



TRINITY PARISH VISITOR

for the Weeks of 13 May thru 27 May, 2018



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday

9:00 am–3:00 pm

HOLY EUCHARIST

Sundays 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Wednesdays 12:00 PM (Chapel)

(Nursery available on Sundays)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 am

STAFF

The Rev. Bailey Norman
(Rector)

The Rev. Terry Goff
(Deacon)

Jeremy Adcock
(Organist/Choirmaster)

Br. Jacob Luke Taylor, n/OSB
(Parish Administrator)

Kathie Wall
(Financial Secretary)

Amos Kidd
(Sexton)

Kay Cruthirds
(Parish Nurse)

Anne Gill
(Director of Children's Ministries)

Mark McLean
(Youth Minister)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE RECTOR



The Vestry has been reviewing a proposal to allow the rental of Irving Hall (the parish hall) by a church plant group from Grace Community Church (GCC), a Presbyterian church in West Mobile. They have looked around Midtown for some time for a suitable space to organize their new church and became very interested in our space. In wrestling with this decision, the Vestry has been in disagreement on whether to allow this to proceed, with strong opinions on both sides. Not wanting to decide by a 7-5 vote, the Vestry consented to allow me to exercise my canonical right as Rector to make the

decision on usage of the building. As such, I have agreed to let the church plant from GCC use our space. Let me give you some information and then address the concerns that have been raised:

First, they will worship three Sunday nights a month and will be in the building roughly from 4-7 each time they meet. Their actual service will be at 5:15, with leadership planning taking place for an hour before each service. They will begin this Sunday, May 20.

While it has not been finalized, a Facilities Use Agreement will be in place with them very soon. This essentially spells out the specific terms. They will be confined to Irving Hall, the kitchen, library, nursery, and one Sunday school classroom upstairs. They are obligated to set up and take down chairs and tables each time they gather. They will be responsible for clean-up and making sure things are left "as they were". They will be allowed to place a couple of yard signs by the street on Sunday afternoons, but they will come up as soon as the service is over. They will be allowed to store a few items, but these will be clearly marked and stored in places designated by Amos and me. They will pay a monthly rental fee due at the first Sunday of each month. The agreement is a 90-day probation period, during which either side may pull out of the agreement at immediate notice if any problems develop. After that, the agreement will be renewed every six months. Along these lines, it has been made clear to them that any Trinity event scheduled on a Sunday night (e.g., Joyful Night) takes precedence over their worship time. While we will be responsible for informing them well in advance of these conflicts, they will be responsible for adjusting their schedule to accommodate our events.

One of the major objections has been the concern (like with any group) that they will cause damage or disorganization in the kitchen and in other areas. This requirement to clean and leave things as they were is not only specifically written in the agreement, but Amos will walk through and inspect each Monday morning to make sure that things have been properly cleaned, stored, and returned to their proper place. If anything is not left to his satisfaction, he will report it to me and I in turn will report it immediately to them. If the problem persists, it

will be grounds for terminating the agreement. Let me be very clear that I do not expect there to be any repeated problems. This group has their act together – they are organized, efficient, and know what they need and what they don't need. Nevertheless, the use of the building will be monitored carefully.

The concern has understandably come up that this group has some fundamentally divergent points of theology from the Episcopal church, particularly when it comes to inclusion of women in leadership and LGBT members. This concern has been addressed by your Vestry to me and by me to the leadership team of GCC. I have made it clear to them of our position as a denomination and as a parish community on these matters, and they have accepted it and assured me that, despite their denominational positions, they will make sure that no sermons or materials they produce will overtly contradict our position in any way as long as they are at Trinity. In my conversations with them, I have found them not to be focused on these things but rather on reaching out to the poor and the sick and the needy in Midtown; working to bring the Good News to people who do not have a church; and working on broadening their connections to other faith communities within Mobile. This is indeed their primary motivation for wanting to launch their church from within another church, to try to develop a sense of unity with other churches in the area. I have not sensed at all that they want to compete with us or any other church; rather, their mission is unique and one in which they hope to grow by working with other churches. Despite our differences, I feel very good about their leadership team, where their heart lies, and what they stand for. Others who have met with them, including Cindy Nicholason (Sr. Warden), Br. Jacob Luke Taylor (Parish Administrator), and David Arnett (our Property Chair), have sensed the same thing. As a result, I feel like this is a group that (perhaps) we can grow into some deeper relationship with over time and discern some mutual ministry together despite our fundamental differences.

