

# Wales Tales

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*Proclaiming and Practicing the Historic Faith – Traditional Anglican Worship*

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## **FROM OUR RECTOR**

Dear Parish Family and Friends:

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! We find ourselves about halfway through this season of Easter. This is truly the most joyous time on the Church calendar. The essence of the Christian life and faith is the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The fullness, meaning and purpose of the Easter season is fulfilled during these great 50 days. God loves His creation so much that He could not allow sin, death and destruction to destroy that creation and so, out of sacrificial love He sent His only begotten Son who willingly died for our sins so that we might have eternal life. Sacrificial love. Isn't that the definition of love? Sacrifice. And the definition of sacrifice is love. We have a savior who has exemplified the meaning of sacrificial love by His one act of love on the cross for you and me and the whole world. We do not worship a far away God but a God who sent Himself in the form of His Son so that He might be revealed to us. We are part of something called a revealed religion. Christianity is a faith wherein God reveals Himself to His believers in an important and substantial way through the Cross of Christ.

In a very short period of time (18 days to be exact), we will have an opportunity to observe three Principal Feasts of the Church; Ascension Day, The Day of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. The Church has only seven Principal Feasts, which are the most important times and observances in the Church year. Ascension Day is set aside to observe our Lord ascending into heaven to sit in His rightful and designated place, at the right hand of His Father. How glorious it is when everything in the Scriptures are fulfilled when Jesus ascends to the Father to intercede on our behalf. We will have two observances this year, a Solemn High liturgy on the eve, Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the church and again at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel on Thursday morning, May 19. The translation of the word Pentecost literally means 50 and is the 50th day after Easter when the gift of the Holy Spirit was realized when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles as they were empowered to be the Church. We observe Pentecost this year on Sunday, May 23 and the parish is asked to wear red that day. Trinity Sunday is the following Sunday, May 30 when the Church observes the Trinitarian nature of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

One preferred way of being a faithful Christian in these days and times is to attend all three of these Principal Feasts of the Church. Can you imagine the witness that could be made by all of God's people being present and fed spiritual food on those days the Church says are most important. We are Resurrection people and have a story to tell to those who listen that there is a God who loves them and cares for them in their darkness hours when all seems bleak in the world. Say your prayers, be fed by the sacraments of the Church and go make a witness for the Risen Lord! May God bless you in this ministry that we share in this place.

See you in church during these great fifty days of Easter and after.

Faithfully,

Canon H.W. Herrmann, SSC, VI Rector

**Ascension Day Liturgies**—observance and celebration of Ascension Day will first take place on the eve of Ascension Day, on Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the church with a Solemn High Mass and again Thursday morning with a Low Mass in Saint Augustine Chapel at 9:30 a.m. This is one of seven Principal Feasts of the Church and has a higher place on the calendar than a normal Sunday celebration. We encourage the faithful to gather at one of those two times as we remember our Lord ascending into heaven after his post Resurrection appearances. See you next week.

**Pentecost Sunday**—the day the Church observes when the Holy Spirit was made manifest among God's people. We observe this Principal Feast of the Church on Sunday, May 23 and the parish is asked to wear something red that day.

**Trinity Sunday**—will be celebrated and observed Sunday, May 30. We will also recognize the very fine priestly service of Father Seatvet to the parish, along with his faithful wife Dana after the 10:30 a.m. liturgy during a brief reception in the parish hall.

**YOSD Rummage Sale and Carnival**—the Youth of Saint David and their adult sponsors wish to thank the parish for their support of their fundraiser and outreach events that have taken place the past few weeks. The youth continue to have a strong presence at our parish as they are not only the Church of tomorrow but they are also the Church today, valued and loved.

**Recognition Sunday**—on Sunday, May 23, during the 10:30 a.m. liturgy, we will not only celebrate Pentecost but we will also recognize our graduating seniors, the Sunday School, and the many members of our various organizations who have contributed to Saint David's during the past year. All heads of organizations should prepare remarks for that day. If you have any questions, please contact Holly in the parish office.

**Calling All Graduates**—if you have someone in your family who is graduating from high school or college, please advise the parish office immediately to be included in the Recognition Sunday bulletin so that they may be recognized for their accomplishments.

