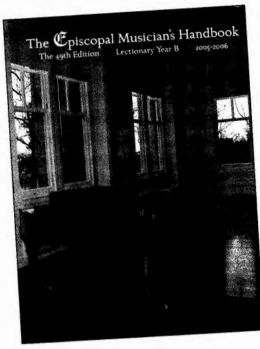


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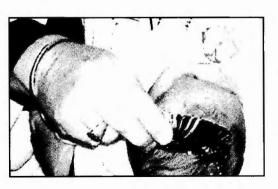
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The Rev. Steve Ferguson, rector of Holy Comforter Church, Spring, Texas, baptizes Jackson Smith while his parents, Charla and Brian Smith, look on.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

God's Beloved

'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased' (Mark 1:11)

The First Sunday after the Epiphany, Jan. 8, 2006

BCP: Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 89:1-29 or 89:20-29, Acts 10:34-38, Mark 1:7-11 **RCL:** Gen. 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

This day we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. An age-old question, Why was Jesus baptized with John's baptism for repentance given that he was sinless? One classical answer is that he was demonstrating solidarity with humanity. There is sin among people. Jesus is one with us, living in our brokenness, even if he has not personally missed the mark. This may be true. However, our readings for this day want to say more. They bring up questions about Jesus and about us. Who is Jesus? Who are we?

Mark tells us the Spirit descended on Jesus (Mark 1:10). Practically every lection for today (from the BCP and from the RCL) makes reference to the Spirit. The compilers of the lectionary gather Spirit stories to associate them with the baptism of Jesus. We hear of everything from the wind (i.e. breath, spirit) of creation in Genesis to the Spirit conferred by the laying on of hands in Acts. The message: Jesus is empowered by the Spirit. This says something about the identity of Jesus. In our baptism we celebrate our incorporation into Christ. In this solidarity we also are empowered by the Spirit. "You are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own for ever" (BCP, p. 308).

In Mark a voice from heaven said to Jesus, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased" (1:11). We, who are adopted children of God, are also beloved by God. The baptism of Jesus tells us of his identity. He is the Son of God, beloved by God, empowered by the Spirit to serve and bring forth justice (Isaiah 42:1). Our baptism tells us of our identity. We are the children of God, beloved by God, empowered by the Spirit to serve and bring forth justice.

Look It Up

Read the baptismal vows which indicate that we are empowered to live into our identity (BCP, p. 302-5).

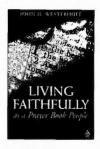
Think About It

By our baptism we are recreated into the image of Christ. During the life of Jesus many noticed his empowerment for service to others, especially in the cause of justice. Do people notice that in us? Are we living into our identity?

Next Sunday

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany, Jan. 15, 2006

BCP: 1 Sam. 3:1-10(11-20), Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Cor. 6:11b-20, John 1:43-51 **RCL:** 1 Sam. 3:1-10(11-20), Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17, 1 Cor. 6:12-20, John 1:43-51



Living Faithfully as a Prayer Book People

By John H. Westerhoff. Morehouse. Pp. 131. \$14.95, ISBN 0-8192-1950-9.

The current American Book of Common Prayer is the subject of a growing number of historical, theological, and rubrical commentaries. This book belongs to a different category. John Westerhoff describes it as "a reflective walk through our Prayer Book," and as "my personal attempt to share with laypersons and clergy, new and lifelong Episcopalians, how our 1979 prayer book has stimulated and informed my thinking about the Christian life of faith."

Living Faithfully as a Prayer Book *People* offers useful guidance to those unaccustomed to Episcopal life and worship. Veteran clergy and laity are sure to find fresh insights and resources here, while not necessarily agreeing with every suggestion the author makes. Living Faithfully is a valuable pastoral commentary on the prayer book offered by one of the Episcopal Church's most influential educators.

(The Very Rev.) Charles Hoffacker Port Huron, Mich.



Tree of Knowledge, Tree of Life By Richard Chartres. Continuum. Pp. 137. £9.00. ISBN 0-8192-8123-9.

Last year, a London priest whom I had known since I was a teenager died, and the Bishop of London, Richard Chartres, preached at the funeral. He was reflective, elegant, moving, and appropriately amusing - all characteristics that his listeners have come

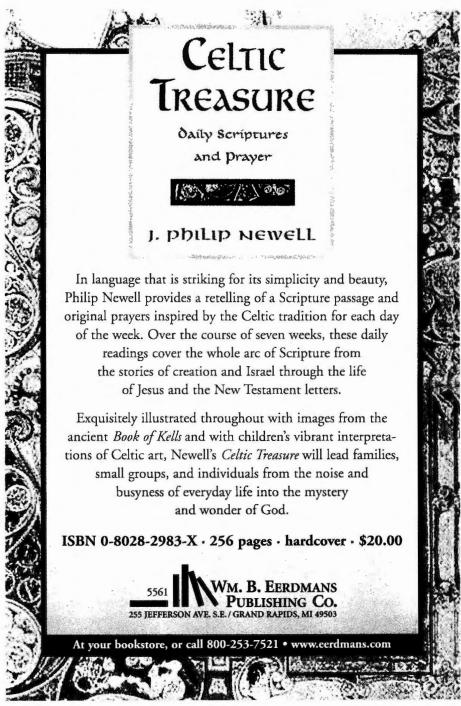
to expect from his preaching and speaking.

This is a collection of Bishop Chartres' sermons and talks from 2000 to 2004, and they give us a glimpse both of the man, and of his concerns as bishop of one of the great dioceses of the Church of England.

