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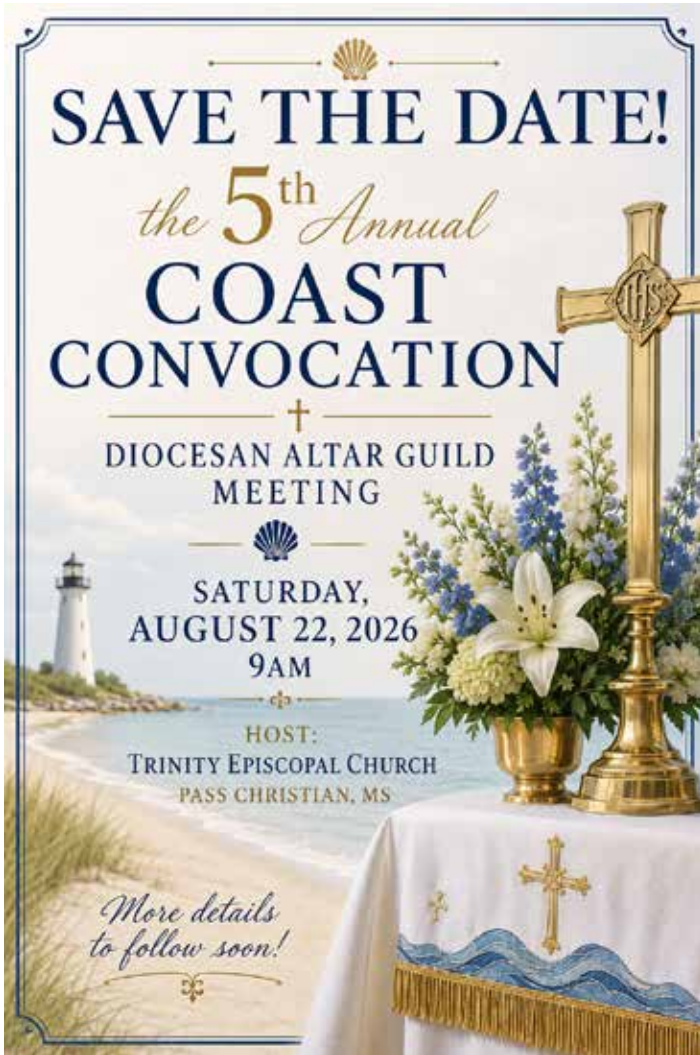


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# Creativity, beauty, community

## Historic St. John's, Ocean Springs, to host new Art House location

St. John's Episcopal Church in Ocean Springs received a Conditional Use Permit from the Ocean Springs Board of Aldermen to lease the Ruddiman Building located on the church property to the Ocean Springs Art Association's Art House. The Board, following a public hearing, gave unanimous approval for the site to be used as a retail location and event space for the Art House.

Located across from the historic St. John's church on the corner of Porter and Rayburn, the Ruddiman Building, so named because it was donated to the parish in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Edsel Ruddiman, has served as a meeting space for many years. The church is delighted to see a new chapter begin for this treasured building as a home for the Art House and the Ocean Springs Art Association, a well-respected non-profit that supports the arts in the community. The parish believes that the overall mission of St. John's to "know, love, and serve God, be renewed by His Spirit, and

to share Christ" will be complemented by the addition of the Art House.

"St. John's is grateful that the Ruddiman Building can continue to serve the wider Ocean Springs community,"



Ruddiman Building

says the Rev. Charles Hawkins, rector of St. John's. "Our parish has always understood its campus as a place of welcome, service, and shared life, and we are delighted that the Art House will bring creativity, beauty, and community connection to this beloved space."

Julia Weaver, a long-time parishioner at St. John's and former Alderman, has been instrumental in the effort to help the OSAA re-open the Art House in the Ruddiman Building.

"St. John's has a long history of responding to community needs and we look forward to welcoming the Art House onto our campus," she says.