Lastly, I want to address the fact that all the conversations I've had with the Vestry, with GCC, and with many of you have brought up what I see to be our fundamental mission priority in the near future – understanding what it means for us to be welcoming to all and inclusive to all. These are terms the Episcopal Church throws out a lot, and the welcoming one is even on our sign out front! I have had some very deep yet painful conversations with members who believe (and understandably so) that our welcoming a group who closes off boundaries to women and LGBT people seems like an endorsement of said group and might discourage people who feel marginalized from coming to Trinity. Please note that this is a valid position. However, the challenge I have made in response is that, if we only welcome those who agree with our theology or who don't make us uncomfortable in some way, does that make us really inclusive and welcoming? I do not pretend to answer that in full here, partly because it's such a huge question, but partly because it is indeed the very conversation that we should be having as a parish. Within a world that has become excessively divided by partisanship, political opinion, race, culture, and even zip code, it is an amazing witness that Trinity and the larger church can offer when we firmly decide that we CAN hold differing opinions on some fundamental things and yet still learn how to serve the same God together and perform ministry together. One of the things I brag to others about Trinity is that we (painfully) have become a church in which there are a variety of different theological and political opinions, a variety of social and economic origins, and (hopefully) a variety of races and cultures – yet at the end of the day, for the most part we get along and work together for the same goals. But that mission doesn't end because we get along with those inside our walls. How is this reflected in how we go out into the world? Through the work of many people, especially through the leadership of Deacon Terry, Trinity has engaged with so many different communities of people in the greater Mobile area. But can this diversity be reflected in how we work with other churches, without doubt the greatest



THOSE WHO SERVE

SUNDAY, MAY 20

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

ALTAR GUILD: Team 2

HOSPITALITY: Kay & Byron Cruthirds

8:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST I

SACRISTAN: Tommy Murray

LEM: Florence Crawford

LECTOR: Martha Jones

INTERCESSOR: Carmen Kearley

USHERS/GREETERS: Dana Burton, Pat Rodgers

OBLATIONERS: Meg White & Doris Benson

10:30 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST II

SACRISTAN: David Clothier

LEMS: Nathan Mussell, Steve Mussell

CRUCIFER: Philip Gill

LECTORS: Anne Gill, Elizabeth Hill

INTERCESSOR: Michel Nicrosi

OBLATIONERS: Allison & Wilson Castle

USHERS: Mike Cadden, Connie Ewing, Ricky Creel, Ben Harris

GREETER: Brenda Howard

SUNDAY, MAY 27

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

ALTAR GUILD: Team 3

HOSPITALITY: Martha Jones

8:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST I

SACRISTAN: John McLean

LEM: Butch Harbaugh

LECTOR: Steve Flukinger

INTERCESSOR: Tommy Murray

USHERS/GREETERS: Bradley English & Bryan Pearce

OBLATIONERS: Dana Burton & Ann McMormick

10:30 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST II

SACRISTAN: Bob Howard

LEMS: Tom Holmes, Ricky Creel

CRUCIFER: Tom Holmes, II

LECTORS: Jessica James, Tom Holmes

INTERCESSOR: Betsey Wooten

OBLATIONERS: Brenda & Steve Mussell

USHERS: Charlie Allen, Paige Gates, David Arnett, DG Ewing

GREETER: Paige Gates



2018 VESTRY

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OFFICERS

Cindy Nicholason
(Senior Warden)

Tom Holmes
(Junior Warden)

Brenda Howard
(Clerk)

Martha Jones
(Treasurer)

Ben Harris
(Chancellor)

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MEMBERS

Tom Holmes
Mark McLean
Cindy Nicholason
Shae Street
(terms expire in 2019)

Bradley English
Anne Gill
Ben Harris
Pat Rodgers
(terms expire 2020)

David Arnett
Mary Stewart Stephens
Anna-Lisa Tessier
Jameson White
(terms expire in 2021)

bastion of segregation and exclusivism left in our culture today? Trinity and GCC did not magically concoct this partnership; I (and others) feel strongly that we were led into this somehow. What this will look like, I do not know. What I do know is that God is leading us to explore our own work in the greater Kingdom, and perhaps it begins with looking at how we work with other members of the Kingdom who see things very differently and yet, like us, want to see the Lord at work in our lives and in the lives of the world. My commitment to you is to keep you posted on when they meet (you are invited to come if you wish!); to keep you posted on the work they are doing; but also to keep you posted on the conversations we have with them, that they may be of great benefit as we begin within the Vestry and hopefully within the greater parish to discern the “big picture” in how God is calling us to be welcoming and inclusive of all people who seek to know and live out the love and faithfulness of the Lord.

God bless,
Father Bailey

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PARISH HEADLINES

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FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, KATHIE WALL – Special Easter Offerings: During Lent and Holy Week, we remember others in our Church with special offerings.

