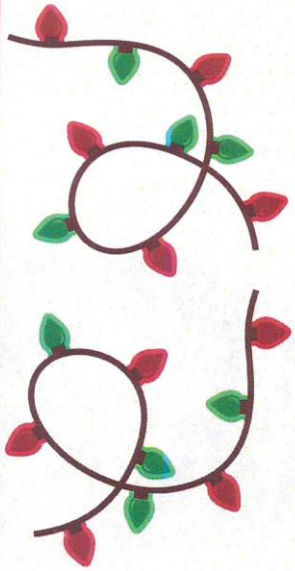


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EDITORIALS by Suiru Tunteng

Hope is one of the four main themes of Advent. It brings the church together as a family as we prepare for our Saviour's arrival in our hearts. We anticipate His blessings and this encourages us to reciprocate to others. We are all reminded that we are a part of God's family.

Since Advent marks the beginning of the church new year, it fills us with expectation and allows us to look forward to tomorrow. It permits us to make positive changes in our lives in the hope that things will be better. It can also be a time for second chances. Things that we wanted to accomplish but seemed out of our reach can finally be attainable with God's grace.

Thus, we must remember never to let go of hope, for it is what inspires us to dream of and



build momentum for what is to come. Even if situations look bleak for us now, hope is what will carry us into the new year — and beyond, if we are willing to take hold of it. May we always carry the gift of hope in our hearts.

Merry Christmas and a blessed, prosperous 2019 to you all!

Suiru Tunteng
Co-Editor

Hymnal History by Matthew Lane

A brief look at the origin and evolution of some of our favourite hymns.

The music to **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** comes from a 15th century French burial processional. The text for the verses is built on refrains (Antiphons) sung for vespers (or Evening Prayer) during the last seven days of Advent, and the Latin text for the hymn dates from at least 1710. The refrains (Antiphons) that give the first line of each verse come from no later than the 6th century. The text became famous due to its teaching in Jesuit schools.

Prepare the Way, O Zion is a Swedish variant of a

German folk tune from the late 17th century. Its first Swedish appearance was in the handwritten 1695 hymn book of Riddarholm church, a site most famous as the final resting place of most of the Swedish Royals.

The text to **Once in Royal David's City** was written by Cecil Frances Alexander, the wife of an Anglican bishop, for her book *Hymns for Little Children*. The same woman wrote the words to "All Things Bright and Beautiful." For nearly 100 years now, the King's College Chapel (Cambridge) Christmas Eve service has begun with the hymn, with the first verse always sung by a solo boy chorister.

Lo, How a Rose E'er

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ES ist ein Kind geboren aus der Jungfrau
Das Reichthum hat und die Herrlichkeit
als auch die allerschönsten Tugenden
hat er geerbt und hat sich
mit dem heiligen Willen
für die Erlösung der Menschheit
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Blooming's earliest German text was probably written around the time of Martin Luther, and the hymn was first published in 1599 in Germany's Rhineland. The 1609 harmonization by Michael Praetorius is still largely in use today. During Nazi rule, the words were temporarily changed in an attempt to eradicate the Jewish history of Jesus, and to glorify Germany ("A light has arisen for us on a dark winter's night. Thus, faith is rekindled in German lands.")

MARK your CALENDARS



CHRISTMAS services:

Dec. 23

Sung Eucharist &
- Sunday School
Pageant
10:30 a.m.

*Followed by the Sunday
School Christmas Tea,
noon (Hall)*

Dec. 24 :

Crèche Service
4:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE
Holy Communion
10:00 p.m.
(Carols 9:30 p.m.)

Dec. 25:

CHRISTMAS DAY
Holy Communion
11:00 a.m.

Office CLOSED:

**Dec. 21, 2018 —
Jan. 7, 2019 inclusive**

Dec. 30, 2018: Christmas 1

8 & 10:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer
E. Callender, Officiant

**Annual
VESTRY Meeting**
Saturday
FEBRUARY 16, 2019
9:30 a.m. (Hall)

Ministry Heads:
Please email all
Annual Reports for the
Vestry booklet to the
church office by:
January 20, 2019

Photos @ St. Barnabas: Fall Fair



On November 10, 2018, Family Life hosted the Annual Fall Fair. As always, the homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts served in the lunchroom were eagerly anticipated by hungry shoppers. Mabel George's quilts were sold in a matter of minutes, and the bake, jewelry, and children's tables were ever-popular. This year, there were a number of stunning Christmas decorations and beautiful antiques that have, hopefully, been given a second life. - KS

A Note from Bishop Mary November 21st, 2018

Dear Members of St. Barnabas Church,

Thank you very much for your generous contribution to the Bishop's Blessings for Masasi. We all felt so supported by, and proud of, the generosity of our own Diocese. With your help we were able to bless many parishes, dispensaries, and the St. Catherine's Secondary School which is being built.

I'd be glad to visit sometime and tell you more!

Every blessing and thanks!

