

# Around St. James

For the Glory of God

2006

June

July

## A Letter from the Priest-in-charge

The Sunday I got back from my two weeks' vacation in Japan, I was greeted with the news I had both feared and hoped for: the Vestry has called a new, permanent rector to serve St. James'.

I'd feared this announcement because I have come to love you and it will hurt to leave. And I'd also hoped for it because this is a necessary step towards the future. It's time to propose to a fine young priest, and be accepted. Now the parish family can re-group, settle down, and take up God's work again.

So my ministry, which I've enjoyed so much, will soon be over, and I'll be gone. Meanwhile the future isn't yet: Denise Cabana hasn't arrived, and all the plans she will develop with you, and the skills she'll use, lie in the future. St. James' next task is to say good-bye to the past and prepare a rousing welcome to Denise, who represents what is to come in the life of God's people here in Indian Head.

Part of me is sad, then, and part of me is glad. But no part of me is anxious. Let me tell you why:

First, over two years I've come to know this congregation. I know your imperfections, but also your resilience and your capacity to minister and to draw on your faith, hope, love, and common sense. You have absorbed a fine crop of newcomers, and the newcomers have added much to our common life.

The other reason I'm not anxious is that Jesus has obviously been working here. Just think of the dinners; concerts; confirmation classes; changes in the Sunday School format; Bible studies at Church Sundays and on Friday nights at parishioner's homes; developing the Profile and the Search itself; Vestry decisions large and small; and above all, the steady pulse of Sunday worship, week after week, enabling and upholding the faithful people of God.

Jesus has been working and will go on working here. So long as you—in Indian Head—and I—in Washington—stay rooted in him, our futures will be separated for a time, but they will be wonderful.

Love,

Joan †

## *Senior Wardens Report*

April 11, 2006

I just looked back on my records and discovered that the last time I wrote something for this newsletter was back in October of 2004. Can it really be that long ago?

Joan called me last Thursday and asked me to put together a message and get it in by Palm Sunday. Here it is Tuesday already, two days later and guess what? Nothing so far! It seems to be a difficult task this time around. So much other stuff going on, like work pressures, a relentless sister that demands I do something about that darned honeysuckle taking over the forsythia, a playful wife asking "Done those taxes yet?", and a troublesome accounting software upgrade for Tom and Jerry's Eatery. There's also this nagging, gut wrenching feeling I can't seem to shake surrounding the looming departure of Joan. Perhaps I've already begun the grieving process. Lord only knows she's been trying to prepare us for the days ahead.

I fell in love with her on the first Sunday she preached, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004. I will really miss her and I often pray that we will be blessed with someone who will care for us as truly and deeply as she has. Holy Week as always, has been an emotional roller coaster for me as well. I've never really understood these feelings and have tried my best to turn them over to our Lord through prayer and meditation.

It is my sincerest wish that this message comes your way on a beautiful, warm, sunny Spring day! What the heck, if you're at all like me, a chilly, drizzling day will do just fine, thank you very much!

Well, gotta go, Brenda needs to show me something really kool in the attic.

Respectfully yours,

Tom  
Senior Warden, Sign Guy

May 21, 2006

For those of you that were at the 10:15 service last Sunday, I say "Oklahoma"!

It is my distinguished honor to announce that both the Search Committee and the Vestry have unanimously voted to call the Reverend Denise Cabana as our next Rector. Denise comes to us from Trinity Episcopal Church in Branford, Connecticut where she has served as Associate Rector for the past 4 years. In her resume she states her objective as follows: "To use my gifts to help individuals live more fully into their faith; to assist a congregation in growing into the unique faith community God is calling it to be at this time and place; and together discern how and where we are being called to serve God." Both she and her husband, Doug, plan on living in the Rectory at 6 Leslie Drive. It is not known at this point in time exactly when her first Sunday will be. But rest assured, a communication will be forthcoming.

Now what? "Yes dear, I'll take the compost out as soon as I finish up here!"

