



The Dragon's Tale

October 2010

St. George's
Episcopal Church
912 Route 146
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Rector's Remarks

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In a phone call with our eldest son, he asked us when the leaves were changing up here. We looked out the window and said, "Now!" Changes. When do they happen? Now. The now that we all live in. Sometimes they seem to take forever to get here. Sometimes they sneak up on us and surprise us. Sometimes we work for them. Sometimes we don't. Changes make us do some readjusting and even some re-evaluating. The worst thing about changes is that they can interrupt plans, or even change our direction. So, when is it changing? Now.

In the last month we have had some changes at St. George's. The relative quiet of August is now gone, with people in the buildings much of the time. The preschool and school are in session, the groups have returned, the programs have resumed, and the weekenders are once again in the pews and the parking lots. The best scene was several weeks ago on a Thursday afternoon at about 2:00. The Farmer's Market was set up and beginning to sell its produce, the preschool was dismissing the 3 year old class early its first week, the school was dismissing for the day and transferring students across the sidewalk between

Randles and Hatlee Halls for the afterschool programs, all while cars, vans, buses, and generally stunned adults wondered where it all came from. There was not a parking space to be had for love or money unless you were prepared to park back down by the basketball net. In the middle of it all was Gene Gordon, literally directing traffic, while Sheray Tario and Phyllis Aldrich navigated the school children between preschool parents and students. I stood at the front of the church building and watched, seeing all the chaos controlled. In about 15 minutes it was all over. I resolved to buy Gene a brilliant orange or green safety vest on the spot.

The set up of the chapel area in the main church now enables us a way to have a roomy space for preschool and school chapel services, as well as for use in liturgies that have outgrown the present chapel. The new altar and the Oriental rug, complemented by the candlesticks and linen are all gifts to the parish. Benefactors continue to bless us!

We continue to be blessed in the midst of change. This month we begin our stewardship campaign for the 2011 financial year. This is the change we worked for last year in shifting the pledge campaign for the fall. Pledge returns will enable the budget committee to plan for the work we need to do in the coming year.

I have submitted my request to the diocese for candidates (priests) to fill two assistant positions here at St. George's this fall. I will be receiving names to begin interviewing sometime this month. It will be a change.

So, when do the things start changing around you? Whenever it is, remember to keep saying your prayers.



October 3rd

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 37
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 10th

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 17th

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 24th

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalm 84
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

October 31st

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 1:10-18
Psalm 32
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

November 7th

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

What a great picture of Jeff Granger's son, Sam, with Winnie the Pooh. This reminds us that the Lord always provides us with inspiration when we need an extra hand.





FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

Our congregational song is enhanced as the choir leads it, and we are most grateful to these talented singers who commit rehearsal time on a weekly basis so that this may happen in our liturgies.

Some of our singers are professional musicians. Lots of our singers are true amateurs, who love singing and love being part of this singing fellowship. St. George's Choir is an open fellowship available for anyone who would like to sing, regardless of their training level. We remain grateful to all singers who give of their talents.

There are many other ways our parish could lead our musical liturgy, with **instrumental talents**. If you are one of these people, this Choirmaster needs to know you are willing to play your instrument. Instrumental soloists may play preludes, or accompaniments to occasional anthems, as called for. Instrumental musicians could also form ensembles, such as a string quartet, or a wind or brass group. These ensembles may beautifully enhance our hymn singing. Who knows what talent is there, in our congregation, waiting to be used.

There is another style talent that could be useful - **the theatrical talents**. Are you an actor? Are you a dancer? Are you a 'backstage' person who enjoys the stagecrafts of costume, scenic design, sound or light technicians?

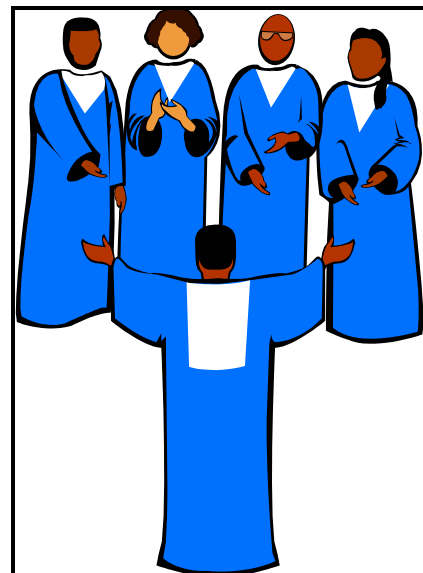
These talents may be new to St. George's, but could enhance some aspects of liturgy, such as liturgical drama, children's pageants or special events in Hatlee Hall, in the service of fellowship among our congregation. Again, we need to know who you are. This appeal goes to adults who already have some developed talent to share, but it is not limited to adults. Youth often are well trained, and there may be some

thing for children to do. This is an invitation to everyone who would like to become involved in these ministries.

