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The Reverend Richard E. Livingston, Jr. † (August 11, 1930– June 24, 2011)



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Requiescat In Pace*

Father Richard E. Livingston, Jr., Anglican Province of Christ the King priest, died June 24th, 2011, at home surrounded by his family.

Father Livingston was born in Fort Worth, TX, on August 11, 1930, and retired from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in 1985 after nearly thirty years of service at Washington, D.C., Headquarters and various other locations.

He was a 1953 graduate of Pennsylvania State

University, a 1969 resident graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and earned an MBA from George Washington University. Following graduation from Saint Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College in Berkeley, California, he was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood of the Anglican Church in 1994. Fr. Livingston was the founder of St. Albans Parish in State College Pennsylvania before he moved south in retirement for his most recent liturgical assignment as Curate at the Anglican Cathedral Parish of Christ the King in Washington, D.C.

Bishop William Wiygul of the Diocese of the Southern States celebrated a Requiem Mass for Fr. Livingston at the Cathedral Parish of Christ the King on July 2nd.

Survivors include his son, Richard, of Raleigh, North Carolina; daughter, Leslie Price, of Currituck, North Carolina; grandsons, Berkley of Portland, Oregon, and Connor of Raleigh, North Carolina; and a sister, Jean Renton, of Bel Air, Maryland.

Funeral services for Father Livingston (CPT, U.S. Army) will be held on Friday, November 18, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. Full Military Honors will be rendered by the U.S. Army and those attending the service should arrive at the Administration Building at Arlington National Cemetery at least 30 minutes before 11:00. Father J. Albert Starr and Father Paul S. Russell will officiate at the graveside committal ceremony. For more information see the parish website www.anglicanparishofchristtheking.org.✠

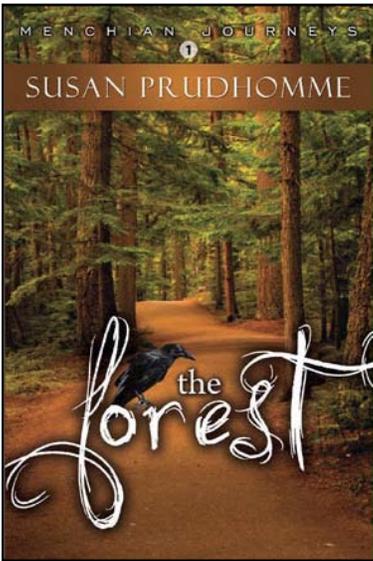
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An Enchanting Journey: A Review of *The Forest* by Susan Prudhomme

Reviewed by Christine Sunderland



Author Susan Prudhomme of St. Mark's parish, Larkspur, CA, begins this wonder-filled tale with these tantalizing words:

The Forest lies in velvet mystery on the face of mountains and valleys, its mists spreading amongst the ridges like a sleeping, purring beast.

We soon enter the world of Timkin Tanwarrel and join him on his great adventure. Timkin is a Menchian, one of the little people of the forest, cousins to humans. We are introduced to Timkin with words that engender trust in the teller:

Into the Menchian family of Tanwarrel, Timkin was born. It was a fine family, austere and proud...

The authorial voice is that of classic storytelling. We want to know more. We want to sit by the fire, turn each delicious page, and step into this world.

Timkin is a dreamy adolescent when he accidentally falls into a river and is swept over the falls, into another land. From there the disoriented Menchian embarks on a journey, not sure where he is going, much like each of us, as we too journey through life. We care about Timkin, no matter our age, for we too are travelers and we too are not always sure of our destination.

Many quest-journey tales involve clear goals, places to reach, gold to find, wrongs to right, the lost to be saved. Not so in this story of Timkin and his forest adventures. He is simply lost and trying to survive, to figure it all out. While the reader has a clear sense there is a final destination hovering in these pages, we share with the young Menchian his fear, his struggles, his growth. He falls and we fall; he continues on and we continue on; he is victorious and we are too. With Timkin we become acquainted with talking badgers, lions, birds, and many other creatures, well rounded unique characters with their own stories, their own struggles and doubts.

Over-arching this journey through forest and mountains, alongside lakes and streams, is the One, a being of love and majesty; yet dark forces are also at work. A cosmology of good and evil forms the backdrop for the story, and we see we too are bent creatures seeking to be redeemed. Within this framework, the author is not afraid to face some profound questions, probing into the relationships between man and other animals, between animals themselves, and between man and the natural world.