During Lent, many have a mite box at home to put all our loose change in. All is sent to Episcopal Relief and Development to help with disasters around our world. This year we have collected **\$482.00**.

On Good Friday, the offering is sent to the Domestic and Foreign Missions to aid the Church in Jerusalem. This year we received **\$180.00**.

It has been the tradition of Trinity for many years to give the offering received on Maundy Thursday to our Altar Guild to help them maintain the linens and vessels used during our worship. This year we received **\$160.00**. Thank you for your gifts!!!

MARTHA JONES TAKES ON THE ROLE OF TREASURER– At April’s Vestry meeting, Bob Howard tendered his resignation as Parish Treasurer after three years of faithful and excellent service in that role (with two years as Sr. Warden before that!). We are deeply grateful to Bob for the tireless work he has put in not only managing our operating budget but in navigating the complexities of our tornado recovery and insurance disbursements from the reconstruction.

The Vestry has elected Martha Jones to succeed him. Martha brings a great deal of experience to the position and we are happy to have her in this new capacity. Part of her new role is to maintain transparency and, therefore, will be publishing each month a Summary Revenue and Expense Statements in the *Parish Visitor*. The first Statement follows on the next page.

Summary Revenue and Expense Statements, April 2018

Revenues

Contributions	\$37,567.00
Other Income	\$ 69.00
One Time Gift	\$10,000.00
Total Revenue	\$47,636.00

Expenses

Salaries/Benefits	\$17,348.00
Utilities/Phone	\$ 2,978.00
Repairs/Maint	\$ 8,149.00
Parish Programs	\$ 1,829.00
Worship	\$ 652.00
Outreach	\$ 1,069.00
Office/Misc	\$ 6,572.00
Total Expenses	\$38,597.00
NET	\$ 9,039.00

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN— Calling all spooks! Last year the parish hosted its first Haunted House in many years. There were a faithful few who contributed tremendous time and energy to creating props, painting, setting the scenes, dressing in character, writing, narrating, ticket sales and myriad other things along the way. We had a blast! This year we hope to take the haunted house to an even greater level of frightful fun. Our idea is to transform the church basement into Trinity’s “Dead and Breakfast Inn”. There will be a front desk check-in scene, the main parlor scene, several hotel rooms (including a bridal suite), and a kitchen/dining room scene.

We will need an old, lacy wedding gown. The more limp, discolored and/or tattered the better. If there are any yard salers or thrift shoppers in the congregation, please keep an eye out for us. Also, if anyone has a 6 ft. white artificial Christmas tree, may we borrow it?

Most of our workshops last year were held after the late service on Sundays, which seemed to work best for everyone. As the opening approached there were a few late evenings as well. I will be scheduling our first planning session soon, so if you’d like to take part in a really fun project, please contact me at cindy.nicholason@gmail.com or by calling me at 251-458-9291.

INQUIRER’S CLASS — The Inquirers Class has begun for those wishing to be confirmed later this year or want to learn more about the Episcopal church or simply want a “refresher” course. The class will take place in the parlor during the Adult Forum (9:30-10:15 AM).

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS
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Leaves Needed for Community Garden — If anyone has relatively clean bags of leaves, please bring them to use as mulch for Trinity's Community Garden. We do not want grass clippings because of the seeds that could be in them. Please put any bags behind the pallets behind the garden. There are already some bags; we would love for you to add more. If you can’t get them to the pallet, just put them along the edge of the garden and I will move them next time I am there. —Mike Cadden

Cooking Classes to Resume—Back by popular demand, David and Nancy Doolittle will be resuming their fabulous cooking classes. Please stay tuned to the *Visitor* for dates and times. If you have any questions, please contact David at Captaind353@gmail.com.

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MINISTRIES AND FELLOWSHIP
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Food Pantry— Every Monday (except holidays) we open our Food Pantry ministry for those in need. These are families or individuals who for whatever reason cannot provide food for their tables. Some are homeless, who need food that does not require cooking. There is always an opportunity for parishioners to donate money or food. In particular, there is a need for bags of rice, 16-ounce cans of fruits and vegetables, 15-ounce cans of spaghetti sauce (not jars) and canned meat (chicken or tuna) for the family bags. The homeless pantry is pretty well stocked, and we have plenty of plastic bags thanks to your help! **Your donations continue to keep the Food Pantry doors open.**

Hospitality —Trinity is committed to fostering a parish of deep hospitality and fellowship within its walls for all who come to worship the Lord Jesus. Faithful parishioners provide a scrumptious assortment of goodies, coffee, assorted teas and water between the services and following the late service. All are encouraged to participate in providing hospitality and / or joining in these times of fellowship with one another.



SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY

THE CHOIR



The ministry that the choir provides to Trinity is a gift to the church. Through this gift, we hope to enhance and enrich the worship experience of the congregation with the stunning Goulding & Wood Pipe Organ, beautiful voices, and music steeped in fine Anglican and classical traditions. We meet each Wednesday night at 7:00 P.M. to practice what we sing during Sunday service and offer solo singers’ talents to spread the Good News in this way. Anyone interested in singing in the choir, please contact me at :

music@trinitychurchmobile.org

—Jeremy Adcock, Organist Choir Master



LITURGICS

DID YOU KNOW?

“Liturgical Colors” in Episcopal worship signify our place in the Church Year:

WHITE, the color of Jesus’ burial garments, for Christmas, Easter, and other ‘feasts’ or festival days, as well as marriages and funerals.

PURPLE/VIOLET for Advent (or ROYAL BLUE) & Lent (or UN-BLEACHED LINEN).

RED is used in Holy Week, the Day of Pentecost, and at ordinations.

GREEN is used during Epiphany and the ‘Ordinary Time’ after Pentecost Sunday.

Source:

An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church

[https://](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/liturgical-colors)

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McKemie Place Dinner Ministry — Trinity has the privilege of serving the women of McKemie Place dinner once again on Wednesday, June 6. We have established a set menu for these meals and would appreciate your contribution of the items listed, money or your time. Each time we serve, we provide 7-9-piece boxes of Church's Fried Chicken, 2 gallons of potato salad, 2, 101-ounce cans of green beans (Costco has the best price on Del Monte), 60 rolls, 6 poundcakes (Costco has these in packages 3) and 2 gallons of vanilla ice cream. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Nancy (pantysd@gmail.com) or David Doolittle (dkd861@bellsouth.net).

McKemie Place Toiletry Ministry — Friends at Trinity, a belated but sincere thank you to each of you who contributed cosmetic bags and toiletries for my project for the ladies at McKemie Place. The ladies were most appreciative of your kindness. Because of the success of this project, I plan to continue it and will appreciate any contributions. Thank you again for your kindness.

—Jane Williamson

Out to Eat Supper Club —Our roving band of diners (otherwise known as the Out-to-Eat Supper Club) will again be ranging far and wide to enjoy various cuisines in the Mobile area starting in June. Date and place to be announced in an upcoming *Visitor*. Anyone interested can join in the culinary fun! You can even bring guests.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Bible Study — The Rector’s Wednesday morning Bible study meets at 11 a.m. each week. The current Bible topic to be discussed is the Gospel of Mark. Fr. Bailey continues to celebrate Holy Eucharist at noon in the chapel following the Bible Study.

Education for Ministry (EfM) —Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year education program that is designed to help us fulfill our call to love God with all our heart and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. An EfM group at Trinity meets weekly from September through May. For more information, contact David Clothier at 623-2359 or dmclothier51@gmail.com.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd — Catechesis is a wonderful program based on the Montessori method that presents the stories of the Bible and the liturgy of our church in experiential ways. Above all, it also teaches children a sense of discerning the presence of God in everyday life and learning how to understand the sacred mysteries of God all around us. There are two atria - one is for 3K thru kindergarten, the other is for 1st through 5th grades — 9:15 on Sunday mornings. Our Level I atrium (ages 3 through Kindergarten) is in need of a weekly assistant. That group is fairly young this year and we simply need an extra set of hands. It could be sitting with a child that needs one-on-one attention, escorting a child to the restroom, or lighting some candles after a child has set the altar. We are hoping to get enough parishioners signed up so that assistants will be on duty no more than once every two months. Please contact Anne Gill at 251-599-3479 or anne.gill@comcast.net if you are interested.



FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE



Kay Cruthirds, RN,

May is National Bike Month. If you are planning to drive in areas where there are bikers or ride your bike in areas of heavy traffic, read these tips from the guide **Safety Tips for Both Bicyclists and Motorists**.

BICYCLISTS —Wear a helmet: Head injuries are responsible for a majority of bicyclist deaths and serious injuries.

Use lights and reflections for riding at night. A red rear light enables drivers to see you on the road ahead. Ride with the flow of traffic. Drivers do not expect bicyclists to come from the wrong directions, and head-on crashes are often the most deadly.



SCRIPTURE

EUCCHARISTIC READINGS

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Psalms 104:25-35, 37

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Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

Psalms 29

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2nd Pentecost

1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark 2:23-3:6

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3rd Pentecost

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15),
16-20, (11:14-15)

Psalms 138

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

Use caution near driveways, alleys, and parked cars. Slow down and make eye contact with motorists when possible. Never ride impaired. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration one out of four bicyclists killed on the road had blood levels over the legal limits.