Please come forward, soon...The best way to do this is to hand me a file card with your name, phone, e-mail, and home address. Include a brief description of your talent and interest, and I will be in touch. File cards may also be placed in an offering plate, where they can reach my mailbox. I look forward to hearing from you.

Remember: "Those who sing, pray twice."

Herbert O. Fowler
Choirmaster





Birthdays & Anniversaries

October Birthdays

- 1 Brennan Alheim
Dan McCrea
Karen Oliver
- 2 Scott Kinley
Daniel Shepherd
- 4 Jeanne Bollow
Connie DiMicco
Heather McCrea
Wayne Snow
- 5 Mike Knise
- 7 Mathieu DiPersio
Chesley Wilson
- 8 Anna Annese
Blaine Kaercher
James Olney
Anthony Riservato
- 10 Elizabeth Andrus
- 11 Sara Palko
Matthew Root
- 12 Jennifer Gardner
Ashley Paton
- 13 Jacqueline Cummings
Brennan Feeny
William Meany
Joe Palko
- 14 Denise Adams
Derek Halloran
Jeffrey Halloran
- 15 Lynlee Barbour
Lil Gallagher
- 16 Garrett Drake
Doug Wood

Birthdays Cont'd

- 17 Beth DiPersio
Melissa Ehler
Addison Quail
- 18 Margaret Granger
Sam Granger
Gabriel McIntyre
- 20 Peg Lindsay
- 21 Christopher Doyle
- 22 Ruth Slewinski
Kathy Wood
- 23 John Croce
Kathy Dorsey
Cathy Fare
- 24 Jim Blodgett
Nick Danz
Guy Hoose
- 25 Megan Leone
Teresa Schlachter
Colette Syvertsen
- 27 Judy Drake
Roberta Riservato
- 28 Betty DeRusso
Julia Ehler
- 29 Cathy Nickerson
- 30 Alexandra Burgess
- 31 Alice Springer

October Anniversaries

- 1 Cindy Hoetzer & Kevin Volk
Linda & Wayne Snow
- 2 Heidi & Bruce Bonacquist
Danielle & John DelBalso
- 5 Charla & Ed Brych
Donna & Jeff Halloran
- 7 Deb & Bob Wright
- 8 Stephanie & Dave Pitzer
- 10 Meagan & Kevin Collins
- 12 Betsy & John D'Annibale
Teresa & Jeff Granger
- 14 Carly & Shawn Dowd
Sue & Tom Kuebler
- 15 Peyton & Tammy Riley
- 17 Rose Marie & Thomas Day

Anniversaries Cont'd

- 18 Peg & Harris Lindsay
- 19 Melinda & Tim Palmer
- 20 Anne & Tom Bena
Lisa & John O'Brien
- 21 Susan & Peter Olszewski
- 22 Ellen & Joe Malinowski
- 24 Ruth & Gene Kuhne
- 25 Daphne & Phil Jordan
- 26 Cynthia & Todd Drake

EXCEL UPDATE

As I promised I am keeping you all informed about Excel. The fliers came out in the mail. The conference is Friday, Jan 14 through Monday, January 17th. The cost for the conference is \$70 if I have a registration form and check payable to Youth For Christ out in the mail to them before October 7th. It is \$80 if paid before December 17th and \$90 from that point on. So anyone that wants to get in on the early price would have to have the money and registration form to me by Sunday, October 3rd. We will need to have the appropriate teen/adult chaperone ratio for this, so parents that would be willing to go will need to let me know.

Kathy Dorsey



Property Committee Report and Request.....

This fall on the weekend of October 16 /17 we have a chance to participate in the semi-annual grounds clean-up event. From one busy person to others, allow me to state my household fully understands the strain of multiple commitments. We pack our lives with activities to the point where the "free" weekends are rare and packed with delayed chores (Including writing this notice).

We no longer live in the slower time of the 1960's family model when the US had 50% of the present car population and employed people per family numbered 1. I was interested to hear a younger man explain how his church memories include groups of men who stepped forward often to undertake projects for the church of his youth. Unfortunately, we do not live in a similar environment. Yes, we have volunteers and yes people will step forward during difficulties. But generally we are all rushed and hope someone else will volunteer first.

