



# THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

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August 2014

## Rector's Rambling

The study of Anglican Theology led me recently to read Lady Antonia Fraser's "King James VI of Scotland- I of England" (New York. Alfred A. Knopf. 1975.) The modest volume (224 pp with lots of pictures, a thin volume by historical standards) reinforced thoughts I have long entertained about the first King of All the Britons since the Reigns of Alfred and Offa. He was a very good and decent man with a very dark and sinful side. He was a product of his environment who managed to rise above his personal experience to an astounding degree, but was always crippled and haunted by it. And he was often, in fact generally, caught between people who were neither as gracious, nor as tolerant as he.

All of this set me to thinking about how I relate to the people around me. Certainly all of us, like James, are created in God's image and do some wonderful things, but we are also (in the words of the traditional liturgy) miserable offenders. All of us are creatures of our environment and experience, and most of us manage to occasionally rise above the negative aspects of our past. But it was that third observation which caught my attention, not as it relates to King James, but as it relates to the people around him.

Early in his life, he was manipulated by both Presbyterians and Episcopalians, by Catholic Lairds and by Reformed Scholars. There were Regents on the one hand and his mother, the beautiful and ill-fated Mary on the other. Later in life he was caught between Spanish Catholics and German Protestants, between Puritans and Bishops, between love of God and passion for the elusive delights of the flesh. It was a characteristic of the age that realities and perceptions were stated bluntly and defended vigorously. Little room was left for compromise and duplicity was employed to defend and advance entrenched positions and beliefs. In short, it sounds a bit like modern America. I suppose people never really do change very much! My question becomes, am I like the King- Faithful but fallen, trying with all my heart and skill to bring peace and good will? Or am I like those who squeezed and manipulated him, serving as either the hammer or the anvil which keeps people who ought to love one another at a perpetual distance?

Some things are set in stone, and they tend to be the wall at which I must die if I am to maintain the integrity of my faith and remain a man of honour. But even such essential things ought to be maintained with dignity and love, and with real respect for those who differ. Too often, there is a temptation to resort to the sordid politics of manipulation and control, of overwhelming pressure and party alliance, to achieve a desired end. Both modernist and traditionalist parties do it. Liberals and conservatives do it. It seems to be a bad habit of our species, and it drives people apart and causes them to hate each other. Might we all pray for the day when in the words of the Psalmist, "Brethren shall live together in unity" (Psalm 133.) And might we purpose in our hearts to always treat others as we would wish to be treated ourselves (Saint Matthew 7:12.) Let us in the words of Saint Paul "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another" (Romans 12:10.) On the day that we approach such outlooks and actions, all men shall know that we are the followers of Jesus, because as Saint John says, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (Saint John 13:35.) We cannot accomplish these things in our own ability, because such manipulative behaviour is one of our shortcomings, but "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13,) for he is transforming me from what I would have been into the man he would have me to be. For that I am ever thankful.

Bill+



### Good Samaritans Needed!

Fairfield Medical Center has over 40 different volunteer opportunities! In addition to the intrinsic reward, volunteers receive a variety of benefits, such as recognition dinners, free meals, and the opportunity to use our cardiac gym for just \$65 per year. It also provides a wonderful social opportunity to meet and interact with many different people. Most of our volunteers serve a 4-hour shift each week, but many still take numerous trips or even fly south for the winter! We would love to have you as part of our team! Volunteer applications can be obtained at [www.fmchealth.org](http://www.fmchealth.org) or at the North or South Information Desk. Questions? Contact Heidi Reed at 740.687.8109 or [heidire@fmchealth.org](mailto:heidire@fmchealth.org)

### Mental Health First Aid USA Free Training for Community Members

This training is designed to help you gain knowledge and develop skills so that you can be of assistance to persons who are experiencing a mental health crisis. If you work with the public in any capacity this training can be of help to you.

**When: July 25th or August 22nd** (You need only attend one of the sessions) 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

**Where:** South Lancaster Water Treatment Plant, 4600 Sugar Grove Road, Lancaster, OH.

**To Register:** Call Patti Waits at the Fairfield County ADAMH Borad (740) 475-0477 or go online to [www.fairfieldadamh.org](http://www.fairfieldadamh.org)

Lunch is provided for a cost of \$9.00 per person. (Let us know if you are vegetarian.)

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*Wrinkles should merely indicate where the smiles have been.*

Mark Twain

### A Reminder - Safe Church Training in October

Lori Peden has scheduled a Safe Church Training on October 18, 2014 from 9:00—3:00 pm. Because several of our parishioners have taken this training, we are able to staff our nursery the first Sunday of each month. More trained volunteers allow more flexibility in scheduling church activities. Please consider attending this session.

### Many Thanks

Many thanks to all those who participated in the Artwalk—the artists, the cookie bakers, the servers, and especially to Mark and Mary Alice for coordinating the event.



*Gerald Owsley and Mary Oehler*

*invite*

*all friends and parishioners to come to*

*their wedding celebration*

*Saturday, August 30th at 4 PM*

*at St. John's Episcopal Church.*

A reception in the church undercroft will follow the ceremony.

