



# THE CHIMES

November 2008

## Sunday Readings

### November 2 All Saints' Day

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

### November 9 Pentecost 26

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

### November 16 Pentecost 27

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

### November 23 Last Sunday after Pentecost

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

### November 30 Advent 1 Year B

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

## Sunday Worship Schedule

**7:30 am** Traditional Eucharist

**8:45 am** Childcare, 2nd floor

**9 am** Bible Study; Adult Forum

**10 am** Choral Eucharist,  
Children & Youth Programs

*Children are escorted to Sunday School after the "Blessing for the Children," at the beginning of the 10 am service.*

## Noon Worship Schedule

**Wednesday Healing Eucharist**

**The last Friday of the month is a Requiem Eucharist**

## Monday Evening Prayer

**5:30 pm** In the Chapel

## Brains, Plans, Worry & Love

*By Dr. Randal Gardner, Rector of St. James by-the-Sea*

We have enjoyed a really wonderful series of presentations and reflections in the course of our annual stewardship campaign. Thank you to Mary Kay Chandler, Garth Howe, the Rev. Eleanor Ellsworth, Michael DeClouet and Carol Jergensen, Monty and Anitha Hughes, Midge Coburn, and Frank and Pat Franco in particular, for opening such treasure houses for us.

Our calling in Christ is to share the love of God and extend the reach of that kingdom of love to others. That calling defines a fundamentally faithful, then grateful, and then loving purpose for each of us as individuals and for us a community in Christ's church. It takes faith that God is bringing us to perfection and peace. It takes gratitude to convert that faith into the attitudes that motivate us to action. It takes love to shape our action into patterns that benefit and serve others with little regard for how we receive benefits or service.

We have heard from Phyllis Strupp about the benefit that comes from being in a community that encourages people to talk to each other and share their stories, encourages singing, encourages the practices of meditation and silence, and encourages the practice of remembering and repetition. She suggested that the ancient voices of our spiritual ancestors seemed to know what science is now confirming through brain studies and neuro-science. The capacity of the brain to keep growing and increasing over a long lifetime is encouraged by the very things religions teach as primary practices.

We heard from Mike Bernard about the freedom that can come from having a balanced relationship with money — care for self, care for others, setting priorities, letting go of the past, and allowing flexibility for the future. His common-sense wisdom about how to plan for getting the most out of what we have, echoed Phyllis's emphasis on moving away from the extremes of joyless hoarding (Ebenezer Scrooge) and wild spending (the Prodigal Son). An afternoon of financial planning help with church members was a special gift to those who took advantage of it.

And we heard the wonderful preaching and personal witness stories from Eleanor Ellsworth, the Franco's and the Hughes families— stories that reminded us of the virtue of discipline, personal love for the Lord, and gratitude in action— all lived out in a wonderful witness to the power of faith.

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## Episcopal Community Services: *Brighten a Holiday*

Restore hope and joy in the lives of those served by Episcopal Community Services this holiday season. We invite you to “*Brighten a Holiday*” by sponsoring a Head Start family this Christmas.

Our goal at St. James by the Sea this year is to “adopt” at least twenty of ECS Head Start’s families most in need. Megan’s family is just one of the many we hope to help this Christmas. Just last week Megan’s single mother was in desperate need of groceries to put dinner on the table for her young family. Each day can be a struggle for a family surviving on an annual income of less than \$21,000. Without our generous support this holiday season, it is unlikely that Megan and her young siblings will have any gifts to open on Christmas morning.


We will soon have holiday wish lists for families just like Megan’s. Some of the families have one or two young children; others have large families. Please consider taking at least one of the family wish lists with you as you shop for your own loved ones this Christmas. Wish lists feature each family member’s name, age, clothing size, favorite color and their holiday gift wishes. Families may also identify household needs, such as towels, bedding and non-perishable food items. As there are over 1,700 families served by Episcopal Community Services



each year, there are plenty of opportunities to make a difference this holiday season.

