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From Our Rector

Dear Parish Family and Friends:

“Gwnewch y pethau bychain”from a sermon of Saint David of Wales

“Do the little things.” These are words from the last sermon of our patron, Saint David of Wales or in the Welsh, Dewi Sant. I decided to Google “the little things in life” and it came back with 47,500,000 results. Dewi may have been on to something! Truly, have we stopped to appreciate those little things in life that bring us happiness and joy? Every Sunday, I have the pleasure of driving my mother home from church and one of the things she says over and over again is the beauty of God’s creation; the sky, the birds, the green grass, the wind blowing in the trees, the squirrels playing and looking for food and on and on. How often in life do we allow these simple things to pass us by?

We live in a world that constantly bombards us with news of our common life and peace; the price of gas, unemployment, unrest in the Middle East, natural disasters like earthquakes and flooding or fire, crime against people, crime against property and the list goes on and on and on. All of these things seem to be far out of our control and that elusive peace that passes all understanding is out of our reach, or is it? We live in a world and especially in a country that places a high priority on “things”. We collect “things” all our life and I don’t mean stamps and coins but the “things” we clear out of our homes and put in a garage sale or donate to anyone who will take it away. All of those “things” have a tendency to clutter up our lives and take up space. Wouldn’t it be great if the Church came up with an effective way to “spiritually de-clutter” our lives? It has and it is called Lent. It begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9 and lasts 40 days through the end of Good Friday. This is a season to de-clutter our physical lives and our spiritual lives by slowing down and taking a good hard look in the mirror and seeing the person that seems to get in our way most often – our self! The world says to grab for all the gusto as fast as you can and it will make you happy; a new home, a new car, a new wardrobe, a new waistline (courtesy of some surgical procedure), etc., etc. Happiness is a temporary emotion; joy is a gift from God.

Do the little things. I know after 60 years of life that there is little chance of me changing the world; however, I can **change myself** by doing the little things in life that will pay a huge benefit. Lent is not only a time for giving things up but also to take things on. Giving up things that distract us from the things that count more in life like working on our relationships with our God and the people He has placed around us in this life. Lent is a time when I stop pointing my finger at someone else in the world, blaming them for all my troubles and start being accountable for me to God. It is through the penitential nature of this season of Lent that we become unburdened and spiritually de-cluttered from things that don’t matter as much as God and neighbor and how to love them more. Are you ready to enter this season? Ready or not, here it comes and may we become the people God has called us to be when we come to its end. God is looking for a few good folks on which He can do a “spiritual make-over” this Lent. Could you be one of those people? This “little thing” could produce big results in your life and it begins at the altar of God.

See you in church.

Faithfully,
Canon H.W. Herrmann, SSC
IV Rector

Deacon's Corner

No Small Ministries

I was recently with a group of women discussing their ministry. One of the group told how much she admired her sister because, though she didn't have much time, she managed to have a meaningful ministry just blessing those with whom she had contact. She would simply smile, say a pleasant word, or go the extra mile to do an act of kindness. Our society has made somewhat of an art form out of being rude and unpleasant... so much so that we really notice when someone is cheerful and friendly. St. Paul said to the Church at Ephesus, "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you (4:31-32)." It doesn't take much to make someone's day. When we remember that most people are juggling job, home, kids, a tight budget, and countless other things, a smile and a hand will probably lift their spirit. Jesus said (Matthew 25) that even a cup of water would suffice, because whatever we do for another person, we do to Him. When we remember that, it's easy to do even when we are weary and out of sorts ourselves. It isn't always the grandiose well funded ministry that spreads the Kingdom of God. It is our interest in and love for God's people overflowing from our hearts that brings the Kingdom to bear in the world around us. There is no small ministry. An offer of prayer for someone is not always appropriate where we are, but after the person walks away, we can always pray for them, knowing that God will keep up with them.

Deacon Carol

Fran Millard—one of our parishioners, **Fran Millard**, is in need of a kidney transplant. She had two donors lined up, one dropped out and one wasn't a good match. The first thing that must match is blood type O positive. There is little risk to either the donor or the recipient. If you have any questions call **Fran** at 940-498-1469.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—the Men of Saint David's will host our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 8 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The cost will be \$5.00 per person and \$15.00 per family.

