



The Dragon's Tale

July/August 2011

St. George's Episcopal
Church

912 Route 146
Clifton Park, NY

Rector's Remarks

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**Evangelists and Evangelism in an Episcopal parish?
Do these things really go together?
Is there such a thing as Episcopal/Anglican evangelism?
What does it look like?**

Beginning in September of 2010, nine members of St. George's gathered to begin training as parish evangelists. After completing the initial five week introductory course, seven members committed to step two, a fourteen week course based in intensive study of scripture and the personal experience of God in life. These seven were then joined by three more members for a seven week reflection on the *Celtic Way of Evangelism* and its application to our current life at St. George's. Then all ten followed with a four week course on the theological reflection on evangelism and the corporate writing of a theology of evangelism based on life at St. George's in the present, using the ROSE model of developing identity and strategy while actually incorporating what scripture, tradition and reason contribute to a local, parochial theology for evangelism. Finally, nine members took a spiritual gifts inventory and a leadership communication style inventory to identify their areas of giftedness and strength in order to begin the ministry of evangelist among us and into the world. The E-100 initiative and discussion groups are the first direct results of this training. Small groups for study, prayer and Christian fellowship will be facilitated by some of these members. Seven members were commissioned as parish evangelists in June and July. Their work among us and beyond us for the Kingdom of God has already begun.

Each has been given a Jerusalem cross as a sign of this new ministry. The central cross reminds us of the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the salvation of souls. The four smaller crosses which surround the central cross remind us of the need to proclaim the presence of God in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit using the earliest marks of the Christian Church cited in Acts 2:42. The apostolic teaching is the teaching of scripture as witness and guide. The apostolic fellowship means to gather as they gathered for prayer, worship, fellowship and study. The breaking of the bread refers to regular participation in the Holy Eucharist. The prayers, both corporate and private, keep us connected to God and one another on a daily basis. It is the short list of directions as to how we are called to live as the body of Christ.

I ask your prayers for them as they continue in this ministry for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Please remember Deacon Scott, Deacon Maureen, Matt Andrus, Jacob Evans, Jim Olney, Tom Lessard and Katie Payne, commissioned evangelists. Please remember Abby Bee, Jon Vargo and Susan Westad, their supporters and companions on the way. And remember all those who are called to give an account of their faith to people who question with hungry souls. God grant that the witness received will be one of love, peace and redemption. Remember to say your prayers. Know that you all remain in mine. Fr. Henry

Services of Holy Eucharist

4:30pm Saturdays, 8 & 9:30am Sundays

Healing & Holy Eucharist Service 9:30am Wednesdays



July/August Readings

Readings

7/3 - 3 Pentecost (Proper 9)

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalm 45:11-18 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Alt First Lesson Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalm 145:8-15

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

7/10 - 4 Pentecost (Proper 10)

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalm 119:105-112

Alt First Lesson Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalm 65:1-14

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

7/17 - 5 Pentecost (Proper 11)

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23

1st Alt Lesson Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

2nd Alt Lesson Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalm 86:11-17

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

7/24 - 6 Pentecost (Proper 12)

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128

Alt First Lesson 1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm 119:129-136

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

7/31 - 7 Pentecost (Proper 13)

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 17:1-7, 16

Alt First Lesson Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

8/7 - 8 Pentecost (Proper 14)

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Alt First Lesson 1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalm 85:8-13

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:2-33

8/14 - 9 Pentecost (Proper 15)

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Alt First Lesson Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalm 67

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:10-28

8/21 - 10 Pentecost (Proper 16)

Exodus 1:18-2:10

Psalm 124

Alt First Lesson Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

8/28 - 11 Pentecost (Proper 17)

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Alt First Lesson Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalm 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

9/4 - 12 Pentecost (Proper 18)

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 149

Alt First Lesson Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

Milestones

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of...

... Matthew Ziegenhine, the grandson of Bob & Susan Roach, who died June 7th

... Daniel Persico, Sr., the father of Dan Persico, who died on June 12th.

...that they may have a place in God's eternal kingdom. Pray also for their families that God's healing grace may soothe and comfort them.

Let us pray for Kristen George and Andrew Odell who were married on June 3rd, that they may be of one heart and soul and live in fidelity and peace.

Our Mission

Statement:

*St. George's is
a family of disciples
joyfully reaching out
in love
to nurture, teach
and heal in Jesus' Name.*

Disciples Making Disciples

**Have you
remembered
St. George's
in your will?**



July 4th Weekend Services

Summer is here and don't forget, we have a wonderful air-conditioned service space.

