



THE TRINITY TRUMPET

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Longview, Texas

SEPTEMBER 2017
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Loving God and others, we invite, welcome and embrace all people through worship, fellowship and service.

Trinity to host “Fall In” Fair

CHERRY SIKES, SENIOR WARDEN

Trinity Church offers many exciting and fulfilling opportunities for education, ministry and mission, and service! And, fall is the traditional time for all of us to “re-up” and return to the Church we love!



FALL IN FAIR
Sunday, Sept 10 • 8:45 - 10:15 am
Parish, Guild and Wright Halls
COME – LEARN – JOIN – ENJOY!

Hall (Coffee Café)?

But, do you know about every opportunity afforded here? Do you know the new classes we have for Christian Formation of adults and children? Are you familiar with our parish “house” or where the Senior High meets? How long has it been since you visited our Library or Wright

Have you ever considered singing in the choir but don’t know if you will enjoy it as much as you think you would and you are no quitter? What about teaching Sunday Church School – are you afraid to make that weekly commitment and investment in preparation time? The “maybes” and “why nots” are many! We have a solution! Visit the FALL-IN FAIR on Sunday, September 10th and sign up for a NO STRINGS ATTACHED experience in ANY mission, class or service that interests you!

Each ministry will invite you to attend or participate for as little as one visit or up to three weeks to three months with NO OBLIGATION to continue! What better way to make a decision than to experience first-hand what is offered!

Those attending will receive a “passport” and a stamp at each booth. Completed passports will be entered into a drawing for gift certificates and other prizes. Refreshments will be served in the Coffee Café! Prepare to participate and be amazed! See you there!!!

Bishop’s Visit Coming in September

On Sunday, September 17th, at 5:30 PM, Trinity will welcome our diocesan Bishop, the Right Reverend Andrew Doyle as our guest celebrant in a special service of confirmation. This year, we have fifteen children and three adults in confirmation class, and two young people will be baptized.



THE RIGHT REVEREND ANDREW DOYLE

It is a special honor to have Bishop Doyle with us as his next appearance at Trinity Church will be in 2022.

The occasion of confirmation is always meaningful, as it is a time in which the church family pledges to support and nurture the newly confirmed on their spiritual journey in the Episcopal Church. As well, long time members re-affirm their own vows as a remembrance of the commitment once made to the church.

We invite and encourage all members of Trinity to be present for this very special service! A reception will follow in Parish Hall.



Altar Flowers are needed for several weeks in September and October. If you can help, please call Tim Baker or Bill Bane in the church office to sign up. **Thank you!**

The Case of the Cross

BILL BANE, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Being an acolyte is a very important and rewarding experience, from acting as servers, torchbearers and candle lighters tothurifers, and banner-bearers. One other very important duty of the acolyte is that of crucifer, or the person who carries the cross in various processions. But, what happens if the cross that one is called to bear is too heavy, to the point of creating an unsafe situation for not only the acolyte, but those who might be unfortunate enough to be on the receiving end of a dropped cross? Trinity Church recently experienced such a situation, which begged for a safer solution. The challenge was met through the giving of a wonderful gift, in the form of

TRINITY CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Frank W. Hughes, Interim Rector
Gary Whitwell, TST Head of School
Tim Baker, Parish Administrator
Bill Bane, Director of Music Ministries
Rae Dickson, Director of Student Ministries
Jacqui Baker, Director of Children's Ministries
Leno Mancilla, Property Manager
George Pliler, Endowment Administrator
Billie Padgett, Office Volunteer Coordinator

VESTRY

Cherry Sikes, Senior Warden
Robert Maly, Junior Warden
Andrew Snell, Treasurer
Tricha Wilcox, Clerk of the Vestry

Class of 2017

Christy Collins, Karen Frith, Robert Maly, Bryan Wilks

Class of 2018

Spencer Alford, Kathy Gray, Christine Prior, Gayland Rushing

Class of 2019

Brenda Alexander, Linda Leath, Cherry Sikes, Jack Welge

MISSION OF THE MONTH



In light of the horrible destruction and loss caused by Hurricane Harvey this past week, our Mission of the Month is going to focus on supporting the efforts of the Episcopal Relief and Development Organization, which provides much physical and financial support to areas

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which have experienced natural disasters of all kinds.

