



# The Vine

A Publication of St. Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church – Longview, TX

## October Communion Schedule

October 2 – Ashley Cook

October 9 – Bob Schelling

October 16 – Bishop Andy Doyle

October 30 – Suzanne Tubbs



**Sunday, October 16 :**  
**Bishop Andy Doyle will visit**  
**St. Michael's in Longview**  
**Covered Dish Lunch in the Parish**  
**Hall after the Service**



**Sunday, October 2:**  
**St. Michael & All Angels' Feast Day**  
We celebrate our church's "birthday" from September 29 (we're 58!) with The Rev. Ashley Cook leading communion. We'll also celebrate October birthdays and the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Restaurant Run** to Newk's.

## Canterbury

### Piney Woods

Please join St. Paul's, Kilgore & St. Michael's, Longview for fellowship, prayer, and connection.

This young adults program is for us to gather and explore new restaurants, activities and experiences in East Texas while growing in our relationship with Christ.

Sunday evenings starting October 9  
Find us on FB: Piney Woods Canterbury  
Please contact Paige Lindsey or Laura Buckner  
if you can help with Sharing God's Love to college students.



Can you Find Them All? Throughout this issue of "The Vine" there are Bishop's Staffs (like the one on the right) on each page (and maybe more). See if you can Find All the Bishop Staffs. What is the Bishop's Staff? Turn to Page 2 to see.





## Bishop Andy Doyle

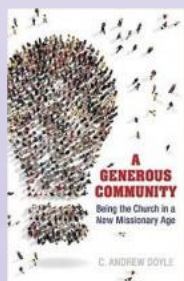
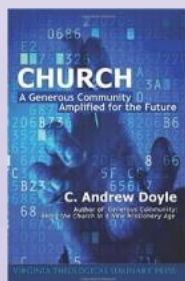
### THE RIGHT REVEREND *Charles Andrew Doyle* IX BISHOP OF TEXAS

Andrew Doyle, ninth Bishop of Texas, describes his six-word autobiography as: "Met Jesus on pilgrimage, still walking." Bishop Doyle received his M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary after receiving a fine arts degree from the University of North Texas. Previous to his election in 2008, Bishop Doyle served for five years as Canon to the Ordinary. He also served churches in Temple and College Station, as well as being elected deputy to several General Conventions.



He most recently served on the Structure Committee and is currently president of the Compass Rose Society, a global group of patrons and leaders making a difference in the Anglican Communion.

Bishop Doyle's focus for ministry is service, evangelism and reconciliation, planting 15 new churches and more than 50 new "missional communities" in the next five years. An avid reader and fly fisherman, Bishop Doyle has written several books, often mixing references from pop culture's music and movies with the latest in secular leadership trends in order to reach the broadest spectrum of readers and challenge Episcopalians to move into their communities with the Gospel in word and action. His writings include: *Unabashedly Episcopalian: The Good News of the Episcopal Church*, 2012; *Church: A Generous Community Amplified for the Future*, 2015; *A Generous Community: Being Church In A New Missionary Age*, 2015; *Small Batch: Local, Organic and Sustainable Church*, 2016.



**Click a Book Cover for more information on that book.**

### THE BISHOP'S STAFF - CROZIER

The crozier is a staff carried by a bishop. It is in the shape of a shepherd's crook, and reminds us of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The crook and staff of the crozier is heavily decorated. The Diocese of Texas' crozier has been handed down to each bishop of Texas since 1891. That crozier has been carried by all 9 bishops of the Diocese of Texas. The word "bishop" means shepherd.

*Excerpted from "The Bishop is Coming" Published by the Christian Formation Office of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas*





## From Sr. Warden Laura Buckner

Fall is in the air; oh joy! It's my favorite season, in spite of the fact an East Texas fall will never rival the West Virginia & Ohio autumns of my youth. For me, the season of fall brings a quieting of my spirit, a reminder of the cycle of life, a "gathering in" of resources (like squirrels putting up acorns) and a looking ahead to Thanksgiving, Christmas and the end of another year.

