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News & Events



England's Bishop Mike Hill to Preach Sunday at 5 and at Noonday this Week

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Help Still Needed for Lenten Lunches

There are still opportunities to serve in this great tradition, the proceeds of which benefit Advent Outreach ministries. See page 2 for details on how you can help.



A Word from Canon Pearson

All of us have sung the great hymns of John Newton and William Cowper, but few of us know the story behind their collaboration on the *Olney Hymnal*. This volume introduced the world to hymns like "Amazing Grace," "Oh for a Closer Walk with God," and "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood," among many others. One, however, is worth drawing attention to: "I Asked the Lord that I Might Grow."

While Newton and Cowper were writing the hymns for the hymnal, Cowper went insane and was institutionalized. In spite of this setback, Newton labored on and intended that the hymnal might also be a "monument" to his friendship with Cowper. In spite of his best intentions, Newton found that the "mysterious providence of God has seen fit to cross (his) wishes." Unable to complete the hymnal without Cowper's assistance, he laid down the work.

However, in the midst of this disappointment, when it seemed that God did not want this work to proceed, Newton prayed:

My grace is sufficient for thee...

*I asked the Lord that I might grow
In faith, and love, and every grace;
Might more of his salvation know,
And seek, more earnestly, his face.*

*Instead of this, he made me feel
The hidden evils of my heart;
And let the angry pow'rs of hell
Assault my soul in every part.*

*Yea more, with his own hand he seemed
Intent to aggravate my woe;
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,
Blasted my gourds, and laid me low.*

*Lord, why is this, I trembling cried,
Wilt thou pursue thy worm to death?
"Tis in this way, the Lord replied,
I answer prayer for grace and faith.*

*These inward trials I employ,
From self, and pride, to set thee free;
And break thy schemes of earthly joy,
That thou may'st find thy all in me."*

PTL for the honesty of John Newton. "Growth" in the Christian life is, more often than not, an acknowledgment of our total dependence on God's grace over our sinful selves. This Lent, would that we would throw ourselves wholly upon Jesus and his grace.

- Andrew

- 2 Corinthians 12:9

This Sunday:

February 26, 2012

First Sunday in Lent

Services:

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Canon Smalley will preach at all morning services.

5:00 p.m. Evening Service

Preacher: Bishop Mike Hill

Adult Education: 10:10 - 10:50 a.m.

The Dean's Class (Refectory) - *The Great Delusion: Thinking About the End Game* - The Rt. Rev. Michael Hill, Bishop of Bristol, England

The Newcomers' Class (Living Room) - *How Do We Change?* - Dean Limehouse

Trinity Bible Study - An Open Study of Luke/Acts (Diocesan Conference Room) - "I saw Satan fall." - Jon Harbuck and Steve Tilghman

Gideon: Regret, Repentance, and Self-Awareness (Assembly Hall) - *Part 1 of 4* - Canon Pearson

Children's & Youth Education:

Classes are offered for 3-years and older. See Sunday's service leaflet for details. Nurseries are open 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Lectionary:

Psalm 25:1-9

Genesis 9:8-17

1 Peter 3:18-22

St. Mark 1:9-15

The 9:00 a.m. service is broadcast live on WERC 960 AM, 105.5 FM, and www.WERCFM.com.

Sermon texts and audio recordings are available at www.AdventBirmingham.org.



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



serving & outreach

Lenten Preaching and Lunches

We Still Need Volunteers

Lent is here, and we still need volunteers in many areas. You can help wait tables, make entrees and salads, chop chicken, or substitute when regular workers are sick or out of town. We need:



- Wait Staff - Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.
- Dessert Servers - Wednesdays and Fridays, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.
- Express Cashier - Mondays, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

To sign up, please stop by the Lenten Lunches table in Clingman Commons this Sunday or contact Tanya Cooper (tmcetal@aol.com, 871-6800).

Childcare Offered Monday and Thursday

Childcare will be available each Monday and Thursday during Lent from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. After dropping off your little one(s), you can use the time to volunteer to help prepare and/or serve our Lenten Lunches, or you can go to hear the speaker and have lunch with your friends. *Reservations are required* and may be made by contacting Leslie Housman (492-3504, Leslie.Housman@gmail.com).

