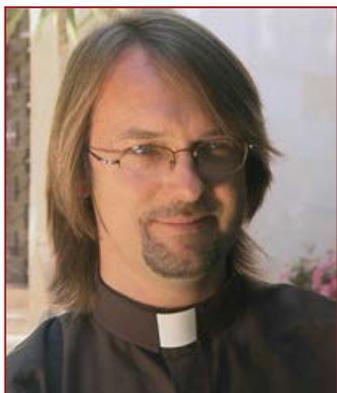


# The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Sunday • May 10, 2015

## Join us as we welcome guest from Jerusalem on Pentecost!



The Rev. Deacon Aaron Eime

We are pleased to announce that the Rev. Deacon Aaron Eime of Christ Church in the Old City of Jerusalem will be our guest preacher on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. Deacon Aaron, who is currently on a teaching tour in North America, was a featured speaker at the Annual Synod of the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes in late April. We are blessed that on this Pentecost he will be bringing us his unique perspective on Israel and the Holy City where the gift of the Holy Spirit was first poured out upon Jesus' earliest disciples more than 2,000 years ago.

Deacon Aaron, originally from Australia, is a long-term missionary with The Church's Ministry Among Jewish People (CMJ). A gifted and dedicated teacher of the Hebraic roots of the Christian faith, he serves at Christ Church Jerusalem, the oldest Protestant Church in the Middle East, and is director of the Heritage Center at Christ Church, a center preserving the unique history and influence of the Protestant arrival into the Middle East in the 19th Century. Christ Church and the Christ Church Heritage Center are mission

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*There was once someone who said such amazing things and did such wonderful things that people followed him. As they followed him, they found him talking about a Kingdom, but it was not like the Kingdom they lived in. He said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like ..."*

## Parables



Since Easter, our Young Saints have been exploring the Kingdom parables of Jesus. Here, they learn that Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast ..." The stories are always presented with materials hidden inside a gold box to remind them that while their meaning may be hidden at first, these words of Jesus are more precious than gold. The children will conclude their study of the Kingdom parables next Sunday with the Parable of the Sower, which is fitting since the Church will be observing Rogation Days, those three days prior to the Feast of the Ascension that traditionally focus on planting and harvesting, this coming week. See inside for details about Rogation Days, and the back page for details about the pictures here.

# The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Sixth Sunday of Easter · May 10-16

**Sunday, May 10** — A.M.: Psalm 93, 96; P.M.: Psalm 34; Ecclesiasticus 43:1-12,27-32; 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Matthew 13:24-34a

**Monday, May 11** — A.M.: Psalm 80; P.M.: Psalm 77, [79]; Deuteronomy 8:1-10; James 1:1-15; Luke 9:18-27

**Tuesday, May 12** — A.M.: Psalm 78:1-39; P.M.: Psalm 78:40-72; Deuteronomy 8:11-20; James 1:16-27; Luke 11:1-13

**Wednesday, May 13** — A.M.: Psalm 119:97-120; Baruch 3:24-37; James 5:13-18; Luke 12:22-31 **Eve of Ascension** — P.M.: Psalm 68:1-20; 2 Kings 2:1-15; Rev. 5:1-14

**Thursday, May 14, Ascension Day** — A.M.: Psalm 8, 47; P.M.: Psalm 24, 96; Ezekiel 1:1-14,24-28b; Hebrews 2:5-18; Matthew 28:16-20

**Friday, May 15** — A.M.: Psalm 85, 86; P.M.: Psalm 91, 92; Ezekiel 1:28-3:3; Hebrews 4:14-5:6; Luke 9:28-36

**Saturday, May 16** — A.M.: Psalm 87, 90; P.M.: Psalm 136; Ezekiel 3:4-17; Hebrews 5:7-14; Luke 9:37-50

**Next Sunday, May 17** — A.M.: Psalm 66, 67; P.M.: Psalm 19, 46; Ezekiel 3:16-27; Ephesians 2:1-10; Matthew 10:24-33,40-42

## Next Sunday's Lectionary · May 17; Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B)

**Collect:** BCP 226

**Psalm 1** (BCP 585)

**Gospel:** John 17:6-19

**First Reading:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

**Second Reading:** 1 John 5:9-13

## Encouragement for your prayer time with God

No matter how it seems, how people treat me, or who I might like noticing me, God is my only audience. "Does he not see my ways and count my every step?" (*Job 31:4*) "On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts." (*1 Thessalonians 2:4*) "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." (*1 John 5:14*)

— From St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries

## Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Bishop Evans Ibeagha** and the priests, deacons, religious, and laity of the Diocese of Enugu, Nigeria. The diocese is one of the 161 dioceses in The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). The Nigerian Church, with over 18 million members, remains the fastest growing province in the Anglican Communion. The Diocese is urban, located in a city of over 700,000 in eastern Nigeria. The climate is humid and hot, with an average daily temperature of 80 degrees.

