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## **PRAYERS NEEDED!**

Chuck Eldridge, son of Buel, the rector at St Paul's, Har-sens Island, had a massive heart attack on March 5th.

## **URGENT!**

reservations are coming in slowly (only 4 so far) for this diocesan sponsored mid-Lent quiet day. the topic of this year's Day of Prayer (Saturday, March 28 at St. John's Mid-land) is: *"Stay with Me, Remain Here with Me": Three Meditations Leading into Holy Week.* It's for everyone, clergy and lay; don't let to go to waste. [reservation form.](#) deadline March 15.

## **IT'S ONLY THE SECOND TIME IN HISTORY!**

all of the parochial reports for 2008 were in on time. well done. the only other time his has happened was when the right to vote in the election of our current bishop hinged on getting the parish's parochial report in on time.

## **THE BISHOP'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY!**

Bishop Todd invites us to *Wade in the Water*, to join him in using the Sunday lessons to help inform our thinking about our Baptismal Covenant.

## **27% OF AMERICANS DON'T WANT A RELIGIOUS FUNERAL!**

The latest American Religious Identification Survey (ARIS) [shows](#) that more and more Americans claim no religious affiliation and that significantly fewer Americans call themselves Christian than a generation ago. [Here's](#) USA Today's take on the survey.

## **SEE A MODERN SAINT CONVERT A SINNER, RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES!**

Archbishop Tutu was on the [Late Late Show](#) last week. Craig Ferguson can't understand why the Archbishop agreed to come on, but it's clear that Tutu had a powerful positive impact on him. I'm not sure about the conversion part or the sinner part, but...

## **GUYS, YOU COULD BE A MONK!**

In July the guys at St. Gregory's Abbey in Three Rivers welcome men, 18-45, who would like to [live like a monk for two weeks.](#)

## *opportunities for you and your congregation*

3/9-11/09 — *Spiritual Directors*

3/28/09 — *Spiritual Retreat Day*

4/17-18/09 — *Diana Butler Bass*

7/13-19/09 — *Music Conference*

## *the Cycle of Prayer*

...for the first quarter of 09 [here](#),  
and the second quarter [here](#).

## *news sources*

[Anglican Connections](#)

[This month  
archived](#)

[Episcopal Life Online](#)

[Anglican World](#)

[AC News Service](#)

# *Old stuff... but it still might be useful.*

## **THEY ARE CALLED THE LOST GENERATION**

we many not see as many of them in our congregations as we would like, but [not all of them are lost](#).

## **LOVE THE SINNER AND HATE THE SIN... NOT!**

Father Matthew, one of the first to effectively use YouTube, has some [new video shorts](#), the latest on the old chestnut above. he calls it, Pastime Pardon.

## **EPISCOPAL MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM**

the Diocese of Northern Michigan have taken Mutual Ministry one step further by confirming [a diocesan level team](#). this was something they have been talking about for 20 years and was partially instituted by Bishop Kelsey.

## **OBSERVING LENT ACROSS THE POND**

the Church of England offers a [variety of ways to keep Lent](#). you can even Twitter or Facebook your way through the Season.

## **WANT TO BE A MONK FOR LENT?**

the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Cambridge, MA, invites you to join them, either in person or virtually, for a Lenten preaching series, [Monastic Wisdom for Everyday Living](#). Tuesdays in March.

## **LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**

Christian Aid will take you on a [daily virtual pilgrimage](#). Not so much a travelogue as reflection on what Jesus' example can teach us about how we can make a difference in the world.

## **WHY I AM AN EPISCOPALIAN?**

the Episcopal Church has recorded a bunch of short interviews with people who can answer that question. the response has been so heavy it has overwhelmed the Church Center's servers. [Check them out](#) ... but be patient.

## **REACHING THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS**

Brian McLaren was a featured speaker at last summer's Lambeth Conference. [Here's what he had to say](#) to the Diocese of Washington on faith-sharing and evangelism.

## **DOWN UNDER HELP NEEDED**

All Saints, Marysville is trying to do a good thing and invites you to join them. they are collecting prayer shawls (and prayers, of course) for some folks who lost their church and whole town in the catastrophic fire in Australia— Marysville, Australia. [Help](#).

## **NEW SUPPLY LIST**

[here's](#) the latest list of clergy available for supply work. Make a copy and mail all the old copies lying around in your files to your enemies to confuse them.

## **MAKING YOUR CHURCH SAFE**

most of us are familiar with the two workshops offered by the Diocese called *Safeguarding God's Children* and *Safe Church*. *Safeguarding God's Children* is now available online. here's [a letter from the Bishop and instructions](#) on how to get started.

## **FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS**

there will be a colloquium for spiritual directors on March 9-11 at the Dominican Center for Religious Development in Detroit titled *God Is Into Groups: Thinking Systemically about Spiritual Direction*. [Flyer](#)

## **CHRISTIANITY FOR THE REST OF US**

Diana Butler Bass is coming to the Horizon Conference Center, Saginaw, on April 17-18, 2009. Bass, an Episcopalian, is an author, speaker and scholar specializing in American religion and culture. [Details](#).

## **SEWANEE MUSIC CONFERENCE**

July 13-19. [a conference](#) for organists, choir directors and clergy. at the University of the South in Tennessee. they have 2 full-time scholarships for first-time attendees. contact Janet. application deadline, May 1st.

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