TTFN - Tom

# Parishioners Corner

This page is opened to the whole congregation, you can place thank you's, congratulation's, stories, poems etc... that you would like to share with the church. If you would like to put something here see Michelle Prasser or email her at [ShelleyP65@comcast.net](mailto:ShelleyP65@comcast.net).

## Websites to check out:

[www.dayspring.com](http://www.dayspring.com) You can find nice Christian gifts, cards, books, collections and Artwork that can help you share your heart and Gods Love with their inspirational items. They even have free E-cards for different types of occasions.

[www.christianbook.com](http://www.christianbook.com) is another website that is Christian based where you can find Bibles, fiction and non-fiction books, music and movies at decent prices.

A mom was concerned about her kindergarten son, Timmy, walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it. ☐

She asked a neighbor, Mrs. Goodnest, if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. Mrs. Goodnest said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed. The next school day, Mrs. Goodnest and her little girl, Marcy, set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor boy he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the boys walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally he said to Timmy, Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her? Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is." The friend said, "Well, who is she?" "That's just Shirley Goodnest, Timmy replied, and! her daughter Marcy."

"Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?"

"Well," Timmy explained: Every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, "Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life", so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"

☐ *May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:22-26*

*May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today,  
and always !!*

## **THANK YOU**

The Ladies of St. James received a Thank You Note from John Thomas Parran's family. Look for the Thank you note on the Bulletin board that is located outside of the Church Hall.

## ST. JAMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### June

- 4 Services 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.  
**Annual Church Picnic 12:30 p.m.**  
11 Services 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.  
18 Services 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.  
25 Services 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.

### July

- 2 Services 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.  
9 Services 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.  
16 Services 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.  
23 Services 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.  
30 Services 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.

## ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, June 4, 2006

12:30 p.m.

Village Green

The Church will provide hot dogs, Hamburgers and  
Soda

Bring a covered dish, and a smile  
And be ready to have a good time with your  
Christian Family

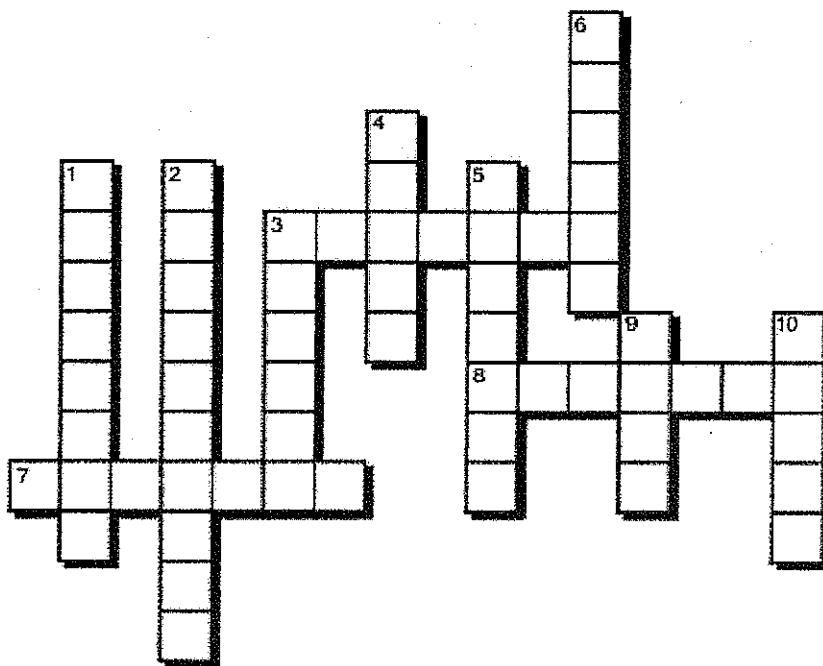


# The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)



Jesus encouraged his followers to pray to God with sincerity and not for show. He gave them a simple outline of a prayer that has become known as the "Lord's Prayer". You can read it in Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV). He did not intend that we only use this prayer when we pray but that we would include some of the things in this prayer in our own prayers. This prayer shows reverence to God, dependency on God for our needs, desire for God's Kingdom to come, thankfulness, an awareness of our sins, a desire to be forgiven and to forgive others, and trust in God to lead us.



