

The Cross & Crown

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PRINCE GEORGE WINYAH EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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Dear Friends,

There are lots of clichés dealing with the Christian Church's attitude toward change. Here are a few:

- The last 7 words of a dying church: 'We never did it that way before.'
- Preach whatever you like, but don't change the furniture.
- How many parishioners does it take to change a light bulb? Change?! My grandmother paid for that bulb!
- Any music that's not 200 years old hasn't passed the test of time and shouldn't be used.

Contrary to such conventional "wisdom" your vestry and rector believe that some change is necessary and good; that there is room at Prince George for improvement, and sometimes improvement entails change.

At our retreat in March, the vestry and clergy began a discussion of areas where we might focus our efforts in order to improve our life together here at Prince George. Some of those areas are:

- Parish vision: to more widely publicize our vision, to make it central in all we're doing, and to better communicate what our vision is accomplishing
- Younger members and young families: to work to involve them more in the life of the parish through programming, events and outreach projects more geared to them
- New members – to find better ways to welcome them and involve them in parish life
- Outreach and Missions: to involve more of us, of all age groups, in local and international outreach ministry
- Corporate worship: to increase our active participation in worship, particularly through worship in singing
- Facilities and grounds: to seek solutions for problem areas such as shortages of space for children and youth, meeting rooms and storage space; to improve our overall upkeep; and to improve the maintenance and look of our churchyard.

These are not listed in order of importance, and this list is not exhaustive – it is really just the beginnings of our discussions as a vestry and leadership team of our needs here at Prince George. Speaking as your rector and for the vestry, we are very interested in your ideas for improvements that are needed in the parish – things you notice that are not on the list – and I encourage you to let us know your suggestions for improvements. You can mail or email them to me or to Lee Jones, our senior warden, or phone them in, or come in and talk over your ideas with me. We are not looking to change for the sake of change, but only for improvements – changes that will facilitate our life and growth as a Christian church, the body of Jesus Christ. We have been wonderfully blessed over the centuries here at Prince George, and I pray that the Lord will continue to lead us to become all that He wants us to be, individually and together.

With much love and many prayers,

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays —

May 1 Clayton Avant
May 2 Susan Beckman
May 3 Noah Downing
May 4 Emma Pope
May 5 Jan Lane
May 6 Betsy Brabson
May 8 Lindi Brooks
May 8 Doris Pioth
May 9 Jennifer Crocker
May 9 Deanna Simons
May 12 Duane DeMello
May 12 Kay Mower
May 13 Cooper Lammonds
May 14 Carolyn Bowen
May 16 Rory Lee
May 16 Ellison Oxner
May 19 Grace Miller
May 20 Will Moody
May 21 Nico O'Hara
May 21 Lee Ann Tiller
May 22 Jim Clark
May 22 Roger Mower
May 23 Elaine Benson
May 23 John Benson
May 23 Jack Grimes
May 25 Angela Geer
May 25 Brooks Hamilton
May 26 Carper Cole
May 26 Jason Hamshaw
May 29 Virgil Dugan
May 30 Mary Ann Benson
May 30 Martha Grace Lammonds
May 31 Tom Davis

Births

April 20 Lea Asher Winslow, daughter of Lauren and Tom Winslow.

Join Us Thursday Morning at 10 a.m....

for a peaceful and intimate time of fellowship and prayer which concludes with Communion. There is opportunity to receive prayer for healing as well as anointing with oil for those who wish it.

Praying for Those Who are Ill or Homebound

Each Sunday, as part of our prayers, we name those in our church family who are unwell, recovering from illness or surgery, or who are homebound. We need to lift them up during the week also. In your quiet time or devotional time with our Lord, please lift up in prayer to our Lord: *Eliza Jagger, Dick Manning, Lauretta Dean, Caroline Stevens, Ernie Abbott, Mary Galphin, Rennie Manning, Harry Susla, Zella Wilt, Barbara Bush, Sam Rion, Georgiana Sillman, Ed Grant, Sam Hamilton, Olga Abbott, and Minnie Kennedy.*

Visitation

Paul and Matt, along with layministers continue to make home and hospital visits to our sick and elderly. Please call, or have a member of your family call and let us know if you would like a visit. Hospitals will no longer show us a list of their patients, so when you are admitted, please have someone call Prince George Church to let us know.

Parents-2-B

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you" (Jer. 1:5)

Please pray for our expectant mothers, their babies, and their families. Parents-2-B are Lori and Brad Cromartie, Michael and Agnes Giuliani, and Mary Ann and Justin Coker. If you know of any expecting Prince George families, please let us know so we can add them to our prayers.

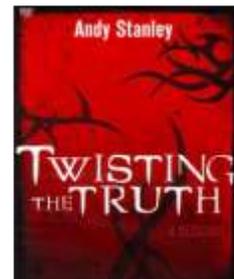
Cursillo!

