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Annual Parish Meeting

ONE Service at 10:00am

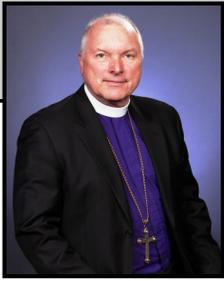
**11:00am Pot-Luck Lunch
and Parish Meeting**

We will review the highlights of 2016 ... and will introduce our important plans for transition in 2017.

We will elect our next class of Vestry, our Sr. Warden, and the delegates/deputies and alternates for the June 2017 diocesan Synod and General Council.

Show your support for our Church
by attending this very important event.

RECTOR'S PAGE



Once while doing research at Oxford, I was having lunch with a group of friends. One of them nudged me to explain that a fairly renowned politician was sitting at the table next to me. I turned and had a

response that often happens when famous people are met. He was smaller in stature than I had imagined. Of course if I actually named this politician, you'd probably readily agree just how small he really is.

There is an interesting phenomenon when famous people are met. They usually seem smaller when we meet them in person. The reason I think is that we tend to build them up in our minds. We imagine them so much larger than they really are. Nowadays, T.V. or the movies blur the scale of perspective. We see them on a big screen so often that we blow up their presence in our minds. Yet if we are privileged to meet them, in the end, we are taken by the smallness of their presence. It's not necessarily their fault. It's just that the reality of their actual height and size takes over.

The great season of Epiphany, in which we find ourselves, introduces to us the Feast of the Epiphany which has the opposite effect. It's in the Gospel reading that starts Epiphany. The reading is the story about the three magi (St. Matthew 2). In this passage, three individuals in particular met Jesus Christ. They were the three wise men. They are the very kind of people that humans would perceive to be large in their presence. They were kings, mighty potentates.

These mighty men came to meet a baby, Jesus. Quite a contrast. They were great kings of the east, famous people; they had giant followings. Christ, on the other hand, was clearly small in size at that point; He was after all a little child. Yet, when the three kings entered the presence of Jesus the following occurred: "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh" (St. Matthew 2:11).

The Magi were used to people bowing before them. Their subjects had no choice. They had to. In the east, the punishment was death if one did not get low and keep his distance. In their case, as they approached Jesus Christ, no one told them to bow. Men such as they did not bend the knee to anyone. Yet no one made them get low before the Christchild. They were compelled to do obeisance of their own volition.

The Magi were captivated by the largeness of the presence of this little child. So large was Jesus' presence that even when He was a child, He impressed the greatest world leaders with an aura greater than they had ever encountered. It happened at Jesus' birth. It even took place when He stood before His accusers before His death. Even the soldiers sent to arrest Him fell back at the largeness of His presence when they came to arrest Him.

So what is the largeness of the presence of Christ? It is His Deity. When people came to meet Jesus Christ, they were not just encountering a man. They were entering the presence of God Almighty, the God/Man.

The Deity of Christ is what is emphasized in Epiphany, a word that means appearing. From Christmas to Epiphany the lessons focus on Jesus' Humanity, for He was indeed fully Man as completely, and even more so, than any other human. But in the lessons of Epiphany, time and again, it is the Deity of Christ that is brought out.

The Deity of Christ explains the largeness of His presence. When we come before God, we are driven to behave differently. We are humbled. Even if we don't kneel, which we should, we want to become quiet. We are in the presence of no mere mortal. We are before God.

+Ray R. Lutton

Youth Confirmation Classes

will begin on February 5th this year.

All unconfirmed children ages 10-14, are invited to enroll.

Our classes will run throughout the spring until Confirmation Sunday (TBA).

Please contact Fr. Kasey to confirm your child's participation in the class.

They will meet on Sunday's from 11:15am-Noon in the Conference Annex in the Edman Building.



Anglicanism 101

TODAY, Sunday, January 22nd, we will begin a class that will meet during the Sunday school hour

and will be combined with the Adult Sunday School Class in Lunt Hall.

This class is designed for new members, for those preparing for Confirmation, and as a "refresher course" for other CHC parishioners.

A brief overview of the Bible ...

An overview of the Creeds ...

