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This Sunday we welcome back Fr. Curtis Mears to St. John's to officiate and preach. Fr Mears is Rector of Saint Andrew's Church, Douglas, Georgia.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER.

Man's destiny, his chief end, his true happiness, is nothing else than glory – the glory of God revealed in Christ and imparted by the Spirit. “We all” who belong to Christ, “with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord” (2 Corinthians 3:18). Thus God's glory becomes the ultimate purpose of our lives in every respect: “whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Such is the basis of the doxology that runs like a refrain through the core of the Church's daily prayers: “Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.” This doxology is repeated (or should be) after every psalm, psalm portion, and canticle, and is only intermitted when it is expanded, as in the great doxologies, *Te Deum Laudamus* and *Gloria in excelsis*. It is in the latter in which we find an expression of purest adoration: “We give thanks to thee for thy great glory”. We sing the praise of God's grace, proclaimed in his Word, set forth in his Sacraments, for we can only receive them fully and rightly if we do so to his glory.

In our own age we are so bent upon serving our own interests, needs, and agendas, that the glory of God gets short shrift. That is why Christians of the present

must depend deeply upon the legacies of the past, and one of these is the tradition of God-glorifying worship maintained in the Cathedral tradition.

Christians not familiar with the institution known as a Cathedral are often shocked by what they find: a sumptuous building of splendour, beauty, size, and considerable expense entirely and purely devoted to ... the glory of God. Cathedrals are very different from parish churches. They are normally served by a body of men, both clerical and lay, who constitute the Cathedral Foundation. The Cathedral Foundation is the Cathedral's congregation – visiting worshippers are of course welcome but are not required. It is essentially a brotherhood of prayer, whose sole duty is to maintain the daily worship of God in the cathedral, as continuously and as magnificently as possible.

That activity is not possible on the same scale in a parish church: nor is it possible for all Christians, whose time is consumed with practical busyness of one kind or another. The worship offered by the Cathedral Foundation is thus offered on behalf of the whole Church, as a representative act. As the late Colin Dunlop, Dean of Lincoln, commented in his fine little book, *Anglican Public Worship* (1953), “elaborately choral services are still

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STANDING NOTICES

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE

Parish Paper essays may be read on our web site:
www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 John M. Hewson, Esq.

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. John Riley

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert V. Martin by his family.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Miller, Sr. and Mrs. Louise Duskin Dillard by Mr. and Mrs. William E. Dillard III.

And in loving memory of Sarah Alexander Patterson Summers by Dr. and Mrs. Roland S. Summers and family.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Howard John Hoffman by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brian Culver and Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Bryan Jones, Jr

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ACOLYTES

8:00 John DeBacker
10:30 Austin Nichols
Kelly Compton, Kameron Sallee

COFFEE HOUR

Mrs. Edward S. Cox III

ALL-AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

... CONTINUES ALL SUMMER!

9:30 AM-NOON *Nursery*

9:30 A.M.- *Child Care for ages 3—5.*

9:30 A.M. ADULT CLASSES

➤ THE FAITH OF PHYSICISTS - taught by Jon Sprague (Chapel)

➤ BIBLE BASICS (Commandments, Creed, the Lord's Prayer and More) - taught by Mike Chastain (South Classroom, 3rd Floor, Cranmer Hall) - all welcome

10:30 A.M. CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM

➤ For *Preschool-Kindergarten ages 3 to 5.* (Teen Helpers and Adult volunteers needed)

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNING

Men's Bible Study & Discussion Groups

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Breakfast & Study (Mike Chastain, Parish House).

NO Thursday 7:00 a.m.—*Class will resume August 4th.*

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Office closes at Noon on Fridays.

Open 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

sung whether visitors attend or no: the object of the music is not primarily to edify visitors but part of an offering made to Almighty God of the best of which human nature in that place is capable” (p. 47). Strange as it may seem to our pragmatic spirit, this offering of pure worship defines the Church in its essential and eternal purpose, the glorifying of God.

Sad to say, our pragmatic and utilitarian culture is incapable of the faith that built the cathedrals and endowed their foundations. But the ancient foundations persist in the Church of England, and it is the great privilege of the St. John’s Parish Choirs to supply the absence of the Cathedral Choir of St. Andrew’s Cathedral in Wells, Somerset, this coming week (July 11-17). The Choir of Wells Cathedral (as I have recently learned) is regarded as the best single Cathedral choir in England – no small reputation. Yet after listening to our recordings, the Wells authorities recognized in us the same tradition of choral worship, and were ready to receive us as partners in it. In taking a small place in maintaining the more than 1000 year tradition of continuous daily worship in that place: we define ourselves in terms of that tradition of faith and worship we have received, and which by God’s grace we will hand on.

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PARISH KALENDAR

Monday to Friday

Morning or Evening Prayer

8:15 am and 5:30 p.m.

Please support the Church’s Daily prayers, and the laymen who are officiating in the absence of the clergy.

IN ADDITION ON WEDNESDAY:

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Holy Communion*

Celebrant: Fr Frank Logue.

SUMMER CHOIR

Volunteers to sing in the Summer Choir would be most appreciated. If interested, please make contact with Assistant Organist Mr. Rich Mays. richmays@comcast.net or 484-8451.

Rehearsal Sundays 9:30 and
Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 (with liquid refreshment to follow).

PICTORIAL PARISH DIRECTORY APPOINTMENTS

New photographs are needed for this years Directory. You may sign up for photographs taken in two ways:

1. Sundays in Cranmer Hall or the Green Meldrim House—sign-up tables will be set up in their foyers.
2. Sign up on-line and choose a sitting time. The web link is:

<https://signup.olanmills.com/familyinfo.aspx?chcontract=60979>

Please do not call the church office to sign up.

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES:

In the absence of the clergy, please call Fr Richard Nelson, of St. Thomas, Isle of Hope, at (912) 655-8017.

Please inform the Parish Secretary or Mr. Mike Chastain of any other pastoral requests. They will refer them as needed.

NEW HYMN OF THE MONTH

“*All My Hope On God is Founded*” is one of the most popular hymns in the Church of England. Based on a hymn by Joachim Neander (1650-80), it was written by the poet Robert Bridges (1844-1930) and provided with a well-loved tune (“Michael”) written by Herbert Howells in 1930.

8:00 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION

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A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30-12:00 (Noon)—Nursery (Cranmer Hall)

9:30-10:15—Classes for Adults & Confirmed Youth (Chapel and Cranmer Hall)

9:30-10:15—Pre-School through 6th Grade Summer Program (Cranmer Hall)

10:30—Activities for Pre-School & Kindergarten (Cranmer Hall)

Jr. Choir—1st through 4th grade children (Cranmer Hall)

10:30 A.M. — MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

CARILLON

HYMN ##378 *Come Gracious Spirit*..... Mendon
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HYMN OF THE MONTH *All My Hope in God is Founded*.....*See Insert*
1st through 4th grade children may exit following the Cross for Junior Choir.

THE SERMON..... Fr. Curtis Mears

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *Laudate Dominum*..... W. A. Mozart
Lucy Sheils, soloist

Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #282 *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*.....Lauda Anima

ORGAN: *Choral Song*..... S.S. Wesley

*Everyone is invited to attend the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 service.
 If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

12 Noon HOLY COMMUNION in the Chapel. (Collect, Epistle, Gospel as 8 a.m.)