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Fr. David's Trip to England and Scotland

Submitted by Dave Byers

As many of you are aware, I had the great fortune to escort Fr. David on another trip to England this year, along with a side trip up into Scotland.

As many may recall, Fr. David and I had made a trip to England, three years ago, where the focus of the trip was to visit St David's Cathedral in St David's, Wales. Fr. David and I also had the opportunity to take in Stonehenge and a number of other Cathedrals, Ministers, and churches, many with a great deal of age and history behind them. It was fascinating.

As Fr. David was preparing for his Sabbatical time away from us, we spoke about including another trip to England as a part of his learning time. This time, the focus of our trip would be Canterbury, the seat of the Anglican Communion, a side trip to Scotland, as this was where a part of Fr. David's family originates from and a Celtic Spirituality tour of the Welsh country.

After arriving in London, and getting a good night's sleep, Fr. David and I boarded a train for Canterbury. We had a wonderful Bed & Breakfast that we stayed at. We enjoyed a sung Choral Evensong in the evening and toured the complete Cathedral afterwards. A day later, we took a train to Dover, on the coast of the English Channel, and toured Dover castle. The castle is in wonderful shape providing for insight into its workings over the past several hundred years. From a vantage point we were able to see the famed White Cliffs of Dover, the French coast across the channel and we were able to tour the many tunnels in the chalk cliffs, which were used for a variety of military functions during World War II.

Upon returning to Canterbury, we had a typical English dinner of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding in a restaurant, which was in a building that was built in the 16th century. We toured the grounds of what was St Augustine's Abbey and visited a church, which has held services continuously since around 560 AD.

From Canterbury, we traveled by train to Scunthorpe, where members of my family greeted us. Fr. David had met many of them on our previous visit. While getting around to visit many of them, he had the opportunity to again experience some of the English culture.

After a couple of days, Fr. David and I boarded a train for Edinburgh, Scotland. We caught a bus, which took us to a small countryside town called Pathhead, where we again enjoyed a wonderful Bed & Breakfast.

The following day we took the bus into Edinburgh and arranged for one of the many tour buses. We entered and toured Edinburgh Castle and the Palace at Holyroodhouse, along with the ruined Abbey. We saw the entire city and learned a lot about it. We arrived at the church of St Giles in time for an evening Eucharist. A lady, asking if we were here for the service, escorted Fr. David and I to a small chapel and seated us. When it came time for the service, it was the priest (a gentleman from India who was on sabbatical and studying at a local university), the lady usher (who was also the lay reader), Fr. David and I. It was a wonderful experience.

The following day, before leaving Edinburgh, we stopped at the ruins of Craigmillar Castle. It was an excellent example of castle structures of that time. It even came replete with your typical plastic wineglasses and empty wine bottles. (It seems the castle doubles on occasion for weddings and other formal events)

On the return trip to Scunthorpe, we passed the city of Durham, England. From the train stop, we could see Durham Cathedral on the hill overlooking the town and the castle to the side. Fr. David wondered if we might be able to come back and visit this place. After checking schedules, we determined we could make a day trip to Durham.

Durham Cathedral's foundation stone was laid in 1093. It is the final resting-place of two very prominent men, St Cuthbert and the Venerable Bede. As we toured the Galilee Chapel, we came across a tomb, which read "BEDE". The look on Fr. David's face as he said, "oh my gosh, it's the Venerable Bede" was priceless. I knew that I should know him and I told Fr. David that I knew the name from someplace but I just couldn't put my finger on it. He told me that Bede's "History of the English Church and People" was required reading in seminary. This was what always made the trip so enjoyable. When history suddenly became alive for us.

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After the Cathedral, we were allowed to tour some parts of Durham Castle, which is now used predominantly as a College and we returned to Scunthorpe.

After another day, Fr David and I took the train to Derby and spent two days with another cousin of mine. She took us to a ruined castle called Tutbury. Even though it had been more severely damaged than some of the others we had visited, it still gave us an understanding, or an insight, into what life during those times might have been like.

The following day, we took the train to Coventry. We decided to visit the bombed out ruins of the old Coventry Cathedral and take in the new Coventry Cathedral which is adjacent to it. We climbed to the top of tower adjacent to the ruins and had a breathtaking view of the city.