As well, we want to support our fellow brothers and sisters in the Episcopal Church affected by this horrendous storm with our prayers. Monetary donations are vital to the successful efforts of helping those in crisis, and the Episcopal Relief and Development allocates funds very wisely and efficiently in their efforts of rescue, relief, and recovery. If you would like to know how to donate additional monies to the Episcopal Relief and Development Organization, please visit their website.

Christian Formation Opportunities This Fall

A look ahead...

September 6th - 20th

Spiritual Gifts - Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM presented by Rev. Jennene Laurinec.

September 17th - October 15th

Faith Is A Victory - Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM presented by Ted Skeans.

October 4th

Forgiveness - Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM presented by Bill Charles

October 11th - 15th

This Is For The Girls...A Bible Study for Women of All Ages - Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 PM presented by Tisha Grotemat

October 22nd - November 19th

Women of the Torah - Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM presented by Tovah Robertson.

November 29th

Advent Wreaths - Wednesday evening dinner at 5:30 PM presented by Judy Thomas. Children and adults are invited to learn about and construct an Advent Wreath.

December 3rd - 17th

Adult Sunday School led by Kathy Tate. Topic and subject content TBD.



Please join us for a wonderful lunch and stay afterward as guest speaker Tommy Lloyd shares his story about his near death to life experience. You will not want to miss this wonderful, heartfelt program.

MONDAY, SEPT 11 • 11:30 AM

CROSS, from cover

a new and much lighter solid brass processional cross. The new cross, a gift to Trinity Parish by Wiley and Judy Thomas, was dedicated during the 10:30 AM service on Sunday, August 20th, in honor of Dr. Julie Fowler, who has faithfully served as Trinity's Acolyte Master for over twenty years.



New Brass Cross
Given in Honor of
Dr. Julie Fowler

This beautiful cross will serve as an asset to Trinity Parish and generations of young acolytes to come.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS MONTH

SEPT 3 - SUN

Young Adult Fellowship
5:30 PM, Coffee Café

Kids' Club

5:30 PM, Education Wing

SEPT 4 - MON

Church Offices Closed for Labor Day

SEPT 6 - WED

Confirmation Class
5:30 PM in the Parish Hall

SEPT 10 - SUN

"Fall In" Fair
8:45 AM - 10:15 AM, Parish Hall

Angel Voices Kids' Choir

12:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

Service of Compline

8:30 PM, Nave.

SEPT 11 - MON

Daughters of the King
5:30 PM, Parish Hall

SEPT 12 - TUES

Senior Men's Dinner
6:00 PM, Parish Hall

SEPT 13 - WED

Confirmation Class
5:30 PM, Parish Hall

SEPT 17 - SUN

Children's Kaleo
12:00 PM, Education Wing



SEPT 17 - SUN

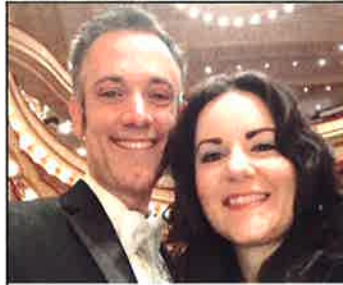
Bishop Andy Doyle Visit
5:30 PM Service of Confirmation

SEPT 19 - TUES

Vestry Meeting
6:00 PM, Parish Hall

SEPT 23 - SAT

East Texas Anti Trafficking 5K (Youth)
5:00 PM at McWhorter Park



SEPT 23 - SAT

Music at Trinity Concert Series
7:30 PM Alexander Boggs Ryan Jr. Memorial Organ Concert featuring Jonathan and Kara Story. Music for solo organ and organ/soprano solo.
6:15 PM Dinner (by reservation.)

