

THE CANTICLE

# From The Dean . . .

One of the most common questions that I have been asked in recent weeks is: “How can I find words to convey my anguish and fear and hope? “While it is true that there is no *right* or *wrong* way to pray, there are times when the comfort of long used, oft prayed words does much to sooth our longing spirit.



These words may come from the Psalter:

*Yeah though I walk through the Valley of the shadow of death I shall fear no evil... (Psalm 23)*

They may come from familiar Hymn texts:

*O God our help in ages past our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.... (Hymn 680)*

They may come from the New Testament:

*...nothing ... in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8: 39)*

They may come from our own *Book of Common Prayer*, one of the great gifts of the Episcopal Church to the wider Christian family. The essence of our doctrine, discipline, worship and tradition is contained in these 1001 pages. Many Episcopalians think of the Prayer Book primarily as a tool to aid in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, or the daily offices of Morning and Evening Prayer. In fact, these services comprise only a fraction of the overall book.

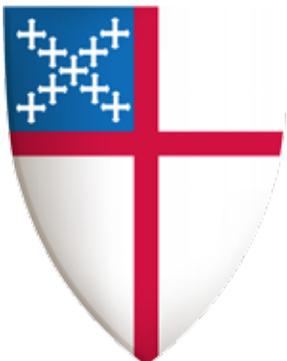
One of my favorite sections begins on page 814, and is simply entitled ‘*Prayers and Thanksgivings.*’ What follow are thirty pages of very powerful words that give comfort, solace and grace to our everyday lives. One of the most powerful of these:

For the Human Family (BCP 815)

*O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Additionally one can find prayers for families, and travelers; for those in prison and unemployed; for those struggling with addiction, celebrating birthdays, and preparing for baptism: Eighty-one prayers and thanksgivings in all. As you seek to put your own grief, longing and faith into words, I invite you allow the prayer book to enrich your vocabulary of faith.

THE  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH



WELCOMES YOU



All Saints' Day

All Souls' Day

*All Saints' Day* is Wednesday, November 1.

We will read the necrology during the *All Faithful Departed* or *All Souls' Day* Eucharist at 12:15 PM on Thursday, November 2, in the Chapel.

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**  
(Sunday Readings)

**November 5**

Revelation 7:9-17  
Psalm 34:1-10, 22  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12

**November 12**

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25  
Psalm 78:1-7  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

**November 19**

Judges 4:1-7  
Psalm 123  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

**November 26**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 100  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46



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The Right Reverend  
Morris K. Thompson, Jr., *Bishop*

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*Dean*

The Reverend Canon Steven M. Roberts

The Reverend Canon David B. Lowry,  
*Theologian in Residence*

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*Priest Associate*

The Reverend Travers C. Koerner,  
*Priest Associate*

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Mr. Kevin Kelley, *Assistant Sexton*

Ms. Karen Miller, *Nursery Worker*

**HONORARY CANONS  
NON-RESIDENTIARY**

The Reverend S. Chad Jones  
Mr. David R. Pitts  
The Reverend E. Mark Stevenson

**VESTRY**

2018

Kendall Genre,  
Jesse George (Senior Warden)  
Lawrence Marrione, Rick Mithun

2019

Ryan Garrity, Angela Kellum,  
Dan LeGardeur (Treasurer)

2020

Alan Brackett, Laura Brown, (Secretary)  
Robert Clepper

2021

John Sibal, Steve Smith,  
Borden Wallace

Submissions for Cathedral publications  
are always welcome.

\*Items for the December, 2017 issue of  
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Please e-mail articles to  
canticle@cccnola.org.

Send photos to  
photos@cccnola.org

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announcements should be submitted  
*before noon on Tuesdays* to  
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**Weekly Liturgies**

*Sundays*

8:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Spoken)

1928 Prayer Book

10:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Sung)

Rite II (Rite I in Lent)

6:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Sung)

Real Presence

*Weekdays (M-F)*

12:15 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist

*Saturdays*

9:30 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Spoken)

Rite II

**WGSO 990AM**

Sunday Morning 10 AM Eucharist  
Live Broadcast on WGSO 990 AM  
Radio.

Online streaming and downloadable  
podcast at [www.wgso.com](http://www.wgso.com)

Broadcasts underwritten in part by  
St. Martin's Episcopal School.

# Cathedral Building Update

Karen Whitfield

The Cathedral's capital campaign restoration and preservation project continues to progress well. The elastomeric coating on the Cathedral and Chapel has been removed and Associated Waterproofing expects to complete all plaster repairs by the end of October, after which each building will receive two coats of paint. We remain on track to complete this work by the end of 2017.

