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FROM THE RECTOR

Twin saints venerated in both pubs and theaters

THE FINAL week in October contains a feast day of particular importance to the English-speaking people. It is, however, famous primarily for the accident of its mention in one of the most famous speeches written by the great poet and playwright William Shakespeare.

On October 25th we celebrate the Feast of St. Crispin & St. Crispinian, twin brothers, who were martyred in Gaul (now France) in the 3rd Century AD. They were born into a noble Roman family, but fled the city during the persecution launched by the Emperor Diocletian.

According to tradition, they were arrested by Rictus Varus, the Roman governor of Belgic Gaul, who, after torturing them, sentenced them to be beheaded. English tradition, however, claims that, before that, they escaped to the town of Faversham, England, where they worked as shoemakers. Today they are venerated as the patron saints of cobblers, tanners and leatherworkers.

Conveniently, an ancient pub, The Swan Inn, stands on the site of the house in Preston Street, Faversham, in which they reputedly had their workshop. And for many years The Swan was an object of pilgrimage by leather workers from all over Europe and the British Isles.

More piously inclined laborers in the industry made pilgrimages to the shrine at their reputed burial place in Soissons, France. But it is doubtful that they has as good a time as the folks who opted for The Swan.

Outside the leather-working industry, the Feast of St. Crispin & St. Crispinian is better known as day upon which, in 1415, the English King Henry V won a great victory over his French rival Charles VI.

Henry's army, 7,000 strong, was heavily out numbered by the French who fielded some 36,000 men, including a cavalry force of 10,000 armored knights and men at arms. The English, by contrast, had no cavalry, and their 1,000 knights and men at arms fought as infantry.

The English force, however, consisted primarily of 6,000 archers armed with the long bow – a formidable weapon that shot a 3ft long arrow over an effective range of more than 200 yards.

The French cavalry was severely handicapped by the ground. They were forced to charge up hill, through a recently ploughed field, churned into heavy mire by torrential rain. A constant shower of armor piercing arrows felled both riders and their steeds. Unhorsed knights, helpless under the weight of the armor, were slaughtered by English archers, who ran forward and stabbed them through the visors of their helmets.

The English lost only 112 dead. The French "butcher's bill" was horrific. Some 10,000 men were killed, mostly the flower of French the nobility. Only 1,500 French knights were taken prisoner. Henry V and the English nobility were horrified by the slaughter -- not so much out of pity for the vast number of lives lost as the thought of the enormous sums of ransom money of which they had been deprived by the archers' bloodlust.

Some two centuries later, the English had lost virtually all of gains of Henry V's conquests in France, but they were still able to bask in the reflected glory of Agincourt

And the Bard of Stratford Upon Avon gave voice to their feelings in his historical drama Henry V. Indeed, the words he put in Henry's mouth on the eve of the battle are better remembered than any of the monarch's actual achievements. Here it is. **GPH**✘

The St. Crispin's Day Speech

William Shakespeare, 1599

(Enter the KING)

WESTMORELAND. O that we now had here
But one ten thousand of those men in England
That do no work to-day!

KING. What's he that wishes so?
My cousin Westmoreland? No, my fair cousin;
If we are mark'd to die, we are enow
To do our country loss; and if to live,
The fewer men, the greater share of honour.
God's will! I pray thee, wish not one man more.
By Jove, I am not covetous for gold,
Nor care I who doth feed upon my cost;
It yearns me not if men my garments wear;
Such outward things dwell not in my desires.
But if it be a sin to covet honour,
I am the most offending soul alive.
No, faith, my coz, wish not a man from England.
God's peace! I would not lose so great an honour
As one man more methinks would share from me
For the best hope I have. O, do not wish one more!
Rather proclaim it, Westmoreland, through my host,
That he which hath no stomach to this fight,
Let him depart; his passport shall be made,
And crowns for convoy put into his purse;
We would not die in that man's company
That fears his fellowship to die with us.
This day is call'd the feast of Crispian.
He that outlives this day, and comes safe home,
Will stand a tip-toe when this day is nam'd,
And rouse him at the name of Crispian.
He that shall live this day, and see old age,
Will yearly on the vigil feast his neighbours,
And say "To-morrow is Saint Crispian."
Then will he strip his sleeve and show his scars,
And say "These wounds I had on Crispian's day."
Old men forget; yet all shall be forgot,
But he'll remember, with advantages,
What feats he did that day. Then shall our names,
Familiar in his mouth as household words-
Harry the King, Bedford and Exeter,
Warwick and Talbot, Salisbury and Gloucester-
Be in their flowing cups freshly rememb'ed.
This story shall the good man teach his son;
And Crispin Crispian shall ne'er go by,
From this day to the ending of the world,
But we in it shall be remembered-
We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;
For he to-day that sheds his blood with me
Shall be my brother; be he ne'er so vile,
This day shall gentle his condition;
And gentlemen in England now-a-bed
Shall think themselves accurs'd they were not here,
And hold their manhoods cheap whiles any speaks
That fought with us upon Saint Crispin's day. ✘

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE
TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
being Sunday, October 31st, 2010

8.00 AM & 9.15 AM
HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: Philippians 1:3-11
The Gospel: St. Matthew 18:21-35

11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 7
The First Lesson: Zechariah 7:8-23
The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 18:21-35

FROM THE TREASURER

The Endowment Fund

THE VESTRY is appealing to our parishioners and friends prayerfully to consider making a gift to the parish's newly established Endowment Fund. The fund is intended to provide the parish with the financial stability essential to sustain its growth.