The Art House hopes to be open in the new location by early fall. 🍁

### On the verge

*Robbie Doak Fisher was commissioned as a vergers at the Church of the Nativity in Water Valley on June 14, 2026. The Rt. Rev. Duncan M. Gray III officiated. VGEC Representative was Tom Hardy, Vergers at Trinity Episcopal Church in Hattiesburg and Vice President of the Diocese of Mississippi Chapter of the Vergers' Guild. Presenters were the Rev. Marian Fortner and Mary Beth Pulsifer, Sr. Warden of the Church of the Nativity.*



# A beacon

# on the hill

During Eastertide 2026, newly restored Christ Church, Church Hill, rejoices with baptism, wedding and more

by Carolyn Vance Smith

**A** baby's baptism and the wedding of a young couple were joyous highlights during Eastertide 2026 at the recently-restored, award-winning Christ Episcopal Church in Church Hill.

Christ Church, which dates to 1820 and is the oldest Episcopal church congregation in Mississippi, is called both the "Mother Church" and the "Cradle of Episcopacy in Mississippi."

The original log building has been replaced twice. The final one, the present church building, is an 1857-1858 Gothic Revival structure that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The congregation and its church buildings have been revered by Episcopalians in Mississippi for centuries because of their historical importance to the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi. Likewise, the community is tightly linked to the church since the church and its site inspired the name of Church Hill.

In recent years, however, the church found itself in

crippled shape with only one worship service per month and fewer than a dozen in attendance. Weak financial support, extensive damage, no temperature controls and other major issues negatively affected the physical structure.

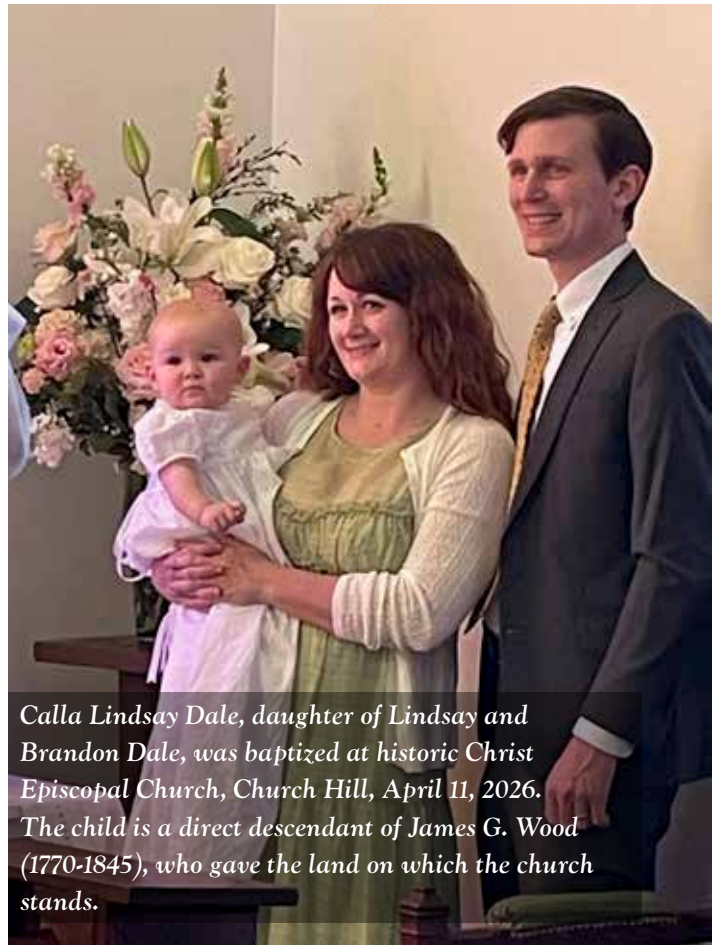
No matter, the church's innate beauty and its hilltop setting at a Jefferson County crossroads were so spectacular that they caught the attention of Tate Taylor of Jackson.

Taylor is an Academy Award-winning moviemaker known for "The Help" (2011) and other major films.