At St. Michael & All Angels, we're in a season of gathering in and looking ahead.

We've worked hard this spring and summer to address the physical needs of our property. Have you noticed the accessible restrooms, the ramp providing a covered accessible walkway between the parish hall and the church, the ongoing grounds-keeping work, the bright blue splinter-free fence and upgraded playground, the fresh coat of paint and repairs on the Joshua House, and any other number of repairs and upgrades around the property? It's amazing when you look at the lengthy list I've kept of what's been done thus far this year. One of our visiting priests recently complemented the Vestry on the way SMAA maintains its property. SMAA volunteers did most of that work.

We're working equally hard to meet the needs of our congregation. We have scheduled supply priests for every weekend service through the end of the year to ensure access to the sacraments and provide spiritual support. Haven't we met some wonderful priests this year? We've taken on ministries to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of others; this summer's End of Summer Fling was a good example of our community ministry. Two new endeavors include feeding a large group of children once a month and beginning a college community ministry called Piney Woods Canterbury. Our building facilities serve a number of non-profit groups through the week. SMAA volunteers do most of that work.

But there are also tough realities at SMAA. We've gone a long time without a priest, and we long for that spiritual leadership. We've seen members leave for a variety of reasons; we understand when it happens but we miss those names and faces... they leave holes in our congregation that no one else can fill. And an obvious hardship is the drop in financial giving to the church; no doubt you've seen the reports in the weekly Grapevine and know the donations coming in don't match what was pledged and budgeted for the year.



In my more honest moments, I will admit to struggling with fear and worry for SMAA, and my concerns about our ability to maintain our beloved church. In fact, it's not hard these days to look around and have a lot of concerns...for our church, our community, our nation, our world.... and become overwhelmed with the enormity of the need and the seeming scarcity of resources.

But then, I stop...and I remember. I have a God in whom I trust. WE HAVE A GOD

IN WHOM WE TRUST.

Our God reminds us in Matthew 6:25-34 (NIV)

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

As we were raising our sons, Ron and I always told them "God answers prayer, but He expects you to do your part". I know I speak for your Vestry when I say we appreciate what each of you is doing to support SMAA, for "doing your part." And I can tell you, your Vestry is a dedicated, committed and hard-working team of fellow parishioners who are doing their part...and so much more.

I don't have many answers, but I trust God has SMAA in the palm of His hand. We are a vibrant community of believers. We walk our talk. We give freely of our time and talents; we welcome anyone who comes through our doors and into our lives. We do our part and trust God is doing His, which includes all of SMAA's tomorrows.

May the fall bring a quieting of your spirit. God's got this.



## Meet Us at The Altar!!

What an exciting time in the life of St. Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church! There are so many current and upcoming opportunities to be involved in Sharing God's Love.

We have joined several local churches in a ministry called "Jesus Loves the Little Children" (see below). St. Michael's has committed to feeding approximately 30 – 50 children on the first Tuesday of each month. Some are foster children, some from single parent homes, some considered under privileged, and some considered to be at or near poverty. Members of St. Michel's provide a warm, well balanced meal followed by praise and worship and a short activity lesson. If you have not yet served these children a meal, there is a blessing just waiting for you! Volunteers are always welcomed and encouraged to become a part of this rewarding ministry.

We have also joined with St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Kilgore to provide and share in a weekly Sunday evening fellowship meal for all college students (see front page and flyers/cards in entryway of church). This will include students from local colleges along with Kilgore College and LeTourneau University. Sunday evenings are limited for most students to receive a good meal as most campus cafeterias are closed. What better way to connect with younger adults than sharing conversation and a meal? Your meal and theirs will be paid for.

The Vestry of St. Michael's is actively seeking our next Shepherd and Priest. Members of our congregation recently completed a Rector Search Survey which was forwarded to our Diocesan contact to be tabulated and reviewed. The top indicators will reflect the characteristics and qualities the congregation of St. Michael's is seeking in our next Rector.



