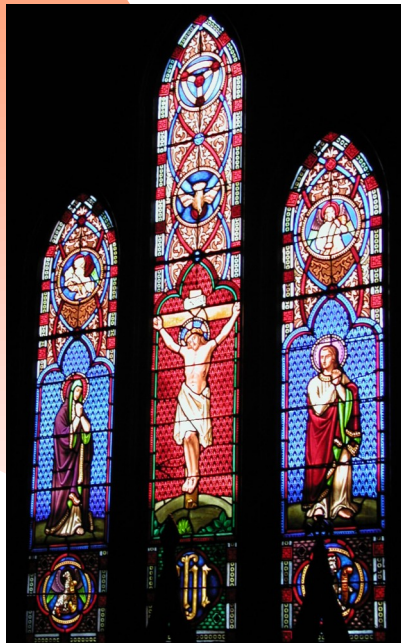


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## **Dean’s Desk**

In the summer, the General Convention of The Episcopal Church will be called upon to vote on the Anglican Covenant, an attempt to bring a measure of uniformity, perhaps conformity, to the theological, pastoral and ethical stands of the worldwide Anglican Communion. It seems highly likely that the Church of England will reject the proposal; the General Convention of the Episcopal Church is expected to do the same; and, by the end of March 2012 only the following provinces have come out in support of it: seven member provinces — Ireland, Mexico, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, South East Asia, Southern Cone of America, and the West Indies.

A major goal of the covenant is surely to heal the growing splits within worldwide Anglican churches over a range of issues that centered on same-sex unions and homosexual bishops. Whether requiring uniformity, however, can lead to unity is uncertain. For years I have worked in ecumenism where our mantra for so long was “unity does not mean uniformity.” Unity is rather a gift of the Spirit.

As keen participant in team sports I found we were usually united in our desire to win. We were composed of players with radically different talents whose combined abilities led to victory, even when sometimes we abandoned the “game plan.” Indeed, we sometimes won through gifted players who saw beyond the cookie-cutter tactics of unimaginative coaches. Unity is a gift. It can only fully be

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## Canon's Corner

From time to time I like to write about some of the men and women whom we honor in our own book of what other churches call saints. One whose life we celebrate this month is Julian of Norwich, a woman who lived a contemplative, solitary life that bridged the last decades

of the 14th century and the first two of the 15th. Neither the date of her birth nor that of her death is known for sure. But she has in the past few decades of our lifetime made a strong comeback into public consciousness. Julian, much like St. Paul, experienced Jesus directly rather than as someone she met through reading or liturgy. She then wrote down a series of 16 revelations that she experienced, which involved Jesus Christ and his sufferings, the Holy Trinity, and our own relationship with God. She describes herself as a "simple, unlettered creature." But this is clearly an exaggeration, even poetic license, given her obvious deep knowledge of scripture and the grace and sophistication with which she writes.

Julian lived a long life, but it didn't always look very likely that she would. She tells us that when young she wanted just three things from God, and she wanted to receive them when she was thirty years of age. She wished a form of knowledge of Christ's passion that could only come through bodily sensation. She wanted an illness so severe that she might believe it to be fatal, though it would instead be a way of purging her life of all but God so that she might live what life remained to her filled with his glory. Finally, she desired to receive what she referred to as three wounds that would remain with her and govern her existence: true contrition, loving compassion, and a longing for God.

When Julian was, in fact, thirty, sickness came on her so powerfully that on the third day she and all around her were quite sure that she would not last the night. A priest was sent for to be with her at the end. As life seemed to ebb inexorably towards death, she gazed intently at a crucifix that the priest held before her until all was dark but the crucifix. Her breath grew short. "Then truly I believed that I was at the point of death. And suddenly at that moment," she writes, "all my pain was taken from me."

Then Julian received the series of 16 visions, which she refers to as "showings." They are written out in two versions, one much shorter and less controversial than the other, but it is clearly the longer that has engendered the intense interest that Dame Julian's work has received in recent years. Other mystics of her era have also written movingly. One of my most cherished studies in seminary was of an anonymous work called *The Cloud of Unknowing*. Unlike Dame Julian's work, however, it is absolutely antiseptic, abstract, and spare in language and imagery, despite its having a strong impact on most readers. Julian, on the other hand, writes both movingly and startlingly of her visits from a Jesus with a bloody head:

And at this, suddenly I saw the red blood running down from under the crown, hot and flowing freely and copiously, a living stream, just as it was at the time when the crown of thorns was pressed on his blessed head....