Lenten Discipline—are you aware that your piety and spirituality change according to the season of the Church year? Indeed they do. If we practiced our faith without the seasons of the year then the festive seasons would be the same as the penitential seasons. So what is it that we are called to do during Lent that we do differently during other seasons? From the Book of Common Prayer, page 265: *I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.*

Self examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial in particular are mentioned as a starting point to put together a Lenten rule of life. A rule of life is something like a spiritual map to guide us through the 40 days of Lent (spiritual cross-training, if you will). If we are asked to focus on the five areas that are recommended, then we will have a plan for the 40 days and an outline of what we hope to accomplish by His grace. Here are some suggested items to include in your Lenten rule:

1. Prepare and make your sacramental confession. There are brochures in the tract rack in the narthex on how to make a confession.
2. Be intentional in your prayer life and add some time to be with God each day.
3. Choose a day to fast each week. I usually choose Friday's because it is my day off and I can manage it better that way.
4. Give up things you can live without; TV, Internet, car radio, snacks during the day, your favorite beverage or food, etc., etc.
5. Take on spiritual reading from a good spiritual book or read a short passage of Holy Scripture each day.
6. Get a copy of the daily devotions in the Saint James Devotional Book in the tract rack for \$2.00 a copy.
7. Add Morning or Evening Prayer to your day from the BCP.

8. Choose a spiritual director and meet with them during Lent. Your clergy are available to consult with you about this.
9. Attend every Sunday and the Holy Week liturgies throughout the season.
10. Volunteer to help your parish or another helping organization with your time for something specific.

Lent and Ash Wednesday—the most penitential seasons of the Church Year is the season of Lent. This season prepares all Christians for the highest feast day of the year; Easter. The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday, March 9 when we receive the sign of the cross on our foreheads representing our mortality and our sinfulness. We will have three liturgies for you to choose from on that day, 6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. Join us on this, the first day of a forty day season that leads us to the cross of Christ and ultimately the empty tomb. Come and see.

Tuesday Evening Lenten Program and Soup Suppers—during the five Tuesdays in Lent, minus the Tuesday in Holy Week, we will gather for our annual Lenten series of prayer, fellowship and teaching. Each week, a different clergy speaker will offer a meditation/talk on the topic of “*The Cross of Christ: Cross of Death, Cross of Life*”. March 15, 22, 29, April 5 and 12 are the Tuesday’s we gather at 6:00 p.m. with childcare and nursery available for families with young children. Come and see.

New Start-up Anglican Church in Denton—some of you have asked about the recent ads in the local newspaper about a new church that was organizing under the umbrella of the Anglican Church in North America. This church is being planted by the Reformed Episcopal Church and has no affiliation with the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas. The Reformed Episcopal Church (REC) was one of the earlier breakaways from the Episcopal Church due to a different theology of the sacrament of Baptism and regeneration and had its start in the 1870’s in the United States. The REC currently uses the 1928 BCP (mostly in King’s English) and not the 1979 BCP. More information on the REC can be found on the Internet or by speaking to the Rector.

Borrowed from the Anglican Digest, Spring, 2011:

Epitaph

(Allegedly in England)

Remember man, as you walk by,
As you are now, so once was I,
As I am now, so shall you be,
Remember this and follow me.

*To which someone replied by
Writing on the tombstone:*

To follow you I’ll not consent,
Until I know which way you went.

Memorial Gift—a big thank you to the Bradbury family who gave a memorial gift of 25 padded folding chairs in memory of Elizabeth Olufsen, Ann Bradbury’s mother who died recently. As the old metal folding chairs are wearing out, this was a most welcome gift to the parish made through the W.O.S.D. Thank you Ann and Pete for your generosity.

Congratulations to Our Own Catlyn Carr!— She will be in the Collage 2011: Denton Dance Festival on Friday, March 25 at the Campus Theater on the square. The performance starts at 8:00 p.m. and ends at 10:00 p.m. Catlyn will be performing in 4 dances. This show has a wide variety of dance styles and performers from all over North Texas. Tickets for adults and seniors are \$16.50, tickets for 18 and under are \$12.00. You can purchase tickets at the theater or at the Campus Theatre website, www.campustheatre.com. Good luck Catlyn!

Daylight Savings Time—begins next Sunday, March 13 so don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before you turn in on Saturday night!