I heard one of these sermons delivered — his sermon at the late Lord Runcie's memorial service at Westminster Abbey in 2000 - and Chartres is right

to remark that these pieces lose something in the reading. They were meant to be heard in specific circumstances and places, and, like all printed sermons and talks, they are now onedimensional. But they are worth the read nonetheless, and I hope that this will not prevent one of our most thoughtful bishops from publishing another collection in due course.

> (The Very Rev.) Peter Eaton Denver, Colo.



Bishop Cadigan of Missouri Dies at Age 95

The Rt. Rev. George Leslie Cadigan, who served as Bishop of Missouri for 16 years, died Dec. 14 at his home in Topsham, Maine. He was 95.

Bishop Cadigan waited more than three weeks after his election in 1958 before accepting the call to be bishop coadjutor. During his episcopate, the Diocese of Missouri experienced significant growth with congregations formed or missions becoming parishes in nine locations. He also led a restructuring of diocesan governance which gave greater voice to the laity.

The seventh Bishop of Missouri, Bishop Cadigan was born in Mount Vernon, N.Y. He was a graduate of Amherst College, where he was class president and played football. He attended Episcopal Theological School and Jesus College in Cambridge, England. Following ordination in 1935, he served congregations in Massachusetts and Maine. He was rector of St. Paul's Church, Rochester, N.Y., when he was nominated in Missouri.

Missouri's convention met Dec. 4, 1958, and elected Bishop Cadigan from

a field of five candidates on the first ballot. The bishop-elect and his wife visited Missouri shortly before Christmas, and on Dec. 26 he informed the standing committee that he would serve. He



Bishop Cadigan

was consecrated bishop coadjutor on April 16, 1959, and became the diocesan one month later, following the resignation of the Rt. Rev. Arthur Lichtenberger, who had been elected Presiding Bishop the previous November.

The Diocese of Missouri experienced significant growth in the suburbs surrounding St. Louis during his tenure. It was Bishop Cadigan who oversaw the 1960 trade for property in Creve Coeur that would become the new site for the Thompson Center for property in Webster Groves that had been bequeathed

to the diocese. At that time, he also led a successful capital campaign for major repairs and renovations to Christ Church Cathedral, diocesan expansion, and creation of a revolving loan program for congregations.

Initially in retirement, Bishop Cadigan was a counselor at Amherst and chaplain at the University of Massachusetts. He also served on the staff of Grace Church, Amherst, until his ultimate retirement to Maine in 1984. There he pursued fly fishing and kept in touch with the group of Missouri clergy he had led in the struggles for social and racial justice in St. Louis during the 1960s. A number of those priests gathered with Bishop Cadigan in Maine last summer to remember their days together.

Bishop Cadigan was married twice. His wife, Charlotte, died in 1943. They had two sons, Peter and David. Jane Jones, whom he married in 1944, died in 1993. They had two children, Rufus and Christine.

Discretion Recommended for Civil Partnerships in Britain

With same-sex civil unions now officially recognized under British law, an informal poll conducted shortly before the law went into effect by the advocacy group Changing Attitude suggests uneven enforcement of disciplinary procedures spelled out in a July 25 pastoral letter by the House of Bishops.

The new law on civil unions allows same-sex couples to register their partnerships with the state. Registration entitles the couple to most of the same civil benefits as heterosexual married couples. In the July 25 pastoral letter, the Church of England's House of Bishops said the new law does not change doctrine or discipline.

"Sexual intercourse, as an expression of faithful intimacy, properly belongs within marriage exclusively," the bishops said. A clergy member may enter into a civil partnership, they added, provided he or she gives "assurances to his or her bishop that the rela-

tionship is chaste." The letter further states that clergy should not provide services of blessing for other clergy or members of the laity who register a civil union.

Founded in 1995, Changing Attitude claims a membership of 1,000 persons worldwide. In a statement published on its website, the organization describes itself as "a network of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and heterosexual members of the four Anglican churches of the United Kingdom..." dedicated to working "for change in the church's understanding of human sexuality."

Of the bishops Changing Attitude surveyed, the organization reports that "none are going to ask their clergy any questions about their sex lives, or even whether their relationship is consistent" with the standards discussed in the House of Bishops' July 25 pastoral letter. "They are more worried about obsessive conservatives from neighbor-

ing parishes who discover that a clergy person has registered their partnership, and wages a public campaign either against the clergyperson or against the bishop. They will also be deterred by the potential for negative publicity, which would make them look foolish."

The group advises that "It is better to be discreet. If you find yourself having a conversation about a registered civil partnership with your bishop, he is very likely to encourage you to tell him the minimum necessary, and in the first months of the new law, you would be wise to offer the minimum."

Prior to its implementation only a handful of Church of England bishops had revealed their individual views on civil partnerships, according to www.thinkinganglicans.org.uk, a website which reports news, events, documents and commentary "on what it means to be a Christian, particularly in Britain today."

AROUND THE DIOCESES

Bol Deng, a member of the Anglican Province of Sudan who is pursuing a master of theological study degree, shares personal stories of hunger and survival during a "Day of Solidarity" held Nov. 29 at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va. The day-long community-wide effort was chaired by seminarians Seth Dietrich (Diocese of Milwaukee) and Meaghan Kelley (Diocese of Rhode Island) and raised \$5,750 for hunger relief programs. It consisted of a simple noonday meal, community worship and educational programs.

