

Trinity Tidings

September 2022

Autumn 2022



The month of September is upon us and I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer break. As we do at this time each year, we prepare for the autumn season. We return to our two-service worship schedule, Christian Education programs, Outreach projects, and a full parish life. This is a time to reset life as we move forward.

Refreshed from our summer respite, we take our steps onto new pathways of discovery in faith and community. Listed below are opportunities to do this as we return to our common life together.

Worship Schedule:

On Sunday, September 11, we return to the two-service worship schedule: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Chancel Choir:

Our parish choir will return on September 11. We are pleased to welcome several student choristers who attend SUNY-Fredonia. They will act as a foundation for this volunteer choral group. If you are interested in joining the chancel choir, please contact me for more information.

Altar Guild:

For persons wishing to renew their ministry with this Guild or if you are interested with its work and how you may become involved, please contact Janeil Rey, Jr. Warden.

Godly Play:

The children of the parish will begin another season of Godly Play, beginning on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 10:30 a.m. Each lesson will take place in our newly renovation classroom, which was designed for this curriculum.

Service Participants:

If you want to renew, continue, or begin the ministry of a service participant – lector, intercessor, altar team/acolyte – please contact me for more information and conversation. Especially after a time of pandemic, this season ought to see a return of our full liturgy during worship.

Canterbury Gathering:

Trinity will renew its college ministry at SUNY-Fredonia this autumn. This will entail various gatherings including *The College Kitchen at Trinity*, which is a monthly community meal held in Garland Hall. More information about this ministry and its programs will be provided at a later date.

I also commend to you the information and notes of upcoming events listed in the *Parish News* section of this newsletter. A new season at Trinity has begun!

--- Peace, James+

Important dates in September:

Sunday Worship Schedule change:

Starting Sunday, Sept. 11 – 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rt. I; 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist, Rt. II.

Godly Play: Starting Sunday, Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m.

Parish Breakfast: Sunday, Sept. 11, Garland Hall, immediately following the 10:30 service.

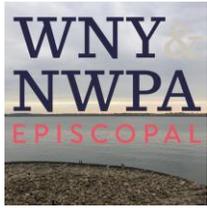
TECW Meeting: Saturday, Sept. 3, at 9:30 a.m., Garland Hall.

Vestry Meeting:

Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 6:00 p.m., Garland Hall.

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Diocesan News



From Bishop Sean: The Lambeth Conference Concludes

August 7, 2022

Dear People of God in Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York:

Earlier today in Canterbury, the Lambeth Conference of bishops from across the Anglican Communion drew to a close. The Archbishop of Canterbury gave his [closing address](#) this morning, and in the late afternoon, bishops participated in a closing worship service at Canterbury Cathedral. Tomorrow I will fly, God and the airlines willing, from London to Buffalo.

This has been my second Lambeth Conference. My first one, in 2008, took place less than a year after I became the bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania. The context for this meeting has been dramatically different, as the Episcopal Church and several other provinces of the communion now practice marriage equality and strive for the full inclusion of LGBTQ people. The issue of human sexuality, which has consumed so much energy and time at Anglican Communion meetings since 1998, is now largely settled in the Episcopal Church and in several other provinces of the communion. But it is not a settled matter in other Anglican churches, especially in the Church of England, which is now in the midst of a long listening process about sexuality and marriage. The strain over the issue during the first half of the conference was indicative of these disagreements.

The [resulting compromise](#) was a welcome if incremental improvement from previous communion meetings at which the Episcopal Church has faced consequences for its commitment to full inclusion. I joined Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, several other primates, and many of my colleagues in [signing a statement](#) affirming God's unconditional love for LGBTQ people.

After the crisis of a vote on human sexuality was averted, the conference seemed more at ease. Many of us had deeply meaningful conversations with bishops in our bible study groups and found great

value in [conference presentations](#) and table group discussions on [reconciliation](#), climate change, science and faith, and other issues facing Anglicans across the globe. We traveled to London to visit Lambeth Palace's sustainable gardens and launched the [Communion Forest initiative](#), and we heard [presentations on discipleship](#) from a group co-chaired by Presiding Bishop Curry. I leave Canterbury with rich memories and new friends who are doing profound and important ministry in dioceses across the globe.

In particular, I was very glad to meet and talk with the Rt. Rev. Philip Wright, bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Belize. Longtime members of the Diocese of Western New York will remember that, several decades ago, our diocese had a mission partnership with the Diocese of Belize, and the Trustees in Western New York still manage a fund for the benefit of that diocese. I look forward to continuing my conversations with Bishop Wright about how our dioceses might renew that historical partnership.

I think that the Anglican Communion is at its best when it gives shape and substance to just these kinds of relationships and collaborations for the sake of God's mission in the world. As Anglicans, our history is inescapably grounded in the history of colonialism and radical inequalities, and yet I believe that together, we can find ways to dismantle these legacies that divide us and work together to advance God's mission. At this Lambeth Conference, I think we have best fulfilled our ministry as bishops when we listened, learned and prayed together, and when we have formed relationships that can include God's people in our dioceses at home. I hope that as the Episcopal Church continues to answer the call to life-changing global mission with other Anglicans, we can devote our time, our resources, and our relationships to strengthening and supporting an Anglican Communion that is grounded in the interdependence, mutual responsibility and forbearance that we have glimpsed here in the last few days.

