

# THE SAN JOAQUIN ANGLICAN

## *The Bishop's Corner*

*The Right Reverend Eric Vawter Menees*

Jesus began His ministry by being hungry,  
yet He is the Bread of Life.

Jesus ended His earthly ministry by being thirsty,  
yet He is the Living Water.

Jesus was weary,  
yet He is our rest.

Jesus paid tribute,  
yet He is the King.

Jesus was accused of having a demon,  
yet He cast out demons.

Jesus wept,  
yet He wipes away our tears.

Jesus was sold for thirty pieces of silver,  
yet He redeemed the world.

Jesus was brought as a lamb to the slaughter,  
yet He is the Good Shepherd.

Jesus died,  
yet by His death He destroyed the power of death.

***Gregory of Nazianzus, A.D. 381. - Aka Gregory the Theologian & Archbishop of Constantinople.***

During this season of Epiphany the question is asked over and over again... "Who is Jesus?" The answer to that  
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## *BISHOP'S SCHEDULE*

2/05 St. Paul's, Visalia

2/12 Jesus Our Savior, Modesto

2/19 Disciples Church/Resurrection, Placentia

2/26 Jesus the Good Shepherd, Henderson, NV

2/29 Bp., Mission Consultation - St. Philip's, Coalinga



# AS WE GATHER

## Fresno Deanery Gathering

On a sunny Saturday, the 28th of January, 56 souls from the Fresno Deanery met at Saint Columba Church



in Fresno to worship, get reports and share common interests. The first Fresno Deanery All Church Gathering started with the Holy Eucharist in the main church. We were delighted to hear

The Rev. Gordon Kamai's sermon which included references to St. Thomas Aquinas [who's feast day was the 28th]. We also had fantastic music under the direction of Mr. Bob Marcotte and the St. Columba Choir.

After the Eucharist celebration, we all went to the parish hall for a wonderful assortment of breakfast cakes, muffins, fruit, and coffee.



fee. While we enjoyed our refreshments we heard presentations from the Standing Committee,

Diocesan Council, the Mission Board, and an impromptu report of all that's going on at St. Mary's, Fresno. There were questions and answers after the Diocesan reports.

The final event for the day was to break off into small groups of interest: Christian Education, Christian Outreach, Altar Guild, ACW, Music. Lots of ideas, smiles, and contacts were exchanged. It was good to get to know other Anglicans in the Fresno area.



## Parish reports

### A Little History - Trinity Anglican, Lone Pine

On January 28th & 29th Bishop Eric made his pastoral visit to Lone Pine and the wonderful people of Trinity Church. Here is a little history for you which comes in part from an article that ran a few years ago in the local paper...

The first Episcopal services in eastern California were held in 1901 by the Rt. Rev. William Fr. Nicholas, Bishop of the Diocese of California, which, at the time, comprised all the area now included in the Dioceses of San Joaquin, Northern California, El Camino Real and California (the bay area). He came to the Owens Valley on the narrow gauge and held services at Independence, Lone Pine and Keeler. After his consecration as Bishop of San Joaquin, Bishop Sanford established missions in Bishop, Lone Pine, and Randsburg. Fr. Denman was appointed vicar of all three missions in November, 1915.

Construction of the Church building, many times refurbished but still the basic structure and still in use, was completed in less than six months. It was donated by Mrs. E.H. Edwards as a memorial to her husband. The cornerstone of Inyo marble is located at the northwest corner of the church. When it opened for its first use on April 8, 1917, Easter Sunday, it was completely furnished and debt-free. The church and everything in it had been donated as memorials, giving the church the name it bears today: "Trinity Memorial." The bronze plaques and inscriptions located throughout the church and reciting the names of those remembered, are a history of the parish and the community. Four of the six stained glass windows, each costing \$150, were in place at the opening.

Fr. Denman's remarks at the cornerstone laying, reported in the *Inyo Independent*, stated the effective purpose of this Church then and today: "The new church building was being built as a memorial to one who was known and loved by all; the church was to be free to all, a source of comfort in time of sorrow, a source of joy to all who entered its portals." He referred to the bar of silver bullion as the first product of the mines of Inyo



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## Dr. Yong "John" Rim to be ordained!

February 19th will be a special day in the life of the Disciples Church in Placentia, CA. Disciples is our Korean Language Church Plant just begun in January. Dr. Rim comes to the diocese after completing his Doctorate in Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary in Missiology. Dr. Rim is a native of Korea and has a special love in his heart for sharing the gospel and discipling believers. Dr. Rim will join Fr. Michael Jun in leadership at Disciples Church giving Fr. Jun more time to serve as a missionary overseas.

The service of ordination to the transitional diaconate is tentatively set for Sunday, February 19th, at 10:15 a.m. at the Church of the Resurrection, Placentia. Clergy are encouraged to attend - red stoles please.

