

Parish News



News & Events at Christ Church



Rev. Daniel Cenci
Rector

The Articles of Religion

Buried deep in the pages of the Book of Common Prayer, printed in fine print, are the **Articles of Religion**. They are under a section of the Prayer Book known as the “**Historical Documents of the Church**.” This section also includes historic statements of the Christian faith such as the Athanasius Creed, the preface to the first Book of Common Prayer, and the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral. Perhaps I will feature those documents in upcoming newsletter articles. The Articles of Religion are arguably the most formative doctrinal statement of the Anglican tradition. They date to the 16th Century English reformation, and are meant to define the apostolic and reformed beliefs of Anglicans. As the Protestant reformation spread across Europe in the early-mid 16th century, there were many in England who believed that the church needed significant reform. In 1534 the English Parliament passed the Act of Supremacy which officially separated the Church of England from the Roman Catholic Church. In 1539 King Henry VIII composed the Six Articles of Religion, which were basic statements of Christian doctrine that in many ways mirrored the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Henry was reluctant to em-

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any radical reforms, but over time he became more sympathetic to the Protestant cause. Eventually he commissioned the Book of Common Prayer, which would become the first authorized liturgy in the English language.

After the death of Henry VIII in 1547, his young son Edward was crowned king. Edward was much more sympathetic to Protestantism than his father, and within a few years he commissioned a new (more reformed) **Book of Common Prayer, and a new statement of doctrine, which would be known as the “Articles of Religion.”** Archbishop Thomas Cranmer (who had been appointed by Henry VIII,) was the chief author of both the Book of Common Prayer and the Articles of Religion. The Articles were later revised by Archbishop Matthew Parker during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, and again in 1801 for use in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

Under the reign of Edward VI, there were initially 42 Articles of religion. The doctrines expressed therein were staunchly Protestant and left little room for interpretation. Under Elizabeth’s reign, they were condensed to 39 Articles, and although they maintained much of Cranmer’s reformed teachings, they moved the church closer to a “*via media*” or middle way, that was a less extreme version of Protestantism. The articles can be divided into four major categories: The catholic (universal) faith, personal religion, corporate religion, and miscellaneous.

Articles I-VIII express the catholic or universal faith of the church. The purpose of this section is to reinforce the apostolic origins of the Church of England. Anglicanism would remain a creedal and Trinitarian religion, and the basic teachings of historic Christianity would be unaltered. Anglicans have long believed that Biblical orthodoxy is essential, and the purpose of the reformation was not to start a new religion, but rather to reform the one true faith handed down from the apostles.

Articles IX-XVIII go on to express how the faith is to be interpreted by believers. This section addresses doctrines such as original sin, salvation by grace, through faith, predestination, election, and salvation only by the name of Christ. Many of the articles in this section are definitively Protestant in nature and make it clear that the Church of England is both apostolic and reformed.

Articles XIX-XXXI address the authority of the church, the traditions of the church, and the Anglican understanding of the sacraments. It is in this section that several distinctions are made between Anglican doctrines and those of both the **Roman Catholic and more extreme Protestant traditions, such as Anabaptist. The Anglican “via-media” is easily identified in many of these articles.**

The final section (articles XXXII-XXXIX) deals with the practical aspects of the church. These articles address church discipline, clerical marriage, church orders, the role of the civil government, and the ability of a Christian to take a lawful oath. Several of these articles were altered by the Episcopal Church in 1801 to pertain to the form of government that we have in the United States.

Today, the Articles of Religion continue to be an important part of our Anglican identity. They represent the historic teachings of the Episcopal tradition and serve as a spiritual grounding for the contemporary church. If you are not familiar with the Articles of Religion, I encourage you to spend some time reading and studying them. In the Episcopal Church, one

does not have to agree with every point of doctrine included in the Articles of Religion, to be a member in good standing, but it is important for all of us to know what Anglicans have traditionally taught and believed throughout our 500-year past. The Articles represent the foundational teachings of Anglican Christianity and are a part of the spiritual heritage that has been handed down to us from previous generations. Blessings in your studies!

