

# THE VOICE

*THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH*

JUNE 28, 2011

The Rev. Joshua Dan Bowron was ordained to  
the Sacred Order of Priests  
on Saturday, June 18, 2011  
at the Episcopal Church of the Nativity  
in Fayetteville, Georgia.

In a solemn and joyous ceremony, Fr. Josh proclaimed his  
vows to the Right Reverend J. Neil Alexander, Bishop of  
Atlanta.

His family, friends, members of the Church of the Nativity,  
Fr. Paul Winton and eight parishioners from St. John's re-  
joiced with him on this very special occasion.

We welcome Fr. Josh, Brittany, Ava and Henry  
to St. John's.



**ST. JOHN'S  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**

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# PREPARE FOR SUNDAY



## THIS MONTH

- Welcome Royal School
- Women's Book Club new title
- Family Promise returns
- Kids give to *NetsForLife*®
- Calling all Knitters!
- Debt Elimination Campaign Update

### Third Sunday after Pentecost

**July 3, 2011**  
 Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
 Psalm 45:11-18

or  
 Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
 Zechariah 9:9-12  
 Psalm 145:8-15  
 Romans 7:15-25a  
 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**July 10, 2011**  
 Genesis 25:19-34  
 Psalm 119:105-112  
 Isaiah 55:10-13  
 Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13  
 Romans 8:1-11  
 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**July 17, 2011**  
 Genesis 28:10-19a  
 Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
 Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19

or  
 Isaiah 44:6-8  
 Psalm 86:11-17  
 Romans 8:12-25  
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

### Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**July 24, 2011**  
 Genesis 29:15-28  
 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b  
 or  
 Psalm 128  
 1 Kings 3:5-12  
 Psalm 119:129-136  
 Romans 8:26-39  
 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**July 31, 2011**  
 Genesis 32:22-31  
 Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
 Isaiah 55:1-5  
 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21  
 Romans 9:1-5  
 Matthew 14:13-21

## CLERGY AND PARISH STAFF

### Rector

The Rev'd Fr. P.S. Winton

### Senior Asst. to the Rector

The Rev'd Fr. Josh Bowron

### Executive Assistant to the Rector

Ms. Kerry Johnson

### Assistants to the Rector

The Rev'd Terry Harris  
*Senior Care*

The Rev'd Deacon Russ Settles  
*Pastoral Care*

Mr. Matt Williams  
*Youth Ministries*

Canon Cindy Winslow  
*Children's Ministries*

Ms. Jenny Taylor  
*Preschool Ministries*

Ms. Cathy Harrison  
*Special Projects*

Theologian in Residence  
The Rev'd Dr. Robert Cooley

Affiliated Cleric  
& Psychotherapist  
The Rev'd Dr. Ralph Milligan

### Pastoral Assistants to the Rector

Ms. Jo Brock  
*Hospitality*

Ms. Mary Catherine Coon  
*Cancer Care*

Parish Steward  
Ms. Susan Mason

Property Steward  
Ms. Leslie Davis

Organist and Master of Choirs  
Mr. Alan Reed

Master of Choirs of Bell and Chime  
Mr. Chip Carter

Music Scholar in Residence  
Mr. Justin Rhymer

Sextons  
Mr. Vernon Young

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 704-604-2674

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday:

7:30am Holy Eucharist (Nave)

8:45am Holy Eucharist Contemporary  
(Parish Hall)

10:00 Holy Eucharist (Nave)

*(Nursery & Childcare provided  
Sundays, 8:30am-11:15am)*

### Monday:

7am Morning Prayer  
(Chapel)

### Tuesday:

Noon Holy Eucharist with Anointing  
(Chapel)

### Wednesday:

6pm Evening Prayer  
(Chapel)

### Friday:

7am Morning Prayer  
(Children's Chapel)

### Saturday:

8:10am Holy Eucharist  
(Chapel)

## ST. JOHN'S WELCOMES ROYAL SCHOOL

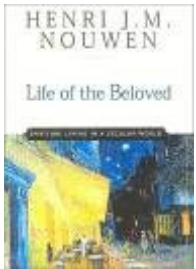
The Royal School of Church Music is an international, ecumenical, professional church music organization dedicated to fostering excellence in church music among its 8,000 member choirs for the worship of Almighty God. This summer the RSCM in America offers nine training courses for youth singers, adults, and choir directors. One of those courses is hosted by St. John's in Charlotte, July 4-10.

On Sunday, July 10, the training course choir of over 120 singers will offer Franz Josef Haydn's St. Nicholas Mass for our worship at 10:00 a.m. Participants in the choir come from fifteen U.S. states and Canada. They will sing under the direction of Geraint Bowen, Master of the Choir at Hereford Cathedral in England. Alan and Tracy Reed are the managers and convenors of this course for the eighth year here.

