

PARISH VISITOR

Trinity Episcopal Church | 1900 Dauphin Street | Mobile Alabama

Our Clergy & Staff

The Reverend Dr Mary Jayne Ledgerwood, Rector

The Rev Deacon Terry Goff

The Rev Deacon Lydia Johnson

Jeremy Adcock, Organist/
Choirmaster

Brother Jacob Luke Taylor,
Parish Administrator

Susan Palmer, Finance
Administrator

Amos Kidd, Sexton

Jasmine Moultrie, Parish
Steward

Kay Cruthirds, Parish Nurse

Bob Peck, Archivist

Many thanks to our Office Angels!

Martha Fuller, Monday; Martha Jones, Tuesday; Doris Benson and Laurent Cadden, Wednesday; Bill Howell and Jessie Beaty, Thursday

Office Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 to 3.

175th Anniversary Parish Open House December 6

Finally, we get to celebrate! The Parish House will be open for a safe-distance walk-through this Sunday, December 6 after both services. Peruse the tables of historical photos and memorabilia, travel the time line, and enjoy the space. Make or bring an ornament to help decorate the Parish Hall tree. Advent Wreaths and Nativity Sets are available for families to take home. And choose an angel from the giving trees and be an angel to our sweet friends at Wilmer Hall. Thank you mother-daughter team Jessie Beaty and Deborah Pennington for preparing the angels with the wish lists of Wilmer Hall residents to adorn the little trees.

Congregants are invited to be present at both the 8 o'clock and 10:30 services for Lessons & Carols. This special service prepares us for the coming of God incarnate through prophetic readings from the Scriptures *Continued on page 2*





Good News from the Books4Eagles Literacy Project

St. Anne's Guild sponsored another successful literacy project! Leona Rowan, project coordinator and Martha Fuller, Guild president, delivered 40 sets of children's books to Ella Grant Elementary School in November as part of the Books4Eagles literacy outreach program.

The vast majority of the children attending Ella Grant have few, if any, books in their homes. This literacy project places age-appropriate books directly in the homes of these students from low-income families.

The school reading specialist, counselor, and librarian hosted a Book Birthday Party. With bows, party hats, and balloons decorating the classrooms, teachers created a festive way to give students their books. The children were delighted to receive their books and enjoyed every minute of the party. This will provide them valuable reading opportunities over the Christmas holidays!

Continued from page 1 with complementary Advent carols sung by members of our choir led by our Organist/Choirmaster Jeremy Adcock. You will be seated at safe distances, and please wear your mask.

Commitments to the financial health of Trinity continue to arrive. All pledge cards received by this Sunday will be lifted up to God at both services in thanksgiving for all that God has given us. If you have not yet mailed or dropped off your pledge, please prayerfully consider your commitment to Trinity, your Home.

Operation Reclamation is Adopted

On the last Saturday of October all members of the Vestry gathered in prayerful retreat led by Mother Mary Jayne. The group started in the Parish Hall, then toured throughout the Parish campus, prayerfully pausing in several locations, including the administrative offices and upstairs rooms of the Parish House; the old youth hut, aka the man cave; the former Children's Center; the Church and Chapel; and the Meadow. As with a House Blessing, in each space they offered prayers of thanksgiving to God while asking God's continued blessing and guidance as to how we are to use our magnificent space today. Following the tour the Vestry adopted **Operation Reclamation**, committing to *recalling our history, reclaiming our space, restoring our charge as good stewards, and renewing our faith in the future and God's plan for us.*

Throughout the entire month of November countless members of our Trinity family sprung into action to implement Operation Reclamation chaired by Julie Castle. During clean-up days inside and out, parishioners and staff have decluttered, cleaned, and organized the entire Parish House and other areas of the property. Items removed from around our campus were donated to Penelope House Thrift Store to fund Penelope House, a safe and secure home for abused women and their children. Other items of ours were given to Waterfront Mission and Volunteers of America, Rendu Terrace Senior Living. Quite a number of wheelchairs, walkers, canes, potty chairs, etc. that had accumulated in the undercroft were delivered to Goodwill for distribution to our community. Equipment deemed in poor condition will be recycled.

Thank you, all, for making our Parish House sparkle again and for helping us to find good homes for the items we no longer use or need.

Our Vestry & Officers

Mike Cadden, Junior Warden

Allison Castle

Jill Creel

Kate Flukinger, Clerk

Chris Gill

Ben Harris, Chancellor

Elizabeth Hill

Bob Howard, Senior Warden

Martha Jones, Treasurer

Marie Lacey

Mary Stewart Stephens

Anna Lisa Tessier

Carolyn Watts-Smith

Jameson White

Annual Meeting

If you feel called to serve as a Vestry member of Trinity Church, contact Nominating Committee members Mary Stewart Stephens, Anna Lisa Tessier, or Jameson White.

The Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 24 during the 8 o'clock service in the Church.

