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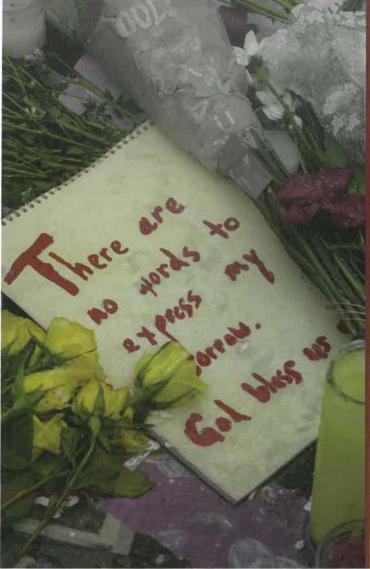
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SUNDAY'S **READINGS**

To Think About Faith

'If you had faith the size of of a mustard seed...' (Luke 17:6)

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Oct. 7, 2001

Hab. 1:1-6 (7-11) 12-13; 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-18 or 37 3-10; 2 Tim. 1:(1-5) 6-14; Luke 17:5-10

Nearly every normal human being, religious or not, leads a life which is based upon faith. In our own culture, by the simple act of driving or riding in a car, we literally trust our lives to strangers who built or maintained it. We have faith that when we invest in our future, the money will be there when we need it. Nearly all of us trust that when we leave for work in the morning that our locked houses will be safe and secure when we return in the evening. People who are engaged in relationships with family and friends need to trust that those people will act predictably, being kind and compassionate and understanding. Indeed, most people could probably not get through a single day without depending on faith in any number of things.

The trouble with unconscious, everyday faith, though, is that it can let us down when we least expect it. Carmakers (and tiremakers) can err, and the results can be devastating. Banks can fail, the stock market can crash, pension funds can be looted, and houses can be broken into. Marriages can come to stormy ends and friendships can be transformed into mutual animosity when one or the other in the relationship proves to be unfaithful or untrustworthy.

Our readings this Sunday remind us that, as Christians, our faith in God must be of an infinitely higher order than that by which most people live day by day. The prophet Habakkuk insists that, in spite of all evidence to the contrary, faith in God's goodness and mercy will never let anyone down. Even though times might seem bad, God's ultimate victory is assured. Timothy, a young Christian leader, is encouraged to live out his faith in the Lord through evangelizing, preaching and teaching. The worst that can happen as a result is imprisonment and ultimately martyrdom — but these bring the kingdom close at hand. Is that really so bad? And in the gospel according to Luke, Jesus teaches the apostles that one hardly needs to be an Atlas in faith for its results to be made manifest in the world.

Faith in people and places is undoubtedly necessary to the successful living of our everyday lives, but when this faith lets us down the results can be horrendous. Our faith in God's promises, however, must be totally unconditional and absolutely certain. Our gracious Lord will never let us down.

Look It Up

St. James insists that faith not expressed in works of mercy and charity are worth nothing (James 2:14-17). What are some of the "good works" which naturally result from our faith in God?

Think About It

What is the difference between our "everyday" faith and the faith which leads to eternal life?

Next Sunday Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 1:(1-7) 8-19a; Psalm 113; 2 Tim. (3-7) 8-15; Luke 17:1-19

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Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue

By J. Robert Wright Eerdmans. Pp. 313. \$65.

The magnificent structure and soaring reredos of St. Thomas' Church, Fifth Avenue, New York City, consecrated in 1913, is beautifully presented in a fine new book, *Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue*, by the historiographer of the Episcopal Church and, since 1971, St Mark's Professor of Ecclesiastical History at General Theological Seminary.

You can bet your best biretta that Fr. Wright succeeds brilliantly in placing a dozen distinguished rectors in the context of the history of the Diocese of New York, the national church and the worldwide Anglican Communion.



With a sure hand, Fr. Wright covers the loss of two earlier churches to fire and other landmark events in

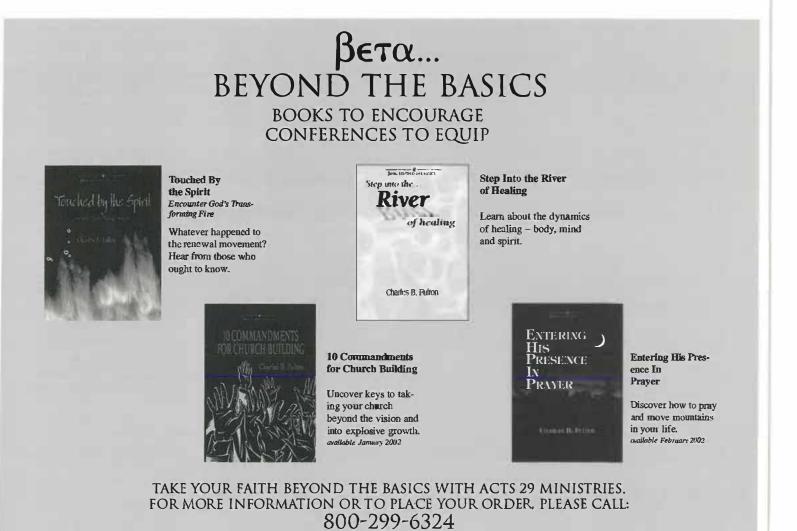
the reigns of a dozen markedly different rectors — bearded, bald, or mutton-chopped, plain-spoken or silver-tongued, homely or handsome, three bespectacled, one a future bishop, two British born.

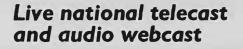
St. Thomas', in its early years, sometime seemed "high church," although most "novelties" of the budding Oxford Movement were not allowed. As time passed, churchmanship sank and rose, climbed and receded to "lower than a snake's belly."

Such was the somewhat stilted

scene into which the 11th rector, the Rev. John Andrew, who came from Yorkshire in 1972, introduced truly catholic worship, revived color, perfected liturgy, packed in worshipers, began three daily services, and provided speakers of international note. He led a distinctive music program to higher heights, and built a superb new building to house the lads of the last residential choir school in the United States.

If the book seems sanitized, it is only because much remains unspoken or confidential, including the proceedings of an executive committee that doesn't keep minutes on formulating its reports to the vestry. Other facts unavailable concern incidents in which St. Thomas' was only marginally involved. These include





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vague charges of "acts of immorality" against a mid-19th-century Bishop of New York, the Rt. Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, and the subsequent election of a "provisional bishop"; the more recent role of a grandson of the eighth rector, the Rev. Ernest Milmore Stires, on passing over U.S. priests to call the 11th rector from the Church of England; the brief term of service rendered by the parish's only ordained woman; a bishop's permission to skip the usually mandatory interim rector and self-study; and the election of the present rector, the Rev Andrew Mead from Boston's troubled Church of the Advent, with the understanding that he supports only an all-male priesthood; and an anti-discrimination suit against the choir school.

All in all, it appears that at least a few cogent, fascinating facts were swept under exquisite Oriental rugs. But it isn't the author's fault and the saga of 177 years still offers myriad lessons and resolve to "read, study, and inwardly digest." This Thomas never doubts nor hesitates to lavish more than \$100,000 on its parish history, a stellar production much like what God would have done if he'd had the money.

> (The Rev.) James B. Simpson Washington, D.C.

The Israelites

By B.S.J. Isserlin Fortress. Pp 304. \$23 paper. B/W photos, illustrations, maps and select bibliography.

Originally published in 1998 and now reissued in paperback, The *Israelites* by Prof. Isserlin formerly of Leeds University (England), attempts to present a meticulous portrait of ancient Israel from the late 13th century B.C.E. — when Israel initially appears on the historical stage up to the fall of the Kingdom of Judah in 586 B.C.E. Isserlin examines the geography and history of ancient Israel as well as its material culture and spiritual world based on recent archaeological discoveries. The result is a concise yet careful study by an eminent scholar of ancient Israel which gave rise to the three great Abrahamic creeds — Judaism,



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In one chapter. Isserlin traces the growth and development of Israelite religion by comparing biblical record with the current archaeological and epigraphical (inscriptional) evidence. He concludes that "Israelite religion had, from beginning to end, much in common with Canaanite religion or even depended on Canaanite models." In another chapter, the author examines the history of ancient Israel from the period of the Judges (circa 11th century B.C.E.) until the defeat of the southern Kingdom of Judah by the Babylonians in 587 B.C.E. and the destruction of Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem. Isserlin describes the United Monarchy (1020-922 B.C.E.), its subsequent division into the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah and the decline and fall of both of these kingdoms. And in so doing, Isserlin

addresses the archaeological evidence in support of biblical events.

Isserlin also delves into the evolution of Hebrew, which belongs to the Northwest Semitic language group. After studying the Hebrew language, writing and texts, Isserlin finds that "the spread of Judaism and Christianity [which] made the best of Israelite literature available to the wider world, is not the least contribution which this small nation made to world civilization." In *The Israelites*, Prof. Isserlin has himself made a notable contribution to this area of study.

Reading Biblical Narratives

Literary Criticism and the Hebrew Bible By Yairah Amit. Translated from the Hebrew by Yael Lotan Fortress. Pp 188. \$20 paper.

This book serves as an introduction to biblical narratives or stories in the

Hebrew Bible. In it. Yairah Amit, a professor of biblical studies of Tel Aviv University, Israel, examines biblical narratives both critically and contextually in order to reveal hidden lavers of meaning and thus to enhance their significance. Prof. Amit explains her theories and literary techniques lucidly and then proceeds to apply them to the biblical text by using many different stories from the Bible. In so doing, she reveals the intricate texture and the subtle nuances of these stories. She is both sensitive to the text and deft in analyzing biblical stories to expose their complex structure. Thanks to her, the reader gains considerable insight into the nature, structure and the purpose of biblical narratives which are enhanced by Prof. Amit's interpretations.

