



Diocese of the
MID-ATLANTIC

ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

September 8, 2011

Dear Friends,

As I follow the pattern of Bible reading in the daily Lectionary, I've been this week with the Apostle Paul as he writes from prison to his beloved church in Philippi. While Paul doesn't say from *which* prison cell he was writing (it could have been Caesarea, where he spent two years, Acts 23:23-26:32; or Rome, Acts 28:11-31), I was struck yet again by his willingness and faith-given ability to see what has befallen him as being God's gift for the spread of the Kingdom.

From his cell, he could write in 1:12, "I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel..." What an astonishing statement, one that reflects supernatural trust and insight to see past hardship and apparent defeat into the purposes of God.

He then explains how God has used his imprisonment: "...so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ." I can picture Paul witnessing to his jailers, converting one after another. His guards came to realize that the one they held in chains was truly free in Christ, and they who had earthly power were in fact the ones bound by sin.

The congregation in Philippi, to which Paul was writing, knew this story well. Look again at Acts 16 and recall how that church was planted. Paul's preaching and deliverance of a demon-possessed slave girl resulted in his being thrown into prison. He and his companion Silas were flogged and chained in stocks, yet they sang hymns to the Lord into the night. Their witness under affliction led to the conversion of the Philippian jailer.

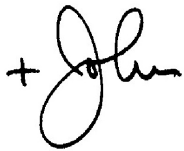
Now Paul was writing to that jailer and the other Christians in Philippi. How they must have rejoiced to hear that Jesus was doing it again, using imprisonment for the spread of the liberating Gospel of Christ.

Our movement has taken a costly stand for Jesus Christ and the truth of His Word. Clergy and congregations have sacrificed much. Yet everywhere I go, I hear the same refrain: “We are better off for what we have experienced. We are more committed to Christ, we have gone deeper in the Scriptures, we are more passionate about mission, we are more engaged in planting new churches and reaching new people with the Gospel.”

Amazing.

As we formally launch the new Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic on Saturday, let’s give renewed thanks to our gracious Lord for all that He has done through what we have experienced. And, with the Apostle Paul, let’s be confident that He who began a good work in us will bring it to completion at the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:6).

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ John". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Rt. Rev. John A. M. Guernsey
Bishop
Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic

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Special Announcements

Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, September 10 at Truro Church, Fairfax, Va.

9:00 a.m. Brief opening session of Annual Synod to take the required action to put our new Constitution and Canons into effect and to elect the members of the Standing Committee. Synod then recesses until November 18-19.

11:00 a.m. Investiture as first Bishop of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic. Archbishop Robert Duncan, presiding.

Fri.-Sat., November 18-19 at the new All Saints' Church, Woodbridge, Va.

Annual Synod reconvenes with a focus on mission, featuring a testimony by each church and fellowship about what the Lord is doing through you.

NEW FAQs available: To learn more about the new Diocese and the changes that are taking place, click [here](#).

MISSION & OUTREACH

A Healing Reflection

The following is a reflection from a member of last year's Wednesday Healing Class at The Falls Church. More details about the class can be found under Events & Announcements below.

Reflecting on the changes I've experienced since I started preparing last summer for the Healing Class last fall, I can say that by God's grace, I have come a measureable distance. Having been so blessed, this leper must return and say, "Thank you."

My interest in the class was catalyzed into action after I attended the MacNutt conference in May 2010. Very concerned about the woundedness in my family, I felt led in prayer to apply for admission to the class. I was not at all sure I would qualify. I figured some degree of true holiness was probably a good qualification for someone who would go mucking about other people's souls, and I could certainly not be accused of advanced holiness.

[As I participated in the class], the precious Holy Spirit would ever so kindly shine His light into (yet) another corner and say, with a twinkle in His eye, "Well, my, my - what's this?" More debris, more accumulated sludge. And a lot of pain – held up to the cross and awaiting healing.

I received a major healing about a family member, transforming my response to that person. I embarked on a major

SPOTLIGHT

To Friends and Member Congregations of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic

We hope you'll join us on Saturday, September 10 for the 11:00 am investiture of our first bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Guernsey. The [event](#) will take place at Truro Church in Fairfax, Va., and all are invited! It will be preceded by a short but vital meeting of our Synod at 9:00 am to be attended by all clergy and lay delegates.

Parking details may be found [here](#).