Malawi Clergy Object to Bishop's Appointment

Objecting to the ecclesiastical process which led to the rejection of an English vicar as their choice for bishop, 21 clergy from the Diocese of Lake

Malawi in the Anglican Church of Central Africa have petitioned the Priof Central mate Africa, the Most Rev. Bernard Malango. and the Archbishop of Canterbury. The clergy also expressed



Fr. Henderson

their displeasure over the appointment of a retired bishop as their interim.

The Dec. 9 meeting at St. Thomas' Church hall was convened by the vicar general of the diocese, Canon Bernard Mkonkoholo, who has been functioning as the administrative head since the death in March of the previous bishop, the Rt. Rev Peter Nyanja. The Rev. Nicholas Henderson, vicar of the west London parishes of St. Martin's, Acton West, and All Saints', Ealing Common, was elected Bishop of Lake Malawi July 29.

A trial court of bishops rejected the consecration of bishop-elect Henderson, releasing a Dec. 2 statement in which they concluded he was not of sound faith.

In their petition, the clergy claim that in convening the court in the absence of the bishop-elect, the court violated canonical procedure. The clergy also objected to the fact that only Canon Mkonkoholo was allowed to speak in bishop-elect Henderson's defense.

"All in all, we feel that both the bishop-elect and the diocese that elected him had no chance to be heard: hence no natural justice was done in this case," the clergy wrote, as reported by Church Times. The clergy expressed no personal animosity toward the Rt. Rev. Leonard Mwenda, the retired bishop appointed by synod after the Dec. 2 ecclesiastical decision, but the clergy said they rejected Bishop Mwenda "in the strongest terms."

Justice and Outreach

Hurricane Katrina should serve as a wake-up call for the Episcopal Church, alerting it to the wider needs of society, the Rt. Rev. G. Porter Taylor, Bishop of Western North Carolina, told the annual convention of his dio-

"My firm hope is that Katrina will move the Episcopal Church away from its ecclesiastical narcissism and into a commitment to the mission of the Church," Bishop Taylor said. "Perhaps we can stop our endless conversation about human sexuality and talk about something else — like, justice, like the gospel, like Jesus Christ."

Gathered at the Kanuga Conference Center near Hendersonville Nov. 10-12, delegates from 66 of the diocese's 68 congregations and 78 of its clergy adopted nine substantive resolutions, including one creating a diocesanwide "Ministry with Single Adults" and another supporting a prison ministry called "Inmate Mentor Ministry" that seeks to invite "a group of prisoners into full participation in the life of the church."

Convention pledged to work toward a goal of allocating 10 percent of the diocesan budget to "justice and outreach" ministries by 2012 and asked each parish to embrace the goal of tithing toward the diocese. A budget of \$1.4 million was passed, based upon a hoped-for 6 percent increase in parochial giving.

In his address, Bishop Taylor noted the diocese faced "some financial challenges." Though parochial assessment guidelines asked parishes to pledge between 10 and 16 percent of their income to the diocese, in 2005 only, 14 gave 10 percent or more to the diocese; 51 gave less than 10 percent, he said.

Bishop Taylor also noted the diocese's Lake Logan Episcopal Center carried a debt of \$3.8 million. "We will need \$300,000 in 2006 for payments on the principal and \$500,000 in 2007," he said. During a presentation on the financial situation of the conference

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Evening Prayer at the Diocese of Spokane's convention, which endorsed a 22 percent parochial asking and amended the canons to have delegates and diocesan officers as young as 16.

Western North Carolina

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center, convention learned the diocese had raised approximately \$900,000 toward the total debt and that the "333 for 3" fundraising campaign had received 364 pledges to date.

Structural Changes

Gathered under the theme of "More Mission, More Beginnings," delegates to the convention of the Diocese of **Arizona**, meeting Oct. 21-22 at a hotel convention center in Phoenix, adopted canonical changes designed to refocus the diocese's vision from maintenance to mission.

In his address, the Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith, Bishop of Arizona, offered the 500 lay and clergy delegates and visitors a presentation outlining the structural changes he envisioned for the diocese. Bishop Smith asked convention to affirm a shift from a "regional" parish-based model, with fixed geographic boundaries to a "missionary-minded" model.

Bishop Smith said the new model would emphasize "planting new churches," would be "non-geographic in nature," and would gather people based on affinity and interest rather than locale. Each active member of the clergy and a representative from each parish would participate in a ministry committee, ranging from Native American ministry to world missions.

In response to the bishop's presentation, the delegates adopted an

"Alleluia Fund for Diocesan Mission" resolution. The fund will be designated for church planting initiatives. Convention asked that revenue for the Alleluia Fund come from "a tithe on capital campaign funds" raised by congregations, direct giving, and an annual Lenten appeal.

A series of canonical changes were passed in line with the restructuring program.

Diocesan council was restructured, granting the bishop the right to appoint five of its members. The roster of council was amended to 12 clergy and 12 lay members, and restricted membership to those who were "members of a parish or mission current on its diocesan assessment."

Among the other canonical changes were the creation of four regional mission areas, program groups whose members were drawn from the clergy and congregational representatives, and language bringing the diocesan canons into conformance with the canons of General Convention.

In other business, after spirited debate a resolution on the Windsor Report was adopted. Language in the original resolution "affirming the recommendations of the Windsor Report" and endorsing the creation of an "Anglican Covenant" was deleted and replaced with an affirmation of the "respectful and constructive spirit" of the Windsor Report.

Convention also approved a \$2.6 million budget and adopted a resolution asking the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to commemorate the "Martyrs of Sudan" in the church calendar.