Prince of Peace has changed the times they hold services so this year for the holiday weekend, this is what we are planning:

Saturday, July 2nd, 4:30 service here at St. George's
Sunday, July 3rd, 8 & 9:30 services here at St. George's

Prince of Peace will have services at 8 & 10:45 on July 3rd. Pastor Jeff Silvernail and Fr. Henry have agreed that the idea of joint services sounded nice but never really worked. So you may all decide if you wish to attend here at St. George's or if you wish to go to Prince of Peace.

Vacation Bible School Aug 22-Aug 26

We will be hosting Vacation Bible School with Prince of Peace and it will be here at St. George's August 22 to 26 from 9am to noon. You can register online at www.stgeorgescp.org/vbs The cost is \$10. Per child for the week.

Thank You!

Dear St. George's Senior lunch providers,
We all want to thank you again and again! We all appreciate not having to cook or clean up after. Therefore we all think that you ladies are the best and thanks aren't enough. You ladies make our life complete! Thank you, Your Shen Village Friends



Beaver Cross Camp

The Albany diocese offers day and overnight camps for youth at the Spiritual Life Center. Go to this link to find out more info:

<http://www.christ-the-king-center.org/BeaverCross/>

Join your friends, meet new friends, have lots of summer fun at summer camp. For all the parents and grandparents reading this, we have planned an extraordinary program with superb Christian Education so you know your kids will not only have a great time - they will learn more about their Lord and savior.

Register online or call the Camp registrar at 518-692-9550.

St. George's offers scholarship help for anyone who wishes to attend.

Please ask Fr. Henry about
the scholarships.

**July Birthdays**

- 2 Bruce Bonacquist
Victor Knorowski
Natalie Landau
Kaylie Leonard
- 3 Bill Burns
- 5 Emily Bailey
Justin Dowd
- 6 Ronald Lee
Jeanne Nuss
- 8 Connor Feeny
- 9 Dillon Harding
- 10 Barbara Hartman
Harold Kelly
Allen Nuss
- 11 Les Nickerson
- 12 Connie Brown
- 13 Carole Van der Veer
- 15 Richard Dominelli
Josh Fogel
- 17 Susan Fowler
Leanora Landau
- 18 Noelle Olszewski
- 20 Megan Keyes
Leoneida Oliver
- 21 Kristyn Alheim
Gene Gordon
Steven Kinley
Carolyn Martin
Bob Roach
- 23 Dan Glaser
- 24 Richard Perry
- 25 William Adams, Jr.
Megan Collins
Carlene Evans
Danielle Gardner
- 28 Andrew Collins
Sydney Riley
- 29 Lisa O'Brien
Jacqueline Shost
- 30 Daniel Weaver
- 31 Tonya Manning
Tom McCarthy

Special Celebrations**August Birthdays**

- 1 Jackson Brewer
Erika Moen
- 3 Carole Diesel
Calista Gier
Ellen Malinowski
- 5 Lane Heed
Susan Westad
- 7 Arthur Bates
Teresa Granger
Mark Ladd
Michael Pizziketti
- 8 Nicholas Manning
John Newman
James Nightingale
- 10 Lydia Nightingale
Steve Pryor
- 12 Brian Bailey
Julie Bailey
Jacob Evans
Doris Halvorsen
Julia Moen
- 14 Rosalie Pizziketti
- 15 Anne Bena
- 17 Walton Williams
- 18 Gabriella Cannistraci
Don Conners
John Gallo
Shaelin Gier
Joe Malinowski II
- 19 Barbara Burgess
Susan Podschelne
- 20 Bryan Bee
Thomas Golden
- 21 Mark Fleahman
Skyler Wolsey
- 23 Leora Tozier
- 24 Chris Brownson
Jan Moen
Paul Snow
Russ Wise
- 25 Alison Crocker
Jacob Keyes

July Anniversaries

- 1 Heidi & Rodney Brewer
JoAnne & Zeb Robbins
- 3 Marge & Art Bates
- 7 Colleen & Steven Kinley
Jean & Jim Nightingale
- 8 Kelly & Jan Moen
- 9 Cathy & Doug Fare
- 10 Lorraine & Mark Simpkins
- 13 Diane & Al Betzwieser
- 17 Tammy & Mark Cozzens
Janet & Frank Knight
Susan & George Westad
- 21 Julie & Brian Bailey
- 22 Lorelei Landau & Mark Fleahman
- 24 Mary & Thomas Golden
- 25 Janet & Bob Richards
- 29 Phyllis & Sam Aldrich