No ultimate target has yet been set for the fund, but the initial goal is to raise at least \$200,000. The fund will be invested in a parish money market account, managed by the investment firm T. Rowe Price. The income will be primarily devoted to reducing the parish's outstanding mortgage.

The Endowment Fund Drive team welcomes contributions large and small. If you would like to donate to the fund, please send your check to the Treasurer, made out to *St. Stephen's Traditional Episcopal Church* and marked on the memo line "Endowment Fund."

If you wish to make an donation in memory, or in honor of a loved one or friend, please give us the information in a separate note. Also let us know if you would like to be named in the newsletter as a donor to the fund. We hope you will respond as generously to this as you have to past appeals. **BILL HAWKINS**

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am -- Holy Communion
9.15am -- Holy Communion (Nursery & Church School)
11.15am -- Morning Prayer (Nursery)
(1st. Sun. of the month: Holy Communion at 11.15am)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday: 6.00pm Evening Prayer
Friday: Noon: Healing Eucharist
Saturday: 5.00PM Family Eucharist.

✠ PARISH PRAYER LIST ✠

OUR Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List and guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice. To add a name to the list, or to the visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the office at 410 560 6776.

RECOVERY: Helen, Georgetta, Katherine, Hindra, Sara, Ravi, Elizabeth, Brian, Tracey, Linda, Robert, Nancy, Sharp, Edithann, Doris, Jay, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, Val, Helen, Joseph, Joshua, Rachel, Carl, Cal, Catherine, Sam, Ruth, Kristi, Paul, Sue, James, Patty, Antonio, Lauren-Michelle, McKayla, Randy, Jack, Grace, Bob, Fran, Carolyn, Ken, Serina, Wyatt, Bobby, Alexander, Erlene, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, Katherine, William, Betty, Cal, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tracy, Tom, Lelillah, Jennifer, Miriam, Karen, Steve, George, Eliza, Mel, John, Randy, James, Sarah, Linda, Suzanne, Marian, Edith Anne, Steven, Jeanne, Tammy; Ellen, Jim, Patricia, Bonnie, Mary Ann, Robert, Christine, Dee, Brian, Barbara, Gillian, Eileen, Matthew, George, Bryan, Jason, Jane, Joan, Frances, Ernie, Pat, Lynn, Michael, Ray, Leslie, Brandon, May, Scott, Stephen, Robert, Danny, Billy, Betty-Ann, Mildred, D'Metrius, Laura, Stacey, Frank, Alma, Christine, John, Henry, Naomi, Pam, John, Ben, Kevin, Gwen, Elizabeth, Gloria, Lee Emily, Elsie, Bruce, Regina, Lewis, Madolin, Linda, Carol, Bernie, Charlene, Josephine, Margaret, Jody, Sheila, Jo Anne, John, Geradine, Thomas, Jeanne, Sister Catherine-Grace, Maxine, Ann Sharon, Dennis, Mae, Anita, Marilyn, Lawrence, Rebecca, Dorothy, Joanne, ✠Albion, Martha, Jackie, Charles, Tony, Edward, Kim, Vivian, Carol and Debbie.

LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: June, Anna, Jean, Garrett, Ned, & Stephen, Rachel, Robert & Renee, Lydia; Richard, Melba, Debbie, Phyllis, Georgetta, Carolyn, Suzanne, Tony, Erik, Doris, Drake, The Norris family; Gillian, Beverley, Adrienn, Jhana, Marla, Matthew, Joan, David, Laurie, Ellen, Lynn, Mildred, Sarah Lee, Tom, Susan, Debbie, Kathy, Owen, Douglas, Amy, Jo Anne, Mary, Gregory, Isabel, Bobby, Dorothy, Darren, Scott, Rebecca, William, Charles, Joyce, Asfa, Eleanor, Kathy, Linda, James, Barry, Ann, Evelyn, Jeanette, Elizabeth, Virginia, Mildred, Chris, Micki, Stephen, Carol, Sandra, Elsie, John, Mary, Michael and David

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: LTC. R. J. Lytle, PFC Charles E. Heintz, IV, U.S. Army, Alex Bursi, US. Navy; Capt. Charles Bursi & LTC Harry Hughes, U.S. Air Force.

**COLLECTS FOR SUNDAY, TRINITY XXI
AND ST. CRISPIN & ST. CRISPINIAN**

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

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O LORD GOD, whose Martyrs Crispin and Crispinian laboured with their own hands and suffered all things that the Gospel might not be hindered: Grant us grace that both in deed and endurance we may be workers with thee and thy Saints for the everlasting kingdom of thy Son; who liveth and reignest with thee and the Holy Ghost ever one God, world without end. *AMEN.*

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