

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENTEN PROGRAMMING

**March 6: Ash Wednesday Services:**

The Reverend William B. Miller preaching at all services

7:30 a.m. in the Chapel • 11 a.m. at Christwood • 12:30 p.m. in the Church • 6:15 p.m. in the Church

March 10: LENT CHORAL EVENSONG

Christ Episcopal Church, 5:00 p.m.

With the Choir of Christ Church, Directed by Carolyn Parmenter

Officiated by The Reverend William B. Miller

An English cathedral experience can be had at a Lent Evensong at Christ Episcopal Church, Covington, on March 10, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. Often, travelers to England report that Evensong in an English cathedral is one of the highlights of the trip. The March 10 service will be the traditional Anglican liturgy of Evening Prayer (also known as Vespers). However, the distinctly Anglican “Evensong” is the Evening Prayer service with most of the prayers being sung. A large body of music has been composed by many of the great English composers specifically for this liturgy. The March 10 Evensong, led by the Christ Church Choir, with the newly renovated pipe organ, will include Gregorian and Anglican chant, as well as English cathedral choral settings of the *Magnificat* (Song of Mary) and *Nunc Dimittis* (Song of Simeon) by *Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*. Christ Church Covington is located at 120 S. New Hampshire St., next to Bogue Falaya Park.

**March 17: St. Patrick's Day! WEAR GREEN**

Into the Mystic: A tribute to Van Morrison

Join us at all services as we celebrate our Celtic Spirituality, stewardship of creation, and honor St. Patrick with special prayers, music, & guest musicians.

Yes, it is also the second Sunday in Lent, but Sundays **in** Lent are not Sundays **of** Lent so they are feast days in the midst of the season (unlike Sundays of Advent which we can discuss some other time). Enjoy this respite from our Lenten disciplines. ***Wear green, eat Irish delicacies, and learn about our efforts to be better stewards of our creation. We welcome Deacon Joey Clavijo***, as chair of the Diocesan Commission on the Environment, he has a lot to share with us which he will discuss at the Adult Forum at 10:15 in the Parish Hall. Patrick, Bishop of Ireland, died 461 after forty years of spreading the gospel throughout Ireland.

“I bind unto myself today the virtues of the starlit heaven the glorious sun’s life giving ray, the whiteness of the moon at even the flashing of the lightening free, the whirling wind’s tempestuous shocks, the stable earth, the deep salt sea, around the old eternal rocks.” We sing these words of deep connection with the earth in celebration of the glorious trinity of God and its overflowing love for creation. Erroneously attributed to Patrick, the great missionary to Ireland, these words do wonderfully and fully express his deep love of the earth and sea. He saw God so beautifully reflected in God’s creation. He taught a deep reverence for the earth as well as love of God and humanity.

His preached an intimate connection between God and God’s creation reflected in the last verses of the hymn which is called St. Patrick’s Breastplate, a poem attributed to him. *“Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.”*

LENTEN PROGRAM FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING LINK

Can We Talk? Practicing Love in Dialogue

Facilitated by Liz Bell and Anne Maxwell, this discussion group is designed to increase our skills to dialogue about difficult topics. Considering both content and process, we will look at how to speak from a place of love and hold fast to our sense of faith and our principles of Christianity, while participating in our polarized and broken world. Wednesdays during Lent **March 13-April 10 , 6-7:30 p.m. in the parlor of Holzhalb Hall. Some homework required. All are welcome.**

Suggested Readings for all during Lent:

- *In the Shelter* by Pdraig O Tuama
- *Becoming Wise: An Inquiry into the Mystery and Art of Living* by Krista Tippett
- *Under Our Skin* by Benjamin Watson

LIVING WELL THROUGH LENT: LIVING COMPASS DEVOTIONAL GUIDE: FR. BILL IS A FEATURED WRITER

Living Compass’ Living Well Through Lent Devotional guide is now available, and among the featured writers is our very own Father Bill Miller. Copies for you are available in the narthex of the church and chapel, the church office, or ask an usher at service.

DISCOVERY WEEKEND 2019 AT CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Join us March 15-16 to learn more about the Anglican tradition and our Celtic roots!

Once or twice a year, we provide a Discovery Weekend to formally join Christ Episcopal Church and learn more about the Christian faith and the Episcopal Church. The next opportunity is upon us!

The Discovery Weekend will be held in the Parish Hall on March 15-16. The Friday class includes dinner and will be from 5-8pm. The class on Saturday will be from 9am-3pm and includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

The Discovery Class is open to anyone but is especially for those who have never been baptized, confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. It is also appropriate for those who have been away from the church for a time or who desire to go deeper in faith and learn more about the Anglican tradition and our Celtic roots.