Thank you for the prayers and good wishes you have offered while I have been away. When I return home, I am planning to spend some time with Carly and Lauren to rest and recharge after a busy summer, but I will be back in the office in late August and will look forward to being with you again soon.

Faithfully,
+Sean

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Episcopal News Service

In final Lambeth address, Archbishop of Canterbury calls Church back to the Five Marks of Mission

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Posted: August 7, 2022

By Lynette Wilson

[Episcopal News Service – Canterbury, England]

In his third and final keynote address of the 15th Lambeth Conference, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby called the church back to the Five Marks of Mission – Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure – tying them to the theme, “God’s Church for God’s World.”

“In each generation, the principles remain but the way we take actions changes,” he said, noting the actions “to which we are called” are present in the Lambeth Calls.

“The church united is not merely a help to the world; it is the sign of salvation to the transformation of the world. The church humbled and hospitable, generous and full of love, is not just a nice thing to have in society; it points to the kingdom of heaven,” said Welby on Aug. 7 at the University of Kent, the site of the conference.

The church is not just another nongovernmental organization but “God’s chosen means of shining light in the darkness,” he said. Welby also emphasized evangelism, formation and discipleship, focusing on bishops’ vocation in leading God’s church, which exists for the sake of the salvation of God’s world, throughout his final address.

It’s in periods of darkness that churches confront the world’s challenges and grow, and their members must be educated in Scripture and extrapolate it into the world.

“The strength of many churches that grow – grow deeper and grow in numbers – is that everyone knows the Gospel and can say something about their own testimony of their love and meeting with Jesus Christ,” Welby said. “They may not be eloquent, their theology may be slightly crude, but when they speak from the heart, others listen and their transformed lives illustrate their words.

“It is essential throughout the churches of the communion that everyone understands themselves to be witnesses because they are baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Over 650 bishops from across the Anglican Communion gathered July 26 at the University of Kent, just outside the city center, for the 12-day conference. Welby addressed the conference one last time when he preached at the closing [Eucharist](#).

The office of the archbishop of Canterbury is one of the four Instruments of Communion, as is the Lambeth Conference, which is typically held every 10 years. Installed in March 2013, Welby is the 105th man appointed to the office.

At this Lambeth Conference, discussion centered on “Lambeth Calls,” draft papers on 10 subject areas that were intended to initiate discussion among the bishops and to offer action items for when they return to their provinces and dioceses after the conference. Calls focused on mission and evangelism, [discipleship](#), environment and sustainable [development](#), [reconciliation](#) and [human dignity](#).

Despite Welby’s and organizers’ intentions to keep the discussions focused on the conference’s theme, long-standing disputes over human sexuality began [simmering](#) even before the conference began as conservatives sought to affirm a resolution adopted by bishops attending the 1998 Lambeth Conference that condemns same-sex marriage and all sex outside of marriage between a man and a woman. But by the conference’s seventh day, Welby had managed to tamp down some of the tension by lifting up both [traditional and progressive marriage beliefs](#).

Though stark divisions remain over issues of human sexuality across the communion, which covers 165 countries, many Anglican and Episcopal bishops concluded their time in Canterbury on a more hopeful note, looking toward unity despite lingering [differences](#).

Christians, he said, are called to reconciliation and to be reconcilers, though at times the church “coughs and staggers” along in the darkness of the world “in fear of the future.” How, he asked, should the church act in relationship?

“That is the first and greatest call, the one we haven’t listed, but it is the greatest call because it is the

Scriptural call. And through these weeks of calls and conversations, this week has not planned to be, but has become, a time of intense ecclesiological development and thinking and reflection for the Anglican Communion.

“We are a communion of churches catholic and reformed, autonomous and interdependent, and we must keep to the principles of both.”

The Scriptures, he said, form the “heart” of the reformed tradition, and the catholic tradition is not only staying true to the historical episcopacy but recognizing membership in a global church and upholding the principles of social organizing and education.

“Autonomy is an expression of subsidiarity, the principle in Catholic social teaching that we should always work at the most local level possible.”

Throughout the conference, and particularly when organizers decided to eliminate voting on the calls, delegates were reminded that the Lambeth Conference is not a legislative body, nor does it have binding authority.

In addition to the 10 Lambeth Calls, on Aug. 6, the conference’s final business day, primates continued a tradition of issuing “[statements of support](#)” for areas of the Anglican Communion that are facing particular turmoil. Distinct from the Lambeth Calls, which recommend action, the statements bear witness to crises around the world – especially those that affect Anglican provinces – and send prayers for peace and resolution.

The statements range from the need to address gun violence in the United States to the climate crisis to peace in Israel and Palestine to the world’s refugee crisis. In his final address, Welby made it clear that church leaders need to be courageous and use their voices to stand up to governments.

