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May 2010

## Walk This Way

In April I spent a few days in Washington D.C. at meetings. Although the Cherry Blossom Festival had recently ended, the azaleas were coming into full flower, with a few rhododendrons close behind. The city looked lovely. I have been there from time to time over the years and, like many children, had made the trip to “our nation’s capital” with my parents many years before. Back then, during the cherry blossom festival, the water in some of the fountains was dyed pink for the occasion. I have been informed (assured) that this is no longer the case. But whether there recently or not, most of us carry fairly clear images of the Capitol building up on its hill, of the White House, of the Washington monument and the monuments to Jefferson and Lincoln. Yet, though I knew it existed, having been created about ten years ago, I had never seen the monument to Franklin Delano Roosevelt and had no idea what it looked like. A friend and colleague who lives in D.C. offered to take me. Good thing. For those of us used to central Manhattan’s straightforward north/south and east/west grid, navigating Washington is no small challenge. In Washington, it helps that you can see the monument to which you’re headed. Not this time. The FDR monument is entirely below the tree line, completely invisible if you stand and look towards it from the Jefferson memorial, which is its nearest neighbor.

That’s just the beginning of the differences. There is no central room (Jefferson gets to stand inside the Parthenon; Lincoln is seated in his Greek temple), but a series of open spaces that flow into each other recalling his terms as President and the issues and accomplishments that went along with them, from the Great Depression to the New Deal to World War II. Flow is the right word, as the spaces are connected to each other by water, pooled or cascading, that marks almost every part of the monument and that you can hear

throughout. Those spaces and the whole monument are, not surprisingly, accessible; the first sculpture is a bronze replica of the President’s customized wheelchair (an assemblage of a kitchen chair, bicycle and tricycle tires). Although there is one rather grand bronze of Roosevelt well along the path, it is the equally grand sculpture of his terrier Fala seated next to him that gets more attention, his ears having been rubbed to a fine shine. Yet most of the images are not of Roosevelt but of the people his Presidency sought to serve, and none of those are any larger than those of us looking at them. And there are words, in large print and in Braille, and some of those remain untranslated, a fine way to welcome those who don’t read Braille into the world of exclusion familiar to anyone with a disability. Not many words but enough, some of them both stirring and heartbreaking at one and the same time.

As you can tell, I liked it a lot. That is not my point. In this Easter season, which continues through the Feast of Pentecost on May 23, the very form of the monument spoke to me about the way in which the Christian faith—and the Easter announcement of new, redeemed and lasting life—works. There are great leaders in the Church. We call them Saints, capital “S” intended. But they are not the point. What matters and why we remember them, if we do, is because of the ways in which their proclamation of the Gospel transformed the lives of the people touched by their words and actions. Such transformation may occur immediately, but more often happens over time. It always occurs at ground level in the familiar human experiences of suffering, fear, sin and conflict. Such transformation may well go unnoticed by those who expect and look only for monumental action and larger than life leaders. Yet the work we do as Christians and the witness we bear creates a lasting (everlasting) difference not just in the lives of individuals who find themselves healed or forgiven or fed but in the life of the world when justice and compassion take root. This Easter calls us to walk that path, the path opened for us all by Jesus.

—The Rev. Brenda G. Husson, Rector

St. James' Church  
1810-2010



Faithful Past  
Unlimited Future

## The Rev. Carol Anderson to be Guest Preacher

First Woman to Be Ordained in the Diocese to Speak Sunday, May 9

Carol Anderson will be the bicentennial guest preacher for May at both the 9:10 and 11:15 a.m. services. Her 10:30 a.m. adult education forum topic is "The Church Tomorrow."

On Monday January 3, 1977, Carol Anderson was ordained to the priesthood at St. James' Church by the Rt. Rev. Horace Donegan, retired Bishop of New York and a former rector of St. James', with St. James' new rector Hays Rockwell celebrating the Eucharist and the immediate past rector, the Rt. Rev. John Coburn, Bishop of Massachusetts, preaching. An amendment of the national Episcopal canons to authorize the ordination of women to the priesthood had gone into effect two days earlier. Dr. Anderson was the first woman to be ordained in the Diocese of New York.