“*Brighten a Holiday*” will be a fun and meaningful experience for you and your family. Last year, several donors “adopted” families mirroring their own: same number of children, children of the same age, etc. Individuals, families and friends can even join together to adopt a large family or two. However you choose to “*Brighten a Holiday*” this year, know that your generosity and Christmas spirit will make a lasting difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

For a family wish list, or for more information, please contact Alyssa Osian at ECS by phone at (619) 228-2828 or e-mail [aosian@ecscalifornia.org](mailto:aosian@ecscalifornia.org).


As always, thank you for your generous support of ECS’ mission of “serving God by serving those in need.” Your kindness is a blessing to so many children, women and men in our community. 

*“Brains, plans, worry, and Love,” continued.*

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This has been a wonderful series of reflections and encouragements for us as followers of Christ. In the world and within our own church people are anxious, some are losing their jobs, many more are afraid of losing their jobs. Nothing reveals the depth of love in a church more than a time of testing, and this economic crisis gives us that test. I’m convinced that we can help each other, and the wider community, through this time. *Those of us strong in faith can lovingly encourage others in their own faith. Those of us who have enough and more to live on can lovingly support others who may come to a place of need and want. Those of us who have strength in patience and compassion can listen with empathy to those who need someone to hear of their fear or their grief.*

We began our stewardship education with a luncheon and dancing to the Zydeco band Michael DeClouet helped to form. It was a wonderful occasion of friendship and fun, a reminder that the first of God’s wonderful gifts is the gift of being with others.

*God bless us with delight in being together; God bless us with courage to stand upright in the midst of a troubling time; God bless us with the gifts of being like the prodigal in sharing our faith, like Scrooge in hoarding our complaints, and like Christ in loving those who cross our paths.* 

## Five Vestry positions are open for nominations from electors

The Nominating Committee of St James is soliciting and encouraging nominations from qualified parish electors for five Vestry members to serve a three year term from January 2009.

The Nominating Committee consists of the Rector and those Vestry members whose term of office expires at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on January 25, 2009. As such, the Nominating Committee this year is The Rev. Randal Gardner, Anne Daly, Pete Davis, Clare Friedman, Lisa Gordon, and Anitha Hughes.

Nominations should be submitted directly to a member of the Nominating Committee by December 1, 2008. Each nomination should be supported by the signatures of six parish electors, as well as a statement that the nominee has agreed to serve. Self nominations are permitted with supporting signatures.

A short biographical sketch should also be attached with the nomination, including evidence of the candidate's active participation in the life of the parish.

### **A qualified parish elector must be:**

- ***At least sixteen (16) years of age;***
- ***A regular attendant of worship at St. James;***
- ***Registered for the previous 60 days in the congregation as a baptized person or communicant;***
- ***A regular financial contributor to the parish as verified by the records.***

### **To be considered as a nominee for the Vestry, a nominee must:**


- ***Be qualified as a parish elector and be at least eighteen (18) years old;***
- ***Enjoy a reputation for active participa-***


### ***tion in the life of the parish;***

- ***Be committed to principles of Christian stewardship and be willing to participate actively in the stewardship program of the parish;***
- ***Be willing to work to build consensus even while representing a particular voice or point of view.***

In December, the Nominating Committee will begin consideration of all nominations. After the December Vestry meeting the list of qualified nominees, their biographical sketches and their answers to specific questions regarding their call to serve on the Vestry, will be published in the January Chimes.

Nominations will be closed eighteen (18) days prior to the Annual Meeting to be held on January 25, 2009. Election of the qualified nominees shall be by ballot at the Annual Meeting, in accordance with Diocesan Canons and the St James By-laws.

The Nominating Committee will also nominate people to serve as delegates for the 2010 Diocesan convention in February 2010. Any qualified parish electors who are interested in being a delegate (must be at least 16 years of age) for the 2010 convention should contact a member of the Nominating Committee. 



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Editor's Note:  
Thank you for your response and contributions to my request for members to honor in "**Called to Serve.**" Because of lack of space in this issue, "**Called to Serve.**" will return next month.  
(A Reminder- Please send a photo with your article).

## Vestry Actions in September— (*Boy, were they active!*)

*By Cindy Trowbridge, Jr. Warden*

Craig Lee, Chair of the St. James Investment Committee, reported the total funds under management by the Investment Committee as of 9/12/08 are \$4,858,691 compared with \$4,038,928 as of 12/31/07. The increase resulted from the transfer on 3/25/08 of \$1,132,782 from the St. James Memorial Fund, offset by a negative annualized internal rate of return of 7.4% on the Total Funds in Calendar '08 YTD. The Total Funds are divided into three groups which are each invested in a different mix of equities, bonds and/or cash.