Local Outreach

Helping to Build a Habitat House

Join us in partnership with Habitat for Humanity and the Central Alabama Long-Term Recovery Committee as we build a house with Mary Patterson (*photo*), a grandmother whose Pratt City home was destroyed in the April 2011 tornadoes.



We need workers for six Saturday workdays, beginning February 25. Look for the sign-up table in Clingman Commons Sunday or visit www.AdventBirmingham.org for details. To volunteer, contact Lee Hoerner (lee.hoerner@gmail.com) or Charlie Saunders (saundersrealty@aol.com). To make monetary or in-kind donations, call Carol Williams at 443-8550.

Parking During Lent

During Lent the Advent's parking lot at the corner of 6th Avenue North and Richard Arrington Jr. Boulevard (21st Street) is especially hard-pressed. We must accommodate volunteers making deliveries for Lenten Lunches and other short-term visitors to the church and Day School. We also must maintain access for emergency vehicles and adequate space to get the shuttle bus in and out.

You can help! Please do not block any parking spaces, entrances, or exits at any time.

Parking is available at reasonable rates at meters and at a number of lots and decks within a block of the Advent. Thank you for your cooperation.



spiritual growth & fellowship

Guild Meetings

St. Amelia's Guild will meet Tuesday, February 28, 11:00 a.m. at Restoration Academy. Guild members will have lunch and an informational meeting about RA. For more information, contact Anna Colin at colvin1932@att.net.

St. Bridget's Guild will attend the Lenten Preaching service together on Thursday, March 1, 12:05 p.m., to hear Bishop Mike Hill. Following the service, guild members will have lunch together in the Refectory and discuss plans for their supper party on April 22.

Pastoral Notice: If you are going into the hospital, have need of prayer or counsel, or have a family member unable to attend church, please call the Pastoral Care Office at 226-3500.

Easter Walk

Walk the Walk on Palm Sunday

Save the date! Make plans to join us for the Easter Walk on Palm Sunday, April 1. We will gather at 3:45 p.m. for worship and arts and crafts. Guided tours through six reenacted scenes of Christ's life during Holy Week will begin at 4:00 p.m. sharp. Plan to stay and worship at the Five O'Clock Service.

We need three or four Tour Guides to lead groups of 15-to-20 people through the Easter Walk. Please contact Elizabeth Wilson (226-3547, elizabeth@cathedraladvent.com) for more information or to volunteer.

Fellowship Groups

20s and 30s Groups Combine for Gathering

The Saints and Sinners (30s and early 40s) will join with the Advent 20-Somethings for an evening with Lenten Noonday speaker the Rev. Jacob Smith on Thursday, March 8, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Frank and Caroline Springfield, 612 Dexter Avenue. Mr. Smith is Associate Rector of The Parish of Calvary-St. George's in New York City. To RSVP or ask questions, please email adventsauntsandsinners@gmail.com.

Men's Ministries

Register for the Spring Hike Online

Register for the Spring Men's Hike at our website, www.AdventBirmingham.org. The hike is set for Thursday-Sunday, April 19-22. For more information, contact Canon Gibbes (226-3549, gibbes@cathedraladvent.com).

By grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God - not because of works, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9



making music

Choral Evensong for Lent

Traditional Anglican Service Set for March 4



The Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Evensong for Lent on Sunday, March 4, 4:00 p.m. in the Nave. The music will include the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D by George Dyson and "Pilgrims' Hymn" by Stephen Paulus. Canon Gibbes will officiate. Parking will be available in

the Financial Center deck. You are warmly invited to attend this sung service of Evening Prayer.

Make me to know thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.
Lead me in thy truth, and teach me,
for thou art the God of my salvation;
for thee I wait all the day long.

- Psalm 25:4-5



education

Youth Sunday School

Forum on Sr. High Sunday School this Sunday

Cameron Cole and Elisabeth Elliott will host a forum for 9th-12th graders in the Undercroft during the Sunday School hour (10:10-10:50 a.m.) this Sunday, February 26, to discuss ways we can improve Sunday School. Please make an effort to attend and share your ideas. Breakfast will be provided.

Confirmation

Youth Confirmation Retreat March 3-4

Our 6th graders going through Confirmation will go on a retreat Saturday-Sunday, March 3-4, at Camp McDowell. For more information, contact Cameron (cameron@cathedradaladvent.com, 226-3545), Elisabeth (elliott@cathedradaladvent.com, 443-8563), or Confirmation table leaders.

