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UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

Monday to Friday

Morning and Evening Prayer

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 15

THE DORMITION

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Morning and Evening Prayer

With Holy Communion

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Communion*

In addition, on Thursday

5:30 p.m. *Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday, August 19th

TRINITY 12

10:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*

believers must be able to answer persuasively - because their children, their spouses, their neighbours and co-workers are going to ask it, or at least *think* it, and because we are to “be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:14). The question is not only important if we are going to defend the claims of religion, but also we if we are going to be able to commend the gospel to those who do not yet believe. Part of our outreach as a church involves engaging with those questions as we are able, in a way that may open doors to faith among those who are perhaps working through these questions themselves.

That’s why St. John’s is sponsoring a “Faith and Reason” series of five talks by parishioner Jon Sprague this fall on “Science and Truth: Is there room for God in our understanding of reality?”, Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. from September 13 to October 11. Jon is not a scientist or a theologian by avocation, but he is a thoughtful, intelligent, informed believer who has a passionate love for science, and a gift for crisp, clear communication of ideas. In his talks he plans to survey the current state of knowledge of many of the most important aspects of science, including general relativity and quantum mechanics; the Big Bang and the future of our universe, and the beginning of life and its evolution on earth. In looking at these important areas of scientific achievement, he will also

IS THERE ROOM FOR GOD?

Does science explain everything? The enormous explanatory power of science leaves the impression that it is capable of unlocking all the secrets of the universe, and answering all the questions human beings have ever had - including those that religion used to answer. Or so we may think - but is it in fact true? Is science capable of providing answers to all the important questions we face in our lives? Or is there room for God in our understanding of reality?

This is a question of great importance both for believers and unbelievers. It is a question for the Church in a culture that finds it difficult to understand the value of religious faith. It is a question that

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STANDING NOTICES

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary. Please call the Church Office to notify the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital or hospice.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

- 8:00 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 a.m. Dr. J. Davidson Carson

USHER CHAIRMAN

Dr. Lee M. Alderman and Mr. Thomas C. McCay

ACOLYTES

- 8:00 a.m. William Taylor
10:30 a.m. Jack McClellan Finn Repella
Edwin Shepherd Daniel Sills William Sills
Haddon Watson Whit Watson

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ralph and Betsy Bowden by Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wylly, Jr.

And in loving memory of Dr. Albert J. Kelley, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Compton by the Compton Family

And In loving memory of Julie Backus Smith by Bill Cathcart and the Backus family.

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SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH:

CRANMER HALL-3RD FLOOR

Upper & Middle School – D. Svihel

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS:

Collects Study Will & Mary Helen Burdell.
CH3-Reading Room

Father Dunbar's Class on 2 Kings - Chapel

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday- Jeremiah with Father Dunbar
7:00 a.m. Third Floor Cranmer Hall

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday Book Study: T. H. White's "The Once and Future King" with Father O'Brien 9:15 a.m.,
CH3-Reading Room

HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR

Bazaar Kick-Off Events:

Wednesday, September 5, 10:30 AM

In addition to the Women of St. John's regular monthly meeting in the Green-Meldrim House, we will introduce chairpersons, announce our exciting changes and celebrate with a mimosa toast to a wonderful Bazaar ahead.

Thursday, September 6, 6 pm Cranmer Hall

We will introduce the chairpersons, announce changes and additions, followed by fellowship time over pot-luck appetizers and wine. Please bring an appetizer or bottle of wine to share.

For the August updates and the complete bazaar details visit our website:

http://dev.stjohnssav.org.gowpsite.com/serve/holly-days-bazaar/

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

consider the limits of science in explaining reality. Great as are the achievements of science, there are inherent limitations to what science is capable of doing. Something other than science is necessary for us to develop a complete understanding of the world around us, of reality. Far from being at war with each other, science and theology can co-exist as complementary disciplines for understanding reality and our lives within it.

That's the thesis Jon means to explore, and of course there is much else that could be said about the relation of science and religion, faith and reason, but we won't begin to grasp this relation rightly - nor see the space there is for a religious and theological contribution to the understanding of reality - until we have a clear understanding of just what science can and cannot do. That's a critical step to making space for God in our own understanding of reality, without disparaging the genuine achievements of science. And for many in the modern world, this may remove an obstacle to considering the claims of the gospel.

You may think that this is a question that does not appeal to you personally; but I would invite parishioners of St. John's to consider supporting this series nonetheless. We have a choice to be religious consumers, making a decision about taking part in an enterprise of this kind according to whether it interests us or not - or we can approach this more as *Christians*, which is to say, *not* religious consumers but members of a community of faith; and recognize in this outreach to the community an opportunity for shared outreach to the world around us. We need people to help make these events run smoothly

(if you can help, please inform the rector), but we also need parishioners to spread word about the series, invite people to come, and to turn up themselves, and support us in this venture. Even if you can't come to all of them, we encourage you to join us for any you can. Each talk will address a different aspect of the topic, and in the final talk on October 11, our speaker will seek to summarize what we have learned and what it means for us.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SCIENCE & TRUTH

Is there room for God in our understanding of reality?

Five Talks by Jon Sprague
Thursdays Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11
at 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.
Admission free

“Jon Sprague’s passionate interest in science and his commitment to the Christian faith is evident in these intelligent, informed, and illuminating explorations of questions so many struggle with today”

– Fr Gavin Dunbar

• **Childcare is Available by Prior Registration Only:** Contact the Church Office 912-232-1251.

• **Interested but not sure you can come to all?** The first four talks can stand alone – the fifth is where the themes are pulled together. Come to all, or come to one.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH OPENING DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Join us to celebrate at 10:00 a.m. in Cranmer Hall.

Registration and Volunteer Sign up links are available in the weekly email and Facebook. Please contact Melanie Finnegan (912-856-6210) with questions.

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE & GOSPEL Prayer Book, page 247, 204
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

Summer Children’s Nursery for birth - age 3 (Cranmer Hall, 1st floor),
 is available from 9:15a.m. till 12:15 p.m.

9:30 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Cranmer Hall)

10:30 A.M. – SUNG EUCHARIST, SERMON & CHILDREN’S CHURCH

HYMN: #350 *Rejoice, the Lord is King!* Darwall (#600)

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*Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service.
 If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

12:00 P.M. (Noon)—HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel - as at 8:00 a.m.)