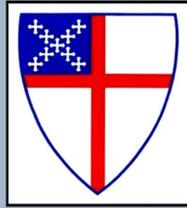


# *The Builder*

## Making Disciples for Jesus Christ

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### *From the Pastor*

Animal companions can be among the greatest joys in our lives. Our animal companions help us to experience and understand the kind of loving, dependent relationship of gratitude we should also have toward our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They offer us a glimpse of what that loving relationship can and should be like.

This is why in the autumn month of October; one occasionally sees a procession of animals led to churches. A variety of animals, everything from dogs and cats to guinea pigs and ponies, are brought to churches for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Animals. Churches conduct these special events in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi and his abiding love for all creatures.

Francis wrote an ode to God's living things, called the *Canticle of the Creatures*. "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." Francis was also the first to use animals in Christmas pageants to help tell the Christmas story!

Francis, whose feast day actually falls on October 4th, was well known for his love of animals, so much so that he and his order of friars often allowed themselves to be displaced from their own humble lodgings by donkeys and other working animals.

Today, Americans include millions of dogs, cats, and various other creatures as part of their household. We also often lovingly consider them members of our family. We laugh at their antics, we share their unrestrained love, and we grieve deeply at their loss.

For single householders, a pet can be a true companion over many years. Many people arrive home from work to find an animal companion and friend overjoyed at their return. The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship. The communication, dependence, and general care for each other occurs at the most basic level.

No wonder people enjoy the opportunity to take their animal companions to church for a special blessing. Church is the place where the bond of creation is celebrated. Church is where we come to celebrate our relationship with God and our faithful stewardship of God's whole creation.

Come join us at **St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 119 Caroline Street, Orange, Virginia** at **10:15 a.m.** on **Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>** for the annual "**Blessing of the Animals.**" Our service begins outside, weather permitting, or in our Parish Hall in inclement weather. We hope you will join us in the celebration of our animal companions and of God's whole creation.

*Pastor Lin +*

## *For All the Saints...*

### **Henry Martyn, Priest and Missionary to India and Persia, 1812 ~ October 19**



Translator of the Scriptures and Prayer Book into Hindi and Persian, Henry Martyn, an English missionary in India, died in Armenia when he was thirty-one years old. Though his life was brief, it was a remarkable one.

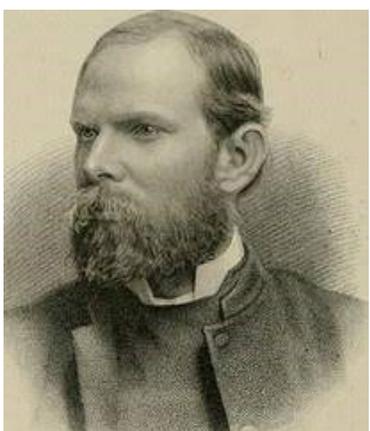
Like most English clergymen of the time, he was educated at one of the two ancient universities, Cambridge in his case. He had intended to become a lawyer, but Charles Simeon, the notable Evangelical rector of Holy Trinity, Cambridge, inspired him to go to India as a missionary. After serving as Simeon's curate for a short time, Martyn traveled to Calcutta in 1806 as chaplain of the East India Company.

During his five years in India, Martyn preached the Gospel, organized private schools, and founded churches. In addition to his work as a missionary, Martyn translated the New Testament and the Book of Common Prayer into Hindi, a valuable missionary aid to the young Anglican Church in India. He also began the study of Persian, and translated the New Testament into Persian.

Martyn longed to go to Persia; in 1811, his persistence brought him to Shirmas, to become the first English clergyman in that city. He engaged in theological discussions with learned Muslims and had time to correct his Persian translations. Obviously gifted with a remarkable facility for languages, Martyn hoped eventually to visit Arabia, and translate the New Testament into Arabic.

While on his way to Constantinople in 1812, however, he died in the city of Tokat. The Armenians of the city recognized his greatness and buried him with honors usually accorded to one of their own bishops. Very soon afterwards, his life of energetic devotion and remarkable accomplishment became widely known. He is remembered as one of the founders of the modern Christian Church in India and Iran.