About 15 years ago, Taylor and his partner, John Norris, were searching in the Church Hill community for a house to buy. They found Wyolah, a large 1836 mansion located near the church. They bought the house and soon became friends with Jinny Patterson and other neighbors who were members of Christ Church.

Taylor and Norris joined the church and became active in it, with Norris serving as a member of the Bishop's Committee.

*Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Reed Markle at Christ Church.*



*Calla Lindsay Dale, daughter of Lindsay and Brandon Dale, was baptized at historic Christ Episcopal Church, Church Hill, April 11, 2026. The child is a direct descendant of James G. Wood (1770-1845), who gave the land on which the church stands.*

“I’ve always loved old things,” says Taylor. “I was hoping we could get the church building restored.”

In the early 2020s, during a lull between movies, Taylor used the knowledge, skills, and time he had gained as a building contractor before he pursued a career in movie making to master-mind the Christ Church restoration.

“I hired top specialists to do the work,” he says. “Most of them live in Mississippi and take great pride in their work.”

Successful financial campaigns took place under Taylor’s leadership and that of many others, including Marion Smith and David Paradise. By the end of 2025, the church was totally restored and contained new additions that are sympathetic to the historical building, including a temperature control system and functional lighting.

A standing-room-only crowd attended a re-dedication worship service at the 200-seat church on Dec. 20, 2025. Celebrating the event was the Right Rev. Dr. Dorothy Sanders Wells.

Because of the restoration, the church has received publicity in publications, on television, through the national Episcopal News Service, and by receiving the top 2026 Historic Preservation Award given by the Historic Natchez Foundation and the 2026 America 250 Heritage Award by the Mississippi Heritage Trust.

The church’s reclaimed beauty is just one of the reasons two families chose Christ Church for this spring’s baptism and wedding. The other reason is that both families have strong ties to the church.

The baby, Calla Lindsay Dale, is a direct descendant of Col. James G. Wood (1770-1845), who gave the land on which the church was built. The baby’s grandparents, Bill and Cammie Wood Dale of Natchez, attend Christ Church, where Cammie Dale serves on the Bishop’s Committee.

The bride, Margaret McKenzie Tannehill, and her family have supported Christ Church for years during regular, lengthy visits to Taylor and Norris. According to the bride’s mother, Robyn Tannehill, both a resident and the mayor of Oxford, they are “like family.”

The two sacred services “celebrated the Easter season of new life, joy and happiness in very meaningful ways,” said the Rev. Samuel Bisland Godfrey, the church’s permanent supply priest. He conducted both services.

Calla Lindsay Dale, who was baptized April 11, 2026, is the child of Brandon and Lindsay Dale of Nashville, Tennessee.

“The whole family wanted Calla baptized at Christ Church,” Cammie Wood Dale said. “It has meant so much for our family for so long.”

Water from the Holy Land “was a very meaningful part of the baptism,” Cammie Dale said. It was brought to Natchez by the child’s great-grandparents, Lucianne Wood of Natchez and the late Bernard Wood.

The site of the wedding April 18, 2026, of Margaret McKenzie Tannehill and Nicholas Reed Markle, both of Oxford, was also based on the family’s connection to Christ Church.

“For the past 15 years, my husband, Rhea, and our children have visited Church Hill to be with our dear friends, Tate Taylor and John Norris,” says Tannehill.

“Wyolah is our home away-from-home,” she said.

“We spend every Thanksgiving, every New Year’s, every Fourth of July and lots of time in between at Church Hill,” she says. “Rhea and I have been best friends with Tate since college days at Ole Miss.

“Our children have grown up going to Church Hill,” she adds. “We have attended services at Christ Church, watched and admired the church’s restoration, and been glad to support the church’s important work.”

When discussing wedding plans, Tannehill says, “Maggie told me she did not want a ‘Mayor’s Wedding’ or a wedding where she met a person for the first time.