Financial Constraints

Delegates to the convention of the Diocese of **Spokane** endorsed a 22 percent parochial asking and amended the canons to allow those 16 years of age and older to hold diocesan office and to be elected as delegates to convention. Gathered at the Schweitzer Mountain Resort near Sandpoint, Idaho, Oct. 15-17, convention also grappled with a difficult financial environment.

Speaking to the convention theme of "We All Are One in Mission," the Rt. Rev. James E. Waggoner, Jr., Bishop of Spokane, spoke about the destructive and difficult events of recent years, citing Hurricane Katrina and the war in Iraq. He noted that the world seemed "disordered."

Yet in the midst of chaos, "there is also that which reorders us," he



All Saints' School photo

Jane Dornbusch, professor of advanced mathematics at All Saints' Episcopal School in Vicksburg, Miss., assists student Ann Jones with an assignment. The 100-year-old private high school has been given a reprieve by its board of trustees who approved plans for a \$3.6 million capital campaign on Dec. 12. Finances were already tight before Hurricane Katrina damaged the roof of Green Hall and knocked down several large trees on the campus last fall. The school is owned in partnership by the dioceses of Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Western Louisiana.

observed. "When we come together in spirit and support, lives are changed for the better. Indeed, 'We All Are One in Mission,' and we are being disordered and reordered for that purpose."

Bishop Waggoner said the diocese was "40 years overdue in setting up funds to endow the episcopate" and urged the diocese toward "collaborative and creative ways" of moving "forward in mission with the current and terribly constraining limited funds." He also urged consideration of a presentation on a capital campaign to support and revitalize congregations to "serve our local communities and the needs of the world."

The Rev. James Lemler, director of mission at the Episcopal Church Center in New York, served as convention preacher and led presentations on "mission and vitality."

Convention adopted a \$926,938 budget for 2006.

'Failing in Mission'

Flagging missionary zeal and political intrigues have fostered the decline of the Episcopal Church, the Rt. Rev. Barry Howe told the convention of the Diocese of **West Missouri**.

Bishop Howe told delegates from his diocese's 50 congregations gathered Nov. 4-5 at a hotel convention center in Springfield that the diocese was "failing in our Emmaus mission imperative of increasing our average Sunday attendance. It is important to acknowledge this failure," he said, "and to recognize that if this five-year trend continues, we will fail in other imperatives that are basic to our mission in building the body of Christ."

Bishop Howe spoke critically of the American Anglican Council and said it was not true that the wider Anglican Communion had rejected the Episcopal Church. "Episcopal bishops," he said, were "finding very gracious welcomes and immense hospitality, invitations to share in sacramental ministries, including ordinations of new priests and bishops."

During its business session, conven-



The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith, Bishop of Missouri, commissions Deb Goldfeder as a missionary to the Diocese of Lui in Sudan during the annual convention Nov. 19 in Columbia. Looking on is the Rt. Rev. Bullen Dolli, Bishop of Lui in the Anglican Province of Sudan

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tion adopted a resolution revising the parochial assessment formula, introducing a graduated scale of 14 percent of the first \$50,000 of parish income, 15 percent on the second \$50,000, 16 percent on the third, and 18 percent on income in excess of \$150,000.

The progressive assessment formula replaces a flat 14-percent rate on the first \$50,000 and 19 percent on parochial income in excess of \$50,000. The 2004 convention asked Bishop Howe to create a commission to review the assessment system, providing relief for struggling parishes while maintaining a steady income stream for the diocese. The net effect of the revision to the assessment formula will be to reduce parochial assessments for parishes by a range of 1-13 percent. The resolution also included a provision for review in five years.

Common Mission

Delegates to the annual convention and first ministry fair of the Diocese of **Oregon** turned aside a resolution "endorsing" and "affirming" the Windsor Report in favor of a substitute measure welcoming it.

Gathered at the Salem Conference Center Nov. 3-5, convention rejected a resolution submitted by lay delegate Richard Carlin of St James' Church, Tigard, that called for the diocese to receive, affirm and endorse the recommendations of the Windsor Report and to accept the "moratoria on election and consent to consecration of persons living in same-gender unions; and the use of liturgies blessing such unions."

After debate, delegates adopted a resolution that welcomed the "general thrust of the Windsor Report" and committed the diocese to study it along with the primates' February 2005 communiqué from Northern Ireland, the resolutions of ACC-13 in Nottingham, and "To Set Our Hope in Christ," the Episcopal Church's submission to the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC).

Convention commended to General Convention the report of the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Mission and Evangelism submitted to the ACC titled "Covenant for Communion in Mission" [TLC, Nov. 27]. This document, convention said, was "an expression of our mutuality and interdependence in the Anglican Communion and our common commitment to God's mission of reconciliation in a world of poverty, disease, and religious conflict."

Convention adopted resolutions proposed by the Rt. Rev. Johncy Itty to study tithing in the coming year and to support Prince of Peace Church in Salem in developing a new building.

Delegates approved a balanced budget of just over \$2 million.



By Margaret D. McGee

The largest building in the small Mexican fishing village was the church. Finished in white stucco, it sat on a rise at the end of a dirt road. I walked past one-story dwellings made of bare concrete block to get to it. Chickens scratched around outdoor clay ovens in the dirt yards. Pigs inspected shadows under bushes. A woman in a dark cotton dress passed me on the road, said "Buenas dias," and looked surprised to see me. Only a few blocks from the beachfront restaurants and bungalows where the tourists congregated, I'd entered a world where a gringa was an unexpected sight.

