

Christ Church Parish

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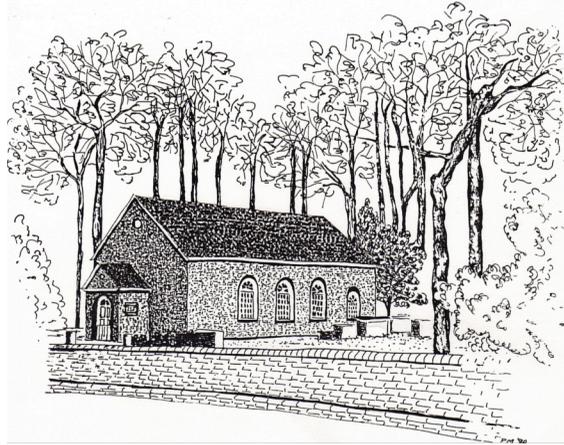
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2nd thru 6th Sundays of Easter



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Sunday Services:

8:00 AM

A quiet traditional Service of Holy Communion

10:30 AM

A Family Service of Holy Communion

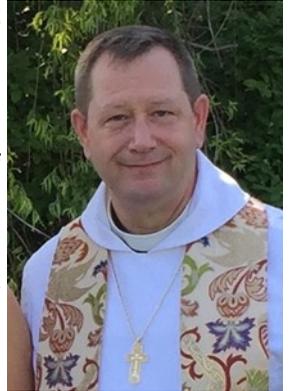
with Music and Choir

The Rev. Stuart Wood

Rector

Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) Middlesex Monthly Newsletter for May of 2019

“He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice: he has burst his three days’ prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice: death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.”



This opening verse to one of my favorite Easter hymns tells us of the glorious triumph of our savior over sin and death; of his victory over the cross and the grave. But one of the Collects from Palm Sunday reminds us that Jesus went not up to joy but first he suffered pain and entered not into glory before he was crucified.

During Holy Week we hopefully stopped and reflected upon the saving acts of God, who for our redemption gave his only-begotten Son to the death of the cross. During that Holy Week we walked with Jesus from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to the last supper, to his agony in the garden followed by the betrayal of one of his own disciples, then his arrest, mock trial, crucifixion, death, and burial. It would be a depressing week accept we know what awaits us on Easter Sunday – the EMPTY TOMB and the glorious resurrection which delivers us from the power of our enemy and gives us the strength to face the uncertainties of life with renewed faith and hope.

In a way, Holy week reflects our lives. During this past Holy Week and Easter morning, two traumatic events filled the news. We watched an historic icon of the Christian faith go up in flames as the 800-year-old Notre Dame Cathedral lost it’s entire roof and spire to a devastating fire, and then Easter morning brought news of the bombings in Sri Lanka where over 250 have died either in the blasts or from their injuries.

We each experience “Holy Weeks” in our lives as we watch loved ones die, as we wrestle with life’s many problems such as the loss of a job, financial woes, depression

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or other emotional issues. All these things and more can leave us standing at the tomb thinking what next and questioning why? How can I go on? But hang in there; because as people of faith - Easter is here. A new and redeemed life awaits us as we live with Christ in the joy of his resurrection.

“Come, ye sad and fearful hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow! Death’s long shadows have departed; Jesus’ woes are over now, and the passion that he bore – sin and pain can vex no more.”

May you each have a glorious and blessed Easter season as we await the feast of Pentecost.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Father Stuart took the picture on page three after burning incense before the 10:00 AM joint service! - Just magnificent, isn't it!



VES RY

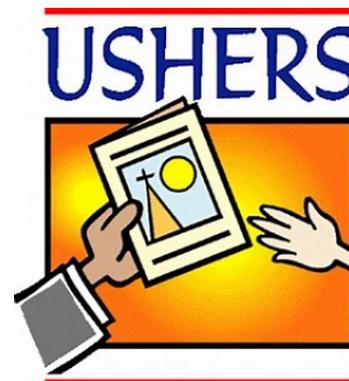
The Vestry met on April 9. We began our meeting with a review of progress on our Church mission and goals for this year. We appreciate the Worship Committee and the Outreach Committee for submitting their Mission statements which are well-matched with the Church mission, as well as some of our annual goals. We encourage our other committees to do the same. (Goal- Ensure clarity of Committee missions). Detailed minutes of our meetings are in the “Vestry Minutes” box near our bulletin board.