The Diocese was carved out of the Diocese on the Niger in 1969. It was then a "diocese in exile" as the Nigerian Civil War (1967-1969) was in full swing, with the epicenter in the area of the Diocese. When the pioneer bishop was able to return to the diocese in 1970, most of the churches had been destroyed/looted. He himself had cement blocks as his chairs and table and was tasked with re-converting many Anglicans who had relapsed into pagan practices.

Evangelism has been the top priority of the Diocese since its inception. Those efforts have been so highly successful that the Diocese has since given birth to at least two more dioceses and the new cathedral, consecrated in 2008, seats 5,000 in the nave and 600 in the Lady Chapel and is always very well attended. Please pray especially that the Holy Spirit will perfuse and bless all of the evangelistic and educational efforts of the Diocese.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Fr. Joe Boysel, Deacon Sarah Nix, Deacon Bryan Hollon**, and for the people of **Holy Trinity**, Hudson, Ohio.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Mike Kitmiller; Kay Landsberg; Carol Lieb;** and **Jana and Chuck Lilly;** the **Early Birds Bible Study;** and for the **Harvest Festival**, for which planning is now underway. Lord God, we also ask you to give scientists and researchers wonder and awe about their discoveries within your creation. Guide them to do their work with faithfulness and integrity, and to be respectful of you.

## Weekday Prayer Service this Wednesday, May 13

The next Prayer Service will be this Wednesday, May 13 at Noon in the Sanctuary. Come talk to God and see his goodness! "Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ... " (*1 Corinthians 12:7-9*)

## Come be a part of the Harvest Festival planning this week!

"Father Ron's sermon last Sunday was about pruning the branches to grow the vine. As I listened to his sermon, I realized how appropriate and timely it was," says **Julie Baldwin**, Harvest Festival coordinator. "This is exactly what we are doing by canceling the Spring Sale. We are pruning spring to grow the Fall Festival.

"We are putting a lot of time and effort into growing the Harvest Festival now, by holding monthly meetings and preparing well in advance. You are welcome to join us!"

The next planning meeting will be this Thursday, May 14, at 7 p.m. in the Gathering Area. Julie expresses her appreciation to **Eric Whitehead** for conducting these meetings. The planning team could use your help, so please begin to think about how you can volunteer in an area of interest to you.

The Harvest Festival is set for Saturday, Oct. 24. Sign-ups will be available soon.

Volunteer opportunities include:

-  Set-up
-  Cashier
-  Welcome tent
-  Grill and food service
-  Kids' games
-  Pumpkin patch
-  Customer assistance
-  Crowd patrol
-  Bake sale
-  Tear-down
-  Raffle
-  Parking attendant

This is our largest community outreach ministry, and it's a lot of fun for all involved. Come join us as we share God's love with our neighbors!

# Ascension Christ's vindication from death

By Fr. Ron Baird

Ascension Day falls 40 days after Easter. On this day — Thursday, May 14 this year — we remember Christ's ascent into Heaven to be seated at the right hand of the Father. Ascension Day is more than just a remembering of the soles of Jesus' feet as he drifted up into the clouds! It is the fundamental Christian acknowledgment of the vindication of Jesus by God the Father.

He is vindicated from the sentence of treason and death that was laid upon him by Pontius Pilate in his trial.

He is vindicated from the charge of blasphemy that the Jews, and in particular, the High Priests laid upon him.

He is vindicated and restored to his rightful position as King of the Universe, Ruler of all of Creation.

We might wonder why Jesus waited 40 days before ascending into Heaven. What did he do for those 40 days? It is important to note that in Scripture "40 days" is a catch phrase. It is not necessarily meant to be taken literally. Rather, it means "a long time."

