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+ NOTES FROM THE VESTRY

The Vestry has authorized the expenditure of funds from the proceeds of the sale of the rectory for the replacement of aging furniture in the church office and Kleberg Hall. The furniture in the office has arrived, so be sure to stop by and check it out the next time you're at church. A new sofa will appear in Kleberg Hall after the space is painted later this spring. We hope you will like the new look!

Thanks to all who contributed to the fund for relief to the people of Japan in the wake of the devastating earthquake and tsunami. St. George's will be sending a check to Episcopal Relief and Development in the amount of \$535.

+ NURSERY CARE CHANGE

St. George's offers loving nursery care for children ages 4 and under during the 10:30 a.m. worship service each Sunday. Our nursery attendant is Maria Tello, who also provides child care on Sunday evenings during St. Hildegard's worship service. Over the last year, Kevin and the vestry have made a good faith effort to find a second nursery attendant, so that we will meet diocesan standards for safeguarding God's children. Unfortunately, our efforts to date have not borne fruit. Therefore, we will soon make the following changes in the nursery location and routine at St. George's:

* The nursery will relocate to Kleberg Hall, sharing the space with the Kidsword students and teachers.

* When the Kidsword classes return to the church about the time of the passing of the peace, Maria will bring any children in the nursery to the church to reunite them with their families for the celebration of the Eucharist.

These changes are being made to more wisely and safely care for the children in the nursery, and to enhance the Eucharistic feast as a gathering of our full parish family. Even if you do not have nursery-age children, please be aware of the new nursery policy for the sake of our visitors who might ask you. If you have questions, concerns or comments, please let Kevin or me know.

-- Frances Rickard, Senior Warden

+ WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - SATURDAY, MAY 14TH, 3:00-5:00 PM

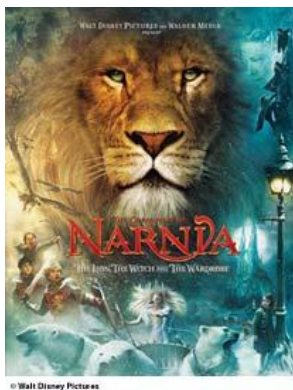
The St. George's Women's book group will meet **May 14th, Saturday from 3 - 5 p.m.** at the home of Sandra Villalaz. We will be discussing "The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay" by Micheal Chabon. Please contact Carolyn Moreau at carolynmoreau@austin.rr.com for more information.

+ COMFORT THE CHILDREN OPEN HOUSE & CRAWFISH BOIL

CTC will be holding its first annual Crawfish Boil and Open House on **Saturday, May 7th from 4-8pm.** Plate tickets cost \$10 and get you all you can eat & drink! The Crawfish Boil will take place at the CTC Headquarters at 1102 E. Cesar Chavez. This should be a fun way to support and learn more about Comfort the Children, an organization that is empowering our world through their commitment to providing hope through relationships and using a holistic approach to community development.



+ A LION, A WITCH, AND A WARDROBE - LESSON FROM NARNIA!



Dr. Joel Heck, Professor of Theology at Concordia University Texas in Austin and an authority on C.S. Lewis, will provide background and commentary on the first of Lewis' beloved Chronicles of Narnia in conjunction with a viewing of the award-winning Disney film. The event benefits the Nicaraguan ministries of Austin Samaritans. The fundraiser takes place **Sunday, May 22nd 2:00-5:30 pm** at Covenant Presbyterian Church (Corner of 2222 and MoPac). Admission is \$10/person with free parking. To register online in advance of May 20 and be eligible for a prize drawing, follow this link [Austin Samaritans](http://AustinSamaritans.org). To register for the event - write "Register" in the Comments box. To donate, but not register, write "Donate Only" in Comments box. You may also pay at the door (cash or check only) Arrive early at 1:30 pm to view and bid on Silent Auction items! Please contact Nancy Kocurek (465-2073; info@austinsamaritans.org) for questions or ticket information.

+ CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES - SUNDAY, MAY 29TH, 10:30 AM SERVICE

St. George's will offer a special liturgy at the 10:30 service on **Sunday, May 29th** to celebrate those graduating or moving forward in their educational journey. We will offer a blessing for all who are graduating from high school, college, technical schools, certification programs and/or programs of formation (i.e. Education for Ministry). All students are invited to attend this service, but if you (or your child) is graduating from one of the education institutions listed above, please inform Becca Meaders at the church office (454-2523 or stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com) so we can honor him or her in the service.

