

The Chant

St. Gregory's Anglican Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World by Knowing, Loving and Serving God.



Palm Sunday & Easter



First of all, I want to thank everyone who reached out to me and my family over the past month. From placing my dad in hospice care to his funeral, I have received so much love and support from you all that I cannot begin to express my gratitude. Thank you all so much for your care and kindness.

Next, I would like to make a plea based on my recent experiences. Have your affairs in order. I cannot overstate how much of a difference it made with all the pre-planning (and to be honest pre-payment) that my parents had done. Because those decisions had been made years in advance, instead of my grieving mother having to decide which casket to pick or where my father would be laid to rest, it was already done and all we had to do was go through and confirm that all the boxes had been checked. Also, there are planning forms for the funeral at the church. It specifies certain aspects of the service and again takes away the burden of decision making from your bereaved family. If you haven't filled one out or haven't updated it in a while, feel free to come up to the office and we'd be more than happy to get one for you and if you would like some guidance, you can always make an appointment with me. It's never a pleasant thing to think about, but having these things pre-planned really is a blessing for your family and can prevent potential disagreements and unnecessary contention in the process.

That's really all I have for this month. I apologize for any pastoral care needs that may have fallen through the cracks over the past few months. I know that there will still be difficult times ahead, but please know that I am available and that by the grace of God, through the hope of the resurrection, and with the loving support of my brothers and sisters in Christ in this parish, throughout our diocese, and beyond, I am very much at peace and know that my dad is experiencing the joys of heaven. And that really is the message of Easter.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Fr. Alan Horton+



Ronald Eugene Horton
December 10, 1947 - April 7, 2023

Ron graduated from Abilene high school and received a Bachelor of Arts in architecture from the University of Texas at Arlington. He married Laura Horton on February 22, 1974.

Ron had a lifelong career in architecture starting with HKS Architects. He also worked for Starnes Consulting and Freese & Nickels before finishing his career At Shickle Rollins and Associates in Arlington.

Roland worked on a wide variety of projects in several states, most noticeably New York City and Minneapolis. However, when he finished his career in Arlington he designed three projects he was most proud of.

The Three projects Ron was most proud of:

The Three Bridges projects in Arlington, Texas.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial of Veterans Park in Arlington.

The Vietnamese Veteran Memorial.

Ron was survived by children: Anthony Horton, Alan Horton, and Michelle Sutton, grandchildren: Emily Sutton, Addison Horton, Emmaline Horton, Asa Horton, Gwendolyn Horton, Margeaux Horton, sibling: Marilyn Gathings.

A visitation for Ronald was held Sunday, April 16, 2023 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Moore Funeral Home, 1219 North Davis Drive, Arlington, TX 76012. The funeral service occurred Monday, April 17, 2023 at 10:00 AM at Saint Alban's Anglican Church, 911 South Davis, Arlington, TX 76013.

A committal service occurred Monday, April 17, 2023 at 12:00 PM at 2348 - Moore Funeral Home, 1219 North Davis Drive, Arlington, TX 76012.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.moore-funeralhome.com for the Horton family.



Sr. Warden

In our April meeting the Vestry discussed the upcoming events in May, such as Mother's Day and the bottle drive that supports First Look.

After Mass on Mother's Day (May 8th) the Men's group will provide a potluck breakfast. This will also mark the beginning of our bottle drive for First Look. Make sure to pick up a bottle to fill with spare change during the bottle drive. The drive will end on Father's Day.

We also formed a new committee: the Communications Team. This team will meet monthly to ensure that all communication channels are aligned, consistent, and effective. By working together, the team will be able to identify opportunities for improvement and create a more streamlined and efficient approach to communication. This will benefit parishioners and visitors alike.

As we head into the month of May, there's plenty to look forward to. Whether it's celebrating the mothers in our lives, supporting important community initiatives like the First Look bottle drive, or working together to improve our communication strategies, there's something for everyone. So let's make the most of this month and all that it has to offer.

Tim

May Birthdays

01 ~ Nancy Liedke
08 ~ Heinz Liedke
11 ~ Margeaux Horton
13 ~ Thomas Turner
13 ~ Karyn Vela
15 ~ Christopher Tempel
17 ~ Carol McKenna
17 ~ Rebecca Jennings
18 ~ Robert Bloomfield
18 ~ Lisa Grubenhoff
18 ~ Ann Bressert
20 ~ Jane Zavala
25 ~ Tim Cannon
27 ~ David Smith

May Anniversaries

10 ~ Heinz & Nancy Liedke – 60 years
21 ~ Jacob & Jennifer Mowrer – 17 years
26 ~ John & Elizabeth Hamaker – 44 years
30 ~ Robert & Cindy Bloomfield – 53 years

