## JOHN DONNE England's Divine Orator

John Donne was born in the city of London, England in the year 1572. His father died when he was three years old, and his mother raised him and his siblings in the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church.

It was a glorious time for the English Church. Queen Elizabeth 1st had returned England from the Catholicism of her sister Mary back to the Protestant Church.

In October 1584, John entered Hart Hall, Oxford University where he studied for three years. Subsequently, it is believed he studied at Cambridge or abroad. He entered Thavies Inn in 1591 and transferred to Lincoln's Inn in 1592 where he studied poetry and became one of the group of young London poets.

After much consternation over his religious allegiance, John by 1598 had abandoned his Catholic upbringing, and conformed to the Church of England.

In 1601 John and Ann More entered into a secret marriage. Ann was the daughter of Sir George More. Her father was exceedingly angry and had John put in prison. After a short time, however, Donne was forgiven and released from prison. Although his family lived in poverty, he found employment in controversial writings.

King James 1st, recognizing his ability, insisted that Donne study for ordination in the Church of England. In 1612, Donne gave himself seriously to the study of theology, and was ordained in 1615. Although he became a Rector of Keystone, a more important opportunity came to him as preacher to Lincoln's Inn. He immediately proved himself the most eloquent pulpit orator of his day.

In 1621 he became Dean of Saint Paul's Cathedral in London where he preached on all the great festivals.

*"His sermons are masterpieces of the old formal style of preaching, packed with patristic learning and adorned with brilliant images and striking rhetoric effects."* His greatest strength was as a moral theologian, preaching as a sinner who had found mercy, to other sinners. There is no doubt that he was haunted by an intense

consciousness of the gravity of sin. His great theme as a preacher was God's mercy.

John Donne's vision of heaven was: *"Bring us, O Lord, at the last awakening into the house and gate of heaven, to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but an equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity, in the habitations of thy majesty and thy glory, world without end."*

Toward the end of his life his health gradually failed, and at his last sermon, preached at Whitehall on Ash Wednesday 1631, it was obvious that he would never preach again. He died a few weeks later at age 59.

John Donne was buried in the Medieval Saint Paul's Cathedral along with his monument, showing him standing in his shroud. Although the Medieval Cathedral in which he was buried burned in the great London fire of 1666, Donne's monument survived the fire, and was placed in the new Saint Paul's Cathedral built by Christopher Wren between 1675 and 1710.

An effigy of John Donne, once Dean of St. Paul's, is now located on the south side aisle of the choir, and may be seen by all visitors to this day.

Rev. Mr. Lyle G. Ambler  
Curate/Librarian/Historian



## BISHOP'S EPISTLE

*January, 2012*

Greetings, and Happy Epiphany and New Year to all. As clergy and laity, I am sure a number of you have made New Year's resolutions that no doubt go like this; lose weight, exercise, call our aging parents more often and so on. All that I mentioned sounds perfectly good, but what about our spiritual well-being? It is not too late to resolve to be more faithful in our daily offices, reading and studying scriptures and that which is helpful in the understanding of our mission in the world? This past week we had our Clergy Conference along with our Deaconesses meeting and the Clergy wives gathering. It was very well attended. It was a great time to be together for fellowship, planning for the future and worshipping. I want to thank Fr. John Lathrop for working with us on the Strategic Plan and for our guest from the Anglican Church in America, Bishop Stephen Strawn of the Diocese of Missouri Valley (DMV), who did a presentation based upon his own experience with the Alpha Program. One theme came out of these presentations that is required if there is going to be any growth or movement in what we are committed to do, and that is WORK. This not everyone's favorite word, but one I ask you to make a part of your 2012 New Year's resolutions.

Speaking of work, have you ever had employees, children or fellow-workers who have the attitude, 'What is the least I can do to get by and still get paid? What is the least I can do to keep my job?' 'What are the minimum requirements for this job?' In Mark 1:14-20, Jesus finds Simon and his brother Andrew fishing and Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Now Jesus did not say, "I have something for you to think about and consider or go home and pray about this and ask your family if it's alright." Jesus did not put up a sign-up sheet and encourage them to join his group. He simply said, "Come and go with me - follow me." It was a small window of opportunity. Jesus vision for this group of fishermen and for each of us is infinitely more important than anything else we are doing.

We are told that these men responded with immediate obedience. I am not sure what was so compelling that these men did what they did. Was it the sound of his voice, the look in his eyes that

conveyed to them the importance of what he was saying to them? The Kingdom of God is at hand and it is of much more importance than your livelihood, or your family or your portfolio. These men grasped the significance of what Jesus was saying and they left all and followed him.

At our Clergy Conference, we worked on a new Strategic Plan as we move forward into the next 5 years. I know some of you are not sure how necessary this is but as the old saying goes, "if you don't know where you are going any road will get you there." We have a Vision which is the Great Commission and a Mission whose goals are all action verbs, "Go, spread, grow and teach the Christian Faith in the Anglican tradition." The mission of the church has always been since our Lord was here on this earth to "Go." It is a call to action for God's Kingdom. We all attempt to inspire our own people to action in building our parishes and are often disappointed when so many seem apathetic to involvement in the ministry of the church. We have jobs to do but they go begging because oftentimes parishioners let other things get in the way. The same goes for ourselves when we have challenges in the greater church. Perhaps God is calling us to take on a leadership role in the Strategic Plan goals. How will we answer? Perhaps it could be with starting an evangelistic outreach to the un-churched in your area such as the Alpha Program. It requires work, perseverance and a spiritual commitment on your part and then your congregation. Re-member, the disciples responded to Jesus with obedience and followed him. May we likewise, Come and see (the vision) and then go and tell (the mission). This is the Great Commission. Blessing to all,

*+Walter*

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Presiding Bishop of the  
Anglican Province of America