### **James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, & his Companions, Martyrs, 1885 ~ October 29**



James Hannington was born at Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, September 3, 1847, and was educated at Temple School, Brighton. For six years, he assisted his father in the warehouse business. The family became members of the Church of England in 1867, and the following year Hannington entered St. Mary Hall, Oxford, where he obtained his B.A. and M.A. degrees.

Following his ordination at Exeter, Hannington served as a curate in his native town until, in 1882, he offered himself to the Church Missionary Society for its mission in Victoria, Nyanza, Africa. Serious illness soon required his return to England, but he went out again to Africa in 1884 as Bishop for Eastern Equatorial Africa.

Hannington's mission field was the shores of Lake Victoria. On a difficult venture towards Uganda, he and his party were apprehended by emissaries of King Mwanga, who feared this foreign penetration into his territory. After a week of cruel privations and suffering, he and the remaining members of his company were martyred on October 29, 1885.

Hannington's last words were: "Go, tell Mwanga I have purchased the road to Uganda with my blood." Other martyrs of Uganda shared his fate before the Gospel was firmly planted in this heartland of Africa, where today the Church has a vigorous life under an indigenous ministry.

Please join us for the

Blessing of the Animals

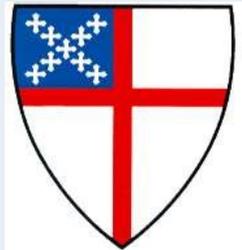
~ Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>,

2022 at 10:15am



**MORE, “101 Reasons to be an Episcopalian”—**

**Reason # 100:** “There is no such thing as a politically incorrect Episcopalian. There are conservative Episcopalians and liberal Episcopalians. There are straight Episcopalians and LGBT Episcopalians. There are African, English, Asian, and Alaskan Episcopalians. And none of the above. The Episcopal Church doesn’t offer you set dogma or pat answers, or a list of do’s and don’ts. There is room for all kinds of people and all kinds of theologies. What the Episcopal Church does offer you is a way of prayer, a way of thinking and asking questions, a way of life in this often confusing conflicting and complicated world, a way that may lead you closer to God.” *Jacqueline Schmitt, Diocese of Chicago*



**Remember!**

**Commitment Sunday is Coming, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Why we Give:**

- We give in response to God’s love, poured out in Jesus
- We give to God, not a ‘budget’
- We give because we have yielded our lives to Jesus Christ
- We give “off the top”
- We give in proportion to our blessings
- We give thoughtfully and prayerfully, working toward the Biblical standard of a 10% tithe



We are Thankful for YOU!



Community missions would like to thank the parish for donating 210 individual snacks as well as 91 items of clothing (underwear and sweatpants). These are the items that OES specifically requested at the beginning of the school year.

We have a continuing need for donations to our in/and fund so that we can assist Orange Elementary School with their great need for snacks and emergency clothes.

**THANKSGIVING THIS YEAR** will be tough on many in Orange County. The Community Missions Committee would like to focus its efforts on collecting nonperishable food items and household necessities (toilet paper, dish liquid, etc.) to help the Love Outreach Food Pantry help those in need. The Missions Committee will purchase small canned hams to donate. Whether you want to bring holiday meal items like stuffing and instant potatoes, or you are stocking up on canned vegetables and other staples, your donations are welcome.



**To All of our Lawn Mowers and Weed Pullers!** Especially, **Barry Barr** and **Marty Gray**, and **Anne Meade Faulconer!**

And Many Thanks to **Susie Simko** for your many years of service to our Church **Birthday Card Ministry**. We thank you and wish you well in your new home in Charlottesville!

And Thank You **Susan Prock** for continuing this Ministry!

### ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED***

### ***HALLOWEEN BOOK GIVEAWAY***

***Monday, October 31, 2022 in Taylor Park***

**Halloween Book**

**Give-away**

The St. Thomas & MPS joint Halloween Book giveaway will be part of the ODA's 2022 Howl-Oween Ghoul-a-palooza! This street event is scheduled on October 31, 2022 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.



We need volunteers to help move tables and (a few) chairs to the Park and to hang our Church banner. We also need volunteers to unload, arrange, and distribute all of the books. Volunteers are needed starting at 3:30pm.