“I told her the perfect site was Christ Church. She loved that idea! We all love that church,” she says. “Fr. Sam is such a blessing. We love him, too.”

In addition to the restoration of the church and this spring’s baptism and wedding, Christ Church has grown in other ways:

- Worship service attendance
- Increased financial contributions
- Worship services twice a month instead of once a month
- A free concert on a new Allen Organ
- A new diocesan classification as a Mission Church, rather than a Mission Station or Partner-in-Mission
- Visits by tour groups


“The church is growing,” says Godfrey. “With that will come future important improvements.”

One improvement already under way is the restoration of the church’s large, historic cemetery. Adjoining the church building on three sides, the cemetery dates to the early 1800s.

“The work will be completed this summer,” says Debra Blackwell, who is project chairman. “We are very grateful that we already have funds to cover the costs.”

Bishop Wells will re-dedicate the cemetery at a special worship service at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 24, 2026. A tour of the cemetery and a picnic will follow.

“All the work underway at Christ Church reminds us of how alive the church is,” Godfrey said. “It shows how much it means to a mix of old and new people as well as to the Church Hill community.

“Christ Church is very significant to the diocese,” says Godfrey. “We want it to continue to be active. We want it to be a shining beacon on top of the hill.” 



*A 200-person congregation filled historic Christ Episcopal Church, Church Hill, Miss., for the wedding of Margaret McKenzie Tannehill and Nicholas Reed Markle on April 18, 2026.*

# Happy anniversary!

## The Community of St. Joseph celebrates 25 years

*A Letter from the Superior of the Community of St. Joseph, Brother Vincent Ignatius, reprinted from the community's newsletter, Sursum Corda.*

Dear Community,

Today, as I write this, we are celebrating Memorial Day in the United States. This is not just a holiday but a day of remembrance for those who gave their lives to purchase our freedom and ensure our way of life. These brave men and women who even today defend our country and assist other countries in peril and oppression, as well, should be the subject of our prayers and our deep gratitude.

Yesterday, we celebrated Pentecost—the 'Birthday of the Church' as it is sometimes called. This feast marks the end of the Easter season. Back to Ordinary Time we go! For some, it may be a relief from the extended celebration that lasted 50 days. For others, it is a bit sad to have to say goodbye to our Easter feasting, but we do not say goodbye to it entirely, as every Sunday of the Church year (with the exception of Palm Sunday) is a day of feast and remembrance of the Resurrection of Our Lord. Throughout the year, we also celebrate key moments in Our Lord's life and Our Lady's as well as the great saints and martyrs.

Tomorrow, May 26th, we celebrate a great milestone in our Community history—our Foundation and not just any commemoration of that date but the Silver Jubilee—25 years—of our existence. As the Founder, I must say it is hard to believe that it has been 25 years already. It often seems like yesterday that I stood in Trinity Church in Natchez before the bishop and a congregation and professed my first vows, after which I was charged by the bishop with the foundation of this Community and given the awesome responsibility of serving as its first Superior. It was a key moment in my life, seconded only by my Solemn Profession three years later. It was a moment that I approached with not a little fear and doubt as to my ability to fulfill the task at hand. But Our Lord never fails to

give us the strength and the confidence to move forward in any endeavor to which He calls us if we but dedicate ourselves to following Him.

Our Community has undergone many changes and 'seasons' over these years—most of which I would never have been able to visualize beforehand. Again, God's hand at work. We have come to a place of great stability and a true sense of who we are. These are great gifts for any community. To embody a culture within of loving family, dedication, stability and perseverance, all wreathed in great joy—these are our strengths. Let us never cease to give thanks to God for these great and wondrous gifts to us. They come not from our efforts, though we know we must 'do our part' in God's work; they come from His loving care of our Community over these many years, His guiding hand. And that hand is still guiding us!

As we move into what is hopefully, if it be God's will, the next 25 years, let us take this year to celebrate our own hard-won 'Easter season'. Let us rejoice in this great milestone and rededicate our lives to this endeavor anew, placing all our trust and hope in God's love for us and that of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, Our blessed Lady, and St. Benedict.