The author aptly concludes "that reading a biblical story is like observing a polished gem, and the more you examine it from various angles, the



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Beyond Colonial Anglicanism

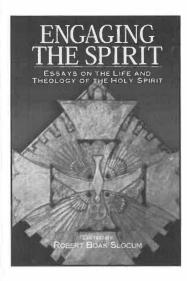
The Anglican Communion in the Twenty-First Century Edited by Ian T. Douglas and Kwok Pui-Lan. Church Publishing. Pp. 376. \$23.95 paper. A good recommendation for reading this book is that it was at the top of the list that Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold sent to the House of Bishops as their reading list for last month's House of Bishops' meeting. It is a new and challenging book on an old subject that many Episcopalians have dismissed because they think they know all about it — global mission.

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Contributors: Alan Jones, Louis Weil, Ruth Meyers, Reginald Fuller, J. Robert Wright, Alexander Golitzin, Paul Zahl, Wanda Zemler-Cizewski, and others.

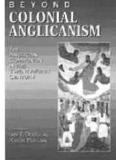
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CHURCH Church Publishing Incorporated 445 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016 consultation on "Anglicanism in a Post Colonial World" that was held at the Episcopal Divinity School in 1998. At the heart of this collection of papers are those prepared for that occasion, revised in the light of serious discussion there on the overall subject. Additional papers were then requested to "broaden and deepen the discussion" as the two editors said in the introduction. It consists of

15 chapters divided into three sections: Colonialism and the Anglican Communion, Challenges of the Present World, and Visions for the Future Church.

One of the most arresting features of these essays is the diversity of authors,



half of whom were at the receiving end of "Colonial Anglicanism." Authors such as African primates Chiwanga and Ndungane write from the perspectives of cultures that were raped by the heavy hand of colonial imperialism. They know the hegemony — the oppressive weight — of Western, male-dominated, culturally insensitive missionaries who brought Anglican Christianity to their people. They are grateful for the gospel but conscious of the price that was paid by their countries under Euro-centric imperialism.

These, along with the other writers, with more recognizably Anglo-Saxon names, agree that the mission mindset of the church in the last 150 years must change radically if the church is to proclaim the gospel faithfully in the post-colonial 21st century.

This is not an easy book to read. For the most part, it was written by scholars who are drawing on resources unfamiliar to the average Episcopalian. It is challenging to long-held beliefs about the church, ultimate truth, order, and the way things obviously "ought to be." Some of these writers were thinking "out of the box," and presented new concepts and ways of looking at reality that were challenging. Some assumptions and conclusions I simply could not agree with. However difficult it might have been to read every word, I consider the book pivotal for a church that needs to make some radical changes if it is to faithfully present the gospel of Jesus Christ.

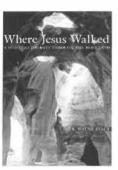
> (The Rt. Rev.) David B. Reed Louisville, Ky.

Guides for Pilgrims

Pilgrimage guides to sites in the Holy Land (and their modern inhabitants) range from the academic to the illiterate, from the technical to the evocative. Students of scripture can find themselves trailing Abraham, Moses, Jesus or Paul with commentaries from feminist, Zionist, communist, conspiracy-theorist, fundamentalist or skepticalist authors. Here are some of the more interesting efforts of the year:

Where Jesus Walked

A Spiritual Journey Through the Holy Land By R. Wayne Stacy Judson. Pp. 191. \$16.



Prof. Stacy, an ordained Baptist minister and dean of New Testament and preaching at the M. Christopher White School of Divinity in Boiling Springs, N.C., has crafted a beautiful little book, part travelogue and part

devotional, with great photographs enlivening each chapter heading. Obviously a gifted preacher and story teller, Stacy brings to each of the several geographical chapters in Christ's life and ministry a warm, personal touch. His vignettes are thought-provoking, sometimes poignant, occasionally even uncomfortable in the immediacy with which they thrust the story of the gospel into everyday life. At the end of each chapter, there's a short list of discussion questions geared to elicit responses to the question, "So, what does this have to do with me, sitting here in 21st-century Missouri?"

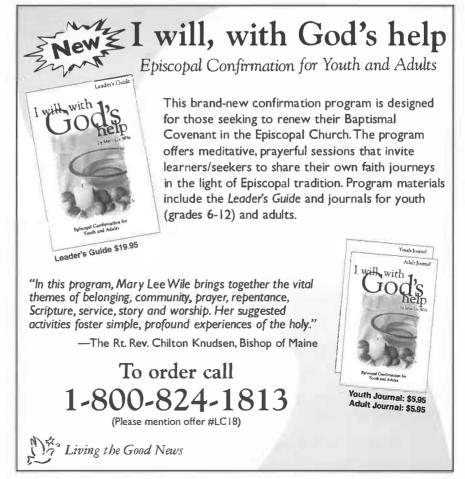
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Bishops Stress Need for Prayer and Concern for Welfare of Arab-Americans

Concerns about the desire for revenge and the possibility of harassment against Arab-Americans were frequent messages from Episcopal and other Anglican bishops in the wake of the Sept. 11 tragedies at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Pennsylvania. Church leaders spoke frequently about the need for Christians to be cautious in their response to the horrific events.

"Many are speaking of revenge," Presiding Bishop Frank T. Griswold noted. "Never has it been clearer to me than in this moment that people of faith, in virtue of the gospel and the mission of the church, are called to be about peace and the transformation of the human heart, beginning with our own. I am not immune to emotions of rage and revenge, but I know that acting on them only perpetuates the very violence I pray will be dissipated and overcome."

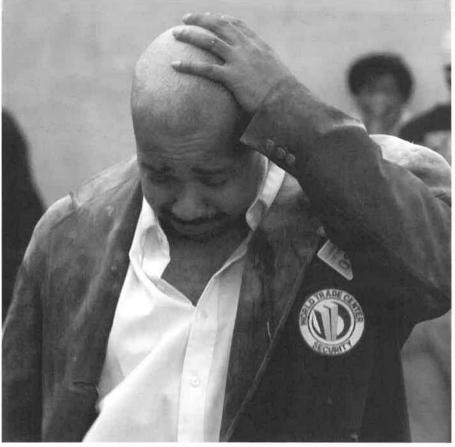
Bishop Griswold reminded people that the passionate desire of God is for the well being and flourishing of all people.

"Yes, those responsible must be found and punished for their evil and disregard for human life, but through the heart of this violence we are called to another way," he said. "May our response be to engage with all our hearts and minds and strength in God's project of transforming the world into a garden, a place of peace where swords can become plowshares and spears are changed into pruning hooks."

The Rt. Rev. Riah Abu al-Assal, Bishop of Jerusalem, a man who is familiar with reacting to violence, spoke of the church's struggle.

"We as the church are called upon to struggle against evil in the world," he said, "provided that our struggling does not resort to the means of the evildoers."

The Archbishop of Sydney, the



A security guard moves away from the World Trade Center.

Most Rev. Peter Jensen, urged Angli-

cans to turn to God. "This is not the

time for any racist attitudes that

attribute blame to new communities

in our midst, especially the Islamic

people who have come to share their

the Bishop of Chicago, the Rt. Rev.

William D. Persell. "We must avoid

the temptation to hold particular

groups of people or religious groups

responsible for the actions of a few,"

he warned. "The Christian's best

response to both the potential and

the danger inherent in our world

today is to pray and act that our inter-

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lives with us," he said.

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connection may, through compassion, become unity."

A sampling of reactions from other Episcopalians and Anglicans:

The Rt. Rev. Jubal Neves, Bishop of Southwestern Brazil: "Facing the terrorist attack to the people of North America, we understand better where the ambition (the core of sin) may lead the human being."

The Rt. Rev. John P. Croneberger, Bishop of Newark: "We ask that the Lord guide us away from hatred and bigotry in the face of hatred and bigotry."

The Most Rev. Michael Peers, Pri-(Continued on next page) (Bishops - Continued from previous page)

mate of the Anglican Church of Canada: "We can be certain that God meets us in prayer and shares in both our horror and our hope."

The Rt. Rev. Claude E. Payne, Bishop of Texas: "Hate creates the fertile ground for evil to flourish, and the bombings in New York and Washington are a clear demonstration of the power of that evil."

The Most Rev. Livingston Nkoyoyo, Archbishop of Uganda: "The Christians here stand shoulder to shoulder with your people as they grieve and struggle to come to terms with the terrible tragedy which has befallen your country and the whole world."

The Rt. Rev. Jane Holmes Dixon, Bishop of Washington *pro tempore:* "In response, let us turn to the God who loves us, and in quiet strength to one another, as we seek solace in the face of unimaginable tragedy."

The Rt. Rev. Leo Frade, Bishop of Southeast Florida: "My call to all Episcopalians in Southeast Florida is for us to be patient as the authorities investigate the source of the evil acts our country has experienced."

The Rt. Rev. Vincent Warner, Bishop of Olympia: "These attacks are assaults on all of our humanity, leaving us speechless and dumbfounded."

The Rt. Rev. Mark Sisk, Bishop of New York: "This emphatically has nothing to do with religion and everything to do with people overcome by the venom of hatred."

The Rt. Rev. J. Jon Bruno, Bishop Coadjutor of Los Angeles: "Even through these horrible events, obviously the worst assault on this nation since Pearl Harbor, God is our strength and our refuge."

The Rt. Rev. Herbert Thompson, Jr., Bishop of Southern Ohio: "It is a different world today because it is a world where our need for God's love and mercy has been more clearly revealed."

