

# Welcome to St. Stephen's Anglican Church



*The Adoration of the Magi*, Fra Angelico and Fra Filippo Lippi 1440/1460  
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## *Epiphany IV, February 1, 2009*

St. Stephen's is a traditional Anglican presence  
in Athens, Texas witnessing God's love  
through worship, prayer, fellowship and outreach. **IN OUR DAILY  
PRAYERS LET US INCLUDE**

### **The Catholic Church and all Anglicans**

**O** GRACIOUS Father, we humbly beseech thee for thy holy Catholic Church; that thou wouldest be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Our parish**

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, we thank thee for thy servants gone before who laid a firm foundation for the growth of thy Church here in Athens. Renew in us the gifts of thy mercy; increase our faith, strengthen our hope, enlighten our understanding, enlarge our charity, and make us ready to serve thee. Raise up, we beseech thee, others in our midst, that our parish of thy Church may grow and prosper to proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Those serving in our nation's armed forces**

**O** LORD God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen of our country. Support them in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with courage and loyalty; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord *Amen*

### **Our nation and our world**

**O** LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; we live in disturbing days. Throughout the world prices rise, debts increase, banks collapse, jobs are taken away, and fragile security is under threat. Lord God, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer: be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands, and a light in the darkness; help us receive thy gift of peace, and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found. We especially commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to The President of the United States, the Governor of our state and to all in civil authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.**

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [*alms and*] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess Thy holy Name may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Especially **The Russian Orthodox Church**

Diocese of Missouri Valley **St. George, Bentonville, AR**

**St. Luke, Colorado Springs, CO**

**St. Francis, Estes Park, CO**

**St. Clare, Longmont, CO**

**St. John, Quincy, IL**

TAC **Anglican Church in Southern Africa - Traditional Rite**

**Church of Umzi Wase Tiyopia**

ALL Religious Orders...Especially

**The Order of St. Augustine**

**St. Benedict's Abbey**

WE beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion, and virtue. Especially

**Barack, our President**

**Rick, our Governor**

**The Legislatures and Courts of our land.**

GIVE grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth Thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy Sacraments. Especially

**Stephen, Missouri Valley**

**Louis, Anglican Church in America**

**John, Traditional Anglican Communion**

**John-David of San Joachin**

**Robert of Pittsburgh**

**Bartholomew of Constantinople**

**Jack of Fort Worth**

**James of Dallas**

**Ignatius of Antioch**

**Rowan of Canterbury**

**Benedict of Rome**

AND to all Thy People give Thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive Thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Especially

**Christian Hancock**

**Cheryl Freudenrich**

**Vern & Cele Kling**

**AJ & Dawn Kirby**

**The LEE family**

**Priscilla Morris**

**Hazel Hunt**

**The HURT Family**

**R.E. & Antoinette Jackson**

**Kirsten Lagergren**

**The MALONE family**

**Kehyler Muehl**

Those in the Military

**John**

**AJ**

**Richard**

**Jerry+**

**Bill**

**Courtney**

**Tracey Sue**

**Samantha**

**Lauren**

**Sharon**

**Tim**

**Robert**

**TJ**

**Charlie**

**Simone**

**Jared**

**Ralph**

**Dallas**

**Joe**

**Jerry L.**

**Justin**

**Our troops in harms way, their leaders and their families.**

AND we most humbly beseech thee, of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Especially

**Rialann**

**Ann & Marshall**

**John**

**Anne**

**Valerie**

**Chuck & Sr. Mary Anne**

**Fr. Richard & Marsha**

**Fr. Mack**

**Joseph**

**Ed & Margaret**

**Caitlyn & Aiden**

**Katy**

**Vern**

**Jenny**

**Melvin**

**Miriam & Family**

**Frances**

**Sr. Emily Ann**

**Kris**

**Pam**

**Luke**

**Walter**

**Diana, Don, Ann**

**The Jerry Irvin family**

**Nola Robertson & family**

**The HOWARD Family**

**Linda & Family**

**Fr. Vincent & Fr. Joseph**

**Sr. Mary Michael**

**Elizabeth**

**Galen & Michelle**

**Vicki Haimes**

**Karen**

**Sandy & Family**

**Alecia & Family**

**Loraine**

**Shirley Anne**

**The Holt Family**

**Camille & James**

**Fr. Walter Wilson**

**Gladys**

**Raymond**

AND we also bless Thy holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in Thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom.