Archbishop Robert Duncan of the Anglican Church in North America, Bishop Martyn Minns, and Bishop David Bena are among the special guests who will be attending the investiture. We also expect nearly a dozen additional bishops from across North America. Our group of churches has been pivotal in the movement to reclaim biblical Anglicanism. We are privileged to have leaders from across North America share in our joy and excitement as we officially become the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic.

Archbishop Duncan recently said, "Congregations are where disciples are formed and it is through congregations that surrounding environments are changed. Bishops, archbishops, dioceses, structures, programs all exist in order to make the local congregation strong." That is exactly what the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic is all about!

It is our hope that you will give the gift of your presence as our congregations

campaign of forgiveness, touring through vast episodes of my history as the faithful Hound of Heaven would suddenly stop and point. By this time, I was completely sold. No holdbacks. Whatever had been done to me, it did not matter, I wanted to forgive them, and get more of that grime out of my soul. God was truly faithful to continue to point me out yet another period in my life where I had debts unpaid, uncovered by the blood of Jesus in my experience, and stinking to Heaven. It began to seem that my sin in unforgiveness and bitter root judgments might be of equal weight to that of the hurt received, and that I only needed to look at the hurt long enough to see my sin in it. What was done to me seemed to not be as important as it might have earlier. Being obedient seemed like the most important thing, and I felt compelled to follow that leading.

[Read the full story.](#)

Does your parish have a story to tell? [Let us know!](#)



Anglican 1000

**2012 A1K Church Planting Summit,
March 6-8, 2012 in Plano, TX**

Super Early Bird Registration is open for the 2012 Anglican 1000 Church Planting Summit. Register now to take advantage of special, discount rates to this annual gathering of Anglican church planters and

gather for this important event and commit again to work hand-in-hand to share the transforming love of Jesus Christ. To learn more about the new Diocese and the changes that are taking place, click [here](#).

Since our congregations first came together five years ago, God's love and guidance fused with your prayers and participation have spurred the growth of our Anglican tradition throughout the Mid-Atlantic states. Please pray that our passion for Christ and for others will continue to increase!

Blessings,
Jim Oakes

Standing Committee Nominees

Lay Nominees

Mr. Patrick Cunningham, *Church of the Resurrection | Baltimore, Maryland*

Mr. Peter Edman, *Church of the Apostles | Fairfax, Virginia*

Dr. Paul Julienne, *Truro Church | Fairfax, Virginia*

Mrs. Chloellen Miller, *St. Margaret's Anglican Church | Woodbridge, Virginia*

Mr. Mark Robbins, *Church of the Apostles | Fairfax, Virginia*

Mr. Ed Speare, *All Saints' Church | Woodbridge, Virginia*

Mr. Steve Springmann, *Truro Church | Fairfax, Virginia*

The Hon. Samuel B. Thomsen, *The Falls Church | Falls Church, Virginia*

Mr. Warren Thrasher, *Truro Church | Fairfax, Virginia*

Dr. Graham Walker, *Church of the Holy Spirit | Leesburg, Virginia*

Clergy Nominees

leaders from all over North America. The 2012 Anglican 1000 Church Planting Summit will be held March 6-8, 2012 in Plano, TX. Rates change September 10. Our third annual conference will be an opportunity for leaders, church planters, and anyone interested to come together for a time of equipping, networking, worship, encouragement, prayer, and reports from the mission field. Featured speakers include Scot McKnight, Mike Breen, and David Taylor.

[Register now.](#)

You can register until September 10 for the reduced price of \$175. We are also excited to announce discount registration for church planters and seminarians. Full time seminarians should contact [the Rev. Daniel Adkinson](#) for details about how to register for 50% off of the regular price. Church planters (who are listed on the Anglican 1000 site or launching in 2012) should also contact [Daniel](#) for information about registering themselves for 50% off of the regular price and their spouse for free. That means that a church planter who takes advantage of the Super Early Bird rate and these discounts can attend Summit 2012 with their spouse for less than \$100. Seminarians and church planters, thanks for letting us serve you in this way!