The Investment Committee has contracted with the money management firm of Dowling & Yahnke to manage the Total Funds. The firm has managed the Church's funds for a number of years and has charged the Church fees equal to 0.73% of assets under management which is an extremely competitive rate.

Although the internal rate of return has been negative for Calendar '08 YTD, due primarily to the weakness in the equity markets, Dowling & Yahnke has exceeded all benchmarks for equity and bond investments for that period. Therefore, although the Investment Committee regrets that the internal rate of return has been negative for the period, it believes that the Total Funds have been prudently invested for Calendar '08 YTD and plans to continue its current investment strat-

egy subject to changes in market conditions. Questions were asked by Vestry members and discussion followed.

Howard Young, Chair of the Finance Committee reported the cash deficit of approximately \$25,000 from reduced pledge income has been covered by the Church by drawing from invested assets. The Vestry discussed the reduction in pledge income.

Rector Randal Gardner stated the Vestry Nominating Committee consists of the Vestry members whose terms are expiring in January 2009—Anne Daly, Pete Davis, Clare Friedman, Lisa Gordon, Anitha Hughes—plus the Rector. A proposed "Charge to the Nominating Committee" was distributed by Randal. The Vestry unanimously approved the above persons to serve on the Nominating Committee.

In further discussion, the Vestry agreed with the "Charge" with one change: if it appears there will be less than eight candidates to fill the five open Vestry positions, then the Committee should only recommend five candidates. It was recommended the Committee inventory the skills of the remaining Vestry members, determine what skills are desired from the new Vestry members to add value to the Vestry, and attempt to select candidates who will bring the desired skills to the Vestry.

Mary Kay Chandler, Steward-

ship Chair, reported that September 30, 2008 is the deadline for Vestry members to make their pledges. She also passed out a handout describing the October Stewardship events and distributed thank-you cards for each Vestry member to sign that will be sent to members of the Parish who pledge. Questions were asked and discussion ensued.

Cindy Trowbridge, Chair of the New Service Task Force, discussed the results of the survey regarding a possible new service at the Church. The Task Force, consistent with the survey results, prefers a Sunday evening service either at 5 p.m. or 6 p.m., starting January '09. Discussion followed that the January start date might be unrealistic based on the logistics and allocation of essential Parish resources (i.e., music staff, clergy staff, parking, etc.) necessary to conduct the new service. The Vestry agreed the new service is to be just as important as the 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday services and that it target all ages, not just a younger demographic.

Rector Randal Gardner led the discussion concerning how funds from Bishop Wolterstorff's Bequest might best be used by the Church. A number of ideas were discussed including not spending any part of the funds until it is clearer where the economy is heading; contributing to Camp

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# MUSIC NOTES!

## Chanticleer Returns!

**November 2nd**


The St. James Music Series opens on Sunday, November 2nd at 4 pm with a performance by CHANTICLEER.

Individual tickets are \$25 and may be obtained by calling 858 459-3421 X109.

The program entitled “My Days Have Been So Wondrous Free” marks the 250th anniversary of the earliest surviving American secular composition, written by Francis Hopkinson, a friend of George Washington and a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

American song reflects its geography and its histories; it is not a singular path nor a story of a single people, but instead is a flowing, ever-evolving stream of peoples and stories that weave together much like the tributaries of the Mississippi. And like that river, it is broad, awe-inspiring, and always changing in its course.

American song, too, is like the American landscape: it can be rugged like the Rockies, contemplative and reverent like the swatch of colors

painted across the Blue Ridge, kinetically rhythmic like the trains on their rails as they run into Chicago, or serenely introspective like the waves that wash ashore on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Like Montana’s “big sky,” American song has a breadth of horizon that seems to have no limiting boundary. 

## EVENSONG

Evensong continues on November 9th at 5 pm on the campus of The Bishop’s School in St. Mary’s Chapel. The Very Rev. James E. Carroll will officiate. All are welcome to this beautiful service.

