



THE GREEN SHEET

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CLERGY NEWS

Congratulations to Rian Adams, who was called as Rector of St. Andrew's, Panama City, effective August 1; **David Green**, who will be the Priest-in-Charge of St. Peter's, Bon Secour, effective September 1. **Deacon Susan McKee** will be on sabbatical to help her daughter transition into her new home in Valdosta, Georgia and to spend more time with family. Susan will continue to be assigned to St. Paul's, Magnolia Springs.

TRAINING ASSIGNMENTS for our NEWLY ORDAINED DEACONS

Congratulations to all our newly ordained Deacons, who have been placed in local congregations for mentorship training, which started in August.

Deacons to be ordained Priests:

Mike Ballard - Redeemer, Mobile
David Chatel - St. Stephen's, Brewton
David Clothier - St. John's, Pensacola
Bob Donnell - All Saints, Mobile
Lydia Johnson - Trinity, Mobile
John Talbert - Holy Spirit, Gulf Shores

Deacons:

Rachel Iversen - Christ Church, Pensacola
John Kendall - St. Mary's, Milton

CHURCH PUBLISHING OFFERS HYMNS AVAILABLE FOR STREAMING

Church Publishing has provided a PDF of hymns available to churches to use without copyright restriction in online worship, through November 22. The list of hymns is online as a PDF at <https://www.churchpublishing.org/siteassets/pdf/free-hymns2020.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0i4hFy30BdwazmoMnsv1BNroh-NuUxJliUvKEtCPPUovlYGjTc2Fn90>

THE JUBILEE WAY VIRTUAL MISSION TRIP

St. Simon's on the Sound is sponsoring a fundraising event called The Jubilee Way in honor of our 50th Jubilee Celebration. It is a virtual mission trip around the diocese, highlighting each of our churches along the way with a virtual postcard that shares something special about each congregation as part of the mission trip. Paige King has reached out to church leadership to gather information for these postcards. If you have information to send Paige, please do so as soon as possible by emailing her at paigethomasking@gmail.com by September 15.

The Jubilee Way is a wonderful opportunity to engage all of our congregations in a joint event. All details on how the mission trip works and registration are available at www.diocgc.org/jubilee-way. We invite you to share this event in your newsletters/bulletins. [Follow the event on Facebook](#).

Registration is open now through September 25. Event runs from BayLights through Diocesan Convention (September 25, 2020 to February 25, 2021). Cost is \$50 per individual.

DISCIPLESHIP DAY REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Our annual Discipleship Day will be held **virtually on Saturday, September 19, from 9:30am to 2:30pm**. We will hear from Dr. Lisa Kimball of Virginia Theological Seminary and other leaders as we celebrate the new opportunities and ministries in our diocese such as Baptized for Life. We will also break out into small groups to investigate and discover the challenges before us as citizens of the kingdom. Our time together will be framed by the dynamism of our baptismal covenant and how it is lived out in our own shared stories and witness. The event is free and all are welcome.

Full details and registration link are available here:

<https://www.diocgc.org/post/discipleship-day-2020-with-dr-lisa-kimball>

LEARN - PRAY - ACT RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Bishop Russell recently called out for a recommitment to our work of Becoming Beloved Community. The Commission on Racial Justice & Reconciliation gathered resources for us to do this work. You can find the resources at www.diocgc.org/learn-pray-act.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

Please visit www.diocgc.org/concerning-covid19 for all updates pertaining to diocesan recommended resources during the COVID-19 pandemic. PPP loan forgiveness rules are still changing so stay tuned!

COPIER/SCANNER AVAILABLE

St. Christopher's, Pensacola, has a Sharp MX-3050v copier / scanner available for an assumption of the current lease. The lease is held by Wells Fargo and has less than three years remaining. The cost is approximately \$105.00 per month and includes 2000 black & white copies per month, toner supplies and maintenance. Please contact Michelle Haskew for details, michelle@scpen.org.