**Birthdays**

- 8 Peggy Merton
- 9 Mark Perrine
- 11 Cheryl Berner  
Joanna Carr
- 12 Anna Burton  
Lowell Stallsmith
- 15 Robin Leonard  
Mary Oehler
- 17 Ashley Campbell  
Mid Hall
- 26 Beck Babcock  
Kay Waddell
- 27 Steve Martens
- 29 Jim Hall
- 30 Jason Smith

**Wedding Anniversaries**

- 1 Ivan and Jessie Smith (59)
- 12 Jim and Susan Chilenski (95)
- 13 Mark and Mary Alice Perrine (77)
- 16 Steve and Jane Wood (77)
- 17 Jim and Peggy Merton (68)  
Gary and Charlene Rowley (57)
- 18 Jack and Elaine Warnett (79)
- 19 Bruce and Bobbie Beebe (10)  
Sam and Jane Hurley (67)
- 21 Dick and Beck Babcock (50)
- 22 Jim and Sarah Miller (53)

**Baptismal Anniversaries**

- 1 Doug Carr (78)  
Elizabeth Leonard (59)
- 3 Justice Wood (11)  
Steve Wood (11)
- 4 Julia Taylor (96)
- 10 Margaret Canter (08)
- 11 Julie Meenach (02)
- 16 Brandi Perrine (92)
- 19 Sally Stallsmith (34)

**David Richard Timberlake**  
**April 12, 1939—June 4, 2014**

“Give to the departed eternal rest. May Light  
 perpetual shine upon him.”

**Fellowship Breakfast**

Please join your parish family for breakfast on Sunday, August 3rd after the 8 AM Eucharist.

**Large Juice Cans Needed**

The Altar Guild uses large juice cans to deliver altar flowers after the 10:30 service on Sundays. At present there is a great need for these cans. Your help would be much appreciated. Donations may be dropped off in the sacristy.

**Youth and Family Events**

**Come and Bring a Friend**

**Saturday, July 26th—2 PM**



**Youth Movie Day and Party** at the church. *Iron Man* and *Thor* will be shown.

Drinks and hamburgers will be provided.

**Monday, July 28th—Family Pool Party at Valley View**  
**7-10PM**

There is no cost for the party.

Light snacks will be provided and the snack bar will be open.



## August 2014 Serving Schedule

<b>August 3</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Lay Readers	Jean Hammer	Jim Hall & Caitlin Hurdley	Genesis 32: 22-31
Acolytes		Alex Shook & Katie Shook	Psalm: 17
Lectors		Paul Heim & Diana Turpin	Romans 9: 1-5
Ushers	Steve Woods & Tim Hall	Tom Howard & Karin Howard	Matthew 14: 13-21
Altar Guild	Bobbie Beebe	Judie Miller & Mid Hall	Set-up: Deanna Roshong
<b>August 10</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Lay Readers	Robin Rhodes	Ivan Smith & Mark Conrad	Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28
Acolytes		Libby Garbrandt & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm: 105
Lectors		Caitlin Hurdley & Charlie Voss	Romans 10: 5-15
Ushers	Alex Shook & Katie Shook	John & William Eyman	Matthew 14: 22-23
Altar Guild	Carol Ralph	Jessie Smith, Mid Hall & Judie Miller	Set-up: Anna Adkins & Judie Miller
<b>August 17</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Lay Readers	Tom Hammer	Jim Hall & Doug Carr	Genesis 45: 1-15
Acolytes		Nicole Sutter & Asher Carr	Psalm: 133
Lectors		Paul Heim & Holly Perry	Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32
Ushers	Carol Uhl & Anna Adkins	Nickie Lecrone & Diane Downard	Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Barb Parker & Deanna Roshong	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
<b>August 24</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Lay Readers	Jean Hammer	Mark Conrad & Ivan Smith	Exodus 1: 8-2, 2:10
Acolytes		Joanna Carr & Morgan Spires	Psalm: 124
Lectors		Mark Conrad & Jeanie Conrad	Romans 12:1-8
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Mike Whiley	Steve Messerly & Chris Hurdley	Matthew 16: 13-20
Altar Guild	Gitta Sadoni & Peggy Merton	Sally Stallsmith, Chris Hurdley & Reda Kittle	Set-up: Mid Hall & Judie Miller
<b>August 31</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Lay Readers	Robin Rhodes	Jim Hall & Doug Carr	Exodus 3: 1-15
Acolytes		Asher Carr & William Eyman	Psalm: 105
Lectors		Paul Heim & Holly Perry	Romans 12: 9-21
Ushers	Shook Family	Nicole Sutter & Holly Perry	Matthew 16: 21-28
Altar Guild	Carol Ralph	Jessie Smith, Mid Hall & Judie Miller	Set-up: Anna Adkins & Judie Miller

**If you cannot serve as scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.**

# *St. John's Episcopal Church*

## August 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> 8:00 HC 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 10:30 HC	<b>4</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	<b>5</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>6</b> 12:00 HC	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8:00 HC 10:30 HC	<b>11</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	<b>12</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>13</b> 12:00 HC	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8:00 HC 10:30 HC	<b>18</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	<b>19</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>20</b> 12:00 HC	<b>21</b> 1 PM Eagle and Lamb Deadline	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:00 HC 10:30 HC	<b>25</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b> 12:00 HC	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 4PM Mary Oehler And Gerald Owsley Wedding	<b>31</b>

Current and historical issues of *The Eagle & The Lamb*, dating back to April 2011, may be accessed at:  
[www.stjohnlancaster.org](http://www.stjohnlancaster.org)

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For daily & Sunday readings & Fr. Pursley's  
sermons, visit St. John's website  
[www.stjohnlancaster.org](http://www.stjohnlancaster.org)