



Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham

Joseph Butler, once called "the greatest thinker of all the thinkers of the English Church," was born at Wantage, Berkshire, May 18, 1692, into a Presbyterian family. He was educated at dissenting academies; but in his early twenties he decided to become an Anglican. He entered Oriel College, Oxford, in 1715, and was ordained in 1718. As a preacher at the Rolls Chapel for eight years, he made his mark, especially for his sermons on human nature. In 1738, he was appointed Bishop of Bristol. He declined the primacy of Canterbury, but accepted the bishopric of Durham in 1750. He died at Bath in 1752, and was buried in Bristol Cathedral. Butler's fame rests chiefly on his acute apology for orthodox Christianity against the Deistic thought prevalent in England at that time. By careful argument, Butler maintained the "reasonable probability" of Christianity, with action upon that probability as a basis for faith. His rationalism was grounded in a deep personal piety, although he had little sympathy for the enthusiasm of the Wesleyan revival movement. Yet, in their different ways, Bishop Butler and John Wesley contributed to the renewal of the Church in eighteenth century England.

O God, by your Holy Spirit you give to some the word of wisdom, to others the word of knowledge, and to others the word of faith: We praise your Name for the gifts of grace manifested in your servant Joseph Butler, and we pray that your Church may never be destitute of such gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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If you would like to see your event listed here, please email Clelia or garritycpg@gmail.com. If you would like to see your event listed in the diocesan calendar, please email Barbara.

SAVE THE DATES

Jun 14-18, PREACHING CLASS, St. Paul's, Sparks 6:30-9:00 PM each night, presented by the Rev. Jim Beebe. Anyone interested should contact Linda Smith at 775-626-9169, or lsmith2007@sbcglobal.net

Jun 15, BREAD FOR THE WORLD LOBBY DAY, Bread for the World members and churches will travel to the nation's capitol and meet with members of Congress. This is a powerful way for church members to make the connection between their Christian faith and citizenship. For more information visit www.bread.org/lobbyday

Jun 15, EPIPHANY BOOK CLUB, Henderson, will meet at 6:30 to discuss *March*, the 2006 Pulitzer Prize winner by Geraldine Brooks, a fictional account during the Civil War to the father of Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*.

Jun 26, HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN'S GARAGE/YARD SALE, 507 Churchill St., Fallon.

Jun 26, ST. BRIGID CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING is celebrating their One Year Anniversary at St. Matthew's. Las Vegas from 10:00AM to 12 Noon. We will have an instructed Eucharist and a Candle Ceremony. Luncheon will be served after the service.

Jul 1-31, OPEN DOORS AT TRINITY RENO; 200 Island Ave., Reno, NV. Pipes on the River, organ concert every Friday Noon-12:30 PM; Stained Glass Artist lecture and tour; Jul 6, 10:30 AM-12 Noon; Labyrinth Walk with music and art, Jul 11, 4:00-8:00 PM; Summer Faire and Festival, Jul 24, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Jun 26, SOULFUL LIVING, A WORKSHOP BY BISHOP DAN at St. Peter's, Carson City, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. A special invitation to contemplative Christians seeking methods of prayer and meditation; also Christians who want to blend their psychology with their spirituality. No charge. Free-will donations are encouraged to cover the costs of the host church. Lunch is not included. For more information, email Bishop Dan at bishop@nvdiocese.org

Jul 11-18, A BENEDICTINE EXPERIENCE, Bishop's Ranch, Healdsburg, CA. A time to nurture and strengthen our daily lives through prayer and spiritual companionship. For detailed information, or to register, please contact The Friends of St. Benedict at 202-363-8061, or saintbenedict@prospect-tech.com

Jul 24, GALILEE BENEFIT CONCERT, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Incline Village, 3:00 PM. Music will be performed by pianist Andrew Campbell and violinist Katie McLin. All proceeds go to Galilee Episcopal Camp and Conference Center. Admission Fee \$20. For tickets, please contact Galilee at 775-749-5546, or visit the St. Patrick's Church Office.

Jul 31, JOURNALING WORKSHOP: Roisin O'Loughlin, D.Min, presenter, Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Development, Las Vegas, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Cost \$45.

Aug 4, 11, 18, 25, DREAM GROUP, Cathy Pagano, MA, facilitator. Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Direction, Las Vegas, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Newcomers Welcome! \$20 per person.