+ COMMUNION AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS



If you, or someone you know, is not able to attend regular Sunday services due to hospitalization, illness, being home bound, or any other reason the ministry of a Lay Eucharistic Visitor is available to you. Please contact the church office or the Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert directly. Once scheduled, a Lay Eucharistic Visitor will bring the sacraments of bread and wine, consecrated at our primary Sunday service, to you.

+ BYO-BS (SUMMER FILM SERIES)

Producer and director Raul V. Carrera is a parishioner here at St. George's and will be hosting the BYO-BS film series. The concept for the BYO - BS Film Series is simple and friendly. Anybody and everybody is invited and welcomed! St. George's will provide the venue (Kleberg Hall at St. Georges Episcopal Church, 4301 N. IH35 Austin, TX 78722) We will pick a series of 4 to 6 related films and screen them on a Friday or Saturday night (times and dates TBD). Everybody brings their own beverages and snacks and we watch the films. Afterwards, who ever wishes to can stick around, discuss, critic, or simply "BS" about the film or movies in general.

This time around, I agreed with a couple of my friends that I would show a series of films that I have produced and/or directed as well as some big studio films in which I worked as a Lead/Key crew person on set.

The films I am planning at this time are:

THE PASSAGE (aka AFTER THE RAIN starring NED BEATTY, BRIAN KEITH, ALEXANDRA PAUL, BARBARA BARRIE, and DEE LAW) This was the first feature film I ever produced that made it to the theaters.

THE REAPING (starring HILLARY SWANK, DAVID MORRISSEY, IDRIS ALBA, and ANNA SOPHIA ROBB) I worked on set as Lead Greensman for first and second units.

THE RADICALS (starring NORBERT WEISSER, MARK LENARD, CHRISTOPHER NEAME, LEIGH LOMBARDI and DANIEL PERRETTE.) This was my first feature film to direct and was shot entirely on location in Europe.

PEPE AND SANTO VS AMERICA a recent Indie project I helped to produce and which has won several awards in the Film Festival circuit. It was picked up for DVD, internet, and television distribution by XENON PICTURES.

THE TREE OF LIFE (This film is scheduled to hit the American theaters in Late May 2011. It is written and directed by TERRENCE MALLICK and stars BRAD PITT, SEAN PENN and JESSICA CHASTIAN) I was Lead Greens. This is Terrence's latest film. Shot locally (mostly out in Smithville) it has been creating huge expectations worldwide. According to the timing of its showings in Austin, Nancy and I are thinking of maybe a group outing with members from St Georges and whoever wants to join us. Maybe go see the film then come back to St Georges or our house after.

+ STEWARDSHIP OF SPIRITUALITY

Our first series on the "Stewardship of Spirituality" was meaningful and helpful to many at St. George's. So many of our members have commented on how interesting and informative the series was that we are considering ways to extend the program. It truly is in sharing our stories and not being afraid of vulnerability that we know each other and draw closer in confidence to God. We extend special thanks to the four who set the pattern for this program and weren't afraid to go first – Ralph Hausser, Scott Hoffman, Carolyn Moreau and Suzette Puckett. The green wood, the pearls, the yoga, the bookstore, were all vivid signposts that will better enable the journey for us all. Thank you for a powerful beginning, Chuck and Sarah

+ NEWS FROM ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL +

April was filled with studies and celebrations of St. George! The children spent weeks reading the story of St. George and the dragon and used this opportunity to talk about topics such as real and pretend and play fighting vs. real fighting. They also got to make



Our brave knights!

their very own shield and helmet! On Thursday morning, April 21st, the brave knights of St. George's defeated the fierce cardboard dragon in our yearly re-enactment of the story. It was such an exciting morning of anticipation followed by a fierce battle in which our young knights emerged victorious, as they do every year. Many parents and grandparents enjoyed coffee and doughnuts in Kleberg and watched all of the action.



The fierce dragon...

A special thank you to the church members who came out to Cherrywood Coffee House on Sunday, May 1st to enjoy "A Knight for St. George's." This was such a fun event to celebrate our St. George's community and benefit the school!

We are looking forward to our spring outreach program which will be in partnership with Little Helping Hands, a wonderful non-profit that creates and organizes opportunities for young children to get involved in community service through family volunteering. In the weeks that lead up to this event, classes will be talking about our responsibility to keep the earth clean and use our resources wisely, and then the children will get to experience helping out first hand, by helping to clean up the Barton Creek Greenbelt on **Saturday, May 7th from 9 to 10am!** Church families are welcome to join school families in this activity. See below for details.