The service is made possible by a gift from Rosamond Larmour Loomis in thanksgiving for her 55 years in La Jolla, and gratitude for her long associations with The Bishop’s School and St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church.



## Women's Dinner Group Special "HEADS- UP" for November

The Women's Dinner Group WILL NOT MEET on November 11th (Second Tuesday) time. **It is a National Holiday and the Church will be closed.**

This group meets the second Tuesday of the month and every woman is invited. Thanks to those who have signed up to make this event the community building, educational opportunity it is!

In November, all women are invited to attend the November 5th, Men's Dinner Group welcoming Bishop Mathes! Dinner is \$15, with refreshments and social time at 6 pm. The program begins at 7 pm. *RESERVATIONS are requested. Call the Office at 858 459-3421 by Monday Nov. 3rd.* 

## Landscaping is happening! Come and see...and even lend a hand!

You'll notice that in conjunction with the re-landscaping needed after the restroom construction, we've taken on a larger landscaping project. **Thanks to master gardener Betty Vale**, who has graciously donated her time and talents to develop a plan which enhances the architecture of the church through a more simplified and elegant look to the campus grounds. If you are interested in helping with the ongoing gardening around the church, please contact Garth Howe at the office.

**The next course of the Companions in Christ series begins January 14th Great Course!!!**


## The Men of St. James Dinner Group Welcomes Bishop Mathes & the Ladies!




**Wednesday, November 5**

**Bishop Jim Mathes** shares his thoughts and reflections with us on the Lambeth Conference.

This was our bishop's first visit to this once-a-decade gathering of the worldwide Anglican Communion. What did he learn? What enriched his life? What gives him new insights or concerns for the future? *This will be one of our special event gatherings, and guests of the female sort are welcome.*

Men's Dinner Group starts at 6PM with refreshments and socializing. Dinner is at about 6:30, and the program begins at 7:00. We absolutely adjourn by 8:30. **Please call the church office to reserve a spot by the Sunday prior to that month's gathering.** 

## New Members Brunch Sunday, November 9th—11:30 am to 1 pm

Let us know if you would like to come to the Brunch. Meet the Clergy, staff and find out what it means to be a member of St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church. 858 459-3421. 

## The Next Lunch Bunch is... Noon, Nov. 19, 2008

Never has the mission of ECS been more vital and more important. Ann Dick



will become the new president of the Board of Directors in mid-November. She is a dedicated and engaging speaker and has stated that she has a surprise for the Lunch Bunch. A surprise!

It is very gratifying to know that our diocese has such a wonderful outreach organization as ECS, and this Lunch Bunch meeting is an opportunity to learn more ways to help our neighbors.

Join us at noon on Wednesday, November 17th in the Van Schaick Room and hear Ann tell of the exciting transformation the Episcopal Community Services is undergoing.

Lunch will be served by Girard Gourmet. The cost is \$7.00 and reservations MUST be made by Monday, November 14th. Call the church office at 858-459-3421. 

## Daughters of the King

meet after the 10 am service on the 3rd Sunday of the month.



You can join the **Quilting Ministry** any time. It is in the VS room on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 9:15-12:30.

Excellent Programs for You and Your Guests

## We Focus on Thomas Merton for Advent

*The Rev. Eleanor Ellsworth, Sr. Associate Rector*

As announced previously, St. James will inaugurate its Advent Season with a weekend focused upon the writings and teachings of Thomas Merton. He is a household name for many, a strange name for others.

Henri Nouwen, in *Encounters with Merton*, writes, “...for Merton the way to relevance was the way of prayer and contemplation. Thomas Merton’s social and political critique was based not on public debate and analysis but rather on contemplative penetration into the heart of God, where he discovered the concrete person living on earth today.” I would add that Merton was extraordinarily well read and had a brilliant mind, as well as soul.


Thomas Merton was born on January 31, 1915, in Prades, France. His mother was an American, while his father was a New Zealander by birth. Merton developed a passionate interest in English literature which served his spiritual quest until his death in Bangkok in 1968.

“Restoration of right order and peace in the world was for Merton the fruit of the vision of God arrived at through deep prayer,” writes Nouwen. Thomas Merton bridges the contemplative with practical living, making him a spiritual hero to all who are passionate about Christian engagement in the world.