And in the same revelation, suddenly the Trinity filled my heart full of the greatest joy, and I understood that it will be so in heaven without end to all who will come there. For the Trinity is God, God is the Trinity. The Trinity is our maker, the Trinity is our protector, the Trinity is our everlasting lover, the Trinity is our endless joy and our bliss, by our Lord Jesus Christ and in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Other visions are even more startling, both in their vividness and the unorthodoxy of their imagery. For example, there is this paragraph:

The mother can give her child to suck of her milk, but our precious Mother Jesus can feed us with himself, and does, most courteously and most tenderly, with the blessed sacrament, which is the precious food of true life....

Or there's this:

The mother can lay her child tenderly to her breast, but our tender Mother Jesus can lead us easily into his blessed breast through his sweet open side, and show us there a part of the godhead and of the joys of heaven, with inner certainty of endless bliss.

To be sure, the image of a Mother Jesus is sufficient to bring us up rather sharply, but then even Jesus gave him-

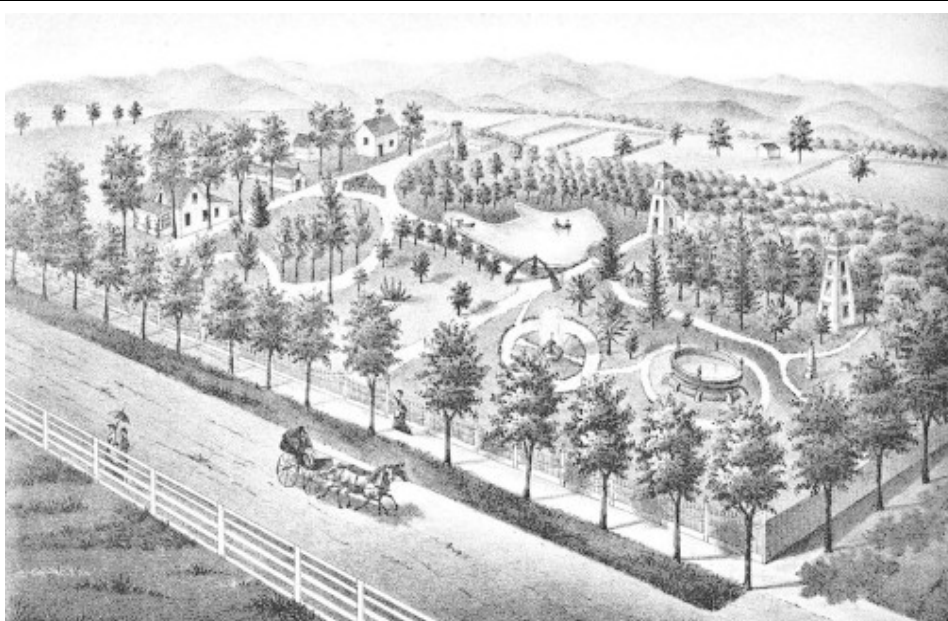
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# Profiles in History

## The Lowes of San José, Trinity and the Land the Church Sits On

James R. Lowe was an Englishman and botanist, serving as a prominent landscape gardener for English nobility before coming to America to supervise various projects in New England, especially the estate of James Arnold of New Bedford. He and his wife, Mary Tuckwell were born in Chesterfield, England. He displayed a rare taste and skill in laying out and embellishing large parks and gardens. Samuel J. Hensley has acquired land from 1st Street through 4th Street where Trinity now stands. In 1852 he invited Lowe to come to San José to landscape this vast section of the city. When it was completed the park-like estate would have the largest collection of rare and exotic plants in California. They were founding members of Trinity Parish and would eventually reside on a ranch in Milpitas. James, Jr., went on to become a lawyer and State Senator on the Republican ticket. He served as US Consul to the city of Tehuantepec, Mexico under President Johnson during the time of Emperor Maximilian. In this church he married Inez Pacheco, a member of the celebrated Pacheco Californio family. In 1886 he took an active part in the passage of laws favoring irrigation, holding that “the waters flowing in our rivers and streams should not be allowed to roll idly to the sea, but should be thrown upon the arid plains, and they be made to blossom like the rose.” He obviously took after his father. A window in the church commemorates the Lowe family.

