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## News & Events

### Stewardship: Make Your Pledge for 2019



As we prayerfully give thanks to God for his blessings on us and our church, I invite you to participate in supporting the ministries of the Advent in 2019. Pledge cards may be placed in the offering plate at all

services the next two Sundays, October 14 and 21. You may also turn in your pledge card at the Stewardship Table in Clingman Commons, or complete it online:

[AdventBirmingham.org/Give](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Give).

- Martin Clapp, Stewardship Chairman

*What do you have that you did not receive?*

- 1 Corinthians 4:7

### Evensong Service October 18

The Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Evensong on Thursday, October 18, 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. This sung service of Evening Prayer offers a time of respite and rest in the gospel message during the week. Canon Hicks will preach and the Rev. Katherine Jacob will officiate. See page 3 for more information.



## A Word from the Dean

I recently participated in a conference that asked, "What is Anglicanism?" All the speakers represented the "conservative" end of Anglicanism, but I was surprised at the differing views that emerged. Generally, there was a division between those who saw the solution to the problems that plague the Anglican Communion as institutional and those who saw the way forward as gospel oriented, with a smattering of folks in between.

The struggle in the Anglican Communion is not because of changing culture, or false teachers, or the failure of structures to address the crisis (although they are certainly manifest and contribute to the struggle), but primarily is due to sin. And this should lift a burden from our hearts because God knows how to deal with sin. He does this through the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and it is the preaching of this gospel that brings about new life.

Anglicanism is the English witness to the biblical convictions of the Reformation. This manifests itself in our Sunday gatherings, and in all of our lives, in an especially gospel-

**For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.**

- 1 Corinthians 2:2

oriented fashion. Cranmer was insistent that the gospel not be veiled by liturgy or the traditions of the medieval church. When Cranmer heard that Stephen Gardiner, Bishop of Winchester and leader of the anti-Reformation wing in England, found the 1549 Book of Common Prayer acceptable, he began work immediately on the 1552. If Gardiner could fit his theology into the 1549, Cranmer rightly reasoned that the gospel was not clear enough and a new prayer book was needed.

Anglicanism in North America has fallen away from this commitment. By and large we are more concerned with liturgical and rubrical conformity than the preaching of the gospel. One bishop at my ordination told me, "Andrew, you can preach heresy from the pulpit in the Episcopal Church and no one will say a thing. But if you start moving the furniture around they will tear your rear end up!" Our convictions should be reversed: gospel proclamation and liturgical conformity to that message and that message alone.

It was a great encouragement to me to see that those who saw evangelism and local church ministry at the heart of renewal were the youngest presenters and those who were from Africa. This is the future of the Anglican Communion; praise God for that! - Andrew

## This Sunday: October 14, 2018

### 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Smalley

### 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Smalley

### 11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Nave. Preacher: Canon Smalley

### 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Mark Gignilliat

### 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Preacher: Canon Schneider

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

**The Dean's Class** (Nave) - *Mercy and Severity: A*

*Portrait of God and Joel and Amos* - Mark Gignilliat

**Getting to the Heart** (Chapter Room) - *The Great*

*Scandal (Luke 17:7-37; 18:15-17)* - Gil Kracke

**Sanctification as Growth in Grace** (Living Room)

- Deborah Leighton

**1 Timothy** (Assembly Hall) - *The Mediator and the*

*Mission* - Gerald Bray

**Faith and Family** (Lower School Library) - *Living*

*Differently as a Christian Family* - Collin Hansen

**Inquirers' Class** (Diocesan Conference Room) - *The*

*Lord's Supper* - Canon Schneider

### 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. At the 5:00 service, childcare is available for 5-years and younger.

### Lectionary:

Psalm 22:1-15 or Psalm 90:12-17

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Amos: 5:6-7, 10-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

St. Mark 10:17-31

Sermon and class recordings are available at [AdventBirmingham.org](http://AdventBirmingham.org).

The 9:00 a.m. service is broadcast live on WERC 960 AM, 105.5 FM, and [AdventBirmingham.org](http://AdventBirmingham.org).



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## servicing & outreach

### Habitat for Humanity



#### Help Build a House October 20

Join us on Saturday, October 20, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. as we help Habitat for Humanity build a home with the Baker family (*photo above*). The build address is 4829 Avenue R, Birmingham, 35208, in the Ensley neighborhood (much closer this year!). Come for the entire day, or just a few hours! Register at [bit.ly/2QDrdrZ](http://bit.ly/2QDrdrZ). Contact Ann Johnston ([acj2600@gmail.com](mailto:acj2600@gmail.com)), Josh Girvin ([Girvin@gmail.com](mailto:Girvin@gmail.com)), or Heather Cooper ([Heather@SaltPond.net](mailto:Heather@SaltPond.net)) with questions.