The old Cathedral is the ruin from an incendiary bombing during World War II. The new Cathedral is a contemporary building, connected to the ruins by a portico. The wall facing the ruins is made completely of glass so that the ruins are always visible.

Although there were a number of people there, we were allowed to "look around" but to be aware that there was a small conference going on and that there may be people speaking. We viewed the walls of stained glass, several chapels, a hanging tapestry (which was probably 6-8 stories tall) and many other features of interest. As we had just come from viewing a chapel, I was standing facing Fr David and Janine, when a gentleman greeted us as he walked past. When I looked back at Fr David and Janine, they had this dumbfounded look on their faces. I asked, "What?" They asked me if I knew who that was. Not knowing, they informed me that it was Dr George Carey, the former Archbishop of Canterbury. Of course, no one thought quick enough to get a picture, but we have our memory.

The following day, I had to catch my flight back to the States. Fr David was continuing on his trip to St David's in Wales, for two more weeks of study and learning. I am certain that, in time, he will share more of those experiences with you.

I know that we look forward to the time when Fr David will be back in our midst. For me, the travel we shared was an enjoyment I will cherish.

You Bless Us With Your Support

Submitted by Dave Byers

There are many ways, in which our Pledge/Support of St David's enriches the community around us. One of those that I have been intimately associated with these past 15 years is the Cursillo (Cur-see-yo) community.

Cursillo's purpose, as a Lay lead organization, "is to help those in the Church understand their individual callings to be Christian leaders. This leadership may be exercised at work, in the family, in their social life and/or within the Church - not to compete with the clergy in bringing Christ to the world, but to work with them. The goal of Cursillo is the goal of the Church - to bring all to Christ."

In your support of St David's, you allow Fr. David, an active member of this community, the time to participate, educate, enlighten and share of himself, with the candidates, on a weekend, as they strive to deepen their relationship with their Christ.

You have opened your facility to them, put up with changes in schedules, and people running around in funny attire, as perfect strangers dare to understand the meaning of their spirituality.

As I have done in the past, I again thank you for providing these blessings, in the forms I have described, to share the love of Christ to our extended community. It may seem indirect, but it's not. We sometimes never know just how a simple act of providing support can encourage another in his/her walk in life, but I have seen it and it is awesome.

When you think of your Pledge/Support of St David's this year, please try to be aware, and understand, the many blessings that you provide for others. You may not think that you are, but many are aware and give thanks for you.



Church Happenings

Cursillo Update

WMEC's next Cursillo weekend will be October 7th -10th at St. John's in Grand Haven. Please consider attending this weekend and let Kay Paff know as soon as possible if you'd like to attend.

Labyrinth Update

This fall, as many of you divide your perennials, please consider donating them to St. David's Labyrinth Project for landscaping. So far, we have received some purple irises and five butterfly bushes that were donated! Any questions please see Tami Varricchio.

Order of St. Luke

The next meeting of the Order of St. Luke will meet on Wednesday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in room 8 of St. David's. There will also be a meeting held on October 20 and November 17, 2004. Our October meeting will also be our St. Luke's Day dinner meeting. Visitors are welcome - please consider joining this group. For more information on this local chapter, please call 517-323-1825.

Grow-A-Row

Grow-A-Row is an opportunity for local gardeners to donate their excess produce to the Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB). Food Movers, a program of the GLFB, will deliver the produce to area soup kitchens, shelters and community centers. Produce may be dropped off to all L&L Food Centers and Van Atta's Greenhouse. The next drop-off date will be Sunday, September 12, 2004 between 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. For those without gardens, but would still like to contribute, produce may be purchased at L&L Food Centers and donated on the spot.

Senior World is in need of small, empty baby food jars. Please place these jars in the box in the mailroom labeled Baby Food Jars. Thank you!

December 11th - A Day to Remember

Please continue to donate your pop cans and bottles to help our fundraiser in purchasing seat cushions for the sanctuary. These donations may be dropped off to the bin in the pantry area or you may drop off the cans yourself at your local grocer and place the deposit slip in either Sarah Taber's mailbox (#162) or give them to Jerri Hoffman. More information regarding the December 11th event will be published in the October issue of the Good News Letter.

Sparrow Health System wants you to feel good this fall. We have over 41 ways for you to feel good about yourself and your community. Join the Sparrow family and volunteer. We have many positions available working with patients and visitors at both the Sparrow and St. Lawrence campuses. Call them at 517-364-3606 or 517-364-7177 for more information or log on to www.sparrow.org/volunteerservices.



