

SAINTS ALIVE!

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FROM THE DESK OF THE RECTOR

Dear Parishioner,

Permit me to begin with a resounding tribute to Ms Pat Ruddell for her sterling service to Saints Alive! It was Pat, as she prefers to be called, who in many ways shaped the newsletter as leader of the Christian Education Committee of the parish. I am sure that I speak on behalf of the members of her committee, when I extend high commendation for her tireless commitment to the monthly production of the paper. Thank you very much Pat. Pat is taking a break from some of the committees she has been involved in, to enjoy a long overdue sabbatical leave.

Meanwhile, we are pleased with the response of the persons who have been named to the new Christian Education Committee and whose responsibility includes the publication of Saints Alive! They have begun the undertaking with enthusiasm

and we look forward to your continued support of the newsletter which seeks to affect the lives of the saints. We have gone past the parish Annual Meeting and the first meeting of the vestry. Subcommittees of the vestry have been appointed and they are ready to work. These committees are: Church Administration and Finance, Facilities Management, Christian Education, Social Outreach and Welfare. The Diocesan Council has asked for the creation of a Lands and Buildings Committee and a Social Responsibility Committee. We wait for the terms of reference for these new committees. May I thank all those who have made themselves available for the many duties to be done to keep our parish moving.

At the same time, we should embrace the important themes of the season which is upon us. The themes revolve around victory over death, new life, the power of God, the commitment of Jesus,

Easter faith and joy, doubt, recognition and relationship and more. Last Sunday the suggestion was made that the church trains us to recognize the risen Lord through certain signs. According to the gospel, the key signs are the breaking of the word and the breaking of bread. Our church provides many opportunities for building this practice and we hope that all are encouraged to take such practice beyond our church doors and share with the rest of the community. Additionally, we must not miss the element of joy – joy at recognizing the Risen Lord and sharing the experience of that encounter. One gets the sense of a joyful empowerment for service. Consequently, no distance is too great, no duty too menial, no opportunity for worship too untimely, nothing is beyond the response we must give to a loving God who goes out of himself for us.

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So it is in the spirit of Easter faith and joy that we look forward to Ascension (May 1) and Pentecost (May 11) with the special emphases that they bring, which helps us to be more rounded in our spiritual growth and development. That is a definite benefit of the Anglican Way, doing with the church what the church is doing, thereby enabling us to keep a broad focus on the whole story and to grow accordingly.

Also in May, we look forward to the Parish Family Day and the 162nd Anniversary of the Dedication of All Saints Church. During that same week, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered during the celebratory Eucharist to mark the occasion of the dedication. Moreover, the Day of Renewal, which is originally an All Saints ministry, will bring to a head, preparation for the celebration of Pentecost. Your rector has been assigned the role of preacher/teacher and your prayers are requested for a special anointing for this mission.

We have grown accustomed to the use of the multi media system during services. Thanks to Mr. Eric Drew and

his team for the work done and that which is required to keep the system going. There is a problem with the electrical upgrade which is essential to the completion of the air conditioning system. The project is now being held up by the scheduling of the inspectorate who will ensure that we obtain a certificate of inspection so that we can move on to the full completion of the project.

In respect of the proposed church hall, we have run into a challenge. Drawings have been done and permission has been requested from the Division of Planning. However, there has been some difficulty occasioned by our very limited parking space. The Division is expected to provide us with options for resolving the situation.

The upcoming month will also feature the Diocesan Family Day in Tobago at the Bishop's High School. The trip by boat has been oversubscribed and those wishing to attend will have to make alternative arrangements. (See the Anglican Outlook – April)

May the joy and power of Easter be with us all as we press on in His service.



Canon Claude Berkley Rector.

Morning Prayer

Almighty God into thy loving care
I place myself today with
confidence,
Strengthen my faith today,
To overcome all problems which
may arise
From time to time, today.
Give me the power of love
To extend it to the people who I
have to meet
During the course of the day.
Increase my understanding so I
will
Deal with all situations in a
convincing way,
According to the dictate of my
conscience
Which is guided by your love and
your power,
Which you have invested in me.
Stay at my side at all times
So that if I am tempted to go
wrong
Your presence will guide me,
And let me continue to make
the right decision
In all matters this day
Amen.

5 Things You Never Hear in Church

1. Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew!
2. I've decided to give our church the \$500 a month I used to spend on liming
3. I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for a Sunday School class.
4. I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!
5. Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign!

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The Sacramental Rite of Confirmation

As our candidates prepare for their confirmation, it is appropriate to remind ourselves of the importance of confirmation and the preparation for this rite. We reprint the information provided by Canon Berkley concerning this as well as the practice which governs the presentation of candidates here at All Saints.

