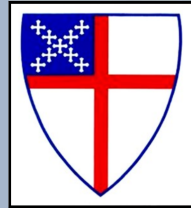


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## *From the Pastor*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,*

After nearly twenty years, this coming month of June marks the end of my active ministry in the Episcopal Church. I approach this time with a measure of sadness and yet also, excitement for what lies ahead. I have seen so many of our youth grow up, start their own careers, get married, and have children of their own. I have been blessed to walk with some truly great men and women in our congregation as they strode their last steps in this life, and who were then blessed to move onward toward the reward of standing before the Throne and before the Lamb. I cannot thank all of you enough for your witness to Jesus, for your faithfulness in mission and ministry, and for your kindness and encouragement to me.

As you begin the challenging and exciting work of developing a new Priest, I know that it will be an opportunity for the entire congregation to walk in faith into the future that God has planned for you, this historic Church, and our fine community.

St. Paul's words seem especially apt and express something of what I feel as I write this letter: *"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 1:3-5)

I lean on St. Paul's words because I am overwhelmed with gratitude, beyond my ability fully to articulate, for the privilege of serving as the Thirty-Second Rector of Historic St. Thomas Church. With eternal love and blessings, I am,

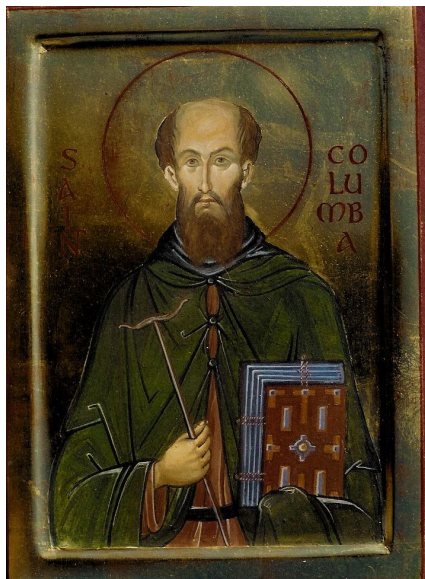
Yours in Christ,

*Lin Hutton +*

The Rev. Dr. Linda V. Hutton +

## *For All the Saints...*

### **Columba, Bishop of Iona, 597 ~ June 9**



Many legends surround the life of Columba, including one that Patrick of Ireland had foretold Columba's birth in a prophecy. However, much historical information about his life is also known and was recorded by the Venerable Bede and others.

Columba was born in Ireland in 521 and should remarkable scholarly and clerical abilities at an early age. He entered the monastic life and embarked on numerous missionary journeys. He founded monasteries at Derry and Durrow years before he was actually ordained a priest in 551.

Twelve years after his ordination, Columba and a dozen companions set out for northern Britain and the pagan land of the Picts. Columba was kindly received, allowed to preach, convert, and baptize. He was also given possession of the island of Iona, where (legend has it) his tiny boat washed ashore. It was on Iona that Columba founded his famous monastery, which became the center for his conversion of the Picts, the hub of extensive

missionary activity, and a valuable repository of Christian writings during the Viking raids that would follow centuries later.

Columba made long journeys through the Highlands, as far as Aberdeen. He returned to Ireland to attend synods, thus establishing Iona as a link between Irish and Pictish Christians. For thirty years, Columba evangelized, studied, wrote, and governed his monastery at Iona. He supervised his monks in their work in the fields and workrooms, in their daily worship and Sunday Eucharist, and in their study and teaching.

He died peacefully while working on a copy of the Psalter. He put down his pen, rested a few hours, and at Matins was found dead before the altar, a smile on his face. He is quoted as having referred to that day with the following words: "This day is called in the sacred Scriptures a day of rest, and truly to me it will be such, for it is the last of my life and I shall enter into rest after the fatigues of my labors."

### **Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379 ~ June 14**

Basil was born about 329, in Caesarea of Cappadocia, into a Christian family of wealth and distinction. Basil received a classical Hellenistic education but diverted from his purely academic pursuits at the age of 28, when he was ordained a deacon. Basil's sister, Macrina, founded the first monastic order for women, and her zeal encouraged Basil to travel to Egypt where he studied the anchorites and Desert Fathers. Basil returned in 358 and founded the first monastery for men at Iborra. Assisted by his friend Gregory of Nazianzus, he compiled *The Longer and Shorter Rules*, which transformed the solitary anchorites into a disciplined community of prayer and work. Basil's *Rules* became the foundation for all Eastern monastic discipline.