Cursillo is a great weekend held at Camp St. Christopher four times a year. The weekend is great fun with good food and fellowship, and most of all, time to experience God's love for you in a powerful way. For more information, and names of people who have attended, contact Paul Fuener at the church, 546-4358.

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Adult Education

Twisting The Truth: a video and discussion series presented by Andy Stanley, Sunday's 10:10 am in the Parish Hall through May 5th. In our world God's truth gets twisted, distorted and misapplied – and these distortions and twists can create enormous problems for us in our relationships with each other and the Lord. In this series, we'll look at some of the more common ways God's truth is distorted today, with the goal of being better able to recognize and overcome the lie.



Young Family Forum: *Parenting with Discipline & Grace*; This group meets at 10:10 am in the Panel Room, through May 12. For this new discussion series we will be watching videos based on the book *Give them Grace: Dazzling Your Kids with the Love of Jesus* by Elyse M. Fitzpatrick and Jessica Thompson. This is a series designed to help us share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our children through our everyday parenting practices. Note that you will be able to participate in the discussions without reading the book, but you might want a copy for reference—it is inexpensive and easily available for purchase online.



GOD'S Trombones is Seven Sermons in Verse being performed to benefit Helping Hands at the Lighthouse of Jesus Christ Church on Johnson Road. The performance is Saturday, June 22 starting at 6pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.



EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS IN MUSIC

Dear Friends,

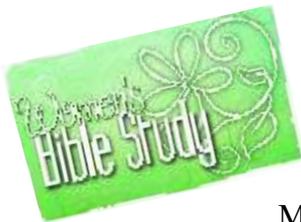
Late this Summer, Prince George will be launching its first annual concert series as part of a ministry outreach. This self-supporting concert series is designed to bring the Gospel to people and to encourage further appreciation of the arts in our church, community, and beyond through an eclectic line up of fine programs featuring music both old and new. As you may know, there are various expenses associated with contracting musicians, purchasing or renting music, and acquiring the rights to perform certain music. As such, we are in need of your financial support in order to get things started. Your support of continuing musical excellence as a Benefactor (\$500 or more), Sponsor (\$200-\$499), Patron (\$100-\$199) or Friend (\$50-\$99) will be recognized by name in the concert programs. However, donations of any amount are greatly appreciated! Please continue to pray that God's will be done in our church and community.

Blessings in Christ,
Michael Scott Giuliani
Director of Music

For Men – Through the Week

Men's Tuesday Bible Study & Breakfast – meets every Tuesday at 7:00 am in the Parish Hall. Great food, warm fellowship, good discussion of God's word. All men are invited! Don't miss out!

Men's Book Study – meets Wednesdays at 7 am at Thomas' Café. We've read a wide variety of books which have stimulated our thinking and enriched our understanding of our faith and modern culture. Guys, why not enjoy a **great breakfast, good fellowship**, and take a small step toward **living a holier life**. All men are welcome! Check with Paul or with Bob Manuel or George South for more information.



Women's Monday Noon Bible Study

This study meets every Monday at 12:00. All women of the parish and their guests are welcome to attend at any time. For more information, contact MarthaAllison, 546-5350.



St. Anne's will meet at the Rectory on May 7, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. Please note the time change. All ladies of Prince George Church are welcome to join us for devotion, prayer, a program, fellowship and great food. Hope to see you there!

We will not meet in June, July, and August.

Marilyn Sinclair

Funeral Guild

One of the 'unseen' and yet very important ministries is our offer to provide a reception for families in our parish hall after a funeral.

We have recently established a Funeral Guild which is responsible for organizing these receptions. One of the main tasks is the preparation of food. A great help to the Funeral Guild in coordinating a reception would be a list of people who are willing to be contacted and asked to prepare food (sandwiches, cookies, brownies, etc).

If you would be willing to be on a list of parishioners who are willing to be called upon and asked to make some food for a funeral reception, please email Lauren or call the office. We would love to hear from you!

Volunteers Needed to Help Move Tables & Chairs

The church is in need of a dedicated team of volunteers to help move tables and chairs for regular and special events in the Parish Hall. This would probably be a weekly commitment and is a small but very important way to help serve the mission of our parish. If this is something you are interested in doing and would be willing to help the church in this way, please contact Matt Schneider, 546-4358 or matt@pgwinyah.org. Your help would be very much appreciated!

Help Needed

In an effort to help parishioners going through illness, we have sent out emails for volunteers who may want to provide a meal. If you would like to sign up, please use the link in the emails, or call the church office.

Missing:

We seem to have lost the projector screen that was located in the Panel Room of the Parish Offices. If anyone knows where it might be, please call the office and let us know (546-4358). Thanks!

PARISH EVENTS

Bishop Abraham's Visit

Bishop Abraham Nhial, Anglican bishop of the South Sudan, was with us April 9-11, worshipping with the staff and then addressing the congregation after dinner on April 10th and leading the Thursday healing service and attending lunch with the clergy, including Bishop Allison on April 10th before returning to Charleston. Bishop Abraham brought us greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ from a new diocese and a new country in extreme poverty. He exhibits the peace and grace of those who are persecuted for their faith, and he shared with us some of the needs in his diocese (without making a direct appeal for funds) – which are indeed pressing and great. If you are interested in more information about the needs of the South Sudan and how you might help, please contact Matt or Paul.



