



The Newsletter of The Chapel of the Cross
September/October 2025

CROSSTIES



CHAPEL HAPPENINGS

Exaltation of the Holy Cross (trans)

Holy Communion, 8:00 AM
Monday, Sept. 15

Ember Days (Sept. 17, 19 & 20)

Evening Prayer, 6:30 PM, Wednesday, Sept. 17
Morning Prayer with Ante-Communion, Saturday, Sept. 20
Followed by Guild Training

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Sunday, Sept. 21

Hughes Series

Friday, Sept. 26, 7:00 pm
Saturday, Sept. 27, 9:00 am

St. Michael & All Angels

Holy Communion, 8:00 AM
Monday, Sept. 29

St. Francis' Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, Oct. 4, 9:00 AM

Oxford Martyrs (eve)

Holy Communion (with Evening Prayer), 6:00 PM
Wednesday, Oct. 15
POTLUCK following

St. Luke the Evangelist

Holy Communion (with Morning Prayer)
Saturday, Oct. 18, 9:00 AM

Sts. Simon & Jude

Holy Communion (with Morning Prayer)
Tuesday, Oct. 28, 8:00 AM

Vigil of All Saints (All Hallows Eve)

Family Evening Prayer and Game Night
Friday, Oct. 31, 5:00 PM



The Camino de Santiago

When my canonical exams proved my lack of historical knowledge, I was given the assignment of teaching middle school history at the St Timothy School. Late last year we were studying the Spanish Reconquista. In the early part of the eighth century the Iberian peninsula came under Muslim control forcing the remaining Christians into the mountains of northern Spain. Towards the middle of the 9th century, the remains of St James the Greater were miraculously discovered in the northwest corner of Spain. The bones of the Apostle St James helped motivate Christians throughout Europe to reclaim Spain for Christ, a fight that lasted until the end of the 15th century. It also established a pilgrimage that would rival Jerusalem and Rome throughout the Middle Ages.

I began to wonder, "Did this pilgrimage still exist?" Last year, over half a million pilgrims officially registered the completion of their pilgrimage at the Cathedral of Santiago. Then I began to ask myself, "Is this something I should do?" Studying at Cranmer Theological House, I had heard about the importance of pilgrimage, but I had never gone. Would the church allow one of their priests to take off for six weeks, all at once? It was suggested that I should take my wife, Melissa and 11 year old daughter, Esther. Would my family be able to walk the 500 miles in the heat of summer over every kind of terrain imaginable, including two mountain ranges, with only the bare essentials on their backs?

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Cautiously, my wife and daughter agreed to come. The planning and training began.

While there are many different routes to the Cathedral of Santiago, we chose the most popular, the Camino Frances. Overwhelmed with the amount of information and advice on-line, the Cathedral of Santiago's website became our base for all further research.

Every pilgrim carries a "Credencial," an official passport, authorized by the Cathedral. These can be purchased in Spain but we applied for ours in advance through the sole American group authorized to do so. On July 20th we arrived in Santiago and proved to the pilgrim office that we had walked all the way from St Jean Pied de Port because our Credenciales were full of stamps.

During each day's walk, the pilgrim collects at least two stamps proving where they have been. We coveted the church stamps. Most every evening we attended a Roman Catholic Mass in the local church and afterwards we would receive a stamp and a pilgrim blessing. On our backpacks we carried the badge of the Camino, a scallop shell. In this way we were always identified as 'peregrinos.' If the local Spaniard saw us divert from the route, they would chase us down and return us to the path. Along the way we were constantly being shown kindness by the citizens; especially Esther, who would regularly receive small gifts, like candy, from the locals.

Pilgrims come for sport or vacation, but we came on pilgrimage, to purge sin and walk toward God. We expected to have lots of



time to read and write, but the Camino calls for full immersion. The first part of the journey worked on us physically. We averaged 22.5 kilometers per day with our aching shoulders, knees and feet forcing my wife and I to walk slowly the final hours of each day. Esther was the exception, but her youthful zeal caused two falls and a bout with exhaustion, all which she quickly recovered from. Melissa's feet did not relent but gave her terrible pain as we moved through the second part of the journey which works on you mentally. We saw some pilgrims quit and go home and there were many times we considered the same, but we did not come for holiday and the Holy Ghost regularly turned our eyes to Christ in the Daily Office and in community. The final stage works on the soul. We were not miraculously changed, but we did have more time to pray and learn what was of value. We had

serious conversations with other pilgrims and thought about how we would live differently as we went home. We did not use our rain gear until the last day as we walked with joy filled hearts into the square and, with tears in our eyes, beheld for the first time the Cathedral of Santiago. Much of the remainder of that day was spent inside the Cathedral in prayer and worship. We are glad we went, I hope you will consider going on a pilgrimage soon.



BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

Lucy Dittman	9/3
Kristin Reagan	9/4
Meagan Sams	9/7
Serena Bartman	9/8
Nathaniel Boonzaaijer	9/9
David Aldrich	9/9
John Dittman	9/12
Lois Frissell	9/12
Ben Reagan	9/14
Judy Moore	9/16
Garrin+ Dickinson	9/18
Virginia Greenlees	9/21
Isabel Marin	9/23
Peter Cole	9/23
James Dittman	9/24
Nola Rae Smith	9/27
Jamie Bartman	9/29
Lucy Dickinson	9/29
Amelia Brown	9/30

BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

Lynn Vogt	10/8
Pauline Anderson	10/11
Dietrich Boonzaaijer	10/13
Lucy Hooker	10/13
Norris Murray	10/14
Ansel Boonzaaijer	10/16
Catherine Bartman	10/17
Nicholas Dean	10/17
Kate Predtechenskis	10/18
Paul Cole	10/19
Duncan Frissell	10/21
Karl Boonzaaijer	10/25
Thomas+ Smith	10/25
Janet Starks	10/28
Michael Reed	10/29

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

Jennifer & Garrin+ Dickinson	9/4
Norris & Becky Murray	9/22
John & Christine Boonzaaijer	9/24
Julian & Kathryn Johnson	9/25

OCTOBER

Cynthia & David Bucy	10/13
Remy & Ryan Davis	10/28

Parish Notice Board

Congratulations to Chapel Newlyweds!

- Coleman & Annelies (Boonzaaijer) Rafferty married on June 28, 2025 (*pictured below on left*)
- Caleb & Adrianna (Howden) McGough married on July 5, 2025
- Nathaniel & Elisabeth (Embry) Boonzaaijer married on July 12, 2025 (*pictured below in middle*)
- Baker & Kathryn (West) Herrin married on July 19, 2025 (*pictured below on right*)
- Nathaniel and Elisabeth Boonzaaijer begin their life together in central Germany at Knüllcamp. You can read more about their plans, and learn how you can support their ministry at: www.rec-bfm.org/news/mission-letter-nathaniel-and-elisabeth
- A set of chimes will be added to the organ as a memorial tribute to beloved prior organist/choirmasters Paul Thomas and Russell Brydon.



- The St. Timothy School welcomes two new faculty members, Miss Cynthia Gammill, teaching kindergarten, and Ms. Leili Momeni, assisting in kindergarten and elementary.
- Michaelmas Term Convocation, Parent Teacher Fellowship, Thursday, Sept. 18, 6:30-8:00 pm
- Friends of St. Timothy Evening, Thursday, October 16, 6:30 pm

Join Us For

BLESSING of the ANIMALS

in Honor of St. Francis

**Saturday, October 4
9:00 a.m.**

Bring your family pet for a blessing and greet our neighbors who take advantage of the opportunity to have their pets blessed. We'll be on the front lawn from 9:00 to 11:00 am.



Church/Diocesan News

ACNA Downloadable Catechism
available at anglicanchurch.net



CUBA MISSION TRIP

September, 4–8, 2025

NEW WINESKINS MISSIONARY NETWORK TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

September, 17–20, 2025, Ridgecrest, North Carolina

DIOCESE OF SOUTHEAST SYNOD

September, 19–20, 2025, Pineville, South Carolina

DIOCESE OF MID-AMERICA SYNOD

October, 8–10, 2025, Tyler, Texas

DIOCESE OF CENTRAL STATES SYNOD

October, 15–17, 2025, Mason, Ohio

SEMINARY SUNDAY

FOR CRANMER THEOLOGICAL HOUSE

Sunday, October, 19

FREE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CONSECRATES TWO BISHOPS

On Saturday, July 26, The Rev'd Matthew Firth and the Rev'd Dr. Mark Greaser were consecrated as Bishops in The Free Church of England. Bishop Boonzaaijer attended the service with his wife, Christine.

Vital Signs

	June	July	Year to Date (Jan – July)
Average Attendance	136	112*	133
Income	X	X	283,381
Expenses	X	X	\$342,320
Surplus (Deficit)	X	X	(\$58,862)

July attendance was reduced due to the Summer Refreshment (no 8:00 AM service for two weeks in July).

Monthly finance numbers for June and July were not available at time of publishing. Questions regarding financial information may be directed to the Treasurer.