SEPT 24 - SUN

Angel Voices Kids' Choir
12:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

SEPT 27 - WED

See You at the Pole (School Prayer)
7:45 AM, Trinity School of Texas

WEEKLY

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I
9:00 AM Coffee Hour
9:15 AM Adult Christian Ed
9:15 AM Children's Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II

MONDAYS

Daughters of the King
Second Sunday of each month.

TUESDAYS

Senior Men's Dinner
Second Tuesday of each month.

WEDNESDAYS

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist
5:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
In the Choir Rehearsal Room
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
In the Choir Rehearsal Room

UPCOMING

OCTOBER 23 - MON

Liverpool Cathedral Choir
7:00 PM. Please join us as we welcome the choir of Liverpool Cathedral in concert as part of a multi-city Texas tour.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Judy Thomas (9/1)
Rachel Darby (9/4)
Jana Tiefenwerth (9/5)
Charles Miller (9/6)
Joe Snider (9/6)
Tali Wilkinson (9/6)
Bella Butter (9/7)
Matt Wilks (9/8)
Nancy McWhorter (9/9)
David Brown (9/11)
Jessica Baker (9/12)
Shirley Caldwell (9/12)
Mary Charlotte Sweat (9/12)
Jack Welge (9/12)
Barbara Crittenden (9/13)
Shirley Griffin (9/15)
Gene McWhorter (9/15)
Tommy Lloyd (9/16)
Cherisa York (9/16)

Tim Baker (9/18)
Kate Sparks (9/20)
Bill Bane (9/21)
Trudy Godsey (9/22)
Paula Howard (9/22)
Gail Martin (9/22)
Jim Sawyer (9/22)
Dickens Wilkinson (9/22)
Dianne Conoly (9/23)
Tom Irwin (9/24)
Eleanor Byrd (9/25)
Peggy Alley (9/25)
Emma Grotemat (9/25)
Steve Baker (9/27)
Joel Johnson (9/28)
Trudy Taylor (9/28)
John Hall (9/29)
Fran Mettle (9/29)
Blake Scott (9/30)

John and Dee Anne Sloan (9/1)
John and Susie Sheffield (9/3)
Jeffrey Thorpe (9/3)
Gary and Delfina Whitwell (9/11)
David and Tricha Wilcox (9/18)
Todd and Eugenie Holman (9/20)
Robert and Kim Montgomery (9/22)
John and Laura Jenkins (9/25)

Community of Care (COC) Ministry Volunteers needed

COC is dedicated to providing pastoral care to our parish. The ministry of caring is at the heart of our church's life. COC provides hospital, nursing home, and home visitation. COC is a ministry of shared presence, listening, and support. **Your help is needed with this very important ministry.**

David Wilcox
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Full training and support will be provided. Contact David Wilcox for more information.

Service of Compline to begin September 10

The Compline Choir of Trinity Parish will begin its tenth year starting September 10th. Please join us and experience the beautiful Monastic Prayer Office of Compline in the quiet and darkened nave. Each service will be followed by a reception in Guild Hall.

SERVICE OF COMPLINE

Second Sunday of each month (September - May) • 8:30 PM

Music at Trinity Concert Series Features Husband and Wife Duo

BILL BANE, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

On Saturday evening, September 23rd, the Music at Trinity Concert Series will host the annual Alexander Boggs Ryan Memorial Organ concert, honoring the life and work of Alexander Boggs Ryan, Jr. This year's concert will feature the husband and wife duo of Jonathan and Kara Story from Tyler, Texas in an engaging program of works featuring piano, solo organ, organ/soprano solo works.

Jonathan serves as organist/associate director of music at Marvin United Methodist Church in Tyler, Texas, where he resides with his wife, Kara. A 2008 graduate of the University of Arkansas with a Master's Degree in piano performance, he is widely-renowned for his mastery of both organ and piano.