# Some Lenten “Do’s and Don’ts”

By Fr. John Riebe

As many of you know, fasting and disciplines abound during Lent. One of the facts of Lent is that it is 40 Days – not including Sundays. The reason for this is that Sunday is always a “Feast Day”! Even in Penitential Seasons, We “Celebrate” the Eucharist! Unfortunately, many people treat Lent almost like “New Year’s Resolutions” with about as much success. I therefore offer a few Lenten “Do’s and Don’ts” to help keep the season in proper perspective. During Lent...

## DON’T

- Don’t “Fast” from things you ought to cut out completely – Give them up altogether! Fasting is a time to “do without” in order that we might be present to God. True fasting really involves things that are luxuries; therefore replace something with something – something that brings you closer to God. (Giving up chocolate is a bad idea if it makes you “grumpy” towards God and the Church!) Here is Good News: Lent is 40 Days long: If you give up something for 40 Days – or if you establish a good habit for 40 Days – statistics prove it will successfully change your life!
- Don’t be “Penitent” without remembering God’s love and grace. Many penitential prayers emphasize how we fail to live up to what we should be. We do need to be reminded of this truth because pride is all too easy for us as humans. Nevertheless, remember that Jesus’ atoning sacrifice on the cross established a new relationship for us!
- Don’t be “Grumpy” during Lent. The effectiveness of your fasting should show forth in joy! Remember what Jesus says in Matthew 6:16-18! Let your heart sing Alleluias!
- Don’t Quit – OR Give up – if you fall! Discipline means “working at it!” All of us fail and falter. If this happens, receive God’s forgiveness, forgive yourself, get up and get back on track!

## DO

- Do Attend worship every Sunday! Sunday is when we come together for nourishment through the Sacrament. It is the time when we remember that everyone else is going through Lent too!
- Do Pray every day – morning and evening! Very short daily prayers are found in the prayer book on pages 137- 140. Prayer time does not have to be long to be effective. Pray especially for the needs of others, not just your own needs.
- Do Forgive everyone you know, especially yourself! Say the words “I forgive you, \_\_\_\_\_.” Say them to the offender if possible, if not, say them to God. Don’t worry about how you feel about it – forgiveness is not dependent on how you feel.
- Do Repent: Change your mind about things! We all know that Jesus calls us to repent and believe (see Mk. 1:15). The word translated as “repent” is the Greek word metanoia that has two meanings: “to turn around” and to “change your mind.” True repentance has nothing to do with “Willpower” (because we don’t have any!) – God gives us the power to change! True repentance begins by changing the way we think about sin and bad habits. (See Romans 12:2) Once we “change our minds or thinking,” “turning around or away” has every possibility of success!
- Do Make Confession at least once during Lent: I am available anytime by appointment for the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent. (Prayer Book, pg. 447) This way you can know without doubt that you really are forgiven!

## History of Trinity Lone Pine

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County; that Mr. Edwards, being a pioneer, had devoted more than 30 years to the developing of the industries of Inyo, and that it was a fitting tribute that the first product of the county should contribute to the foundation of his memorial. The bullion was contributed by Robert Carrasco.

From that auspicious beginning, Trinity Memorial has seen good times, hard times and undulations between. When the United States entered World War One, Fr. Denman volunteered as a Red Cross Chaplain and was a mustard gas victim. He returned to the Owens Valley after convalescence but never fully recovered. In 1924 his health broke, and he had to give up his post.

By that time, Los Angeles water export activities had taken their toll on Lone Pine. Ranches were closed and families departed. Mining activity dropped and those families departed. When the Great Depression arrived, Lone Pine and its churches were not what they had been but a novel solution preserved Trinity Church.

Realizing the Episcopal Church could not sustain a full-time presence in Lone Pine, Bishop Sanford entered a Concordat with his Methodist counterpart, the superintendent of the Southern California Conference of the then Methodist Episcopal Church. Under its terms, the Episcopal Church retained ownership and the Book of Common Prayer was to be used, the Methodists supplied the pastor who was also licensed by the Episcopal bishop. The church was known as "Trinity United." The arrangement lasted until 1949 when both parties agreed to its termination and Trinity was again staffed by an Episcopal vicar.

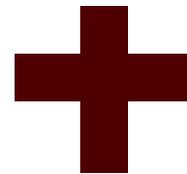
The "United" arrangement, although short lived, was a success, demonstrating that unity undertaken with good intent will bear good fruit. It also left the church with two reminders of this part of its history: the Concordat itself which survives, with seals intact, in the Parish Hall, and two "Episcopal thrones," one on each side of the altar. All Episcopal churches have one throne, used by its Bishop at visitation, but Trinity has two. placed in the church in case both Methodist and Episcopal bishops appeared at the same time. They never did.