Barton Creek Greenbelt Clean-Up

Date: **Saturday, May 7**

Time Frame: **9:00 am - 10:00 am**

Location: **Barton Creek Greenbelt, Austin**

Description: You and your family will join other St. George's families to help maintain the beauty of one of Austin's most widely used parks and city treasures! We will be helping to keep the park grounds and trails free of litter by picking up trash/debris along the trails and flats of the Barton Creek Greenbelt which is maintained by the City of Austin and the Greenbelt Guardians. Hope you can join us for this fun, outdoor volunteer activity that the entire family will enjoy!

How to Sign-Up

You can sign-up for through VolunteerSpot via this link:

<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/10223456347730800104>

Simply provide your email address for verification purposes and VolunteerSpot will then send you a link to a calendar where you can sign-up online for this activity. Sign up is one spot per family member (Ex. mom and 2 children = 3 spots). Please also indicate the age of your child/children coming with you in the appropriate field(s).

Should you have any issues signing-up please contact marissa@littlehelpinghands.org or at **512-358-6943**.

+ ASCENSION DAY SERVICE – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1ST AT 12:15 PM

In observance of the Ascension of our Lord, St. George's will incorporate the selected Ascension readings from the Revised Common Lectionary at the normally scheduled Healing Service with Holy Eucharist on **Wednesday, June 1st at 12:15 pm** in the sanctuary. The service marks the close of the post-resurrection appearances after Easter and signifies the rule of Christ in the present through the Holy Spirit. Healing prayers and the anointing of oil will be offered as normal.

+ YOUTH UPDATE

JOIN FR. KEVIN AT SUMMER CAMP! Fr. Kevin will be directing a camp session at Camp Allen this summer. The session takes place **June 26-July 2** and is for grades 5th - 6th. If you'd like more information or would like to register your child up for Kevin's session follow this link [Camp Allen Parent Info](#)

+ OUTREACH UPDATE

Many thanks to Spencer Gordon, Rob Blech, and Adam Moreau for working all day at the Habitat House on April 9th! The build was a success thanks to the support of the St. George and All Saints families.

The Outreach committee has chosen to support the Austin Samaritans in their efforts to improve the overall well being in Nicaragua. This year Outreach will support the education efforts in one of the three schools supported by Austin Samaritans. A quality education provides hope to lift children and families out of poverty and despair. Our goal is to help Austin Samaritans provide students in Colegio Cristiano Presbiteriano (CCP) with tuition, uniforms, books, supplies and a hot nutritious meal every school day. CCP is located in one of the poorest barrios in Managua, Mercado Oriental. Soon, we will begin the sale of a lovely pack of note cards carrying a message that St George's cares about the outside world. We also are having a fund-raising luncheon in Kleberg Hall following the 10:30 service on **May 22nd**. At the luncheon speakers will discuss the need for aid in Nicaragua and at the luncheon we will be collecting donations for CCP. Please plan on attending; we pray you will provide a fair donation to help us achieve the goal of \$1500. Please call Sandra Villalaz (762-8349) if you want or need more information or want to take some packs of cards out to your circle of friends.

+CHRISTOPHER HOUSE BASKET DELIVERY SCHEDULE+

May 1-7: Janine Borelli & Gayle Wall

May 15-21: Chuck Webb

May 29-June 4: Mikail McIntosh-Doty

May 8-14: Martha Paull

May 22-28: Spencer & Hollie Gordon; Gayle Wall

June 5-11: John & Frances Rickard

+ MEMORIAL DAY – MONDAY, MAY 30TH

The Church Office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 30th. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time please call the church and leave a message for the priest, The Rev. Kevin Schubert.

+ *Hildegard's Illumination: Abundance*

During Easter Week five of us from St. Hildegard's participated in a conference held at Trinity University in San Antonio called "Our Abundant Communities: Neighborly Nourishment in the Wilderness." One of the speakers, Biblical scholar, Walter Brueggemann, said that we are all ordained in scarcity mode. Biblical faith imagines an alternative that is based in shared grateful abundance. Showing what this could look like, another speaker, John McKnight, taught community development based on gifts rather than deficiencies. He told a story of going into a community with a soup kitchen for the homeless sponsored by a number of neighborhood churches – a model based on deficiency. Under his guidance the pastors of the churches conducted "gifts interviews" with all 250 homeless persons who regularly came to the soup kitchen, and developed a profile of skills for each one. A skill listed on almost every profile was cooking! The participating churches then hung up all the profiles, matched with a professional photograph of each homeless person, all around their worshipping spaces and parish halls. Relationships between the homeless persons and parishioners based on gifts and shared abundance grew up in the various churches. John didn't say if the soup kitchen continued. If so, we can guess who was doing the cooking! Coming back from the conference, we're still pondering how our community already lives out "shared grateful abundance" and wondering how this can grow.