Blessings to you all and Happy Anniversary! 🍀

Pax-  
Br. Vincent Ignatius, OSB  
Superior



# An invitation to rummage

St. James', Jackson to hold annual rummage sale on July 25



**T**he Annual Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, July 25 from 7am - 11am. The proceeds will go towards St. James' outreach ministries. The preview party will be on Friday, July 24, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. The cost is \$25.

All are invited!

**Who:** St. James' Episcopal Church—Jackson

**What:** St. James' cordially invites you to a huge rummage sale! You'll find clothing, toys, baby & household items, home décor, furniture, rugs and more!

**When:** Sat., July 25, 7am – 11am

**Where:** St. James' Episcopal Church, 3921 Oak Ridge Drive, Jackson, MS 39216

**Donation Drop Off:** Sunday, July 19 from 11:00am – 4:00p; Monday-Thursday, July 20-23 from 9:00am – 4:00pm

**Guidelines for Donations:** Items must be clean, clothing on hangers, no books.

**Large Items:** Take a picture & send to Maura Jelliffe 601-594-1860 or email [mjell2014@gmail.com](mailto:mjell2014@gmail.com)

**For more information:** Follow the Rummage Sale on Facebook: [facebook.com/stjamesrummagesale](https://www.facebook.com/stjamesrummagesale)



# RUMMAGE SALE



# HUGE SALE

**SATURDAY, JULY 25 | 7 – 11 AM**

**ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL | 3921 OAKRIDGE DRIVE | JACKSON**

**HOUSEHOLD  
ITEMS**

**DECOR  
RUGS  
BABY ITEMS**

**CLOTHING  
TOYS  
FURNITURE**

## Donation Drop Off

Sunday, July 19 : 11am - 4pm

Monday-Thursday, July 20 - 23 : 9am - 4pm

ALL ITEMS MUST BE CLEAN  
CLOTHING MUST BE ON HANGERS  
NO BOOKS

**LARGE ITEMS:** YOU MAY TAKE A PICTURE NOW OR ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR,  
AND SEND TO JENNY BIENKOWSKI AT [601-405-6065](tel:601-405-6065)

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RUMMAGESALE](https://www.facebook.com/stjamesrummagesale)

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# Diocesan scholars

## Thirty-one scholarships awarded to outstanding students

By Ruby Medlin, Executive Assistant to the Bishop

The Diocesan Scholarship Committee is happy to announce that 31 outstanding young students have been chosen to receive scholarships for the 2026-2027 academic year. Selections for a variety of scholarships are made each year by the Scholarship Committee composed of representatives of the Executive Committee and Trustees and representatives of the dean and wardens of St. Andrew's Cathedral.

### THE ADAMS EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP



This scholarship is awarded annually to undergraduate students who are active members of a congregation of The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi and attend the engineering college or business college of Mississippi State University. This year,

the Adams Scholarship is awarded to five recipients: **Harlan Easterling**, a member of Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, West Point, studying finance and risk management; **Carter Scaggs**, a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Aberdeen, studying Data Science with a concentration in Marketing and Supply Chain Management; **Kendarius Robinson**, a member at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Jackson, studying Business Administration; **Kristopher Thompson**, a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Jackson, studying Civil Engineering; and, **Ruth Andrews**, a member of Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, West Point, studying Industrial and Systems Engineering.