He has collaborated with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, the Arkansas Philharmonic and the



Jonathan Story

University of Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, and has performed as a piano soloist at the White House in Washington, D.C., Yeditepe University in Istanbul, Turkey, and in the inaugural gala concert of the University of Arkansas' Faulkner Performing Arts Center. In June of 2016 he was featured as a guest artist on organ at the legendary Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria, and has also concertized in Vienna, Hallstatt and Kufstein, Austria.

With nearly two decades of experience as a church musician, Jonathan blends his classical training with a thorough knowledge of hymnology and Scripture, and seeks to present a musical offering accessible to audiences of all ages and pleasing to God.

Kara Story graduated from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville with a Master's degree in Choral Conducting. While at the U of A, she served as conductor of Donna Voce, musical director of the Barbara Mashburn Singers, and worship leader of Calvary Chapel in Rogers. In May of 2010 she completed her Bachelor of Arts in Music at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith, where she participated in the Jazz Catz, the Jazz Band, the UAFS Chorale and the Vocal Performance Workshop. During

this time she was involved in the worship team at Calvary Chapel - Fort Smith and has also led worship at the annual Calvary Chapel Ladies



Kara Story

Retreat since 2007. She was named Outstanding Soloist at the North Texas Jazz Festival in April 2008.

She currently resides in Tyler, Texas and maintains a private voice and piano studio, as well as serving on the adjunct faculty at Tyler Junior College. She also participates with her husband in the choir at Marvin United Methodist Church.

Prior to the concert, there will be a dinner in the Parish Hall beginning at 6:15 PM. **Reservations are required** and cost will be \$15 per person and includes dinner, preceded by hors d'oeuvres and wine.

EVENT DETAILS

Saturday, September 23rd

Dinner: 6:15 PM - Concert: 7:30 PM

Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Asparagus, salad, Parker House Rolls. Cheesecake for dessert.

RSVP BY SEPT 15th to Bill Bane

bbane@trinityparish.org / (903) 753-3366 x19

Vestry Report for August

CHERRY SIKES, SENIOR WARDEN

The August Vestry meeting included reports and discussion regarding the following:

- Financial condition improved due to an increase in pledge income and no expenses related to former Rector compensation.
- Voted to close the "Assistant Rector Discretionary Fund", which has been idle for ten years. Funds (\$200) to be transferred to Rector's Discretionary Fund. The Interim Rector will have access to the Discretionary Fund.
- Overeaters Anonymous has been approved to meet in the Coffee Café on Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm. This is a 12-step approach to eating disorders.
- "The Fall-In Ministry Fair" will be held on Sunday, September 10th in Parish, Guild and Wright Halls. Parishioners are encouraged to visit and explore opportunities for education, service and ministry.
- The Interpretation of the Congregational Assessment Tool results, also called the CAT, will be held on Saturday, August 19th. Vestry, Endowment and Igniting Faith Boards, and other ministry leaders and staff are invited to attend.
- Vestry were reminded that the Stewardship Initiative will be kicked off October 1st. It will invite and involve participation of all active members in promoting the importance of growing in giving.
- An Interim Rector candidate has been interviewed by the Vestry.



All adult parishioners are invited to attend Vestry meetings. Only discussions related to personnel or where confidentiality is requested are private. Please join us!

VESTRY MEETINGS

Third Tuesday evening of every month - 6:00 PM
Parish Hall



EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

SEPT 3

Sunday School - 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM
Children's Church - 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM
Kids' Club - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

SEPT 6

Confirmation Class - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

SEPT 10

Sunday School - 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM
Children's Church - 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM
Angel Voices Kids' Choir - 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

SEPT 13

Confirmation Class - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

SEPT 17

Sunday School - 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM
Children's Church - 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM
Kaleo 345 - 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Confirmation Service with Bishop Doyle - 5:30 PM

September 24

Sunday School - 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM
Children's Church - 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM
Angel Voices Kids' Choir - 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM



Angel Voices Kids' Choir
Beginning September 10th
following the 10:30 AM Service

For Kids grades 2nd - 5th
Rehearsals will be held first and
fourth Sundays of the month
following the 10:30 AM service in
the choir rehearsal room.
Each rehearsal will last 30 minutes.