At 4:00 p.m. on July 10 the course choir will offer a service of Choral Evensong at Myers Park Baptist Church, Queens Road and Selwyn Avenue. This service of musical prayer will be sung in the style of the English cathedral. One anthem will be Parry's "I was glad," a favorite at Coronation services and the piece to which Kate Middleton walked down the aisle for the recent royal wedding.

Please plan now to join in these musical celebrations of prayer and praise.

## WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUB



Women of St. John's, are you interested in summer reading? Or perhaps you missed the Sunday discussions of Life of The Beloved by Henri J.M. Nouwen in the spring. This is the book for our next meeting, Thursday, July 21. Books are available online at Amazon.com and local bookstores. Copies are also available at the public library.

The group will meet Thurs, July 21, 10:30, Room 312. For more information, contact Jane Burdick, 704-545-5323, [bur5700@aol.com](mailto:bur5700@aol.com).

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: SONSURF BEACH BLAST 2011

We had a record number of children attending this year's Vacation Bible School. With over 250 children in attendance the week was very full and fun. We were also blessed with a record number of adult and teen helpers so the children were in great hands. We played with vigor, sang with gusto, made wonderful crafts, ate very creative snacks and most importantly learned about Jesus. We learned that He is the Son of God, we learned about His abundant Love for us and we learned of His merciful forgiveness.

Many thanks to all who volunteered over the past several months to make this week possible and many thanks to everyone who spent last week at St. John's being a part of this very special event in the life of our church. And lastly a special thank you to Rhett Leake and Blair Crimminger for being our incredible leaders. We are already looking forward to VBS 2012!



SUNDAY MORNING ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY LAMPS

Most Sunday mornings St. John's has lovely flowers placed at the altar, often in memory of loved ones, or in honor of a special event. If you would like to honor or remember someone, or mark a special event by placing flowers in the church, please contact Charlotte Pfeifer at [ckpfeifer@aol.com](mailto:ckpfeifer@aol.com) or 704-643-6615 In addition, there are also Sanctuary Lamps in the nave, that are available for remembering or honoring someone or an event.

The suggested donations are as follows: Altar Flowers \$90, Chapel Flowers \$50, Sanctuary Lamp \$15, each.

OUTREACH

FAMILY PROMISE – JULY 24TH TO JULY 31ST

St. John's will again be home to four homeless families as part of Family Promise of Charlotte, a temporary housing and financial rehabilitation program. Our guests move into our church building for a week, and are provided rooms, washing facilities, meals and fellowship. We ask our church family to provide their time and talent by volunteering to provide a lunch or dinner, stay overnight as a host, or spend a few hours with our guests as a weekend host. Sign-ups are in Tilson Hall on Sunday's, or contact Chris Smith at [chris.r.smith@transamerica.com](mailto:chris.r.smith@transamerica.com) or 704-363-1332 with any questions.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS

The Cancer Care Ministry would like to start a Prayer Shawl Ministry. Shawls are wraps that comfort, enfold, and hug. They are symbolic of an unconditionally loving God. These soft, cozy shawls can be used for those undergoing medical procedures as a comfort. This is a silent witness of the knitters in prayer to those who are undergoing treatment. Please contact: Mary Catherine Coon- Pastoral Assistant to the Rector, Cancer Care at 704-542-7801 or [Thirdorder@aol.com](mailto:Thirdorder@aol.com).

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

On Saturday June 25th St. John's Habitat volunteers had another successful morning doing interior trim in a new construction habitat home. Our thanks to Paul Bailey, Michael Bailey, Peter DiGregorio, Stew McGough, Justine McAbee, Jeff Searcy, Trey Sturtevant, and Tony Broomfield. We completed all the required work by 11:30 AM. The future home owner was there working along side our crew. St. John's helps out one Saturday morning a quarter. Anyone else interested in participating contact Christ Koconis, 704 366-7600, 704 502-8614 (cell) or [ckoconis@bellsouth.net](mailto:ckoconis@bellsouth.net) and you will be notified when our next work day come up.

NETSFORLIFE: KID STYLE!



A parishioner of St. John's, Mindy McIver, shared a story of her two daughters and their friends making and selling crafts in their neighborhood to benefit *NetsforLife*®. The girls, Bennett Ann McIver, Ella McIver, Sydney Baker and Charlotte Baker, in Mindy's words, "had a great time with their craft sale. They spent a couple of days making crafts and advertising posters and then set up "shop" on a corner in the neighborhood. This is

a picture of Ella McIver holding the hot item, a duct tape wallet, that they sold out of during the sale. The puppy was her marketing strategy to get people to come to the sale.:). It worked and they raised a total of \$32.75!"



This is a real grassroots effort and is being repeated by children around the diocese.

NETSFORLIFE

Thank you for your ongoing support of the *NetsforLife*® initiative. To date the St. John's family has generously purchased about 1,200 nets. That means we are well along towards our goal of raising funds sufficient to buy one net for every communicant in good standing. More specifically, to meet the challenge we need to purchase 1,685 nets. Each \$12 contribution makes possible the purchase one insecticide-treated net. When you consider that it has been shown that each net potentially saves three lives, is there any doubt of the impact of your gift?