Aug 7, INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP: Based on the Teachings of Fr. Thomas Keating, Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Development, Las Vegas, 9:00 AM - Noon. Freewill offering.

Aug 10, MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE DIOCESE OF NEVADA offered by the Episcopal Divinity School. An eight-week online course that focuses on identifying ways to empower people to effectively engage in the world through the ministry of the baptized. No fee. To enroll contact frensdorff.school@gmail.com

Aug 14, GALILEE 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, 2:00 - 8:00 PM. Barbecue Dinner at 6:00 PM. We will celebrate this important anniversary with an afternoon of barbecue, as well as singing, kayaking, guided hikes, and a worship service. No registration is necessary for those coming for the day. For those interested in staying the night, the cost is \$40/person, which includes a brunch on August 15th. To make reservations, please call 775-749-5546.

Aug 19, THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS: A Presentation by Margaret Towne, PhD, Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Development, Las Vegas. 10-11:30 AM. Freewill offering.

Aug 21-22, HEALING TOUCH SPIRITUAL MINISTRY, Jeanne Clark, MA presenter. Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Development, Las Vegas. Cost \$300 (\$150 for repeaters; \$225 for full-time students) 14.5 credit hours for nurses; 16 hours for massage therapists.

Aug 31, APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR ARTISTS TO REPRESENT THEIR PARISH AT THE 2010 DIOCESE OF NEVADA CONVENTION IN OCTOBER. Add inspirational art to the Diocese of Nevada. Create and share your works of visual art at the 2010 convention. For information, or to submit a piece of artwork, contact Meg Tarble at megtarble@hotmail.com 4500 Pisa Dr. Reno, NV 89509; 775-827-2516.

Sep 3-6, SOLO FLIGHT AT 20: VISIONING THE FUTURE FOR SINGLE ADULTS IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Richmond, VA. As Solo Flight gathers for its 20th consecutive year, the coordinators are discerning the future and looking to conduct visioning sessions centering on being single in The Episcopal Church. For further information and registration: <http://www.soloflightministry.net>

Sep 8, PASTORAL CARE EDUCATION: AN ONLINE INTRODUCTION TO THE FUNDAMENTALS OF PASTORAL CARE offered by the Frensdorff School of Christian Education. The two-semester class will offer a complete overview of the basic disciplines of pastoral care. It will be taught via Adobe Connect by Jodi Lediard, Maryellen Waltz, Clelia Garrity, Jan Olandese, and Bishop Dan Edwards. The class is strongly recommended for persons currently in vocational discernment for Holy Orders, or for those persons who have been ordained but unable to attend formal Clinical Pastoral Education. Registration for the class is limited. Contact frensdorff.school@gmail.com

Sep 17-19, 24th ANNUAL WESTBERG PARISH NURSE SYMPOSIUM; Thriving in a Changing World. Embassy Suites & St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles MO. [For information, or to register](#)

Sep 18, SERVANT-LEADERSHIP, a model of leadership that is based on shared power, shared decision-making, building trust, collaboration, and mutual accountability. Servant-Leadership training seeks to draw on the gifts, strengths, and abilities of each person in the congregation. Trinity Church, Reno, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Workshop space is limited. To enroll contact frensdorff.school@gmail.com

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Oct 8-10, 1ST ANNUAL DIOCESAN WOMEN'S RETREAT sponsored by St. Peter's Church, Carson City. The diocesan-wide retreat for Women of Faith will be held at Galilee Episcopal Camp and Conference Center. Co-leaders are Rev. Helen McPeak of Epiphany, Henderson and Rev. Stefani Schatz, Rector of Trinity, Reno. All

women of the diocese are welcome and encouraged to bring friends. The cost for the weekend is \$145 - \$160. This includes all meals. To register call 775-749-5546, or send a \$50 non-refundable check to Galilee, PO Box 236, Glenbrook, NV 89413.

Oct. 30, ORDERS OF MINISTRY: SHAPING THE CHURCH FOR LIFE, Roving Workshop presented by Bishop Dan Edwards, 9:00 AM - Noon, St. Bartholomew's, Ely. The workshop will look at the roles of laity, priests, deacons, and bishops. Who is responsible for what? What is special in the spirit of each order? What's up to the vestry and warden? What's up to the priest? What's up to the deacon? What is a rector, a priest in charge, an assistant? How can we best share the ministries so that we all grow and God is glorified?