Episcopal News Service and Anglican Communion News Service contributed to this article.

An Ordinary Day Had Begun at Trinity, a Few Blocks Down Church Street ...

For Episcopalians in the New York metropolitan area who weren't eyewitnesses on Sept. 11, the tragedy may not have had a human face until the following Sunday when some pews were empty.

Many Episcopalians, however, were eyewitnesses to the horror as it swept uptown from "ground zero" shortly after two hijacked commercial jet airliners smashed into the twin World Trade Center Towers.

When the first aircraft hit during the morning rush hour, young children were arriving at Trinity Church, Wall Street's pre-school, staff were on the streets around the center, and Archbishop Rowan Williams of Wales was preparing for a day's videotaping with Trinity Television, according to John Allen, communications director at Trinity.

Members of the staff later told Mr. Allen they heard what to some sounded like military jets carrying out a low flyby, followed by an explosion. Within minutes, pieces of paper were raining from the sky onto the church, the churchyard and the surrounding streets.

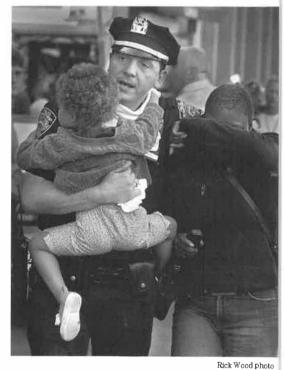
The Rev. Douglas Brown, OHC, prior of Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, N.Y., was part of the crew filming at Trinity Broadcasting when he saw the shower of paper from the attack on the first tower. The second plane hit a tower much closer to Trinity and "the sound was unearthly," he said.

After about 45 minutes, Fr. Brown reported there was a terrible rumble and many threw themselves to the floor. The tower hit by the first plane had collapsed.

Staff who tried to leave the building found the lobby filled with dust, and were forced to return to upper floors to breathe. Outside, the pall of dust that had settled over the financial district with the tower's collapse had made it dark as night, according to Mr. Allen. When the smoke finally cleared, the group was taken outside.

"It was eerily quiet and we were the only people," Fr. Brown said. "I can only say it was like those movies that depict a 'nuclear winter' following a nuclear apocalypse."

The ground was covered with at



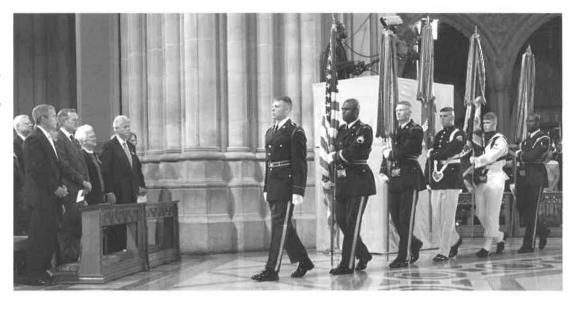
A New York police officer assists a woman and child.

least three inches of ash mixed with assorted office supplies and personal effects. Another eyewitness would later say that it was a sobering moment for him to realize that the white powder covering most of lower Manhattan was not entirely concrete dust but actually contained the remains of those who had perished in the searing fires.

Then came the worst moment for the Trinity staff.

"The ground started rumbling and there began the most unearthly sound (Continued on page 16) The color guard passes President Bush and his predecessors at the service in Washington National Cathedral.

Donovan Marks photo



National Cathedral: America's Central Altar for Prayer

A service of prayer and remembrance at Washington National Cathedral for the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks was televised live on network television Sept. 14.

President George W. Bush was joined by former Presidents George H. W. Bush, Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and Gerald R. Ford, and virtually every member of the federal government except Vice President Dick Cheney, who was in another location as a security precaution.

"If there was a central altar for a day that the American government had set aside for prayer and remembrance," wrote Dan Barry in the *New York Times*, "it was Washington National Cathedral, where President Bush and other leaders gathered in funereal assembly."

The Rev. Billy Graham, now 82 and using a cane to get around, had been invited by President Bush to be the preacher. Dr. Graham called the nation to repentance, meditation, amendment, resolve and thanksgiving with the same vigor that has marked a lifetime of crusades for Christ. He moved through a prepared text rapidly while the congregation seemed to hang on his words. At his conclusion the congregation rose as one to its feet and applauded.

President Bush spoke briefly and movingly and then it was over. A crashing organ moved into the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" for the closing hymn. At the crossing, the Very Rev. Nathan Baxter, dean, voiced a closing praver and the Rt. Rev. Jane Holmes Dixon, Bishop pro tempore of Washington, gave the blessing and dismissal. There was the retirement of the colors and a silent recession as an estimated 3.500 congregants departed silently, leaving behind few of the programs or red, white and blue lapel ribbons of the day.

(The Rev.) James B. Simpson

Other Side of the Atlantic

St. Paul's Cathedral in London withstood the bombings of World War II, but an involuntary shudder seemed to pass through the rafters when Queen Elizabeth II displayed a rarely seen show of public emotion during a Sept. 14 service of remembrance for those killed in terror attacks on the United States Sept. 11.

The queen was joined by her husband, Prince Philip, son Charles, Prince of Wales, Prime Minister Tony Blair and the American ambassador, William Farish. Every seat was filled and a crowd estimated at 8,00010,000 stretched for blocks outside.

The Most Rev. George L. Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, assured the many Americans in the congregation that Great Britain was with America, but cautioned against rash action.

"Yes, those responsible for such barbaric acts must be held to account," Archbishop Carey said. "But we must be guided by higher goals than mere revenge. As we battle with evil, our goal must be a world where such violence is a thing of the past." Following his message, the congregation within and without the cathedral sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The service closed with "God Save the Queen" and it was then, as she walked down the aisle past rows of distressed members of the public, that the queen appeared to lose her composure momentarily.

Following the service, members of the royal family and the prime minister reached out to Americans in the crowd waiting outside the cathedral. They repeated the archbishop's words that Great Britain would stand by its American ally.

The Anglican Communion News Service and the Telegraph of Great Britain contributed to this report.

The Light of Christ at Ground Zero

By Joseph E. Griesedieck III

G round zero. We have heard a lot about ground zero lately. It is a very low place to be. Many of us are there right now. It is a place where we are all leveled, a place where there is only one way to look,

and that place is up. The absence of any structure above symbolizes the absence of the answers we are looking for in this time.

During a recent week, I have had the privilege, as well as the horror, of being at ground zero. I am speaking figuratively, for my emotions, perhaps like yours, have been dragged down. But I am also speaking literally, for one evening, shortly after the terrorist attack on our city, I made a visit to the site of the World Trade Center wreckage known as ground zero.

I simply showed up, having grabbed a taxi after the evening service at my parish. Once I was received through the first of many police barricades, I was told to follow the bright light ahead, which seemed a cruel but accurate method of getting me to my destination. For beneath that overpowering light sheer darkness awaited me.

Like an old movie reel running through my head I see it, and I am there right now: Zombie-like firemen weave back and worker throws me a hard hat, a soldier says, "I.D., Father." Unimpeded, I now make my way toward ground zero. Something catches my eye to the left: It is a crumpled and filthy sign on a building that reads



The remains of the World Trade Center viewed down Church Street.

forth under the weight of their soot-covered gear in search of a resting place, a place where they can put the anguish behind them for a little while. Stone-faced police officers brace themselves against the threat of tears.

As I get closer, a nurse hands me a gas mask, a utility

hurch Street

cable down into the void beneath the wreckage.

They find a helmet, but suddenly a horn blasts and there are screams from a crane operator below: "Get out of there now! It's unstable!" We move over 50 feet or so and begin another rescue attempt, which is becoming more like an archeological dig. I am wondering about

Brooks Brothers. Beneath it in red spray paint is a crudely written sign — "Morgue." A spray-painted arrow shows the way.

Beneath the screams of buzzsaws against steel, the beating of helicopter wings, and the menacing scrapes of a crane swiveling my way, I make my way to the edge of the mess. I am beholding a monster, hideous in deformity, unvielding in strength. Within it fires rage, sparks fly, toxic smoke spews forth. Like tiny ants, the rescue workers cover the mound of rusty steel, in search of life.

Suddenly I am asked by a worker to climb up the dangerous heap with him. I find myself climbing, slipping occasionally in my black wingtip shoes, wondering what in the world I think I am doing. With each slip I am propped up by a burly worker or two. With each step I am closer to our destination: a dozen firemen in a huddle digging for one of their own. I dig with them for three hours as they frantically work a camera on a snake-like

the owner of the fire helmet, but for now, we cannot go back.

I watch in silence. I ask the workers how they are doing. Some want to talk. Some clearly don't. I dodge sparks, I pass on water ate to embrace at this point. As I hail a cab and ride home through the dark and barren streets, a conviction settles upon me much like the smoky ash clinging to my clothes.

Life goes on, even in the midst of death,

and it has little to do with us. Resurrection follows crucifixion. And God's peace can be found somewhere in between. I have been searching for this peace, but I am struggling.

To reflect theologically, ground zero has reintroduced me to the full humanity of Jesus. In the tears of every rescue worker who lost a comrade, I saw Jesus weeping at the grave of his friend Lazarus. With every crag a fireman crawled onto, I saw the Good Shepherd risking his life for the lost sheep. As I tried to find my footing again and again on the bent and burning beams, those words kept rolling over me: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). My fellow New Yorkers are strengthening my faith in God.

The sacrificial love we see in the midst of evil is a beacon of hope reminding us that God's goodness remains with us, so often made manifest in one another. We need one

Rick Wood photo

another now more than ever. So much of what is occurring is beyond our control, and it is frightening.