Jonathan Montaldo, the Associate Director of the Thomas Merton Institute, will be among us between Friday, December 5 through Sunday, December 7.

December 5<sup>th</sup> Evening: Jonathan Montaldo with Vestry and Clergy.

December 6<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 am to 3:00 pm: Retreat at private home in La Jolla. Limited registration. \$20 includes lunch. Call the office by November 25<sup>th</sup> (before Thanksgiving).

December 7<sup>th</sup> Day: Montaldo will lead the 9 am Adult Forum, and will be the preacher at both services. 

## Christian Outreach in Action: The Circle of Giving

*By Karen Fast, Minister of the Gift Shop*

The Gift Shop begins its 11<sup>th</sup> year as a Christian outreach center as we begin celebrating the 2,008<sup>th</sup> year of the Christmas Season. In the Gift Shop, these two events remind us what we are really about as members of a world-wide community.

At the very center of our Gift Shop philosophy, we put into action what we call, “The Circle of Giving”. This is our main purpose for being; our central belief motivation for practicing the essence of Christianity. Here’s how you play a pivotal role and how we make it work:

All of the gifts we in the shop are carefully chosen in the hopes that you, our customer, will find something that speaks to you, either as something for yourself or for someone else— in other words, a gift that brings meaning. Another way to look at it is the gift should bring joy. This joy has far reaching implications and meaning beyond the recipient of the gift. It extends like a circle to others and through others.

When we begin our hunt for gift shop items, we go out of our way to look for the artist or craftsmen who created a particular item. This provides, in most cases, immediate cash for the artist and immediate support for their families. It also gives the artist a feeling of worth with the knowledge that we especially sought them out and appreciate their creations.

Since we deal directly with so many of these artisans, there is no middle man mark up. The Gift Shop can therefore pass along to our shoppers a really fair market price on much of what we sell.

The circle at this point is almost complete, but not until we factor in the revenue we are able to generate each year, which is turned over to our church for the purpose of other outreach programs that St. James supports or participates in. “The Circle of Giving” is now basically complete, but far from over, since it be-

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# Youth Notes: Simple Prayers

By Chris Bernard, Pastor for Youth & Families

“We do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.” *Romans 8:26*

There are these great moments in the Psalms where the writers are crying out to God. The writers, sometimes David, scream and yell and curse and speak out of such frustration that you think there is no way that David, or any of the other writers, are speaking this way to God. But they are.

Too often, I find myself in this situation. I would rather be thankful and joyful in all of my prayers, but in the moments where I feel the most vulnerable with God I tend to be very upset about something. And this week, I found myself in this place again—frustrated and angry I found myself just asking why.

I’ve been most frustrated with what Brian McLaren calls a very human act. In his book, *a Generous Orthodoxy*, he makes the following observation: “What do liberals and conservatives do in the face of serious problems? Among other things, they do something very human: they compare their own best to their counterpart’s worst” (150).

We do this too often. And it just might be me, but it seems like we do this most during political seasons. We make the other side a villain and don’t do a good job of loving our “enemies.” This leaves us wounding our friends and families. We end up creating more division between God’s people. And I look at what is going on around me and I feel depleted, wondering is this even helpful.

I feel like I’m left with almost nothing, only a simple prayer. A prayer for peace and humility. A prayer for unity in the Church. A prayer that all people will know the grace of God. And in absence of any elegance, I pray the Spirit will intercede and create depth in my sighs.



# Parent Notes

The next Chimes will feature an article reflecting on our time in **Mexico**. If you still haven’t registered, there are still a couple of spots left, so please contact Chris Bernard.

## Christmas Pageant

Remember when you were one of the sheep in the Christmas Pageant? Remember when you were a star or a Mary or a Joseph? Well, the time has come again and we will start getting ready to tell the story of Jesus being born. If you are interested in participating, please talk to Chris Bernard or Mandy Davis.

## eNews: Youth Edition

Are you always on your computer? Are you so plugged in your kids e-mail you or text you when they want to know what’s for dinner? Then you need to subscribe to eNews: Youth Edition. Contact Chris Bernard and find out what’s going for the Youth of St. James.