Oct. 22-24, DIOCESAN CONVENTION, Santa Fe Casino Hotel, N. Rancho Drive, Las Vegas. Delegates and guests are asked to register in advance. Travelers should call the Santa Fe Casino Hotel at 702-658-4900 to make room reservations. Please mention that you are attending the Episcopal Church Convention to get the group discount rate. Icebreaker Thursday night, Oct. 21, 7-9 PM. Todos Los Santos will host our fellowship gathering at All Saints' Church, Las Vegas. Please continue to check our website for forms, information, etc. <http://www.diocesenconvention.org/>

 Forward to a Friend

Ponderings & Prayers



Witnessing to Christ Today

"We have to show up everywhere with an attitude of radical openness," Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori said in a recent address. "Mission means healing and restoring all creation toward the common weal of God ... living in justice with dignity, and all people and creation living together in peace."

She noted that the baptismal covenant that the Episcopal Church "has prayed for the last 30 years has increasingly roused us into mission. That baptismal covenant isn't shared with most of the rest of the communion ... What we have prayed over these decades has shaped our theology and it has a great deal to do with dignity and respect for the image of God in all our neighbors."

A video address of the Presiding Bishop's address can be found at:

http://www.episcopalchurch.org/81231_ENG_HTM.htm#oid=h5bG1nMTq5n_qy1RrRpHvgpdNAPrTN54

Desert Angels Health Tip of the Week

What Does Health Care Ministry Look Like?

It looks a lot like this:

St. Alban's-Arcata is putting on a 6-week program called "Pathways to Health," which



teaches self-management for people with chronic illnesses.

Christ Church-Eureka, St. Martin's-Davis, and Ascension-Vallejo have all put on Advanced Health Care Directives Workshops.

These are just a few examples of how health ministry contributes to the life of a congregation. For more information about how you can make your congregation healthier contact

www.episcopalhealthministries.org

NEWS BRIEFS

The Episcopal Diocese of Santiago has resolved at its Diocesan Convention a willingness to enter into a Companion Diocese Relationship with the Diocese of Nevada-TEC. This resolution will be placed on the agenda of the upcoming Diocesan Convention in Las Vegas.

St. Thomas, Las Vegas will offer continuing education classes beginning June 19 at 10:00 AM. We will be studying Deuteronomy, followed by History of the Episcopal Church (a video class)

All Saints' Parish Youth has Bible Study and Fellowship, Wednesdays from 4:00 to 6:30 PM

RAPT in PRAYER, a prayer shawl ministry that meets at St. Peter's, Carson City in the library the first Saturday and the first Thursday of each month. Patterns and yarn are available; all knitters need to bring is needles. June meetings are on the 3rd and 12th. All are welcome - we can teach knitting, as well.

The first Wednesday of every month:

Naomi and Ruth Circle - Healing through Friendship and Prayer: A support group for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, 5:45 - 6:45 PM, Trinity Episcopal Library, 200 Island St. Reno. We will be reading and discussing the book "*Enduring Grace: Living Portraits of Seven Women Mystics*", by Carol Lee Flinders.

Epiphany, Henderson Loss and Grieving Support Group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

Mondays at 7:00 PM - Contemplative Prayer, Epiphany, Henderson.

Epiphany Adult Sunday School meets every Sunday at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Room.

Saturdays at 8:00 AM Epiphany's Men's Group Breakfast: Rae's Restaurant, Alternating weeks.

An Informal, Contemporary Eucharist at 5:30 PM every fourth Saturday of the month at St. Christopher's, Boulder City.

Special Youth Breakfast and Bible Lesson the first Sunday of every month at 9:00 AM, St. Christopher's, Boulder City.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Fallon offers a Bereavement Support "drop-in" group the 2nd Monday of every month from 6:00 - 7:00 PM at the vicarage.

and

Two 8 week Bereavement Support sessions are also offered in the Fall (September 30th - November 18th) on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Vicarage.

and

A "drop-in" Bereavement Group meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at CARES Cottage in Yerington (306 Surprise Street) from 1:00 - 2:00 PM

St. Timothy's, Henderson offers a Grief Support Group, the group meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at the church. The group is facilitated by hospice chaplains; meeting times are: Mondays at 10:00 AM. The group offers support for those who have experienced any sort of loss. 43 W. Pacific Ave. in Henderson.

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