Baptism—the next scheduled date for the sacrament of baptism will be the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 23 at 8:00 p.m. There are already five candidates that are registered. Is someone in your family in need of this sacrament? Please see the Rector for more information.

Prayers of Thanksgiving—for the successful surgeries of Father Saucedo and Harry Phillips Jr. this past week. Please keep them in your continued prayers for health and healing.

Christian Education News

Children's Sunday School—We hope you enjoyed the children's performance at our Saint David's Day celebration. As we come into Lent, I want to remind our parents that our children will receive a Lenten calendar and offering box. Our offering boxes will be sent to the Anglican Relief Fund to help where it is needed.

Christian Symbols for March

March 6(the last Sunday in Epiphany): earth—earth, in the Bible, can refer to soil, to earth as a planet, to the universe, and to all of creation.

March 13(the first Sunday in Lent): coins—coins suggest riches, abundance and wealth; in the Old Testament, Joseph was sold for 20 pieces of silver. During Lent coins are referred to when Judas sold Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

March 20(the second Sunday in Lent): passion cross—in the ancient world passion crosses represented a cruel, painful death, a crucifixion. This cross reminds us of Jesus and of our complete reconciliation through his death.

March 27(the third Sunday in Lent): crown of thorns—a crown of thorns was accepted by Jesus when he accepted all of our sins and died for our atonement. A crown normally represents royal power.

Ministries and Organizations

Canterbury Students of TWU and UNT!—Thanks to generous contributions from both parishes we have enough money to pay for the creation of our own web site! Please bring your ideas to Fuzzy's Tacos at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 6 for lunch. Call Patrice Easley with any questions or if you need transportation, 817.797.1449

Daughters of the King—The Spring Assembly for the Dallas Diocese is March 12 at Saint James Episcopal Church in Dallas. Anyone interested in carpooling to this event call Leslie Latham at 940-453-2589. If you have not registered for assembly and intend to go, please send in your registration. Our next meeting will be a Quiet Day on April 12. There will be a short business meeting before we begin. Anyone interested in join the Daughters, please contact Leslie Latham, 940-453-2589.

Men of Saint David's—will meet on Saturday, March 12 at 7:30 a.m. with Morning Prayer, breakfast and a program. Bishop Ackerman will speak on the importance of "spiritual cross-training". All men of the parish are invited to join us at our meeting for fellowship, prayer and service to God and His Church. Please e-mail Steve Hale at steve.hale@stewart.com or Vern Bassett at vern@hurricaneoc.com to let us know if you can attend. Also, the MOSD will have a booth at the 35 Conferette, a music festival held in downtown Denton March 10 thru March 13. The MOSD will be selling bottled water to festival attendees. If you would be able to volunteer at the booth please contact Eric Pulido at 940.368.1264.

Women of Saint David's—The WOSD's first meeting of the year will be held March 5 at 8:30 am in the Parish Hall. We will discuss projects and fundraisers for 2011. All women of the parish are invited to attend - we welcome your ideas! For more information, please contact Margaret Dodson at 940.387.3119.

Youth of Saint David's—will meet immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Sunday coffee hour this coming Sunday, March 6. For more information please contact Jeanie Porter at 903.316.2926

Saint of the Month

Our Patron Saint, Dewi Sant (Saint David of Wales)

Saint David, or Dewi Sant, as he is known in the Welsh language, is the patron saint of Wales. He was a Celtic monk, abbot and bishop, who lived in the sixth century. During his life, he was the archbishop of Wales, and he was one of many early saints who helped to spread Christianity among the pagan Celtic tribes of western Britain.

For details of the life of Dewi, we depend mainly on his biographer, Rhigyfarch. He wrote *Buchedd Dewi* (the life of David) in the 11th century. Gerallt Gymro (Giraldus Cambrensis), who wrote a book about his travels through Wales in the 12th century, also gives some information about Dewi's early life. Dewi died in the sixth century, so nearly five hundred years elapsed between his death and the first manuscripts recording his life. As a result, it isn't clear how much of the history of Dewi's life is legend rather than fact.

However, both sources say, so we can be relatively certain, that Dewi was a very gentle person who lived a frugal life. It is claimed that he ate mostly bread and herbs - probably watercress, which was widely used at the time. Despite this supposedly meager diet, it is reported that he was tall and physically strong.