Carol Anderson served at St. James' from 1972 to 1979. Prior to her ordination to the priesthood she was a member of the clergy staff as a deacon. From 1979 to 1986, she was the Rector of All Angels' Parish in New York and then served as the founder and Director of the Institute of Clergy Renewal in Fairfax, Virginia. In 1989 she was called as sixth Rector of All Saints' Church in Beverly Hills, California, during twenty years of growth in that parish. In January 2010, she retired and has returned to live in New York City.

Raised in New Jersey, she is a graduate of Lycoming College (B.A.) and the Episcopal Theological School (M. Div.). She also pursued studies during a sabbatical at St. John's College, Nottingham, England. In 1992, she was awarded an honorary doctorate by Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.



The Rev. Carol Anderson, *top*, and with Bishop Donegan at her ordination in January, 1977. *Below*, the laying on of hands at the ceremony.



Dr. Anderson has served on many diocesan and national committees, was President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New York and was three times a deputy to the General Convention. She has led various workshops and preaching missions. Her first book, *Knowing Jesus in Your Life*, was published in the United States in 1995. It has previously been published in Great Britain in 1993 with the title *Who Do You Say That I Am?*

We welcome Carol back to St. James' Church!

—Jan Golann

## Consecration Anniversary



On May 17, 1810 the first St. James' Church on Hamilton Square was consecrated. It was a country church located at what is now 69th Street and Lexington Avenue, and was used until a second church was built on 72nd Street between Lexington and Third Avenues in 1869. St. James' Church moved to its current location in 1884.

Dear Friends,

*I have great news to share with you: I have accepted a call to become Priest-in-Charge of The Church of the Holy Innocents in West Orange, New Jersey. My first Sunday will be May 2nd.*

*Holy Innocents is a diverse, inclusive, and open parish of about 75 members from many nations and backgrounds. They say of themselves that they love "good liturgy and good coffee hour" and want to become more involved in their community. We will face some challenges, as the parish needs to grow to be financially viable, a new challenge of new member ministry for me!*

*Paul and I will be living in the rectory just next to the church at 681 Prospect Ave., West Orange, NJ 07052. The church phone is 973.731-0259. We are thrilled to be able to share this news with all of you, and grateful for your continued care and concern this past year.*

*Wishing you a blessed and joyous Easter season, Martie+*

The Rev. Martie Metzler may also be reached at [martie.metzler@gmail.com](mailto:martie.metzler@gmail.com).

# Candidates for the Vestry

Parish Annual Meeting and Election Sunday, May 16

## Candidate for Warden **Mary B. Malhotra**

Vikram Malhotra; Malu (18), Devan (15), Nikhil (11); Age: 50



*Activities, St. James' Church: Present:* Senior Warden, Executive Committee; Lilly Program Committee; Budget Committee; Stewardship Committee; Vestry Liaison to Youth Ministries and Welcome Committee; Chair, End-of-Life Task Force; *Past:* Mission trip to Malawi; Church School Teacher; Co-Chair, Parents of Young Children and Expectant Parents; Vestry Nominating Committee; Search Committee for Rector; Chair, Parish Life Committee; Chair, Spring Festival Task Force; Search Committee for Director of Youth and Family Ministries; Music Committee; Rejoice! Fundraising Committee; Stewardship caller; Co-Facilitator, Interfaith family support group; Search Committee for Director of Children's Music; Junior Choir (1968-1972)

*Additional Information:* Concord Academy: Board member since June 2004; Co-Chair, Search Committee for new Head of School-2009; 1999-2001; Co-Chair, Senior Parents Gift Program; St. Bernard's School: Capital Campaign Committee; Nominating Committee, Annual Giving Fundraising, Class Representative 2001-2002; Annual Giving Fundraising 2001-2002. Episcopal Nursery School: Board member 2004-2007

As we continue to celebrate our Bicentennial, I continue to be struck by all that St. James' has accomplished throughout its history. The bicentennial also calls us into our future together. Not only are we called to serve others in our parish, our city and the world, we are also called to be good financial stewards for our parish. As Senior Warden, my priority is to ensure that St. James' future is financially secure, which we can accomplish together, protecting all the wonderful programs we have and continuing to welcome newcomers to this wonderful place. I continue to be passionate about the opportunity to serve our parish as a member of the Vestry and as the Senior Warden. I look forward to another term and the opportunity to work with many parishioners, as we give thanks to God, celebrating our past, present and future in Christ.

