

The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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PILGRIM PRIEST'S PONDERINGS

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The WHYS of the Episcopal Church

Dear Fellow Ambassadors of Christ,

As many of you know, I have been reading Start with Why by Simon Sinek. Sinek's thesis is that many organizations have floundered because they have lost sight of the initial WHY of their existence. I am now working with a variety of organizations to rediscover their initial "WHY" and whether HOW and WHAT they do is still in alignment with their WHY.

Which got me to ponder the Episcopal Church ("The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America") and its place in the wider Anglican Communion. My VERY PRELIMINARY thoughts have led me to the following tentative conclusions.

As many of you remember, the Church of England (Anglican) pretty much adopted its WHY with the publication of the First Book of Common Prayer in 1549. The birth of the Episcopal Church began by adopting the English Prayer Book to the American context in 1789. This was also the beginning of what we now call the Anglican Communion, which now has 38 independent Provinces in countries around the world which are united in "bonds of affection" (but not authority) to the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Episcopal Church is one of those 38 Provinces. There are also scores of other bodies (mostly in North America) which have embraced the Anglican WHY without being in formal relationship with the Archbishop of Canterbury.

So what is the WHY of the Episcopal Church, of Anglicanism? After pondering and praying about this for the last month or so, I have developed the following Venn Diagram (I am such a geek!) outlining the WHY.

I believe there are THREE WHYS to the Anglican Tradition, each of which needs to be in balance with the other two.

The first WHY is the Great Commission: "...Jesus came (to His disciples) and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age'" (Matthew 28:18-20). As those of you who have been with us in worship recognize, I have been using the Great Commission as our Dismissal for quite some time. It is the "marching orders" for ALL Christians.

The second WHY is the Summary of the Law: "(Jesus said to the lawyer) 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And its second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'" (Matthew 22: 37-40). In Luke's recounting of this encounter, the lawyer replies "and who is my neighbor?", which leads to the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). The Summary of the Law had been part of the Book of Common Prayer Eucharistic liturgy until Rite II of the 1979 version. As you know, I have reinserted it!

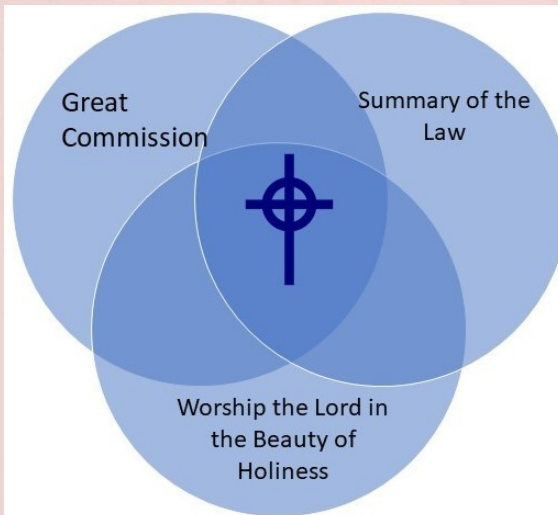
The third WHY directs how we are to worship: "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him" (Psalm 96:9). It is the beauty of Prayer Book Worship directed toward the Triune God that has

been THE distinguishing mark of the Episcopal Church and of Anglicanism since 1549. That is why Prayer Book revision has been such a hot topic in the Episcopal Church from the beginning.

I will have much more to say about these three WHYS in the coming months.

Your fellow Ambassador in Christ,

David+



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I hope all our readers have had a chance to look over and read the recently revised “e” newsletter from the Diocese. The format is more reader friendly, and I believe the Diocese is making progress on their efforts to communicate with the entire Diocese (including rural Parishes) in an improved manner. I encourage all of you to read the newsletter, which comes out weekly. If you do not have computer access, please contact Maggie at the church office and we will make arrangements to get you a print copy.

In mid-July, Judy Franklin represented our church at the Zoom meeting held to elect a new Bishop Provisional. Our new Bishop Provisional for the Diocese is Rev. Wayne Smith. Although his recorded remarks for the election meeting were brief, both Judy and I were encouraged by his first communication. We hope the glimpses of a warm and congenial personality, mixed in with a sense of humor, will serve him and our Diocese well in the months ahead. Below is his article from the August 17 {e}Connections newsletter.