**Mother's Day Celebration**—will be observed this Sunday, May 9, The Sixth Sunday in Easter with a special coffee hour with simnel cake. A brief description follows:

Simnel Cakes seems to date back to mid-medieval times. The origins of the word simnel are obscure but the best guess is that simnel comes from the latin word 'simila', which means a fine flour which is what was used to make simnel cakes. Both the French and the English baked simnel cakes on Sundays during Lent in the run up to Easter. In England the simnel cake was only baked on Mothering Sunday (the fourth Sunday in Lent) and was given as a mother's day gift.

This will be one of the gifts for our Mother's that day.

**Quarterly Giving Statements**—Giving statements for the first quarter of 2010 are now available. If you have signed up for a login and password for the Member Portal then you will be able to access and print your complete giving statement at any time. If you need a login and password, or if you do not wish to use this service, and would like your statement mailed, please contact Holly in the parish office.

**Pilgrimage: Canterbury to Walsingham to Wales and Back?**—several of our members have asked about taking a pilgrimage to a couple of our favorite destinations in the British Isles: Canterbury, Walsingham, England and Saint David's Cathedral in Wales. These two locations are two of the most popular in Britain and if enough members would consider making this pilgrimage, we could go as early as next summer in 2011 for about 10-12 days in length. If you have had the thought or dream of making such a pilgrimage, now is the time to start

saving and planning. Please e-mail either the Rector at [fatherherrmann@stdavidsdenton.org](mailto:fatherherrmann@stdavidsdenton.org) or the parish office at [office@stdavidsdenton.org](mailto:office@stdavidsdenton.org) to have your name placed on a preliminary list to go. Details and prices will be forthcoming and published in a later edition of Wales Tales. This will be an exciting opportunity for our parish.

**Summer Vacations???**—If you and your family will be doing any traveling this summer, please contact the parish office so that we may add your name to our prayer list for safe travel.

## Christian Education News

**Christian Education**—Sunday School meets at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday in the Chapel. The last day of Sunday School for this semester is Sunday, May 16. Recognition Sunday will be on May 23, Pentecost Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. We will be recognizing all of our students, teachers, and volunteers during this time.

**Vacation Bible School**—VBS will take place June 7 through June 11. Come and join us as we follow Joseph on his journey in Egypt from Pharaoh's prison to the palace. Registration is available online at [www.stdavidsdenton.org/christianeducation](http://www.stdavidsdenton.org/christianeducation) or you can pick up a registration form in the narthex. We are asking the parish for donations of supplies for VBS: Capri Suns, toilet paper, paper towels, a wheelbarrow, various sizes of watermelon, ropes, a stuffed animal which will not be returned, vaseline, large car sponges, gauze, plastic balls that will float; for snacks we are in need of cheese chunks, crackers, pretzels M&M', resalable plastic sandwich bags, grapes, and olives.

We are also in need of volunteers to help with VBS. If you are able to assist in any way please contact Leslie Latham at 940.453.2589. This is a wonderful ministry and outreach opportunity for our church. Please join us.

**Summer Church Camp**—the Rector will once again be a part of the summer church camp at Camp Crucis in Granbury, Texas this summer during the week of July 11-16th. The Confetti I session will be for students, K - 6th grades and allows families with multiple children of a variety of ages to attend camp together. Applications and forms can be obtained through the parish office. Scholarships are available, please see the Rector.

## Ministries and Organizations

**Daughters of the King**—The Daughters of the King will meet on Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 a.m. Our guest will be Shirley DeDoes, speaking to us on the subject of quiet time.

**Apple Tree Project**—As our summer service project, the **Daughters of the King** are hosting the Apple Tree Project from **June 15 to July 15**. This project, administered through Interfaith Ministries of Denton, strives to provide back-to-school essentials for under-privileged children in the Denton Community. Beginning June 15, you will find on the DOK bulletin board in the parish hall an "apple tree." Each apple represents a child whom you can "adopt" by providing two new sets of school clothes. The name of the child and sizes are on the back of each apple. When you adopt your "apple", fill out the sheet designating which apple you adopt, do your shopping, return the identified bagged items before July 15, and the DOK will deliver them to Interfaith Ministries for distribution. In addition to the new clothing, these children are also provided with a complete set of school supplies, a backpack, and a voucher for a new pair of shoes. Two or more individuals may "share" an adoption, or if you would rather not shop, a monetary donation towards these other items would be most appreciated. Make your check out to Saint David's, put "Apple Tree Project" in the memo, and deposit it in the envelope on the DOK bulletin board in the Parish Hall or in the offering plate. Interfaith Ministries' goal for 2010 is to provide at least 1,000 DISD children with these essentials, and the DOK thanks you for your help in their meeting of this goal.