If you would like for your child to participate, please contact
Bill Bane at bbane@trinityparish.org

SEE YOU IN CHOIR!



East Texas
Anti - Trafficking
5-K Run to help
fight human
trafficking!

WHEN: September 23rd • 5:00 PM

WHERE: McWhorter Park
1000 Toler Road
Longview, TX 75604

PRAYER MEETING

Meet at the Flagpole
SEPTEMBER 27th
7:45 AM - 8:00 AM
TRINITY SCHOOL OF
TEXAS



Youth meet every Sunday evening from
5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

Go to [facebook.com/trinityepiscopal-youth](https://www.facebook.com/trinityepiscopal-youth)
For a full schedule of meetings and times!



*"If you believe what you like
in the gospels, and reject
what you don't like, it is not
the gospel you believe, but
yourself."*

• Saint Augustine of Hippo •

Serve the LORD with gladness; come before his
presence with great joy. Psalm 100:2

Keep praying!

Keep coming to church and stay involved.

The Church needs you.

The Church IS you!

Summer Mission Trip 2017

RAE DICKSON, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES

As our youth looked forward to the mission trip this year to Denham Springs, Louisiana, the Lord began to prepare our hearts for what was to come. I had met two families months prior to the trip who had lost their home, one being a paraplegic who was rescued by boat when water was up to his chest. I asked if they would write their stories down so that I could read it to the youth to encourage them in their mission work. We started off our trip with one of these stories as we hugged our loved ones good bye and headed to Denham Springs.

On our first night there, our youth was split up and grouped with various work crews with various jobs. Some of the duties involved cleaning out storage rooms in schools, throwing away unusable items and organizing a food pantry, organizing and working in a donation center, painting walls, laying flooring, hanging doors. There was even an artistic group that worked on a mural that will travel the state with a story to be told regarding the

events surrounding this flood. As the week progressed we worked hard and made new friends within the diocese and met a number of locals who told us their story. We saw the goodness of God coming together to help those in need and were moved to be a part of that.

One of the work sites where a number of our youth served was a day care center that also doubled as a food pantry and donation center. The Saint Bernard Project had opened that facility to help with a quandary of tasks. The facility not only watched the children for underprivileged families but also educated them on health and nutrition and taught them how to play a musical instrument. This very facility lacked every day supplies like hand soap, paper towels and toilet paper. The need in just one place is abundant and our time there was welcomed and extremely effective. I received a text this week from the wonderful woman who runs the facility and she said that the children still look out the window to see if our vans are pulling up. We developed relationships with these children who wore the same clothes and smile all week.

Each one of our youth could tell you a different story. We all had a different experience but one thing that we had in common was the realization of how truly blessed we are. It is my hope and prayer that through mission trips our young people come to know and practice the true meaning of the Gospel, to know and serve God through his creation. In Matthew we read, "I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you cared for me, I was in prison and you visited me.... Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

Every evening we had worship with the exception of one "free day." We went to New Orleans, ate good food, walked the river walk and shopped. We did not leave without indulging in beignets and lots of photos which can be viewed on the youth Facebook page - [facebook.com/trinityepiscopalyouth](https://www.facebook.com/trinityepiscopalyouth)

I am truly thankful to all the members who support the youth program and make these mission trips possible. It is always difficult for me to tell who is blessed more, those serving or those being served. This is just one of those perplexing mysteries of the omnipotent God we serve.