We also are moving forward with replacement of our entire HVAC system. In its September meeting, the Cathedral Vestry approved the Property Committee's recommendation to replace our decades-old chilled water system with a more cost-effective VRV (variable refrigerant volume) HVAC system. The anticipated maintenance cost of a VRV system is expected to be 40-50% of the cost of the existing chilled water system. ADG Engineering is preparing the necessary design and construction documents, which we expect to have by mid-November. At that point, we will file an amendment to our tax credit application to include all HVAC expenditures. While we await the State's approval of our amended application, ADG will prepare bid documents and collect bids from HVAC contractors to provide and install our new system. The actual installation of new HVAC equipment, including removal of the existing equipment, will be scheduled in stages, with the entire process expected to last about 4 months. We are hopeful that this can all be accomplished before next summer. As always, if you have any questions about our ongoing work, please feel free to contact me.



## Altar Flower Donations

Thanks to all of you who have donated flowers for the cathedral and chapel. There are still opportunities for you to donate flowers in memory or thanksgiving of loved ones. Please sign up on the sheet in Stuart Hall or for more information, contact Sandy Jackson - (504) 717-3185 - sditta@tulane.edu.



# November



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| 2  | Beth Buckley      | 14 | Jason Kirkwood  |
| 5  | John Alden Meade  | 14 | Katherine Lee   |
| 5  | Mark Collins      | 15 | Amy Corcoran    |
| 6  | Spann Rookard     | 16 | Jimmy Faust     |
| 9  | Carl Gaines, Jr.  | 17 | Helen Klein     |
| 10 | Les Bradfield     | 20 | Bob Carr        |
| 12 | Alicia Heard      | 22 | Chris Brown     |
| 12 | Matt Thomas       | 28 | David O'Leary   |
| 13 | Erica Dodson      | 29 | Bennett Bengé   |
| 13 | Bobette Dudley    | 29 | Hudson Bengé    |
| 13 | Andrew Shoftstahl | 30 | Margaret Albert |
| 14 | Jennifer Leetham  | 30 | Katelyn Meyers  |
| 14 | Caitlin Kirkwood  | 30 | Victoria Willis |

*O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

If your name isn't listed, we don't have your date of birth in our records. Please send an e-mail to [acs@cccnola.org](mailto:acs@cccnola.org) or call the cathedral office and we'll be sure to wish you a Happy Birthday next year!

## Did you know?

You can listen to Sunday services anytime online!



Visit our website at <http://cccnola.org> and click on the Archives link at the bottom right of the page.

# Christmas Concerts



**A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols**  
Sunday, December 10 at 4:00 PM

*All events are free of charge.  
Donations are gladly accepted.*

**Mr. Casey Candebat, Tenor**  
Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 PM



**Lyrice Baroque**  
Saturday, December 23 at 7:00 PM

# JERICHO ROAD



EPISCOPAL HOUSING INITIATIVE

## *Get Out The Vote*

The 16th President of the United States Abraham Lincoln once said, “Elections belong to the people. It’s their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.”

If recent election cycles have done anything they have reminded us of the consequences of voting and the power that a vote can have in shaping policy. With our social and political climate increasingly polarized, elections are said to be “tighter” than ever before. A decades-long legacy of voter restriction and suppression has created a gap where those on the margins are left out of the process entirely. Regardless of the direction in which someone chooses to vote, it is critical that every American realize the very real consequences that come from elections; decisions have outcomes. Apathy for civic participation does not exclude one from those outcomes. Suffrage is a pillar of American democracy; a condition that is inalienable and has taken generations to shape into its most perfect form. The question now becomes what can be done to engage, encourage, and motivate voters? How can community-development organizations play a role?

Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative is a community development corporation (CDC) which focuses on developing affordable housing, promotes homeownership, and provides health and education-oriented opportunities for working families throughout New Orleans. Our role, however, does not end with housing development but instead emphasizes building relationships and addressing structural issues within our community that prevent families from fully prospering. Acknowledging the intersection between voting and the need for systemic change, Jericho Road has made it a priority to mobilize community members and drive forward a community-led agenda that identifies and provides solutions to people’s needs. In partnership with The Power Coalition, an organization whose focus is to build the infrastructure needed to achieve shifts in civic engagement, work is being done to target and support citizens through the electoral process. Jericho Road considers itself non-partisan, but like The Power Coalition, seeks to shift power in Louisiana back into the hands of the people; only then will the government become more fully representative and the barriers to structural change can be eliminated. For the upcoming election cycle, Jericho Road and The Power Coalition are partnering to spearhead a “Get Out The Vote (GOTV)” campaign, targeting infrequent voters and providing resources to them

that encourage voting participation. Through these efforts, we aim to bring 32,000 voters to the polls citywide. Jericho Road is taking an active role by engaging community members through canvassing and phone banking to encourage early voting. Jericho Road does not support any candidate. This collaboration allows Jericho Road to offer crucial neighborhood-level leadership support in addition to The Power Coalition’s technical and financial assistance.