DRIVERS—Don't drive distracted. Stow your phone before you get behind the wheel. Look for bicyclists when turning right. Slow down and obey speed limits. Allow 3 feet of space when passing a bicyclist, just as you would a car. Always look for passing bicyclists before opening your car door when parked on the street, especially if you are next to a bike lane.

—Source: Clay Ingram, *Alabama Journey*, May/June 2018, pg. 8



REFLECTIONS ON MINISTRY



ALTAR GUILD

By Ann McCormick

Being a member of Trinity Episcopal Church Altar Guild allows me the opportunity to serve in God's sanctuary and set His table for all to receive Holy Communion. While I have been a member of Trinity for many years, (baptized, confirmed and married in the Episcopal Church) I did not know answers to "why and how" we set the Lord's Table for Sunday worship service until I joined Altar Guild. This ministry has allowed me to learn, grow in my faith and serve with members of my Church family. I consider it an honor and a privilege to be on our Altar Guild.

I found the prayer below that I would like to share with my team members and others who serve on this ministry:

NATIONAL ALTAR GUILD PRAYER

*Most gracious Father Who has called me Your child to serve
in the preparation of Your Altar, so that it may be a suitable place
for the offering of Your Body and Blood.
Sanctify my life and consecrate my hands so that I may worthily handle
Those Sacred Gifts, which are being offered to You.
As I handle holy things, grant that my
whole life may be illuminated
and blessed by You, in whose honor I prepare them,
and grant that the people who shall be blessed by their use,
May find their lives drawn closer to Him Whose Body and Blood
is our hope and our strength,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

The Rt. Rev. E. Don Taylor

Vicar Bishop of New York City, All Saints' Day, 2002

If you would like to serve on the Altar Guild, please contact Fr. Bailey.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

“Brethren, pray for us.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:25

We should all pray for one another without ceasing. The prayers of one person for another is a beautiful gift. Prayers of intercession are understood as prayers that “brings before God the needs of others” (BCP, *Catechism*, 857). The Trinity Parish Prayer List is below. Please take a few moments and remember your brothers and sisters in Christ in prayer.

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We ask your prayers for these members of our Parish Family:

Tracey Taylor, Cindy Nicholason, Barbara Duhé, Bill Duhé, Brenda Howard, Kay Cruthirds, Sally Lau, Katherine Galanos Vickers, Juanita Faith, Bob Pitts, Janelle Odom, Billye Howard, Mark Mustin, John McLean, Kerry Senne Logan, Nazareth Diaz, Heather Loper, Cristi Curenton, Bootsie Laffre, Gay Price, Libby Powell, Dottie Gill, Vickie McCormick, Sara Spottswood, Ruth Wimberly, Catherine Hall, the Diocese of the Dominican Republic, and St. George’s Baghdad.

Also keep in your prayers: Bernie Kavanaugh, Tami Davenport, Margaret Barnes, Mary Jo Ashcraft, Alan Bunt, Doug July, Ronnie Stokes, Joyce Ladner, Gwendolyn Smith, Karen Andrews, Arian Lord, Angie Hall Storey, Nancy Sewell, Polly Johnson, The Rev. Edward Scully, Susanna Steward, Kellie Boudreaux, Karyn Weschler, Cindy Morris, Linda Trawick, John Guess, Lonnie Brown, August Rowland, Charlie Williams, Kyle Mixon, Leigh Bailey, Jim & Edwina Robertson.

For the departed:

And for those currently serving in the Armed Forces: Owen Taylor, Jennings DePriest, Travis Amsbaugh, Matthew Anderson, Arielle Weaver, Thomas Ishee, Noah Weaver, Jacob Corbett, Scott Rye, Kevin O’Rourke, Brittany Vance, and Charles Allen.



CATECHISM CORNER

Q. What is the Holy Eucharist?

A. The Holy Eucharist is the sacrament commanded by Christ for the continual remembrance of his life, death, and resurrection, until his coming again.

Q. Why is the Holy Eucharist called a Sacrifice?

A. Because the Eucharist, the Church’s sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, is the way by which the sacrifice of Christ is made present, and in which he united us to his one offering of himself.

—The Book of Common Prayer, 859

Each edition of *The Parish Visitor* features a question and answer from the “An Outline of Faith, commonly called the Catechism.” It is a good and joyful thing to remind ourselves from time to time of the beliefs and values we hold dear as members of the Episcopal Church.