“This is not the church getting involved in politics; it’s the church getting involved in God,” he said to applause.

“All too often, all churches, not only Anglicans, have got sucked into supporting governments colluding with injustice and upholding oppression at any and every level. To stand up against oppression is frightening because it is costly and so many of you know that so well,” Welby said.

“We don’t like it when governments speak forcefully against us or do worse than that ... yet we must speak. To be silent on the climate emergency ... on the unethical treatment of migrants or on war and oppression, on the abuse of human rights, on persecution, is to be one of the oppressors.”

As a result of the pandemic, the 15th Lambeth Conference took place in phases: Phase 1, or the listening phase, happened in the year leading up to the conference. Phase 2 was the conference itself. And Phase 3, which will be led by South Sudanese Bishop Anthony Poggo, the incoming secretary-general of the Anglican Communion, will take place over the next two years, aimed at further deepening understanding, building relationships and learning from one another.

“It’s not an action list; it’s a relationship approach. But we will have the aim of seeing how we can put into practice, contextually, in our local area, in the right way, those things on which we have agreed ...,” Welby said. “[It] will enable us to pray for one another, but most of all, it will take us facing outwards, going outwards; it will enable our relationships to draw us towards greater holiness and unity.”

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Parish Notes

Update on the Parish Organist:

As we have all kept Dr. Ji Hyun Woo, Organist and Director of Music, in our thoughts and prayers these past months, it was in hope that she would fully recover and return to her way of life as it was before her automobile accident. Her health is improving, but Ji Hyun remains unable to return to her previous work schedule.

As a result, and with much sadness, I have accepted her resignation as a member of staff at Trinity. That said, Ji Hyun will remain a part of our parish family and I ask for your continued prayers for her recovery.

Donald Fellows and Shinobu Takagi will continue to assist as supply organists during the interim period.

I want to express our utmost gratitude to Shinobu for being with us for most of the Sunday mornings during these past months.

-- JMC+

Please note: The latest vestry meeting minutes are not included in this newsletter as there was no August meeting. The minutes of the July meeting will be formally approved this month.



**Join us
on the front lawn at the church
for a free Hot Dog Lunch
during Fredonia Farm Fest!**

**Saturday, August 27, 11am until 2pm
(or until the food is gone!)**

**Everyone is invited to attend
a complimentary**

Community Breakfast

**to be held in Garland Hall
immediately after the 10:30 service
on September 11 – See you there!**

**Our meal together will begin at
approximately 11:30 a.m.**

Parish Outreach

Recently an announcement was made that the Chautauqua County Rural Ministry's Emergency Food Pantry is in need of donations!

Trinity's September Outreach project will be to collect canned goods, cereal, etc.

Thank you for your continued support.

--- Outreach Team

TECW

Thank you to everyone who contributed the vegetables, fruits, pasta and milk for the Friendly Kitchen the month of August.

I wish everyone could have seen the look on Diane's face when she saw all the extra goodies she had to cook with and serve to the clients.

It brought joy to many and helped TECW's budget as well!

Thank you again for your generosity,
Bonnie & Doreen

*Do not neglect to do good and to share
what you have, for such sacrifices are
pleasing to God.*

Hebrews 13:16

Lectionary Readings for September: www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, September 4

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 18

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

Sunday, September 11

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 19

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalms 51:1-11

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, September 18

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 20

Amos 8:4-7

Psalms 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, September 25

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 21

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalms 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

Birthdays in September

- 3 Veronica Wheelock
- 4 Heather (Gould) Martin
- 7 Doug Erick
- 7 Hannah Rexford
- 14 Lucille Bryant

- 17 Meredith Wheelock
- 17 Ethan Cooper
- 28 Bridget Russell

Wedding Anniversaries in September

- 3 Kerri Vercant and Bill Underhill
- 18 Byron and Abby Rexford
- 30 Jack and Sue Torrance

In Memoriam

- 11 Alfred Vercant
- 12 Arlene Maytum
- 13 Dana W. Wheelock
- 20 Joshua Mosier
- 26 Dana M. Wheelock

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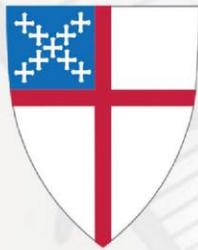
Holy Cross Day *September 14*

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 244

No Worship Server schedule for the month of September.

Service participants for Sunday services have been provided a schedule.



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**WELCOME SUNY FREDONIA
STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF
AS YOU BEGIN A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR!**

**Join us on Sunday, September 11, at 11:30 a.m. for a
complimentary breakfast with our parish family.**



FELLOWSHIP & MORE!

Canterbury Gathering

An Episcopal College Ministry
for SUNY Fredonia students!

Community Outreach Program

The Trinity Family contributes
regularly within our local region.

College Kitchen at Trinity

A complimentary monthly communal
meal open for all college students.

Music in our Parish

Our congregation is eager to welcome
guest musicians and choir members.



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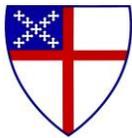
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Ephesians 1:2*