PARISH NEWS



Welcome Greeters

We all like to be welcomed. A smile, a handshake, a sign (however small) that people are glad that you have come.

I wonder how many times visitors have come to Prince George and left thinking, "I am not sure that they were glad we came!" In fact, research says that one of the ways that a parish grows is by having an effective system for greeting visitors.

We, at Prince George, have a small, but dedicated group of Greeters who are committed to making sure that all visitors are welcomed, and made to know that we are indeed glad that they came to church that morning. For each service our goal is to have two Greeters waiting to smile, and welcome any visitors; to help them to find a seat and to make sure that they have all they need to worship with us.

But we need more Greeters. We need more people who are prepared to say to all our visitors, "We're glad you came this morning."

If you feel that the Lord might be encouraging you to be part of this ministry then please, contact the office at 546-4358.

We would love to welcome YOU to a ministry of welcoming!

Usher Volunteers Needed

The men of the church traditionally serve in the capacity as ushers at all services for Prince George. In the past, this duty was accepted by most of the congregation, however, there aren't enough men willing to serve for 2013. This is a commitment for the 9 or 11:00 service for one month. Please contact the church office, 546-4358.

Helping Hands is a ministry to the local poor (food bank, financial and other assistance) which Prince George and other churches faithfully support. June *is one of our two months* a year as a parish to support the *Helping Hands* food bank with our donations. We need your generous donations of non-perishable food items to stock the new pantry. There is a collection bin in the Parish Hall hallway by the kitchen for your donations. Thanks for your kindness and generosity!

Diocesan Church Women Project

The Diocesan Church Women has approved keeping Grace Home for Women as the current project. You may have received an email regarding this project. Grace Home for Women is a Christian retreat offering help and guidance for alcoholics. If you feel led to help this ministry, please make your donations payable to Diocesan Church Women Project and remit to:

Mary Frances Ahl (VP of DCW)
8200 Governors Walk
North Charleston, SC 29418

Prince George Choir

Attention future choir members (yes, *you*):

Choir rehearsal are now being held on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:25PM in the Parish Hall. We hope this time will be more convenient for those of you who have desired to be part of the choir in the past, but were unable to come out so late.

As many of you know, the choir is in need of new members to fill the spots of those who are no longer able to sing with us. We sing a very diverse repertoire of music, ranging from traditional chant to African American spirituals. If you are interested in joining, please contact Michael Scott Giuliani at michael@pgwinyah.org or call the church office.

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Vestry Update:

The Vestry has begun to discuss matters in the parish raised at our recent retreat which we feel are in need of special focus. These include improvements in our facilities, debt reduction, re-energizing our vision, improving the participation of younger members in the life of the parish, increasing the participation of all in outreach projects, among other matters. We reviewed our financial position, which is strong going into the summer; we decided to remain at three Sunday services through the summer; we received an update on the TEC litigation from Harry Oxner; we discussed recommendations from the Cemetery Committee, which included approval of a new bench in the churchyard; and we discussed a request from the Preschool to make changes in the backyard of the Youth House (307 Screven Street) to accommodate play there by the preschoolers.

YOUTH MINISTRY

We had another great Youth Group End of Year Party, complete with a delicious meal at Miyabi Japanese Steakhouse and dessert from Coldstone Creamery. Yum! As always, it was a great time being together and celebrating a year of growth, both in our relationships with each other and in Jesus. We are also celebrating high school graduation for 10 students this year: Carolyn Culbertson, Madeleine Gates, John Grimes, Tucker Hight, Amanda King, Carson Myers, Logan Trotter, Drew Pittman, Elizabeth Roberts, and Gloria Tennant- they were each a special part of our group and will be missed. We would be grateful for your prayers for these students as they go off to college. As you all know, there are a lot of pressures and opportunities and sins to get into! We are hoping that individuals in the parish might commit to praying for a specific student, covering them each in prayer. If you are interested in this, please email me at Jason@pgwinyah.org. Thank you for your continued prayers for our youth!





Happy Mother's Day!

God bless you!

Vacation Bible School



June 17th - 20th from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm! VBS is a great place for kids to experience the Bible Story and talk about ways to serve. Please make plans to attend!

Needed: canning jars (any size, with or without lids) and **volunteers!** Contact Tracy Morris, 545-5406 or tracyppg@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events - Important Dates

Parish Picnic
Vacation Bible School

May 19
June 17-20

Rectory Garden



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Tom Bellune	Junior Warden	c) 833-4418	h) 546-4692
Michael Giuliani	Music Director	c) 773-458-8979	
Jason Hamshaw	Youth Minister	c) 860-2456	
Tracy Morris	Children's Minister	c) 520-6709	h) 545-5406
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