Holy Week was flowing with abundance. Lynn Goodman-Strauss, spoke to us on Palm Sunday of her life as founder of Mary House Catholic Worker. Her words were full of stories and gratitude of St. George's in the years when she stepped out into this new life trusting in God's provision. "St. George's and St. Hildegard's – this is really a holy place!" she repeated like a mantra. On Maundy Thursday we welcomed guests from far away. This is the third year that Sylvia, Jorge and their 9 year old daughter, Sofie, have driven all the way from Mexico City to share Holy Week with us and Sofie's God-mother, Gretchen who is part of our community. Gretchen's grandchildren, Clara and Xander, flew in from Tucson. Xander read the part of Jesus on Good Friday so beautifully and all these guests were actors in Gretchen's dramatization of "The Women at the Tomb" at the Easter Vigil. We rejoiced that one of our far-flung members, Mariah, could join us from Ann Arbor. Our Holy Week liturgies express an abundance of creative gifts and skills. Coordinator, Susan LeVieux, has conducted unofficial "gift interviews" so that everyone is contributing as we live through the stories of Passion and Resurrection. This year it all just flowed.

Intermingled with the joy was the heartbreaking news of the murder of Norma Hurtado and her mother, Maria, by a father enraged over his daughter's lesbian relationship with Norma. On Maundy Thursday our own Virginia Marie was at the vigil for these women, sharing her pastoral gifts, mourning with the gathered community. From her gifts she has been moved to offer a community rosary to be held May 3 at Trinity Methodist. On Good Friday we remembered them and other places of violence and suffering in the world. Brueggemann stated that it is our scarcity mode that keeps us from imagining the abundance of God's goodness that stretches out to embrace the rich diversity of gifts including sexualities. Violence is the ultimate symptom of scarcity.

May St. George's and St. Hildegard's continue to know God's abundance in this holy place.

Blessings,
Judith



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS



May 8 - Altar Guild
 May 22 - Kidsword & EYC
 June 5 - Outreach Committee

May 15 - Lectors & Intercessors
 May 29 - Parish Potluck
 June 12 - Choir



MAY BIRTHDAYS



May 4 - James Wall
 May 13 - Chloe Metcalf
 May 26 - Katie Carnes

May 9 - Alice Nelson
 May 16 - Warren Linam-Church
 May 28 - Kelly Puckett

May 9 - Ethan Worcester
 May 19 - Ryan Ford

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 1 - Heather & Kevin Schubert
 May 22 - Jamie & Kristen Byrnes

LINKS

<http://www.sgchurch.org/worship4.asp> Lay Ministry Schedule
<http://www.sgchurch.org/events3.asp> The Banner (including past electronic issues)
www.stgeorges-austin.org St. George's Day School
<http://www.io.com/~kellywp/> The Lectionary - a calendar of current scripture readings
http://www.episcopalchurch.org/episcopal_life.htm Episcopal Life Online
<http://www.epicenter.org> Episcopal Diocese of Texas
<http://www.campallen.org/> Camp Allen
<http://www.stgeorgescourt.org/> St. George's Court
www.hildegard-austin.org St. Hildegard's Community

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 7	SGES Barton Creek Greenbelt Clean-Up, 9-10am
May 7	Comfort the Children Open House & Crawfish Boil, 4-8pm
May 8	Mother's Day
May 22	Austin Samaritans Luncheon & Fundraiser, 12:00pm
May 22	Lessons from Narnia Fundraiser, 2-4:30pm
May 29	Service Celebrating Our Graduates, 10:30am
May 30	Memorial Day, Church Office Closed
June 1	Ascension Day Service, 12:15pm
June 26-July 2	Kevin's Summer Camp Session, Camp Allen

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert
Rector

The Rev. Judith Liro
*Associate Rector and Minister to
St. Hildegard's Community*

Paul Pew *Music Minister*
Becca Meaders *Office Administrator*
Laura Colangelo *Day School Director*
Maria Tello *Nursery Attendant*

Vestry

Herb Dickson
Hollie Gordon
Ralph Hausser
Scott Hoffman
David McGhee
Ramón Treviño

Frances Rickard *Senior Warden*
Jan Phillips *Junior Warden*
Hal Stevens *Clerk*

Sunday Schedule

8:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00am - Contemplative prayer
9:45am - Choir rehearsal
10:30am - Holy Eucharist Rite II with Kids Word (Nursery available)
4:00pm - St. Hildegard's Worship

The next issue of THE BANNER will go out on **June 1st**. Deadline for news is **May 25th**. Please e-mail information you would like included in next month's edition to stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com.

Worshiping God together, sharing the Gospel, and serving God's children.