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THIS SUNDAY – 5:30 P.M. EVENSONG & PROCESSION FOR CANDLEMAS

Reception to follow in Green-Meldrim House. Nursery available.

SEPTUAGESIMA ...

This Sunday is called Septuagesima, which means 'seventieth', because it is approximately seventy days before Easter, which this year falls on April 8th. The name of this Sunday and the countdown to Easter it begins puts us on notice to begin our preparations for this chief festival of the Church's year. The countdown continues with the next two Sundays – Sexagesima ('sixtieth') and Quinquagesima ('fiftieth') – leading up naturally to the forty days of Lent (Quadragesima, 'fortieth'), beginning on February 22nd, Ash Wednesday. Now is the time to begin thinking about the corporate disciplines of that season, the Church's 'spring-training'.

...AND ADULT CONFIRMATION

An *Adult Catechism* class for:

- Newcomers to St. John's
- Inquirers
- Adults seeking Confirmation (scheduled for April 22nd)
- Adults seeking a refresher class

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Cranmer Hall. First Class this Wednesday. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be, please make contact with the Rector gdunbar@stjohnssav.org or give

your name, email, and telephone number to the Church Office pfutrell@stjohnssav.org (232-1251).

PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY

In honour of the 350th Anniversary of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, the Prayer Book Society is sponsoring a **public lecture** on Saturday, February 18th, from 10 a.m. till Noon, in the Ralston Room of Cranmer Hall. Fr Dunbar and Fr. Eddie Rix will speak on *The Word of God in Worship – Cranmer's Common Prayer and Why the Church Needs it Today*. This lecture will be recorded for publication.

NORTHERN & CREE MISSION

On January 26th, Bishop Hawkins of Saskatchewan addressed the Thursday Men's Forum on Christian marriage. The donations made by those who attended will be sent to the Northern & Cree Mission Fund, to assist the Church's ministry in the impoverished native communities of his sub-arctic diocese. If you would like to contribute to this gift, please make out a cheque to St. John's Church marked "Northern and Cree Mission Fund".

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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 III, Esq.

USHER CHAIRMAN

Joseph R. Ross , Esq.
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The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Haupt Culver by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brian Culver and Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Bryan Jones, Jr.

And in memory of loved ones by Dr. Thomas C. Stults.

And in loving memory of William Perry Thompson, Robert Mather Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mather by Mrs. William P. Thompson.

And in loving memory of Sara Jane Kuzak by Cheshire Nash McIntosh, John Nash McIntosh, Christopher Wood Dixon McIntosh, Horace Smithy McIntosh, William Tallman, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Walker, Jr. and James Andrew Walker.

A permanent memorial in memory of John H. Calais and Mr. and Mrs. John S. Calais by the Chancel Society.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr., Mrs. Philip F. Kirk, Ms. Anne H. Mingledorff, Mrs. Edwin H. Culver Mrs. Wynton J. Ezelle, Mrs F. Debele Manor Mrs. Michael F.P. Maloney, Mrs. Sam P. Inglesby

ACOLYTES

8:00 John DeBacker
10:30 Cord Helmken
Chris Dixon, Charles Perrie
Peter Stein John Osborne
Louis Palla, Patrick Perrie

5:30 Evensong
Clayton Compton
Mikel Kelly, John Osborne

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Paul M. Pressly

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES

- Clergy: *Epistle to the Galatians* – (Chapel)
- *David Noble: Canterbury Tales*—Reading Rm

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. *Men's Breakfast Discussion* (Parish House Dining Room, enter by Kitchen)

Thursday 7 a.m. *Acts of the Apostles* (Reading Room, with the Rector).

Thursday: Noon - MEN'S FORUM

WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Reading Rm, Cranmer Hall.

Wednesday: 10:45 a.m.-Noon *Philippians*.