In the community, people should be given a space to grow and prosper. Of course, we are reminded that such an opportunity is often not evenly distributed. By mobilizing people to action, real change can occur at all levels and domains of society. The goal of voter mobilization is to accomplish this very ideal, ensuring that the needs of the people are in the hands of the community.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho Road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life’s highway.” Our organizational namesake – a parable of the Good Samaritan – is an important reminder of the value of community and what can and should be done so that all can rise.

For more information about Jericho Road’s community engagement efforts, please contact Michael Robinson via e-mail: [michaelrobinson@JerichoHousing.org](mailto:michaelrobinson@JerichoHousing.org)

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## Coffee Hour

Please consider hosting Coffee Hour one Sunday. Drinks are provided by the cathedral and volunteers provide their choice of food. Host with a friend or two. If you have no time to shop and prepare food, donations are always gladly accepted. Back-up refreshment supplies are low and contributions are welcome. For additional information or to volunteer, contact the Hospitality Committee (co-chairs Annette Figueroa & Judith Loudon). Barbara and Dan LeGardeur, Sara and Bordon Wallace, Betty Foster, Judith and Mark Loudon, Nick and Melissa Montero.

*Many thanks to all!*



# Deaconal Ministry in the Diocese of Louisiana



*Editor's note: Below is the first in a regular series of articles describing the life and ministry of Deacons in the Diocese of Louisiana. The Diaconate is an ordained Clerical order whose role is bringing the ministry of the Church to the wider world.*

Mark Hudson - Deacon at St. Marks, Harvey

It is an honor to ride along with policemen at night as they come to roll call. I have been through pastoral training and am quietly praying for God to look after these officers as they discuss their nightly assignments. They are disbursed and I am assigned to officers who work in a team. The night begins quietly until these brave, proactive officers (looking out for the safety of the public and using experience) can smell a problem from a distance. We drove up on three men (I cannot state too much detail) but one of three of the men looked as though he might be drawing a gun. Fortunately, it was his wallet. He could have been shot. This incident ended fine because experienced officers did not overreact.

There was a bad accident where a woman was not killed but her car was totaled. I calmed her and tried to get her to realize that a car is only an object which can be replaced, but her life is worth so much more. Many other things happened. At one point we had to speed to a potential carjacking. I thought of how much I appreciated the care which all the officers took, to get to the woman that was almost carjacked. Even with tremendous effort, we did not apprehend the person. I realize there have been many ministries I have been involved in over the past fifteen years (and prior to being ordained in 2007). This would be one of the most exciting and meaningful. Law enforcement ministry is without a doubt ministering to God's servants who are, in their own way, ministering to the public. Thanks be to God for the brave men and women who serve and protect us from the bad guys and keep us safe day and night.

*For more information about our deaconal ministries check out our Facebook page at: EDOLA Deacons.*



*Daylight Savings Time Ends!*

*Don't forget  
to set your clocks back on  
Saturday, November 4!!*

## Baptism

is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost, on All Saints' Day or the Sunday after All Saints' Day, and on the Feast of



the Baptism of our Lord (the First Sunday after the Epiphany). It is recommended that, as far as possible, Baptisms be reserved for these occasions or when a Bishop is present. (BCP, page 312). *Our next opportunity for baptism is January 7, 2017.* Please contact Canon Roberts for more information.

## Gardening

Please join us on Saturday, November 19 at 8:00 AM to help spruce up our landscaping. Your help is much appreciated!



# Adult Christian Formation

## *Luke and the History of the Early Church:*

The Gospel according to Luke and Acts of the Apostles are part of one continuous narrative about Jesus and the early Church. For some reason (limitation of space on a scroll?), Luke wrote his 'treatise' to Theophilus in two parts: first, the story of Jesus until his ascension into heaven; and second from the ascension up to the near end of Paul's missionary activities. Luke suggests (in the 'we' sections of the Acts) that he worked with Paul on several of Paul's missionary journeys; unfortunately Paul does not mention Luke in any of his letters. Luke is clearly a devotee of Paul and Paul's vision of a church that is inclusive of and focused upon outreach to gentiles (non-Jews). Biblical scholars believe Luke's Gospel was written in the late 70s or early 80s. It is dependent upon Mark's Gospel (probably written in the mid-60s) and shares material with Matthew (also believed to have been written in the late 70s or early 80s). Luke is the single source of the most beloved of the stories of Jesus birth and records many rich parables that are unique. Some scholars believe Luke may well have been a Gentile.