Trinity Service Calendar

Month of September – Lectionary Year A

Date	September 3 The 13 th Sunday After Pentecost	September 10 The 14 th Sunday After Pentecost	September 17 The 15 th Sunday After Pentecost	September 24 The 16 th Sunday After Pentecost
1 st Reading Psalm 2 nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6,23-23,45c Romans 12:9-21 Matt. 16:21-28	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8-14 Matt. 18:15-20	Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 Romans 14:1-12 Matt. 18:21-35	Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6,37-45 Philippians 1:21-30 Matt. 20:1-16
Altar Team	Crittenden Team	Mann Team	Baker Team	Collins Team
Verger	M. Wilks	S. Alford	J. Barbe	C. Collins
Coffee Hour	L. Leath	A. Welge	M. Joseph	C. Wilks
Flower Delivery	M. Arnold J. Walters	J. Barth C. Wilks	B. Crittenden C. Wilks	D. Fricks L. Leath
Early Service				
Ushers	E. Campbell M. Pliier	E. Campbell M. Pliier	E. Campbell M. Pliier	E. Campbell M. Pliier
Greeters	Charles Team	Maly Team	Charles Team	McWhorter Team
Acolyte	B. Charles	T. Gignilliat	J. Hall	T. Gignilliat
Lay Readers 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	 N. Collins B. Charles	 J. Welge G. McWhorter	 B. Charles J. Hall	 J. Welge G. McWhorter
L. E. M.	N. Collins B. Charles	J. Welge G. McWhorter	B. Charles J. Hall	J. Welge G. McWhorter
Late Service				
Ushers	Kirkindoll Team	Thorson Team	Crittenden Team	Jones Team
Greeters	Barbe Team	Kirkindoll Team	Gray Team	Skeans Team
Acolytes	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2
Lay Readers 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	 S. Thomas S. York	 R. McPhee C. Collins	 V. Boaz H. Barth	 Z. Brown D. Conrad
L. E. M.	A. Robertson S. York J. Fowler	D. Conrad C. Collins J. Sawyer	V. Boaz H. Barth A. Robertson	S. York D. Conrad J. Fowler
L. E. V.		J. Hall K. Hall		B. Charles P. Charles

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Trinity Parish Calls New Interim Rector

The Rev. Dr. Frank W. Hughes has been named as our Interim Rector beginning September 1, 2017. Dr. Hughes is a native of Texarkana, Texas, and was educated in the Texarkana, Arkansas, public schools. He graduated from Hendrix College in 1975. In 1976 he enrolled in Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, graduating with the Master in Divinity in 1979. He then continued to study the New Testament and early Christian literature at the University of Chicago, receiving the M.A. in 1981, the same year he was ordained in the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago. He received his Ph.D. in New Testament from Northwestern University in 1984. He was a Fulbright scholar at the University of Göttingen, Germany, in 1986-87. From 1998 to 2004 he taught New Testament at Codrington College in Barbados.

In parish ministry, Dr. Hughes has served churches in Illinois and Pennsylvania, as well as Louisiana. He has done seven interim ministries in Episcopal churches. Most recently he was rector of St. John's Church in Minden, Louisiana. In particular, Dr. Hughes enjoys presiding in liturgies, preaching, teaching, and visiting people in hospitals. He was elected as an Alternate Deputy to the General Conventions of 1997, 2015, and 2018. He has served as an Examining Chaplain in the Dioceses of Central Pennsylvania and Western Louisiana. From 1994 to 1997 he was Ecumenical Officer of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

As a New Testament scholar, Dr. Hughes has spent a lot of time researching the Pauline letters. His first book was *Early Christian Rhetoric and 2 Thessalonians*, published in 1989. He is co-author of *The Corinthian Correspondence: Redaction, Rhetoric, and History* (with Robert Jewett) which will appear with Fortress Press next year. He is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars, and Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas. His blog is www.studyingthegospels.net.

Among his hobbies, Dr. Hughes enjoys cooking and music (and is also an organist!) He comes to us along with his 73 pound Labrador mix, Pepper. We look forward to many wonderful times ahead with Dr. Hughes. Future events will be planned so that members of the parish will have opportunity to meet and get to know Dr. Hughes better.