The Bishop will be with us in October for Confirmation. There are three books to read prior to the class and each class consists of a video and presentation.

We have copies of the books in the church office (cost is \$29.75 for all three) or you can order them online. Office hours are M-F, 8am-4pm, 985-892-3177.

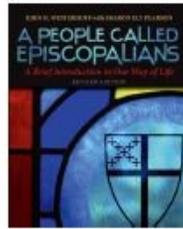
You must register to participate—You may fill out a paper form from the church office or fill out the online form here: <http://christchurchcovington.com/discovery-class>

If you have questions, contact Father Bill:
fatherbill@christchurchcovington.com.

A PEOPLE CALLED EPISCOPALIANS

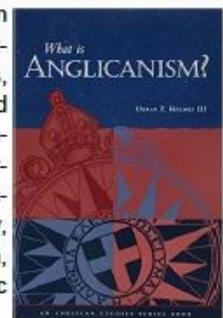
What are we as Episcopalians? This concise booklet explores five main areas of Episcopal life: identity, authority, spirituality, temperament, and polity. A great introduction to the Episcopal way of thinking in readable prose for any newcomer or seeker in the Episcopal Church who may wonder what makes Episcopalians different than Roman Catholics or other protestants.

By John Westerhoff & Sharon Ely Pearson

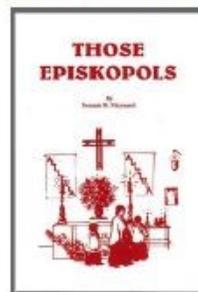


WHAT IS ANGLICANISM?

An introduction to the Anglican heritage. The early chapters explore the Anglican consciousness, authority within the Church, and how Anglicans read the Bible. Other chapters cover Anglican understandings of the Incarnation, sacraments, liturgy, the Episcopacy, pastoral care, spirituality, mission, church and state, and prophetic witness. By Urban T. Holmes III



THOSE EPISKOPOLS



It has been called the "unofficial handbook of The Episkopol Church". 3,000 parishes routinely use it in their new member ministries. With humor and insight Doctor Maynard explains why we have a church that simply will not accept simplistic answers to complex questions.

by Dennis R. Maynard

Come early or stay late...

GATHERING ON THE GREEN

GATHERING ON THE GREEN NEEDS FIVE VOLUNTEERS TO BE "DONUT UBERS"

Donuts are such a lovely part of our fellowship each Sunday at Gathering on the Green, but we could really use some help behind the scenes. If just five people commit to volunteer to deliver the donuts **one Sunday a month** from Butter Krisp to the Church, then we can rotate the duty and spread the work out amongst us. It takes a village!

If you can lend us a hand one Sunday a month, please contact Laura Ahrons for more details: 985.807.4620 or email: lostlaura@hotmail.com

THE NORTHLAKE PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY (NPAS) PRESENTS "FRENCH CLASSICS FEATURING FAURE' REQUIEM"

Friday, March 22nd @ 7:30 PM

Sunday, March 24th @ 4:00 PM

Christ Episcopal Church Covington

120 S. New Hampshire St. Covington, LA

Tickets: \$21 (ages 10 and over) Available at www.npas.info, Braswell's, and at the door

This program features choral music composed by Gabriel Faure', Maurice Durufle, and Camille Saint-Saens, the most prominent French Romantic and Neo-Classical composers. NPAS will perform the *Requiem* by Faure' along with his *Cantique de Jean Racine*. *Ubi Caritas* by Durufle and *Calme des Nuits* by Saint-Saens will also be sung. Come and enjoy an intimate performance of this historical repertoire.

UPCOMING RETREAT AND PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITIES



REGISTER NOW!

MEN'S RETREAT AT THE SOLOMON CENTER with THE REVEREND SCOTT STONER from LIVING COMPASS

"SHIFT HAPPENS: How Our Faith and the Tools of Living Compass Can Help Us Turn Change Into Growth"

MARCH 22-24, 2019 Join 30-40 men from our church and beyond for a weekend of fellowship and faith.

John Maxwell said, "Change is inevitable, growth is optional." At any given time, we may be experiencing a change in any of the following area: health, family, friends, work, faith life, and finances. Or someone close to us may be experiencing a significant change that is affecting us. While change can be hard, it also provides an excellent opportunity to do reset and recalibrate the direction our lives are heading. The Living Compass Wellness Ministry has a variety of tools to help us in this recalibration process. God's desire is always to turn change into growth. Join us for a fun and informative weekend where we will reflect on any significant shifts in your life that you have either recently experienced, are currently in the midst of, or anticipate will be coming soon. You will leave the retreat refreshed and renewed, and equipped with some tools to help you understand how your faith can be your changeless compass in the midst of whatever changes may come your way.