Susan Prudhomme's careful diction perfectly describes the forest and its many landscapes, fully involving our senses:

Here, without the sound of water, the silence became nearly complete. Timkin heard only his own breathing, his soft footfalls, and an occasional snapping twig as he stepped incautiously. He soon learned to tread as silently as any cat. There were no birdcalls, no squirrel chatter, not even the rustle of a lizard in the dry leaves. Timkin marveled, even as he reveled in his solitude.

Descriptions weave a subtext poetically, in this case honoring the past as a cushion to the present:

At night he found shelter under the larger ferns' fronds, on ground softened by past seasons' fallen leaves.

While clearly influenced by J.R.R. Tolkien, Susan Prudhomme has her own lovely style, drawing us into Timkin's world. I didn't want the journey to end, to turn the last page.

The Forest will be loved by readers of all ages. It is finely written and a true jewel of a book. We can only hope and pray that the sequel, *The Desert*, is not long in coming! ✘

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Susan Prudhomme is the author of two fantasy novels, The Forest and The Wisdom of Ambrose. Her web site is at: <http://www.susanprudhomme.com>. ✘.

Anglican Heritage Tour

By Monty Stanford

In 563 A.D. a dozen Irish monks landed on the Isle of Iona just off the western coast of Scotland. Led by an Irish priest and prince who would later be revered as St. Columba, they founded an abbey and began the re-evangelization of northern England.

In 2011 A.D., twenty-nine Anglicans landed on Iona to begin a trip that retraced the path of these and successive generations of monks who restored Christianity in northern England. Organized and led by Fr. Jeffrey Smith, Vicar of St. Luke's, Redding, CA, the tour/pilgrimage was joined a few days later by Fr. Smith's wife, Lynn, and four other parishioners.



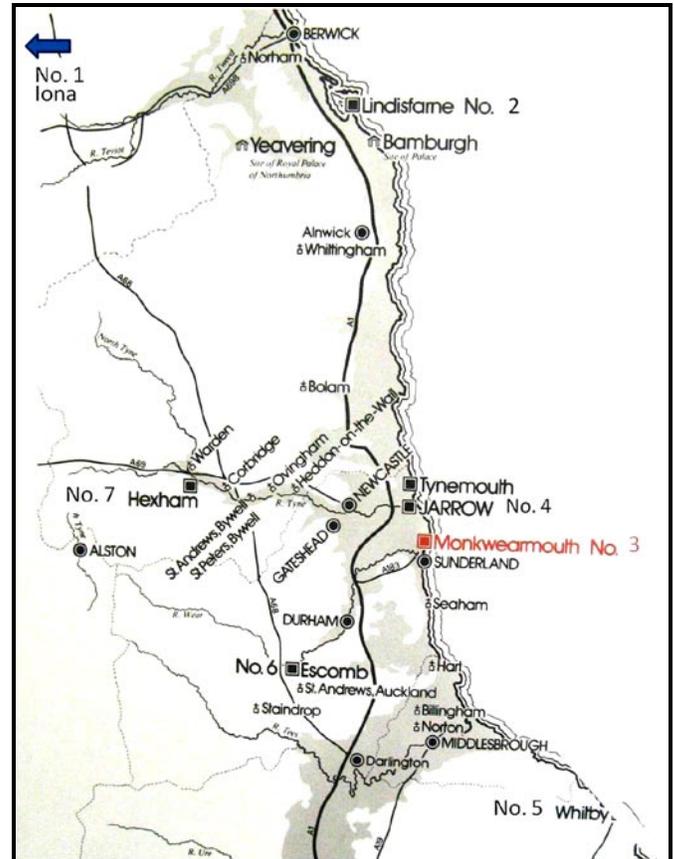
Left to right: Front row: D.J. Synnott, Bob Mobley, Lynn Smith, Fr. Smith, Katherine Anderson; row 2: Ann Mobley, Virginia Wall, Debbie Stanford, Monty Stanford, Robert Scott; row 3: Sylvia Synnott, Haley Hartwick, Ruth Price, Christina Leadabrand, Allison Leadabrand; row 4: Sharon Brown, Mike Price, Betty Young, Paul Shepard; row 5: Fr. Brown, Carol Starr, Geri Eggleton; row 6: Muriel Christianson, Mary Ellen Feagan; row 7: John Lange, Cindy Lange; row 8: George Christianson, Teresa Rust, Rebecca Rust; row 9: Kimberly Hartwick, David Hartwick, Mark Williams, Tammy Williams. (Karon Scott not pictured.)



Iona Abbey has been restored to its medieval state

During the ten-day tour, the group visited the sites of seven historic abbeys and churches from Iona to Lindisfarne to Whitby founded over the next century by those Irish monks and others whom they taught (see map). The touchstone for the tour was *The Ecclesiastical History of the English People* by the Venerable Bede, so the tour group adopted the nickname "Bedesters."