"Our            (3 down) in heaven,            (1 down), be your name,  
 your            (5 down) come, your            (9 down) be done on            (4 down)  
 as it is in            (6 down). Give us today our daily            (10 down),  
           (3 across) us our debts, as we have forgiven our  
           (7 across) and lead us not into            (2 down),  
 but            (8 across) us from the evil one.

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What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

*Luke 15:4*

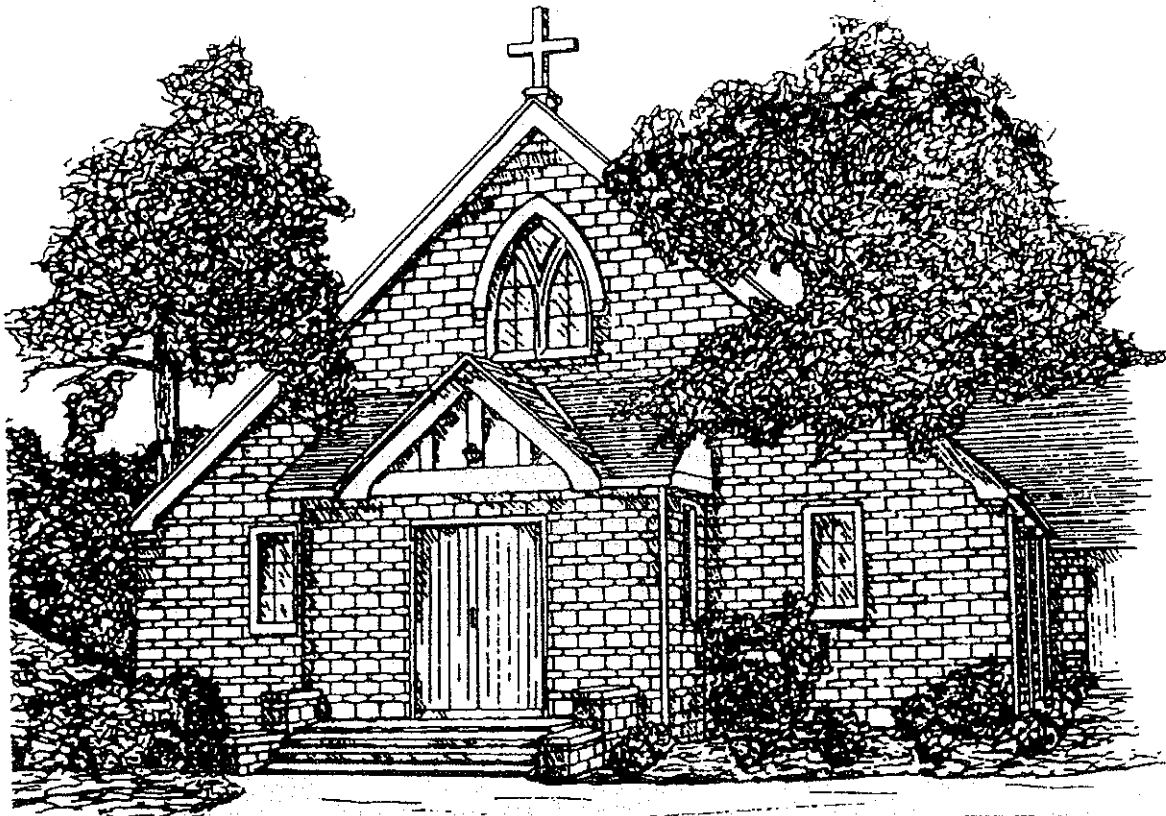


These just in - important dates in **July** are as follows:

**July 9<sup>th</sup>** - This will be Joan's last Sunday with us as our beloved Interim Priest-in-Charge.

**July 16<sup>th</sup>** - This will be Denise Cabana's first Sunday with us as our newly called Rector.

Let us join together as one community in Christ to celebrate these two momentous occasions in the life of our ministry!





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