### THE CHARLOTTE CAPERS SCHOLARSHIPS



The Charlotte Capers Scholarships are presented to those who are pursuing a liberal arts degree. This year we have thirteen Capers scholars: **Samuel Andrews**, a member of St. Christopher's Episcopal, Jackson,

studying Psychology at The University of the South, Sewanee; **Alexander Mason**, a member of St. Mark's Episcopal, Jackson, studying Psychology at Jackson State University; **Annie Byrd**, a member of St. John's Episcopal, Laurel, studying Biological Sciences at Mississippi State University; **Audrey Ward**, a member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Jackson, studying Law and Political Science at Wofford College; **Brenna Alexander**, a member of Chapel of the Cross, Madison, studying Dietetics and Nutrition at University of Mississippi; **Dallys Alexander**, a member of St. Christopher's Episcopal, Jackson, studying Kinesiology at Millsaps College; **Daniela Corrigan**, a member of Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Starkville, studying Sociology and Chinese at Kenyon College; **Harper Gray**, a member of St. Peter's Episcopal, Oxford, studying Psychology and Human Development at Mississippi State University; **Johnnie Blake**, a member at St. Peter's Episcopal, Gulfport, studying Mass Communications and Journalism at Loyola University; **Jude Misener**, a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal, Jackson, studying Liberal Arts at Millsaps College; **Maddy Breaux**, a member of Chapel of the Cross, Madison, studying Nursing at University of Southern Mississippi; **Whit Turpin**, a member of St. Paul's Episcopal, Columbus, studying Secondary Social Studies Education at Mississippi State University; and, **William Andrews**, a member of St. Christopher's Episcopal, Jackson, studying Psychology at Mississippi College.

### THE MISTICOS SCHOLARSHIPS



Misticos Scholarships are awarded annually to students of either the Greek Orthodox or Episcopal faiths. The late Alexander Misticos established these scholarships as memorials to members of his

family. This year, our four recipients are: **Ekaterini Dungjen**, a member of Kidane Mihiret (Covenant of St. Mary) Orthodox Church, Kansas City, MO, studying Accounting at University of Missouri – Columbia; **Liana Krontiris**, a member of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Upper Darby, PA, studying Architectural Engineering at Drexel University; **Nikolaos Krontiris**, a member of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Upper Darby, PA, studying Computer Engineering at Drexel University; and, **Yianni Krontiris**, a member of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Upper Darby, PA, studying Biological Sciences at Drexel University.

### THE WARREN SCHOLARSHIPS



The late Robert Warren of St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral established the Warren Trust Scholarships. This year, the Warren Scholarships are awarded to: **Grant Duncan**, a member of Trinity Episcopal, Hattiesburg, studying Chemical Engineering at Tulane University; **Naomi Dick**, a member of Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, Dallas, TX, studying Communications at University of Missouri; **James Kornegay**, a member of All Saints Episcopal, Grenada, studying at University of Mississippi.

### THE OKOLONA SCHOLARSHIPS



The trustees of the Okolona College Endowment established annual scholarships to be awarded specifically to African American college students. Preference is given to Episcopalians, but members

of all churches may apply. This year's recipients of Okolona Scholarships are: **Alexander Mason**, referenced above, as a recipient of a Capers Scholarship; **Christian Barksdale**, a member of St. Mark's Episcopal, Jackson, studying Civil Engineering at Jackson State University; and, **Kendarius Robinson**, referenced above, as a recipient of the Adams Episcopal Endowment Scholarship.



**The Willie Mae Tucker Raspberry Scholarship** is awarded to the most outstanding female student among those applying for the Okolona Scholarship. This year, the Willie Mae Tucker Raspberry Scholarship goes to **Dallys Alexander**, a member of St. Christopher's Episcopal, Jackson, studying Kenisology at Millsaps College. She is also a recipient of a Charlotte Capers Scholarship.




**The James L. Raspberry Scholarship** is presented to the most outstanding male student among those applying for the Okolona Scholarship. This year, the James L. Raspberry Scholarship is presented to **Kristopher Thompson**, a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Jackson, studying Civil Engineering at Mississippi State University. He is also the recipient of an Adams Episcopal Endowment Scholarship.



**The William Raspberry Scholarship** is named in memory of William Raspberry, an Okolona, Mississippi native, celebrated syndicated public affairs columnist, and Knight Professor of the Practice of Communications and Journalism at Duke University's Sanford Institute of Public Policy. This year, we have one William Raspberry scholar, **Asha Harvin**, a member of Relevant Empowerment Church, Jackson, studying Biological Sciences at Belhaven University.