### St. Fiacre Garden Guild

#### Fall Planting Set for October 23

Please join us in the Rector's Garden at the church on Tuesday, October 23, 8:30-11:30 a.m. We will be planting our fall pansies, violas, and herbs in the beds and containers. All members and friends of the Advent are welcome! Please bring your trowel and garden gloves. Questions? Please call Susan Elliott (602-2835).



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Ageless Adventers

#### Next Third Wednesday Is October 17

Ageless Adventers, our fellowship group for seniors, will gather for the next Third Wednesday program on October 17, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Craig Smalley, the Advent's Canon Pastor and Day School Chaplain, will continue our exploration of Philippians. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Stella Schreiber (443-8558, [Stella@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Stella@CathedralAdvent.com)).



## education

### Advent Theological Lecture Series

#### Colin Buchanan to Speak October 25

The Advent Theological Lecture Series continues on Thursday, October 25, 7:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). It is our privilege to have with us again Colin Buchanan, a retired bishop in the Church of England as well as the former Principal at St. John's Theological College (Nottingham). Along with the likes of John Stott, J.I. Packer, and others, Colin is one of the leading English evangelical theologians over the last 50 years. A prominent liturgist in the Anglican Communion, he will speak to us on the theme of one of his well-known writings: "What did Cranmer think he was doing?".

### For 5th and 6th Graders

#### Class on Sex and Christian Faith November 3

The Advent will offer *The Bible Talks About That?: Sex and Christian Faith*, our sex education program for 5th and 6th graders, on Saturday, November 3, 8:30-11:00 a.m. at the church. Each child must be accompanied by at least one parent. The morning includes a program for children and a separate program for parents. Please register at [AdventBirmingham.org](http://AdventBirmingham.org). Contact Cameron Cole for more information ([Cameron@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Cameron@CathedralAdvent.com)).

### Youth Ministry

#### Jr. High "Jersey Night" this Sunday

Jr. High youth will gather for dinner, games, and fellowship this Sunday, October 14, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). The theme is Jersey Night, so come in your favorite sports jersey. For more information, contact Rachel Cain ([Rachel@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Rachel@CathedralAdvent.com)).

#### Sr. High: MLK Mission Trip Set for January 18-20

Sr. High youth will visit and serve with Widow's Harvest, a prayer and home-repair ministry in Chattanooga, Friday-Sunday, January 18-20. The cost is \$125 – scholarships are available. Sign up at [AdventBirmingham.org/Youth](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Youth). Contact Rebecca Lankford for more information ([Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com)).

### Women's Ministry

#### Julie Sparkman to Speak at Luncheon October 24

Advent Women of all ages are invited to a luncheon with Julie Sparkman on Wednesday, October 24, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Clingman Commons. Julie is a licensed counselor and speaker who authored two video series, *Idol Addiction* and *Unhitching From the Crazy Train*. With humor and transparency, Julie helps her hearers feel the radical and restorative impact of the gospel in their everyday lives and relationships. Julie will take the women of the Advent inward for her talk, entitled "It's All in Your Head."

Lunch will be \$10. RSVP for lunch and to register your child for the nursery by contacting Anita Gray by October 19 ([Anita@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Anita@CathedralAdvent.com), 443-8550). If you work and are trying to get away during a lunch break, ask Anita about the 60-minute option.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9

## making music

### Evensong

Worship "in the Beauty of Holiness" October 18



The Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Evensong on Thursday, October 18, 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. Evensong, a sung version of the Evening Prayer service, is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. This service offers an evening of respite during the week. Canon Hicks will preach, with the Rev. Katherine Jacob officiating. Come rest in the beauty of our music and find peace in the gospel message.

### Children's Choir



### Choir in Full Swing

We're so excited to see Advent kids start their choir journey! We started the new year with 24 choristers registered, our largest group in years, with room for more. We rehearse Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. at the Advent and sing in services throughout the school year. To register, please contact Betsy Pate ([Betsy@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Betsy@CathedralAdvent.com)).