The fact that Jesus ascended into Heaven 40 days after his resurrection is meant to

signify that he remained with his disciples for a long time before he returned to the Father.

This 40 days was an important time for the Church. During this period Jesus taught the disciples concerning the Scriptures that they might more fully understand their meaning and the implication of them upon the experience of his incarnation, earthly ministry and his death and resurrection.

The disciples learned so that others might understand and come to know the saving grace that is Jesus Christ.

We might wonder, "Why did Jesus ascend into Heaven as all? Why didn't he just remain here?" He ascended because the resurrection is more than the resuscitation of his corpse. He was given a new spiritual body in the resurrection.

He appeared to the disciples that they might know the love and forgiveness of the resurrection. He remained for 40 days that they might comprehend its impact upon their lives and the lives of the whole world.

He ascended into Heaven in order to prepare a place for us that we, too, might



God has ascended  
amid shouts of joy the  
Lord amid the sounding  
of trumpets.  
Psalm 47:4

come to share in his Heavenly Kingdom.

He does not leave us alone, however. He sends the Holy Spirit into our lives and hearts through Baptism, that we might never be separated from him, but always connected to him through the Holy Spirit.

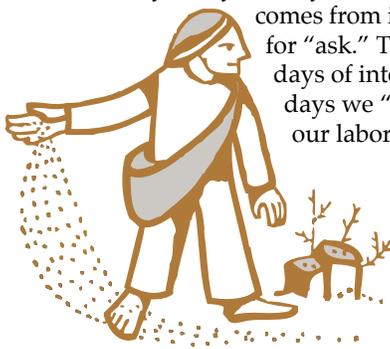
"Lo I am with you even to the end of the ages."

Celebrate the joy of the Ascension!

## This Rogationtide, what seeds are we planting?

By Fr. Ron Baird

How many of you remember celebrating Rogation days? Rogation days are the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Ascension Day, this year May 11-13. The meaning of these days comes from its name. Rogare is Latin for "ask." These days were set aside as days of intercessory prayer. On these days we "ask for God's assistance for our labors."



In times past this has been focused in two different ways. In England in 1559, Parliament, at Queen Elizabeth's request, ordered that the priest of a parish lead a procession of

his parishioners around the boundaries of the parish, praying for the needs of the parish. Since, until recently, our world has been primarily an agricultural world, these intercessory prayers have focused on planting and harvesting.

In the *Book of Common Prayer* 1979, on pages 258 and 259, you will find three prayers (one for each day) concerning intercession at Rogationtide. These three intercessions focus on the needs of our day: The labor of all people in the planting and harvest; for commerce and industry, and for the stewardship of God's Creation and gifts to us. Take a moment to say one of these prayers for each Rogation day.

Beyond the intercession for our own needs, the illustration inset here, which is a depiction of one of the parables that Jesus told, points to our need to plant and sow the seeds of faith. Anglicans are often somewhat reluctant to be evangelists, yet that is exactly what we are called to be. Perhaps our reluctance comes from having been put upon by some overzealous convert ourselves.

When we plant a seed, we can nurture it, tend it, care for it, pray for it, and even love it; but we cannot make it grow. Only God makes things grow. We are called to be planters and sowers, nurturers and carers. We are not called to convert someone. That job belongs to God!

The question we need to ask ourselves this Rogationtide is not how many souls have we brought to Christ, but how many seeds have we planted and cared for?

### Jerusalem guest

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centers set-up by CMJ, whose North American arm is led by the Rev. Canon Daryl Fenton, who has visited with our congregation before.

Deacon Aaron will be speaking on the "Roots of our Faith," and how our Hebrew heritage and the faith of our Old Testament forefathers applies to us as 21st century Gentile believers.

For more information about CMJ and Christ Church Jerusalem, log on to [www.cmj-israel.org](http://www.cmj-israel.org).



# Congratulations, Gwyneth!

Congratulations to **Gwyneth Nelson**, daughter of **Joe and Celia Nelson**, who will graduate from Olentangy High School next Sunday, May 17! While at Olentangy, Gwyneth participated in Orchestra (Cello and Orchestra Secretary), Choir, National Honor Society, German Club and Service Club.



**Gwyneth Nelson**

This summer she will be traveling to Europe for three weeks with American Music Abroad and about 50 other band and orchestra students from across Ohio, performing public concerts in Germany, Austria, France and the Czech Republic.