Most of the sites have been restored, but the ruins of Lindisfarne and Whitby seemed even more picturesque, perhaps because of their history. At each of the sites there were informative commentaries by a docent, Fr. Smith, or both. Thus, the group learned of the spiritual as well as the physical journeys of the courageous men and women who brought the Gospel back to Scotland and northern England. Some of these became recognized as saints, including Columba, Aidan, Hilda, and Cuthbert.



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In addition to the seven Bede sites, the group also toured other religious and secular sites and gained a context for the re-development of Christianity in northern England. Bamburgh Castle, Durham Cathedral, York Minster, Jorvik Viking Center, the Bede's World museum, and Chesters Roman Fort at Hadrian's Wall all afforded opportunities to view and learn as well as to worship. Evensong at the cathedrals was a special treat.



Fr. Smith points out features of the ruins of Lindisfarne Abbey

Through the tour, it became apparent that the men and women who re-evangelized this area in the sixth and seventh century had no easy task or comfortable life. They faced paganism, local politics and strife, violent raiders, and the deprivations of the land and the climate. The secularization and even hostility toward Christianity in twenty-first century America does not seem quite so formidable when compared with the environment of a Saint Aidan or Saint Cuthbert.

Many parishes were represented on the tour with the largest group coming from St. Luke's, Redding, CA, where Fr. Smith is Vicar. But, there were also parishioners from St. Bartholomew's, Woodinville, WA, St. Francis of Assisi, Danville, CA, St. Stephen's, Oakville, CA, St. Peter's, Oakland, CA, St. George's, Las Vegas, NV, All Saints, Cheyenne, WY, and Christ Church, Carefree, AZ.

Fr. Brown celebrated mass on Iona and commented on the effect of the tour in his homily. The tour participants were seeing such historic sites and probably thinking how extraordinary these places and experiences were. But he pointed out that the people who lived in these places probably thought of them as quite ordinary. And he invited

everyone in the tour to reflect on their own lives when they returned home and consider how extraordinary their lives in the faith might be or might become.

Near the end of the tour, participants were discussing returning home and what they considered the highlights of the tour. One of the last gift shops visited had small lapel pins in the shape of St.



Cuthbert's cross. Today St. Cuthbert is revered as the patron saint of northern England. A consensus developed that everyone should have one of the lapel pins. So, if you see a fellow parishioner wearing one of these pins, ask him

or her about the Anglican Heritage Tour! ✂

Fr. Smith's Ordination Silver Anniversary

During the Anglican Heritage Tour, Fr. Jeffrey Smith celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the sacred priesthood.

Fr. Smith was ordained priest in 1986 by the first bishop of the APCK, the Rt. Rev. Robert Sherwood Morse, at Church of Our Saviour in west



Los Angeles, where he served for a while as Curate. He was Rector of All Saints Anglican Church in Aiken, SC, from 1990 to 1998. In his last assignment before coming to St. Luke's, he planted a congregation in Cheyenne, WY, and another in Windsor, CO, and served them from 2001

to 2009, getting both of them into their own buildings. He began his tenure as the Rector of St Luke's in the fall of 2009.

He earned an A.B. in history with honors at Pitzer College in Claremont, California, an M.A. in history at Loma Linda University in California, and was working on a doctorate at the University of California at Berkeley when called to the sacred ministry. He then entered St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College and earned an S.T.B.

Fr. Smith's wife, Lynn, grew up in a village three miles from Durham Cathedral in England, and now uses the embroidery skills that she learned in her youth to make altar linens for liturgical churches throughout North America. (See www.altarlinens.com.)

Michael V. Church Ordained to the Sacred Priesthood



From left to right: Mr. Mark Arthington (Postulant), Holy Comforter, Montevallo, AL; Fr. Ben Jones, St. George's, Raleigh, NC; The Rev. Dr. Vic Minish, St. Paul's, Anniston, AL (EMC); Chap. Mike McWilliams, Holy Comforter; Bishop Wm. C. Wiygul, DOSS; Fr. Steve Victory, St. Charles', Huntsville; Fr. Mike Church, St. Thomas Aquinas, Montgomery, AL, and St. Andrew's, West Point, GA; Fr. Bryan Smith, Jr., Rector, Holy Comforter; Mr. Nicholas Ludwig, Holy Comforter.