The adult Sunday school class will begin studying and discussing Jesus' parables recorded in the Gospels. This will be a new and creative platform to study and discuss how these parables are exhibited and displayed in our own lives.

The Daughters of the King met briefly in September. We discussed the impact and importance of prayer in our own personal lives. The consensus was our prayers are important and we should continue to lift up

our church, its people, and its current and future ministries to God. We normally have two designated Daughters standing in the back of the church during communion to offer prayer for anyone in our congregation. We have so many opportunities right now to pray about! God is listening; He hears our prayers and He will send help and comfort; we just simply need to ask! James 4:2 tells us that "You do not have because you do not ask." We are asking for your help and for you, as a vital part of our congregation, to join us in a time of prayer. We will lift up St. Michael's to God and pray for our ongoing and upcoming ministries. We are asking for the entire congregation to "meet us at the Altar" on the 2nd Sunday of each month for 15 minutes to pray for St. Michael and All Angels'. You can pray silently or pray aloud, however you feel most comfortable. **Fifteen minutes, after church, 2nd Sunday of every month, at the Altar, on our knees, praying to God for St. Michael's Episcopal Church.**

Let's do our part...God is waiting...and listening.

For His Sake,  
Donna Richardson

### Sharing God's Love:

#### Jesus Loves the Little Children . . . and WE Feed Them!!

On the First Tuesday of each month, "Jesus Loves the Little Children" Ministry comes to St. Michael's. We feed them at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Then they go to the sanctuary for a learning time with music, prayer, teaching and activities. Here's how you can be a part of Sharing God's Love with these wonderful children. 1) Help prepare a part of the meal. We usually divide the preparation up between 4-5 people/families. 2) Help serve the kids. The kids all sit down at the tables in the Fellowship Hall and we bring them their plates (and seconds!) This is a HUGE blessing, to the kids and to those who brings plates (just ask anyone who has served). 3) Help cleanup after the meal. Contact Bruce Williams if you are led to Share God's Love with these precious children.



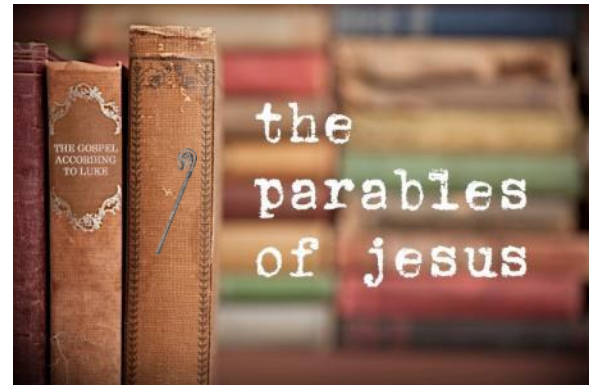
# Adult Sunday School Class Series:

## The Parables of Jesus



For the past few years, the Adult Sunday School Class members have discussed books focused on spiritual formation and how to be more Christ-like in our everyday lives. Starting on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, that class will begin a study of Jesus' parables and what they mean for us today. All adults are welcome and encouraged to attend any or all of the classes. The only preparation would be to read the given parable for the week and come to class ready to share and listen to what others have to say and let the Holy Spirit guide us in our understanding of what we need to learn from each of them. Becky Supercinski, Susan Kuhlman and Mary Lynn Dawes have agreed to share in the responsibility of facilitating the discussion. Here is the 12-week schedule:

Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup>	The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-24)
Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>	The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-35)
Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	The Two Debtors (Luke 7:36-50)
Oct. 30 <sup>th</sup>	The Unforgiving Servant (Matt. 18:21-35)
Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>	The Tower and the King (Luke 14:25-35)
Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>	The Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-21)
Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>	The Shrewd Manager (Luke 16:1-8a)
Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup>	The Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)
Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	The Midnight Caller (Luke 11:5-8)
Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	The Unjust Judge (Luke 18:1-8)
Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup>	The Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14)
Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	NO CLASS
Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> or 8 <sup>th</sup>	The Vineyard Laborers (Matt. 20:1-16)



Your 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Giving Statements, detailing your contributions to St. Michael's through the end of September will be mailed in the first week of October. Thank you for your continuing support of the ministries at St. Michael's.