Instruction concerning the Church and the Sacraments ... The

Lord's Prayer ...

The 10 Commandments ...

The Anglican Way ...

Canon Charles Camlin will lead the class.

If you have any questions, please contact:

**Canon Charlie: frcharlie@holymuniondallas.org
972-248-6505**

The book we suggest to read along with the class is:

To Be a Christian: An Anglican Catechism

This book is available for purchase in The Silver Chalice.

2017 VESTRY Nominees: We will elect 3 at the Annual Meeting on January 29th.



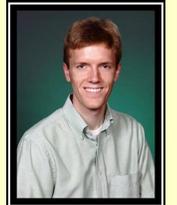
Brittany Dalton has been an Anglican and member of CHC for 25 yrs. In her teens, she was in FLAIR, was an Acolyte, and a VCC Counselor. Currently, she is on Altar Guild, volunteers at VCC, teaches Children's Chapel, and is the Co-Chair of the Good Samaritans. Brittany taught at HCCA, and taught Special Ed for 2 yrs. She is currently a Pre-K teacher in PISD. Brittany is pursuing her Masters in Special Ed at Texas A&M.

Trace Furniss was confirmed as an Anglican in 2006, and has been a member of Church of the Holy Communion since 2008. Before coming to Texas, Trace served on the Vestry of St. Mary of the Angels in Los Angeles, California. At CHC, Trace is active in St. James Brotherhood (V.P and Pres). He is involved in a Home Group, and he is also an Usher. Trace is the Authoring Supervisor at Funimation Entertainment.



Miriam Gregory is a life long Anglican and has been at CHC for five years. She currently serves on Altar Guild, Tables of 8, the Membership Development Committee, the PrimeTimers group, and she is a Greeter. Miriam has participated in our Choir, in Veritas, in a Home Group, and helped compile our last pictorial directory. Miriam is the Controller in a CPA firm.

Chris Hoyt has been an Anglican for 19 years and came to us from Good Shepherd REC in Tyler. He is the Church Organist, choir accompanist, the Youth Choir director, and the Committee Chair for the Concert Series. Chris recently headed up the committee that is producing a new hymnal. He frequently performs recitals in the area. Chris is the Organist for Church of the Holy Communion.



Nic Osmond is a life long Anglican, and has been a member of CHC for four years. Previously he was on the Vestry and Sr. Warden at St. Andrew's Church in Farmers Branch, TX. Nic participates in Children's Chapel, All Saints Ministry, St. James Brotherhood (secretary), the Property Committee, Membership Development Committee, and he is an Usher. He is our CHC Photographer. Nic is a Program Manager for IBM Corporation.

January—February ANNIVERSARIES

Mark and Kathryn Piersall	Jan. 2
Abraham and Rachel Denn	Jan. 3
Tristan and Jennifer Boyd	Jan. 6
Brenton and Sharon Drakeford	Jan. 10
Tim and Ilene Vought	Jan. 13
Robert and Jane Keith	Jan. 26
Ted and Linda Cox	Feb. 2
Doug and Madeleine Smith	Feb. 11
Jay and Charlene Wolthausen	Feb. 11
Noble Field and Donna Mallory	Feb. 14
Gordon and Nancy Asher	Feb. 15
Don and Cheryl Coney	Feb. 26
Steve and Chris Vajrt	Feb. 27



Clergy and parishioners of CHC participated in the March for Life on January 14th.



Holy Communion Christian Academy



Pre-K and Kindergarten has a place for your child grandchild, or friend's child.

We offer Extended Hours and Academic Year or Year Round Terms

Hours: 7:30am-6:00pm **Days:** Monday-Friday **Term:** Academic Year or Year Round **Ages:** 6 weeks through Kindergarten

For more information, please contact Director, **Monica Dalton**, 972-248-7610 or go to the school website: www.hccadallas.org.



Deacon Chip Shattuck
as "Santa"



... to everyone who picked a gift angel from the Angel Tree and purchased items for Collinwood Care Center.

The residents were thrilled with the gifts they received !

We appreciate your help ... Jean Baker and Evy Cassell



A wonderful way to start the New Year is with Prayers.