Thursday: 9:15 -10:30 a.m. - *Athanasius On the Incarnation* (with Fr O' Brien)

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

PARISH KALENDAR

Monday to Friday

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

Morning (or Evening) Prayer

Except Wednesday:

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:45 a.m. Litany

10 a.m. Sung Eucharist

5:30pm Evensong, 6:00 p.m. Supper,
and 6:30 p.m. **ADULT CATECHISM**

(Class for Newcomers, Inquirers,
Adult Confirmation, and others).

Nursery Available. Reservation

requested for Supper

(\$9/person, \$15/family).

Call Church office 232-1251 or email

pfutrell@stjohnssav.org

Thursday:

Noon - MEN'S FORUM

The Three Purposes of Christian
Marriage – *the Rector*

THANKS

Thanks are due to the Elliott House Administrator, Mrs. William Osborne, who organized the Eleventh Annual Clergy Seminar, and to the volunteers who assisted her in hospitality. Most of all, thanks are due to Neil Robertson, Professor of Humanities at King's College, Halifax, who led the seminar through some difficult and important theological texts in which most of the participants (certainly myself) otherwise would have floundered. It was a superb investigation of questions of the will, both human and divine, as they developed in the late Middle Ages and in the Reformation's teaching on justification and predestination. If I may attempt a summary, doubtless inadequate, he showed how the drastic negations of Martin Luther are a solution to the problems of 'free will' that developed in the late medieval Church, and were not resolved by such

moderate Christian humanist reformers as Erasmus. He then argued that Richard Hooker, the premier theologian of the 16th century "Elizabethan Settlement", provided a basis for retaining or recovering much of the pre-Reformation tradition within the reformed consensus Luther had shaped. What was negated in the Reformation is thus restored in the Anglican development of it – but on the basis of *the negation presupposed*. What was negated may be taken up again, but now with a new spiritual freedom.

This is important, as we now prepare for Lent, the Church's annual "spring-training", a season of good works – fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. We are free to take these up, precisely because we do not seek in them our justification or salvation – which is the free gift of God's grace, given on account of Christ alone, and received by means of faith alone apart from works. We take them up in the freedom given to us by justification, precisely that through them the powers of the soul may be sanctified in accord with what the Catechism calls our state of salvation. GGD

ECW SENIORS LUNCHEON

All Ladies 70 and older are invited to join the ECW on **Wednesday, February 15th**, at 11:30 a.m. for a luncheon in their honor. Call the Church Office to make your reservation or if you need transportation.

ANNUAL STATEMENTS

The Annual Statements of contributions for 2011 were mailed at the end of January. If yours did not arrive, please call the Church Office.

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel (*No Gloria in Excelsis till Easter*)..... p. 118
A continental breakfast is available in the Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30 — 12 Noon NURSERY (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30 A.M. – ADULT, YOUTH, & CHILDREN’S CLASSES (*Chapel & Cranmer Hall*)

10:30—Pre-School Program continues—3 year olds through Kindergarten (*Cranmer Hall*)
Jr. Choir—1st through 4th grade children (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER & SERMON

HYMN #288 *O Worship the King* Hanover
 Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer 3-7
 Versicles and Responses 7-8
 VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO (Hymnal #608) 9
 Psalm #18:1-20..... 359
 First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:3: *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*
 BENEDICITE *insert*
 Second Lesson: I Corinthians 9:24 & St. Matthew 20:1 119
 BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #638) 14
 Apostles’ Creed..... 15
 Versicles and Responses 16
 Collect for the Day 118
 Other Collects and Prayers, the Grace 17-20
 HYMN #573 *Go, Labor On!*..... Angel’s Song (Song 34)
 1st through 4th grade children enrolled in Jr. Choir will exit following the Cross.
 THE SERMON Fr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences
 Anthem: *The Call* Harold W. Friedell
 Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)
 PRAYER and BLESSING
 HYMN #279 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Praise to the Lord
 ORGAN: *Processional* Martin Shaw

*Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in 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 (Chapel - Collect, Epistle, Gospel BCP pp. 118)

5:30 P.M. – CHORAL EVENSONG FOR CANDLEMAS (*Reception to follow*)