# Light and Life: A Midweek Fall Retreat

## October 24-26, 2016, Monday - Wednesday at Gilmont

**NOTE: YOU CAN GO FOR ANY SINGLE ENTIRE DAY FOR ONLY \$50**

Retreat pace is fun for any age... also a wonderful weekday renewal experience for church staff.



"In our society we have become fond of our 'words.' As we get older, we realize that we have said just about everything and we have certainly heard just about everything. There is nothing new under the sun. Yet, there is still a yearning in our soul to be in fellowship with one another. Being involved in a group that is sitting in silence while working with their hands is golden. It is just simply good for the soul. The point is not to produce great works of art, but rather to be in communion with our own inner light, our quiet creative selves, and to let that light shine. This is one of God's great mysteries and what we hope to experience while in Retreat."

- Rev. Betsy Lockhart

*Rev. Betsy Lockhart will lead group conversations, worship and stained glass projects.*

More about our Speaker: Rev. Betsy Lockhart is the Teaching Elder at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Mansfield, Texas. She is a stained glass artist, writer, organic gardener, and caretaker to a 200lb Great Dane named Cyrus. Betsy believes that if you ask any artist about what is important, they will tell you that "light" is their most valuable tool. Before we pick up a brush, pencil, needle, camera, paint, or anything else, we move toward the light which is within and the light which surrounds. As a stained glass artist she thinks about how her work will interact with light and it is that interaction that inspires her work. The best moment for Betsy is when she holds a piece up and lets the sun shine through it. Her work is a celebration of God's first creation.

Kay and David Castles are back by popular demand! Through this engaging 3 hour class you will experience the beauty and fascination of basket weaving.

Rev. Marissa Greentree, from Healing Harts of Longview will lead us in Intuitive Painting.

Linda Gast will be joining us at Gilmont for the first time in October, leading Tai Chi for balance and coordination - for participants with any level of mobility.

Staff member, Marie Nelson, will lead photography and nature walks.



[Click for Midweek Retreat Webpage](#)

[Click for Midweek Retreat Flyer](#)

**St. Michael's own Linda Gast will lead T'ai Chi sessions at this retreat!**

This election season has been among the most contentious in recent memory. But whatever our politics, as Christians we always have something we can do. We can pray. For the 30 days leading up to the election, Forward Movement is calling Episcopalians and all others to join us in a time of prayer. Look for a weekly insert, starting Sunday, October 9, with prayers for each of the 30 days, using prayers from the Book of Common Prayer.

[Season of Prayer for an Election Webpage](#)



# Annual ECW Retreat: Registration Still Open

## What is ECW?

Our purpose as the Women of the Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Texas is to empower each other to live the life for which Christ called us by sharing His love through outreach, fellowship and spiritual growth. And how do we do this? Through awarding scholarships and empowering the youth of the Church, hosting lunches, sponsoring garage sales, organizing and attending retreats, supporting one another through life's challenges, and numerous other activities.

## Isn't this a group for my mother? And what's this I hear about casseroles?

It's a group for half of the membership of our church, including you *AND* your mother. All women in the Episcopal church are members by birthright. The strongest of ECWs consist of a diversified membership with women of all ages and backgrounds coming together to share their time, treasures and talents to further the efforts of our churches and missions. We're just as good at happy hours or breakfast meetings as we are with casseroles.

We have also created networking opportunities for professional women, helped with child care issues, awarded scholarships for the college bound and have provided the elderly with challenging and rewarding ways of staying involved and active in their community.

The ECW is a group for all women, from all walks and backgrounds of life, those with and without children, those with careers in and outside the home, women in school, dropouts, those considering a first degree or working in a graduate program. We're cradle Episcopalians and women who've just walked in the door. We are the women of this church and we are **YOU**. Come join us!