From ground zero I am having trouble seeing it, but I believe that there is another light to follow. This light is Christ, and we are told that in him there is no darkness at all. I am putting my feeble trust in him, for this is all I can do as one so powerless and vulnerable in this city. Let us pray for one another, and may God bless and keep us, come what may.

The Rev. Joseph E. Griesedieck III is curate at St. Thomas' Church, New York City.

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Military personnel direct rescue and clean-up vehicles

bottles, and I bless the buckets being passed by containing the unspeakable.

"How did I get all the way up here?" I ask myself, as I look back down at the 100 feet or so of rubble separating me from the edge of the crumbled giant. The crew seems glad to have me on their little piece of hell on earth, and so I stay here throughout the night and into the early morning, moving from dig to dig, knowing that ground zero has already changed me forever.

A gas explosion above from a blowtorch finally sends us back down to the edge, where I decide it is time to go home to my wife and children, whom I am quite desper

'I Was Struck by a Horrific Reality'

Reactions in and Around Washington, D.C., to the Pentagon Disaster

Church of the Epiphany, Washington, D.C., has daily Eucharists and Tuesday concerts at 12:10 p.m. But on Tuesday, Sept. 11, a prayer service was held instead, and the church stayed open until most people had left the city.

"Many came by to pray and to cry," said the Rev. Randolph Charles, rector. On Wednesday, when it was "still bizarre," and Thursday, when the city was "sort of back to work," large crowds attended the services. "People were asking for ways to gather, to talk, to make sense out of it, to find peace." Sunday, he said, the themes of the week, death, conflict, and hope, would continue. We must be honest about our fear, he said, but we can be instruments of peace too.

Fr. Charles said Wednesday morning, when he opened the front door of his house, a mile from the Pentagon, and smelled smoke, "I was struck by the horrific reality. We hear war planes, and I feel my own fear." His wife had been driving on the highway that runs past the building. He, like many others, needed to talk about "close calls, not being at work that day, or being in another part of the building."

Next Wednesday a more elaborate Eucharist was to take place especially for one of "our three congregations" particularly, the downtown workers.

"We walk through the church periodically, and people come in to just talk informally. That seems to be what people need."

No Eucharist at Pentagon

Across the Potomac in Arlington, Va., the Rev. Randolph Bragg, rector of St. Andrew's, is one of a group of Episcopal clergy who rotates duties for Wednesday noon Eucharist for the Episcopal community at the Pentagon. "There are five or six clergy; perhaps 10 to 20 people attend, whoever is there and can make it. Today was my day, the second Wednesday." He could not hold the service. Only essential people were allowed into the damaged building.

Fr. Bragg said he senses a feeling of deep anger, a "serious, sober, resolute" mood, but not despair or hopelessness. "This is not just about hurt," he said. "This is wrong." Two members of the parish "might have been in the building, but they weren't; they're OK. Now we're concerned about friends who've lost friends."

His wife, he said, found herself in highway gridlock. But no one was outraged. Everyone was just listening and gesturing to each other. "Already here people have shifted sympathy. 'Yes, it was awful here,' people are saying, 'but oh, those poor people in New York!' We know it was worse there."

View from a Pre-School

Trinity Church, Arlington, is about six blocks from the Pentagon. About 9 a.m. on Tuesday, many of the 70 children who attend the church's preschool were outside when "a big plane" flew over, very low and very fast, the Rev. Richard Banks, interim rector, said. Then they heard the sound, and felt the shock waves that rattled the doors.

"We brought the children inside, and I went and sat in one of those teeny chairs to talk with them. They said, 'Guess what? A plane crashed!' That's what they were thinking of. The teachers were thinking about loss of life, and about friends."

Later, when the children had been sent home, Fr. Banks stood in front of the church, in clericals, speaking to people who were walking from the Pentagon — "28,000 people work there. They were walking in groups of three or four. Few people spoke, even to each other. There was a pall over everyone. Nobody knew how to act. I just nodded, smiled tightly, and spoke to anyone who made eye contact.

"Wednesday night, my wife and I drove to the Pentagon. The fire that had raged for 30-some hours was out.



Donovan Marks photo

The Pentagon, as seen from the National Cathedral.

There were lights everywhere, and television trucks. We could see the damage; it was almost anti-climactic, after seeing all the pictures."

Arlington schools stayed in session almost all day, he said, rather than clog streets further with school buses. "Sirens screamed constantly for three or four hours. Fire crews came from all over."

The church's Wednesday evening service usually draws 10 or 12 people. "Last night we had 75."

Fr. Banks' sermon that night spoke of grief, of hope, and of challenge.

"The valley of the shadow of death is right here, and we do walk in it." It is true that "in the midst of life, we are in death," although most of us do not live that way. That way of life is a way of life for others, not us. Until now. And it is true and not overlydramatic to say that we as a people, as a nation, as people of faith, as Christians, are changed forever by yesterday's terrorist attacks ...

"May we, messengers of hope, proclaim that message in unity even as (Continued on page 35)

Committee Says Bishop Dixon Acted Reasonably

The Rt. Rev. Jane Holmes Dixon, Bishop *pro tempore* of Washington, applied a reasonable interpretation to canon law in her disputed rejection of the Rev. Samuel Edwards as rector of Christ Church in Accokeek, Md., according to members of a Title IV Review Committee who determined that Bishop Dixon committed no offense under the canons.

The committee met Aug. 20 and 21 and again Sept. 5 to consider two sets of presentment charges which accused the bishop of violating canon law by waiting more than 30 days to reject Fr. Edwards. A national church canon requires a bishop to "communicate" with a church vestry within 30 days of being notified that the call of a rector has been made. "From the complaints and supporting documents and affidavits, it is neither evident that the bishop did not 'communicate' with the vestry that a valid and effective election was held following a meeting called for the purpose of considering the communication," said the report which was signed by the Rt. Rev. Charles Keyser, president.

In a press release, Bishop Dixon noted: "In upholding my actions, the review committee affirmed not only that I acted in accordance with the laws of the Episcopal Church, but also that those laws continue to guide our church."

Within 24 hours after the review committee finding was made public, on Sept. 12, the diocese notified Judge Peter J. Messitte of the U.S. District Court of Maryland's southern division in Greenbelt that court-mandated mediation talks with the vestry of Christ Church had reached an impasse.

Judge Messitte must now decide whether to rule in favor of the diocese, proceed to trial, or dismiss the suit filed by Bishop Dixon.

"We are very sorry that Bishop Dixon has decided that we could not come to a mutually acceptable settlement in this matter without involving the court," said Fr. Edwards in a press release, "and we note with interest that the bishop, who several times has indicated that the matter is not about the property, in the end cites the property matter as the reason for the impasse."

A Shield Around Trinity Church, Wall Street

(Continued from page 11)

I have ever heard. It was the collapse of the second tower and I was sure we were all going to die. This was the moment of pure terror," Fr. Brown said. "It was like thunder that just wouldn't stop. It went on and on."

Fortunately, the building collapsed in an accordion-like manner and the group was shielded from the debris by juxtaposed buildings. Shortly after it was safe to begin evacuation, the group reached the ferry terminal where some escaped across New York harbor and others were evacuated by buses up the east side.

Meanwhile along with debris and ash from the collapsed towers, a steady stream of pedestrians began to make a hasty procession uptown.

Debra Wagner, director of communications at the Seamen's Church Institute, said, "I watched out my window as the first building collapsed with a loud rumble. It was only then that the people on the street started to run and panic could be seen on everyone's faces. The sky grew grayish white as a snow-like



Pictures of missing persons on a wall near Grace Church, New York City.

dust began to fall. The building staff turned off the air conditioning so that the dust would not get in the air system. We still had telephone and internet access. We had electricity. We decided it was safer to stay in our building."

People began stopping to ask for a drink of water or to use the telephone. Soon thereafter, staff members began to set up a cafeteria to give away whatever food and drink the institute had on hand. Eventually electricity and phone systems failed. The available food and drink began to run low. Unable to contact other Episcopal institutions by more conventional means, the staff made up fliers asking for donations and delivered them by messenger.

Further uptown near Ninth Avenue, Kevin Mahoney, communications director at Grace Church, assumed the church would be closed. It was open when he arrived. Members attempted to give comfront and liquids, and exhausted droves of people continued rushing up Broadway to get away from the disaster. Many other Episcopal churches provided similar aid and comfort.

Episcopal News Service contributed to this report

B. I. Bell

A Courageous Voice in Uncertain Times

By Erwin Kitzrow

It was December 1943. The war in Europe and the Pacific was being waged with ferocity. The fate of civilization hung in the balance. Totalitarianism had shocked the world, with its cruel pagan ideologies and its brutal policies. I was a freshman at the University of Wisconsin, not yet in the Army or Navy only because I was just 17.

At Christmas, a high school classmate and friend, who lived at St Francis' House, the Episcopal Center for students at the university, gave me a small red book titled *Beyond Agnosticism*. It was by Bernard Iddings Bell. Fr. Bell, I learned, was something of a public figure in the Episcopal and Anglican churches, well known as a writer and preacher on both sides of the Atlantic.

Later that year, before I went into the service, I got to see and hear Fr. Bell, when he came to St. Francis' House to preach a mission. In appearance he was a formidable man, with what some reporters called a bulldog look. Others described him as owlish. He was clearly a man of powerful intellect and strong convictions. At St. Francis' House, he spoke gravely of the

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world crisis of our time, placing it in the historical perspective of a cosmic struggle between good and evil that had ranged for centuries in people's hearts and in the universe. He brought alive the age-old Christian message of man's sinfulness and redemption by God, through his Son and the Holy Spirit, the hope that this offered in the midst of our present trials.