## Candidates for Vestry **Jonathan Bays**

Management Consultant, Social Sector Office, McKinsey & Company



Karla Bays; Age: 40

*Activities, St. James' Church: Present:* Co-Chair, Partners in Mission - Haiti Committee; Adult Education Committee; Mentor, Youth Group events and dinner programs; Volunteer, Friday Dinner Program; *Past:* Vestry candidate, 2009; Chair, St. Jamesians Committee; Stewardship Strategy Sub-Committee; Associate for Mission Search Committee; Lay leader, The Way I; Mission traveler to Haiti, Malawi, and New Orleans.

*Additional Information:* Anglican Church of Canada: Consultant/facilitator at Council of General Synod's national meetings, 2003. Professionally, I advise nonprofits—social service organizations, international development NGOs, and grantmaking foundations—on issues of strategy, organization, and operations.

Everywhere in the Church, we benefit from the work of generations of faithful Christians who have lived their baptismal values of fellowship, worship, service, justice, and sharing the Gospel. At St. James', the Bicentennial celebrates the building of this kind of community, and also offers us a chance to think about how we should keep building it over the next 200 years. For me, this parish's strength is the way it supports and encourages each of us as we follow our calls to ministry. So, I think our first priority remains our own response: asking ourselves how each of us can bring more to these ministries, and how we can continue to support each other in them with kindness, joy and faith.

## **Sarah Gardner Cunningham**

History Teacher, Upper School, Marymont School; Julia (21), Michael (18); Age: 53



*St. James' Activities:*

*Present:* Vestry; Canterbury Choir; Adult Education Committee liaison; Sunday forum speaker; *Past:* Habitat for Humanity volunteer; Confirmation Class teacher; Music Committee; Holy Land pilgrimage; retreats; Christmas Pageant costume crew.

This year's Annual Meeting will take place in the church on Sunday, May 16, 2010, between the 9:10 and 11:15 a.m. services. The agenda will include the following:

- A vote whether to eliminate runoff ballots at this year's election
- Completing the Annual Parish Election, by electing one Warden and four Vestry Members
- Brief reports from the parish leadership

In May 2010, four Vestry members will have completed their current terms of service: Missy Condo, Sarah Cunningham, Denny Denniston, and Brad Whitehurst. All four are eligible for re-election. Missy Condo has decided not to stand for another term. The other three Vestry members may stand for re-election in 2010, and they have been nominated by our committee, in addition to four new names, for a total of seven candidates.

Also in May 2010, Mary Malhotra will have completed her current term as a Warden and is eligible for re-election. Mary has offered to stand and the Committee has nominated her.

The following are the nominees for the positions of Warden and of Vestry member:

*For Warden: (1 opening)*

Mary Malhotra

*For Vestry Member: (4 openings)*

Jonathan Bays

Sarah Gardner Cunningham

G. H. (Denny) Denniston

Diane Lansing

Helen Nickerson

Holly Heston Rochell

Brad Whitehurst

In addition to the Warden and the four Vestry members to be elected this year, the Vestry will also include the Rector and the following persons:

*Junior Warden:*

William P. H. Hoar (2011)

*Vestry Members:*

Michael Ambler (2012)

Fraser Hunter, Jr. (2012)

Sam Hutcheson (2011)

Charles McGill (2011)

Maggie Oat (2012)

Patricia Ranson (2011)

Madeline Schroth (2011)

Kathie Sincerbeaux (2012)

# How to Vote in the Parish Election

## Who Can Vote

Under the parish by-laws, eligibility to vote in the parish election is limited to persons who are baptized; are at least 18 years of age; and, during at least twelve months prior to the election, have been in regular attendance at worship services at St. James' and are contributors of record.