September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day 8:00 am M Prayer	2 First Day of School 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Eve Prayer 7:00 pm AA	3 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Catechesis 6:30 pm Evensong for Parish Prayer List 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	4 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Eve Prayer 6:15 pm Trail Life	5 8:00 am M Prayer (w/Litany) 3:05 pm Eve Prayer	6 8:30 am Pro-Life M Prayer @ CHC <i>every Sat of month</i> 9:00 am M Prayer
	Office Closed					
7 Trinity 12 8:00 am Holy Communion 9:25 am Catechesis 10:30 am Holy Comm with Morn Prayer 5:00 – 7:00 pm Evening Prayer, followed by Chapel Youth (6th-12th grade)	8 8:00 am M Prayer 10:30 am Chapel Staff Mtg 3:05 pm Eve Prayer	9 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Eve Prayer 7:00 pm AA	10 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Catechesis 6:30 pm Evensong for Parish Prayer List 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	11 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Eve Prayer 6:15 pm Trail Life	12 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Eve Prayer	13 9:00 am Morning Prayer & Doorkeepers Ministry
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			New Wineskins Missionary Network Conference			
21 St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist 8:00 am Holy Comm 9:25 am Catechesis 10:30 am Holy Comm (w/MP & Litany) 5:00 pm Evening Prayer followed by Ancient Fellowship of Christian Storytelling	22 8:00 am M Prayer 10:30 am Chapel Staff Mtg 3:05 pm Eve Prayer	23 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Eve Prayer 7:00 pm AA	24 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Catechesis 6:30 pm Evensong for Parish Prayer List 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	25 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Eve Prayer 6:15 pm Trail Life	26 8:00 am M Prayer (w/Litany) 3:05 pm Eve Prayer 7:00 pm Evensong followed by Hughes Series	27 9:00 am Morning Prayer followed by Hughes Series
Trail Life Campout					Hughes Series	
28 Trinity 15 8:00 am Holy Communion 9:25 am Catechesis 10:30 am Morning Prayer (& HC) 5:00 pm Evening Prayer followed by Ladies of the Chapel	29 St. Michael & All Angels 8:00 am Holy Comm 10:30 am Chapel Staff Mtg 3:05 pm Eve Prayer	30 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Eve Prayer 7:00 pm Vestry 7:00 pm AA	1	2	3	4

September 2025

September		Day	Service	Time	Altar Guild Team	Nursery *SS & Worship	Epistoler / Reader	Lector(s)	Acolytes *stays for HC **HC trainee	Ushers W = Welcomers (*Captain) Open/Close	Counters B = Broadcaster
Wed	3	Wednesday Prayer	EP	6:30 pm	x	x	Andrew D	Ben E	x	Lector	x
Sun	7	Trinity 12	HC	8:00 am	x	x	Adam R	Carlos M	Adam R	Norris M.	x
			HC (&MP)	10:30 am	Cathy M	Laura B. Gloria A.	Julian J	Karl B	Karl B Isaac Lives	Ken B.* John M.	Sam C. Ryan D. B: Karel B.
			EP	5:00 pm	x	x	Coleman R	Youth	x	Youth	x
Wed	10	Wednesday Prayer	EP	6:30 pm	x	x	Andrew D	Victor P	x	Lector	x
Sun	14	Trinity 13	HC	8:00 am	x	x	Adam R	Andrew G	Adam R	Brad L.	x
			MP (&HC)	10:30 am	Becky M	Ashley C. Sarah E.	Karl B	David B	*John D James D Karl VI **Luis S	Julian J* Ryan D.	Edwin A. David B. B: Karel B.
			EP	5:00 pm	x	x	Karl B	Fruin	x	Lector	x
Mon	15	Exaltation of the Holy Cross (trans)	HC (&MP)	8:00 am	Sunday Team	x	Andrew D (Epistoler)	student/faculty	Paul C John D	Mark P	x
Wed	17	Ember Wednesday Wednesday Prayer	EP	6:30 pm	x	x	Andrew D	Nick D	x	Lector	x
W/F/S	17/19 /20	Ember Days	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sat	20	Ember Saturday	MP w/Ante-Communion	9:00 am	x	x	Ron K (Epistoler)	David B	John D Paul C	Brad L.	Alms Box
Sun	21	St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist Trinity 14	HC	8:00 am	x	x	Adam R	Carlos M	Adam R	Brad L.	x
			HC (w/MP & Litany)	10:30 am	Cynthia B	Brittany D. Kate P.	Edwin A	Karl B	Paul C **Anthony S	Brad L.* Julian J.	Ken B. Sam C. B: Karel B.
			EP	5:00 pm	x	x	x	young adult	x	Norton	x
Wed	24	Wednesday Prayer	EP	6:30 pm	x	x	Andrew D	Ben E	x	Lector	x
Fri	26	Hughes Series	EP	7:00 pm	Sunday Team	Hired	David B	Coleman R	John D James D Karl VI Ansel B	Victor P. Mark P.	David B. Mark P.
Sat	27	Hughes Series	MP	9:00 am	Sunday Team	Hired	David B	Mark P	x	James R.	Alms Box
Sun	28	Trinity 15	HC	8:00 am	x	x	Adam R	Mark P	Adam R	NR Smith	x
			MP (&HC)	10:30 am	Christine B	Melissa F. (SS-Ashley C) Christine B.	Ron K	David B	*Paul C **Peter P Ansel B Gavin B	Ken B.* John M.	Edwin A. Mark P. B: Karel B.
			EP	5:00 pm	x	x	x	woman	x	Ashley D.	x
Mon	29	St. Michael and All Angels	HC (&MP)	8:00 am	Sunday Team	x	Rector Andrew D (epistoler)	student	John D Luis S	Victor P	Alms Box