Five years later, my military service completed, I entered the University of Chicago to continue my studies. There, to my surprise and delight, I found that Fr. Bell, now Canon Bell, was pastor to Episcopal students at the university, and advisor to Brent House, a residence house for foreign and American students named for the great Missionary Bishop to the Philippines, Charles Henry Brent. During the next six years, it was my good fortune to know and work closely with Fr. Bell. During those years, he brought many distinguished clergy and lay persons to our services and meetings, including Bishop Stephen Bayne, Bishop James Pike, and T.S. Eliot, a personal friend of B.I.

As I did my graduate studies in history, Fr. Bell was my mentor, my confessor, and my friend. He and his wife. Betty, were kind to me and to my wife. He presented us for confirmation and reception into the Episcopal Church, he performed our marriage, and he baptized our first child. In 1954, we left Chicago and the Bells, for my first teaching job. By then Fr. Bell was suffering from rapidly advancing glaucoma, and soon thereafter lost his eyesight completely. He seemed to have a presentiment of his death. One of the last times we saw him, he said, "I will see you in heaven." He died in 1958.

Who was this man, Bernard Iddings Bell? What impact and role did he have in the church and in his times? What made him well known, in England and in the United States? He was born in Dayton, Ohio, in 1886. In 1907, he graduated from the University of Chicago, a school once described as, "A Baptist institution, where Jewish professors teach Catholic doctrines to atheistic students."

After a brief stint as a newspaper reporter, he entered Western (now Seabury-Western) Theological Seminary, and was ordained deacon and priest in 1910. In 1913 he became dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Fond du Lac, Wis. In 1919 he was called to be warden of St Stephen's College on the Hudson, an adjunct of Columbia University. He remained there until 1933, serving also as professor of religion at Columbia, 1930-1935. In 1946, Fr. Bell was named canon and consultant on religion and education at St. James' Cathedral, Chicago.

As early as 1918, the young priest and educator published his first book,

Erwin Kitzrow is an educator who lives in Ballston Lake, N.Y. Right and Wrong After the War. The next book was Post-Modernism and Other Essays (1925), and Common Sense in Education (1928). These were succeeded by 15 more books, including perhaps his best known, A Catholic Looks at His World (1936), The Church in Disrepute (1943), The Altar and the World (1944), and God Is Not Dead (1945). These books made B.I. widely known, and much in demand as a preacher and lecturer.

In England, where he was known as Iddings-Bell, he spoke and preached at the great universities and cathedrals from the leading pulpits. During England's darkest hours, when bombs rained down on London, he preached at St. Paul's, London, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and Westminster Abbey. What was his message and his appeal? He grew up in what were late Victorian times, in America the Gilded Age, a time of great fortunes and abject poverty. Workers and farmers felt cheated and exploited. Political and social unrest mounted. There were other signs that an orderly society was in danger of breaking down. Darwin, Marx and Freud cast doubt on the established views of the nature of man and the meaning of life itself.

In *Beyond Agnosticism*, Fr. Bell described spiritual and intellectual crises he experienced when he arrived at college: "By the time I was through my freshman year, my evangelical, fundamentalist religion had been demolished. I searched about for a sane theory of life. At one time I rested content with scientific mechanism for a few weeks. But even my adolescent mind was able to see that the inevitable end of that is despair."

He was in near despair intellectually. He hit bottom. Then an unexpected thing happened.

"About that time I came to know a quiet priest of God in a parish near my university. He was an Anglo-Catholic. He wore clothes strange to me, did things I failed to understand. But he had a winsomeness about him that came from inner peace. He did not argue with me. He understood that my legalistic protestantism had to go. He himself had listened to the patter of the mechanists, and was not afraid. He loved, and understood, and said his prayers. He was a humble man. I do not think he ever knew how much he helped me."

Through the humble Anglo-Catholic priest, B.I. Bell recovered, or discovered, his faith. But no sooner had he completed seminary and been ordained, than all the societal tensions he had grown up with exploded, in rapid succession. First, the Great War, with its terrible carnage and disillusionment. Then, bloody revolution and counterrevolution in Russia, and a worldwide economic breakdown, the Great Depression.

Fr. Bell did not shrink from these disasters, but met them head on. Widening his fundamental commitment as a priest at the altar and a man of God, from World War I through World War II, Bernard Iddings Bell became a leader and a voice in the

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church at large and in our society. Exhorting men and women to stand fast, through all the calamities and uncertainties of the time, he was quoted regularly in the press, and he appeared on the cover of *Time*.

Through all of this he was a strong and unwavering voice for social and economic justice. He was a strong advocate of a Christian way of life rooted in sacramentalism and moral theology, committed to the social good. In doing so he built on the ideas and labors of church leaders who had gone before him. In the Anglican Communion, a succession of churchmen, mostly Anglo-Catholic, some calling

The Roamin' Reader

I have a hard time sitting still. After a half hour or so, I need to get up and move around, stretch the joints, meditate in motion. But I love to read, and reading while strolling tends to invite abrupt contact with doors, trees, steps.

My favorite place to read — to do as many things as possible — is outdoors. My special spot at home is the deck; inside, a chair facing windows north and west.

The retreat center in the lovely English village of Pleshey is surrounded by fragrant green and flowery gardens. There are chairs and benches everywhere, some on the wide



A reader in the garden at Pleshey.

Eileen Harakal photo

lawn looking down to the medieval moat, some in secret nooks, under trellises, one "so secret very few people find it." And here I discovered, or invented, a wonderful way to read. Not while walking, but *between* walking, if you will.

I took my book-of-the-moment out to a sunny spot and read a chapter or two, with British birds for accompaniment. Then shade beckoned, a path that led around a copse and out of sight. Book in hand, I followed it, past a black and white cat watching silently from a fat branch, to a secluded bench in a rose arbor. A few more chapters, and I craved a longer walk. I wandered down The Street, admiring the pink and cream and yellow stuccoed cottages, with their trim, thatched roofs and vibrant flowers, to the village park. Beside the still moat, in the company of ducks who quacked away in disgust at this treatless tourist to visit more provident village children. A cool stone bench provided a fresh

location for more pages.

I find this method works well back in the States, too. After days of cabin fever induced by a wicked Midwest heat wave, the soft bark paths of a nearby nature center were most inviting. I hiked halfway round the lake to a comfortable park bench, a much-appreciated memorial to a woman I never knew but would have liked a great deal. She would have enjoyed, I'm certain, the cozy Scottish mystery I carried that day. On the far side of the pond, in a little waterfall overview, was another quiet spot for a few more chapters — clues, suspects, not

quite "whodunit" yet — before quitting the woods for more Saturday chores.

Urban settings lend themselves to this pastime as well. Our city is polishing up its Riverwalk, with quite artistic perching places and blocks and blocks to walk and look at the other sides of buildings. Not quite "the Backs" of Cambridge, but interesting nonetheless. Around TLC's offices are several churches with gardens and seats, pleasant spots to pass a few pages. Even malls have resting places. In awful weather, or dubious neighborhoods, "mall walkers" are welcome. Why not "mall readers"? The booksellers would be overjoyed.

Obviously some books are better suited to this sort of meandering. Paperbacks, most likely, just because they weigh less. Books with short chapters or sections? Meditations with prayers, but not those that require a Bible to hand. Poetry is grand, of course. I favor concise poems, the kind that embody Archibald MacLeish's dictum: "For all the history of grief, an empty doorway and a maple leaf." And I feel more comfortable with my own books, rather than loaned or library, just in case I should drop a tome into the creek, or leave it behind on a tree stump. (Truthfully, I am always more comfortable with my own books, which predilection tends to make my suitcases verv heavy.)

A special volume makes a delightful companion on a walk through the crunchy leaves in chill-tinged golden October. Perhaps one from these very pages will prove the perfect Roamin' Read.

Patricia Nakamura, book and music editor

Did You Know...

The Rt. Rev. Joseph C. Talbot, Bishop of the Northwest during the 1860s and '70s, called himself "Bishop of All Outdoors."

Quote of the Week

The Rt. Rev. Gregory Venables, Bishop Coadjutor of Argentina, on the election of the Rt. Rev. Frank R. Lyons as Bishop of Bolivia: "I'd like to thank the Lord that it was easier to elect a North American bishop than a North American president." No doubt God is suffering along with those whose lives were shattered by the events in New York, Arlington and Pennsylvania.



Rick Wood photo A Bible is among other items found at Union Square in New York City.

A Time to Choose

It is an ironic fact that nothing seems to unite Americans like a tragedy. From Pearl Harbor to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy to the horrific events of Sept. 11, Americans have shown a remarkable ability to achieve oneness. The sights and sounds from the days following the tragedies have become etched in our memories: Flags displayed on homes, businesses and automobiles, churches full of people earnest to pray for our country and its leaders, members of Congress, usually at odds with those from the rival political party, singing "God Bless America" on the steps of the Capitol. The attack by terrorists, aimed at producing weakness, has shaped a new strength.

While shocked and numbed in our mourning, we have heard eloquent words from political and religious leaders. Experts have tried to make sense of the attacks on our nation, and authorities have attempted to guess what might be next. All of us have fumbled for words to express our thoughts and feelings, but as we struggle, we have been able to discern one thing above all else — how fragile and transitory are our lives.