# NOW SHOWING



This 2020 British comedy-drama tells the story of Kemp-ton Bunton, a 60 year old taxi driver, who in 1961 stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. It was the first (and remains the only) theft in the Gallery's history. Kemp-ton sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government invested more in care for the elderly -- he had long campaigned for pensioners to receive free television. What happened next became the stuff of legend. Only 50 years later did the full story emerge -- Kemp-ton had spun a web of lies. The only truth was that he was a good man, determined to change the world and save his marriage -- how and why he used the Duke to achieve that is a wonderfully uplifting tale. The film stars Helen Mirren, Jim Broadbent, Fionn Whitehead, Anna Maxwell Martin, and Matthew Goode and was directed by Roger Michell. ~ *Rotten Tomatoes*

Friday, October 28 at 7pm in Robertson Hall

~ cost of admission is one non-perishable food item ~

# October 2022

## St. Thomas Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p><b>2</b> <i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>  <i>Episcopal Visit and Holy Baptism—10:15 a.m.</i>  <i>First Sunday Feast Following</i></p>	<p><b>3</b> <i>Bible Study continues</i>  <i>Mondays 6-8 p.m.</i></p>	4	5	6	7	8
<p><b>9</b> <i>The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i></p> <p><i>8:00 am HE Rite I</i>  <i>10:15 am HE Rite II</i></p>	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p><b>16</b> <i>The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i></p> <p><i>8:00 am HE Rite I</i>  <i>10:15 am HE Rite II</i></p>	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p><b>23</b> <i>The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</i></p> <p><i>8:00 am HE Rite I</i>  <i>10:15 am HE Rite II</i></p>	<p><b>24</b> <i>Newsletter items due</i></p>	25	26	<p><b>27</b> <i>5:30 pm</i></p> <p><b>Vestry Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Movie night 7:p.m.</p>	29
<p><b>30</b> <i>Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost</i></p> <p><i>8:00 am HE Rite I</i>  <i>10:15 am HE Rite II</i></p>	<p><b>31</b> <i>Downtown Trick-or-Treat event 4 to 6 p.m.</i>  <i>Book giveaway</i></p>					



~Anniversaries~

David & Diane Acree  
Jack & Martha Stawther

~Birthdays~

10/02 Betsy Amos  
10/02 Jay "Cooper" Porter  
10/11 Terrell Baskerville  
10/11 Frank Walker, Jr.  
10/12 Anthony Wood  
10/14 Ansley Higginbotham  
10/15 Ellen Otto  
10/17 Frank Thomas III  
10/18 Martha Strawther  
10/22 Margaret Johnson  
10/25 Anne Meade Faulconer  
10/27 Bill Drake  
10/27 Kimber Keating  
10/29 Donna Robinson  
10/31 Lin Hutton



***Food Pantry***

Special requests for October are canned meat, canned vegetables, and canned beans. All food items and cash gifts are always welcome and appreciated. You can drop off donations at the Love Outreach Food Pantry each Tuesday from 9:00-10:30 and on Wednesday from 8:30-12:00. Their mailing address is: Love Outreach Food Pantry, Inc., P.O. Box 788, Orange, 22960. You may also bring any donations to the church to



***Prayer List***

Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; Susan, & Jennifer, bishops for this diocese; and Mark, Diocesan Bishop Elect

Our country: President Joe, Vice President Kamala & Governor Glenn

For the men and women in our armed forces serving our nation around the world.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation:

**FOR:** Terrell, Margaret, Harriet, Barbara, Ellen, Liz, Susie, William, Susan, Earlene, Casey, Bev, Aubrey, Keith, Kevin, Elaine, Heather, Dave, and Charlie

*Please feel free to submit your prayer requests via phone (540-672-3761) or email ([stthomas3@verizon.net](mailto:stthomas3@verizon.net)) for inclusion in the morning prayer bulletin.*

*The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine upon you and be  
gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face toward you and give  
you peace.*

Want something included in the Builder? Please submit information to Ann Wood at [annwood304@gmail.com](mailto:annwood304@gmail.com) by October 24, 2021 for inclusion in the October Builder.

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