REMINDERS:

- Your annual church financial audit is due to the diocesan office by September 1 (per Canons). We fully understand if you are delayed due to COVID closure / distancing difficulties. We ask that you notify Kim or Dwight to provide a status of when you plan to complete your audit. Thank you to those churches that have completed your audit or checked in with us!
- 2020 Tax Guides are available at CPG.org. For clergy personal income tax returns:
[2020 Clergy Tax Return Preparation Guide for 2019 Returns](#)
[CPG Supplement to the 2020 Clergy Tax Return Preparation Guide](#)

2020 LOGIN CREDENTIALS FOR TENS STEWARDSHIP MATERIALS

We are a diocesan member of TENS, [The Episcopal Network for Stewardship](#). With our membership comes the ability for all of our churches to use the materials advertised by TENS. They include all the printable materials and resources for an eight week giving campaign. This year's materials combined with the ZOOM workshops in July and August will help you and your congregation navigate these new times, using technical and pastoral best practices. Please download the tools through the members portal and invite your stewardship teams to sign up for workshops.

The login credentials change each year for members. Website: <https://www.tens.org/resources/member-resources/>
Please note the login credentials for 2019: **Username:** 1PETER **Password:** FOUR:10

CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCE REMINDER

Thank you to each congregation's work to participate in the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast's Congregational Vitality Survey! With almost all our congregations using the same assessment tool we will have a snapshot of the diocese as a whole around seven aspects of vitality which will assist us all in determining diocesan priorities for the future: discipleship, mission engagement, evangelism, leadership, worship, belonging, and health.

Here is a link to all the resources available through this survey: <http://www.uscongregations.org/>. For more information, please contact The Rev. Kammy Young at kammy@diocgc.org.

INSURANCE UPDATES / INFORMATION

- Annual Enrollment for Medical and Dental benefits will run **October 12 to October 30, 2020**. We will be releasing more information in the coming weeks. One change: we have added a stand-alone option to offer eligible employees the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for those that are not currently covered by a Church Medical Trust Plan.
- We will be scheduling a webinar that will cover information members may find helpful as they navigate their Medical Trust healthcare benefits. Dates/time will be communicated shortly..
- Note: there will be a one-time "Open Enrollment" period for eligible employees that may wish to add a [short-term and/or long-term disability benefit](#) (without medical underwriting). This will be an option to select during Annual Enrollment (Oct. 12-31). We will share this information when CPG makes it available.
- Please visit our website for additional insurance info:
 - <https://www.diocgc.org/congregational-resources>
 - [Risk Management & Insurance Basics for Religious Organizations \(recommended\)](#)
 - [Safety and Insurance Handbook for Churches \(recommended\)](#)

CONGREGATIONS IN TRANSITION (as of 8/1/2020)

Destin, St. Andrew's	Receiving names
Foley, St. Paul's	Interim in place and profile being developed
Lillian, Advent	Rector called and in place
Milton, St. Mary's	Interim in place
Mobile, Trinity	Interviewing
Panama City Beach, Episcopal Churches of (Grace and St. Thomas)	Receiving names
St. Luke's, Marianna	Now vacant
St. Mark's, Troy	Now vacant
St. James, Port St. Joe	Now vacant

For information, please contact:

The Rev. Massey Gentry, Canon to the Ordinary, at mgfairhope@gmail.com or (251) 459-4169.

Please do not contact the openings directly.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING (ONLINE)

Our ministries to children and youth are a vital part of the mission of our church; training in the prevention, detection, and reporting of sexual abuse helps us to provide a safe environment. Safeguarding is primarily about *abuse prevention training* and is **mandatory** for those working with and around children and youth. Anyone can take these online modules at any time and at your own pace. Enrolling is simple; just follow the few steps in our short guideline document available on the diocesan website: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/ca270f_efa8f4dca14f48a3ada58d6efc090309.pdf

JOB POSTINGS

No job postings at this time.

FACEBOOK GROUP FOR CHURCH COMMUNICATORS

Jenn Johnson, diocesan missionary for communications, moderates a closed Facebook Group for anyone who is involved in church communications within our diocese. It is a way to share ideas and resources, or pose questions and concerns. To join, contact Jenn at jenn@diocgc.org.