Many have responded with a simple question: How can God permit

such evil to happen? No doubt God is suffering along with those whose lives were shattered by the events in New York, Arlington and Pennsylvania. The image of Jesus on the cross is the most vivid example that God embraces our pain and suffers with us. The shocking events of Sept. 11 are a consequence of one of God's gifts to us — our free will. In our freedom, we can choose to exercise compassion and love toward others. We can choose to hate or to show great cruelty toward humanity. We can choose to follow, or to reject, the saving love of Jesus Christ. In our human nature, we continue to sin, and to misuse the freedom given to us by God. When that happens, chances are suffering will result, often to innocent victims.

Amid the wreckage of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, we can find hope in the risen Christ and his presence

among us. May his love for us give us the strength and comfort to carry on in the difficult days ahead, and may his grace sustain the loved ones of those who perished at the hands of the terrorists. Words repeated frequently during the days after the disaster are more than a cliché. They ring true for all: Our lives will never be the same.

Quality Reading

This special Fall Book Issue is the first one produced under the leadership of our new book editor. Patricia Nakamura, known to readers of this magazine as music editor and reporter, now adds the chores of book editor to her duties. Ms. Nakamura replaces the Rev. Travis Du Priest, Jr., who has been book editor for the past 15 years. After spending the summer away, Fr. Du Priest decided to resign in order to devote more time to his role as director of the DeKoven Center, in Racine, Wis. His writing will appear on these pages from time to time.

This issue is one of four we publish each year emphasizing quality reading. Many people involved with churches tend to be voracious readers. Books, magazines and other reading material can provide church members valuable information about faith, church history, or other aspects of church life. We hope the book reviews and advertisements from publishers will be helpful as readers search for something new.

VIEWPOINT

The Homosexuality Debate:



By Daniel Muth

In a Viewpoint article, the Rev. Marek P. Zabriskie argued that the Episcopal Church is squandering limited resources on relatively unimportant matters such as "trying to appease those who struggle with ordination of women or argue about gays and lesbians as their primary agenda" [TLC, July 29]. He argues that Episcopalians should spend more energy addressing the pressing political topics of the day.

Issue can be taken with various points of Fr. Zabriskie's piece. Personally, I found his politics shallow and his apparent tendency to allow the secular world to decide what the church should think important alarming. The important activities he lists (worship, mission, breaking

bread, etc.) appear to these eyes to get plenty of focus both in these pages and elsewhere.

It is with his apparent dismissiveness with regard to the homosexuality debate — with which the editors, in an accompanying editorial, apparently concur — that I take greatest issue. I believe this debate to be of profound importance to the Episco-

pal Church. If many of us are bored with it, I can understand and sympathize. But then, I suspect that Athanasius would rather have talked about something other than Arianism, Augustinian Pelagianism, and Ignatian Gnosticism. Faithful acceptance of the battles we have been given to fight is as important to godly life as ignoring them is perilous.

The homosexuality debate is important because it strikes at the heart of what even Fr. Zabriskie considers central to our identity as Anglicans: shared prayer. The avatars of homosexual rights are pressing for liturgies for the blessing of "same-sex unions" with the rather clear intent that these unions be understood as similar to marriage. Many of us, for good reason, cannot accept these as valid liturgies. We cannot in good conscience participate in them, even tacitly, by allowing them entrance into the *Book of Occasional Services* or any other prayer book, where their presence gives them official status as representing that which holds us together as Anglicans. I am convinced that "same-sex-union" liturgies, having no godly imprimatur via scripture and no basis in recognizable Christian thought, are thus invalid.

Surely, some will no doubt suspect, I am ignorant both of what science

The homosexuality debate is important because it strikes at the heart

of what even Fr. Zabriskie considers central

to our identity as Anglicans: shared prayer.



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has to say and of what modern scholarship has found regarding scripture. I would argue, as a nuclear engineer, that it is precisely because I am not ignorant of science that I can safely ignore it in the case of determining the rightness or wrongness of what is rather euphemistically called "homosexual activity" in a Christian context. At its most basic, all science does is describe the knowable universe in particular terms. In my business, we understand what causes big atoms to turn into little atoms, at what rate, and how much heat energy is released, enabling us to boil water. spin a magnet in a copper coil, and thereby make electricity. Science describes these processes sufficiently for us to control and perform them. It doesn't tell us whether we should be doing any of this or what it means or whether we are somehow sinning against God or the planet or anything else. In the same way, science may be able to tell you what vour sexual proclivities are. It cannot tell you what they mean or how you should express them or whether they are or should be central to your selfunderstanding. Science has, frankly, nothing to say to us as Christians regarding the proper understanding of homosexuality and the church.

So far as modern biblical scholarship is concerned, I have generally found it interesting and somewhat helpful, but hardly compelling. No one, so far as I know, has ever come into a saving relationship with the living God through knowing how many authors there were of Isaiah. or what the "Q" document might actually contain, or how the Essene community viewed the coming of the Messiah. As far as the various scriptural texts treating homosexuality, it is true that what they mean by the term (sexual acts themselves) and what moderns mean (sexual orientation as a defining human characteristic) are different. The biblical understanding, however, is still legitimate and understandable and worthy of being dealt with on its own terms.

It is often pointed out that the Pen-

I am convinced that "same-sex-union" liturgies, having no godly imprimatur via scripture and no basis in recognizable Christian thought, are thus invalid.

tateuch condemns eating shrimp as heartily as it condemns "lving with another man." Since the former command is no longer considered applicable, the latter, it is claimed, may likewise be dispensed with. The rather obvious shallowness of this position comes clear when it is also noted that the command to love our neighbors as ourselves occurs in the same portion of scripture, and surely this command is not invalid. I would argue that the Levitical law in which all three commands appear can be categorized in three parts: moral laws (the decalogue, etc.), theocratic laws (concerning the governing of ancient Israel) and cultic laws (concerning religious ceremonies in ancient Israel). Unlike the other two, the moral laws were not rescinded by the coming of Christ. I would further argue that the prohibition against sodomy is part of these moral laws and therefore still valid, making what St. Paul has to say on the matter a good deal clearer.

Finally, there is the matter alluded to earlier of our modern perception of sexual orientation as a defining human characteristic. As noted above, this is not a scientific notion and has no basis in scripture or precedent in God's leadership of his church over the last 2,000 years. Its roots go only as far back as 19th-century ideology and even then can be shown to have no basis in Christian belief or practice. It is utterly alien to Christianity. Ultimately, the homosexuality debate comes down to how such alien notions (there are many regnant in the world and they will increase as "post-Christian" ideology is increasingly ascendant in our culture) should be handled by Christians and the church.

Fr. Zabriskie and the editors are right that there are many other things for Episcopalians to discuss these days (I would top the political list with the gross injustice of our government's refusal to protect by law the lives of unborn children). However, for us as a particular Christian institution, few are more important than the homosexuality debate, which concerns the liturgies that hold us together in our time, the traditions and beliefs that bind us in continuity with Christians across time and space, the historical and continuing leadership of the immortal Christ over his church, and our shared understanding of the world we inhabit — particularly our responsibility to see it as God does and not as it sees itself. Much of this conversation has been wasteful, of course, filled with the shallowness. invective, and even truculence that is the lot of sinful man. We can do better - not so much by changing the topic, but by being grownups; by exploring more deeply and realistically the gifts we have received and the challenges we currently face. with our eves on and our knees bent toward that Truth who will, in his time, set us all free.

Daniel Muth in a frequent contributer to TLC who lives in Port Frederick, Md.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Historic Succession

While I am in substantial agreement with the editorial, "Agreement Has Changed" [TLC, Sept. 9]," I need to correct one point. The editorial states that "... many Lutherans objected to the fact that when full communion was achieved, bishops in historic succession (Episcopalians) would be required in ordination of pastors."

In fact, *Called to Common Mission* requires three bishops in the historic succession to preside at all installations of new bishops (thus assuring that the new Lutheran bishops enter the succession), but those bishops can either be Episcopalians or bishops from other branches of world Lutheranism which have retained the historic succession. A bishop or bishops from the Episcopal Church would be invited to participate in the same way as a symbol of the communion now shared.

The point was not that Lutheran bishops would be installed through prayer and the laying on of hands by Episcopal bishops, but that they be installed through prayer and the laying on of hands by bishops in historic succession.

It is then to be the case that a bishop would regularly preside and participate in the laying on of hands at the ordination of all clergy.

It remains true that, as the editorial states, "many Lutherans objected to the fact that ... bishops in historic succession ... would be required in ordinations of pastors." Hence the by-law adopted by the Churchwide Assembly. I would also agree that "what this alteration means for the Episcopal Church has not been determined" but that "the frequency of 'ordination in unusual circumstances' may determine how the church responds."

That official response could only come after our next General Convention in the summer of 2003.

(The Rt. Rev.) C. Christopher Epting Deputy for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations New York, N.Y. When the first attempt to achieve full communion was not accepted by ELCA, the leadership of the Episcopal Church was willing to compromise and suspend even more of Anglican (and ancient catholic) tradition and belief to accept *Called to Common Mission* (CCM).

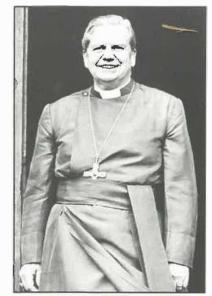
The ELCA and the Episcopal Church do not hold the same beliefs on orders, ordination, and to some extent, even sacraments. The members of ELCA were willing to challenge their leadership and to make some provision for belief in a single order of ministry. Unfortunately, the membership of the Episcopal Church has not been able to make a successful challenge to our leadership getting us into CCM and several other things contrary to Anglican (and ancient catholic) belief and tradition. The Episcopal Church should withdraw from CCM and return to Anglican beliefs on orders and ordination. Our ecumenical efforts would be better directed toward affirming Anglican tradition and improving our relationship with other Anglican churches, Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox churches.