St. George's community is a recipient of one of the finest pieces of real estate in the Town of Clifton Park. Our church stands out and perhaps beckons to the thousands of Route 146 travelers. We as a parish have been handed the stewardship of this property, but it comes at a price. The property committee has worked to minimize that price by due diligence to the cost of maintenance. In keeping this frame of thought, I am hoping to find several people interested in participating with me to keep the church's non-cyclic maintenance chores under control. Skills are optional. Please call 877-8961 and ask for Dave- this will get you started.

This year the property committee has seen some critical maintenance performed in the courtyard for drainage, has hired a company to rebuild a sagging floor in Hatlee Hall. Ad hoc volunteers have replaced three faucets, clipped hedges and trees repeatedly, overseen roof repairs, replaced floor tiles, and repaired/replaced light fixtures, cleaned the main church sanctuary, cut down several deadfall trees to name some activities. No applause please as THESE TASKS OR SIMILAR HAS BEEN REPEATED FOR YEARS on this site.

We ask young adults, singles, parents and seniors once again to consider setting aside some time the weekend of October 16/17 to step forward with that rake, mop, paint brush, weeding gloves, wheel barrow, vacuum cleaner, or scaffolding. You can even have a choice of Saturday or Sunday..... Football fans may find Saturday more attractive than Sunday after church. As usual the first hundred or so volunteers will be handed NEW WORK GLOVES.

Best regards,

Dave Blanchet





Healing Mission

The Order of St. Luke, St. George's Chapter, invites you to attend a Healing Mission, October 15th and 16th here at St. George's.

"Jesus Heals Mind, Body and Soul" is the topic. Come for all or part of the healing mission. Friday, October 15th from 7-9 p.m. will be an introduction to the Healing Ministry and cover the topic "Jesus Heals our Minds." Saturday, October 16th from 9 a.m. -12 p.m. includes the topic "Jesus Heals our Bodies," and the afternoon session beginning at 12:30 will include a healing liturgy and the topic "Jesus Heals our Souls."

Lunch will be provided on Saturday at noon, but registration is required. Email: mdemler@nycap.rr.com. At all three sessions there will be an opportunity to hear witnesses and invitations to healing stations with prayers and anointing for healing. If you, or someone you know is in need of Christ's healing in their lives, or if you would just like to learn more and experience the Power of Jesus, we invite you to come.

Information about the International Order of St. Luke, an ecumenical order that promotes the healing ministry of Jesus Christ will also be available.

Thanks,

Mother Karen

Our Mission Statement:

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

Thank You Notes:

To the Wonderful People of St. George's,

Thank you all so very much for everything. The caring, the love, the support was more than appreciated. You are all so wonderful. Thank you for making a hard time easier.

Thank you all so much,

Carrie Bleicher

Thank you to everyone who helped make the concert by the Boys Choir from Haiti happen—thank you to Maureen Demler and Scott Underhill and to everyone who hosted boys in their homes, who brought food for the potluck, who cleaned up and did whatever it takes to make a last minute concert like this happen.

Milestones:

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Walter Hilger, the husband of Ann Hilger and father of Alison Crocker, who died on July 30th.

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Marilyn E. Stevens, the mother-in-law of Jean Stevens who died August 27th.

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Maria de Los Angeles Perez, the aunt of Doris Guadron, who has died in El Salvador

The People of God welcome Ryan Douglas Wood, the son of Trevor & Stephanie Wood, who will be baptized on Sunday, to share in the ministry of Christ and in their communal life.

Let us give thanks for Roland Oliver Knight, who was born June 16, 2009, and Rueben Carpenter Foster, who was born May 14, 2010. They are the grandsons of Tad & Barbara Knight and were both baptized on August 8th in Maine.



St. George's New School is Open!!

On September 12, the new school opened with a lovely service of Blessing and Dedication led by Fr Henry and Bishop Love. After a brief service, the Bishop led the parents and children (wearing their school uniforms) from the Sanctuary to the classrooms where he blessed the new venture. Then he sat on the rug of the world with the children circled around him and talked to each one. It was a special moment for all present.