Confirmation is the process of making a mature commitment to Christ. It involves preparation i.e. training in the principles of the Christian Faith, and this includes diligence in individual and corporate worship. It is presided over in its final act by the Bishop on a given date, after the candidates have been **adequately** prepared. In the Anglican Church, confirmation serves also as the rite which admits persons to Holy Communion. Those who come to be confirmed must be baptised (christened). Interested persons who have never been baptized will be prepared for baptism during the process. **All candidates must produce their baptismal certificates for verification and for the records.**

The process of confirmation is a significant process in building the church as an institution, especially in the production of mature Anglican Christians. It is therefore imperative that there is full co-operation by all: -Parents / Guardians, Grandparents, God-Parents, Congregations.

The following principles are

in effect in this parish:

(a) Confirmation preparation is undertaken at the following levels, after registration:

- I. Under 11 years to go through Sunday School.
- II. 11 years and over to attend Saturday classes, if not in Sunday School.
- III. Adult Confirmation class on Thursdays at 5:00pm.
- IV. At Bishop Anstey High School, Bishop's Centenary College, St. Ursula's Anglican Primary School and St Andrew's School.

Regular attendance at confirmation class is a part determinant of readiness for confirmation.

- (b) Candidates must be equipped with notepad, pen / pencil, Book of Common Prayer and Bible.
- (c) Candidates must be regular at Church / Sunday School. A confirmation card will be given to each candidate to be signed by the priest at each service / Sunday school class attended during the period leading up to confirmation. Regular attendance at Church / Sunday School is a part of the determination of readiness.
- (d) Candidates will be tested on the course of instruction as part of the determination of readiness for confirmation.
- (e) The sacramental rite of Confession and Absolution must be undertaken as part of the preparation for confirmation. **It follows therefore that confirmation is not automatic but is dependent on the candidate's display readiness in the respective areas**

All Baptised Anglican Christians undertook to be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him. We simply ask here for a commitment to the vows taken by parents and godparents (infants) and by candidates themselves (adults) at baptism, in fulfilment of our work before God.

Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop

Remember our confirmation candidates in your prayers and join them on their confirmation date in renewing their baptismal vows (and yours) on 7th May 2008.

Pray for our candidates :

Alex De Freitas
Anike Mark
Anya Banfield
Cashala Joseph-Alleyne
Cindy-Lee Crichlow
Danielle Gordon
Darien Charles
Gerron Clarke
Graeme Linton
Gyasi Philbert
Jabari Mottley-Daniel
Janiere Walker
Jonathan Claverie
Joshua Joyeau
Keneisha Barclay
Kyle Samlalsingh
Lauren Dain
Liam Samlalsingh
Malaika Barclay
Nea Jobs
Rebecca Rafeek
Samantha Hyatali
Sarah Khadan
Sebastien Peterson
Shanice Letren
Stephanie Babb
Stephen George
Yannick De Freitas

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Everyday Sayings originated by Jesus:

"until kingdom come"



"You can keep arguing until kingdom come, for all I care, but I'm not changing my mind!" In modern speech, this phrase is a colourful way of saying "until the end of time", or "until the end of the world", or simply, "for ever".

"Kingdom come" is a phrase from the opening words of the Lord's Prayer – the prayer which Jesus taught his followers to pray. Jesus talked a lot about the kingdom of God, which he said had already arrived, and which was also to come in a powerful way in the future. He seems to have been talking about the life-giving reign of God in our hearts and lives, and in our communities and our world, too. "May your kingdom come" is a plea for God to be with us now, and also

a prayer of longing for God to put right all that is unjust and oppressive in our world...

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:9-10

NOTICES

Sunday 27th April -BAA "Festival of the Arts"
at Queen's Hall

Sunday 4th May-Family Day Church grounds
and environs

Saturday 10th May -Day of Renewal at
Bishop Anstey High / Trinity College East

Thursday 22nd May- Diocesan Family Day in
Tobago

30th May - Rahel Moore's Concert at
All Saints'

Q & A

If Jesus was so good, how come his followers have been so bad?

Yes, sorry about that.

Many people and organisations throughout history have been inspired by Jesus to do wonderful things and change the world for the better. Many others have done all kinds of evil and stupid things in his name.

What's going on here?

One answer is that the church has been around for 2,000 years and presently has 2 billion members. Any body that size and age is going have a mixed record.

Another is that it's always hard for ordinary followers to live up to the standards of their extraordinary leaders. And every movement, however good, risks falling into the wrong hands at some point. What would Marx have thought of Stalin's Russia, or Muhammad of al-Quaida, or Moses of the current state of Israel?

Basically, people are a problem.