Will return after a few annoying words from the Delta variant.

Dear People of the Diocese of Southern Ohio:

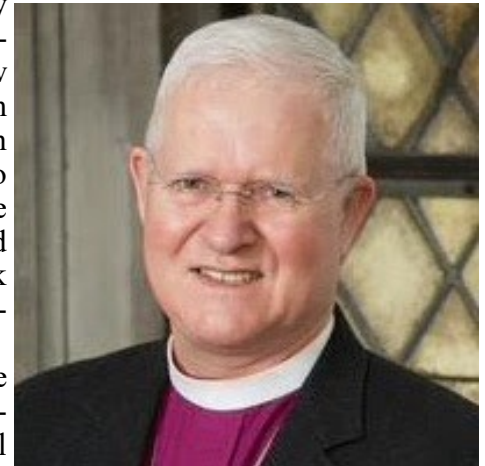
Greetings! As I begin now my second full day as your Bishop Provisional, I’m also settling in to a new temporary office at Christ Church Cathedral. I join here the Diocesan staff who have also just moved into their makeshift workplaces for the construction at Diocesan House, and we are learning a new space for work even as we get to know one another.

These first few weeks will be filled with many meetings, opportunities for me to listen and to learn all I can about the Diocese, clergy, staff, and people of Southern Ohio. I have met quite a few of you during Zoom sessions in June and at a gathering at Procter in July. I look forward to developing these relationships. And I look forward to meeting even more of you in various venues around the Diocese, as I develop a rhythm of serving as your bishop.

I am glad at last to begin our work together, especially the work toward identifying and ordaining a next Bishop Diocesan. There is much to do toward this end—in addition to the ordinary details of a shared life of faith, of a people and a bishop trying to be faithful to God’s claim on our lives I am confident that together, we can accomplish the work ahead of us. May God grant us faith and confidence in Jesus Christ—and show us a way on the road.

Respectfully submitted,

*John Joy
 Sr. Warden*



Who could this be?



Who is this?
 Answer next month

Last month: Susan & Jim Price!

REV. JENKIN WATKINS

Your editor has been working on a project with Hillsboro Cemetery and was reminded that The Rev. Jenkin Watkins and his wife are buried here. Rev. Watkins was a native of Wales, received his college education at Trevacca College and the University of Wales, and then did his seminary work at Bexley Hall, from which institution he received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

He was ordained to the Diaconate in 1912, and then the Priesthood the following year after which he spent the first years of his ministry in charge of the church at Perry, Ohio. Rev. Watkins came to Hillsboro from the Diocese of Erie where he was in charge of St. Agnes Church, St. Mary's, and St. Martin's Church Johnsonburg. While serving these two parishes the work grew both in the number of communicants and in financial ability. The church property was improved and a new rectory built and paid for. He and his wife also served the Diocese in that area.



At the Vestry meeting of March 15, 1938, Mr. Lacy read the communication from the Rev. Jenkin Watkins accepting the call to become Rector of St. Mary's. Mr. Watkins salary was set at \$2,100 per year, with a rental allowance of \$300 a year. Mr. Watkins was welcomed to St. Mary's at the May Vestry meeting, the minutes of which state that "Mr. Lacy welcomed Rev. Watkins in well chosen words." The Vestry went on to authorize the Rector, in cooperation with the music committee, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Ashmore, to purchase new hymnals at an approximate cost of 40 cents each.

Another note of interest was from a Vestry meeting in 1942 when Mr. Watkins announced that he would accept a reduction of \$495.19 for his salary of 1941,

which would clear the treasurer's books without a deficit for the year. He also offered to accept a voluntary reduction of \$600 for the year 1942 (making his 1942 salary \$1800). Members attending the meeting gave Mr. Watkins a rising vote of thanks for his generous offer.