COMMUNICATIONS QUICK LINKS

[Submit an article for publication](#)

[Submit a church/community event](#)

[Submit a job posting](#)

CYCLES OF PRAYER FOR DIOCESE AND PRISON MINISTRY

Congregations are asked to include both our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and our Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer in their Prayers of the People, newsletters and/or bulletins. Both are available at www.diocgc.org/cycle-of-prayer.

BOOKMARK THE DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Stay up-to-date on diocesan events by bookmarking our calendar: <https://www.diocgc.org/calendar-of-events>.

UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS (times listed are Central Time)

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
The Jubilee Way Virtual Mission Trip	Sep 25, '20 - Feb 25, '21	Online www.diocgc.org/jubilee-way
Discipleship Day	Sep 19	Zoom (link for details)
BayLights at Beckwith	Sep 25-27	Beckwith

BISHOP RUSSELL'S SCHEDULE

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Visitation	Sep 6	Epiphany, Crestview
Labor Day Holiday	Sep 7	Office Closed
Faith in Action Bishops meeting	Sep 8	ZOOM
Wednesday Visitation	Sep 9 pm	St. Mary's, Coden
General Convention Task Force on Ministry	Sep 10	tele/web Conference
Visitation	Sep 13	St. Luke's, Marianna
Visitation	Sep 15	Immanuel, Bay Minette
House of Bishops meeting	Sep 16	ZOOM
Florida Bishops meeting	Sep 17	ZOOM
Discipleship Day	Sep 19	ZOOM
Visitation	Sep 20 am	St. John's, Monroeville
Visitation	Sep 20 pm	St. Peter's, Jackson
College for Bishops conference	Sep 23	tele/web conference
Visitation	Sep 27	Christ Church, Pensacola
Visitation	Sep 29 pm	St. Michael's, Chickasaw

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Treasurer's Report - August 2020

(Please Note: Report reflects funds received as of August 30, 2020)