Clergy, laity, family and friends gathered on the Feast of St. Joseph, May 19, 2011, from throughout the Diocese of the Southern States and from locales as far away as Texas, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Maryland to assist in and witness the ordination of Michael V. Church of Montgomery, AL, to the Sacred Priesthood.

Fr. Church began his preparations for ordination in 1999, under the tutelage of Fr. William Edel and was licensed as a Lay Reader in 2000. His final preparations were made during a recent two year period of intensive directed study, practice, and examination overseen by The Right Reverend Dr. Wm. C. Wiygul, Bishop Ordinary, DOSS, and the Diocesan Board of Examining Chaplains chaired by The Rev. Dr. John E. Upham, St. George's, Raleigh, NC.

Fr. Church was born at Ft. Benning, GA, into an Army family. He spent seventeen years as an Army "brat" moving around the world and then thirty years in his own right retracing those steps and adding a few of his own.

He graduated high school in Ada, OK, and after an injury ended his athletic career at Kansas State University, he moved on to Clemson University in

South Carolina, graduating with Honors in 1970 in Economics. He was named a Distinguished Military Graduate and commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. During his thirty years of Army service, Fr. Church served at all levels of leadership from Parachute Infantry Platoon Leader to Brigade Commander, U.S. Army Ranger Training Brigade, and, lastly, as the Deputy Commanding General of the Joint Readiness Training Center at Ft. Polk, LA.

Fr. Church holds a Master of Arts degree in National Security Studies, Western Europe and the Soviet Union, from the U.S. Naval Post-Graduate School, Monterey, California, and he completed a Graduate Research Fellowship in International Security Studies at The Fletcher School of International Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University.

Fr. Church is married to the former Sarah Fields Stephens, Bowling Green, KY. They have two sons, Nicholas of Gallatin, TN, and William of Raleigh, NC, as well as two grandsons, Samuel and Jacob also of Raleigh. In 2007, Fr. Church founded and continues to serve St. Thomas Aquinas' Anglican Mission Chapel in Montgomery, AL, and was recently named Priest in Charge, St. Andrew's Anglican Church, West Point, GA, where he has served since the summer of 2010. ✠

Congress of Traditional Anglicans Held in Victoria, Canada

On June 1-4 Abp. Provence attended the Victoria Congress of Traditional Anglicans which brought together Traditional Anglican church leaders in celebration of the “spirit of St Louis” and our Anglican tradition and heritage.



Archbishop Mark Haverland (on left), Anglican Catholic Church (ACC) and Archbishop James Provence.
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The Congress was hosted by St. Mark's Traditional Anglican Church and was held at the historic St. Anne's Chapel, Victoria, B.C. High Masses were conducted by Archbishop Provence and Archbishop Haverland, who also spoke at the conference. Other speakers included Bishop Robert D. Redmile of the Christian Episcopal Church, Bishop Peter D. Robinson, the Presiding Bishop of the United Episcopal Church, and Canon Gunn-Walberg, a member of the Fellowship of Concerned Churchmen. ✂

ACW Silent Auction

At the May Synod of the Diocese of the Western States the Diocesan ACW held a silent auction for 14 items contributed by diocesan artists and crafters. “A Festival of Talents” included original oil paintings, photographs, stained glass, note cards, prayer beads, and a quilt. The auction raised \$ 1,330 for the DWS Youth Camp.



“Manzanita Lake”
Original Oil Painting
by Malcolm Wilson



Seasonal Prayer Beads
by Fr. Tom Elliott

In another fund-raising activity, parishes and missions in DWS sent pages for a scrapbook of ACW sponsored activities. These pages were made into a DWS ACW Scrapbook that was raffled off at the Synod ACW meeting. Color copies of the scrapbook are available for \$20 from DWS ACW President Kathy Webb.

Also during the Synod, National ACW President Nona Gourley presented a check to St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College.

The National ACW raised \$3,000 to further the work of the seminary. ✂

Notes From All Over

- St. Francis of Assisi has closed on the purchase of a new building in Livermore, CA.
- St. Aidan's, Colorado Springs, has a lease on a new building.
- The exterior construction of a new church building for St. Luke's, Redding, CA, is complete.
- St. Bartholomew's, Woodinville, WA, is undergoing remodeling.
- St. Alban's has purchased a church building in Edmeston, NY.
- Fr. George Miley has retired. Fr. Les McAbee is the new rector of the Anglican Church of the Holy Cross in Oklahoma City.
- Fr. Tony Sands is the new Vicar of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Carmichael, CA.

- Fr. Thomas Elliott has retired and Fr. David La Barbera is the new Rector of St. Jude's Anglican Church in Grants Pass, OR.

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