Source: “History of Santa Clara County” 1922



Hensley Estate – Trinity Property located at top left – a horse corral in 1850s

## Feast of the Martyrs of Sudan

On Sunday, May 20 we will commemorate the martyred Christians and fellow Episcopalians of the Church in the Sudan. In 1983 the government of the Sudan was seized by fundamentalist who declared Sharia Law, requiring that all Sudanese convert to Islam on pain of death. On May 16 a handful of Episcopal and Roman Catholic chiefs together with their bishops, clergy and laity in southern Sudan declared that they “would not abandon God as they knew Him.” With that declaration the second cycle of the civil war began, the first having run from 1957 with the departure of the British until 1972. The peace was finally signed on January 9, 2005 but only after 2.5 million were killed, mostly Christian.

South Sudan gained their independence last year on July 9. The Feast Day of the Martyrs of Sudan was initiated by Trinity Cathedral in 2004, gaining recognition by the Diocese of El Camino Real in 2005 and then incorporated into the Episcopal Calendar of Saints (“Holy Women/Holy Men”) in 2006 by action of General Convention. The people of Trinity Cathedral began to respond to the Lost Boys of Sudan, whose own family members had been martyred, when they first arrived in 2001. In 2003 Hope With Sudan was formed to respond to both the Sudanese student refugees here and in Kenya and Uganda. [www.hopewithsudan.org](http://www.hopewithsudan.org)



# Opportunities and Outreach

## Praise Dance Ministry

Trinity now has a dance ministry for our youngsters (and youngsters at heart)! This new ministry aims to give our youth a new avenue to praise and worship. Right now we are anticipating having our debut dance in June to celebrate Pentecost. Please contact Angel Wilson at HUAngel03@aol.com if you have any questions or wish to know more about the praise dance ministry.



## Lunch for People Who Are Homeless

With many people out of town due to spring vacation from school and for Easter week, we nevertheless had a good turnout of 7 volunteers to help prepare and serve a delicious hot meal to the 90 lunchers at Cecil White Center!



This month we served rigatoni with meat in sauce, spicy garlic bread, and green salad, along with milk, ice cream sundaes, and plenty of fruit and dessert. Everyone must have enjoyed the

food since nothing but a little salad and pasta was left at the end of the lunch hour.

Thank you to Leslie Barr for planning the meal and to Erin McCauley for doing the shopping. We did not have any new volunteers this month but four friends of the parish along with three parishioners sped through the preparations giving us plenty of time to transport the food and set up for the 12:30 PM lunch.

First, a big thanks goes to Ben White who organized the lunch crew as well as being one of the main sous-chefs, along with Karen Gillette, breaking up packages of very cold ground turkey and sausage for the meat sauce and, after thoroughly washing his hands, tearing up lettuce for our tossed salad.

A big thank-you goes to our main chefs, Susan Parks and Karen, for creating the delicious meat sauce, using “just-right” amounts of seasonings and making sure that the pasta was perfectly cooked. Thanks also goes to Roger Lobbes for coming in early to start the water for the pasta, washing lots of veggies, and staying after serving the meal to scrub out the big pots and pans.

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## Sunday Coffee Hour

Thanks go to the many of you who donate goodies or add cash to the “Parish Pig” for the Sunday Coffee Hour. Your donations are dearly appreciated and always go over well with our parishioners and guests.

There is a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Great Hall if you wish to bring goodies on a particular Sunday.

**We are in need of volunteers to facilitate our coffee hour on Sundays.**

Please contact the office or talk to one of our current hosts if you are interested in this ministry.

Please  
Feed Me!



# Opportunities and Outreach, continued

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Friends of the parish Bill Henry and Ira Cohen get a big thank-you for being the garlic bread-making crew, producing 12 loaves of deliciously spicy garlic bread!

Ira and Bill put in a second shift joining Karen and Roger, as they washed, grated, sliced and diced several bags of veggies for our salad. Thanks to Rick Hawes for not only bringing the greens and veggies for our salad, but also for a donation of lots of fresh fruit, juice, and a couple of really rich and delicious pies.

Ben deserves another thanks for arranging and picking up the dozen or so loaves of French bread used to make garlic bread as well as lots of scrumptious desserts. Last but not least, thank you to Lucky supermarket, at the corner of Saratoga Ave. and Pruneridge Ave. in Santa Clara, for generously donating all the baked goods. Many thanks go to managers Andrew and Reuben and to bakers Bertha, Ernie, Amina, and Sandy for their continuing support of this local mission activity.