Especially **Dwayne Hurt**

**Illeana Haeliger**

**Norean Clanton**

**David Thompson**

**Wilfred Armstrong**

**William Seagate**

**Harvey Muehl**

**+Alexis of Moscow**

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen*



# Epiphany IV, February 1, 2009

## 8 am Low Mass

### Noon Book of Common Prayer HOLY COMMUNION

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY		BCP	114
THE EPISTLE	Romans 13 <sup>th</sup> 1	BCP	114
THE GOSPEL	St Matthew 8:1	BCP	114

## 10 am MORNING PRAYER

Psalm:	18:1-20	BCP:	359
Lesson:	Deuteronomy 4:5-13 32-40		
Canticle:	Benedictus es		

## SUNG MASS

PRELUDE	Salut d'amour	Edward Elgar	
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 517 (St. Matthew)	<i>Thine Arm O Lord</i>		
THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY		BCP	114
THE EPISTLE	Romans 13 <sup>th</sup> 1	BCP	114
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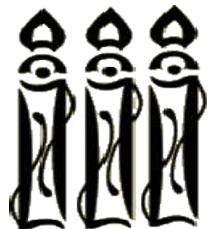
SEQUENCE HYMN 209 (St. Vincent) *O Saving Victim* Visitors  
please place a visitor card in the offering plate.

**We are pleased and blessed you are worshipping with us!**

OFFERTORY HYMN 360 (Albano) *Immortal Love fore ever full*  
COMMUNION HYMN 204 (Adoro devote) *Humbly I Adore Thee*  
RECESSIONAL HYMN 54 (Dulce carmen)  
*Alleluia Song of Gladness*

## ~~~~~NEXT SUNDAY'S HYMNS~~~~~

PRO #. 577 (Christmas) *Thine Arm O Lord*  
SEQ # 555 (Heath) *O Saving Victim*  
OFF # 560 (Pentecost) *Immortal Love fore ever full*  
COM # 205 (Oblation) *Humbly I Adore Thee*  
REC # 524 (Cwm Rhondda) *Alleluia Song of Gladness*



**MONDAY FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**CANDLEMAS 6:30 pm**  
**Procession and**  
**Solemn Mass**  
**High Tea following**

**2009 Annual Parish Meeting will begin immediately following 10 am Morning Prayer & Sung Mass in Coker Hall, Sunday, February 1, 2007 followed by BCP Communion Service**

## AGENDA FOR THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

Call to Order with prayer  
Minutes of 2007 Meeting  
Nominations

- Vestry to be elected, 2 for 3 yrs
- Synod delegates 2 regular and 2 alternates

Rector's Report  
Treasurer's report  
  
New Business

- Election of Vestry and Synod delegates

Other new business brought forward  
Closing with prayer

## St. Stephen's Anglican Church Annual Parish Meeting Minutes January 13, 2008

The annual meeting of St. Stephen's Anglican Church was held Sunday, January 13, 2008 in Coker Hall located at 2101 E. College Street, Athens, Texas. Meeting called to order at 12:15 P.M. with prayer by The Rector. A quorum was established for voting purposes. Fourteen members present and our Bishop The Rt. Rev. Stephen Strawn.

Minutes of the 2007 Annual Parish Meeting was presented and accepted. The Treasurer's Report presented and discussed. Accepted as presented. Suggestions made to show actual income (excluding private donations) as income on Sunday Program.

## 2008 Treasurer's Report

NOMINATIONS FOR VESTRY – Since there were no other nominations from the floor, the following members were nominated for the Vestry and elected by acclamation for a term of three years – Richard Bartholow and Yvonne Crumpton. One vestry position still open for a term of two years. Synod delegates were elected by acclamation - Cele Holland Kling and Yvonne Crumpton. Vern Kling was appointed as an alternate.

RECTOR'S REPORT - the Rector asked that we all introduce ourselves, since parishioners attend different services. Copies of the changes in the By-laws are available for distribution. To support the ministry at St. Stephen's Church pledge slips were passed out to be returned with a weekly or monthly contribution amounts. This will allow the 2008 Budget Committee to plan for church finances for the year. Our church is still facing financial challenges. As a parish we need to continue to pray and pray for our church. In 2007, we did received several large donations and we were blessed. St. Stephen's contains to celebrate our traditional 40 days of Christmas. After the Post Office temporarily lost our December Dove Newsletter, we pray we are back on track. We shall continue our fundraising efforts for 2008. Our traditional Boar's Head Festival celebrated its third year and was enjoyed by everyone attending. We enjoyed good food and fellowship with several community visitors. Patti Rainwater will be serving as Director of the Altar Guild. The Rector's appreciation for all that volunteer in the church

NEW BUSINESS – Mardi Gras will be held the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2008 and tickets are available for sell by members. Candelmas will be February 2, 2008 starting at 5:30 P.M. The service will be followed by an English High Tea. Bishop Strawn will be discussing with members some plans for Outreach and Growth after close of regular meeting. February Vestry Meeting will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February.