Christian Education News September 2004

Submitted by Debbie Cornell

The high school students' trip to Cedar Point on July 24 and 25th was a great success. The roller coasters were great as usual. We did talk Kevin Cornell in going on one roller coaster, luckily he didn't get sick on the corkscrew!!

At the start of Sunday morning, we were in line and was going to be in the second car on the biggest or fastest ride called "Top Thrill Dragster," everyone was getting really excited - me, I wasn't quite so sure! Too much of our disappointment, they had mechanical problems. This ride would have been the ultimate ride of all. It goes from 0 to 123 mph in less than 2-3 seconds!! The whole ride is less than 20 seconds. We were timing the ride!!

The cabin we had was beautiful. I couldn't figure out why there was water on the bathroom floor, until I found out someone forgot to put the shower curtain in the tub instead of out of the tub!! The girls had the top loft and the guys had the main floor. Needless to say, I think they all finally fell asleep around 4:00 a.m. I have to hand it to them because they were all up and we were in the park by 8:30 am!! Yes, most all of them slept on the way home!! Pictures of the trip will be posted in the Great Hall, September 12th, the first day of Sunday School.

The high school students are already planning next year's fundraiser!! For the 2005 high school trip, they plan to go either white water rafting or snorkeling.

September 12, 2004, is our first day back to Sunday School, followed with a potluck to welcome Father David back. There are a lot of new and exciting things this coming year.

We are looking for two Sunday School teachers for this fall for grades 6th through 8th and 9th through 12th. Students are looking for teachers who are outgoing, able to relate to them, understanding the peer pressures and guiding them in a Godly way. Ideal candidates must be able to help with fundraisers and provide transportation on class outings, weekend retreats and other special events. Is God calling out to you to help with His children? Please reply by letter and put in Debbie Cornell's mailbox #28. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie at (517) 647-2089 evenings or after the second church service on Sundays.

Canterbury MSU Presents Fabulous Fall Feast

Submitted by Barb Van Dyke

On Friday, October 1, 2004, Canterbury MSU proudly presents their Fabulous Fall Festival. This event will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church located on 800 Abbott Road in East Lansing.

This event will feature fantastic food, live musical entertainment, fellowship with friends, seasonal ambience, and a silent auction.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Canterbury MSU; checks can be made payable to Canterbury MSU.

Silent auction items include:

DVD Player
Jewelry from Mackerel Sky
Quilted hanging
Massage therapy
Gift certificate for dinner at Golden Rose
Michigan State University baby sweater
Gardening consultant
South American Noah's Ark embroidery

To get your mouth watering, the menu is:

Corn and Wild Rice Soup with Smoked Sausage
Mixed Greens Salad
Raspberry Sorbet
Roasted Pork Loin
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans with Roasted Onions
Chocolate Cherry Bread Pudding

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Fabulous Fall Feast.

To purchase tickets or for more information, please contact Barb Van Dyke at 517-351-7160.

Tickets are \$30.00 and
reservations are needed by
September 28, 2004.





Senior World Luncheon Loving our Neighbors

Submitted by Barb Post

One day Jesus was asked about the greatest commandment. He recited the familiar love God with all your heart, soul and mind. And then he said the second commandment is like the first, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Senior World Luncheon, now in its 9th year, reaches out to our neighbors at Senior World Complex, Alterra Sterling House of Delta, many friends of those who attend, and others that we plan to invite. All who come to join with ladies from St. David's to study the word of God together in a simple, enjoyable manner. Our attendance has doubled since 1996; the year Peg Spittler formed this ministry. We closed our year in April with 40 ladies in attendance.

Each meeting of the St. David's Senior World Luncheon Program begins with the enjoyment of a meal together. Our programs are simple, but included "food for the soul" as well as nourishment for our bodies. Our programs may include videos, guest teachers, and always close with singing (often the 'old' hymns) and prayer.

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month from September through April. Our first meeting this year will be held on September 9, 2004. All are invited to attend - you don't have to be a senior citizen in order to attend the Senior World Program. Those attending should arrive at 11:15 a.m., bring a dish to pass, and be ready to enjoy this wonderful fellowship with our neighbors! The meetings generally end around 1:30 p.m. For more information and to make a reservation, please call Lore Tuttle at 517-321-2469 or Barb Post at 517-323-1825.