SAINTS' PASSAGES MARCH 2008

BAPTISMS

Ranelle Leslie Bacchus March 2

WEDDINGS

Rachel Macintosh & Jason Wilmot March 1
Natasha Nicholas & Kester Melville March 15

FUNERALS

Lancelot Heath March 6
Elaine 'Cooksie' Smith March 10
Randolph Windsor March 13
Letitia Downer March 14
Edison Gilchrist March 28

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Family Day 2008

The Family Day this year will be held on Sunday 4th May in commemoration of the dedication of the church. Apart from raising funds to assist with the cost of the electrical up-grade, the Special Events Committee is working feverishly on a number of activities which will attract all the families of All Saints', as well as their relatives and friends. The day starts with our usual 6.00am service and then the main service at **8.00am** where we have a guest speaker who will speak of the theme of family life. After this service, the stalls will be blessed and activities will begin. Of course breakfast and lunch will be on sale. There will be a number of stalls to attract both adults and children. Each organisation within the parish has been asked to host a stall as well as our three (3) parish

schools. Our stalls include Punch-board – for both adults and children -, Pick-a-card, Tin pan Alley, Bran-tub, Books, Bread & Cakes, Hotdogs, Plants, Market produce, Bingo and Bouncy castle. There is also a Small Goal competition and a Talent competition especially for the youth of this parish and the Northwest region. It is hoped that these activities will attract more of our young people to come out and have fun as part of the parish family. For those who want just to sit and relax, we will also provide some traditional board games. We hope that all the families of All Saints' will come together in fellowship and fun on this day.

Cherryl Jackson
Special Events Committee.

Stallholders

Bread and cakes

Mothers' Union- Pamela Townsend

Ice Cream

Prayer Group – Betsy-Ann Peterson

Books

Roberta White & Annette Campbell

Breakfast

Sanctuary Guild - Pamela Sampson

Hot dogs

Roxane Lee Affonso & family

Punch Board

Barbara Johnson & Mary Morris

Bottle Stall

Sanctuary Guild

Plants

Catherine Simonet

Bar

Len Marshall

Bran Tub

St Cecelia's

Junior Punch Board

St. Ursula's

Market

Mr. & Mrs. Holford

Tin Pan Alley

Sunday School

Bouncy Castle

Pan Ensemble

Hoop-La

Lenore Harris

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The Bishop Anstey Association's "A Festival of the Arts"

The Bishop Anstey Association is a non-profit organization operated by the Diocese of the Anglican Church in Trinidad & Tobago.

Established over 75 years ago, under the auspices of its great benefactor, Bishop Arthur Henry Anstey, the Association has been the umbrella body governing most of our Anglican secondary schools as well as one private primary school, Bishop Anstey Junior School in Cascade.

Under the guidance of his Lordship Bishop Calvin as its Chairman, the Council of the Association has been seeking to draw attention to the role that the organization has played in the education of our children over the years, towards the benefit of our schools.

Recently, our Anglican schools have performed exceedingly well in the performing arts arena, having copped several titles at the 2008 Music Festival, Sanfest 2007 and other competitions. To celebrate these wonderful successes we have decided to host a concert of our winning performers entitled

"A Festival of the Arts", to be held at Queen's Hall, St.

Ann's on Sunday April 27th at 5:00p.m.

We are very excited about this event since it will be an opportunity to showcase the tremendous talent of our schools.

Tickets for our 'Festival of the Arts' concert, are on sale at \$150, at any of the Association's schools (excepting Bishop's Tobago), at parish offices or at the Diocesan Office, Hayes Street.

It is our hope and expectation that this function will stimulate interest in the Bishop Anstey Association and its work in the development of the youth of our country. At the same time, they are also aimed at raising much needed funds to continue to support our efforts. Our schools all have excellent reputations, but are all in need of modernization, if we are to sustain the high levels of achievement that have been their hallmark over the years.

*We trust that we shall have your fullest support and thank you for your time and attention.
Sincerely,*

*Mrs. Wendy-Fae Thompson
Secretary
Bishop Anstey Association*

The Genesis Quiz

You studied the first book of the Bible when you were a child, but how much of it do you *really* remember? Take this quiz and find out.

Q1. Which of the following would not have been created on the sixth day?

- Goldfish
- Zebras
- Human Beings
- Coyotes

Q2. What mountain did Noah's ark come to rest upon?

- Sinai
- Nebo
- Scopus
- Ararat

Q3. What creature guards Eden after Adam and Eve are expelled?

- Seraph
- Unicorn
- Cherub
- Satan

Q4. What was Abraham's original name?

- Abimelech
- Noah
- Abram
- Abba

Q5. Which of the following is NOT a son of Jacob?

- Naftali
- Hezekiah
- Issachar
- Simeon

Answers posted on website under "BIBLE QUIZ".