**Women of Saint David's**—The next WOSD meeting is May 22. Breakfast goodies begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Don't forget to bring your "Thank

Offerings" -- we will collect the thank boxes (or your checks!) and vote on the distributions of those funds. WOSD has camp scholarship money set aside and it's not too early to start thinking about if your child wants to attend camp. Scholarships will be discussed at the meeting. All women who attend Saint David's are members of the WOSD and we hope you'll join us Saturday, May 22. For more information please contact Delie Fisher.

**WOSD Summer Used Book Sale**—The Women of Saint David's are looking for your used books and magazines. Books & magazines will be sold on the cart June 6 through June 14 at low prices. All money raised will go to the WOSD. All types of books are welcome, fiction, non-fiction, children's picture books, cookbooks, coffee table books, craft books, etc. Old magazines, in fair to good condition, are welcomed as well. Please no used activity or coloring books. Please place books & magazines on the cart. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Sims at 940.898.1138.

**Golden Nook**—There are currently a few time slots open to work at the Golden Nook. If you feel called to serve in this way, please contact Linda Touraine at 940.382.2951. The openings are during the coffee hours following the 10:30 a.m. liturgy on the first and fifth Sundays and following the 5:00 p.m. liturgy.

## Youth News

**Youth of Saint David's**—the Spring Rummage Sale and May Day Kid's Carnival were a huge success! Thank you to all of the parishioners who helped us and came out to support the youth.

Our last activity before summer break will be the Summer Kick Off on Saturday, May 22. The Kick Off "Beach Party" will be a pool party and cook out at the home of Robert and Geri Chafin and we would like to encourage all of the parents to join us. If you can help by offering to bring chips, drinks, side dishes, plastic flatware, or plastic cups, please contact us over the next couple of weeks to list what item you will be bringing so we can keep the other parents updated when they inquire about our remaining needs. Robert and Geri live at 7961 Chasewood Lane in Aubrey.

We have had a tremendous year filled with fellowship, outreach and growth. We look forward to God's plan for us in the year to come. The summer is a well deserved break for all of us, a great time to reflect and rest in our Lord. We are excited about our summer retreat with the musical passion play. If you plan on your child making this trip it is Friday - Sunday, July 23-25, you may put them on the list as soon as May 23. If you feel called to help or get involved in any of our activities please call Scott and Jeanie Porter at 940.387.5513, or Autumn Rainey at 940.395.8233.

**Soldier's Angels**—Our youth group is putting together a package for a soldier each month; below is a list of some items that would work great for his care package. You may send them with your child to our youth group meetings, or leave them in the box in the parish hall. Thank you for all of your support and help as we work to involve your youth in a worthwhile cause. Blankets, Phone Cards, Slippers, Cards and letters of encouragement, T-Shirts(solid gray or black), Lounge pajamas, Hand held games, Snacks, Chapstick, Personal hygiene items, Lotions, Backpacks, Bug repellent, Magazines, CD Players, CD's and DVD's, and Gift cards to Walmart, Target, etc.

## Saint of the Month

**Dame Julian of Norwich**  
**May 8**

The Lady Juliana was born about 1342, and when she was thirty years old, she became gravely ill and was expected to die. Then, on the seventh day, the medical crisis passed, and she had a series of fifteen visions, or "showings," in

which she was led to contemplate the [Passion of Christ](#). These brought her great peace and joy. She became an  [anchoress](#), living in a small hut near to the church in [Norwich](#), where she devoted the rest of her life to prayer and contemplation of the meaning of her visions. The results of her meditations she wrote in a book called [Revelations of Divine Love](#). During her lifetime, she became known as a counselor, whose advice combined spiritual insight with common sense, and many persons came to speak with her. Since her death, many more have found help in her writings. The precise date of her death is uncertain.