Calling All Adults

Submitted by Jerry Williams

Did you know that the Bible contains 37,000 promises made to you by God - promises for your salvation, spiritual growth, personal needs, family, relationships, and eternal future? Are you interested in knowing more about these God-guaranteed promises and about what God has to say on a lot of other topics?

Then come to the Adult Sunday Bible Discussion class. It meets each Sunday morning in the multi-purpose room at 9:10 a.m., beginning September 12, 2004 and running through May 2005. Each week will feature a new and exciting discussion focusing on the Bible readings for each Sunday. Coffee, discussion materials and lively discussion provided free of charge.

This discussion group has been going on for over 10 years. Each year the discussion group gains some new members. For more information, please see Jerry Williams.



Education for Ministry Update for the 2004-2005

Submitted by Barb Van Dyke

WHEN: Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. beginning September 20, 2004.

NOTE: This is a date change from September 13th to September 20th.

WHERE: St. David's in classroom 9.

WHO: Open to those who through study and theological reflection are open to learning a new way of responding to challenges in our lives by using Scripture, tradition and experience.

COST: \$340.00 payable in full on September 20, 2004. Help with the course fees may be available from the diocesan ECW or other educational funding.

WHO TO CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION: Barbara Van Dyke at 699-2366.



Wish a Happy Birthday...

September

1	Meda Thrall	16	Adam Williams	21	Larry Lindstrom
2	Ellen Ross	17	Edwin Vandermoere	21	Dick Hammond
4	Peg Dods	17	Scott Kriek	21	Jane Hill
6	Matthew Thurston	17	Andrew Mugnolo	23	Fay Gilman
6	Christine Lasko	18	Eileen Newhouse	24	Cassandra Vaughn
9	Jordan Spitzley	18	Patrick Lynaugh	24	Bridgette Oleson
11	Debra Benoit	19	Rhoda Swift	25	Robert Solomon
11	Joshua Sherman	19	Gretchen Smith	25	Shawn Root
13	Mary Benoit	20	Rita Stanton	28	Mike Damico
15	Rosemary Tait	20	Craig Leinbach	28	Marjorie Allemeier
16	Sally Lawrence	21	Kevin (Mitch) Cornell	30	Kevin Root

Happy Anniversary!

September

5	Fred & Christy Lovejoy	15	Bill & Peg Dods
5	Don & Sally Lawrence	15	Doug & Char Sherman
5	Jerry & Carol Williams	23	Dave & Janie Byers
8	Harold & Betty Payne	28	Jim & Mary Jane Buzzie
10	John & Jamie Stiles	29	Russ & Pat Vine
14	Art & Barb VanDyke	29	Frank & Nancy Howard



What I Enjoy About Fall

By Amber Matthews

Autumn is coming soon and I stop to think... what do I look forward to? All I can think of is COLD WEATHER!! Reality check, duh... it's Michigan! Of course, cold weather is right around the corner. Not to rain on anyone's summer, but it's coming... and fast!! Well, let's face it... we really didn't have much of a summer.

What I like about fall? The first thing that comes to my mind is my boyfriend going back to work. Peace at last! No – just kidding! Okay, really... I look forward to going back to school at Lansing Community College and taking on a new challenge with my education and meeting new people. Life is a journey and not a destination. We never stop learning even as we grow older. School is important because no one could ever know everything there is to know on earth and taking a class just reminds me that I don't know everything and I'm glad that I don't. What fun would life be if we knew everything?

God changes the season, changes our lives, to what he sees fit for us because He's in charge. I always look forward to what's next in God's plan for me whether it be spring, summer, fall or yes....even WINTER! BLAH!

Life's a garden ... dig it! You gotta keep on... keepin' on! PEACE!





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Service Schedule for Saint David's

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am
Summer service schedule starting Sunday, May 30 with services being at 8:00am and 9:30am.
 Wednesday 6:30pm
 Friday 7:00am

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Welcome Back Reception for Father David

The Sabbatical Committee is hosting a "Welcome Back" reception for Father David at the September 12th coffee hour following the 10:30 a.m. service. (Note: This is the first Sunday back on the regular season schedule of 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.) Father David will share some of the experiences of his sabbatical journey during this time.

Please plan on attending.