## Voting In Person

Tuesday, May 4, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Thursday, May 6, 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Sunday, May 9, 8:30-9:15 a.m., 10:15-11:00 a.m., 12:15-1:00 p.m., 5:30-6:45 p.m.; Wednesday, May 12, 6:00-7:15 p.m.; Thursday, May 13, 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Sunday, May 16, 8:30-9:00 a.m.

## Voting by Absentee Ballot

Any person eligible to vote may request an absentee ballot by writing to or telephoning Rosa Gentile, Administrative Assistant to the Rector, at 212.774-4251 or by applying to her in person. Absentee voting will be structured to reveal the name of the voter; however, the ballot itself will be unsigned. Absentee ballots must be received no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, May 5, so that the eligibility of the voter may be confirmed. Parishioners who wish to vote in this manner must allow for the vagaries of the mails. It will not be possible to send absentee ballots by fax.

## Eliminating Runoff Ballots in This Year's Vestry Election

The Vestry recommends that eligible voters adopt a resolution calling for the 2010 Vestry election to be decided by plurality vote. If the resolution is adopted this year, since there will be four vacancies on the Vestry, the four candidates receiving the highest number of votes would be elected. If the resolution is not adopted, each successful candidate would need to receive the vote of a majority of the qualified voters who cast valid ballots (the vote of more than half of the voters) and, if four candidates are not elected on the first ballot, a runoff would be held while the Annual Meeting continues. The number of runoff candidates would be twice the number of remaining unfilled vacancies, except that at least one name (with the lowest number of votes) is dropped. Runoff ballots are cast only by parishioners who attend the Annual Meeting in person. The Vestry believes that eliminating runoff ballots allows all eligible voters to have their votes counted in the election of all Vestry members. Adoption of this year's annual resolution requires the favorable vote of a majority of the votes cast on this resolution.

## Candidates for Vestry, cont.

*Sarah Cunningham, cont.:* This year's observation of our bicentennial celebrates the abundant Christian life and love that we are blessed to share with the city and the world. Now Jesus invites us to live our parish mission into the future, out loud, so that we can both strengthen our cherished traditions and enthusiastically embrace multiple dimensions of the new and coming-into-being. We are called to grow our parish to meet that challenge: materially in membership, stewardship, and ministries, and spiritually in renewal and vibrant involvement for the diverse array of our parishioners. With deepened resolve and commitment, our future can be indeed unlimited.

### G.H. (Denny) Denniston, Jr.



Retired Banker (Vice President of Chase, Executive VP of National Westminster, Senior VP of Bank of New York, General Manager of United Bank for Africa)

Christine (Chris) L. Thomas; Tom, Billy; Age: 70

*St. James' Activities: Present:* Vestry Member; Lay Reader, Chalice Bearer, Acolyte; Stephen Minister; Neighborhood Network Team; Spiritual Development Group; 77th Street Property Committee; The Way Facilitator; Properties Committee; Pastoral Committee; Associate Rector Search Committee; Audit Committee. *Past:* Chair, Grants Committee; Chair, Community Ministry Committee; Chair, Disaster Recovery Sub-Committee; Coordinator, 11:15 a.m. Greeters; Welcome Committee; New Ventures Committee; Directed Christmas Pageant for ten years; Christian Education Committee; Africa Action Study Group; Nominating Committee; Clergy Search Committee; Vision Group Convener; St. Jamesians; Choir; Stewardship Callathons.

*Additional Activities: Diocese of New York:* Alternate to Diocesan Convention; Diocesan Implementation Committee; Representative to InterParish Council

*Other:* Have served as Board Member and Treasurer of Ensemble Studio Theatre for thirty years and as Chairman of the Board for ten years previously; recently reelected as Chairman last three years. Have served as President, Chairman of the Board and chaired various Committees at Gypsy Trail Club. Member of Economic Club of New York and University Club. Class of 1961 Head Agent for Dartmouth College Fund.