The next day the buses began to roll into the St George's driveway at 8:00 am. No tears on day one, though a few on day two. Within a few days, the students had learned their routine and now move smoothly from their welcome room, overseen by Lydia Dominelli, into class by 8:10. They have learned about "morning meeting" where they assemble on the map of the world rug to learn about calendar and weather. Then they busily open up a variety of reading books carefully pre-chosen by Miss Sheray to match their skill level and they are on their way. On addition to math and handwriting, they usually spend part of each day on the Prayer Path, and collect various science objects for study. Thanks to Frank Knight who sprayed the poison ivy, the entrance area is safe.

The children eat lunch in Hatlee Hall, preceded by a prayer, and take turns cleaning up their two tables before recess.

On Wednesdays, Fr. Henry leads them in a simple service of songs and stories in the special area of the Sanctuary to the left of the altar. They file in quietly and enjoy learning about Jesus.

On Fridays, they have begun a formal "Library" time where they learn how to choose and check out a book from the bottom shelves reserved for them in the Church Library. It is a very proud moment when they show Miss



Phyllis what they have decided to borrow for the week.

School ends at 2 o'clock with a prayer. Some go home on buses, some with parents and a few stay on for "after-school" with Miss Juliana Potts where they enjoy the Prayer Path and games in Hatlee Hall until 5:45. So the Church hums with activity from young people from 7:10 am to 5:45. Fr. Henry's vision of a school is finally becoming real.

Our administrative team of volunteers (Phyllis Aldrich, Acting Head with assistance from Fran and Gene Gordon) works behind the scene to smooth out bus glitches, communicate daily with parents, run fire drills, arrange delivery of milk from Shenendehowa, monitor safety measures, and most importantly to support the teachers. Of course we are helpless without our office support of Sue Walthers smiling us through the rough spots, and Kate Henry organizing our paperwork and running the school office on Fridays.

So many of you who are reading this *Dragon Tale* right now, have given us precious help. Just before opening day, Don Connors and Art Erno quietly installed the windows in the classroom doors to help us meet the safety code. Please know that your loving gifts of time and treasure are deeply appreciated every day.

Phyllis Aldrich

**Adult Education at St. George's****Fall / Winter 2010**

On Sundays, following the 9:30 Eucharist, I invite you to join me in the parish library for a brief 30-45 minute time of discussion and learning, same as Sunday School. (10:45-11:30)

The Christian Faith holds many mysteries for people so I thought it would be a good idea to look at some of them. If you've ever wondered about some basics of the faith, ever heard a parable that didn't make sense, were ever curious about what some of the religious language used actually means, then these sessions could be for you.

Each session is self contained so you don't need to commit to all of them or worry about missing a session and losing connecting material. This is the second part of a series that could continue.

So, I invite you to join me in the parish library after the 9:30 Eucharist on the following Sundays to consider the following "mysteries" and hopefully gain a greater understanding of the faith. No registration or sign up is necessary. Come as you are. Bring any questions you have. Fr. Henry

- October 3 The Mystery of the Trinity: This I gotta hear...
- October 10 Jesus' dual Nature: God and Man?
- October 17 Jesus' missing years: Where was He?
- October 24 Mystery of Jesus' descent into Hell: Really?
- October 31 Mystery of the Dead Messiah
- November 7 Mystery of Jesus' Ascension
- November 14 Mystery of Jesus' healings
- November 21 Mystery of Jesus' power over demons: C'mon!???
- November 28 Mystery of Jesus' power over nature
- December 5 Mystery of Jesus' hard sayings: Did He just say that?
- December 12 Mystery of the Unforgiveable Sin: Worried?
- December 19 The Mystery of the Virgin Birth: Emmanuel

"Oh no!...It isn't too early!"

Plans are already underway for the Children's Christmas Pageant, titled ***"The Very Important Christmas Pageant"***. As usual, the pageant takes place on Christmas Eve at the 4:30 service. Rehearsals will begin the first Sunday in December. We can't wait to have you join us!

Our first full pageant rehearsal will be Sunday December 5th after Sunday school and run for about 45 minutes. We will also rehearse on December 12th, and December 19th and possibly on December 23rd if needed.

There will be parts for angels, shepherds, singers, and some narration parts. This year for the first time, adults are welcome to make it intergenerational, so you can participate with your child if you like!

We need adult help behind the scenes too! We are looking for help with costumes, technical, a stage manager, and one person to act as a coordinator with the script, costumes and music.

Mary Ann Gulyas and Herb Fowler are coordinating the musical aspects of the pageant. If you are interested in helping with this year's pageant, please contact the office at 371-6351.