Her book is a tender meditation on God's eternal and all-embracing love, as expressed to us in the Passion of Christ. She describes seeing God holding a tiny thing in his hand, like a small brown nut, which seemed so fragile and insignificant that she wondered why it did not crumble before her eyes. She understood that the thing was the entire created universe, which is as nothing compared to its Creator, and she was told, "God made it, God loves it, God keeps it." She was concerned that sometimes when we are faced with a difficult moral decision, it seems that no matter which way we decide, we will have acted from motives that are less than completely pure, so that neither decision is defensible. She finally wrote: "It is enough to be sure of the deed. Our courteous Lord will deign to redeem the motive."

A matter that greatly troubled her was the fate of those who through no fault of their own had never heard the [Gospel](#). She never received a direct answer to her questions about them, except to be told that whatever God does is done in Love, and therefore "that all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well." Speaking of her visions of heaven and hell, she said, "To me was shown no harder hell than sin." Of our response to the sins of others, she said (ch. 76): "The soul that would preserve its peace, when another's sin is brought to mind, must fly from it as from the pains of hell, looking to God for help against it. To consider the sins of other people will produce a thick film over the eyes of our soul, and prevent us for the time being from seeing the 'fair beauty of the Lord'-- unless, that is, we look at them contrite along with the sinner, being sorry with and for him, and yearning over him for God. Without this it can only harm, disturb, and hinder the soul who considers them. I gathered all this from the revelation about compassion...This blessed friend is Jesus; it is his will and plan that we hang on to him, and hold tight always, in whatever circumstances; for whether we are filthy or clean is all the same to his love." "Glad and merry and sweet is the blessed and lovely demeanor of our Lord towards our souls, for he saw us always living in love-longing, and he wants our souls to be gladly disposed toward him . . . by his grace he lifts up and will draw our outer disposition to our inward, and will make us all at unity with him, and each of us with others in the true, lasting joy which is Jesus." -- Julian of Norwich

The following was translated by Liz Broadwell.

And from the time that [the vision] was shown, I desired often to know what our Lord's meaning was. And fifteen years and more afterward I was answered in my spiritual understanding, thus: 'Would you know your Lord's meaning in this thing? Know it well, love was his meaning. Who showed it to you? Love. What did he show you? Love. Why did he show it? For love. Keep yourself therein and you shall know and understand more in the same. But you shall never know nor understand any other thing, forever.' Thus I was taught that love was our Lord's meaning. And I saw quite clearly in this and in all, that before God made us, he loved us, which love was never slaked nor ever shall be. And in this love he has done all his work, and in this love he has made all things profitable to us. And in this love our life is everlasting. In our creation we had a beginning. But the love wherein he made us was in him with no beginning. And all this shall be seen in God without end ...

A reader has sent the following message, which I reproduce slightly edited.

The (Anglican) [Order of Julian of Norwich](#) was founded in [Norwich, Connecticut](#), by the Revd John (Julian) Swanson. It is an order for both men and women, with an emphasis on the [Divine Office](#) and work and contemplation. It seems to be holding its own in terms of new members arriving and remaining. Their [Ordo](#) includes the lessons for every day of the Year for the Daily Office, and the Mass for every day of the year with three lessons each day!. There was a time, I understand, when [monastic poverty](#) was not only not owning things, but nearly not eating anything either. We are fortunate to have them in the Church.

John Julian has produced an annotated translation of Julian's works for devotional reading (*A Lesson of Love*), which is stupendous.

written by James Kiefer

## Prayer

Lord God, who in your compassion granted to the Lady Julian many revelations of your nurturing and sustaining love: Move our hearts, like hers, to seek you above all things, for in giving us yourself you give us all; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Parish Register

**For the Faithful Departed**—Cecil Thompson; Robert Wooldridge; Amelia Koch.

**For the Bereaved:** the Oliver and Thompson families; the Mohelnitzky and Wooldridge families; the Koch and Nichols families.

**Baptisms**—Congratulations to Sean Stafki and the Stafki family and to Joey Jones and the Jones family. Sean and Joey were baptized on April 18.