St. James' has been the spiritual home for our family—where our children grew up and flourished and where so many friendships began and grew—and has provided

us with opportunities to serve. I would like to see this community continue to show God's love and grow, welcoming new members and helping them find a fulfilling role in our parish while ensuring that old members continue as a vital part of it. We should be good stewards of our facilities and resources, insure that we open our hearts and nurture a diverse congregation, and adapt our programs and activities to the needs of our community. Spiritual growth should be at the heart of our purposes, nurturing it in prayer, our programs and Christian education for adults and children.

### Diane Lansing

Independent strategic marketing consultant  
Single, Age: 64

*Activities, St. James' Church, Present:* Chair, Adult Education Committee (2005 to present); Co-chair, Stewardship Committee (2008 - present); *Past:* Chair, Gatherers; Chair, Welcome Committee; Task Force to create Career Assistance Ministry; Parish Life Committee (led Share the Joy campaign for four years); Usher



I believe our priority is to complete our transition to financial self-sufficiency, with our operating budget covered in full by parishioners' contributions. To do this, all of our ministries must be the best we can offer to meet parishioners' needs fully and creatively. We excel in this. Along with rigorous cost-cutting, we have strengthened traditional offerings and created new ones, drawing parishioners more actively into parish life. Our increasingly successful stewardship campaigns owe much to these efforts. But we are still constrained by relying on our endowment and gifts from "others" to sustain us financially. In truth, we are all the "others." I believe growth in ministry and stewardship is key to developing the unlimited future we celebrate in our Bicentennial.

### Helen Nickerson

Scientific Program Manager: Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation  
Age: 33



*Activities St. James':*

Co-Chair, St. Jamesians Committee (2004-2007); Partners in Mission—Haiti (2004-2009), Chair, (2006-2009); Chair, Community Festival Raffle (2004-2005), Associate for Mission Search Committee (2007), Acolyte (2003-2009), Greeter (2008-2010), Lay Reader (2009-2010),



# Fiesta de Santiago

## St. James' Community Festival 2010

### Gala Evening Wednesday, May 13, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Join the St. James' Church Community Festival Committee and fellow parishioners for this wonderful Spanish-themed party. Dining, dancing, Antiques & Treasures, vendors, and a new mystery-box raffle to raise funds for agencies serving those in need in New York City. This year the Spring Boutique, including the Antiques & Treasures room, will also be open during the day of May 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Antiques & Treasures room will continue selling on Thursday, May 14th from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Visit [www.stjames.org](http://www.stjames.org) for details on the evening and RSVP online by Monday, May 10th at [www.stjames.org/festival](http://www.stjames.org/festival). Contact Grace Beacham at 212.774-4231 or [gbeacham@stjames.org](mailto:gbeacham@stjames.org) if you can volunteer to help.

—Missy Condo & Stephanie Loomis, Co-Chairs



## For Families

### Church Family Picnic, Sunday, May 2

Bring your picnic lunch and blanket to church with you and we'll go over to Central Park after Church School for a relaxed time of food, fun and fellowship. All are welcome!

### Make Your Banner Square by May 9

The Children's & Family Ministries 2009-2010 banner will be made up of lots of separate felt squares. Every child is encouraged to create a square and be represented on the banner. Felt squares and instructions can be picked up in the Parish House and need to be returned by Sunday, May 9. The banner will be on display at Recognition Sunday, May 23, and then take its place with those from previous years downstairs in Donegan Hall. For more information, contact Vicki Hall at 212.774-4232 or [vhall@stjames.org](mailto:vhall@stjames.org).

## Moms' Luncheon

### Wednesday, May 5

The Children's & Family Ministries Committee is pleased to invite you to the 2010 Mom's Luncheon with guest speaker Katherine Rosman, Wall Street Journal reporter and author of *If You Knew Suzy: A Mother, A Daughter, A Reporter's Notebook*. Rosman will sign books from 11:15 - 11:50 a.m. and copies will be available for sale. The luncheon and talk will run from 12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m. The cost is \$25.00, and childcare will be available for \$5.00/child (limited availability). Register online at [www.stjames.org/families](http://www.stjames.org/families) or, for more information, contact Vicki Hall at 212.774-4232 or [vhall@stjames.org](mailto:vhall@stjames.org).