After spending nearly half a century — my entire life — nestled in the English-speaking world, I had conceived a desire for adventure in foreign lands. So my husband, David, gave me a week in Mexico for my 50th birthday, and here I was in the small village of Encarnation on the west coast of Mexico. I'd arrived the day after New Year's. I spent the following mornings and afternoons strolling and basking on the town's glorious beach, the evenings chatting with my fellow English-speaking pilgrims in the shared guest cocina.

Unlike me, they were all seasoned travelers. They'd visited Mexico many times, knew all the big resorts, and returned to Encarnation for its pristine beach and small-town character. Like a chorus, they lamented lost paradises. Acapulco, ruined. Cancun, ruined. Even Zihuantaneo, they told me, once a placid fishing village like Encarnation, now had taco stands, massage parlors, and T-shirts for sale, up and down the beach. How they hoped it wouldn't happen here! Encarnation was such a gift.

I arrived at the church. Beyond its picket fence, the road dissipated into rock and brush. I passed through the gate into a dirt courtyard planted with ferns, snake plants, and flowering trees. The church stood tall and white at the end of a brick path. On this weekday the place was deserted. Yellow butterflies fluttered among the flowers. I walked the path and climbed red masonry steps to open arched doors.

Just inside the church, a broken, empty eggshell lay on the concrete floor, as if stolen and eaten there by a furtive dog. The big room was furnished with hewn benches, axe strokes plainly visible in the wood. Behind the altar hung the crucifix: an emaciated Christ with greenish-gray skin and painted blood seeping from his feet, knees, side, shoulders, palms, and brow. A life-sized Madonna with brown skin stood in the corner, her hands folded.

After a while I left the church. It was the day

before Epiphany, the celebration of the coming of the Magi that ends the Christmas season. Beside the brick path, an outdoor creche huddled beneath a rough structure made of curved branches and palm fronds. A paint-spattered wooden chair sat in front of it. I sat on the chair. offered a prayer of thanks for the continuing Incarnation, then looked over the scene. Mary and Joseph, attractive painted figures two feet tall. knelt with their backs to me. Though they looked like part of a set, nothing else in the creche matched them. The animals were a hodgepodge of little worn-out toys: a couple of sheep, a plastic cow, a reindeer with glitter glued to its antlers, and two rabbits that looked like Easter bunnies. At the back of the creche lay a bundle of white embroidered cloths with a pink plastic baby fist sticking out from the folds.

A woman and a young girl came through the courtyard gate. I said "Buenas dias," and the

woman introduced herself Kahreen, it sounded like. I pointed to myself and said, "Margarita." The girl had a string of rosary beads wrapped around her wrist. The woman said something, and I replied, "Lo siento, no comprendo," one of the few Spanish phrases I knew well. She smiled and shrugged. They tended to the creche, straightening the toy animals. When they opened the swaddling clothes, Jesus revealed himself to be a Caucasian baby doll, but with the head broken off from the body. An odd and disturbing sight. Kahreen didn't seem surprised. She clucked to herself,

holding his body in one hand, his head in the other. I wondered if she was embarrassed for me to see their broken Jesus.

As I sat and watched, a wonderful vision dawned inside me. After returning home, I saw myself buying a brown-skinned Baby Jesus from the cathedral store. I'd mail it back to the village with a note, explaining that I'd seen they needed a Baby Jesus, and this was my thank offering for the use of their beautiful beach. Maybe I could find someone who knew Spanish to help me write the note.

I'm not often struck by generosity, and my vision flooded me with warmth. I'd come from afar, like the Magi, traveling to this remote village, hoping to be changed. Here was a welcome change — the advent of charity! Paradise has been a great and unexpected gift. I could make my own gift in return.

I looked again at the creche. Where on earth did

they get this weird collection of castoff toys? In the next moments, while Kahreen and the girl talked softly to each other, and I sat peacefully dumb, the nativity scene slowly shifted in front of me, moving closer in one sense, and falling away in another. Clearly the toy animals, the broken doll, had been accumulated, piece by piece, from the parish itself. From those same concrete block dwellings I'd passed to get here. The painted figures of Mary and Joseph were the exception. With new eyes I studied them, wondering how they came to be here. Were they the parish's first purchase from a set, with plans to complete it, one figure at a time? I didn't know enough Spanish to ask. Kahreen arranged the swaddling clothes so that only the doll's head was visible. He looked okay.

In a slow and painful seep, the flood of warmth from my vision drained away. After all, the Magi didn't bring Jesus with them, or send him back



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The creche belonged to the people who were born in this village, not to me. How seductive the role of generous *patrona*! But at this time and place, the best I could do, the only gift I could make, was to let those who made and loved the creche keep it as their own. This Sunday, if I wanted to give, I could put some pesos in the collection plate for parishioners to do with as they chose.

Straining to remember the Spanish for "church" and "beautiful," I said to Kahreen, "*Gracias. La iglesia es muy bonita.* "She smiled and nodded. I walked out of the courtyard gate, past the homes of the village, and back to the beach.

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Out of the Darkness

Did You Know...

Yvonne McBean, who retired from the Episcopal Church Center at the end of the year, worked for five **Presiding Bishops during** her 43 years there.

Quote of the Week

The Rev. Jon Weece, senior minister at Southland Church of Christ, Lexington, Ky., in the Herald-Leader on criticism directed at megachurches for not holding services on Christmas Day: "Can you see or begin to see that the devil is stirring the pot on this?"