To register for the retreat contact the church office (985-892-3177) and fill out the registration form.

\$100 deposit to secure your spot; \$289 Single Occupancy; \$239 Double Occupancy; \$139 Commuter (includes all 5 meals)



Scott Stoner is the founder of the Living Compass Wellness Ministry. He has been an Episcopal priest and a licensed marriage and family therapist for 38 years. Scott loves to bike, play soccer, cheer on his Milwaukee Brewers baseball team, and play chess. He and his wife Holly have been married for 41 years and have three adult children and two grandchildren with whom he loves to sing and dance the Hokey Pokey.

THE SOUL OF AMERICA: A MUSIC PILGRIMAGE FROM MEMPHIS TO NEW ORLEANS

October 20th - 27th, 2019

Join Father Bill Miller and Herb Carver for a once-in-a-lifetime music pilgrimage that begins in Memphis, meanders through the Mississippi Delta, and ends in New Orleans. This unique adventure, from October 20th - 27th, 2019, begins with a private tour and opening reception at Graceland in Memphis on Sunday afternoon October 20th and ends with a festive jazz mass and jazz brunch in New Orleans on Sunday, October 27th. We will enjoy music by some of the best musicians in Memphis, the Delta and New Orleans, as well as informative tours and presentations by music writers and historians. All lodging, activities, tours, transportation, programs and meals are included. You are responsible for transportation to Memphis and from New Orleans, beverages and souvenirs. Sign-ups begin soon. *More details will be available in Late March!*



MORE THAN A GAME: BASEBALL AND FAITH PILGRIMAGE

August 6-11, 2019—CHICAGO TO MILWAUKEE

Join Fr. Bill Miller and Herb Carver as they lead their second Annual baseball pilgrimage to Chicago and Milwaukee, August 6-11, 2019. Last year's pilgrimage sold out with a waiting list of 19! This pilgrimage includes a private tour of Wrigley Field, a Chicago Cubs game, a Chicago White Sox game, and a Milwaukee Brewers game and some provocative presentations. We'll also hear provocative presentations from baseball historian We'll enjoy an architectural boat tour of Chicago, a blues concert at Buddy Guy's Legends, a time of reflection at a Buddhist Temple, worship at St. James Episcopal Cathedral, a pizza tour of Chicago, and a beer tour of Milwaukee. We will celebrate the culinary and sports partnership in Chicago with delicious meals at Harry Carey's 7th Inning Stretch and Harry Carey's Steakhouse, Portillo's, the Cubby Bear and much more. Accommodations will be provided at the Hilton Chicago Miracle Mile Suites Hotel. All tours, games, meals, transportation, and activities are included. The only thing you pay for is transportation to and from Chicago, beverages and souvenirs. The Pilgrimage begins with an evening reception and presentation on Tuesday, August 6th and concludes after morning worship on Sunday. Sign-ups will begin soon. For more information go to <https://www.pointabove.com/faith-and-baseball-2019/>

"GOD IS LOVE" - SILENT RETREAT AT THE SOLOMON CENTER March 8-10, 2019



What better way to start your Lent off than with a Silent Retreat! Come join us in walking the Labyrinth, Yoga, Star Gazing, Nature Walks, and more. Information available at <https://seccla.org/events2/god-is-love-silent-retreat> or call their office at 985.748-6634.

The cost for the weekend is \$310 per person for single occupancy or \$280 per person double occupancy. These rates include lodging for 2 nights, event materials, and 6 chef prepared meals.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 Serving & Preserving Our Environment: Education Field Day for the Diocese of Louisiana

St. George's Episcopal Church, 4600 St. Charles Ave,
New Orleans
9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Cost: Free

Presenters:

The Rt. Rev. Mark Andrus, Bishop of California
Helen Rose Patterson, Restore the Mississippi River Delta
Professor Mark Davis, ByWater Institute at Tulane University
Liz Sheppard, Life City

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, MARCH 4-
TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH**



HAPPY MARDI GRAS!

**LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANTS ON-CALL SCHEDULE
SUNDAY, MARCH 3—SATURDAY, MARCH 9**
Roemary Replogle (ldr), Sandy Hughes, Anne Blackmon

If you or a friend have a pastoral care concern or emergency, the LPAs and clergy may be reached 24/7 by calling our

PASTORAL CARE HOTLINE : (985) 273-1363

**FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT CEC—SUNDAYS
Christian Formation for Children: Godly Play**

For children 3rd-5th grade. Godly play is about learning how each of the stories of God's people connect with the child's own experience and relationship with God. The Goal of Godly Play is to guide your children to learn that God is real, accessible to each of them and His presence is real within them.