## Music in May

### Early Music New York Saturday, May 1, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$40.00  
Advance sale tickets available from [www.emny.org](http://www.emny.org) or 212.749-6600

### Organ Recital Saturday, May 15, 3:00 p.m.

Christopher Jennings, Organist  
Widor: Symphonie VI, op. 42, no. 2  
Vierne: Symphonie VI, op. 59, no. 5  
Tickets: \$20; \$10 seniors/students available at the door

## 2010 Beneficiaries

- St. James' Women's Association Stocking Stuffing
- Episcopal Charities Summer Camp Program
- St. James' Grants Committee including
  - Dome Project
  - Fraternite Notre Dame Feeding Program
  - Health Advocates for Older People



Author Katherine Rosman; organ recitalist Christopher Jennings

## Adult Ed Highlights for May

### Bicentennial Forums

Sunday, May 2, 10:30 a.m.

Historian and author Mary Sudman Donovan will present "A Celebration of Women in the Episcopal Church," discussing the roles of women in the history of our denomination. Donovan is the author of *A Different Call: Women's Ministries in the Episcopal Church, 1850-1920*, and was one of the founders of the Episcopal Women's History Project. Her presentation will provide some historical perspective on the importance of the Rev. Carol Anderson's achievement as the first woman to be ordained priest in the Diocese of New York.

Sunday, May 9, 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Carol Anderson  
"The Church Tomorrow"  
(see page 2)

## Parish Register

March 2010

### Baptism

Antonio William Draper  
son of John and Yaskara Draper

### Burials

Kenneth Gardiner McKay  
Adrian Gilbert Allen

### Candidates for Vestry, cont.

*Helen Nickerson, cont.* Youth Advisor for Malawi mission trip (2010), Friday Night Dinner Program Volunteer (2003-2010), MAPC shelter volunteer (2010)

I came to St. James' in 2003 and found a loving, supportive and vibrant community. St. James' offers a breadth and depth of opportunities for parishioners' spiritual nourishment and development. This love extends outside our parish into the wider world in multiple, meaningful ways. I hope to be able to contribute to the preservation and further development of St. James', both within our church building and in the world. I truly believe John's words that "...if we love together, God dwelleth in us, and the charity of him is perfect in us."

### Holly Heston Rochell

Stay-at-home Mother;  
Ridley (12); Charlie (9);  
Age: 48

*Activities:* St. James':  
Welcome Committee;  
Children's & Family  
Ministries Committee;  
Mother's Bible Study;  
Friday Night Dinner

Program volunteer; traveled to Santiago, Spain with Craig Townsend; *Additional Information:* I am most active at my children's schools (Brick Church School and Nightingale, Windward in White Plains). I also am active at the American Museum of Natural History in children's and environmental programs. I have served on the board of my building for more than ten years, and have lived there longer than any tenant in its 24-year history.



Thursday, May 27, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Second Time Around Committee is collecting for its spring sale. Donations of clothing and shoes for men, women and children, bric-a-brac, housewares, "antiques & treasures," toys and children's books are needed to make this the best sale ever. Designer clothing and jewelry are especially appreciated for the Boutique. All proceeds from the thrift sales go to help those in need in the five boroughs. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish House. Please call before dropping off large items such as furniture. Many volunteers are needed to help set-up and work the sale. For more information, contact Grace Beacham at [gbeacham@stjames.org](mailto:gbeacham@stjames.org) or 212.774-4231.

*Candidate Statement:* As much as I would like to speak about continuing the Lilly Fellow program at St. James', my heart tells me that we must focus on the continuing problem at hand. Our church is the cornerstone of our faith, and it seems to be crumbling under the weight of the global financial catastrophe. We, this parish, must find a way to continue the programs and services that we all enjoy. We must find a way to help our church become independent from economic downturns such as we are experiencing now. I believe that collectively we can help our neighbors achieve this end.