From our Rector

Amos and I were literally on top of our Trinity world when we toured our campus just two weeks ago during an Energy Audit with Alabama Power. Be sure to read the good news about this in the article on page 5. Having served almost 20 years now as an ordained clergy, I thought I had heard just about every crazy story in the Church, but termites in the organ pipes is a new one on me! Read all about how that happened and what we're doing about it on page 7. You'll find the Advent and Christmas Schedule on page 6, and throughout the rest of the pages, be sure to read every word about our vital outreach ministries, worship offerings, and financial health.



I can hardly believe I've only been your Rector for two months. Many of you have already heard me describe the strong sense of call I had—and still have—to serve with you in our life and ministry together. I am especially excited that God brought us together in time to celebrate the 175th anniversary of Trinity Church, our Home. I love the theme *Welcome Home* that the Stewardship Committee chose this year, as I truly feel that I am indeed home with you.

Meeting and getting to know many of you in personal conversation, on the phone, or in ministry meetings is a great privilege during this time of caution and concern. For those of you whom I have not yet had the honor to meet, please know that reaching out to you is a great priority. I am beginning to make phone calls just to introduce myself; however, if you'd like to reach out to me, I welcome that! Know that you all remain in my heart and daily prayers, and I want to know how you are and how I can pray for you more deeply.

I wish you a Merry Advent and a Happy Christmas!
To love and lead,
Mary Jayne+

Consecrated Wafer Pickup

As long as we continue to livestream our 10:30 Sunday Holy Eucharist, we are making efforts to include everyone in the ministration of communion. Already consecrated wafers to be consumed during this service may be picked up at the Parish Office every week on Thursdays from noon to 2 pm. Wafers for Christmas Eve may be picked up the Wednesday before at the same time.

Prayer List Update

We are updating our Parish Prayer List, which is published each week in the worship bulletin. Those in time-sensitive need of our prayers will be listed for four weeks, unless otherwise requested. The names of persons in need of perpetual intercessions will be shared with the Daughters of the King. Names for whom we have received no updates will be removed. Please contact the Parish Office with any updates to help keep our Prayer List current.

Eucharistic Minister Training

If you are a Chalice Bearer, Sacristan, or Eucharistic Visitor, or if you feel called to serve in this way, please join Deacon Terry in the Church on Saturday, December 12 at 9 am for training and completion of the license application. Additional training must be completed online before this date. For these materials contact Deacon Terry.

Our Trinity family has a heart for Outreach

In November our youth organized the annual food drive and collected from the neighborhood around Trinity a mountain of



nonperishables of all kinds for our Food Pantry. In the collection bags were flyers of hospitality asking our neighbors to write on the enclosed blank leaf something for which they were grateful. These leaves of thanksgiving, along with those written by our parishioners, were hung by Deacon Lydia in the Garden in the Meadow for all to share and read.

Thank you, all, for your continued support of our vital Food Pantry. In addition to canned foods and nonperishables, we need your plastic grocery store bags that we use to distribute the food items. Drop off your donations of food or plastic bags just inside the Parish Office in the little red wagon.

Project Homeless Connect

The undercroft is once again filling up with generous donations for Project Homeless Connect—thank you! Please continue to ask your friends and neighbors, work mates, and associates for gently used coats, pants, and long-sleeved shirts that are taking up space in their closets. We will give them to people who will welcome and appreciate them. New items like white socks and underwear are greatly appreciated. Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office until Friday, January 23, 2021. If you feel called to serve with Deacon Terry at this event, which is Friday, January 29, 2021, contact her.

AL Power turns on bright future for Trinity

In mid-November Trinity Sexton Amos Kidd, Property Chair Steve Mussell, and our Rector met with Bridgett Pippin of Alabama Power Energy Services and Energy Engineer Daniel Dreher for an Energy Audit. The group crawled all over our property, including the Parish House, the Church, and the old youth hut, aka the 'man cave.' We have three power bills, one for each of these buildings. In just two short weeks, the response from Alabama Power to help us cut costs and run more efficiently has been phenomenal.

Welcome Home

We are grateful for the good and faithful work of the Stewardship Committee: Allison Castle, Kate Flukinger, Chair Steve Flukinger, Mary Stewart Stephens, and Carolyn Watts-Smith. Parishioners can literally pledge any time of year, but as we near the end of our Fiscal Year, know that your prayerful commitment to your Trinity home helps us plan our 2021 Budget.

Friends of Trinity

We are discerning innovative ways to help generate revenue to care for our amazing campus. The Rector has asked David Quittmeyer to chair Friends of Trinity. Together this month they are sending a letter to Friends of our parish who may wish to financially support our ministries. Let us know if you know someone who should get this letter.

We are Looking for Grant Writers

Contact the Rector right away if your skill set is grant writing!

One of the things we examined and discussed during the audit was the VFD on the HVAC in the sanctuary. We were told there were some voltage and frequency issues. Variable frequency drives (VFDs) are being used in the HVAC industry more frequently and in more applications. They can modulate the motor speed very smoothly within a wide range. Reduced motor speed provides a significant reduction in motor power. AL Power has already sent out Power Quality Engineer Richard Jones to install a meter to see if he can figure out what is going on with the VFD.