Here are two prayers from the Family Prayer section of the 1928 BCP.

For Grace to guide and keep us the following Day, and for God's Blessing on the business of the Same.

IN particular, we implore thy grace and protection for the ensuing day. Keep us temperate in all things, and diligent in our several callings. Grant us patience under our afflictions. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings; quiet and peaceable; full of compassion; and ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and opportunities.

Direct us in all our ways. Defend us from all dangers and adversities; and be graciously pleased to take us, and all who are dear to us, under thy fatherly care and protection.

These things, and whatever else thou shalt see to be necessary and convenient to us, we humbly beg, through the merits and mediation of thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

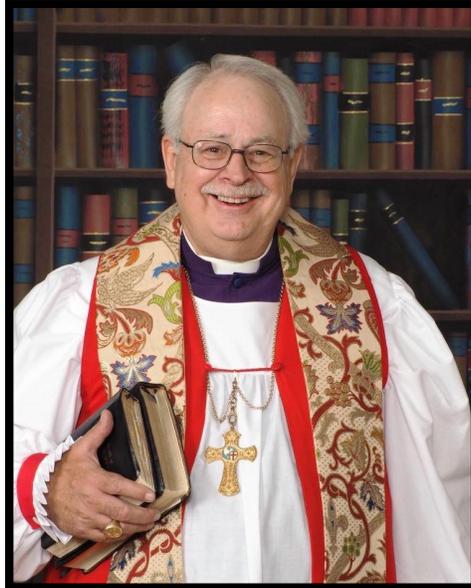
Prayer for Grace to reform and grow Better.

AND lest, through our own frailty, or the temptations which encompass us, we be drawn again into sin, vouchsafe us, we beseech thee, the direction and assistance of thy Holy Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss in the temper and disposition of our souls; that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or inordinate desires, may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred, and malice; that we may never suffer the sun to go down upon our wrath; but may always go to our rest in peace, charity, and good-will, with a conscience void of offence towards thee, and towards men; that so we may be preserved pure and blameless, unto the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen*

THE MOST REV. BISHOP ROYAL U. GROTE

(16 August 1946 – 24 November 2016)

Clergy from around the world came to Church of the Holy Communion
to honor Bishop Grote at his Funeral on December 13, 2016.



Bishop Sutton and
Archbishop Foley
Beach





Provided by
Fr. Kasey Gage

Articles of Religion

Part 35

This portion of the 39 Articles of Religion was produced by an English priest serving in South Africa named The Rev. Dick Begbie (From *The Anglican Faith: A Layman's Guide to the 39 Articles of Religion*).

ARTICLE 35 - OF THE HOMILIES

The second Book of Homilies, the several titles whereof we have joined under this Article, doth contain a godly and wholesome Doctrine, and necessary for these times, as doth the former Book of Homilies, which were set forth in the time of Edward the Sixth; and therefore we judge them to be read in Churches by the Ministers, diligently and distinctly, that they may be understood of the people.

Touching this article, the greatest matter is not, whether these homilies meant and mentioned do contain doctrine both godly, wholesome, and necessary; but whether homilies, or Apocryphal writings at all, may be read in the open church, before the congregation;

The Anabaptists and Family of Love thought there ought to be no preaching at all because the door was closed. So, they would burn the books, writings, and monuments of learned men, reserving and preserving only the holy scriptures from the fire.

The Puritans said if God did not work miraculously and extraordinarily, (which is not to be looked for of us) the bare reading (yea not) of the scriptures, without preaching, cannot deliver so much as one poor soul from destruction; reading (of whatsoever in the church) without preaching, is not feeding, but as ill as playing upon a stage, and worse too.

At the time of the reformation, the writings and sermons of reformers were read in the churches throughout Switzerland and Germany.

In the primitive church was publicly read the epistle of the Laodicean's in the church of the Colossians, the epistle of Clemens unto the Corinthians. St. Paul's letter to the Galatians was written to the 'churches of Galatia.' St. Paul's pastoral letters were not written for a specific congregation but were to be read in the churches. The general epistles were also not addressed to a single congregation but were to be read in all the churches. This principle demonstrates that reading a letter to the churches of God was sanctioned by its Apostle/Bishops to be carried on by those following in their Apostolic ministry.

