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Luke is focus of Rector's 2010 Lenten study series

The Rector's 2010 Lenten study continues. Newcomers are welcome to join at anytime.

This year's study is entitled "Luke: Good News for All People". Sessions are held each Wednesday (ending Mar. 24) in Thomason Hall at 7 p.m. and are preceded by a fellowship dinner at 6:30 p.m. Those wishing to eat are asked to call the church office by Tuesday morning (not absolutely necessary).

The Rev. Mr. Morgan encourages all members and friends of St. Luke's to read St. Luke's Gospel during Lent. Study notes will be available for those unable to attend sessions.

Study in Oxford in 2010: Why not?

Wycliffe Hall will hold its annual Summer School in Oxford, England, Sunday, June 27, through Saturday, July 3. The focus of this year's school will be "Great Awakenings", both in Bible times and in Christian History. According to the conference prospectus:

"God's people are continually refined and renewed, rescued and reformed. During the 18th century, on both sides of the Atlantic, there was the so-called 'Great Awakening': two Oxford scholars, George Whitefield and John Wesley, became the most influential evangelists of their day. In the next generation, there were key figures such as John Newton, Charles Simeon and Lord Shaftesbury. All were used mightily to call their nation to wake up and return to God's ways. Our goal is to learn from these and other examples, so that we can be opened in a new way to what God is doing in our own day."

Lecturers will include: the Rev. Dr. Richard Turnbull, Principal of Wycliffe Hall; the Rt. Rev. Dr. John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford; the Rt. Rev. Dr. Michael Nazir-Ali, Bishop of Rochester; the Rev. Dr. Michael Green, 'Mr. Evangelism' in the

As with all four of the Gospels, Luke was written to tell the story of Jesus the Messiah and the salvation He offers. At the same time, each of the four evangelists had his own 'agenda'. Luke's was to give certainty concerning those things being taught about Jesus in the larger Greco-Roman world. Even though Luke was writing primarily to Gentiles, he did not leave the story of Israel behind. Rather, he sought to show that the inclusion of the Gentiles was always God's plan.

No textbook other than a Bible is needed for this course.

Anglican Communion; and the Rev. Dr. Michael Ward, premiere authority on C.S. Lewis and author of *Planet Narnia*.

Non-classroom opportunities include: guided waking tours of Oxford, Choral Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral, garden party at Wycliffe, a coach trip to Woodstock and Blenheim Palace and a formal banquet at Wadham College.

Fees, including all seminars, refreshments, lunch, activities and the concluding banquet are £360 per person if booked before March 1. After March 1, the cost rises to £395 per person. A non-refundable deposit of £145 per person is required at the time of online booking. Those paying with a credit card will be billed in U.S. dollars.

Accommodations at Wycliffe Hall are available. Cost is £180 per person or £360 per double occupancy. Extra nights are £25 per person per night.

For more information or to register online, visit www.wycliffehall.org.uk. The Rector and a number of others from St. Luke's have attended summer schools at Wycliffe Hall, beginning in 2000.

Sentinel – 'Around the Corner & Around the Communion'

Perspective

Well done!

Editor's Note: The following article was adapted from one written in by Donald F. Ackland.

Who does not like to be praised? A baby trying to walk registers evident delight when commended for his stumbling effort. A schoolboy tries a bit harder and does a bit better when given a good grade. An employee works with a lighter heart and does a finer job when the boss is appreciative. Even a dog wags his tail when patted on the head.

We're all made that way! And since God did the making it is not surprising to find that He does not fail to give praise where it is due. He knows the value of praise as an incentive, and therefore encourages His children to high endeavour by the prospect of winning His loving approval.

Paul had this thought in mind when he described the Christian life as a race. "So run," he said, "that ye may obtain" (1 Corinthians 9:24). And before Paul, Jesus Himself spoke of the reward of faithfulness in the parable of the talents. To the two servants who were fruitful in their stewardship He made their master say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy lord" (Matthew 25:21).