Fr. Stuart reviewed our annual Parochial Report. It shows that our Church is doing well in comparison with previous years. Our active and supportive congregation is most responsible for this. Kudos to all of you!

The recommendations that resulted from the “active shooter” presentation are being **Continued on page 7**

Ushers



Thyra Harris, Head Usher

Just a reminder that our Usher responsibility is to count **ONLY** the loose cash, verify and record the amount on the usher attendance slip with both ushers signing the slip.

Envelopes are not to be opened by any ushers. The envelopes are for privacy purposes and often contain vital information for accurately recording the contribution.

Any checks, along with unopened envelopes and the loose cash (counted/verified/recorded on the usher attendance slip), are placed in the bank bag. Both ushers are to take the bag to the parish hall and place it – long zipper side first - into the (brass) mail slot on the office door.

Thank you for your gracious service.



ECW

Karen Gorin, President; Page Wittkamp, Vice President; Virginia Miller, Treasurer; Sallie Wells, Recording Secretary; Kathy Spence, Corresponding Secretary

The men's Brotherhood has included the ECW for their breakfast on Sunday, May 5th at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall. Leslie Jingluski, Community Engagement Coordinator, Avalon Center will be their guest speaker. Avalon Center, based out of Mathews County, provides services to abused women. Leslie is a dynamic speaker and wanted to talk with all of us about the needs of the Avalon Center and the services they provide. I hope many of us can attend this breakfast and listen to this speaker.

Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) Brotherhood

President: Jeff Loustaunau; Vice President: John Hawkins; Treasurer: Mike Floyd; Secretary: Dave Wilcox



We had a great Breakfast on April 14th, with Matt Walker, the Middlesex County Supervisor, leading a very interesting discussion of the future sewer and water system plans for the County. A thank you goes to John Hilliard for arranging that presentation.

Our next Breakfast promises to be equally good.

We have changed the date of the Breakfast to May 5th so it does not conflict with Mother's Day. And we are inviting the ECW to the Breakfast as we have Ms. Leslie Jingluski of the Avalon Center as our guest speaker. **ALL** are invited to this event, and this will be the final Breakfast of the season so don't miss out!!!

Plans for our Church Picnic are firming up nicely. As previously announced, we will be at the Chesapeake Bay Croquet Club on Sunday, June 23rd, starting at 1:00 PM. In addition to our meal, we will have the opportunity to play Golf Croquet and Horse Shoes. Our menu will consist of our usual Fried Chicken from the Deltaville Market, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, and Baked Beans, as well as beer, wine, and soft drinks.

We are looking forward to a fun social time so please put it on your calendar!

And remember — Breakfast is always better in the Hood!

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Robin Wells, Chairman; Susan Neal, Vestry Rep; Miles Libbey, Vestry member; Bev Hart, Linda Irwin, Jack Hellems, Roland Anderson;

Hospitality Committee



Mary Lynn Landgraf. Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM.

Movie Night

Our last Movie Night was on April 22nd. Only a few attended so we hope more



folks will join us in May on 22nd at 7:00 PM. Remember, the movie is free as is the popcorn, drinks, and candy. Last month's movie was **Instant Family** starring Mark Wahlberg and Rose Byrne, was heartwarming, hilarious and greatly enjoyed by us all!. We are sure May's addition will be just as much fun!

Christ Church Parish Muggers

Sometimes known as Muggers & Huggers, Christ Church Parish has a group who greet our visitors and newcomers, They present them with a Christ Church Mug which contains a bit about the Episcopal Church as well as some on our Parish. They also invite and encourage them to join us at our coffee hour in the Parish Hall.



This very important Ministry comes under the guidance of the Hospitality Committee but you don't have to be a member of that committee to be a Mugger! Just sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Hall of the Parish Hall. Also, check in with Chairman Robin Wells and he'll get you started!