### Brad Whitehurst

English Teacher, The  
Nightingale-Bamford  
School

Alan Salz; Age: 48

*St. James' Activities:*

*Present:* Vestry; Lay reader and chalice bearer; Co-teacher, John Milton's *Paradise Lost*; Co-teacher, St. Jamesians' Lenten poetry series; Vestry liaison to the St. Jamesians; Vestry liaison to the Lilly Committee; Caller, Stewardship campaign; Speaker, The Way; Pastoral Luncheon volunteer. *Past:* Healing Prayer minister; Lay Eucharistic Minister; Coordinator, Pastoral Apartment; Pastoral Committee; Speaker, Lenten breakfast; Advisor, Youth Committee; Youth Group; Co-teacher, Eighth Grade Confirmation Class; Welcome Committee.

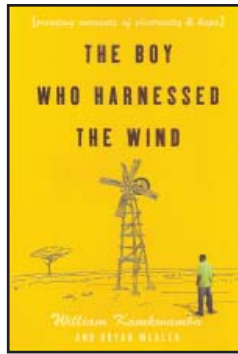
In the face of extreme financial challenges in recent years, the Vestry has sought to strike the right balance between fiscal prudence and steely resolve. We have radically reduced expenses and aggressively promoted stewardship even as we have maintained our core commitments to worship, mission, education, and pastoral care. None of this was easy, and none of it could have been achieved without the extraordinary commitment of our clergy and staff as well as the inspired volunteerism of so many parishioners. As our joyous bicentennial celebration reminds us, we should look to our past and then take the long view forward. How did St. James' contend with earlier challenges, from the Civil War to World Wars to the Great Depression? We persevered, endured, and ultimately grew stronger. So I suggest we take the long view. Let's continue our good work so that St. James' emerges from the current turbulent era even stronger—leaner, yes, but also even more keenly focused on its mission to minister to the needs of our parish, our city, our nation, and the world.



# Book Discussion and Pot Luck

Monday, June 14, 6:00 p.m.

Partners in Mission-Africa Committee member and Malawi missionary Cecil Wray introduced the newly published book *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer, to the



committee earlier this year. He says, "This is an absolutely wonderful book, and a must read for anyone who has been to Malawi or who may intend to do so. It is the inspiring story of a Malawian boy who overcomes the hardships of his environment and in effect becomes a self-taught electrician. By so doing, he is able to bring electricity to his home and his village and renown for his achievements." Cecil will be leading the discussion about this book at a potluck supper in mid-June. If you have been to Malawi, are thinking about going or just want to learn more about the fascinating country where St. James' has a partnership, this is the book and discussion for you! Youth traveling to Malawi this summer are welcome, along with their parents, though they will discuss this book in a separate meeting as part of their trip preparation. RSVP to Anne Anthony at [aanthony44@aol.com](mailto:aanthony44@aol.com), including what you are bringing to the meal. Books may be purchased at major online vendors or borrowed from St. James' by contacting Nina Maldari at [nmaldari@stjames.org](mailto:nmaldari@stjames.org) or 212.774-4256. For more information, contact Leeanna Varga, Associate for Mission, at 212.774-4234 or [lvarga@stjames.org](mailto:lvarga@stjames.org).

## Summer Sundays for Children

begin May 30

From May 30 to September 5 we will have a program for children each Sunday morning, and Nursery and Toddler care will be available. Sundays May 30 to June 13 and July 19 to September 5 we will hold a multi-age class during the 10:30 a.m. service. Sundays from June 20 to July 11 we will Celebrate God's Creation from 9:30-noon, taking weekly excursions into Central Park. Whenever you're in town, please join us. Casual attire is appropriate.

# One Village

## at a Time

This year, honor thy father and thy mother by relieving hunger in Malawi

Since 2005, St. James' Church has been in partnership with the Diocese of Southern Malawi. Thanks to a generous grant made by parishioners, more than eighty people from St. James' have traveled to Malawi to work with our partners on building projects identified by Bishop James Tengatenga, the Anglican Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Malawi, to strengthen the Anglican Church and improve life for rural Malawians. This relationship with the people of Southern Malawi has also had a transformative effect on those who have traveled there.