> Michael Richerson Wichita, Kan.

I read with interest the article concerning the recent action of the Lutheran Church in unilaterally amending the CCM. I particularly noticed the language of the article, speaking of "narrowly" adopting the amendment, i.e., only slightly more than 2/3 of those voting.

If the Lutheran assembly is as "representative" of its constituency as we claim that the General Convention is of ours, this means that the number of those voting for the amendment is larger than the entire membership of the Episcopal Church. It is also interesting to speak of slightly more than 2/3 as a narrow margin when some very controversial issues have been adopted by our General Convention by slightly more than half of those vot-

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ing — and supporters of those controversial issues have said that this is the clear will of God for the church. Is that true for the Lutherans who are not so enamored of the "gift of the episcopate" from the junior partner in this pact?

It is interesting to look back at the controversial Jerusalem bishopric scheme between the Church of England and the Prussian Lutherans, a scheme strongly opposed by the Tractarians and a factor in the loss of some of them. It was "from the top down" as are many ecclesiastical schemes. Set up in 1841, it died within 25 years.

> (The Rev.) J. Raymond Lord Owensboro, Ky.

An editorial quotes Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold as saying the frequency of "ordination in unusual circumstances" may determine how the Episcopal Church responds to the action of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The implication of this statement is that "frequency" not fact will determine whether or not the agreement is seen to be broken.

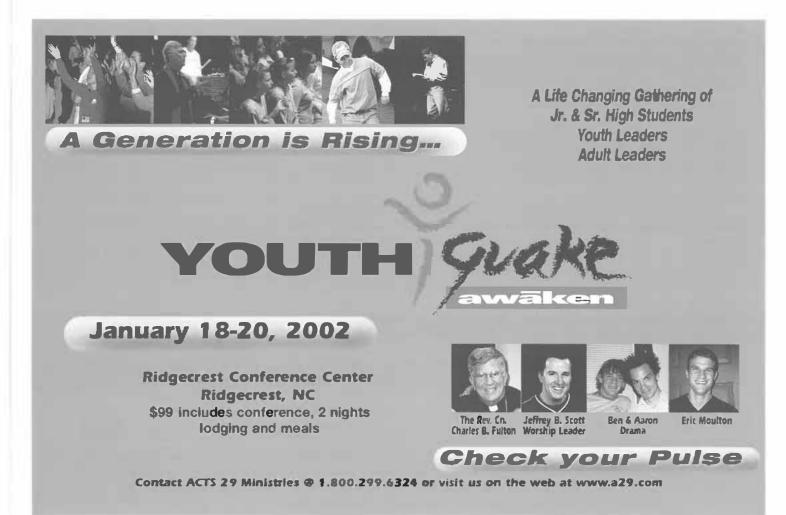
The Lutherans claim that they voted to allow presbyteral ordination to keep the unity of their church. That, unfortunately, breaks the agreement. Now what? Does the Episcopal Church respond with suspending the agreement, or does another theology of orders emerge? And where will be the consistency in this matter? Had the Lutherans truly wanted the historic episcopate, they need only to have appealed to their Lutheran Church in Sweden.

We all want the unity of the church. Is not the only basis for unity the truth in essentials, which comes to us from the undivided church of the first millennium? Anything other than that may be building on shifting sand.

(The Very Rev.) Anthony J. Bondi, Jr. St. Ambrose Orthodox Church Putnam Valley, N.Y.

An editorial noted that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has "changed its bylaws to permit ordinations to take place without the participation of a bishop." Now that full communion has been achieved with the Episcopal Church, bishops in apostolic succession must not seem so needed.

All of this reminds me of how Arizona became a state. In 1910, the Arizona Constitution Convention approved a provision for the recall of judges. President Taft opposed this provision and refused to sign the document, already passed by the U.S. Senate, granting statehood to Arizona. Another election was held in



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> (The Rev.) Donald H. Langlois Chandler, Ariz.

Examine With Care

In his interesting and generous review of my book, *Escaping God's Closet* [TLC, Sept. 2], Fr. Cromey correctly describes me as being somehow "stuck in an intellectual process."

Despite his generous agreement with the conclusions which that most useful (and inescapable) process has enabled me to reach, he himself seems to put more trust than would I in the romantic imagination or what he describes as the "mythological and emotional dimensions of Christianity." But he must surely admit that the "sense of awe" which music and liturgy can inspire must be examined with care. It may also mislead us, as it did me, into accepting teachings which are mistaken, if not actually fraudulent. Missionaries, like televangelists and even politicians, are notorious for employing such arts to ensnare millions.

Fr. Cromev also finds that my assessment of the true nature of Existence lacks a "sense of community" and even a ministry to the sick and dying, but, as I try to show, the all-encompassing unity of Existence to which we all belong clearly enfolds us all eternally, a fact which can give us enormous comfort not only in the course of our lives but also, and perhaps most importantly, in the extremities of pain and death. There is no doubt that the key to any future for Christianity must surely be the love and kindness which it calls us to have for each other, and though the founding of a service for suicidal people and of The Parsonage, as well as of National Public Radio, when taken in that light, may not seem to some to be religious or devotional undertakings, they appear to have been worthwhile, perhaps more so than are many Sunday services.

(The Rev.) Bernard Duncan Mayes Washington, D.C.

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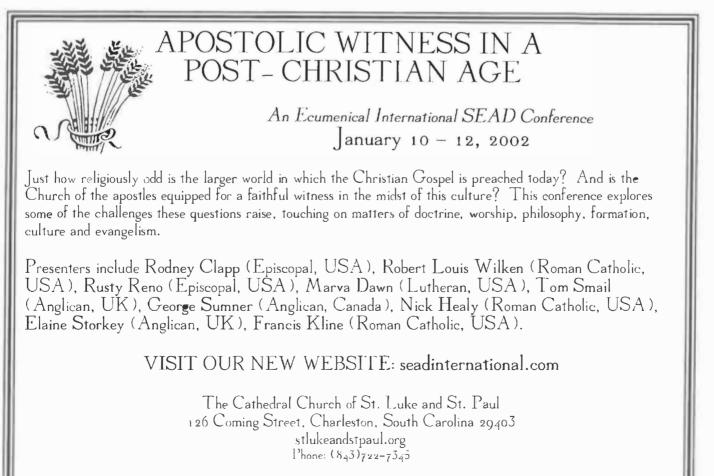
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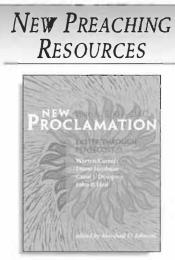
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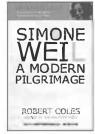
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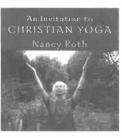
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it comes to Muslim history, this is a great little book for the pilgrim leader, the sort of devotional guide which would come in handy on the ground, where the eras and dynasties of unfamiliar history too often obscure rather than enlighten the first-time visitor. If I had to pack only one book published this year for a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land, this little gem would be it.

Jesus

A Colloquium in the Holy Land Edited by Doris Donnelly Continuum. Pp. 166. \$19.95 paper.

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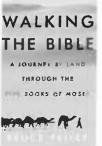
The articles on the development of messianic theory and the much-vexed question of oral vs. written tradition are not likely to challenge any of the current shibboleths in biblical studies. They are, however, excellent, lucid introductions for the non-specialist into some of the most important, but most jargonridden, questions of theology to have developed in recent decades.

All of the articles attempt in some way to answer the questions implied in the last of the series, which deals with the theological value of the quest for the historical Jesus. Looking through the prisms of Roman/Herodian government, economics, and what is known of Galilaean Judaism. Sanders concludes that Jesus' Nazareth, Seppho-Bethsaida ris and were overwhelmingly orthodox, typical Jewish areas. Jesus as wandering Cynic philosophor with an eye on Aeschylus and Oedipus, a model so beloved by some scholars, seems to have more in common with modern visions than with historical data.

Coming from a non-conservative, non-fundamentalist perspective, Sanders politely points out that Crossan, Downing, Meier and others may have overemphasized the imaginative side of the historian's craft at the expense of "just the facts, ma'am" accuracy.

Walking the Bible

By Bruce Feiler William Morrow. Pp. 464. \$ 26 paper.



From an entirely differ-WALKING ent perspective, this work by a secular American Southern Jew is an attempt to "feel" the personality of the characters of Torah - including, interestingly, the character of the Almighty and Everlasting, blessed be

he. Reading at times like a Southern-fried cousin of William Dalrymple's 1999 From the Holy Mountain, this is a splendid piece. The author sets out, in the company of noted archaeologist Atvner Goren and with backpack full of culinary а metaphors (geographic locales look like rancid hamburger, melting Lifesavers, chocolate, apricots, butter, burnt sugar and spinach souflees, among others, and sunrise through the mist is compared to a plate of grits — is it coincidental that one of his chapters deals directly with the thirst and hunger of being in the Sinai for weeks on end?), to find his connection to the Bible, a book which he's hardly bothered to open since childhood. And just coincidentally, along the way, he finds a re-connection to the land, to himself, and to God.

For those who prize easy answers and straightforward assertions, this will be a difficult book. Feiler concludes the Bible is true, even though it may be horribly inaccurate in places: The stories of Torah, from Noah on through Moses, are true to the spirit of their time, and true far more importantly, to the nature of the human/divine relationship. God is a difficult lover, in Feiler's view, both destructive and creative, and in that way the desert wanderings of Abraham and Moses reflect divine truth.