Basil was ordained a priest in 364 and was a staunch supporter of the "Nicene Creed" [of 325], which was under theological and political attack



by the Roman Emperor, Valens, who supported the heretical Arian theology [that the Son of God was *not* co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and was in fact a “third thing,” higher than angels, but lower than God]. By that time, Basil had been consecrated Bishop of Caesarea, Metropolitan of Cappadocia, and Exarch of Pontus. When Emperor Valens threatened to divide the See of Cappadocia, Basil forced his brother Gregory to become the Bishop of Nyssa.

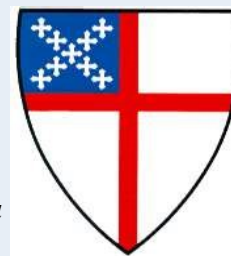
Basil is recognized as one of the great theologians of the Holy Spirit. His treatise, *On the Holy Spirit*, maintained that both the language of Scripture and the faith of the Church require that the same honor, glory, and worship is to be paid to the Spirit as to the Father and the Son. Basil was concerned for the poor, and when he died, he willed to Caesarea a complete new town, built on his estate, with housing, a hospital and staff, a church for the poor, and a hospice for travelers.

Sadly, Basil died at the age of fifty, in 379, just two years before the Second Ecumenical Council at Constantinople, which affirmed the Nicene faith and added to the Nicene Creed the third and final portion concerning the Holy Spirit.

### MORE, “101 Reasons to be an Episcopalian”—

Reason # 25: “We believe that ‘faith’ is God’s gift to us, not our gift to God.” *Louie Crew, Diocese of Newark*

Reason #65: “We find our unity in shared worship, not in enforced agreement,” *Lou Poulain, Diocese of El Camino Real*



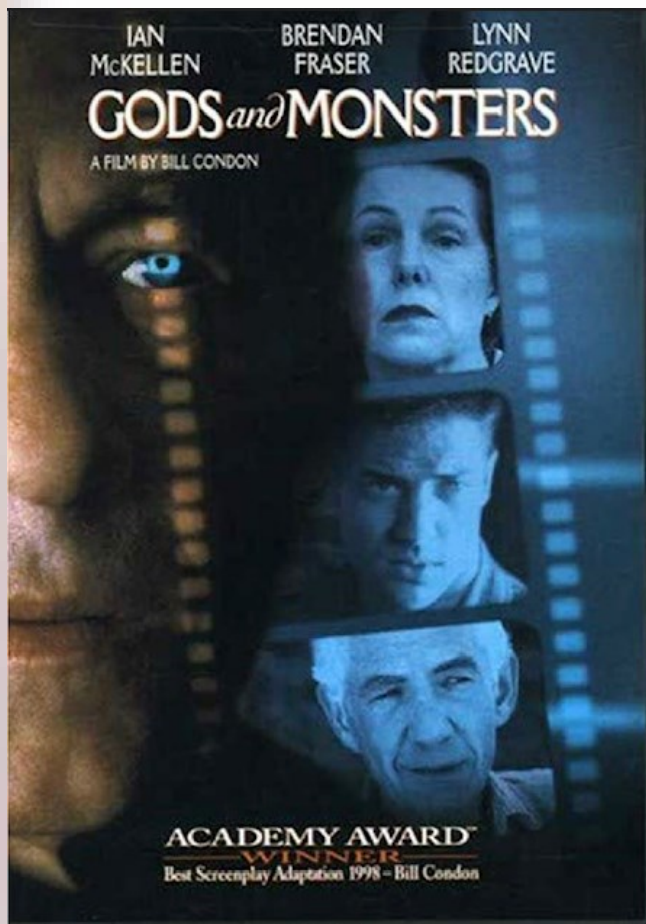
To our **St. Thomas Altar Guild** for their fabulous support during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Between the many services of Holy Communion, Evening Prayer, and an endless variety of liturgical settings, no one missed a beat! *Well Done!*



TO OUR 2023 GRADUATING SENIORS: **Elliott Robinson**, BA in Economics and Politics, The University of the South (Sewanee) *YSR!*; **Charlotte Samuels**, OCHS attending UVA; and **Nevie Wood**, MCHS, attending Sweet Briar College.