At the time of the Reformation, the emphasis on the sacraments and priestcraft had become such that most of the priests were incapable of preaching sermons. In consequence sermons had to be produced for them which they could read from the pulpits. These sermons are the homilies and they explain and expand the doctrines set forth in these articles. Modernised versions of the homilies are being published nowadays and are good reading for those studying theology seriously.

There is an application of the principle of this article today. For instance in remote areas in various parts of the world where only a few can gather together to worship a layman may be licensed to lead the services but who is not competent to preach. In such circumstances the bishop may issue him with tape cassettes of approved sermons which he can play during the course of public worship.

Christmas at CHC

Thank you ... to Cynthia Longueville,
Diana Tipton, and Jane Keith for making
our church look so beautiful.



Chrismon Tree

Fr. Andrew Brummett
and John Tipton
helped the children
put the beautiful,
handmade Chrismons
on the tree.



At the 5:30pm Christmas
Eve Family Service,
Bishop Sutton blessed the
Nativity Figures and the
children who brought
them to the Altar.



BIGFISH ...

Believers in God, Faithful in Serving Him.



Youth Confirmation classes will begin on February 5th this year and all unconfirmed children ages 10-14, are invited to enroll. Our classes will run throughout the spring until Confirmation Sunday (TBA). Please contact Fr. Kasey to confirm your child's participation in the class. They will meet on Sunday's from 11:15-12:00 in the Conference Annex in the Edman Building.

Friday Fun Night: All youth (3 years/potty trained and older) are invited to spend an evening at the church on Friday, February 10th. FFN begins at 6:30pm and will include dinner, games, crafts and all sorts of fun activities. Fr. Kasey Gage will supervise this monthly event for the children and their friends on the 2nd Friday of the month, in Miller Hall. And free time for the parents to go out and celebrate Valentine's Day!

The third Saturday night of the month, Saturday, February 18th, is Game Night for BIGFISH from 7-10pm. The event is geared toward fellowship of our youth and their guests in a safe, fun, and wholesome environment. There will be all kinds of games (board games, card games, video games, ping pong, foosball, et. all) available for the children over the course of the evening with plenty of snacks and drinks. Please mark the third Saturday of each month on your schedule and plan to attend and bring your friends!

On Tuesday, February 28th, BIGFISH will continue our tradition of hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. This dinner will take place from 6:00-7:00pm in Lunt Hall. It is a fundraiser for our youth and we will ask that those attending to give a donation in the amount of their own choosing. We will also encourage parishioners to purchase white, wooden crosses to be displayed in their yards during this Lenten and Easter season as a sign of their Christian faith. We are going to ask for a minimum donation of \$10/cross.

Kids and adult helpers will need to be at the church at 5:00pm to begin set-up for this event. It is important that kids can be there to help out with this event because all of the money goes to supporting their ministry. **Please let me know if you will be able to attend.** I am also looking for a few parents who are willing to come and help with the event as well. If you are willing to help out, please contact me at frkasey@holychurchdallas.org.

BIGFISH will participate in the Habitat for Humanity Walk-a-Thon coming up on Saturday, February 25th. The money raised at the Walk-a-Thon will go toward building houses for folks who would otherwise not be able to achieve their dream of home ownership.

We are trying to coordinate our parish efforts in raising money for this year's Walk-a-Thon and the youth have been asked two things: 1) Commit to walking the 5 mile event and 2) Ask your teachers, coach's, friends, and family members to sponsor you on the walk by giving a pledge. This is a fundraiser, so the most important thing for you to do is to solicit those you know to support you in raising money for this worthy organization.

Afterward, the youth will travel to Cane's (NW corner of Coit/Campbell) for lunch. BIGFISH will pay for the lunches of those who participate in the Walk a Thon. Parents can pick their children up at 11:30am at Cane's.

So, gather your friends together to come out to support this wonderful ministry and enjoy a free lunch at Cane's on us.

The Children's Nativity Pageant

was presented between services in Lunt Hall on Sunday, December 18th ...
with a visit from a very special St. Nicholas !