As an old poker player who has been known to dabble in the sport of kings from time to time, I've always been interested in odds, whether they apply to a presidential election or the chances of one being struck by lightning. Sometime during my teenage years I learned that one of every three Americans can expect to be afflicted by cancer during one's lifetime. One doesn't need to have a major in probability to know that's fairly likely. Since then I've gone along figuring that at some point I was going to have cancer. My only concern was which variety it would be.

Even so there was no way to prepare me for the news I received on the third day of Advent. I had undergone surgery the previous day for removal of a swollen lymph node in my neck. A biopsy was taken from the tissue removed, and I had been told to expect the result in a few days. I had an appointment with the doctor who performed the surgery in order that some of the remnants could be removed.

"We have to talk," the doctor told my wife and me when she finished.

"It's lymphoma," she said, taking the direct approach rather than engaging in small talk.

"Merry Christmas," I mumbled, not knowing what else to say.

The conversation continued but I hardly remember it. All I was thinking about was lymphoma, recalling how it took my mother's life some 25 years ago. It was one of those cases where the treatment was worse than the disease, but as an adopted child, I was not concerned about genetics, only about what would come next.

"How can this be when I feel fine?" I asked the doctor, perplexed by the incongruity of it all.

"That's a good sign," she said. "Remember, this is preliminary. You have the B-cell variety, which is treatable. It's better than the Tcell." She recommended an immediate visit to an oncologist and said a full pathology report would be two or three days hence.

The oncologist, only two blocks down the street, made matters sound a whole lot worse and recommended several procedures. I told him I wanted to wait until we got the full report before making any decisions.

On the following day, I told all sorts of people whom I knew prayed regularly and asked them to remember me in prayer.

Two days later, the pathology report revealed I had a mild strain of lymphoma, an "indolent" variety. This was far more encouraging news than I had been led to expect. Encouraging, to be sure, but the doctor needed to know the extent of the lymphoma. Several blood tests and one PETscan later I emerged from the darkness of Advent in mid-December upon hearing from the oncologist that no treatment was necessary. At least not now. I learned I have CLL, a variety of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma that in some ways resembles leukemia. I may need treatment in a few months, or a few years, but for now, it's just blood tests every three months. I am buoyed by the themes of Advent: Be watchful ... The Lord is near ... Do not worry about anything ... have hope.

Through it all, it has been humbling to learn of the myriads of people praying for me — bishops adding my name to the Prayers of the People in the congregations they visit, an intercessor butchering my name in a large Dallas parish, being prayed for in the Little Rock cathedral, which I've never visited, and hearing from many that the Daughters of the King's prayer warriors had spread the word. I have never doubted the effectiveness of prayer in my intercessory prayers for others through the years, but I've never been seriously ill, never hospitalized, never had surgery before this. Being held up in prayer by countless numbers, known and unknown, is, I believe, largely responsible for this turnabout.

As I was leaving the oncologist's office, he summed it all up better than I could.

"We've had a scare," he said. That is exactly what it was.

David Kalvelage, executive editor

The Foundation of Baptism

The First Sunday After the Epiphany has been commonly known as the Baptism of Jesus, for we hear in the gospel the story of Jesus being baptized by John in the Jordan River. It is one of the four Sundays on which the church recommends that baptisms take place. Baptisms on this day take on a special significance, but for churches where no baptisms take place, it is still possible for an emphasis on baptism to be made. In addition to the obvious opportunity to preach on the sacrament, worshipers can be involved by reciting the baptismal covenant as suggested by the prayer book.

The baptismal covenant, recited in place of the Nicene Creed, contains a series of questions asked of those present that they may carry out commitments through word and deed. Worshipers are asked to continue in fellowship, to resist evil, to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, to be involved in service to Christ, and to seek justice and peace. Through this series of vows, we state what it means to be followers of Christ.

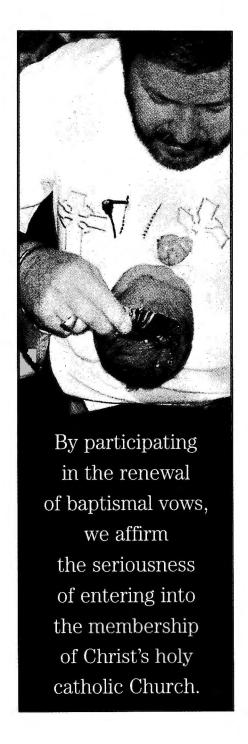
Baptism marks our entrance into the Christian life and our membership in the Church. It is the foundation on which other sacraments are laid. By participating in the renewal of baptismal vows, we affirm the seriousness of entering into the membership of Christ's holy catholic Church, and we reaffirm our own membership as baptized people.

Necessity of Annual Meetings

Traditionally, this is the time of year when many congregations hold their annual meetings. The official business of the parish takes place at these events — elections of members of the vestry and wardens, delegates to diocesan conventions, presentation of the church's budget and reports of various organizations and ministries. At this time the rector, vicar, or priest-in-charge usually makes a report in what amounts to a 'state of the parish" presentation.

For the most part, annual parish meetings are not well attended. This is unfortunate, for many of the most important decisions a congregation makes take place in this setting. Most rectors and wardens have gone to great lengths to try to get parishioners to attend annual meetings, from changing the time, to providing food, to reducing the agenda, yet the result is generally the same: low attendance.

These are difficult days for the Episcopal Church. With conflict and suspicion rife at the diocesan and national levels, our parishes are places where stability and sanity should be found. People who attend annual parish meetings are likely to be better informed than those who stay home. They have an opportunity to ask questions, to raise concerns, and to hear for themselves what's happening in their congregations. Annual parish meetings are important events. They should be treated that way.