+ Mary



Photos @ St. Barnabas: Family Breakfast



On October 20, 2018, Family Life hosted another Family Breakfast. Before the buffet of dishes dutifully prepared — or hastily bought — by the parishioners in attendance was opened, a prayer was said. Following good food and good conversation, brown paper lunch bags, ribbons, the decorative front covers of old Christmas cards and other supplies were pulled out to make 'Jewelry Surprise' bags. Each would contain four or five pieces of costume jewelry and be sold at the Fall Fair. - KS

POETRY Corner

Advent Air

By Paulette Armony Joseph

CAN YOU FEEL IT?
CAN YOU HEAR IT?
CAN YOU TOUCH IT?
THE PRECURSOR TO HIS COMING
THE SIGN OF THINGS TO COME
THE REAL HOPE FOR OUR SALVATION
ADVENT IS HERE!

CAN YOU SENSE IT?
CAN YOU IMAGINE IT?
CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
THE PREPARATION CONTINUES
THE LONG EXPECTED ONE COMETH
THE GOOD NEWS BIRTH IS IMMINENT
CHRISTMAS IS NIGH!



Advent Calendar

By Rowan Williams

He will come like last leaf's fall.
One night when the November wind
has flayed the trees to bone, and earth
wakes choking on the mould,
the soft shroud's folding.

He will come like frost.
One morning when the shrinking earth
opens on mist, to find itself
arrested in the net
of alien, sword-set beauty.

He will come like dark.
One evening when the bursting red
December sun draws up the sheet
and penny-masks its eye to yield
the star-snowed fields of sky.

He will come, will come,
will come like crying in the night,
like blood, like breaking,
as the earth writhes to toss him free.
He will come like a child.

Submitted by The Ven. Ralph Leavitt



News from FAMILY LIFE



Thank you to all those friends of St. Barnabas who came out for the Fall Fair. Thank you to all the volunteers.

It is that time of the year to celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. To greet our friends and families and say, "Merry Christmas." To understand why we say it – that Jesus is the reason for the season.

The members of Family Life Group wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy, safe, and healthy New Year.

God Bless and keep us all healthy,
Sylvia Jones

5th Annual **Beat the Winter Blues**

Get ready for a fun time:

Saturday, Feb 2, 2019

Church Hall

Dance to the music of the 60s and 70s!
Keep in touch for more information.





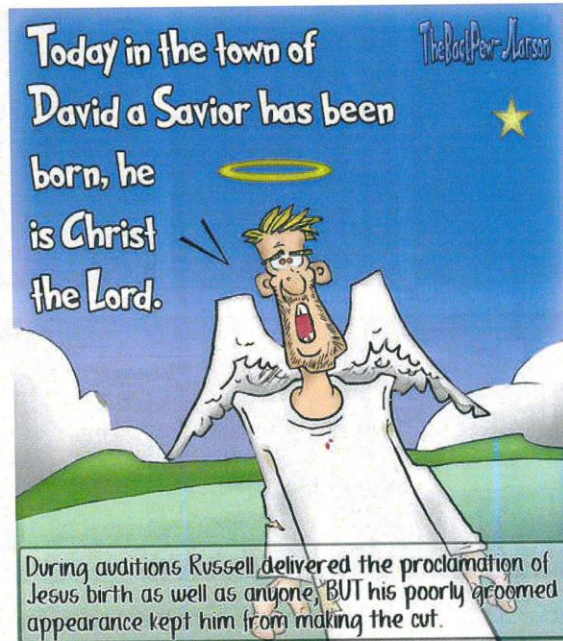
...to be of Christ, in Christ, and to proclaim Christ's love in this world.

ON the LIGHTER SIDE: submitted by Suiru Tunteng

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



PRAYER TIP: Your 'Prayer List' should not look like your 'Christmas List'.



Abounding in Love by the Ven. Ralph Leavitt

As we begin a new Christian year with Advent One and enter into the Christmas season, I am encouraged as I read the words for this season in 1 Thessalonians 3:12: **"may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you."** Timothy has just brought a report from the Thessalonian church to the apostle Paul, and it is an encouraging report. These peoples' faith has been an example to all. Now Paul encourages them even more by asking all believers to increase their love for each other. What a wonderful prayer this is for us today as we begin this new Christian year and as we celebrate God's incarnation.

How will you increase and abound in love during Advent and Christmas? "Abound in love" is such a generous description and I, for one, am a bit intimidated by it. Is this actually possible? The answer is, "Yes, it is!" If we are to truly try to increase and abound in love, I feel that the first step we have to take is to draw closer to the Lord. This means taking our spiritual life more seriously.

What does that mean to you? Does it mean reading your Bible more, and praying over the words that you read? Does it mean praying more for yourself and for other people? Does it mean reaching out to someone to tell them the "Good News?" No doubt that if we are to increase in love, we ourselves have to be "in love" with the Lord.

The other side of the coin is that we have to accept the love that is offered to each one of us; love from the Lord and love from the body of Christ here on earth. Will you accept the love that is offered to you? Perhaps it will be in the form of an invitation to a party or a meal. Perhaps it will come expressed in a Christmas card. Perhaps some stranger on the street will offer you kindness. If you are to increase and abound in love, you must also know how to accept the love that is offered to you, from the Lord and from others.

In this joyous season may the Lord indeed richly bless you and may we all together increase and abound in love.

Thanks be to God.

Ralph+

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