EVENTS & ANOUNCEMENTS

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The Rev. Jim Beavers , *Christ Anglican Fellowship | Orange, Virginia*
The Rev. Kathleen Christopher, *The Falls Church | Falls Church, Virginia*
The Rev. Peter Frank, *Church of the Epiphany | Herndon, Virginia*
The Rev. Daniel Morgan, *All Saints' Church | Woodbridge, Virginia*
The Rev. John Nuzum, *Church of the Holy Spirit | Leesburg, Virginia*
The Rev. Gray Stephenson, *Church of the Apostles | Fairfax, Virginia*
The Rev. Mark Sholander, *Supply Clergy | Centreville, Virginia*



Special Visit

Archbishop Duncan to Preach at The Falls Church on 9/11

The head of the Anglican Church in North America, Archbishop Robert Duncan, will be at The Falls Church (115 E. Fairfax Street in Falls Church, VA) on September 11th commemorating the 10th anniversary of 9/11. Archbishop Duncan will be preaching at the 9:00 and 11:00 am ET Sunday morning services in the main sanctuary. A podcast and transcript of the sermon will also be made available on The Falls Church [website](#) following the event.

place, click [here](#).

The Rev. Philip Bottomley has announced his retirement as pastor of The Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, after six years of serving a unique merger of an Anglican (St. Peter's) and a Lutheran (St. Paul) congregation in Roanoke. The Rev. Bottomley was born and raised in England and in 1971 was ordained a priest in St. Paul's Church of England. He became a Director of the Church's ministry among the Jews (CMT). In 1984 he accepted a call to become the first National Director of that ministry in the United States and served in that capacity until 1991. He continued serving as an Episcopal priest until after the church's debacle and his resignation in 2005. In 2006 he was invited to lead in the formation of a new church body, uniting Anglican and Lutheran doctrines. He became well-known within the religious community and a strong advocate for the ecumenical movement. Under his guidance the two congregations have united in the mission of bringing others to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. With deep regrets the congregation has accepted his resignation and vows to continue on the path he has forged. Rev. Bottomley and his wife, Sylvia, will be moving to Pennsylvania to be closer to their family.

“Why Anglicanism?” Compilation Booklet Now Available

A compilation booklet of our written essay and lecture series on the meaning of Anglicanism, along with a study guide for personal reflection or group study, is now available. The articles inside the “Why Anglicanism?” booklet come from a variety of different leaders, ranging from Archbishop Robert Duncan of the Anglican Church in North America to many of our own rectors. Our hope is that all who read this booklet will gain deeper understanding of the Anglican faith and, in so doing, draw closer to Christ. For the printable “Why Anglicanism?” booklet, please click [here](#). To read the text online, click [here](#).

September 8: Mothers of Preschoolers at St. Margaret's

Meeting every second Thursday of the month from 9:30-11:30 AM at St. Margaret's Anglican Church (13900 Church Hill Dr Woodbridge, VA 22191). The MOPS International Theme for 2011-12 is MOMSENSE with the Scripture found in 2 Timothy 1:7 "God doesn't want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible." Please contact Emerson Pambid at emersonpambid@yahoo.com for information about our MOPS program.

September 9-11: In Remembrance: Interactive Sculpture Meditation Garden

In Remembrance is a "pop up" (temporary) contemporary, interactive, sculpture installation.

The installation commemorates the 10th anniversary of the tragedy of 9/11 and will be on display from 9am to 11pm Friday, September 9th through Sunday, September 11. Truro Church's installation underscores both the Washington Arts Group and the church's commitment to finding ways to implement reconciliation through the arts. The Washington Arts Group is a 501c3 established in 1978 to encourage spirituality in the arts and to connect art with life and human need. Visitors are encouraged to interact with the art and record their thoughts and reflections in a book of remembrance provided on site. The installation is free and open to the public during viewing hours. Click [here](#) to learn more.

September 14: New Healing Prayer Class at The Falls Church

Save the date and register now for the Wednesday evening healing prayer class. This is its sixth year in a row. Send your name, parish, email and phone number to Chuck Cook: ccook04@earthlink.net or 703-354-5469. Click for [flyer](#).

September 20, 2011: Living Waters

Sponsored by Regeneration, Northern Virginia. Applications are currently being accepted for Living Waters, a 32-week discipleship and mentoring program for men and women dealing with sexual and relational brokenness, (heterosexual/homosexual issues, addictions,

emotional dependencies, abuse, etc.). The deadline for applications is September 20, 2011. Please call Regeneration at 703-591-HOPE (4673), to request an application packet or for further information about our ministry. All inquiries are confidential. The application may be downloaded from www.RegenerationMinistries.org.

September 17: Women's Day Conference at Church of the Apostles with Rev. Shirley Morris: Living Proverbs 3:5-6

In times of anxiety, grief, suffering, and uncertainty, it can be tempting to lean on our own understanding. Rev. Shirley Morris will help women counter that all-too human response by reminding us to trust in the Lord, acknowledge him in all our ways, and allow him to direct our paths.