In Christ,
Rev. Daniel

ECW

Our ECW Wine & Cheese Social was again a nice fall afternoon enjoying being together after our long separation due to COVID.

A huge thank you to Sue Scurria for graciously providing her lovely home for us. We so appreciated her hospitality and the fellowship we all enjoyed.

Also a special thank you to our ECW board members for their contributions to our social.

Thank you to all of those who have sent in their ECW pledge.

Jane Harris,
 ECW President



Admin Report for Treasurer-
 August 2021

General Operating expenditures were higher than revenue:

Revenue= \$22,181.90-Income
 \$ 778.00-Capital Campaign
 \$ 575.00-Memorial Fund
\$ 2,478.78-Tax Refund
 \$26,013.68

Operating Expenses = \$35,172.35
 \$13,339.71-Capital Campaign
 mailed to Palladium
 \$48,512.06

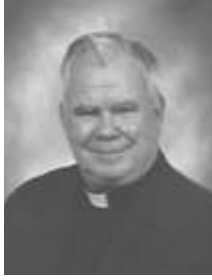
Robinson Charity Fund Balance - \$13,316.07

Rental Property Fund balance = \$1942.81

St. Philip's Fund balance = \$418.19

Charles Schwab with Palladium balance = \$1,415,320.71

Cemetery Fund balance = \$2,389.12



Fr. Jim McGee
Rector Emeritus

Are you a good CEO?

The word stewardship sounds to me like some kind of foreign language - and for all practical purposes it is a foreign language. It is a word no longer in popular jargon. A steward used to be the guy who was in charge. He took someone else's property and managed it. but we don't use that word anymore. Today, we call that guy, or gal, the CEO - the Chief Executive Officer. The CEO is the one who takes charge of all

the stockholders' property and runs the company for their benefit. If a CEO does a good job, he's a hotshot; but if he does a poor job, he's a bum. And if you happen to sit in your easy chair at home and read the Wall Street Journal regularly, you can watch the bums and the hotshots playing musical chairs.

Now, it so happens that you are a CEO. You are the Chief Executive Officer of a company which goes by your name. You're in charge. But in your company, you have a very fascinating rule to go by. You have to start with nothing, and you have to end with the same thing, nothing. "You brought nothing into this world, and it is certain you can carry nothing out." The heavenly IRS says that when you quit, you've got to give it all back. Think of it as 100% tax on everything; you keep nothing. Now, in between the "beginning nothing" and ending "nothing", you are in charge. In between the beginning and the end, you really are in charge.

So, what does a good CEO do? He sees to it that his company puts its money in the things of most value. And that's what a Christian CEO does. He sees to it that the company which operates under his personal name squares its use of money with the things which he/she values.

One of the things which concerns me a great deal about much of the teaching about giving is the implication of giving in order to get something back. If you ask people what they expect back, they will tell you they expect nothing back. Oh, of course, some say they expect a blessing. That's the television evangelists approach; send a check and we will send a blessing back. But to expect a blessing back is to expect something. Of course, we do get something back. We are promised a substantial return on investment, but we are not to anticipate. That is not the reason we give.

To expect is to confuse the past with the future. That approach expects something out of the future; even if it is some kind of blessing it is still an expectation. The proper way for a Christian to give is in response to your past, not your future. You have received; therefore you give, primarily as an act of **thanksgiving**. And that's a major difference between the business world CEO and the Christian CEO. The business manager makes investment decisions based on future fiscal returns, while the Christian steward makes decisions about giv-

ing based on past receipts.

One looks for fiscal growth, the other for spiritual growth, the kind that will stay with you for the long haul - like forever. **And there's another difference.**

The business CEO puts his company money where it will enable the company to do something new, to grow and be more than it has ever been. The Christian steward gives his company money in ways that will enable his personal company not to do more, but to BE more. The Christian steward uses his money as he does because he IS something new, something more and he is something more because he has received.

When you think about giving to your church, to the United Way, to any charity, think first about WHO you are, then think about what you have been given. Think about what has been given to you. **And remember, you can't take it with you, but you can be a good Christian CEO!**

Pax Vobiscum,

Jim+

A BISHOP'S MEANDERINGS...