Archaeology Meets Politics



The terms used today for the political divisions of Israel are confusing to those who do not know the geography well.

By Fleming Rutledge

In the 1940s and '50s, as seminary graduates of a certain age will remember, "biblical archaeology" was prominent. It was widely believed that the digs in the Holy Land were corroborating biblical history at every point. This consensus has collapsed, so that the term "biblical archaeology" is no longer used by specialists in the field. "Near Eastern" or "Levantine archaeology" is preferred.

That set of issues is not the subject of this brief article, however. There is another debate going on within the archaeological field which has enormous political ramifications for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and all American Christians who care about it. Church leaders will take varying positions on the present conflict, and preachers will make various hermeneutical decisions, but it is clearly important that we know the outlines of an alarming dispute that has arisen. A reporter for a Jerusalem newspaper has called it "a controversy for the sake of heaven."

The terms used today for the political divisions of Israel are confusing to those who do not know the geography well. The Gaza Strip, on the Mediterranean coast, was ancient Philistia, and therefore

not geographically part of "God's people Israel." The heartland of ancient Israel was the West Bank, which is not a "bank" at all in the usual sense. Archaeologists call it the "central hill country" [or "highlands"] of Canaan. Most biblically literate people would think of the West Bank as "Judea and Samaria." It is ironic that after 1949 the Israelis gained their strongest foothold on the historically Gentile coast (Tel Aviv and surrounding areas) whereas the Palestinians established strength in the West Bank, the area to which the Jews have the strongest historical claim. A consensus has emerged from archaeologists, who believe they have determined the hill country of Canaan (the West Bank of today) to be the context out of which the largely indigenous people of ancient, biblical Israel actually arose, distinguishing themselves from "the Canaanites."

Obviously, the political implications of these findings are huge. The dispute between archaeological minimalists and maximalists has become highly charged politically, with the minimalists ("revisionists") declaring that there was no such thing as "ancient Israel" and the maximalists ("conservatives") arguing that the biblical promise of the land can be archaeologically authenticated. William G.

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Dever, a self-described moderate, has outlined these controversies in his books written for a general readership. Dever, arguably the most respected Near Eastern archaeologist of the generation after G. Ernest Wright, stops just short of accusing the minimalists of anti-Semitism. The maximalists, on the other hand, include many Christians from conservative institutions [including Seventh Day Adventists] as well as orthodox Jews, who can be accused of bias in the other direction.

One well-known text from the revisionist camp is called The Invention of Ancient Israel: The Silencing of Palestinian History (by Keith W. Whitelam, 1996). A more incendiary title could hardly be imagined. The radical revisionist Thomas L. Thompson published The Muthic Past: Biblical Archaeology and the Myth of Israel, which has been translated into Arabic. A prominent Palestinian archaeologist, Khaled Nashef, publishes a new Journal of Palestinian Archaeology, in which he writes that Palestinians have been "silenced and deprived of their history and their land." Dever, quoting this, argues that "The fact of the matter is that there were no Palestinians in the Bronze and Iron Ages, but rather the various [people-groups] of the land the Romans later called Palestine, including the ancestors of both the Israelis and the Palestinians [of today]."

In his characteristic polemical fashion, Dever goes further:

"Even those sympathetic with [Whitelam's] anti-Israel rhetoric have pointed out that the Palestinians of the present conflict were not *present* in ancient Palestine. They did not emerge as a 'people' at all until relatively modern times. Not only is this bad historical method, it is dishonest scholarship."

It is hard to imagine how anything good can come of this acrimonious dispute without the intervention of the One whom G. Ernest Wright termed the *God Who Acts* (1952).

For further musings, see "Archaeology for Biblical Preachers" at www.generousorthodoxy.org.

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'Authorized' Ministers

The Diocese of Northern Michigan has asked the next General Convention to make baptism the only ritual prerequisite for licensed and ordained ministries [TLC, Dec. 4]. This is in keeping with its commendable commitment to the ministry of all the baptized, and reminiscent of the lapel buttons I saw at General Convention 1997 that proclaimed "Authorized Minister (by virtue of baptism)."

This is a good theory, but it can be problematic in application. Despite our generally conscientious practice at present, we are still dealing with the results of indiscriminate baptism of infants in our own past and in that of other denominations from which people come to us as adults. I think of the young man who came to arrange a wedding, baptized in the parish as an infant, and not back since. Is this what we mean by "authorized minister"? I think of the parishioners I question before entering in the register of baptized members, who don't know when or where they were baptized, and their parents are no longer alive to tell. Is this what we mean by "all the baptized"? If we abandon confirmation as a rite of conscious and mature affirmation before positions of leadership, we may have to invent something else to take its place.

(The Rev.) Lawrence N. Crumb Salem, Ore.

A Man of Peace

The Episcopal Church has an abundance of leaders who speak of peace, but know far too little about maintaining, keeping, or making peace. The Anglican Communion and the courts in America amply testify to our glaring shortcoming. I am pleased that Bishop Vincent Warner was highlighted [TLC, Dec. 11] as a man of peace, for he is the reason for "Olympia's Peaceful Example." I certainly have known him as a man of peace through the Community of the Paraclete. Hopefully, the Diocese of Olympia will find another person of peace, for God knows we have enough of the latter.

(The Rev.) George Naff Gray, Jr. St. Christopher's Church Spartanburg, S.C.