Meeting closed with a prayer by the Rector.  
Minutes prepared by Clerk of the Parish – Yvonne Crumpton

INCOME			EXPENSE		
<b>SERVICE OFFERINGS</b>			<b>Building</b>		
Sunday Offerings	010	25,883.20	Mortgage	210	7,125.21
Weekday Offerings	015	3,611.60	Insurance	220	2,774.00
<b>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</b>			<b>Maintenance</b>		
Marian Shrine	020	59.92	Building	310	29.74
Mite Box offering	022	81.43	Equipment repair	330	371.31
Energy Retrofit	024	40.00	<b>Utilities</b>		
Friends	026	653.00	TXU Electric	410	9,468.88
Priest Honoraria	028	440.00	Waste	420	270.71
<b>DESIGNATED OFFERINGS</b>			Water	430	210.90
Plank Offerings	035	710.00	Telephone	440	1,260.78
National Church	036	300.00	Pest Control	450	900.00
Flowers	038	320.00	<b>Staff</b>		
<b>IN KIND DONATIONS</b>			Clergy Salary	510	
In Kind Donations	040	1,048.86	Clergy Pension	520	1,200.00
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>			Clergy Business	530	250.00
		33,148.01	Clergy Car & Travel	540	250.00
<b>PROJECTS</b>			Clergy Housing	550	8,500.00
Lovestitcher Products	050	192.00	Supply Organist	580	430.00
Wal-Mart Bake Sales	052	572.90	Supply Clergy	590	100.00
Breakfast Forum	053	362.00	<b>Supplies</b>		
College St Market	054	771.96	Altar Supplies	610	41.85
Coker Hall Events	056	645.00	Flowers/Palms	620	42.21
Mardi Gras	057	156.00	Merchandise	625	93.60
Community Dinners	058		Kitchen Supplies	640	642.50
Special events	059		Event Expense	670	317.27
<b>INCOME</b>			<b>Parish Ministry</b>		
Recycling	060	21.80	Rector's Discretion	720	300.00
Interest Earned	062		Newsletter	730	1,020.00
Vending Machine	066	116.80	Hospitality	750	97.60
Senior Respite	072	2,108.50	Conventions	780	25.00
<b>TOTAL EARNINGS</b>			<b>Outreach Ministry</b>		
		4,946.96	Benevolence	810	125.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			Advertising	820	1,662.90
Loan proceeds	091	3,065.00	Evan/Growth	830	255.00
Other Income	095	445.00	<b>Administration</b>		
Balance from 2007	099	1,230.38	CC Interest	910	935.00
<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS</b>			CC principal	920	620.00
		4,740.38	Bank Charges	930	139.65
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			Payroll Taxes	940	423.88
		42,835.35	Loan Repayment	960	2,601.00
			Bal Forward	990	351.36
			<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>		<b>42,835.35</b>

## RECTOR'S REPORT

We are called "St. Stephen's". We are named after someone who could not be quieted, could not be silenced when it came to proclaiming his faith. And, names are powerful. A church's name can have such power that it can mold the congregation. And it can and should mold us!

We, like Stephen, can and should preach the Good News of Christ when we talk to our family, friends and neighbors about our faith.

We, like Stephen, can and should share God's love for all when we reach out to our neighbors and offer our assistance.

We, like Stephen, can and should pray for each other when special cares arise.

We, like Stephen, can and should stand up for what is righteous even when the vast majority of the world have abandoned those values.

We, like Stephen, can and should make every effort to worship our Lord as frequently as possible.

Names have power. We are called after one who powerfully proclaimed his faith, no matter what. Let us work, as a congregation, to live up to the privilege of conveying God's love to others and of being called St. Stephen's congregation.

We survived the last year with a barebones operating budget. Many areas were either underfunded or omitted altogether. Our numbers are small and we have very little income, yet we continued our ministry here in Athens. Our outreach continues to grow. This year nearly fifty were present for the Boa's Head Festival. About the same number were present for our last Breakfast Forum.

We have given care to six seniors in our Good Samaritan Day Care. Three of our guests are now in nursing facilities and the other three are here each week. When fully licensed we will expand our numbers and perhaps go to a second day each week. AARP, TRIAD, and

Henderson County Democrats meet here monthly and a few other groups are considering meeting here. AARP driver's education takes place here also. College Street Market meets quarterly and residual sales continue every time the building is open.

We have lost two magnificent members who were generous of their time, talent and treasurer by death, We will miss Richard Bartholow and Richard Doty very much. Their legacy must be our continuation of St. Stephen's here in Athens.

We will continue to supplement our service offerings with our community activities. This year we will repeat our two WalMart bake sales with better dates already assigned: Saturday before Easter and Saturday through Monday before Christmas. We will have a sale at Walgreens at a date to be set.

Our Mardi Gras will be February 21<sup>st</sup> and we will start our High School Football Dinners this fall. We are also exploring a license for charitable Bingo. With these activities and the expanded Day Care we are projecting to increase our non worship income considerably to help us meet our expenses.

Father Ben Pardo from the Spanish mission in Irving Texas will be our guest preacher for Candlemas tomorrow and our May Restoration celebration will include other congregations from our Southwest Deanery

We are exploring a Spanish Mission opportunity with the encouragement of the bishop and are considering a choir for the principal service.

Your rector is committed to the success of our parish and with the help of our members by their support and prayers we will continue to be that traditional Anglican presence in Athens, Texas witnessing God's love through worship, prayer, fellowship and outreach.

May God bless us all as we do his work. *Jerry+*