ANNIVERSARIES



May 1	Judy Mansfield
May 12	Suzi Hutchens
May 14	Mary Jo Atterholt
May 17	Helen Tarran
May 22	Allen Richard Brockman
May 24	Dottie Cronk
May 28	Cean Cawthorn
May 31	Barbara Gill

BIRTHDAYS



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Studied. Further information will be coming. There was an ongoing discussion about the importance of continuing Coffee Hour after each church service each Sunday. This is a time to renew old friendships and make new ones.

We welcome visitors and make them feel at home. **(Goal-Attract newcomers to our Church)**. This is "hospitality" at its best.

We are a family of faith, growing in Christ through worship, learning, and service, who strive to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Pam McClelland, Senior Warden

Christchurch School Outreach

Susie Loustaunau, Chair



The Outreach committee is supporting the exam goody bag project for the Christchurch School students again this year. The goody bags will be delivered on Friday, May 17th. The sign-up sheet for baking cookies will be up soon! Please support this worthwhile project!



Lenten Suppers

Co-Sponsored by Worship & Hospitality Committees

By Robin Wells



The Worship Committee and the Hospitality Committee co-sponsored the Wednesday evening Lenten Series. This series consists of a simple supper of bread and soup prepared by volunteers all of which were excellent and filling! Grace Parker did March 20th, Jean Holt prepared March 27, Ann Padgett



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MAY		Christ Church Parish	Calender of Events			2019
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 8p AA	30 Noon AA	1 9:30a Holy Eucharist 1p Connecting Threads	2 Noon AA 6:45p Boy Scouts	3	4
5 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00a Brotherhood Breakfast 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II 3:00p Diocesan Reg. Mtg.—Classroom	6 8p AA	7 9:30a Hospitality Committee Noon AA	8 8:30a B&G Committee 9:30a Holy Eucharist	9 Noon AA 6:45p Boy Scouts	10	11
12 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II	13 8p AA	14 9a Finance Committee Noon AA 10a Worship Committee 4p Endowment Board 5:30p Vestry Meeting	15 9:30a Holy Eucharist	16 Noon AA 6:45p Boy Scouts	17	18
19 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II	20 8p AA	21 Noon AA	22 9:30a Holy Eucharist	23 9:30a Outreach Commit- tee Noon AA 6:45p Boy Scouts	24	25
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cooked on April 3 and Robin & Sallie Wells did April 10. A donation jar is put out in order to cover the cost of the meals. As the “money counter” (see photo), I should report that we were able to cover all costs thanks to your generosity!

After the meal, there is a program. This year, because of Father Stuart’s surgery, we were very pleased to welcome Mary Ann Carr to lead our programs on March 20th, 27th, and April 3rd. She is a member of Kingston Parish Episcopal Church in Mathews, and has taught classes in Mindfulness Meditation, Meditation, and Centering Prayer and has lead workshops on walking the Labyrinth. In our Lenten Programs, we explored Centering Prayer and Meditation as an invitation into the stillness of God’s presence. Centering Prayer is a prayer without words, a meditation of the heart. It enables us to leave the bustle of our lives and open to His Silence. In our exploration, we will practice ways to still the mind, quiet outer distractions, and simply sit with God. On April 10, Fr. Stuart was back in shape, and lead us in a study of Hymn 203 and 206, their similarities and differences.

After each program, one of our attendees leads us in **An Order for Compline** which is a wonderful short “service” that consists of a Confession of Sin, a number of Psalms, the Lord’s Prayer, a Collect and ends with the Song of Simeon and an Antiphon. This is something that each of us could do on our own as our day ends.

Google and Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) Middlesex

As many of you are aware, lots of people use Google to get all kinds of information like phone numbers, addresses, restaurant information, tides, traffic, directions, etc. The use of Google to find us is very important! Here is a little report from Google through April 10 that should be of interest to us all.