Scholarship applications are due every year on March 1 and that deadline is strictly enforced.

The application form and additional information, including criteria, may be found at: [dioms.org/Financial/scholarships.html#College](https://dioms.org/Financial/scholarships.html#College). 

## Survey Supports Research on Intergenerational Worship in the Episcopal Church

Help the Roots & Wings grant team research current worship practices in the Episcopal Church by taking a short survey on the five hallmarks of intergenerational worship. Our goal is to collect 500+ survey responses in 2026 to give us a snapshot of the current levels of intergenerationality in Episcopal liturgy based on five core characteristics. You do not have to already be practicing intentionally intergenerational worship to participate! The survey is accompanied by a toolkit for congregations that want to strengthen intergenerational worship practices. Roots & Wings: Intergenerational Formation Collaborative (R&W) is a five-year grant administered through Lifelong Learning at Virginia Theological Seminary.

Take the survey:

[buildfaith.org/hallmarks-of-intergenerational-worship-toolkit/](https://buildfaith.org/hallmarks-of-intergenerational-worship-toolkit/)

Shape the Future of  
Intergenerational Liturgy in  
the Episcopal Church

Take the Five Hallmarks of  
Intergenerational Worship Survey



ROOTS & WINGS  
Intergenerational Formation Collaborative

# An update on lay leadership of worship

## Licensing for Lay Worship Leaders

Persons who feel called to be licensed as Lay Worship Leaders authorized to lead Morning Prayer and other offices of the church here in Mississippi are invited to request information and an application from either Mr. David Benway, the Director of Licensed Lay Worship Education, or Canon Gary Meade.

## Renewal of a Lay Worship Leader License

Leaders already licensed are required to renew their license annually. To do so, persons must complete one of the following three requirements:

1. Attend the in-person Lay Worship Leader Conference to be held this year on August 22 at Christ Episcopal Church in Vicksburg or an equivalent event approved by either Mr. Benway or Canon Gary; or
2. Attend any two of four online workshops offered by David Benway and Canon Gary on the following Thursday evenings at 6 pm: June 25, July 30, September 17, and October 25; or
3. Complete and return a five-question quiz available either from David Benway or Canon Gary by November 1.

## Local Lay Worship Leaders

At the recent Small Church Conference, Bishop Dorothy Wells announced that persons leading Morning Prayer in their own local church do not need to be licensed. Persons leading worship do with the knowledge and approval of local leadership, whether that's a priest or, in the absence of a priest, the Senior Warden.

Training materials for local lay worship leaders are available from Canon Gary, and all who lead worship are welcome at the in-person conference and online workshops.

## For More Information

Please contact either Mr. David Benway (601-218-1093; [davben@bellsouth.net](mailto:davben@bellsouth.net)), or Canon Gary Meade (731-589-3370). You may also visit [sites.google.com/dioms.org/lay-worship-leaders](https://sites.google.com/dioms.org/lay-worship-leaders).



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# Deployment Report

# Faithful Departed

Please submit Faithful Departed notices to your church for submission.

## Churches seeking full or part-time clergy

Redeemer, Biloxi  
Redeemer, Brookhaven  
Calvary, Cleveland  
St. Thomas, Diamondhead  
St. Pierre's, Gautier  
All Saints, Grenada  
Ascension, Hattiesburg  
St. Paul's, Meridian  
Trinity, Natchez  
Resurrection, Starkville  
Holy Trinity, Vicksburg  
Church of the Nativity, Water Valley

## Churches seeking supply clergy

St. Stephen's, Batesville  
Good Shepherd, Columbus  
Holy Trinity, Crystal Springs  
Christ Church, Holly Springs  
All Saints, Inverness  
All Saints, Jackson  
St. Christopher's, Jackson  
St. Mark's, Jackson  
St. Matthew's, Kosciusko  
Calvary, Michigan City  
St. James, Port Gibson  
Church of the Good Shepherd, Terry

Questions about deployment should be directed to  
The Rev. Canon Gary Meade, Canon to the Ordinary,  
[gmeade@dioms.org](mailto:gmeade@dioms.org); 601-948-5954 x114.