The Rector is already in conversation with AL Power Community Development Specialist Michelle McAndrews about identifying grant possibilities that could help pay for the much needed replacement of the Parish House windows. We are also dreaming of an elevator for the Parish House and even solar panels.

In addition Commercial/Industrial Account Manager Rick Ramirez has made arrangements to temporarily disconnect the meter to the man cave, which needs no power at the moment. That will mean we will pay one less power bill for the immediate future.

Finally, Daniel is currently working on the results of our preliminary audit, and once he has all his reports complete, we will schedule a time to meet and review. Daniel, a recognized leader in energy efficiency, is a manager in the Energy Engineering group at Sain Engineering Associates, Inc. in Birmingham. They provide consulting services to private sector and federal clients. He has participated in and managed audits of over 35 million square feet of facilities, identifying opportunities for clients to save over \$29 million. We truly are in good hands.

We are so grateful for this amazing response from AL Power and look forward with great optimism to bright possibilities for Trinity's magnificent spaces.



Come to Joyful Night in The Meadow

Joyful Night is Sunday, December 13 at 3:30 pm in The Meadow. Our children should arrive at 3 pm to pick up their costumes. Some chairs and seating will be available, but all are welcome to bring their own chairs and picnic blankets. Although we are unable to share our typical potluck meal this year, there will still be a sweet surprise for our children! We invite all to come to experience this special offering, to see and hear our children tell the story of the nativity of our Lord.

Christmas Flower Donations

If you would like to make a donation for Christmas Flowers in memory of, in honor of a loved one, or in thanksgiving of something special, please contact the Parish Office at 251.473.2779. For names to appear in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins, call the Parish Office by Thursday, December 17 at 3 pm.

Advent & Christmas Schedule

Wednesday, December 9 at Noon
Advent Message on Facebook

Thursday, December 10 from Noon to 2 pm
Consecrated Wafer Pick-up for 12.13

Sunday, December 13 at 8 am
Advent 3 HE in the Church

Sunday, December 13 at 10:30 am
Advent 3 HE on Facebook

Wednesday, December 16 at Noon
Advent Message on Facebook

Thursday, December 17 from Noon to 2 pm
Consecrated Wafer Pick-up for 12. 20

Sunday, December 20 at 8 am
Advent 4 HE in the Church

Sunday, December 20 at 10:30 am
Advent 4 HE on Facebook

Monday, December 21 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm
Contemplative Service of the Longest Night in the Church

Wednesday, December 23 at Noon
Advent Message on Facebook

Wednesday, December 23 from Noon to 2 pm
Consecrated Wafer Pick-up for 12.24

Thursday, December 24 at 5:30 pm
Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

Thursday, December 24 at 10:30 pm
Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

Friday, December 25 at 10 am
Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

***The 12 Days of Christmas are just beginning.
Look for more to come every day!***

Termites in the organ pipes? Who knew?

Once upon a time about two years ago, our Organist/Choirmaster Jeremy Adcock decided that he wanted to feature the organ's solo trumpet in an anthem. When he keyed that particular trumba pipe, he heard nothing—no sound! Not good. Enter our Organ Curator Mark Hayes of Hayes Pipe Organ Service, Inc. in Birmingham, <https://www.hayespipeorganservice.com>. Lo and behold, Mark discovered termites in the pipes!

Are you on Facebook?

One of the many ways we try to communicate with you is through our social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram. If you are not on these media, please let us know if we can help you get set up. It's a great way to keep up with what's going on at Trinity.

A Psalm a Day

We are so grateful for the commitment of Brother Jacob's media ministry to assure us of a Psalm a Day. We have enjoyed his and some of our parishioners' readings each morning. Interestingly 119, the longest psalm will be featured this Monday, December 7. The Psalm a Day series runs through Epiphany, January 6, 2021.

Advent Minute

In lieu of Noonday Prayer during Advent, Mother Mary Jayne and Deacon Lydia are sharing a brief Advent message on Facebook at noon on Wednesdays, which includes the lighting of an Advent wreath.



Our organ is approximately 1,830 pipes strong. Thank goodness only 52 pipes were affected by the unusual termite infestation. The critters were attracted to the lit Rose Window in the spring evening. They swarmed into the pipes, died there, then their little bodies began to decompose, which turned into a gel-like substance that lined the inside of the pipes and, of course, damaged them.

A.R. Schopp's Sons, Inc., <https://www.arschopp.com>, located in Alliance, Ohio, and the largest supplier of organ pipes in the United States, to the rescue! After grimacing at the very expensive cost of repair, our affected Trinity organ pipes were removed and sent off to Ohio for the arduous repair. After this two-year project, the crate of repaired pipes has just returned to Trinity and will be installed next week.

The good news is that not as many pipes were damaged as originally thought, so the cost is much less. And to prevent this from happening again, Mark will install a mesh-like cap—sort of like cheese cloth—on the tops of the pipes that were affected.

But we still may not want to illuminate the Rose Window in May!

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