In the fall she will be attending Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio where she will major in Biochemistry and has been accepted into the Honors Program and the McDonough School of Leadership.

## Graduating? We want to recognize you!

St. Andrew's would like to help mark this very special milestone in the lives of the members of our parish who are graduating from high school, college or other degree program. If you, a child or a grandchild is graduating this year, please contact **Judy Baird** at [jbaird@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:jbaird@standrewspolaris.org) or 740-584-5112, ext. 3 to be included in "The Net's" graduation notes. Please let us know the name of the graduate, their relationship to you, the school they are graduating from, and their plans following graduation. If they are a college graduate, please also include their degree.

Pictures are welcomed and encouraged. The preferred method of submitting photos is as jpeg images via email, but we can also use clear original photographs (copies will not reproduce well), which may be dropped in Judy's mail slot in the Gathering Area. Please label them on the back with the name of the graduate and your name.

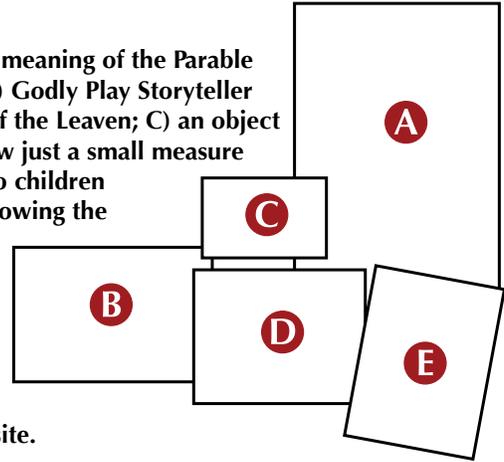
## Renew your Kroger Community Rewards registration now

Parishioners enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards program with St. Andrew's as their registered non-profit are reminded that it's time for your annual renewal, with the new year beginning May 1. Thanks to those participating, we earned approximately \$1,400 in 2014! If you're not yet enrolled, you can help earn money for St. Andrew's while making your regular Kroger purchases simply by registering at [www.Krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.Krogercommunityrewards.com). Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy, and sign up with our number, 80910, or simply enter St. Andrew's Anglican Church as your selected charity. You'll still earn any in-store discounts and gas points. Please contact **Robin Field** at 614-895-8204 with any questions. Thank you!

## On the front

A) One of our Young Saints ponders the meaning of the Parable of the Leaven while another looks on; B) Godly Play Storyteller Rachel Cherubini presents the Parable of the Leaven; C) an object lesson demonstrates for the children how just a small measure of yeast causes dough to "grow;" D) two children participate in the "wondering" time following the presentation of the parable; and E) a child compares the dough without the yeast to the dough with the yeast.

You can learn more about this and other Kingdom parables of Jesus by downloading the Parent Pages available on the Member Connection of our website.



## Coffee Hour

Our Kitchens Saints currently have several EPIC opportunities for you to become involved in serving your parish family and our guests on Sunday morning!



First, they are looking for members to serve with them one Sunday a month during coffee hour, making

sure the coffee is made, the tea caddy is replenished and the water hot, and that snacks provided by members that day are put out between services.

If you enjoy the goodies available in the Gathering Area on Sundays, you might also wish to consider contributing a breakfast snack to share once a month. The sign-up sheet for baked goods is available on the Kitchen Door. Please take a look, and add your name to the list!

The Kitchen Saints also serve throughout the year at special Parish events and receptions, so there are also opportunities to be involved on a periodic basis.

**Commitment:** Coffee Hour, One Sunday a month; special events and receptions, as needed.

**Contact:** Marty Scott, 614-284-0182 or [mScott@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:mScott@standrewspolaris.org); Kathy Seitz, 614-882-2523 or [akstz@aol.com](mailto:akstz@aol.com); or Cherie Bryant, 904-254-0930 or 614-677-3739.

## Sound Booth

Volunteers needed to serve one Sunday a month, or on an as-needed basis, at all three services. Duties include operating the sound board and running the PowerPoint presentation.

**Commitment:** One Sunday a month.

**Contact:** Chris Bryant, 904-254-0930/ [cmbryant64@gmail.com](mailto:cmbryant64@gmail.com).