

docking in Palestine, imagining a washed up shore with wild thickets and goats, she was awe struck as the boat approached land, revealing a modern city with all the amenities. According to Acts, Caesarea played an important role in early Christianity, playing a role in Paul's safety after his conversion, as home to Philip the Deacon and the house of Cornelius the Centurion, whom Peter converted. In 1961, archaeologists found a limestone block confirming the historicity of Pontus Pilate as the governor of Judea (Mathew27:1-2). The partial Greek inscription on the limestone block reads, "...Pontius Pilate...prefect of Judea..."

The resounding spirit of Episcopalians is that we embrace the whole of the Bible and the disciplines of science and history, never stymied or bewildered when they seem to disagree, but always delighted and encouraged when new discoveries bear out the ancient truths recorded in the Bible, the sacred narrative of our continuing faith to love and trust the Lord.

Warmly, Tony+

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Through Trinity our Outreach Committee is able to help with many needs in our community and beyond. We have several members involved in the Pak a Sak ministry which helps children at Melrose Elementary with after school food. Our Front Door Ministry is able to help those who have an immediate need for food and then we refer them to Lake Area Ministries for longer term help. Thanksgiving in the Park is help for those who would like to celebrate the holiday but are unable to because of financial or physical ability or for many who are just lonely. We are involved helping collect canned and packaged goods as well as toiletries for Lake Area Ministry where we also have a team of members working once a month.

On a broader horizon, we collect clothing and toiletries for St. Francis House in Gainesville, and assist St. Andrew's church in Interlachen with a quarterly donation to help with Fourth Friday for Life, giving groceries, medical care and legal assistance as well as helping people connect with agencies who might best be able to assist with particular needs.

Internationally, we've been able to send financial help to "Our Little Roses," an orphanage in Honduras which serves little girls who have been rescued from the streets. "Our Little Roses" has been able to feed, clothe and educate their young women, sending many of them all the way through college. We also donate to Episcopal Relief and Development which serves to help those in disaster areas and emergency situations.

Our goal is to help those who are suffering, lost, or in need in whatever ways we are able. If you would like to be involved, or if you have a heart for a ministry you would like to see us serve, we would love to have you come to the outreach meeting on **Wed., June 1st at 10:00am**. If you are interested but unable to come on that date, please give the office a call.

Colossians 3:23

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May 22, 2016, TRINITY SUNDAY

The Rev. Tony Powell, Rector

The vision of Trinity Church is to be relevant to the Lake Region Community serving and drawing others to the gospel of Jesus Christ as a growing Episcopal Church.

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are pleased that you have come to worship with us this Lord's Day morning, and it is our prayer that you will receive God's blessing throughout the service. Trinity is an active and caring Episcopal Church. If you are a baptized Christian, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to receive the Sacrament of the Bread and Wine, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. God loves you. No Exceptions!

MEMORIAL WEEKEND YOUTH BBQ

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the BBQ has been canceled for this Memorial Day weekend. We hope to return to business next year when we will once again have a delicious menu for you.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

The collection or ingathering for the United Thank Offering is being taken up through the month of May. If you have a little blue box or envelope, you can drop it in the collection plate or bring it by the office.

PRAYER SHAWLS

The prayer shawls in the church have been knit by members of the Sisters' Circle and are there for you to take if you need one for yourself or someone in need of comfort. Even though it's warm now, they're always appreciated in chilly hospital rooms, or sometimes just to cuddle with for someone who needs a hug. You don't have to ask to take one; they are there to be taken. The shawls carry with them the prayers and music of our services, each has been blessed by Father Tony. If you are sitting by a shawl, feel free to place your hand on it and say an extra prayer for the intended recipient.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH

Sun. 5/22 TRINITY SUNDAY

10:00am Eucharist Service

Lunch following

Monday 5/23

Tuesday 5/24

10:00am Sisters Circle

12:00pm Betty's and the Bible

1:30pm New Testament Class
in the Wicker Room

5:30pm AA in Wicker Room

7:00pm Al Anon in Wicker Room

Wednesday 5/25

10:00am Evangelism Meeting

**6:00pm Holy Eucharist and
Healing Service in Church**

Thursday 5/26

10:00am—4:00pm Thrift Shop

Friday 5/27

2:00—5:00pm Thrift Shop Open

Saturday 5/28

9am—Noon Thrift Shop

Sun. 5/29

8:30 and 11:00 Eucharist Service

9:30 Breakfast

10:00 Youth Formation

Discussion of the Lessons

12:00 Lunch

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FUTURE EVENTS

MAY

May 25 Evangelism Mtg. 10am

May 30 Memorial Day Holiday
Office Closed

JUNE

June 1 Outreach meeting 10am

June 5 First Sunday 10:00am

June 4 PH in use evening

June 11 PH in use evening

June 14 Church in use evening

June 15 Vestry Meeting

JULY

July 3 First Sunday 10:00am

July 4 Independence Day
Holiday - Office Closed

July 9 PH in use

July 16 Good Old Summertime
Chicken Dinner/Auction

July 20 Vestry Meeting

July 28 PH in Use am
Election Training

Altar Flowers



The flowers today are given to the glory of God. If you would like to give flowers in memory of someone, to celebrate an event or for a special thanksgiving, please call the office and sign up on the hall bulletin board.

Dear Trinity Family,

Out of the mouths of ...teenagers! (Psalm 8!) Yesterday at Betty's Pizza, Sarah raised excellent questions about conversations she had heard at school. One was about the Rapture – the second coming of our Lord and all the details surrounding his arrival. Will there actually be a rapture?

After Jesus comes back and takes the believers with him, will there be seven years of tribulation before Jesus comes again to rescue those who changed their hearts? (Forgive me Sarah, I'm paraphrasing big time.) What does the Bible really say? What do Episcopalians believe?

I believe most Episcopalians rest in the peaceful knowledge that only God knows the time when Jesus will return. (Matthew 24:26) Along with most orthodox Christians (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic, Reformed Churches), Episcopalians view the rapture in the broader sense as the Second Coming Christ and the final Resurrection of all God's children.

Generally, Episcopalians refuse to get stuck in the details by quarreling over the theological concepts of Premillennial, Postmillennial, Amillennial and the meaning of the Thousand Year Reign (Revelation 20:1-10.)

Sarah also raised the question about the apparent conflicts between science and the Bible. What struck me was the assumption, our acceptance, that there must be conflict between God's Holy Word and a scientific understanding of his Creation. (Think about that for a moment.)

The Bible was never written to be a science book or a history book. Scientific and historical accuracy were never the primary concern of the authors of Holy Scripture. The Bible is, in fact, a collection of incredible stories of faith and adventure between the God of the Universe and his people.

Many of those stories in the Old Testament were passed down orally, from generation to generation - long before they were ever written down. Paul's letters, the Gospels, and all the writings in the New Testament were copied, recopied and circulated among the many churches around the Mediterranean before their final authorization as canon scripture in 397 A.D.

So what do we do with the question of the accuracy of Holy Scripture? Is it true? Can we trust it? Yes, we can! Episcopalians understand that the Bible contains many genres: epic narratives and histories in Genesis, Exodus and other books of the Old Testament; Wisdom literature of Job, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes; poetry and songs in Psalms, the Song of Songs, and Lamentations; the Prophetic words of Ezekiel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Joel and so many more; the Apocalyptic writings of Daniel and Revelation, the Gospels and Epistles (Letters) of the New Testament. Not all is fact, but all is Sacred Story, recounting the mighty deeds of our God.

For the scientist, the historian in each of us there is so much to take in! This week came news of the discovery of a sunken Roman-era treasure at Caesarea in Israel. The picture showed an anchor resting on the sandy bottom – an anchor as modern as any you or I might imagine.

Built by Herod the Great, (the Herod at Jesus' birth,) Caesarea was a modern marvel in its time. Pontius Pilate's wife Claudia dreaded her first