### Midday Music

Melissa Lander and Charles Kennedy: Clarinet and Organ at Midday October 26



Clarinetist Melissa Lander and organist Charles Kennedy (*left*) will perform a Midday Music concert Friday, October 26, 12:30 p.m. in the Nave. Ms. Lander performs with the Washington D.C.-based National Chamber Winds, and Dr. Kennedy serves as the Advent's Associate Director of Music and Organist. They will offer a

program featuring music by Gerald Finzi, Jan Koetsier, Robert Schumann, and Leo Sowerby. All are warmly invited to this free, 30-minute performance.

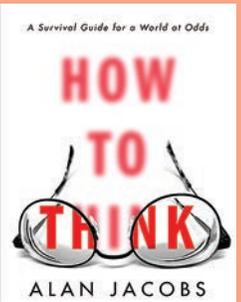


## bookstore

### Book by Alan Jacobs

Some of you were able to attend the event with Alan Jacobs at Cranmer House on October 2 (*photo below left*). For those that couldn't make it, the talks are available on our website, [AdventBirmingham.org/Audio](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Audio).

Also, the bookstore still has a few copies of *How to Think: A Survival Guide for a World at Odds*. Thinking is "the power to be finely aware and richly responsible," and this handbook by Jacobs represents a well-educated attempt to tap into that potential. For those who share Jacobs's values – thinking self-critically about one's own beliefs and being willing to empathize with those with whom one disagrees – this guide on how to navigate an intellectual landscape dominated by snap judgments and polarization will be a delight. Jacobs initially focuses on C.S. Lewis' concept of the "Inner Ring," which describes how the urge to belong to groups can promote conformity, but then branches out across the philosophical spectrum, tying in the ideas of Thomas Aquinas, Søren Kierkegaard, John Stuart Mill, and David Foster Wallace, among others. Interspersing the intellectual nuggets are colorful anecdotes. Witty, engaging, and ultimately hopeful, Jacobs' guide is needed in a society where partisanship too often trumps the pursuit of knowledge.



Regular store hours are Sunday, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., and Monday-Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Contact us: 323-2959, [Bookstore@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Bookstore@CathedralAdvent.com). Visit us any time: [AdventBirmingham.org/Bookstore](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Bookstore). We hope to see you in the Bookstore!



Visiting scholar and writer Alan Jacobs (*above, hands raised*) and Mark Gignilliat discussed "How are we to read, think, and write?" with Adventers on October 2 at Cranmer House. See "Bookstore" (*right*).

## diocesan staff

The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan, Bishop of Alabama

## advent staff

The Very Rev. Andrew C. Pearson, Jr., Dean and Rector

The Rev. Canon R. Craig Smalley, Canon Pastor and Day School Chaplain

The Rev. Canon Matthew C. Schneider, Canon for Parish Life and Evangelism

The Rev. Canon Zac Hicks, Canon for Liturgy and Worship

The Rev. Deborah R. Leighton, Director of Women's Ministries and Clergy Associate

The Rev. Katherine P. Jacob, Deacon

The Rev. Michael Weeks, Assisting Clergy

## transitions:

**Births:** Thompson Bethea Mills, son of Mark and Caroline, on August 30; Forrest Louise Pritchard, daughter of Billy and Louise, on September 27

**Marriage:** Caroline Hutchinson and Ethan Hiatt, on September 29

**Death:** Frauken Grohs Collinson, on September 14

And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

- St. Mark 10:23-27



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## calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 14 Stewardship Sunday Regular worship schedule Jr. High Youth Group - Cranmer House - 6:30 p.m.	15	16	17 Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday - Cranmer House - noon	18 Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m. Choral Evensong - Nave - 5:30 p.m.	19	20 Habitat for Humanity Workday - 8:00 a.m.
Oct 21 Regular worship schedule Sr. High Youth Family Dinner - Cranmer House - 6:57 p.m.	22	23 Garden Guild Fall Planting - Rector's Garden - 8:00 a.m.	24 Women's Luncheon - Clingman Commons - 11:00 a.m.	25 Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m. Colin Buchanan Lecture - Cranmer House - 7:00 p.m.	26 Midday Music - Nave - 12:30 p.m.	27

Every Sunday: Breakfast – Refectory, 8:00 a.m.

Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

We have more Bible studies, book studies, and groups of all kinds meeting than we can list on the calendar! Please join us in praising God for this blessing and visit [AdventBirmingham.org/BibleStudies](http://AdventBirmingham.org/BibleStudies) for a complete list of options available to you. If you have any questions, please contact Fontaine Pope ([Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com), 443-8562).