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Holy Trinity, Midland Calls New Rector

Holy Trinity, Midland, has called the Rev. John Wedgwood-Greenhow as its new Rector. His first Sunday will be April 11. Fr. John was born in England. He holds a B.A. in History and American Studies from Cambridge University, a B.A. in Theology and Religious Studies from Manchester University, an M.A. from Cambridge, a Masters in Theology from Edinburgh University and a Masters in Divinity from Coates Hall (the Seminary of the Scottish Episcopal Church). He comes from St. Thomas, Sturgis in the Diocese of South Dakota. From 1986-1988 he served as Ecumenical Assistant Pastor at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland, and from 1988-2005 he served as Interim Rector and Vicar of three churches in Northern California.

Quarterman Conference Center dubbed "Quarterman Ranch"

At its November meeting, the Board of the Bishop Quarterman Conference Center voted to call the center by a new name: Quarterman Ranch. The Vision Team at its October meeting discussed using the term in that the property originally was a ranch and that the term "ranch" conveys the casual, spacious outdoor atmosphere of the space which is "our common spiritual location, our 'Cathedral with the 25 mile high ceiling.'"

Northwest Texas Licenses Ten Lay Preachers

Congratulations to ten newly-licensed Lay Preachers in Northwest Texas. Sally Ray and Gary Johnson of Dalhart; Mildred Rugger of Canyon; Jordan Miser of Spearman; Charles Kessie, John McGarr and Diana McGarr of Canadian; and Mark Lang, Karen Lang and Jan Ragsdale of Pampa received their licenses following a Lay Preaching Workshop held in Pampa on February 19-20 led by the Rev. Canon Rhoda Montgomery, D.Min. in Preaching, a graduate of the Seminary of the Southwest, and on staff at Christ Church Cathedral in Houston. The workshop was convened by the Rev. Mary Glover, Chair of the NWTX Commission on Ministry.

Quarterman Ranch Summer Schedule Set

Plans are underway for the 2010 summer camps at Quarterman Ranch. Happy Camp will be held June 14-18, Senior High Camp - June 20-26, Primary Camp - June 27-July 3, Middle School Camp - July 4-10, and Promise Camp - July 12-16. The Rev. Jim Haney, Rector of St. Paul's, Lubbock, has designed the curriculum for Primary, Middle School and Senior High camps the theme of which is "I Am" with daily themes of I am the bread of life; I am the light of the world; I am the good shepherd; I am the door of the sheep; I am the resurrection and the life; I am the way, the truth and the life; and I am the true vine. Contact Jamie Goldston, BQCCTX@aol.com or 806.383.6878.

100th Anniversary Celebrations

St. Mark's, Plainview and Trinity, Albany will celebrate their centennial year on April 11 and April 18 respectively. St. Mark's will celebrate with a service at 10 AM and a special music presentation at 2 PM with a reception to follow. Trinity will celebrate with a dinner on April 10 and a 10 AM Service on April 11 followed by a luncheon at the Old Jail Art Center.

Six Northwest Texas missions were accepted into the Diocese of Dallas at its May, 1910 Convention, the same convention during which resolutions to present the division of the Diocese of Dallas to the next General Convention were adopted. On May 10, Trinity, Albany; St. James', Dalhart; St. Paul's-on-the-Plains, Lubbock; St. Mark's, Plainview; Trinity, Quanah; and St. Michael and All Angels', Shamrock were admitted as missions of the diocese. On May 1, 1910, Bishop Alexander Garrett gave consent to St. Andrew's, Amarillo to become a parish. The General Convention approved the division the following October and the Missionary District of North Texas was established in October of 1910.

Save the Date: September 24-26 - Brother Abraham from St. Gregory's Abbey in Three Rivers, MI will lead a workshop on Benedictine Spirituality. Brother Abraham grew up in this region and attended Angelo State and Texas Tech Universities. Contact Fr. Jim Haney at frjimstpauls@att.net or 806.762.1893.

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Calendar

March

- 18-19 BACAM, St. Paul's, Lubbock
- 19-25 House of Bishops, Camp Allen
- 21 First year of Bishop Mayer's consecration
- 25 Bishop Mayer's 17th Priesthood Anniversary
- 28 +St. Stephen's, Lubbock, Palm Sunday

April

- 1 Maundy Thursday
- 2 Good Friday
- 3 Holy Saturday
- 4 Easter
- 6 Fresh Start, HEC
- 9 Commission on Ministry, HEC, Lubbock
- 10 Missions Committee, HEC, Lubbock
- 11 +St. Mark's, Plainview, 100th Anniversary
- 14 +St. James', Dalhart, Confirmations
- 18 +Trinity, Albany, 100th Anniversary
- 25 +St. John's, Odessa, Visitation

May

- 1 +Vision Discernment Task Force, Lubbock
- 2 +San Miguel Arcangel, Odessa, Visitation
- 4 +Trustees, HEC
Fresh Start, Lubbock
- 7-8 Deacon Formation, Lubbock
- 8 ECW Board, Coleman
- 10-11 Seminary of the Southwest Commencement
- 16 +St. Andrew's, Amarillo, Visitation
- 23 +Heavenly Rest, Abilene, Visitation
- 24-27 +Living Our Vows, NC
- 31 Memorial Day, HEC Closed

June

- 5 +St. Mary's, Big Spring, Confirmations
- 6 +Sandhills Visitation
- 7-10 +Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, Baltimore, MD
- 12 +Executive Council, Lubbock
- 13 +Grace, Vernon, Visitation

+indicates Bishop Mayer in attendance

The Newsletter Deadline: April 15 .