The Rt. Rev.
Bishop Bane

"Jesus Christ!" We hear that those words a lot, but usually on the golf course or when we hit our thumb with a hammer. Isn't it remarkable that the name of the man who founded the world's largest religion would be most familiar as a term of abuse? Why doesn't that happen with Buddha or Muhammed or other religious figures? It even seems that many people are embarrassed about Jesus.

Talk about him at a social gathering and the reaction is swift. Others will be uncomfortable and you might even be criticized. You can talk about Ghandi or the Dalai Lama to your heart's content and, at worst, you might be considered a little odd. Had Jesus been a bad man, cruel and vindictive, had he been a mass murderer or a molester, such reactions would be understandable, but he was nothing of the kind. He was the most loving, dynamic, attractive, genuinely good human being who ever lived. What is this all about?

So, who was he? Who *is* he? Simply stated, Jesus is God's answer to our saying, "We don't understand what you mean, God. How do you want us to live? How do you want us to relate to other people? What is most important in life?"

In Christ's love,
+David

CHILDRENS MINISTRY



Joshua in Jericho



During the month of October we will step back in time to learn about Joshua, one of the 12 spies sent by Moses to explore Canaan. After the Israelites time in the wilderness, Joshua succeeded Moses after his death.

We will study how and why God used him to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land, Jericho, and how we can remain faithful to God's voice in our lives, as we trust that God is with us.

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Oct. 10
Brownie Bricks

Oct. 17
Build a Trumpet!

Oct. 24
Musical Stones

Oct. 31
Sundial Science



EYC

The EYC group continues to grow in faith, fun, and fellowship. We have been meeting twice a month and enjoying meals and opportunities to get to know each other better and practice our social interactions in a fun way. Everyone also participated in Acolyte and Crucifer refresher training. The youth group has planned a community service project with the SOULS outreach ministry and will be discussing ideas of how to serve the community during the remainder of the year and throughout the holiday seasons.

Chris and Whitney Pullet, Youth Leaders

OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT

If you missed Kick Off Sunday, don't worry, you can still get involved...

The Young Adults/Families Committee is planning various events to allow for fun and socialization. Babysitting is often available when there is an adult function. Look for events in email and in the weekly eNews. If you have questions, you can reach out to Speight Bunn and Devon Morrison.

The Worship Committee is looking for adult volunteers to be ushers, greeters, and readers. Youth can volunteer to acolyte (torch bearers and crucifers). Training will be provided. Choir singers and Hand Bell players are always welcome. Please contact Mickey Golden or Grafton Beaman for more information about volunteering.

The Communication Committee is looking for volunteers to run the live streaming of the 10:30am Sunday Service. Training will be provided. Please see Michelle Flach if interested in volunteering.

The Outreach Committee has a monthly Food Pantry Collection (October is powdered milk/boxed milk) and is planning a Mission Trip to Ecuador in June 2022. Various other Outreach happens throughout the year. If interested in getting involved in our church's Outreach, please contact Bettie Lyons.

The Children & Youth Committee is looking for volunteers to help during Children's Chapel at the 10:30am service. Youth group meets at various times throughout the month. All youth are welcome to join. Contact Anna Smith, Whitney Pullet or Jessica Cenci for more information.

Mark Your Calendar for Sunday, Oct 24 – Christ Church will have the annual Stewardship Service. This year we will have a Stewardship Breakfast. Look for more information in the weekly eNews. Please sign up via the eNews link or in the church office. Contact Joe Peel for more information. Contact information is available in the Sunday Bulletins or by contacting the church office.