WHEN: Saturday, Sep 17, 9:00am-3:00pm (Check-in and light breakfast at 8:30am)

COST: \$20

LUNCH: Box lunches are available for \$5 and must be reserved no later than Wednesday, Sep 14. You are also welcome to bring your own non-perishable lunch.

CHILDCARE will be available for children up to age 10 with advance registration ONLY. Cost will be \$10 per child, maximum of \$20 per family. Requests for childcare MUST be received no later than Sunday, Sep 4, by contacting Pam Marsh at 703-591-1974, or PMarsh@ChurchoftheApostles.org.

TO REGISTER: Send an email to Info@ChurchoftheApostles.org; or call the office at 703-591-1974 (M-F, 9am-4:30pm).

Saturday, September 17: Prayer Book Society presentations and open discussion at Truro Church. The rich teaching and devotional resources of classic Anglican Books of Common Prayer, including the American 1928, will be addressed by PBS President the Rev. Gavin Dunbar, Rector of St. John's Savannah, Georgia, and Executive Director the Rev. Jason Patterson, Rector of St. Andrew's Asheboro, North Carolina, in a public gathering from 10 to 12 noon including open questions and discussion. The Prayer Book Society USA is grateful to Truro Church for their

kind hospitality. Everyone is invited to attend and take part.

Sundays, September 18-December 11:

Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus was a Kid!

Presented by Potomac Falls Anglican Church (PFAC). Sunday mornings, 10:00 am - 11:30 am. Horizon Elementary (46665 Broadmore Drive, Sterling, VA). We will transform the Horizon cafeteria into the town of Nazareth circa 1 AD. Children will get to experience what a young Jesus would have seen using all their senses. Kids will learn all new and incredible songs, they will sit with Mary and hear stories about Jesus, they will visit the marketplace and make treasures from that day and sample new foods. They will even get a chance to serve just like Jesus did. Classes will not be on October 30, November 20 and November 27. Contact marla@potomacfallschurch.org. Visit us at www.potomacfallschurch.org. (PFAC also offers a separate preschool class for ages 2.5-4.)

September 25-28: The Healing Center at Orkney Springs Fall Retreat - Healing as we Heal

This conference, hosted by The Healing Center at Orkney Springs, features Canon Mark Pearson and his wife, Dr. Mary Pearson. Read more details and register [here](#).

October 1: Blessing of the Animals at Potomac Falls Anglican Church

Join us at 10:00 am at Horizon Elementary School (46665 Broadmore Dr Sterling, VA 20165). All pets are welcome to come and receive a blessing. Please bring your pet on a leash or in a carrier. We'll have plenty of animal and people snacks on hand too! We ask God to bless the animals because they are part of His creation and because He has linked our lives together with theirs. Our pets ...are good gifts from God who give us love, joy, comfort and companionship. As we ask God's blessing, we also commit ourselves to caring for these animals and for the world God has made. Blessing of the Animals is held near the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi (1182-1226 AD) because of his fascination with nature and great love for all

living creatures. He saw God's creativity in the world around him and sought to learn more about the Creator through His handiwork. St. Francis is wrote poetry and prayers including The Canticle of Brother Sun and Sermon to the Birds.

October 6: MOMSnext Ministry at St. Margaret's Anglican Church in Woodbridge

A new program from MOPS International, a MOMSnext group offers all mothers of school age children (ages 5-12) a place to be encouraged and equipped in the next phase of mothering as a mom, woman, and leader in the name of Jesus Christ. Meetings will be the first Thursday of the month from 6:30- 8:30 PM at St. Margaret's (13900 Church Hill Dr Woodbridge, VA 22191). The moms will enjoy refreshments, followed by a speaker presentation and small group discussions. For more information about MOMSnext, please contact Tien Colbert at Tien102a@verizon.net.

Jobs: <http://www.anglicandistrictofvirginia.org/jobs>
(Note, if you have submitted a job to be posted and the position is no longer open, please let us know by replying to this email!)

Announcements: Do you have an event announcement or story idea for the ADVance News? Please use the following form to submit items. This will greatly improve our capacity to publicize ADV member parish events and stories. Thank you in ADVance!
<http://www.anglicandistrictofvirginia.org/submitstory>

Events: [For other upcoming events, check out the ADV Event Calendar!](#)

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