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Diocese of Mid-America Synod – Tyler, Texas						
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BLESSING of the ANIMALS

Saturday, October 4 at 9:00 am



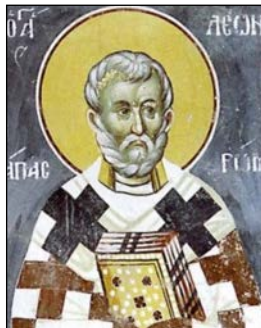
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Sat	4	Blessing of Animals	x	9–11 am	x	x	x	x	x	Tiia S	x
Sun	5	Trinity 16	HC	8:00 am	x	x	Adam R	Andrew G	Adam R	NR Smith	x
			HC (&MP)	10:30 am	Cathy M	Kathryn J. Ashley C.	Edwin A	Karl B	Isaac L **Joaquin A	Ken B.* John M.	Ken B. Norris M.
			EP	5:00 pm	x	x	Coleman R	Youth	x	Youth	x
Wed	8	Wednesday Prayer	EP	6:30 pm	x	x	Coleman R	Karl B	x	Lector	x
Sun	12	Trinity 17	HC	8:00 am	x	x	Adam R	Carlos M	Adam R	NR Smith	x
			MP (&HC)	10:30 am	Becky B	Sarah E. Ana A.	Norris M	Ben E	*Paul C **Nick D James D Ansel B	Brad L.* Julian J.	Norris M. Ryan D. B: Karel B.
			EP	5:00 pm	x	x	Karl B.	Fruin	x	Lector	x
Wed	15	Wednesday Prayer Oxford Martyrs (Eve)	HC (&EP)	6:00 pm	Sunday Team	NEEDED	Dickinson	Ben E	John D Nick D	Victor P.*	Alms Box
Sat	18	St. Luke the Evangelist	HC (&MP)	9:00 am	Sunday Team	x	Karl B	Mark P	Karl VI	Norris M.	Alms Box
Sun	19	Trinity 18	HC	8:00 am	x	x	Adam R	Mark P	Adam R	NR Smith	x
			MP w/ Litany (&HC)	10:30 am	Cynthia B	Ashley C. Laura B.	David B	Victor P	Karl B *John D **Peter P Karl VI	Ken B.* Ryan D.	Sam C David B. B: Karel B.
			EP	5:00 pm	x	x	x	Young Adult	x	Norton	x
Wed	22	Wednesday Prayer	EP	6:30 pm	x	x	x	Nick D	x	Lector	x
Sun	26	Trinity 19	HC	8:00 am	x	x	Adam R	Carlos M	Adam R	NR Smith	x
			MP (&HC)	10:30 am	Christine B	Britaany D. Susanna P.	Julian J	Ryan D	*Isaac L **Anthony James D Gavin B	Norris M.* James R.	Edwin A. Mark P. B: Karel B.
			EP	5:00 pm	x	x	x	Woman	x	Ashley D.	x
Tues	28	Sts Simon and Jude	HC (&MP)	8:00 am	Sunday Team	x	Coleman (Epistoler)	student	Paul C Karl VI	Mark P	x
Wed	29	Wednesday Prayer	EP	6:30 pm	x	x	x	Ryan D	x	Lector	x
Fri	31	Vigil of All Saints (All Hallows Eve)	FEP	5:00 pm	x	x	x	x	x	Raffertys Dittmans Fruins	x

*A Faith to Believe · A Place to Belong
A Rule of Life*

Sincere Charity – Leo I

We shouldn't be afraid that our worldly resources will decrease while we practice mercy. For Christian poverty is always rich because what it has is more valuable than what it doesn't have. In addition, the poor shouldn't be afraid of working in this world. For the Lord of everything has given them ownership of everything. Therefore, those who do good things must never be afraid lest they lose their power to do good. In the Gospel of Luke, Christ praised the widow's devotion because of her two coins.... For the value of our charity is determined by the sincerity of our feelings. And



those who show mercy to others won't ever lack mercy for themselves. The widow of Zarephath discovered this. She offered Elijah one day's food during a famine. It was all she had, but she put the prophet's hunger before her own needs and gave up a handful of corn and a little oil with open hands. She didn't lose what she gave in faith, however. For in the jars she emptied by her godly generosity, a new source of abundance sprang up. Her sustenance didn't diminish because of the holy purpose she used it for. This is because she never dreaded being needy.

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