ANIMAL BLESSING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6
5:30PM IN THE CHURCH PLAYGROUND

KICK-OFF SUNDAY



October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:00 am Holy Eucharist at SP 9:00 am Breakfast in the Parish Hall 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:15 am Confirmation Class 10:30 am Holy Eucharist	4 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP	5 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	6 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 7:30 am Bible Study at SP Wright Rm 12:00 noon Holy Eucharist at SP 5:30 pm Blessing of the Animals	7 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	8 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	9 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP
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17 8:00 am Holy Eucharist at SP 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:15 am Confirmation Class 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	18 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP Rev. Daniel at Clergy Conf until 10/20	19 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	20 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 7:30 am Bible Study at SP Wright Rm 12:00 noon Holy Eucharist at SP	21 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	22 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP Newsletter Deadline 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	23 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP
24 8:00 am Holy Eucharist at SP 9:00 am STEWARDSHIP BREAKFAST 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:15 am Confirmation Class 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	25 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP	26 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	27 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 7:30 am Bible Study at SP Wright Rm 12:00 noon Holy Eucharist at SP	28 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	29 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	30 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP
31 8:00 am Holy Eucharist at SP 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:15 am Confirmation Class 10:30 am Morning Prayer 5:00 pm All Hallows Eve in the Cemetery 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous						

SR. WARDEN REPORT



Phil Hornthal
Sr. Warden

Not much to report this month, and a quiet month is sometimes a very good thing! Here are a few updates:

-The blessing of the backpacks at the back to school service went extremely well and the children seemed to really enjoy it. Attendance has been up lately, so keep coming to church if you are comfortable doing so, and join us on Facebook if you are unable to attend in person.

-We are forming an Educational Exploratory Committee to look at the possibility of an Episcopal Kindergarten. Michelle Flach and Devon Morrison have graciously offered to head the committee, so please contact them at flachsnc@aol.com or devoncmorrison@gmail.com.

-The runners for the center aisle of the church and an area rug for behind the pews have been ordered and hopefully we will have them by Christmas. Thanks to everyone who worked on the Committee to study flooring for the church, especially Todd White. Thanks also to the Vestry for reaching this compromise given the vast differences of opinion amongst our congregants. I would also like to thank each member of the congregation, in advance, for supporting the Vestry in this decision.

-Thanks to Kenny, Rachel and Trey, our guest organists who have filled in since August. The music has been wonderful each Sunday.

-Finally, if you have any questions about the work of the Vestry or any decisions that have been made, feel free to reach out to any of us or me as your Senior Warden. Also, remember, our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month in the Harney Auditorium in the Parish Hall, and you are all welcome to attend.

Yours in Christ

Phil Hornthal

Senior Warden

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Upcoming October Events

10/4—Breakfast at 9

10/6—Blessing of the Animals at 5:30pm

10/16—Vestry Retreat/Training 10-2pm

10/24—Stewardship Breakfast

10/31—All Hallows Eve Service 5pm in the Cemetery

October Birthday

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| 1 Diane Cameron | 27 Sylvia Dawson Williams |
| 2 Nancy Harmon | |
| 4 Ellis Sanders | |
| 5 Jim McGee | |
| 6 Lynn Watson | |
| 12 Sharon Greene | |
| Pat King | |
| 14 Kathy Donahue | |
| Paul Wheeler | |
| 15 Karen Foreman | |
| Greg Michael | |
| 16 Ceci Austin | |
| Tony Hornthal | |
| 19 Bettie Lyons | |
| Katie King | |
| Don Prentiss | |
| 22 Mickey Golden | |
| Everett Thompson | |

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office. Thank you!

October Anniversaries

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| 10 Shelby and Lennie Hughes | 24 Sharon and Wes Lupo |
| 11 Joyce and Paul Wheeler | Sue and Peter Thomson |
| 19 Terry and David Smithson | Faye Ellen and Beans Weatherly |
| 20 Kali and Wood Foreman | Holly and David Wright |
| 21 Leah and James Jones | |
| 22 Lynn and Leo Watson | |
| 24 Kathy and Phil Donahue | |

Parishioners in Assisted Living

Brookdale of EC, 401 Hastings Lane: EC 27909

Juanita Mullen Helen Gibson

Elizabeth City Health & Rehabilitation, 1075 US 17 S: EC 27909

Jim Hathaway

At Home

Ann Hughes, 1514 Crescent Dr., EC 27909

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VESTRY (2021)

Senior Warden Phil Hornthal Junior Warden Wes Lupo Communication Michelle Flach
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