Date/Time		Acolyte	Chalice	Readers	Ushers	Joyful J	Altar Guild
10/2	4:30	J. Evans	D. Erno	Lil Gallagher	Ed Kramek Tom Keubler		L. Wilson
10/3	8:00	T. Chrimes	D. Degni	Matt Andrus	Matt Andrus Randy Demler		L. Simpkins
10/3	9:30	E. Underhill M. Danz L. Barbour	T. Schlachter	Daphne & Philip Jordan	Jack McHale, Joe Gulyas, Jacob Evans, Sean Feeny	S Keyes	B. Gregory R. Kuhne
10/9	4:30	L. Wilson	J. Bucher	Alfie Sarnacki	Alfie Sarnacki, Joan Bucher		B. Connors
10/10	8:00	R. Smith	Deacons	Randy Demler	Bob Wright, Randy Demler		B. Sovik
10/10	9:30	M. Enriquez C. Olney K. Evans	P. Olszewski	Margaret New- man Lil Gallagher	Gene Gordon, Matt Andrus, Scott Barbour, Ken Bee	D Baird	J. Drake J. White
10/16	4:30	J. Snyder	J. Snyder	Jacob Evans	Tom Kuebler, Ed Kramek		D. Erno
10/17	8:00	N Johnston	J. Snyder	Gail Heim	Ted & Norma Chrimes		D. Halvorsen
10/17	9:30	D. Harding R. Pollard S. Enriguez	J. Snyder	Jon & Amy Vargo	Tom Bena, Charla Brych A.Cruikshank, Melissa Ehler	M Chaplin	M. Ehler L. O'Brien
10/23	4:30	M. Andrus	D. Erno	Linda Wilson	Joan Bucher, Bob Wright		A. Bee
10/24	8:00	J. Snyder	Deacons	Bob Smith	Linda Miller, B. Hartman		C. Nickerson
10/24	9:30	N. Olszewski K. Bee P. Bee	T. Schlachter	Lynn Olney Tyler Olney	A. Cruikshank, Sean Feeny Joe Gulyas, Jack McHale	D Glaser	C. Barbour R. Kuhne
10/30	4:30	J. Evans	J. Evans	Heidi Bonacquist	B. Bonacquist, Alfie Sarnacki		L. Wilson
10/31	8:00	T. Chrimes	J. Snyder	Randy Demler	R. Demler, Matt Andrus		J. Harrington
10/31	9:30	E. Underhill J. Colvin J. Ehler	P. Olszewski	Peter Olszewski Bob Wilcox	Gene Gordon, John Newman, Charla Brych, Sean Feeny	E Mali- nowski	B. Gregory J. Cummings
11/6	4:30	L. Wilson	J. Bucher	Colette Odell	Bob Wright, Steve Pryor		B. Connors
11/7	8:00	R. Smith	D. Degni	Matt Andrus	Bev Ross, Gail Heim		L. Simpkins
11/7	9:30	D. Harding M. Danz L. Barbour	J. Snyder	Cindy Hoetzer John O'Brien	Bob Wilcox, Scott Barbour Melissa Ehler, Jacob Evans		J. Drake J. White



Date/ Time		Altar Bread	Coffee Hour	Flower Delivery	Nursery	Kitchen Crew	Sunday Bakers
10/2	4:30						
10/3	8:00	Linda Wilson	T & M Chrimes				B. Burns
10/3	9:30		L. Dominelli L Underhill	Carole Van der Veer	Cindy Drake		R. Casale J. Blanchet
10/9	4:30						
10/10	8:00	Sue Brooks	B Sovik				J. Gallo
10/10	9:30		J. Gulyas S. Brooks	Judy White	Jen Andrus (or new person)	S & D Spitzer	S. Keyes D Giannantonio
10/16	4:30						
10/17	8:00	Dee Erno	G. Heim B. Ross				C. Fare
10/17	9:30		N. Henches C. VanderVeer A. Bena	Jane Harrington	Susan Westad		B. Knight S. Brooks
10/23	4:30						
10/24	8:00	Cheryl Barbour	D&H Gates				K. Lyden
10/24	9:30		J. Granger N. Manning	Lil Gallagher	Heidi Brewer	L. Gallagher C. Wilcox	T. Granger J. Andrus
10/30	4:30						
10/31	8:00	Beryl Schmid	G. Ehler P. Olszewski				N. Kruse
10/31	9:30			Nancy Henches	Tonya Manning		K. Quail L. Landau
11/6	4:30						
11/7	8:00	Miriam Kramer					
11/7	9:30			Bev Ross			