[chris.bernard@sjbts.org](mailto:chris.bernard@sjbts.org)

*We make ourselves what we are by the way we address God.*

Thomas Merton

### Important Dates:

November 2:	All Saints Day—Youth in 10:00 Service
November 9:	Blessing Mexico Missions Trip at 10:00 Service
November 14-16:	Mexico Missions Trip
November 23:	Youth Sunday
November 27:	Thanksgiving
December 21:	Christmas Pageant



***Teach me  
your way,  
O Lord,  
that I may  
walk in  
your truth.***

***Psalm 86: 11a***

**THE CLOCKS FALL BACK, BUT WE SPRING AHEAD**

Don't get too used to this lovely Fall lull! Advent will be here before we know it .... *A couple of thoughts:*

- Our annual Christmas Pageant will be performed on the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21. If you'd like to help with rehearsals and planning, please contact Mandy Davis at 858-459-3421 ext. 108, or via e-mail: amanda.davis@sjbts.org
- San Diego has a wealth of wonderful Christmas entertainment and celebration. Does your family have a tradition of seeing a performance together? Stay tuned for a list of local family-friendly offerings next month. If you have a family member participating in events like The Messiah, The Nutcracker, A Christmas Carol, La Posada, or other performances, please let us know!

**EXTRA, EXTRA—READ ALL ABOUT IT!**

Our own Bible Drama ministry has been getting some ink! In addition to a recent profile on Father Waddy in the La Jolla Light, the Bible Drama website has been updated. Check out [www.bibledrama.com](http://www.bibledrama.com) where you can order books, plays, and download a sample play for free! Reading plays aloud as a family is a wonderful way to spend time together, spark conversation, and encourage a passion for books and drama!

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES — NOVEMBER '08**

**NOVEMBER 2**

All Saints Day and Baptism Sunday! This festival day will be "all ages" in church, with no Sunday school meeting.

**NOVEMBER 4**

Election Day: Kids, remind your parents to get to the polls and vote! Regardless of politics, we are so blessed to live in a country with the responsibility and gift of participatory democracy. It's a great time to engage your children in family conversation; encourage them to ask questions!

**NOVEMBER 16**

Kids in grades 3-5 will celebrate an Instructed Eucharist with Father Waddy. Do your children have questions about the way we worship? Bring them to Children's Chapel!

**NOVEMBER 27**

Thanksgiving for all of our blessings!

**NOVEMBER 30**

First Sunday of Advent. *(And turkey leftovers!)*

## The Elephant was Golden, Thanks to YOU!

By Paul Heber Pitman, Chair & Nan Thomas, WOSJ

Thank you to our Rector, Randal Gardner, the Church staff, and all the workers who made this year's sale great! Thanks to all those who made a donation to Dorcas House in the name of Paul Pitman.

Next year our sale will be the September 18, 19, and 20th—so make a note to save all your donation items.

MANY, MANY thanks to you wonderful volunteers and donors who made the Sale so successful. It takes many hands and many hours to get everything accomplished—from the months of gathering donations, to setting up the merchandise, and cashiering at the sale, to the final clean-up. Thank you all for a job well done.


This year, before expenses, the Sale earned \$32,000. There should be additional revenues because of an innovation this year. Chris Bernard, Pastor for Youth & Families, with the youth group's assistance, will be selling some unsold items on eBay.

The Elephant Sale proceeds will be distributed according to the traditional guidelines - with 51% or more going out to the diocese, the community, and the world, and 49% or less remaining in the parish.

Within the parish, funding includes the clergy discretionary funds, funding for Evensong and extra musicians, start-up costs to support the Interfaith Shelter Network, Sunday School, the Youth Group, etc.

Outside the parish, our support includes ERD, Monarch School, Dorcas House, Heifer Project International, and many other worthy causes. A full listing of the budget will appear in the next Chimes.

A reminder: requests for funds from the Sale for organizations are due in the church office by October 31, using the attached form.

Again thank you all for your good work contributing to the outreach funding for St. James. 

## Daughters of the King

By Pat Franco



The D.O.K. started the fall program at a brisk pace following the summer break. It is good to be back


Our Fall schedule began with a study of the Holy Spirit in Sept. We will continue with that study when we meet following the 10 am service on the 19th of October.