August Anniversaries

- 5 Doris & John Halvorsen
Nancy & Ed Johnston
Jane & Walton Williams
- 6 Cheryl & Scott Barbour
- 19 Tina & Dean Mendes
- 21 Allison & Eric Gier
- 23 Diann & Howard Gates
- 26 Susan & Herb Fowler
- 27 Burt & Suzanne Dingley
- 28 Lynne & Jim Olney
- 31 Barbara & John Burgess

- Laurie Snyder
- 26 Eugene Kuhne
Susan Manning
Judith White
- 27 Dave Blanchet
- 28 Joan Kurt
- 29 Sara LaMarca
- 30 Neil Manning
Peter Olszewski
- 31 Jean Stevens



Date/ Time		Acolyte	Chalice	Readers	Ushers	Altar Guild	Joyful Journey
7/2	4:30		J. Henry III	A Sarnacki	A. Saarnacki J. Gallo		
7/3	8:00			M. Andrus	T. & N. Chrimes		
	9:30			B. Wilcox	M. Ehler J. McHale		No Joyful Journey
7/9	4:30		M Andrus	R. Demler	R. Demler B. Wright	A. Bee, Capt. D. King	
7/10	8:00	T. Chrimes	Deacon	G. Heim	B. Hartman L. Miller	B. Sovik	
	9:30	K. Bee C Olney P. Bee	B. Turner	L. Olney T. Olney	T. Bena C. Brych	M. Ehler	H. Brewer
7/16	4:30		J Evans	C. Barbour	S. Barbour A.Sarnacki	D. Erno, Capt.	
7/17	8:00	N. Johnston	M Andrus	B. Smith	L. & M. Simpkins	D. Halvorsen	
	9:30	J Ehler D Harding N Olszewski	M. Andrus	A. & J. Vargo	M. Ehler S. Feeny	C. Barbour	J. Bailey
7/23	4:30		L. Wilson	L. Wilson	T. Kuebler E. Kramek	L. Wilson	
7/24	8:00	R. Smith	J Evans	R Demler	R. Demler, B. Wright	L. Simpkins	
	9:30	E. Underhill L. Barbour M. Danz	J. Evans	P. & S. Alsrich	G. Gordon J. Gulyas	J. Drake, Capt. R. Kuhne	S. Keyes
7/30	4:30		J. Henry III	A. Sarnacki	J. & M. Blinstraub	B. Connors	
7/31	8:00	T. Chrimes	J. Snyder	G. Heim	G. Heim B. Ross	R. Day	
	9:30	C. Olney P. Bee K. Bee	B. Turner	C. & S. Barbour	J. McHale B. Wilcox	B. Gregory, Capt.	M. Chaplin
8/6	4:30		J. Evans	J. Bucher	A. Sarnacki B. J. Bucher	A. Bee, Capt. D. King	
8/7	8:00	N. Johnston	M. Andrus	R. Demler	L. Miller B. Hartman	B. Sovik	
	9:30	D. Harding J. Ehler N. Olszewski	M. Andrus	C. Brych P. Olszewski	M. Andrus S. Barbour	T. Riley	D. Glaser



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8/13	4:30		M. Andrus	L. Gallagher	A. Sarnacki J. Gallo	B. Connors	
8/14	8:00	R. Smith	J. Evans	M. Andrus	M. Andrus B. Wright	L. Simpkins	
	9:30	M Danz L Barbour E. Underhill	J Evans	K. Ferris C. Odell	K. Bee T. Bena	C. Barbour, Capt.	E. Malinowski
8/20	4:30			L. Wilson	E. Kramek T. Kuebler	D. Erno, Capt.	
8/21	8:00			B Smith	L. & S. Simpkins	R. Day	
	9:30			D. & P. Jordan	C. Brych M. Ehler	J. Drake	H. Brewer
8/27	4:30			C. Barbour	S. Barbour B. Wright	L. Wilson, Capt.	
8/28	8:00			G. Heim	G. Heim B. Ross	D. Halvorsen	
	9:30			M. Newman B. Wilcoz	J. Gulyas, G. Gordon	M. Ehler	J. Bailey
9/3	4:30			R. Demler	R. Demler J. Bucher	A. Bee D. King	
9/4	8:00			M. Andrus	T. & N. Chrimes	B. Sovik	
	9:30			L. Olney T. Olney	J. McHale S. Feeny	B. Gregory, Capt.	S. Keyes

From the Youth Group...

The arrival of Summer brings with it an exciting time for us. July 23rd we will be traveling down to Grace and Holy Innocents Church in Albany to once again help prepare and serve a meal in the Soup Kitchen. As always, anyone is welcome to join us for this activity.