# NOW SHOWING



Set in 1957, James Whale (Ian McKellen), the director of Show Boat, The Invisible Man, Frankenstein, and The Bride of Frankenstein, had long since stepped back from the glamour and glitz of Hollywood. A stroke triggers once buried flashes of memory of his life in Dudley, his movie career, and most influentially, the trenches during World War I. Haunted and lonely, he recounts many of his experiences to his musclebound gardener, Clay Boone (Brendan Fraser). Despite the divide that exists between them, their friendship develops. Reliant on his sternly disapproving housemaid Hannah (Lynn Redgrave), the flamboyant director whose time has passed sees himself slipping away, unable to stop the decline, and indulges his fantasies by coaxing Boone to model for him. ~ *IMDB*

**Friday, June 23rd at 7:00 pm in Robertson Hall**

~ cost of admission is one non-perishable food item ~



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## **Bon voyage!**

St. Thomas Parish is gathering to celebrate Pastor Lin's 15 years of service to this church and to the community of Orange and to wish her well in her retirement.

Saturday June 3, 2023

3:00pm-7:00pm

Robertson Parish Hall, St. Thomas Church

We ask that members of the congregation attending please bring a covered dish to share of either an entree, a side dish, or an appetizer,


You may also contribute to help with party expenses. Church funds will not be used for this celebration.

Senior Warden Sue Duhring is coordinating party planning. If possible, please RSVP to Sue so we can confirm numbers and avoid too much duplication of dishes. Her phone number for talk and text is 515-414-1967.

# June 2023

## St. Thomas Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3  Going away party for Pastor Lin 3-7 p.m. 
<b>4 The First Sunday after Pentecost—Trinity Sunday</b> 8:00 am Morning Prayer Rite I 10:15 am Morning Prayer Rite II	5	5	7	8	9	10
<b>11 The Second Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 am Holy Communion Rite I 10:15 am Holy Communion Rite II  2 pm Eckhart Ensemble Concert Open in to the public	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>18 The Third Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 am Morning Prayer Rite I 10:15 am Morning Prayer Rite II  <b>Father's Day</b>	19	20	21	22  Vestry meeting	23  Movie night <i>Gods and Monsters</i> 7 p.m.	24  Newsletter items due
<b>25 The Forth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 am Morning Prayer Rite I 10:15 am Morning Prayer Rite II	26	27	28	29	30	



~Anniversaries~

Steve Sylvia and Nancy Rossbacher  
Dan Robinson and Donna Waugh-Robinson  
Richard and Desiree Floyd  
Ray and Joanie Palmer  
Kirsten and Will Brockman  
Malaika and David Rogers

~Birthdays~

06/05 John Amos  
06/05 Mattie Keating  
06/06 Mary Lou Seilheimer  
06/07 Caroline Keating  
06/10 Daisy Floyd  
06/11 Barbara Collins  
06/12 Gabrielle Nigmond  
06/13 Nancy Rossbacher  
06/14 Cecelia Hohman  
06/14 Don Place  
06/15 Sammy Higginbotham  
06/15 Caroline Merrick  
06/15 Cynthia Levin  
06/17 Lily Robinson  
06/18 Adrianna Waddy  
06/20 Deacon Barfield  
06/20 Samuel Barfield  
06/22 Marty Gray  
06/23 Elaine Baskerville  
06/24 Thomas Merrick  
06/28 Grayson Butterfield

***Food Pantry***

Special requests for June are ***canned meat, canned vegetables, and canned fruit.*** All food items and cash gifts are always welcome and appreciated. You can drop off donations at the Love Outreach Food Pantry each Tuesday from 9:00-10:30 and on Wednesday from 8:30-12:00.



Their mailing address is: Love Outreach Food Pantry, Inc., P.O. Box 788, Orange, 22960. You may also bring any donations to the church to be delivered.

***Prayer List***

**We pray especially for our church's leadership:**

Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; Mark, Gayle, David, and Ted, bishops for this diocese

Our country: President, Joe; Vice President, Kamala; & Governor, Glenn

For the men and women in our armed forces serving our nation around the world.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation:

**For:** Margaret, Carroll, Harriet, Ellen, William, Susan, Casey, Aubrey Elaine, Heather, Charlie, Lynne, Lola, Keith, Kevin, Sarah, Julie, and Catherine

*Please feel free to submit your prayer requests via phone (540-672-3761) or email (stthomas3@verizon.net) for inclusion in the morning prayer bulletin.*

*The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine upon you and be  
gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face toward you and give  
you peace.*

Please submit entries for the July/Aug issue of *The Builder* by June 24th to [annwood304@gmail.com](mailto:annwood304@gmail.com) or to the church office.

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