Congregational Pledges	MTD Actual (2020)	YTD Rec'd (2020)	YTD Budget Variance	Annual Pledge (2020)
Pledges				
Andalusia, St. Mary's (131)	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	(\$2,000)	\$12,000.00
Apalachicola, Trinity (120)	\$3,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0	\$18,000.00
Atmore, St. Anna's (114)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,647)	\$2,470.00
Atmore, Trinity (27)	\$200.00	\$1,600.00	\$0	\$2,400.00
Bay Minette, Immanuel (29)	\$400.50	\$2,607.20	(\$119)	\$4,090.00
Bon Secour, St. Peter's (165)	\$0.00	\$7,888.90	\$556	\$11,000.00
Brewton, St. Stephen's (168)	\$1,308.00	\$12,020.21	(\$1,178)	\$19,798.00
Cantonment, St. Monica's (118)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,663)	\$2,494.00
Chickasaw, St. Michael's (45)	\$0.00	\$561.50	\$0	\$855.00
Chipley, St. Matthew's (46)	\$450.00	\$3,600.00	\$0	\$5,400.00
Citronelle, St. Thomas (4)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$250)	\$375.00
Coden, St. Mary's (33)	\$0.00	\$4,438.00	\$1,479	\$4,438.00
Crestview, Epiphany (40)	\$250.00	\$2,000.00	\$0	\$3,000.00
Daphne, St. Paul's (675)	\$5,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0	\$60,000.00
Dauphin Isld, St. Francis (55)	\$920.00	\$7,340.00	\$0	\$11,020.00
DeFnk Spgs, St Agatha's (52)	\$100.00	\$2,246.89	\$480	\$2,650.00
Destin, St. Andrew's (83)	\$734.00	\$5,907.29	\$2,071	\$5,754.00
Dothan, Nativity (511)	\$2,475.00	\$19,800.00	(\$8,200)	\$42,000.00
Enterprise, Epiphany (47)	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	(\$2,400)	\$9,600.00
Eufaula, St. James' (196)	\$1,200.00	\$13,200.00	\$1,038	\$18,243.00
Fairhope, St. James' (1453)	\$8,366.49	\$68,553.69	(\$6,246)	\$112,200.00
Foley, St. Paul's (263)	\$1,666.70	\$13,333.60	\$0	\$20,000.00
Ft. Wltn Bch, St. Simon (516)	\$4,552.50	\$31,867.50	(\$4,553)	\$54,630.00
Greenville, St. Thomas (130)	\$2,236.00	\$15,611.32	\$3,045	\$18,850.00
Gulf Breeze, St. Francis (243)	\$1,044.00	\$12,587.59	(\$2,699)	\$22,930.00
Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit (375)	\$0.00	\$16,800.00	(\$2,400)	\$28,800.00
Jackson, St. Peter's (29)	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$500	\$1,350.00
Laguna Beach, St. Thomas (96)	\$0.00	\$5,757.54	(\$925)	\$10,024.00
Lillian, Advent (75)	\$1,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0	\$12,000.00
Magnolia Spgs, St. Pauls (201)	\$4,750.00	\$9,500.00	(\$6,300)	\$23,700.00
Marianna, St. Luke's (132)	\$0.00	\$2,866.26	(\$4,976)	\$11,764.00
Milton, St. Mary's (160)	\$0.00	\$10,625.00	(\$708)	\$17,000.00
Mobile, All Saints' (418)	\$1,500.00	\$12,000.00	\$0	\$18,000.00
Mobile, Christ (607)	\$3,483.33	\$27,866.64	\$0	\$41,800.00
Mobile, Good Shepherd (146)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4,400)	\$6,600.00
Mobile, Redeemer (270)	\$945.66	\$8,054.98	(\$1,970)	\$15,037.00
Mobile, St. Andrew's (37)	\$0.00	\$2,811.00	(\$165)	\$4,464.00
Mobile, St. John's (119)	\$3,313.01	\$12,083.50	(\$1,383)	\$20,200.00
Mobile, St. Luke's (331)	\$1,666.00	\$13,328.00	\$0	\$20,000.00
Mobile, St. Mark's (6)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,667)	\$2,500.00
Mobile, St. Paul's (2033)	\$14,584.00	\$116,672.00	\$0	\$175,000.00
Mobile, Trinity (215)	\$1,100.00	\$7,700.00	(\$1,100)	\$13,200.00
Monroeville, St. John's (45)	\$503.65	\$9,883.02	\$4,713	\$7,755.00
Navarre, St. Augustine's (127)	\$242.40	\$1,960.39	\$47	\$2,870.00
Niceville, St. Jude's (238)	\$2,298.00	\$16,086.00	(\$3,912)	\$29,997.00
Ozark, St. Michael's (44)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,267)	\$1,900.00
Pnma City, Holy Nativity (706)	\$2,500.00	\$20,000.00	\$0	\$30,000.00
Panama City, St. Andrews (250)	\$2,226.90	\$13,796.69	(\$2,243)	\$24,060.00
Panama City, St. Patrick's (64)	\$227.85	\$1,887.90	(\$234)	\$3,183.00
Panama City Beach, Grace (123)	\$844.00	\$5,064.00	(\$5,105)	\$15,254.00
Pensacola, Christ (1307)	\$10,175.00	\$70,833.00	(\$10,567)	\$122,100.00
Pensacola, Holy Cross (211)	\$2,550.00	\$23,050.00	\$2,650	\$30,600.00
Pensacola, Holy Trinity (90)	\$903.38	\$7,227.04	\$0	\$10,841.00
Pcola, St. Christopher's (603)	\$5,833.33	\$46,666.64	\$0	\$70,000.00
Pensacola, St. Cyprian's (45)	\$0.00	\$1,230.00	(\$2,050)	\$4,920.00
Pensacola, St. John's (104)	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0	\$6,000.00
Pt St. Joe, St. James' (125)	\$957.84	\$2,690.00	(\$1,310)	\$6,000.00
Robertsdale, St. John (61)	\$0.00	\$675.00	(\$337)	\$1,518.00
SRB, Christ King (255)	\$3,154.45	\$36,280.28	\$2,947	\$50,000.00
Troy, St. Mark's (116)	\$1,572.00	\$11,004.00	(\$1,572)	\$18,864.00
Wewahitchka, St. John's (16)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,333)	\$2,000.00
Total Pledges	\$101,234	\$814,963	(\$67,354)	\$1,323,498