

## NEW VESTRY MEMBERS AND CONVENTION DELEGATES

Members of the Vestry are elected for a period of three years. Each year we elect two new members and an additional person on the third year. Vestry members will start their term this February. This year Joyce Chesnut and Brian McCrae are rotating off the Vestry and we thank them very much for their support of and service to Trinity, the congregation and the community.

Below is some information about the new candidates for Vestry as well as for Convention Delegate and alternate who is elected for a period of two years and an alternate who is also elected for two years both of which which begin in 2020.

### **Jean Giesel—Vestry**

I served several terms on the Mission Board before Trinity became a Parish and have been an officer for ECW for many years and am currently ECW Treasurer. I was on the Mission Board during planning and construction of the current Parish Hall. I have also sung in the choir for many years and volunteer in the Thrift Shop and at LAM and help with Pack a Sack. In the community I am on the boards of the Melrose Library Association, Historic Melrose Inc., and the Gainesville Rose Society.

### **George Letchford** (is running for Vestry and Convention Delegate)

I hold a B.A. Degree in English and an A.A. degree in Business. My career spans 40 years of insurance claims adjusting, with the past 28 of those as Owner/Operator of my own Independent Adjusting firm. My business and finance experience prepared me well for Treasurer at St. John's Episcopal in Brooksville, Fl. Following that, I served as Senior Warden in addition to Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) and Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV). I am currently serving as Treasurer and on the Altar Guild and Stewardship Committee here at Trinity; in addition to continuing as LEM and LEV. Like many churches, Trinity has challenges to overcome in the coming years. My interest in becoming a part of the Vestry is to offer my life and business experiences to help guide Trinity to live into our Christ relevance in Melrose. I was born and raised in Chile so am fluent in Spanish/English. I married my childhood Chilean friend Patricia 14 years ago. We believe that 'our common welfare should come first; personal progress for the greatest number depends upon unity; and that for our purpose, there is but one authority – a loving God as He may express himself through us.

**Convention Alternate - Elaine Ashley**

## Colossians 3:23

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3rd Sunday After Epiphany, January 27, 2019

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!

### **ANNUAL TRINITY PARISH MEETING**

**NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 3rd**

Each year Trinity has an annual meeting at which everyone is given a copy of the written annual report which includes reports of the previous year's activities by each of our ministries. The Treasurer will go over the coming year's budget, and we will elect two new Vestry members, a convention delegate. Meetings are always scheduled for the week following the Diocesan Convention so Fr. Tony and the Convention Delegate will be able to report on anything new from the Diocese. This year our Annual Meeting will be held next **Sunday, Feb. 3rd**. Please plan to attend and enjoy a wonderful pot luck lunch as well!

### **PRAYER SHAWLS**

The prayer shawls in the church have been knit by members of our Sisters' Circle and are there for you to take if you need one for yourself or someone in need of comfort. 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, and each has been blessed by Father Tony.

**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH**

**Sunday 1/27**

**Holy Eucharist**  
**Service 8:30 and 11:00am**  
**9:45am Discussion of the Lessons**  
**JC and the Gospel**  
**Refreshments Follow both Services**

**Monday 1/28**

**9:00am Morning Prayer**  
**6:00pm Home Study**

**Tuesday 1/29**

Noon Betty's and the Bible Lunch  
1:30 Study Group Wicker Room  
5:30pm AA in Wicker Room  
7:00pm Al Anon in Wicker Room

**Wednesday 1/30**

**9:00am Morning Prayer**  
**6:00pm Evening Service**

**Thursday 1/31**

Thrift Shop 10am - 2pm

**Friday 2/1**

Thrift Shop 2pm -5pm

**Saturday 2/2**

Thrift Shop 9pm-noon

**Sunday 2/3**

**First Sunday Service**  
**One Service at 10:00am**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Potluck Lunch Following**

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**FUTURE EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY**

- Feb. 3**            **First Service**  
**One Service at 10:00am**  
**Annual Meeting**
- Feb. 5            ECW Meeting
- Feb. 14           Movie Night
- Feb. 16           PH in use
- Feb. 23           Men's Breakfast

**HOME FELLOWSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY**

The Home Fellowship meeting at Fr. Tony's and Ann's starts at 6:00pm every Monday evening. We are currently in Ephesians. Everyone is invited. Please let Fr. Tony know if you would like to come or if you need a map to their house for the meeting.

**TUESDAY STUDY GROUP**

The Tuesday Afternoon Study has resumed at 1:30 in the Wicker Room. The topic of the Study will be a surprise.



**Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God.

If you would like to donate flowers as a memorial, celebration or for a special event, please sign up on the flower chart in the parish hall and call the office.

Dear Trinity Family,

During my lifetime, the world has suddenly, seemingly, become much smaller. With news traveling at light speed, our lives are inundated with worries and concerns, hopes and fears for the world and its many peoples.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus clearly states, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." And yet, our global minds have difficulty wrapping our heads around this. With the eternal lives of billions of Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists and other religions at stake, we Christians often trip over on the Christian belief that Jesus is the only way to heaven.

This past week I was asked the universal questions, "Don't you believe we all worship the same God?" "Don't all the world's major religions teach the same thing?" "Don't they all lead to the same place, to heaven?"

Now, I don't pretend to be smart enough to answer those questions. They become circular and destructive and can ruin good relationships. What I can tell you is that as a Christian, I do believe that Jesus is the way. He is the shepherd, the gatekeeper, the gate. (John 10)

Why? How? He is Jesus the Christ, our Incarnate Lord. He is fully man, yes, and fully God. He has been with the Father before time, "God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten and not made; of the very same nature of the Father, by Whom all things came into being, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible."

Jesus is God. Though He became incarnate through the Virgin Mary, and lived on this earth for a time, He was still always present with God, as God, in human history. And is He is in Heaven, welcoming the arrival of all his children.

As to how others are saved, how they are welcomed, it remains a mystery. A Holy Mystery. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24) For I am sure it is Jesus, who gave his life for the whole world, who will be at the pearly gates to greet us.

Warmly, Tony+