Dewi is said to have been of royal lineage. His father, Sant, was the son of Ceredig, who was prince of Ceredigion, a region in South-West Wales. His mother, Non, was the daughter of a local chieftain. Legend has it that Non was also a niece of King Arthur.

Dewi was born near Capel Non (Non's chapel) on the South-West Wales coast near the present city of Saint David. We know a little about his early life - he was educated in a monastery called Hen Fynyw, his teacher being Paulinus, a blind monk. Dewi stayed there for some years before going forth with a party of followers on his missionary travels. Dewi travelled far on his missionary journeys through Wales, where he established several churches. He also travelled to the south and west of England and Cornwall as well as Brittany. It is also possible that he visited Ireland. Two friends of his, Saints Padarn and Teilo, are said to have often accompanied him on his journeys, and they once went together on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to meet the Patriarch.

Dewi is sometimes known, in Welsh, as 'Dewi Ddyfrwr' (David the Water Drinker) and, indeed, water was an important part of his life - he is said to have drunk nothing else. Sometimes, as a self-imposed penance, he would stand up to his neck in a lake of cold water, reciting Scripture. Little wonder, then, that some authors have seen Dewi as an early Puritan!

He founded a monastery at Glyn Rhosyn (Rose Vale) on the banks of the small river Alun where the cathedral city of St. David stands today. The monastic brotherhood that Dewi founded was very strict, the brothers having to work very hard besides praying and celebrating masses. They had to get up very early in the morning for prayers and afterwards work very hard to help maintain life at the monastery, cultivating the land and even pulling the plough. Many crafts were followed - beekeeping, in particular, was very important. The monks had to keep themselves fed as well as the many pilgrims and travellers who needed lodgings. They also had to feed and clothe the poor and needy in their neighborhood.

There are many stories regarding Dewi's life. It is said that he once rose a youth from death, and milestones during his life were marked by the appearance of springs of water. These events are arguably more apocryphal than factual, but are so well known to Welsh-speaking schoolchildren that it is worth mentioning them here.

Perhaps the most well-known story regarding Dewi's life is said to have taken place at the Synod of Llanddewi Brefi. They were to decide whether Dewi was to be Archbishop. A great crowd gathered at the synod, and when

Dewi stood up to speak, one of the congregation shouted, 'We won't be able to see or hear him'. At that instant the ground rose till everyone could see and hear Dewi. Unsurprisingly, it was decided, very shortly afterwards, that Dewi would be the Archbishop...

It is claimed that Dewi lived for over 100 years, and it is generally accepted that he died in 589. His last words to his followers were in a sermon on the previous Sunday. Rhigyfarch transcribes these as 'Be joyful, and keep your faith and your creed. Do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about. I will walk the path that our fathers have trod before us.' 'Do the little things' ('Gwnewch y pethau bychain') is today a very well-known phrase in Welsh, and has proved an inspiration to many. On a Tuesday, the first of March, in the year 589, the monastery is said to have been 'filled with angels as Christ received his soul'. Dewi's body was buried in the grounds of his own monastery, where the Cathedral of St. David now stands. After his death, his influence spread far and wide - first through Britain, along what was left of the Roman roads, and by sea to Cornwall and Brittany.

St David's Day, as celebrated today, dates back to 1120, when Dewi was canonized by Pope Callistus the Second, and March 1st was included in the Church calendar. After Dewi's canonization, many pilgrimages were made to St. David's, and it was reported that two pilgrimages there equaled one to Rome, and three pilgrimages one to Jerusalem. March 1st was celebrated until the Reformation as a holy day. Many churches are dedicated to Dewi, and some to his mother Non.

Remember the words of Saint David, "to do the little things." Saint David of Wales, pray for us.

Parish Register

Faithful Departed: we ask your prayers for the faithful departed from our parish; Dusty West. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.

For the Bereaved: the West family.