Advent Small Groups

DVD on Book of Revelation Available

Has your group avoided tackling the Revelation of John? Good news - new in the Advent Resource Library: Heidi Kinner's four-part DVD series on Revelation. Unpack this awe-inspiring book with our gifted former Vice Dean! Contact Marilyn Dixon (marilyn@cathedradaladvent.com) for details.

Book Group

The Advent Book Group will meet Wednesday, March 21, to discuss William Faulkner's *The Sound and the Fury* (available through the Book Store). New participants are always welcome. Call John Adams at 321-1236 for details.



worship

Lenten Noonday Preaching

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Bishop Hill loves sports and music; he is a lifelong fan of Manchester United and a keen guitarist. He is married to Anthea, and they have five adult children and five grandchildren.



book store

Lauren Winner on Mid-Faith Crisis

Still: Notes on a Mid-Faith Crisis by Lauren F. Winner - In her memoir *Girl Meets God*, Lauren Winner chronicled her sojourn from Judaism to Christianity. Now, in *Still*, Winner describes how experiences of loss and failure unexpectedly slam her into a wall of doubt and spiritual despair: "My belief has faltered, my sense of God's closeness has grown strained, my efforts at living in accord with what I take to be the call of the gospel have come undone."

Witty, relatable, and fiercely honest, Winner lays bare her experience of what she calls the "middle" of the spiritual life. She explores why the Christian story still explains who she is better than any other story she's ever known - in the midst of the overwhelming anxiety, loneliness, and boredom of her deepest questioning about where or if God is. *Still* is an absorbing meditation combining literary grace with spiritual wisdom. It is sure to resonate with anyone looking to sustain a spiritual life in the midst of real life.

Store hours are Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Sunday, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Contact us: 323-2959, ebinfo@episcobooks.com. Visit us at any hour: www.episcobooks.com. We hope to see you in the Book Store!



calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 26 Regular Worship Schedule	27 Allen Ross Bible Study - Advent Park - 7 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rt. Rev. Michael Hill - 12:05 p.m.	28 Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rt. Rev. Michael Hill - 12:05 p.m.	29 Holy Communion - Chapel - 11:30 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rt. Rev. Michael Hill - 12:05 p.m.	Mar 1 "Sunrise Sinners" Bible Study - Refec- tory - 7 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rt. Rev. Michael Hill - 12:05 p.m.	2 Women's Bible Study - Latimer House - 9:15 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rt. Rev. Michael Hill - 12:05 p.m.	3 Habitat for Hu- manity Workday - 7:30 a.m. Confirmation Retreat - Camp McDowell
Mar 4 Regular Worship Schedule Confirmation Retreat - Camp McDowell Choral Evensong for Lent - Nave - 4 p.m.	5 Allen Ross Bible Study - Advent Park - 7 a.m. Lenten Noonay Preaching - The Rev. Stuart Latimer - 12:05 p.m.	6 Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rev. Stuart Latimer - 12:05 p.m.	7 Holy Communion - Chapel - 11:30 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rev. Jacob Smith - 12:05 p.m.	8 "Sunrise Sinners" Bible Study - Refec- tory - 7 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rev. Jacob Smith - 12:05 p.m.	9 Women's Bible Study - Latimer House - 9:15 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rev. Jacob Smith - 12:05 p.m.	10 Habitat for Hu- manity Workday - 7:30 a.m.

Every Sunday: Breakfast - Refectory, 8:00 a.m.
Monday-Friday: AA - Coe Conference Room, noon

Monday-Friday: Lenten Lunches - Refectory/Clingman
Commons, 12:05 p.m.

coming up:

•Daylight Saving Time begins ("Spring forward"): Sunday, March
11, 2:00 a.m.

•Organ Recital - Dr. Stephen G. Schaeffer: Sunday, March
25, Nave, 4:00 p.m.

transitions:

Birth: Curren Arturo Salillas, son of Jay and Emily, on Feb-
ruary 2

Regarding Memorial Gifts

Memorial gifts provide a lasting source of revenue for the Cathedral and are greatly appreciated by the families of those in whose memory they are given. Please use memorial envelopes when you can. Be sure that your name appears *exactly* as you want it listed in the *Adventurer*; also check that your address as well as the name and address of the family to whom you want the memorial acknowledged are correct.

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