Anglicans Forever

The thing that shouts out at me from "Road to Lambeth Gets Rockier [TLC, Dec. 4] is the incredible hubris and enmity of Archbishop Peter Akinola, Bishop Robert Duncan, and the so-called Anglican Communion Network (ACN). The animosity and arrogance make it difficult for me to believe that their words come from a good place. Indeed, I have the same difficulty with Akinola, Duncan and the ACN on the right that I have with Bishop John Spong on the left; namely, that Bishop Spong has no didgeridoo — no resonating bass sound of "deep calling to deep." All I hear is a high-pitched, shrill anger and arrogance.

The ACN and its ilk seem obsessed with claiming to be the "true" Anglicans. But no legitimate historian will ever ignore the

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Episcopal Church as the immediate antecedent of any of these dissident groups. Their origin will always be determined to have been in the coalescing of angry Episcopalians. "Realignment" is merely a propagandistic euphemism.

Regardless of what they call themselves, they will never be Anglican, nor will the Episcopal Church ever cease to be Anglican even if denied the fellowship of the Archbishop of Canterbury for the simple reason that Anglican, to be true Baptist, or Quaker, or Roman Catholic, or true member of any other denomination is to be shaped and formed by the ethos of a particular group. The ACN has shown in various ways, such as including the fundamentalist pastor Rick Warren as one of its presenters and definers, that it has more in common with modern conservative American protestantism than it has with historic Anglicanism.

It is the eristic and legalistic spirit of American evangelicalism/fundamentalism that informs and defines groups like the ACN, not the Anglican spirit expressed in a commitment to reason, tradition and scripture.

> (The Rev.) Lawrence Hart Conifer, Colo.

Fun to Hear

Thanks for the nice article on "Ancient Story-Telling" [TLC, Dec. 25]. One small correction in the text needs to be made. My contention is that the narrative must not "contradict" the scriptural story, but that the story-teller is free to add details and conversations out of his imagination that illuminate the scriptural text. That's what makes the Midrashic approach so interesting and fun to hear.

(The Rt. Rev.) Charles F. Duvall Columbia, S.C.



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The Rev. **Shawn L. Griffith** is rector of St. Mark's, 258 W Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28052.

The Rev. Robert E. Hensley is rector of Grace, PO Box 1197, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Resignations

The Rev. **Jane C. Butterfield**, as mission personnel officer at the Episcopal Church Center, New York, NY.

The Rev. **Richard R. Swanson**, as associate for youth and family ministries at St. Peter's, Morristown, NJ.

Retirements

The Rev, **C. Alex Barron Jr.**, as associate of Ascension, Knoxville, TN; add: 168 Club Circle, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

Deaths

The Rev. **Jerry Merrill**, 80, longtime advocate for the homeless in Salt Lake City, UT, died Dec. 10 at St. Joseph's Villa, Salt Lake City.

Born in Rigby, ID, he was a graduate of the University of Utah and St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Seminary (CA). He was ordained in the Roman Catholic Church and served there until 1986, when he was received into the Episcopal Church. In addition to his work with the homeless, he had an active ministry with Spanish-speaking people and worked to end housing discrimination. A senior citizen housing complex in Magna, UT, bears his name. Fr. Merrill is survived by his wife, Carole, and a son, Marc.

The Rev. **John W. Gibbs**, retired priest of the Diocese of Olympia, died Nov. 24 in the Mt. Baker (WA) Care Center. He was 69.

Fr. Gibbs was born in Montreal, Quebec. Canada, and educated at California State University and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. Ordained to the diaconate in 1978 and the priesthood in 1979, he served his entire ordained ministry in the Diocese of Olympia. He was curate at St. John's, Olympia, 1978-80; vicar of St. Benedict's, Lacey, 1980-88, and St. Christopher's, Olympia, 1980-84; and rector of St. Paul's, Bellingham, 1988-2001. He had a 28-year career in the Navy, ending in the Reserves in 1988, and he was a former supervisor for probation and parole of adult felons for the state of Washington. Fr. Gibbs is survived by his wife, Sally; two daughters, Mandy Alden and Jennifer Keenan; and three grandchildren.

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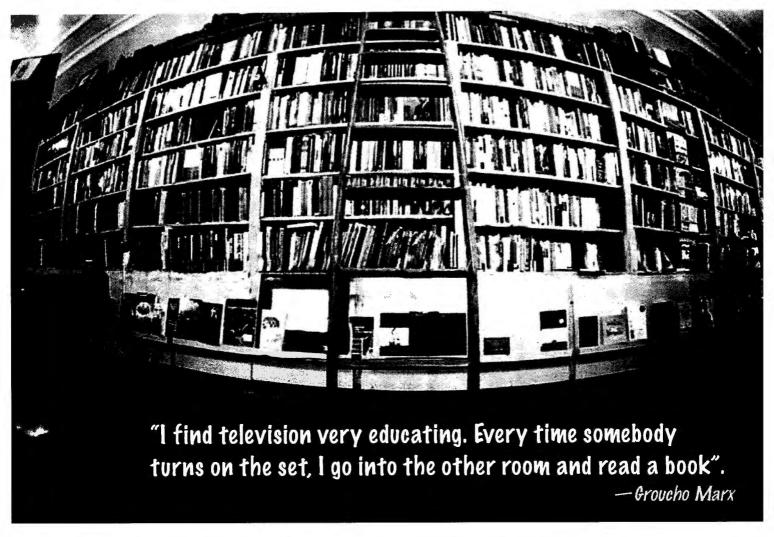
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