On July 31st, sixteen of us will be departing for Washington DC for a Youthworks sponsored Mission Trip. We are all looking forward to this adventure and the opportunity to serve others in so many very needed ways. Please pray that we have safe travels and that each of our individual experiences are spiritually and personally fulfilling. ~Carly Dowd



Date/ Time		Coffee Hour	Sunday Bakers	Counters	Nursery	Flower Del'y	Kitchen Krew
7/3	8:00					B. Hartman	
	9:30			M. Andrus J. O'Brien	<i>Please check the nursery schedule posted by the nursery door. Thank you!</i>		
7/10	8:00	H. & D. Gates	Beacom Pointe K. Lyden B. Knight			J. Drake	
	9:30	P. Olszewski G. Ehler		J. Granger A. Bee			
7/17	8:00	G. Heim B. Ross	J. Andrus R. Casale S. Westad			B. Ross	
	9:30	N. Henches C. VanderVeer		B. Turner K. Bee			L. Gallagher C. Wilcox
7/24	8:00	T. & N. Chrimes	B. Burns C. Fare N. Kruse			L. Gallagher	
	9:30	N. Manning S. Brooks		C. Evans J. Olney			
7/31	8:00	B. Sovik	T. Granger J. Blanchet J. Andrus			N. Henches	
	9:30	J. Granger B. Caney		S. Pryor A. Bee			
8/7	8:00	H. & D. Gates	Beacon Pointe J. Bailey L. Landau			B. Hartman	
	9:30	L. Underhill		M. Andrus J. O'Brien			L. Gallagher C. Wilcox
8/14	8:00	G. Heim B. Ross	J. Gallo S. Keyes S. Westad			J. Drake	
	9:30	S. Brooks N. Manning		J. Granger A. Bee			
8/21	8:00	T. & N. Chrimes	D. Giannantonio K. Quail R. Casale			B. Ross	
	9:30	P. Olszewski G. Ehler		B. Turner K. Bee			
8/28	8:00	B. Sovik	K. Lyden B. Knight B. Burns			L. Gallagher	
	9:30	L. Underhill		C. Evans J. Olney			L. Gallagher C. Wilcox



Parish School News

On Tuesday, June 21, the school “graduated” all 14 of its first class of Kindergartners and first graders in a moving ceremony led by Fr Henry. A crowd of over 70 proud family members joined in the service of prayer, brief speeches and singing by the students. All then enjoyed a light supper in Hatlee Hall and joined in a formal recognition of our wonderful teaching and support staff. Many thanks are due to Neil Manning and the rest of the Vestry for providing the delicious cake.

We are happy to announce that half of the class has decided to return for next year So far, an additional six students have enrolled and we will be interviewing more new candidates throughout the summer.

If you hear of any families who might like a tour, please encourage them to call the school office: at 371-6351 ext 306. The strategic vision of the school trustees is that we aim to add one grade at a time so that we could eventually offer an extended K-5 elementary program. During the August 22-26 week of Vacation Bible School, we will be holding open house each morning, so do send us some visitors.

On September 12, the children return to school adding once again to surprises in Sue Walthers' day.

Miss Sheray is already hard at work designing lessons and creating more exciting original classroom learning materials. We are proud to report that all exit interviews with families emphasized their pleasure with the school and amazement at the extent of their child's academic and social growth. Each parent also cited their deep appreciation for the way that spiritual learning is woven into the daily life of the school. Some departing families have asked where they could find a Children's Chapel experience in other schools or Churches in the area. They were sad to hear that there is NO other program like Fr. Henry's unique Children's Chapel.

St. George's Staff

The Rev. John Henry, Rector
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The Rev. Karen E.J. Henry,
Priest Associate

The Rev. Maureen Demler, Deacon

The Rev. Robert Roach, Deacon

The Rev. Scott Underhill, Deacon

Carly Dowd, Youth Ministry Leader

Organist & Choirmaster Herbert O.
Fowler

Parish Administrator, Sue Walthers

Sexton, Tim Schlachter

Sunday School Coordinators,

Kelly Moen & Lynne Olney

Treasurer, Jack Underhill

Asst. Treasurer, Ted Chrimes

St. George's School, Phyllis Aldrich

St. George's Pre-school, Carly

Dowd

Other Ministries

Acolytes, John Snyder

Altar Bread, Matt Andrus

Altar Guild, Bonnie Gregory

Flower Delivery, Carol VanderVeer

Nursery, Jen Andrus

Prayer Requests, Alfie Sarnacki,

Sue Walthers

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Heidi Bonacquist

Leaders of Stephen Ministers,

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