People who have found us on Google year to date	3,636
In March:	
26 asked for directions	
30 visited our website	
1 called us	



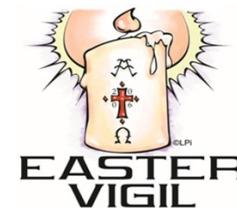
We have a 4.7 out of 5 star rating with Google visitors!!!!

Holy Week Services



Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter and is believed to be the day when Jesus celebrated his final Passover with His disciples. Most notably, that Passover meal was when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples in an extraordinary display of humility. He then commanded them to do the same for each other. Traditional Maundy Thursday Service included Holy Eucharist and stripping of the altar. Normally, Fr. Stuart would wash the feet of several congregants, but this year due to his shoulder surgery, this act was postponed till next year. The service was on Thursday at 6:00 PM in the Church.

The Good Friday service was celebrated at Noon on Friday in the Church with readings of the Stations of the Cross. Good Friday is a crucial day of the year because it celebrates what we believe to be the most momentous weekend in the history of the world. Ever since Jesus died and was raised, Christians have proclaimed the cross and resurrection of Jesus to be the decisive turning point for all creation. Paul considered it to be “of first importance” that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and was raised to life on the third day, all in accordance with what God had promised all along in the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3). On Good Friday we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins (1 John 1:10). It is followed by Easter, the glorious celebration of the day Jesus was raised from the dead, heralding his victory over sin and death and pointing ahead to a future resurrection for all who are united to him by faith (Romans 6:5).



The Great Vigil was held at 7:30 PM in St. Peters Chapel at Christchurch School. An Easter Vigil also called the Paschal Vigil, or the Great Vigil of Easter, is a liturgical tradition mainly celebrated in Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, Eastern Orthodox, and Oriental Orthodox churches. The Easter vigil is the culmination of a 40-day-long observance of Lent. The Easter Vigil takes place after sundown on the night before Easter (i.e., Holy Saturday). The Easter Vigil is generally seen as the most important service of the year, particularly in Catholic and Orthodox churches. This service celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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Easter Sunday - Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! **One service was held** at 10:00 AM in the Church and was well attended with lots of visitors! The Service was followed by a Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall. Many members brought something to share with others which made this a joyful event in-



deed! **Easter morning is the principal** liturgical celebration of the year—it is the day we celebrate the Resurrection of the Son of God from the dead. Today we hear of Mary Magdalene (and others, in Mark’s telling) coming to anoint Jesus’ body, only to find the great stone rolled away, and the tomb empty. As it dawns on these faithful women and the apostles, it dawns on us, too: The One who only days earlier was humiliated, broken, beaten and killed, lives. We celebrate in the sure and certain hope that God has destroyed the power of death and the grave, and “opened for us the way of eternal life” (Catechism, Book of Common Prayer, p. 850). Christ Church Parish will be adorned with flowers as a symbol of rebirth and joy in God’s creation. And all the faithful will gather to celebrate the triumph of love over death.

Editors Note: The four descriptions of the various Easter Week services were “borrowed” from one of Mike Floyd’s wonderfully informative emails. I couldn’t resist reprinting them because, although very busy and hectic Church-wise, they were magnificent with many thanks to many participants but especially to Fr. Stuart Wood and our Verger Grace Parker. Bravo Zulu!!

JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

May 22, 2019

ALTAR and FLOWER GUILD SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 5th	May 12th	May 19th	May 26th
Team 4	Team 5	Team 6	Team 1

USHER SCHEDULE FOR MAY

Service Time	May 5th	May 12th	May 19th	May 26th
8:00 AM				
10:30 AM	Karen & Phil Brown			

Servers’ Schedule

	May 5th	May 12th	May 19th	May 26th
8:00 AM	Rite I	Rite I	Rite I	Rite I
	David W.	Jeff S.	Amy S.	Jeff S.
10:30 AM	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II
Eucharist Minister (Ablutions)	Sharon C.	John H.	Ann P.	Grace P.
Eucharist Minister (Prayers)	Harriette F.	Jack H.	Grace P.	Sharon C.
Crucifer/Acolyte	Nicole D.	Tom C.	Nicole D.	Robin W.
Lector	Robiin W.	Grace P.	Lydia D.	Miles L.