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UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

Monday to Friday

*Morning and Evening Prayer
With Holy Communion
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.*

In addition, on Wednesday

*9:45 a.m. Litany
10 a.m. Holy Communion.*

Saturday

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

◆ ADULT CATECHISM ◆

Monday 6th March

and Mondays, 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Reading Room, Cranmer Hall

A class for adults preparing for Baptism or Confirmation/Reception (May 7th) Suitable for Newcomers to St. John's and Old-timers seeking a Refresher course!

If you are interested but cannot be present, please notify the Rector at gundbar@stjohnssav.org
912 232-1251

◆ SAINT PATRICK'S DAY ◆

Friday, March 17th

9:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Church)

Parking: Fifty spaces are being reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve a space, bring a \$20 donation to the Church Office with name, email, and cell phone number. Reservations are for parishioners and staff only. Limit one per household. Lot opens at 8:00 a.m. and spaces are held until 11:00 a.m. Enter from Charlton Street.

◆ FRESH AIR WORK DAY ◆

Save the date: **Saturday April 1st** for our second hands-on, church-wide workday at the Tybee Fresh Air Home.

◆ EASTER LILIES AND EASTER BRASS ◆

To give a lily for the decoration of the Church at Easter, please send a \$35 check to the Church Office made payable to St. John's Chancel Society marked *Easter Lilies*.

To contribute to the expense of the brass players at Easter, please send a check to the Church Office made payable to St. John's Church marked *Easter Brass*.

Please include a note of how the memorial/honorarium should read and by whom it is given. The list will be published the Sunday after Easter.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD?

What's wrong with the human race? Why is the world always such a mess? We can point the finger - it's this group, it's those people, it is this ideology or culture - and sometimes there is some truth to our criticism; but what we are often really doing is shifting blame, demonizing others, all to exonerate themselves - and that too is what's wrong with the world. In contrast, the Bible's account of what's wrong with the world is radically egalitarian. You know the story: how *The Times* once sent out an inquiry to famous

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

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Dr. J. Davidson Carson

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. George Fawcett

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne
10:30 a.m. Phillip Inglesby Jackson McClellan
Jamie McClellan Finn Repella
William Sills William Taylor

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson Walker, Sr.; and Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson Myers by Mr. and Mrs. James T. Walker, Jr.; and Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Hill;

And in loving memory of Lois V. Philbrick by Dr. Thomas Philbrick;

And in loving memory of Jettie L. Mooney by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Johnston and family.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Edward J. Derst III,
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Mrs. Thomas S. Johnston

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FOR YOUTH:

CRANMER HALL-3RD FLOOR

CONFIRMATION CLASS- GRADE 6- *Catechism*

JR. HIGH -GRADES 7,8,9- 25 *Lights of the World*

SR. HIGH -GRADES 10,11,12- *Reasons to Believe*

FOR ADULTS:

READING ROOM: *II Samuel*- Father Dunbar

CH3: *Joshua*- Jack Wray

CH2: Women's Small Group Faith Fellowship

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday- Men's Breakfast with Father O'Brien
6:45 a.m., Parish House

Why Be Moral?

Thursday- *St. Luke* with Father Dunbar
7:00 a.m., Reading Room, CH3

Thursday- Men's Small Group with lunch
Noon- Fellowship Hall, CH1

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday- Book Study with Father O'Brien
WILL NOT MEET THIS WEEK

2nd & 4th Wednesday- Next meeting March 8
C. S. Lewis Reading Group

11:00 a.m., Reading Room, CH3

The Four Loves

Wednesday, March 15- Daughters of the King
CH1 after Evening Prayer

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

authors, asking the question, "What's wrong with the world today?" and received this reply: "Dear Sir: I am. Yours, G. K. Chesterton". *I am what's wrong with the world. We are what's wrong with the world.* Pogo said: "we have met the enemy, and he is us". The problem is in human nature itself – not human nature as God made it, but human nature inherited from Adam, in which something has gone badly wrong. The Bible calls it sin, and knowing what sin is, is critical to understanding and practicing the religion of the Bible.

Here's how we know that sin is in us: God made us the world for us, he made us for himself, and he gave us a law - to love him with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, to love our neighbour as ourselves. Objectively speaking, there is nothing more natural than that we should love him as he commands – for he is the good that makes all good things good, the beauty that makes all beautiful things beautiful, the truth that makes all truths true. Moreover, a lover likes nothing better than to think of his beloved – and when he is not preoccupied, that's what he begins to think of. Yet what happens to our minds when they are not preoccupied? Do we like nothing better than to think of God? Does thinking about God fill us with delight and longing? We love thinking about the things we might get from him – but that's not loving him, is it? We know what we think of the human beings whose relation to us is all about what they can get from us. We call them exploiters, manipulators, users. So what does that make us toward God? When Paul speaks of our fallen state, of

sin, he says, *they worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator (Romans 1:25)*. We are on the wrong side of God's law, and our lawbreaking is not a technical offence, it is destructive of our right relation to God, and to every creature – other human beings, our own selves, our bodies, and nature itself. The very wells of love are poisoned by sin. GGD *To be continued.*

ECW GENERAL MEETING

March 8- After 10:00 a.m. Chapel service
Speaker: St. John's talented Organist-
Choirmaster Stephen Branyon

FRESH AIR HOME COLLECTION

Please join the Women and Sunday School of Saint John's in collecting household items for the **Fresh Air Home's** camp season: *liquid laundry detergent, bleach, Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner, paper towels, & 55-gallon trash bags.* Collection bins will be in Cranmer Hall's Lobby and on the Porch through Easter Sunday, April 16.

KEEPING LENT

Fasting, prayer, and almsgiving are the works endorsed by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount, and are customary during Lent, along with an intensified use of Word and Sacrament. The historic custom is to abstain from flesh meat on the forty week-days of Lent, as well as other "pleasures and delectations worldly". Sunday is not a fast day.

ST. MICHAEL'S CONFERENCE

A Conference in the Anglican Tradition for Young Adults of All Christian Communion

July 31-August 5/West Hartford, CT

A week-long summer opportunity to center on worship, discussion, recreation, and relaxation is available for young adults (14-21) who seek a clearer vision of God in Christ. Travel & Tuition bursaries are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call Father O'Brien at 912-308-4441.

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

Collects, Epistle, and Gospel.....Prayer Book, page 125, 124, 126
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon) - **Nursery** (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (*Cranmer Hall*)

*Supervised Fellowship and Fun is available for children from Preschool to Grade Five
 whose parents are attending class.*

10:30 A.M.— SUNG EUCHARIST, ADDRESS & SUNDAY SCHOOL

HYMN #61 *The Glory of These Forty Days*.....Spiers

ANTE-COMMUNION

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KYRIE ELEISON: #702 John Merbecke

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Children may exit following the cross for SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADDRESS..... Father Dunbar

OFFERTORY

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HYMN: #553 *Go Forward, Christian Soldier* Lancashire

VOLUNTARY: *Solemn Recessional*..... Colin Mawby

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

12:00 P.M. (NOON)-HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel) as at 8:00 a.m.