Mark Your May Calendar

02 ~ 9:30am Women's Bible Study
03 ~ 6:30pm Eucharist Bible Study to follow
06 ~ 8am Men's Group, Rosa's
07 ~ 9am Eucharist
10am Last Day of Sunday School
09 ~ 9:30am Women's Bible Study
10 ~ 1pm Watercrest Eucharist
6:30pm Eucharist Bible Study to follow
14 ~ Mother's Day
9am Eucharist
10am Mother's Day Brunch
16 ~ 9:30am Women's Bible Study
17 ~ 6:30pm Eucharist Bible Study to follow
20 ~ 8am Men's Group, Rosa's
9am Knitting Class
21 ~ 9am Eucharist
10am Coffee Hour
23 ~ 9:30am Women's Bible Study
24 ~ 1pm Watercrest Eucharist
6:30pm Eucharist
27 ~ 10am DHC Meeting
11am OSL
28 ~ 9am Eucharist
10am Fellowship Hour
29 ~ Memorial Day – Office Closed
30 ~ 9:30am Women's Bible Study
31 ~ 6:30pm Eucharist Bible

Jr. Warden

We have heard your concerns about our parking lot. specifically the handicap parking area.... so we got an estimate in order to get an idea of the cost. The estimate we received was \$60,000. The estimate was for a concrete parking lot from the sanctuary to the end of the sidewalk in front of the parish hall. Since we recently completed a Capital Campaign (and everyone was so incredibly generous), we feel it best to take a short breather before having another one. However, the parking lot situation will only continue to get worse so we will be addressing it in 2023.



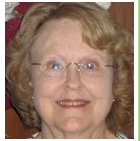
Thank you to Bill Griffin, Trice Edwards, Robert Bloomfield, and Rick Black for the work they did in the garden to improve the drainage.

Angie



St. Gregory's Genealogy Research

Meeting May 4, 2023
9:30 a.m. – Parish Hall



For the May Meeting, the Genealogy Group will continue doing our "Show & Tell". It has been impressive and great fun seeing the research and family treasures from others in the group.

As before, please bring any projects you are working on such as family histories, childhood memories, etc. to share with the group.

I encourage everyone to be thinking about a field trip. Suggestions are welcomed. We will gather input from everyone and see what we can come up with. It is my understanding that the Texas Civil War Museum will be closing at the end of the year. What a shame!!

We will gather for great food and fellowship at Jalisco's in Downtown Mansfield following the meeting.

Happy Hunting!!

Gayle



Choir

The choir has been very blessed with the participation of additional musicians during the Lenten and Easter season. Our parishioner Anne Bressert and her grandson Dutin Decker have once again given us a beautiful and complimentary accompaniment during this season. Their professional sound is always appreciated in our worship music.



We still continue to seek participation in our choir. We have changed our practice times to Wednesday at 11am weekly. So if you feel compelled to contribute in song we would love to invite you to the choir.

It is another way to pray for our blessings in life, through hymns. Contact any of the choir members if you have any questions.

Blessings to you all, *Fritz*

BISHOP IKER CHALLENGE: For information & entry forms contact Steve Hawkins, 817-917-9671 or Tim Cannon, 682-558-4934



23rd Annual Golf Tournament June 2, 2023

Compete for the:
George Wragg Trophy
Ron Overbeek Trophy

Winners Determined by Flight

Play a round for the Kids

ENTRY FORM

Online tournament registrations available at:
www.thebishopikerchallenge.com

Ensure your spot now
by registering before May 19

Heinz Liedke

Learning to pray the kingdom way.

continued from March



God can only do what he wants to do! If it's not in the plan he won't do it. When we need something we tend to loose off 'rocket prayers' without much serious hope of success that way. For many of us it's hardly worth the bother.

Here's the good bit - if only we knew the plan then we could get involved in it. If we know God's dream of how he'd like to see our existence then we can be in the stream of the dream! Usual First Thought: Let's wait until some emergency occurs or until someone is brought to mind deserving our prayers. Actually, that should be our last thought on the matter!

First Thought should Be: how can I get to think the same way that God thinks? Then he can pop a prayer need into my mind and I know it. I'm 'in the stream of the dream'.

Result? My thoughts will be more like his thoughts and, consequently, my prayers are more likely to be answered!

Like it! Share it! Look for more in the days to come!

Revd Mike Endicott, Prior, Order of Jacob's Well UK, Revd Dean Drayton, Prior, Order of Jacob's Well AUS

Heinz

St. Clara's Guild

The next knitting class will be on Saturday, May 20, at 9:00 in the Parish Hall. Shirley Watts will continue helping us with our stitches. We are having a great time with this class, so I hope everybody can attend.



Barbra Edwards

Daughters of the Holy Cross

Our last meeting until after summer will be May 26th. At this meeting Sharon will be reviewing the last of our book, The Light of Assisi, a History of St. Clare. This was a rather tough book and Sharon did an excellent job of helping us better understand and appreciate it.

Our next DHC Retreat is on January 26 & 27, 2024 at Camp Crucis. More information on the retreat will be forthcoming.

We will be having a get together June 10th at Gracie's Tea Room in Arlington. This is open to all the women of St. Gregory's. We will be getting a head count as we get closer to the date.

Theresa Brantley



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“Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him”
John 13:16

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