

Good Shepherd Anglican Church

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

FEBRUARY 2, 2014

(PAGE 231, BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER)

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple is also referred to as the Purification of Saint Mary, His mother, and is recognized on the second of February as decreed in Leviticus 12. The story of Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus going to the Temple forty days after his birth is told by Luke in his Gospel (2:22). Mary's purification following childbirth (Leviticus 12) and the redemption of the firstborn (Luke 2:22 and Exodus 34:19-20) were both in obedience to the Law of Moses.

Since Mary and Joseph were poor, they took the option of sacrificing "a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons" instead of a lamb. When the Holy Family entered the Temple they encountered Simeon the Righteous, also called the Just. He was a Jewish High Priest during the period of the Second Temple and a man highly regarded for his views and works. In Luke's Gospel 2:26, he records that Simeon had been promised that "he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ." Simeon took the Christ Child and prayed the prayer that would become known as the Nunc Dimittis which prophesied the redemption of the world by Jesus.

"Lord, now lettest thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of all thy people Israel." If the Nunc Dimittis sounds familiar, it is part of the Service of the Evening Prayer in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

BISHOP JOHN HOOPER & REV. ROWLAND TAYLOR FEBRUARY 9, 2014

We remember and include in our prayers this day two Anglican and Protestant Reformers who were both burned at the stake on this day in 1555. Both clergymen were victims of the Heresy Acts of 1554 instituted by Queen Mary I and faithful until death.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ARIZONA! FEBRUARY 12, 2014

2014, our 102nd year as a State, looks to be another "interesting" and challenging one for Arizonans.

THE MOUSE TRAP

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?" the mouse wondered. He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning: "There is a mousetrap in

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the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!”

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, “Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it.”

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, “There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!” The pig sympathized, but said “I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers.”

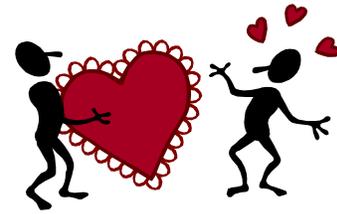
The mouse turned to the cow and said, “There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!” The cow said “Wow, Mr. Mouse. I’m sorry for you, but it’s no skin off my nose.”

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer’s mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house – like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer’s wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer’s wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital and she returned home with a fever.

Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup’s main ingredient. But his wife’s sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer’s wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

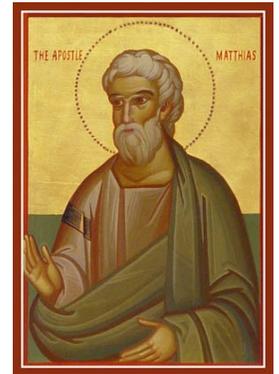
The mouse looked on it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness. So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn’t concern you, remember: when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another. Each of us is a vital thread in another person’s tapestry.



VALENTINE’S DAY
FEBRUARY 14TH, 2014

SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE
FEBRUARY 24TH, 2014
(PAGE 233, BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER)

Matthias was one of Jesus’s seventy disciples and had been with Him since His baptism by John to His Ascension. In the days following the Ascension, Peter suggested that a replacement for Judas be named and two men were proposed, Joseph (Justus) and Matthias. After they prayed, the disciples cast lots and Matthias was selected (Acts 1). Although evidence is inconclusive, it is believed that Matthias preached the Gospel in Judea, Cappadocia (Eastern Turkey), Egypt and Ethiopia.



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“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.”

-- Edith Sitwell

GOOD SHEPHERD ANGLICAN CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2014

The Good Shepherd Anglican Church Vestry met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Blattel on the evening of January 6, 2014. The following members were present: Marvin Blattel, Don Cummings, Ron Jaworski, Dave LaMarine, Brian Simpson and Greg Stern. Rev. Fox and Carol Blattel were also in attendance. Rev. Fox gave the invocation and Brian opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Don distributed and reviewed the financial reports for November and December of 2013. He noted the Operation Shoebox mailing and other Outreach costs in November and the Annual Liability Insurance Premium in December. All funds and the total financials are solvent. The tithe to the Western Diocese of Anglicans (WDA) for 2014 has been reported and will be given to the Bishop during his visit. The average weekly attendance for 2013 was 33 (31 in 2012) and the average monthly collection was \$572.11 for 2013 (\$558.92 in 2012). Don and Dave will work on the 2014 Budget for the next meeting.

Ron Jaworski announced that he, Julia and Betty Berger will be relocating to South Carolina as soon as their Arizona house is sold. The move was planned to happen two years earlier but was delayed for health reasons. The move is primarily to assist Julia's family. Ron agreed to serve on the Vestry until the move occurred.

Brian reminded the vestry that the first meeting of the New Year required the election of vestry officers in accordance with the By-Laws (Article IV: The Vestry, Section 4: Officers, as amended, November 10, 2013.) There being no volunteers, the Senior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary agreed to serve again. With Ron's departure, a new Junior Warden was required. Marvin agreed to serve as the Junior Warden. Although the members have solicited others to join the vestry, no others have been willing to serve. There are now two vacant vestry positions.

Dave raised the problem of the costs (printing, distribution, supplies, etc.) of the newsletter and gave several possible solutions. He said that with the exception of the meeting's minutes and adjustments to the draft copy, the February edition is finished and that it would be his last newsletter. The situation was discussed and Brian will assume the duties temporarily with possibly a quarterly version of the newsletter. Dave reserved the right to discuss the situation with Sheryl Tupa since they had worked together on it for four years and felt the news should come personally from him.

The vestry agreed to continue the current newspaper ads. Dave recommended a pre-Christmas ad to highlight the Christmas Eve Service at Good Shepherd since we are unique among Christian Churches in the area in having a service.

The Anglican 1000 Conference in Phoenix, January 15-18, 2014 is an Anglican Church in North America sponsored meeting with the WDA. The conference will bring together both Anglican members from Arizona and elsewhere with those knowledgeable in planting new churches and how to go about the process. Brian moved and Ron seconded that Rev. Fox's fee (\$100.00) be paid by the parish. Motion approved. Don will register Rev. Fox. The vestry was polled for those planning to attend the conference and Brian and Don were possible attendees.

The Bishop will be visiting with the vestry on the evening following the conclusion of the Anglican 1000 Conference. His Grace will celebrate Holy Communion on Sunday and also install Rev. Fox as the Rector. There will be a pot luck following the Sunday service. The specifics of the Bishop's lodging and meeting with the vestry to be determined.

There being no further business, Marvin moved and Greg seconded the meeting be adjourned. Motion approved. Rev. Fox gave the benediction and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David A. LaMarine, Secretary

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FOR YOUR INFO

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Josiah Simpson, February 4th
Victor Lechuga, February 13th
Jean Brown, February 23rd

Congratulations to you all