"Well done!" Are you looking forward to hearing these words of commendation from the lips of heaven's King? Beyond the shadow of a doubt he wants us all to have such an ambition. For what other reason did our Lord tell his story if not to excite within the heart of every Christian a desire to win divine approval? Just as a school offers end-of-term prizes, just as an army confers medals on its bravest, so Christ our master tells of the honours which await those who exhibit out-and-out devotion and service for His Kingdom.

God's commendations are not indiscriminately given. So much is made very clear in the parable of the talents. There were three servants left in charge of their master's affairs, but only two shared in the joy of his homecoming. The third was censured and dismissed. What was his offence? Just that he had been doing nothing with the opportunity entrusted to him. He did not consider himself a thief. He was just indolent. He had received something from his master which might have been multiplied in usefulness; but he frittered away his time in selfish occupation and neglected the responsibilities of his stewardship.

God forbid that we should incur the rebuke of that third servant! Yet how many church members are guilty

of this offence: they have received from Christ the deposit of the Gospel and are doing nothing about it. They do not teach a class; they show no concern for those without faith; their attendance on Sunday is erratic; they shirk the privilege of an adequate contribution to the Lord's treasury. How could there be a "Well done!" for these?

Our blessed Master asks and has a right to expect from us our utmost contribution to His Kingdom's cause. Time, service, effort, money – according as He has given to us we must return to Him, employing the capital he has invested in our lives to fullest advantage, that he may receive it back with compound interest.

Be your best, do your best, give your best for Christ and His church. It will gladden His heart who gave His life for your eternal welfare; and one day you shall be made glad to hear Him say, "Well done!"

'What (on earth) is happening in the Anglican Communion?'

"What (on earth) is happening in the Anglican Communion" will be the title of a four-week study beginning Sunday, Mar. 7. Sessions will be held at 1:30 p.m. in Thomason Hall with Roger Johnson as the class facilitator.

In addition to examining historical milestones in the evolution of the worldwide Anglican family, those attending will look at a number of contemporary developments and challenges. Among other things, participants will learn the answers to the following questions:

- What are the 'instruments of unity' in the Anglican Communion (what holds us together in one family)?
- Where is Lambeth Palace? Does it accept dinner reservations?
- What is happening now among Anglican partners, and how it will affect American churchmen?

As each session builds on previous ones, those attending are encouraged to be at all sessions. For more information, call Mr. Johnson at (706) 838-4851.

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Recipe of the Month

By Diane Wikander

This month's recipe comes from Ron's cousin's wife, Priscilla Hadley. Priscilla and her husband Billy live in our hometown of Chelmsford, Mass. Ron and Bill have always been close cousins, and I have known them since Ron and I first started dating. Priscilla is a good cook, and while we visited she served coffee and Swedish cookies made according to Bill's mother's recipe. We then began talking about recipes, and she gave me this one that I plan to use for one of our 'dinner for six' evenings.

Cherry-Cream Crown

2 pkg. (3 oz. each) ladyfingers separated
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese softened
1 pint heavy cream
1 can (21 oz.) cherry-pie filling

¼ cup brandy or rum
½ cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla

Brush ladyfingers with brandy. Line sides of 9-inch springform pan tightly with about half the ladyfingers, rounding sides against pan. Beat cheese with sugar until creamy, set aside. In a large mixer bowl whip cream and vanilla until stiff. Gently, but thoroughly, fold in cheese mixture until well blended. Spread a layer in pan; top with half the remaining ladyfingers. Repeat and then spread with final layer of cheese mixture. Cover and chill in refrigerator overnight (24 hours is even better). Carefully spoon pie filling over cheese layer. Chill several hours. Before serving remove sides of springform pan and place dessert on serving plate. Serves 10 to 12.

Thank you Priscilla, and God bless.



*Let's see, the Rector has
Thursday open – would you
prefer regular or quality time?*