In April of 1952, Mr. Watkins submitted a letter of resignation, to be effective June 1, 1952. The Rector gave as reasons for his resignation, his advanced age and the infirmities related thereto. In his letter of resignation, Mr. Watkins said, "I cannot tell you how greatly I appreciate your kindness and loyalty during the past 14 years. Mrs. Watkins and I are leaving with sweet and sacred memories, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts." The Vestry voted to accept the resignation with regret. In the letter to Mr. Watkins accepting his resignation, Wardens Cliff Lacy and Ed Ayres wrote, "Our church has been immeasurably benefitted through your fine Christian leadership and unselfish spiritual guidance during the years of your service here. We wish to express to you our deep appreciation and our gratitude for this service to our church and to our community."

Jenkin and Elizabeth Watkins were deeply loved by the members of St. Mary's congregation and the Watkins' appreciated was a meaningful part of the pains and pleasures of the life

of the congregation. The willingness of Mr. Watkins to offer a significant decrease in his salary in order to help St. Mary's to weather one of many financial storms demonstrates the Watkins' sharing in the congregation's pain, and
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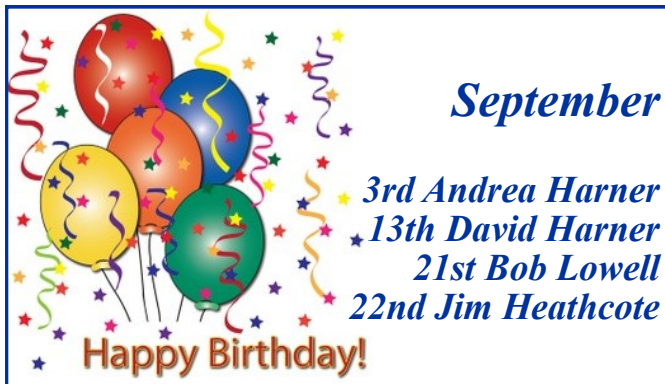
Receiving Holy Communion helps you feel a part of the Parish of St. Mary's. Rev. David will bring communion to you on Sunday following the service at the church. Call the office to request!

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Susan Price, Herschel Hook, Esther Russell, Nancy Orth, Mary Reynolds, Jim Shirkey, Maxine McGrath, Ann-Marie Ogden, Tom Bright, Bob & Dorothy Hodson, Susan Bright, Virginia Harewood, Dan Fisher, Sharon and Earl Burnett, the friends, family and concerns of Joyce and Paul Nort of Amelia; the patients and staff at Georgetown Veterans Home as well as those serving in our armed forces: Macy Lyle, Henry Sherrill, Jaden Chin-Franz, Javier Paula, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*Almighty God,
who hast promised to hear the
petitions of those who ask in thy
Son's Name:*

*We beseech thee mercifully
to incline thine ear to us who
have now made our prayers and
supplications unto thee;
and grant that those things
which we have faithfully asked
according to thy will, may
effectually be obtained, to the
relief of our necessity,
and to the setting forth
of thy glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



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his brief address about the history of St. Mary's gives a succinct and sensitive look at some of the high spots in the life of St. Mary's.

Rev. Watkins' obituary began, "Just as he was completing his 40th year in Holy Orders, the Rev. Jenkin Watkins died at his post as Rector of St. Mary's, Hillsboro on June 9, 1952. He was over 76, the oldest of our active rectors." Later in the obituary, "There is a type of parson most needed and valuable in the Church. He is a man of parts and piety who like a good gardener is willing to take time patiently to cultivate his ground."

Bishop Hobson held his funeral service as well as the service at Hillsboro Cemetery.

Lector & Intercessor Schedule

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| 1st week | Sandy Ferrell & Dea Flinn |
| 2nd week | Betty & Jim Heathcote |
| 3rd week | Carol & John Joy |
| 4th week | Rich Davis & Connie Reynolds |
| 5th week | Sandy Ferrell & Dea Flinn |

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH INFORMATION

The Diocese of Southern Ohio
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234 N. High St Hillsboro, OH 45133
937-393-2043

The Rev. David Bailey
Supply Priest

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:00 am
IN PERSON & *Streaming on Facebook*
COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND—
Sunday after service.

We strive to be safe and make our parishioners and guests feel safe and welcome!

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