What else is Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) up to these days? A glance at the front page of the newspaper provides a good idea of the broad range of work being done by the Episcopal Church's relief and development arm. Right here in North Carolina, ERD is supporting 16 congregations in ministering to people impacted by severe weather. Elsewhere in the United States, ERD is helping those who have been ravaged by tornadoes and floods. Internationally, ERD is helping in the Sudan, Haiti, Japan, Ecuador and South India.

ERD takes its mandate from Jesus' words found in Matthew 25. ERD rebuilds after disasters and empowers people by offering lasting solutions that fight poverty, hunger and disease including HIV/AIDS and malaria.

Please make your checks payable to St. John's and put *NetsforLife*® in the comments section.

## DEBT ELIMINATION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

There probably is no good time to launch a capital campaign; but, then, there's also no time like the present. St. John's proved the present to be a good time to reduce our debt through a capital campaign by committing \$267,730.63 to eliminate the church's debt. Rather than the three areas of debt we faced in January, today we face only one, having paid off the bus loan (\$28,747.51) in April and the Foundation loan (\$81,798) in May. It's true we haven't raised the \$310,000 needed to eliminate all debt, but our campaign has been successful nonetheless.

### What are the campaign's successes?

In the period between our January Annual Meeting and Pentecost Sunday, when we made our commitments to eliminate the debt, we also conducted another successful 30-Hour Famine; we continued supporting the diocese's *NetsforLife*® campaign, moving nearer our goal of 1,685 purchased mosquito nets; we continued paying Operating pledges more timely than in years past; and we eliminated our bus and Foundation loans. By all accounts, our campaign is a success at this point.

### Where do we stand today?

Today we have \$108,110 in campaign cash, \$48,605 in campaign commitments to be paid by March 1, and roughly \$42,000 needed to fully repay our third obligation, the church's Permanent Designated Funds (PDFs). The PDFs include both "parish" funds (music and handbells, Altar Guild, flower and lamp, Bookstore and ECW funds, for example) and vestry "working capital" accounts. Because we can't replenish all funds immediately, the Finance Committee intends to replenish the parish PDFs before the vestry's working capital as a good faith effort. With summer upon us, we will move deliberately so as not to imprudently limit access to what cash we have during traditionally lean income months. The Finance Committee will work to be creative about eliminating as much of the PDF debt as possible before year's end.

### So, what's next?

Three things can have a direct impact on continuing improvement in St. John's cash flow: (1) the timely payment of outstanding campaign commitments; (2) the continued timely payment of Operating pledges; and (3) receipt of additional campaign commitments. We can certainly breathe easier now given the improvement in our debt and cash flow positions, but there remains room for improvement. If there are families who still want to be part of eliminating St. John's debt, new donations will continue to be accepted. Every dollar received now will go straight to replenishing the PDFs, and it's entirely possible we can go into 2012 debt free. Wouldn't it be good to know our 2012 pledge payments will go fully to programs and ministry rather than to debt repayment?

Yes, the debt elimination campaign has been a success even though we have not yet reached the \$310,000 level. Parishioners' generosity is making a genuine difference in St. John's future, and that generosity is genuinely appreciated. Thanks be to God.

Reid Joyner, Senior Warden

## MAY 2011, TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Janet Brown, Treasurer

### General:

Total income exceeded expenses by \$66,033 for the month of May. Year to date income exceeded expenses by \$97,471. The Operating cash balance at May 31 was \$97,413. Please remember to keep your pledge payments current over the summer.

### Income:

May pledge income was \$45,295 above budget, thanks to two large pledges being paid in full for the year. Non-pledge income was \$3,239 above budget for May.

### Expenses:

For the month of May, staff expense, building and grounds, debt service, office support, worship, and education were under budget; compensation, parish support, and activities were over budget.

### Liabilities:

In May, the Foundation loan was paid off thanks to generous donations to the Debt Reduction Campaign. The remaining liability is the loan payable to the Permanent Designated Fund, with a balance of \$198,085.

*Please see the full Treasurer's report on the website.*

## ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### OPERATING FUND

May 2011

|                      | CURRENT<br>MONTH<br>ACTUAL | YEAR<br>TO DATE<br>ACTUAL | ANNUAL<br>BUDGET |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| TOTAL IN-<br>COME    | 154,936                    | 625,412                   | 1,282,474        |
| TOTAL EX-<br>PENSES  | 88,903                     | 527,941                   | 1,360,881        |
| EXCESS/<br>(DEFICIT) | 66,033                     | 97,471                    | (78,407)         |

### Deadline for next **Voice** Tuesday, July 19, 2011

If you have questions, articles  
or comments about the newsletter,  
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