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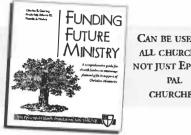
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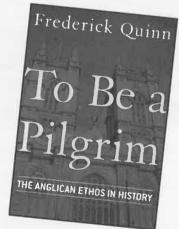
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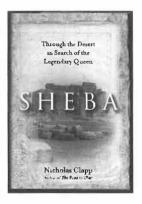
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(The Rev.) Steven Wilson Carthage. Mo.



Sheba Through the Desert in Search of the Legendary Queen By Nicholas Clapp Houghton Mifflin. Pp. 372. \$26.

I read this book as a lay person totally untrained in archaeology but intrigued with a near-mythical Old Testament woman, and I was fascinated. As a combination treasure hunt and travel adventure, it was one that kept me up nights. I spoke by phone with the author, who described the lure of the Queen of Sheba, that made him follow her often-dim trail through deserts and mountains, in countries most of us will never visit, in situations often

I recommend Sheba for long winter nights.

dicey, sometimes downright perilous. (But then, he enjoys this sort of thing: His first book was The Road to Ubar.) I recommend Sheba for long winter nights. But before you saddle the camels, read the vastly more educated reviews of professors of Old Testament at General Theological Seminary and Nashotah House.

Patricia Nakamura Book and Music Editor Nicholas Clapp has produced a work that is part travel book, part a collection of traditions, and part biblical study, all organized around the search for the historical Queen of Sheba, whose visit to King Solomon is described in 1 Kings 10:1-13. It is as a travel book that this work is most successful. Clapp conveys to the reader his enthusi-

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asm for the places and peoples he encounters on his trips to the Holy Land, Yemen and Ethiopia. Unfortunately, when Clapp turns his attention to bib-

his attention to biblical study, he does a very poor job. His comments in this area display both a

lack of necessary knowledge and even outright misreading of texts. More than once his statements about what the Bible says are simply wrong. For example, he lists among the enemies Solomon faced as king "the Israelite malcontents Rezon and Hadad, even his own brother Absalom" (p. 281). But Rezon was an Aramean (1 Kings 11:23), Hadad was an Edomite (1 Kings 11:14), and Absalom had been slain some years before Solomon became king (2 Sam. 18:15).

There are also logical problems with the arguments Clapp presents.

For example, he seems to accept the view that Solomon was little more than a hill-country chieftain whose capital Jerusalem was "a backwater crossroads" (p. 281), yet he also claims that the motive for the Queen of Sheba's visit was the existence of a merchant fleet established by Solomon and Hiram of Tyre at Ezion-geber on the Red Sea, something not possible unless Solomon controlled considerably more territory than his depiction as a hill-country chieftain implies.

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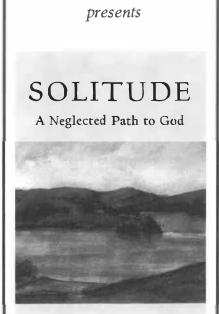


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As I tell my students, archaeology is not a search for any thing in particular. There was a day, however, when early archaeologists (some Episcopal clergy among them) were adventurers, even treasure hunters, bound for the ancient Near East. Some of them were intent on demonstrating the veracity of the Bible. Clapp's book captures this spirit by combining an interest in archaeological sites with the gusto of an adventurer and the lure of the East, making his book an enjoyable account to read. Throw in the search for the mysterious and beautiful Queen of Sheba from 1 Kings 10 and the book captures the interest of those concerned with biblical historicity.

Clapp admits from the start that the Queen of Sheba may have been imaginary; the earliest biblical character historically attested remains Omri, sixth king of Israel and nearly a century after Solomon. Clapp challenges biblical "minimalists" as he recounts his adventures in Israel, Yemen, and Ethiopia. With a critical eye toward the facts presented the reader discerns that no solid evi-

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dence for a historical Queen of Sheba may be marshaled at the end of the story. What Clapp has opened is the plausibility that such a person may have existed, but his case will likely not convince many biblical scholars.

Clapp's book is an enjoyable ramble through exotic locations following a biblical theme; still, the reader should be aware that many of the seemingly logical connections are more apparent than they are likely.

> Steve A. Wiggins Nashotah. Wis.

Reactions in and Around Washington

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we ourselves mourn with so many countless thousands across our whole country and around the world whose lives are shattered and whose hearts are broken. We, people of faith. like the rest of the world now understand that we walk in the valley of the shadow of death and vet in the midst of death there is life. The valley is God's project, God's fertile ground for transformation of the human heart and will. That is our high and holy calling "

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The Rev. Robin Dodge, rector of St. Marv's. Arlington, said:

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On Tuesday evening the parish held a service of Evening Praver culminating with the Great Litany and the Supplication.

On Wednesday parishioner Jaime Leonard organized a thank you letterwriting campaign for children who

were home because of all the school closures in the area. Children created thank-you cards and a banner for all the rescue workers and other emergency personnel who were working at the Pentagon.

"Wednesday evening we held a prayer vigil service and lit candles for those who had died in the tragic attacks," Fr. Dodge said. "Our pravers continue for all the victims and their families, the rescue workers and their families, those who hold positions of authority in our government, and the nation as a whole."

The Rt. Rev. Peter Lee, Bishop of Virginia, sent every parish a copy of a simple prayer service to use at their discretion, and participated in an ecumenical service at a Roman Catholic church Tuesday evening. Early on, he posted a message to the diocesan website. It reads in part:

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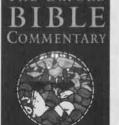
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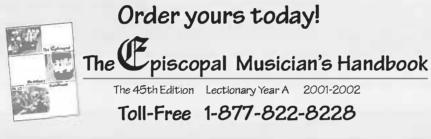
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themselves Christian Socialists — from William Morris and Charles Gore to Archbishop William Temple — called Anglicans to re-examine early Christian social and economic practices that sought to apply the gospel.

The first Christians lived as one large extended family, having all things in common. In Medieval Christendom, manors, monasteries, communal cities, and guilds all lived and worked communally, putting the needs and good of the community ahead of the individual. We too, said these Anglican leaders, must invent or reinvent a more cooperative way of ordering our lives, instead of the self-centered competitive way that leads to cutthroat economic rivalry, political conflict and terrible wars, and social-economic injustice.

No Anglican or Episcopalian embraced these ideas more strongly and outspokenly than Bernard Iddings Bell. This can be seen abundantly in his 1944 book, The Altar and the World. In the first chapter, he wrote, "The Liturgy has social implications. Worship is corporate. This has been forgotten by modern Christians, who tend to lav exclusive emphasis on the individual. 'We who are many are one,' says St. Paul. 'We are one body in Christ, and members of one another.' This applies to our economic and political lives as well. They are all social acts. Corporateness must again be proclaimed."

This was the passion and the message of Bernard Iddings Bell, voice of courage, responsibility and love. He was a public figure most of his life. Between world calamities, in his years at St. Stephen's College and Columbia, he led a fight against Deweyism, secularism, and the absence of moral instruction in American schools, colleges and universities. He was an uncompromising commentator, sometimes scourge, on public and social issues. He could thunder, and he could bring you to listen to that still small voice within.

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The Rev. Canon **Mary Glasspool** is canon to the bishops in the Diocese of Maryland, 4 E University Pkwy., Baltimore, MD 21218.

Deaths

The Rev. Canon **Edward Blaine Geyer**, **Jr.**, former administrative assistant and canon to the Presiding Bishop, died July 24. He was 71. Canon Geyer was canon missioner to Atlantic City (NJ) Area Churches since 1988.

He was a native of New York City, a graduate of New York University and Philadelphia Divinity School. He was ordained deacon and priest in 1958 in the Diocese of New York and assisted at St. Peter's, New York City, from that year until 1960. He was rector of St. Luke's, New Haven, CT, 1960-68, rector of St. Peter's, Bennington, VT, 1968-72, and rector of Good Shepherd, Hartford, CT, 1972-80. He served under Presiding Bishop John Allin from 1980 to 1983. He was executive of National Mission Church and Society at the Episcopal Church Center, 1984-86, and chaplain and associate professor of philosophy and religion at St. Paul's (VA) College, 1986-88. At the national level, Canon Geyer was a trustee of Philadelphia Divinity School and the General Theological Seminary and a fellow of the College of Preachers. He was a two-time deputy to General Convention, a delegate to provincial synods, and was active with ecumenical organizations. He also was a past president of the Union of Black Episcopalians. He is survived by two children.

The Rev. **Margaret Faye Hardy**, 69, deacon in the Navajoland Area Mission, died Aug. 27 in an automobile accident. She was deacon at Good Shepherd Mission, Fort Defiance, AZ.

Deacon Hardy was born in Fort Defiance. She attended Cook College and Theological School, Wesley Fresdorff School of Ministry, Indigenous Theological Training Institute and Phoenix College. She began work as the secretary at Good Shepherd Mission, and in 1983 she was appointed lay pastor. She was ordained deacon during the Navajoland Convocation in 2000 by her nephew, the Rt. Rev. Steven Plummer, Bishop of Navajoland. She was active in regional and national church organizations, especially those working in behalf of young people. She is survived by her husband, Tom, sons Tim, Tommy, Wayne, Joe and Jonathan, all of Fort Defiance, Andy, of Tohatchi, AZ, and Michael, of St. Michael's. AZ; daughters LaCinda, of Mesa, AZ, Arlene, of St. Michael's, and Charlene, of Window Rock, AZ; brothers Johnston Plummer, of St. Michael's, Paul Plummer, of Coal Mine, NM, and Jimmy Reeder, of Laguna, AZ; sisters Annie Blackgoat and Nellie Plummer, both of Coal Mine; and 46 grandchildren.

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