**This month's lunches for Cecil White Center and San Jose Family Shelter will be held on Saturday, May 12 and 19, 2012.** At least 10 volunteers are needed for each of the lunches so if your schedule allows please consider coming and helping. We meet to prepare lunch at 10:00 am in the kitchen of the Parish Hall. No experience is required, just a desire to help those less fortunate than ourselves. If you have any questions about this ministry or about volunteering, please ask any of the volunteers or Fr. Bird.

- Alan Fong

## Adult Education Seminar

### The Way of Jesus, Part III: The Parables of Jesus

**Tuesdays, May 22, 29, June 5, 12 from 7:00-9:00pm**  
**Wednesdays, May 23, 30, June 6, 13 from 10am-Noon**

The third series of the Study of the Life of Jesus will begin at the end of May. The seminar is an exploration of the keys teachings of Jesus about the dynamics of the Kingdom of God, These teachings, the religious way of Jesus, became the foundation upon which the Church was built after his death and the experience of the resurrection by the disciples. The seminar invites participants to explore for themselves the meanings of some of Jesus' key say-

ings, consider the implications for their own lives and open up the world of the First Century of the Common Era. This seminar is not about bringing previous knowledge from Bible studies but an invitation to experience in a new way the impact of Jesus' teachings on our lives.

For those who did not attend the first three week sessions, an orientation on Sunday, May 20 from 9-10:15am is offer as an orientation to join the continuing group. This session will introduce participants to the method and background of the study.

Trinity Cathedral Office building, 81 N. 2nd St. Fee: \$10.  
Registration on Sundays or by email: [trincat@pacbell.net](mailto:trincat@pacbell.net)  
- Jerry Drino

*Seminar Leader: Jerry Drino, M.Div., D.D., Episcopal priest, author, biblical scholar, spiritual director and Jungian analyst. In addition to his degree work, Jerry has thirty years as an associate colleague with other scholars in the leadership of the Guild for Psychological Studies, which for over ninety years has explored the Synoptic Gospels together with the psychoanalytical approach of Carl Jung.*



**NOTE:** the sermon on the Rev. Peter Williams Cassey and Annie Besent Cassey, San Jose and the Civil War preached by the Rev. Jerry Drino on April 15 can be found on the Trinity Web Site by going to the History tab.

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## Dean's Desk, continued

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implemented through internal commitment, and certainly not by a decree of conformity.

One of the theological struggles which much exercised me as a student was, "what is orthodoxy?" The future bishop of Durham, Ian Ramsey, drawing a parallel to athletics, once suggested that in the early church's decisions on right belief sometimes we found that "the great thing about orthodoxy was that it supported the winner of every heat." (My quotation may be slightly inaccurate, but the sentiment is not.)

Likewise one of the greatest scholars of the early church, and of the controversies which led to the formation of the

Creeds, argued that the "reception" of a doctrine was to be found in the response of future generations, not with the generation which came up with a particular idea. Hopefully, the Anglican Communion will reaffirm these formerly basic understandings of how Anglicans/Episcopalians think theologically and the Anglican Covenant will be transformed from a means of discipline to a fundamental recognition that we are bound together by mutual bonds of affection and the Spirit of Christ. Theological pronouncements should be, as an Anglican report once suggested, "tentative, provisional and infrequent."

- David

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## Canon's Corner, continued

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self a feminine image as he mused that he would have liked to have been able to protect the Israelites as a mother hen protects her chicks.

The greatest of the insights that flowed to Julian from her visions was that, although as humans we are doomed to sin, we shall find in heaven that all sin is forgiven and that God loves us without limit. Adam, he who first sinned, has been restored to God's good pleasure. God's property, as our prayer declares, is always to have mercy. Indeed, if we are taught to despise those who on earth lead unchristian lives, we shall be even more surprised to find

them in heaven, fully forgiven. And, when Julian asked the Lord how this could be, his response to her was "What is impossible to you is not impossible to me."

The message, then, of this most interesting of medieval women is ultimately to be found in a sentence adapted in T.S. Eliot's greatest work, *The Four Quartets*: "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well." With God on our side, to paraphrase St. Paul, Dame Julian challenges us to declare who could possibly dare to oppose us. No wonder Dame Julian has found a receptive audience in our troubled time!

- Lance

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## Internet Insights

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*Those who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they themselves must pass.*

*- Confucius, philosopher and teacher (c. 551-478 BCE)*

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 to one and all!