## Retreat for Women at Camp Allen

**"Jesus is a Girl's Best Friend!"**

"I am with you always" Matt. 28:20

**Episcopal Diocese of Texas 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat for Women**

**Save the Date! October 14 – 16, 2016**



**Hosted by St. James Houston & The Diocese of Texas ECW Board**

**Friends** - Friendships are made, rekindled. **Relax** - Take a stroll, enjoy your morning coffee, or stay up and chat with friends while you relax and rejuvenate. **Workshops** - There will be another full offering of workshops to interest women from all stages of life. **Food** - Come relax in the Piney Woods of the peaceful Camp Allen setting where the staff takes care to prepare a delicious weekend of dining. **Worship** - There's always time to collect your thoughts in prayer and retreat. **Shop** - the customer vendors beautiful wares for holiday gifts or a special personal treat!



**Keynote Speaker**

**Jan Bethancourt**

**Motivational Speaker &  
Author of...**

**"Eat Chocolate  
with Breakfast!"**

**ECW Annual Retreat Page and Online Registration**



## Church Cleanup



The Bishop is coming to St. Michael's! That means that WE'RE HAVING A WORK DAY! Please join us on Saturday morning, October 15 at 9am as we spruce up, clean, polish and fix stuff! It's like spring cleaning, but in October! If you can't make it on that day but want to help, please contact Bryan White or Susan Kuhlman for a list of things to do. Then come at your own convenience! Thanks!



## Sung Compline Service Sunday, October 9, 8:30pm Trinity Episcopal Church, Downtown Longview

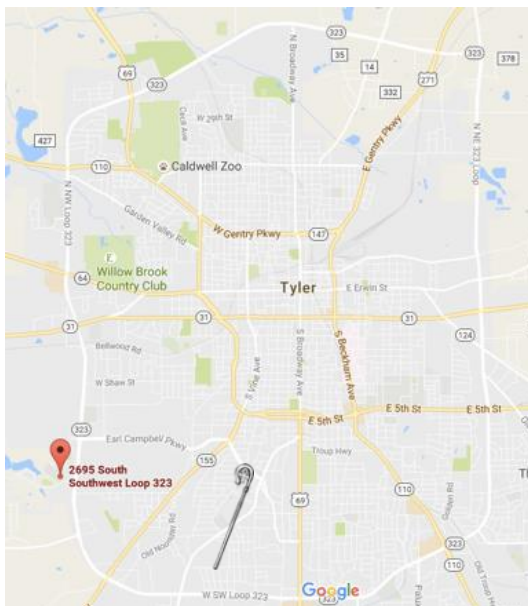
This service is sung by a Men's Choir on the second Sunday of each month. St. Michael's music team member and bass player, Andrew Duncalfe, will be singing.

**Come and be blessed!**



## Tyler Diocesan Center Dedication, November 2

Bishop Andy Doyle will be joined by Bishop Suffragan Jeff Fisher and Bishop Suffragan Dena Harrison for the official dedication of the Tyler Diocesan Center, Wednesday, November 2, beginning at 4 p.m. Located adjacent to the new chapel at All Saints Episcopal School, 2695 S. Southwest Loop 323, Tyler, TX 75701, the new diocesan offices for the eastern region of the Diocese of Texas were built at the same time as the school's new chapel, and provide office space for Bishop Fisher and his administrative assistant, Martha Harvey. "Come by for the dedication and stay for an open house to help us celebrate this beautiful new space and our growing Episcopal presence in East Texas," Bishop Fisher says.







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10/08 Amy Brown  
10/08 Tommy Read  
10/11 Lexi Smith  
10/13 Gayle Raif  
10/14 Mary Retallack  
10/17 Tito Nieves  
10/18 Ulaunda Manning  
10/18 Cyndie Woodbury  
10/20 Gianna Glave  
10/24 Ian McCarty

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY RESTAURANT RUN TO NEWK'S!**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2,**

Come and join us as we all "run" to Newk's Eatery  
on the Loop in Longview, across from Longview  
High School, immediately after the service.