On October 19th, we sponsored a reception for Grace Cudney, following her memorial service. Grace is one of our early members who went on to participate at every level of D.O.K. — at St. James and the Diocese. She was referred to affectionately as “Amazing Grace” due to her ability to be optimistic under any circumstances. She shared her joy of life and her love of family, music, and friends, with those she loved and all whom she encountered. Though she is gone from our midst her inspiration will always be with us. (May we all be able to travel to Europe at age 90!).

November 1st. will be our Diocesan Assembly at St. David's beginning at 8:30 am. It is a part of the D.O.K covenant for us to meet for prayer on All Saints day. We will have a speaker, the Holy Eucharist, followed by a luncheon and short business meeting.

In November a new Postulancy class will begin, leading to membership in the D.O.K. All women of the Parish are welcome. Our meetings continue on the third Sundays following the 10 am service.

We hope anyone in need of prayer or knows someone in need will call Chris in the church office or any of our members, so we can be with them in our own prayer life.

Remember our ECS commitment for November is to identify and provide for needy families. There is always a receptacle in the V.S. room. 

## Christian Outreach in Action: The Circle of Giving

*(Gift Shop News is continued from page 7)*

gins anew as we start our search for new items to sell in the shop.

Every shopper who purchases something in the Gift Shop becomes an important part of this giving circle. It is like celebrating and practicing the true meaning of Christmas all year long. As I pointed out earlier, this is the beginning of our 11<sup>th</sup> year of practicing this philosophy. Your continued support will keep this practice going. All who have purchased something in the shop should know they have provided two things to this practice; they have provided a little happiness to whoever receives the gift and have supported in a very direct way artisans from around the world and various outreach programs.

*Let the magic of the season continue...*

### Dates to Remember

- **Christmas Open House is November 8 & 9 - Shop early!**
- **Saturday, November 15th:**  
***“The Meaning of Icons in the Eastern Churches”* Lecture by Russian Icon authority, Nick Roberts.** 1 pm to 3 pm, Van Schaick Room. **Cost:**\$10. Contact The St. James Gift Shop at 858 456-1105
- **Adult Forum—Sunday, November 16:**  
***“Celebrating Feasts and Praying with Icons”* by Russian Icon authority, Nick Roberts.** 9 am—9:45 am in the Van Schaick Room.

***Notice: The church office is closed on Tuesday, November 11th for Veterans Day.***

## Vestry Notes, continued

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Stevens; and refurbishing the St. James Chapel. Questions were asked, discussion followed, but no decisions were made.

Garth Howe reported the new bathroom project experienced delays related to “underground” issues, and Melhorn Construction is excellent and completion is estimated for early November 2008.

Charleen Boyl, Chair of the Hospitality Committee, reported the BBQ--“Mass on the Grass” --was a success, attracting a different group of people than those who attended Rally Sunday.

Pete Davis, Chair of the Audit Committee, reported a draft of the 2006 audit has been received from the Church’s auditors. He expects to provide a final draft of the 2006 audit to the Vestry for approval at its October meeting.

Senior Warden Midge Coburn reviewed the goals the Vestry established at the Vestry Retreat in early 2008 and described the progress made in achieving those goals. She emphasized that the Vestry is on target for achieving all goals.

Cindy Trowbridge, Junior Warden, reported the Golden Elephant Sale has raised approximately \$33,000; and recommended the Vestry exercise more oversight of the Sale as it is such a successful fundraiser for the Parish.

Ian Williamson, Chancellor, reported he has left his previous law firm and will therefore need a new engagement agreement for legal services between the Church and his new law firm in order for him to continue providing his services as Chancellor. The Vestry authorized the Rector to execute a new engagement agreement for legal services on behalf of the Church with Ian's new law firm.

Approved September 2008 Vestry minutes will be on file in the church office following the October 28, 2008 Vestry meeting. 



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**Daylight Savings**  
 Don't forget to turn your clock back one hour  
 Saturday, November 1st.

**Have coffee and breakfast**  
**"Banquet Sunday"**  
 9 am in the VS room November 2nd!

(if you would like to help set up for the breakfast,  
 call the office at 858 459-3421)