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

Anniversaries

3/1	Gaylord and Glenda Connor	3/14	Mark and Laura Wallace
3/3	Lee and Chelsea Stafki	3/31	Bob and Jan McGee
3/4	John and Arline Hargrove		

Birthdays

3/1	Allison Norris	3/11	Bryan Connor	3/22	Redheart Roberts
	Charlotte Warrick		Barrett Oliver		
3/2	Joy Siegmund	3/12	Robert Penley	3/23	Catlyn Carr
	Rhys Jones-Duffey		Dave Mays	3/25	Brittany Reese
3/3	Wendy Martinez	3/13	Sarah Stone	3/27	Nathan Probst
	Katherine Ralph	3/14	Nik Nemanic		Katie Lemley
3/4	Julia MacDonald	3/16	Kathy Wright	3/28	Mark Barber
	Laura Palmer	3/17	Kelly Weathers	3/31	Lea Richards
3/5	Robin Richards	3/18	Mona Carrico		
	Katherine Ivey		Judy Thurmond		
3/6	Matthew Chafin		Lori Carr		
3/9	Joan Ingoldsby	3/21	Lois Cole		
	Stephen Hope		Kaye Hayes		
3/10	Marge Landers		Preston Curry		

Financial Report from Treasurer, Jan Rousey:

These numbers were presented and approved at the February meeting of the Vestry.

	January Actual	Januray Budget	2011 Actual	2011 Budget
Income	\$30, 675	\$25, 496	\$30, 675	\$305, 962
Expense	\$27, 335	\$27, 671	\$27, 335	\$332, 043

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 2011

	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
<u>Ushers</u>				
8:00 a.m.	Rousey	Millard	Touraine	Miller
10:30 a.m.	B. Hundley Odom	Mays Baird	Easley Odom	Mays N. Hundley
Ash Wednesday				
12:15 p.m.	Odom	6:30 p.m.	Mays	
<u>Altar Guild</u>				
	Team I	Team II	Team III	Team IV
<u>LEM's</u>				
8:00 a.m.	B. Rainey	Pickens	Sanders	Phillips
10:30 a.m.	Hundley Mays	Bradbury Seatvet	Stafki Dodson	Johnston Kensinger
5:00 p.m.	Sager	Ballantine	LaCour	Hodges
Ash Wednesday				
6:30 a.m.	Fowler	12:15 p.m.	Ballantine	
6:30 p.m.	Hale			
<u>Acolytes</u>				
	Team I W. Strecker K. Stafki	Team II D. Bussell S. Connor B. Keffer W. Sims	Team III M. Connor T. Strecker T. James	Team IV T. Wright N. Ruez R. Jones Duffey
<u>Hospitality</u>				
8:00 a.m.	Ballantine Weathers	Pickens Mills	Prentice Bassett	Poinier B. Rainey
10:30 a.m.	Andrews	Shultz Brown	Holland Fisher	Mallory Ealey
<u>Golden Nook</u>				
8:00 a.m.		Touraine	Touraine	
10:30 a.m.	Fisher	Odom		
<u>Vestry Greeters</u>				
8:00 a.m.	Rousey	Caruthers	Keffer	Pickens
10:30 a.m.	Oliver	Mays	Johnston	Andrews

March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Rector's Day Off	5 8:30 WOSD 10:30 Calendar Planning Meeting
6 8:00 Rite I 10:30 Rite II 12:30 YOSD Canterbury UNT/TWU 5:00 Rite II	7 7:00 Inquirer's Class	8 5:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 7:30 Vestry	9 6:30 Rite I 12:10 Rite I 6:30 Rite I Ash Wednesday	10 NO LITURGY OR BIBLE STUDY THIS DAY	11 Rector's Day Off	12 7:30 MOSD
13 8:00 Rite I 10:30 Rite II 5:00 Rite II	14 7:00 Inquirer's Class	15 6:00 Lenten Dinner and Lecture Series	16 6:30 Healing Liturgy, HE Rite II	17 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I 6:30 Bible Study	18 Rector's Day Off	19
20 8:00 Rite I 10:30 Rite II 5:00 Rite II	21 7:00 Inquirer's Class	22 6:00 Lenten Dinner and Lecture Series	23 6:30 Healing Liturgy, HE Rite II	24 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I 6:30 Bible Study	25 Rector's Day Off	26
27 8:00 Rite I 10:30 Rite II 5:00 Rite II	28 7:00 Inquirer's Class	29 6:00 Lenten Dinner and Lecture Series	30 6:30 Healing Liturgy, HE Rite II	31 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I 6:30 Bible Study		

Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

*Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:15 a.m.

Christian Education for all ages

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.*

Wednesday

6:30 p.m.

Evening Prayer and Healing Liturgy, Rite II

Thursday

9:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist, Rite I