Formation on the Edge We are thrilled to be offering an expanded Sunday School Group for 4th and 5th graders! This will be an opportunity for your children to engage with the bible and their faith through fun activities and Godly Play stories. *For 4th & 5th Grade Youth Fellowship and Formation* For student in grades 6-12, there is Sunday formation from 10:15-11:15 am.

Kid's View Is offered during the 9:00 and 11:30 services for Pre-K through 2nd grade. Children enjoy age-appropriate reflections, music and prayers during the sermon. They return to the church during the offertory procession and join their families for communion.

CEEP IS HIRING!

Christ Episcopal Church's Community Educational Enrichment Program is looking for **Energetic, motivated people of 18 years+ who love working with children to serve as camp counselors.**

MONDAY - FRIDAY, JUNE 3 - 28, 7:45 AM - 3:45 PM

Duties include: Leading a group of 15-30 children through daily activities (meals, classes, recreation, field trips, etc.), Creating a team spirit through motivation and positive reinforcement, Assisting teachers and staff in guiding the children; **Wage: \$10/hour**

CONTACT: Cyndi Hargrove chargrove@christchurchcovington.com or Peggy Castle pcastle@christchurchcovington.com

ADULT FORMATION ON SUNDAYS—10:15-11:15 am

What's the Good Word? An informal lectionary based, meaning we use Sunday's assigned scriptures, bible study that meets in Holzhalb Hall. No homework required. All are welcome.

Living Well as Parents follows the Living Compass material to aid the discussion about how to care for yourself first and parent second. Considering what we nurture grows, we want to nurture healthy practices for our mind, soul, heart, and strength. This group is open to parents of all ages. It meets in the parlor of Holzhalb Hall and is facilitated by Morgan MacIntire+.

Womanspeak meets in the Fireplace Room of St. Cecilia House. We often read a book on which we base discussion. Many of us pick up the topic and relate it to our own lives and struggles, as well as a path to get closer to God. Facilitated by Tonya Crombie.

Empowered to Serve is a meeting for men of all ages to focus on the power of God's word and the power of community support to enable us to be effective in all areas of our pilgrimage. Faith, football, and current events dominate the fall discussions. Coordinated by Tom Abernathy, St. Cecilia House.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED TODAY FOR:

Birthdays This Week: Katie Haeuser, David Dossett, Cindy Schmidt, Cindy Prieto, Joel Abernathy, Sara Allen, Jane MacEachern, Stockton Hall, Camille Newman, Kittie Oubre, Lynn James, Dawn Cox, Molly Burns, Addie Thompson, Maria Jackson, Dustin Garrison, Elise Sipos, Raymond Rabadoux, Charlie Perrault, Mike Tomlinson, Karl Clifford, Paul Vining, Jennifer Leigh Wolfe, and Charles Conner.

Wedding Anniversaries This Week: Brian & Jennifer Comeaux

Anniversaries of Death This Week:

Don Nichols, Lucille Phillips, Jessie Rainwater, Sonny Trenchard, Kevin Hodges, Gene Croft, John Daniel, Alice Lohman, Edna Greshman, and Margaret Rennie Comer.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Linda, Bebe, Karen, Shelton, Will, Norman, Shannon, Ezra, Julie, Meg, Katie, Kerry, The Wolsefer Family, Dianne, Carolyn, Paige, Amanda, Jeannette, Keith, Gail, Dana, Patrick, Jack.

All names are removed from the Special Needs Prayer List at the end of the month. Contact the church office to add a name.

**THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS TO CONNECT WITH
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH ONLINE!**

Listen to our sermons on the website
www.christchurchcovington.com

Sign up for our E-news

Put your name and email in the guest book of the narthex and we'll do the rest!

Reach out to us through Social Media on Facebook

You can find us at [facebook.com/christ.episcopal.church.covington.la](https://www.facebook.com/christ.episcopal.church.covington.la)

Download our app from the App Store and Google Play

Just search "Christ Episcopal Church, Covington"
and you'll find us!

CHRIST CHURCH FINANCES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

Income Received	\$1,167,618
Less: Operating Expenses	\$1,073,345
Balance Due Whitney for Short Term Debt	\$0.00
Balance (-)	\$94,273

Bobby Coxe, Treasurer, 985-237-2016