November 18 from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM with a light lunch. Please contact Dr. Lowry at [lowrydavid36@gmail.com](mailto:lowrydavid36@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## Quiet Day

*The next Quiet Day at Advent House* is Friday, November 17. We begin with centering prayer at 10:00 and after 20 minutes participants may use the time in silence to read, journal, pray, or any other spiritual practice. We will have another time of centering prayer at 2:00 and conclude at 2:30. Participants are free to come and go during this day of silence. There is a kitchen should you wish to bring lunch. Coffee and tea are provided.



*"Contemplative prayer is the opening of the mind and heart – our whole being – to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. Centering prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of contemplative prayer by preparing our faculties to cooperate with this gift."* Father Thomas Keating



Sarcoidosis Awareness Foundation of Louisiana, Tulane Lung Center, and The Wetmore Foundation

*present*

## DYING WELL CONCEPTS AND PREPARATIONS

*An Act of Loving Kindness for your Family*

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Christ Church Cathedral  
Stuart Hall (Entrance on Sixth Street)  
12:30-5:30

Two things are certain in Life:

- That death will occur
- How it will occur is uncertain

But in life, we can free loved-ones from the pain, stress, strain, and regret of an unprepared-for death.

- Warm, humorous, friendly workshop for all ages
- We encourage bringing at least one other person in your life: Family members, friends, or a neighbor.
- Explores cultural approaches to death and the fullness of life
- Participants will draft legal documents

**Ms. Paloma Lopez** is a Tibetan language scholar and translator for the Buddhist Katog Choling Monastery. She is internationally acclaimed for her dedication to share skills of dying well and peaceful living with others.

**Dr. Anne-Marie Russell** is a specialist at Imperial College, London, acclaimed for changing the landscape of research and care of lung disease by paying attention to patients' concerns and priorities for life satisfaction.

**Dr. Lesley Ann Saketkoo** is a physician, internationally recognized in patient-centered research in rare complex diseases such as lung fibrosis, Pulmonary Hypertension, Scleroderma, Myositis, and Sarcoidosis.

*This workshop is free. Donations are welcomed.  
Please register by contacting: Dr. Lesley Ann Saketkoo at  
[livingwelllung@gmail.com](mailto:livingwelllung@gmail.com) or (504) 702-5057.*

## LIFT YOUR GAZE - LIFT YOUR HEART YOGA IN THE CATHEDRAL

Cathedrals evolved to become spaces which invite the eyes and the heart to lift toward the heavens. The arches point the way for eyes to lift; the stained light from windows high above entice the vision higher; and the lofty vaulted ceilings complete the illusion.

Yoga teaches that the heart follows the eyes. This yoga practice will focus on opening the heart to loving kindness, accepting the human-ness of our selves and others and creating a lightness in the heart. But 'you gotta move' to teach your heart to open.

*All Levels of Experience are Welcome*

*Every Tuesday*

*5:30 pm - 6:30 pm*

*Cost: FREE (Donations are welcomed but are not required)*

*What to Wear: Comfortable, layered clothing*

*What to Bring: A yoga mat*

## Red Wagon on Hiatus

For a number of years we have collected food items for the New Orleans Mission in the Red Wagon near the Church entrance. Carol and Bryan Butcher have faithfully overseen this ministry, and have decided that it is time for them to retire from this work. The donations of late have been minimal, so we have determined to retire the wagon until such time as a new volunteer emerges.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Saturday, November 18**  
**10:00 AM**

Canon David Lowry's Class  
*Study of the Books written by Luke*

**Friday & Saturday, December 1 & 2**  
Thrift Sale

**Sunday, December 3**  
Dying Well - Concepts and Preparations

**Sunday, December 10**  
4:00 PM - A Festival of Nine  
Lessons and Carols

**Sunday, December 17**  
3:00 PM - Casey Candebat, Tenor  
Christmas Concert

**Saturday, December 23**  
7:00 PM - Lyrica Baroque  
Christmas Concert

**Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**  
5:00 PM - The Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
9:00 PM - The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

**Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day**  
10:00 AM - The Holy Eucharist, Rite II