**The Rev. Dcn. Rose Kellum**, 69, died on May 6, 2026.  
**Shellie Speed Bartlet**, 87, communicant of St. James', Jackson, died on May 10, 2026.  
**Douglas Edward Levanway**, 70, communicant of St. James', Jackson, died on May 24, 2026.  
**Mara Jean Johnson**, 72, communicant of St. Luke's, Brandon, died on May 26, 2026.

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# Diocesan Calendar

## June

- 25** Lay Worship Leaders Workshop, Zoom, 6:00 – 7:30pm
- 28** Bishop Wells visits Good Shepherd, Columbus

## July

- 3** Allin House closed for July 4th holiday
- 3** Submission deadline for *TME-news*, 12:00 noon
- 7** Small Churches Collaborative, Zoom, 2:00 - 3:00pm
- 8** *TME-news* published
- 9** Trustees meeting, Allin House, 1:00 – 4:00pm
- 14** Deadline for Cursillo 141 staff applications
- 15** *The Mississippi Episcopalian*  
August issue submission deadline
- 17-18** A.C. Marble Convocation, online
- 17** Submission deadline for *TME-news*, 12:00 noon
- 22** *TME-news* Published
- 30** Lay Worship Leaders Workshop, Zoom, 6:00 – 7:30pm

## August

- 2** Bishop Wells visits St. Mary's, Vicksburg
- 4** Small Churches Collaborative, Zoom, 2:00 - 3:00pm
- 6-7** Commission on Ministry (COM)
- 7** Deadline for Cursillo 141 applications
- 7** Submission deadline for *TME-news*, 12:00 noon
- 9** Bishop Wells visits St. Columb's, Ridgeland
- 12** *TME-news* Published
- 14-15** A. C. Marble Convocation, Solomon Center
- 16** Bishop Wells visits Advent, Sumner
- 17** *The Mississippi Episcopalian*  
September issue submission deadline
- 21** Submission deadline for *TME-news*, 12:00 noon
- 22** Lay Worship Leader Conference, Christ Church, Vicksburg
- 23** Bishop Wells visits St. Thomas, Belzoni
- 26** *TME-news* Published
- 27** Standing Committee meeting, Zoom
- 30** Bishop Wells visits St. Mark's, Gulfport

## September

- 1** Small Churches Collaborative, Zoom, 2:00 - 3:00pm
- 4** Submission deadline for *TME-news*, 12:00 noon
- 6** Bishop Wells visits Creator, Clinton
- 9** *TME-news* Published
- 10** Finance Committee meeting,  
Allin House, 11:30am – 2:30pm
- 11-12** A. C. Marble Convocation, online
- 13** Bishop Wells visits St. Elizabeth's, Collins
- 15** *The Mississippi Episcopalian*  
October issue submission deadline
- 17** Executive Committee meeting,  
St. Andrew's Cathedral, 12:00 – 3:00pm
- 17** Lay Worship Leaders Workshop, Zoom, 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- 18-20** Cursillo #141
- 18** Submission deadline for *TME-news*, 12:00 noon
- 20** Bishop Wells visits St. James', Port Gibson
- 22-29** Fall House of Bishops, Camp Allen, Navasota, TX
- 23** *TME-news* Published

## we want stories . . .

**about your church, your ministry, your school...  
or whatever is on your Episcopal mind! Send us  
fully realized stories, photos, or just ideas at  
[msepiscopalian@dioms.org](mailto:msepiscopalian@dioms.org).**

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(always available at  
[msepiscopalian.com/submissions](https://msepiscopalian.com/submissions))**

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St. James', Jackson, hosts an annual rummage sale, part of whose proceeds go to outreach. To see some pictures from last year's sale and get the information on the 2026 edition, happening next month, see page 7.