Trinity Memorial has been served by a variety of clergy. Some of the names: Pancake, Bacon and Pickells, have a culinary ring. Some of the clergy have everything. They include Fr. Denman, who gave up his health; Fr. Charles Powell, who worked both as an Inyo County probation officer and died immediately after officiating the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Eberhart in 1942, and Fr. John Pickells, killed in a rodeo accident in 1951.

More important has been the loyalty and service of lay-readers, many serving for decades, who have kept services intact during the absence of clergy: wardens, Vestry, Altar Guild members, organists and faithful members.

## The Ven. Robert George Hilliard

It is with sadness that we report to you the death of The Venerable Robert George Hilliard, Archdeacon of the Diocese of San Joaquin. Deacon Bob died following a heart attack on Friday morning January 27th. Dcn. Hilliard served as Deacon-In-Charge at St. Nicholas, Atwater. A memorial service was held at St. Luke's, Merced, on Saturday, February 4th at 10:00 AM. A burial service will be held at St. Nicholas on Thursday, February 9th, at 10:00 AM at St. Nicholas and will be followed by internment at Santa Nella National Cemetery at 1:00 PM. Deacon Bob served our country proudly in the United States Air Force and will be buried with full military and church honors.



## Christ Church Cambria

February 5th marks the birth of our newest church plant in the Diocese of San Joaquin- Christ Church in Cambria! Services are from 9-10am and held at The Joslyn Center 950 Main St., Cambria, CA 93428

For more information please contact Fr. Don Cleave 805-395-1221 or on the web at:

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question is the most important answer any of us can ever give not only to Jesus but to ourselves, our family and friends.

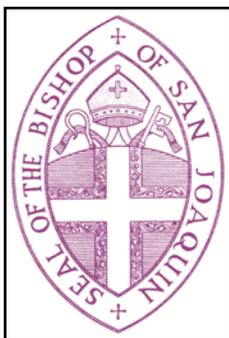
***“And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.”*** (Mark 8:27-30 ESV)

Ultimately we all have to grapple with this question at some point in our lives. I know my Uncle Norman put that question off his whole life until, on his death bed, I challenged him to wrestle with that question and his answer. Tears streamed down his face when he came to the decision, “You are the Christ,” and Norman accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

At that moment my family and I rejoiced with Norman because we knew, as he did, that with that proclamation of faith, the gates of heaven were opened up to him, his sins were forgiven and he was a new man. Norman met the Lord face to face as he took his last breath on earth - he took his next sweet breath in heaven not long afterwards.

During the season of Epiphany we examine the scriptures to see how Jesus is made “Manifest.” We hear God’s voice as Jesus emerges from the River Jordan, ***“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”*** (Mark 1:11-12 ESV) We join Jesus and the disciples at the Wedding in Cana when he turns the water to wine. We witness Jesus call forth the first disciples, promising to make them “fishers of men.” (Mark 1: 17)

How powerful it is to witness Jesus throughout the scriptures make himself known as God incarnate. No matter how much we study, however, no matter how much people talk about it, no matter how many sermons we hear, ultimately, the question that Jesus put to the disciples is the same question he puts to you and he puts to me: ***“But who do you say that I am?”***



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Thank you!

## Announcements

### Clergy Conference -

Mark your calendars for April 30 - May 2 at ECCO. Bishop Eric will be leading the Clergy Conference on the topic of Church Growth and Development. This is an area of special interest for Bishop Eric who took his Doctor of Ministry degree on the subject. Clergy spouses are welcome to join! Please make your reservations through ECCO via their website [www.ECCCYosemite.org](http://www.ECCCYosemite.org)

### Diocesan Convention -

Mark your calendars for November 2 & 3 for our Diocesan Convention 2012.

### Summer Plans...

It's not too early to start thinking about summer and as you do won't you think about **Camp San Joaquin?** ([www.campsanjoaquin.com](http://www.campsanjoaquin.com))

This summer Bishop Eric is designing two special camps to take place July 22-26 & July 29 - August 2. The first will be for students in grades 6-8 and second for students 9-12. These two camps will give a feel for the camp of yesteryear and the Church to come.

July 15-21 **Camp H2O** will take place again at ECCO and promises to be Spirit filled and fun! More information can be obtained through the diocesan offices at 559-244-4828 ext. 11.

# CALENDAR

2/04 Dio. Altar Guild Board Meeting - 10:00 a.m. Diocesan House

2/11 Standing Committee - 10:00 Diocesan House

2/18 Diocesan Council - 10:00 Diocesan House

2/19 Ordination to the Deaconate of Dr. Yong "John" Rim

2/20 Diocesan Office Closed for Presidents' Day

2/25 Diocesan Altar Guild Board Meeting - 10-12:00 Cathedral Library