In a new initiative last spring, New Yorkers were able to support our Malawi partnership by purchasing goats for Mothers' and Fathers' Day. Thanks to the generosity of the Sunday School and others, twenty-one women in the village of Mchenga in Southern Malawi are now better able to feed their families and contribute to their communities.

This year, parishioners can honor their fathers or mothers by contributing to One Village at a Time, a new venture sponsored by Love's Harvest and Episcopal Relief and Development. Donations will support garden and animal projects in Lunzu in Southern Malawi, improving the abundance and quality of food and creating micro-agriculture and animal husbandry businesses in this rural village where St. James' missionaries built a priest's house in August of 2006. Donors choose the amount; villagers decide how funds will best be used. We are aiming to raise \$5,000 this year, more than the \$4,000 we raised last year. The Mother's Union, a grassroots movement of Anglican women who provide leadership in their communities to develop sustainable self-help projects, will provide local support and oversight. Training for villagers in permaculture agriculture—a method that renews soil and manages water resources—and animal husbandry will be provided. Your gift in honor of your father, mother, or other special person in your life will enable a rural community in Southern Malawi to increase the abundance and quality of food in their village, as well as its economic strength. You may make your donation to One Village at a Time after Sunday services leading up to Mother's Day on May 9 and Father's Day on June 20 or online. In return you will receive a gift card to present to your loved one.

—Catherine Hilyard, Madeline Schroth, and Jan Golann



Your gift will help  
Malawians cultivate  
a better life

Gift	provides
\$ 20	ten seedling trays
\$ 35	one share in a fruit tree
\$ 55	one share in a fruit tree plus ten seedling trays
\$ 80	a goat
\$100	a pig
\$135	a flock of chickens

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# May Calendar

Sunday Worship Schedule  
8:00, 9:10, 11:15 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.  
Summer Schedule (begins May 30)  
8:00, 10:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.  
Weekday Worship Schedule  
Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m.

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- 1 SAT Early Music New York (5)
- 2 SUN Family Picnic (5)  
20s & 30s First Sunday Supper
- 5 WED Moms' Luncheon (5)
- 8 SAT Vestry Retreat  
St. James' / Osborne Partners  
for Children Activity
- 9 SUN Bicentennial Forum (2)
- 12 WED Fiesta de Santiago (5)
- 14 FRI Youth Host the Dinner Program
- 15 SAT Organ Recital: Christopher  
Jennings (5)
- 16 SUN Annual Meeting / Election (3)  
Confirmand & Sponsor Picnic
- 20 THU Last session of We Love to Sing  
Thursdays @ St. James' Picnic
- 23 SUN Recognition Sunday
- 30 SUN Summer Sundays begin (7)

## ...and save these dates

- 6 JUN Confirmation

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## Exponential Impact

As I reviewed my son's homework recently, I came across a math problem that used the exponential function. It's a powerful concept, arising whenever a quantity grows at a rate proportional to its current value. Visually represented as a rising curve, it suggests to me a sense of momentum and energy.

I think of our pledge to St. James' as having an exponential impact on the work of this community. Our family's weekly contribution is the base number of the equation, the financial foundation that keeps the doors open to welcome any and all for worship. The "exponent" is the selfless devotion of time and talent by the hundreds of parishioners who make the programs and ministries of St. James' so successful. The way I see it, the more our family gives financially, the more expansive these efforts can be; every additional dollar has an exponential impact on the good work we can do together.

That same son recently put a pint-size container of coins he had



been saving into the collection plate on Sunday. While the sheer weight of it brought a smile to a few faces, I was struck by the fact that he had fully absorbed the 2010 stewardship message: every contribution counts, and everyone must be counted in.

His actions gave me the confidence that we can reach our Bicentennial goal of having 100% of parishioners make a financial commitment to St. James', and serves as another small but important reminder of the deep and vibrant fellowship that bonds us together in God's grace.

—Donna Trammel  
Stewardship Committee