## Our Prayers and Best Wishes to those celebrating a birthday or anniversary in May!

### Anniversaries

5/5	Tommy and Pat Caruthers	5/19	Redheart and Cindy Roberts
5/11	Brent and Barbara Wingfield	5/21	Canon H.W. and Ginger Herrmann
5/17	John and Esther Andrews		Andy and Crystal Odom
	John and Meredith Cade	5/29	Harry and Barbara Hodges

### Birthdays

5/1	Brenda Holland	5/15	Lynn Hagler	5/28	Donald Pickens
5/3	Jane Arledge		Mary Bridges		Vandy Brown
	Don Reese		Delie Fisher	5/29	Caitlyn Prater
	Bob Ralph	5/16	Denise Clifford		
5/4	Phyllis Griffin	5/18	Beth Collins		
	Russell Miller	5/19	Ginny Anderson		
	Sheresa Sloan	5/21	Harry Hodges		
5/5	Bruce Lindgren		Isabella Rose		
5/6	Amanda Youngblood	5/24	Preston MacKenzie		
	Irelyn Stone	5/26	Richard Briner		
5/7	Joe Holland		Sheila Baird		
5/13	Betsy Kensinger	5/27	Keira MacDaniel		
			Chelsey Stafki		

## Financial Report from Treasurer, Jan Rousey:

These numbers were presented and approved at the April Vestry meeting.

	March Actual	March Budget	2010 Actual	2010 Budget
Income	\$36, 912	\$26, 047	\$82, 069	\$312, 603
Expense	\$29, 972	\$27, 682	\$81, 036	\$332, 259

# MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 2010

	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
<b><u>Ushers</u></b>				
8:00 a.m.	Millard	Touraine	Rousey	Touraine
10:30 a.m.	Mays Baird	Easley Odom	Mallory Hundley	Mays Baird
<b><u>Altar Guild</u></b>				
	Team II	Team III	Team IV	Team I
<b><u>LEM's</u></b>				
8:00 a.m.	Pickens	Sanders	B. Rainey	Phillips
10:30 a.m.	Dodson Mallory	Mays Hundley	Hale Johnston	Seatvet Kensinger
5:00 p.m.	Ballantine	Sager	LaCour	Hodges
<b><u>Acolytes</u></b>	<b>Team II</b>	<b>Team III</b>	<b>Team IV</b>	<b>Team Captains</b>
<b><u>Hospitality</u></b>				
8:00 a.m.	Pickens Mills	Prentice Bassett	Poinier Rainey	McMillen Ingoldsby
10:30 a.m.	Shultz Shultz	Holland Connor	Mallory Ealey	Bahnsen Kensinger
<b><u>Golden Nook</u></b>				
8:00 a.m.	Touraine	Fisher	Touraine	Touraine
10:30 a.m.	Hale	Sidor	Odom	Volunteer
5:00 p.m.	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b><u>Vestry Greeters</u></b>				
8:00 a.m.	LaCour	Pickens	Touraine	Rousey
10:30 a.m.	Johnston	Siegmund	Johnston	Andrews

## May 2010

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<b>2</b> <b>8:00 HE Rite I; 9:15 Christian Ed; 10:30 HE Rite II; 5:00 HE Rite II</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>6:30 Healing Liturgy, HE Rite II</b>	<b>6</b> <b>9:00 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I</b> <b>6:30 Adult Bible Study</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>10:30 Daughters of the King</b>
<b>9</b> <b>8:00 HE Rite I; 9:15 Christian Ed; 10:30 HE Rite II; 5:00 HE Rite II</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>6:30 Healing Liturgy, HE Rite II</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>8:00 HE Rite I; 9:15 Christian Ed; 10:30 HE Rite II; 5:00 HE Rite II</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>6:30 Healing Liturgy, HE Rite II</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>8:30 Women of Saint David's YOSD Summer Kick Off</b>
<b>23</b> <b>8:00 HE Rite I; 9:15 Christian Ed; 10:30 HE Rite II; 5:00 HE Rite II</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>6:30 Healing Liturgy, HE Rite II</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>8:00 HE Rite I; 9:15 Christian Ed; 10:30 HE Rite II; 5:00 HE Rite II</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Parish office closed Memorial Day</b>					

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**Weekly Worship and Bible Study Schedule**

**Sunday**

8:00 a.m.            \*Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:15 a.m.            Christian Education (Adults and Children)  
10:30 a.m.           \*Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
                         Children's Chapel  
5:00 p.m.            Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
                         *\*A nursery is provided for all children to age 5.*

**Monday-Thursday**

7:00 a.m.            Morning Prayer

**Wednesday**

6:30 p.m.            Evening Prayer and Healing Liturgy, Rite II

**Thursday**

9:30 a.m.            Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist, Rite I

**Mid-Week Bible Studies**

**Thursday**

6:30 p.m.            Adult Bible Study

**\*\*\*Confessions are heard by appointment**