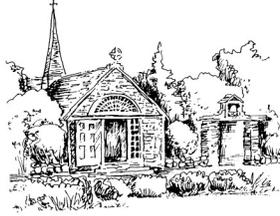


March
2015



TOGETHER

A word from our Rector

Dear Friends,

Fostering our focus on spiritual growth this year, I'd like to offer a suggestion for our personal reading experience that many of us might share in the coming months, leading to some group sessions and reflections in Adult Education in the early fall.

It's a Christian classic that also pushes the envelope: *Revelations of Divine Love*, by Julian of Norwich. I have a further suggestion in the particular edition that I'd recommend we use. Some translations of this great work are frankly cumbersome; others get close to being paraphrases. However, a fairly new translation, very accurate, but also compellingly readable is the version by Elizabeth Spearing.

It's available as follows:

Revelations of Divine Love
Julian of Norwich
Elizabeth Spearing, translator
Penguin Classics (1999)
ISBN-13: 978-0140446739

It's actually fairly short, and most chapters are less than two pages. However, I won't disguise the fact that reading a medieval devotional work, this one included, is not without its challenges for twenty-first century readers. Nevertheless, these challenges are very much worth it, and there's much that addresses us in great relevance and power. Julian is one of the great theological minds in the history of the church—and a brilliant writer. She has a way of speaking from the center—and going right out to the edge. And her spirituality is eminently practical. So, I invite us to read together; meditate, wonder, question, and grow.

Here's a sample (Long Text, from chapters 83 and 84)

“Our faith is a light, coming kindly and naturally from everlasting day, which is our father, God. And in this light our mother, Christ, and our good lord, the Holy Ghost, lead us in this transitory life. This light is allotted prudently, supporting us in the night according to our need. The light is the cause of our life. The night is the cause of our suffering and of all our woe...

“And when woe ends, our eyes shall suddenly be opened, and in the brightness of light our sight will be clear. And this light is God our Maker and the Holy Ghost, in Christ Jesus our Savior. Thus I saw and understood that our faith is our light in our night; light which is God, our everlasting day.”

“The light is charity, and this light is beneficially allotted to us by the wisdom of God. For neither is the light so great that we can see our everlasting day, nor is it hidden from us. But it is just such a light as we may live in...

“Thus charity keeps us in faith and in hope; and hope leads us in charity. And at the end, all shall be charity. I understood this light in three ways: The first is charity uncreated; the second is charity created; the third is charity given. Charity uncreated is God; charity created is our soul in God; charity given is virtue; and this is conduct, given by grace, by which we love God for himself, and ourselves in God, and what God loves for the sake of God.”

Blessings,

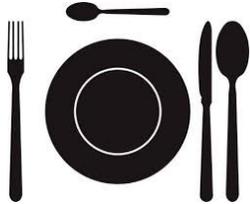
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Events in March

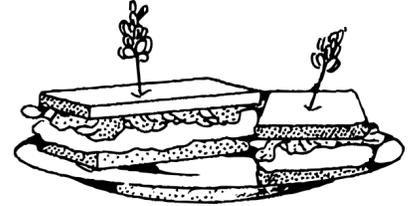
YOUTH GROUP BREAKFAST MARCH 1st

Please come to our Youth Group Breakfast on Sunday, March 1st after the 10:00 am service.

*Thank you,
Matt Thompson*



WOMEN'S LUNCHEON MARCH 5th - BRING A FRIEND!



Women of the parish are invited to their monthly luncheon on Thursday, March 5th, 12 noon. Volunteers for the day are Nancy Ranscht and Janet Winter. Bring a sandwich to share—dessert and beverages are supplied. Please bring canned goods for the Food Pantry as well. If you need a ride, call Peter Blank, 508-760-1516.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE MARCH 17th

The Red Cross will be in the Parish Hall doing a blood drive March 17th from 9 am to 2 pm.



MEN'S LUNCHEON MARCH 18th

Meet the group from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm in the Fireplace Room.



THE LABYRINTH—LENTEN EVENTS

- **March 13, 2015 10:00 am** Guided Walk/Stations of the Cross with candles and music. Location Parish Hall.
- **March 13, 2015 5:30 pm** Walk with Eucharist/Stations of the Cross and Comfort Crosses. Location Parish Hall.
- **April 3, 2015 (Good Friday) 3:00 pm** Walk/Stations of the Cross and Comfort Crosses. Location Parish Hall.



The labyrinth community at Church of the Holy Spirit is growing in numbers of people sharing the facilitated monthly walks. It is also extending the scope of activities around and on the labyrinth. During Lent, 2015, there are three extraordinary opportunities for people to make their way among the Stations of the Cross during guided walks. Fourteen Station banners on 5 ft. wooden stands will be on and near our indoor, canvas, Chartres-style labyrinth. This brings the art and ritual of the Stations of the Cross directly among the walkers enhances the spiritual impact of meditation and prayer. The walks are always candlelit and accompanied by selected music courtesy of Director of Music, Darlene Hagon. Rev. Anne Koehler celebrates Holy Eucharist followed by a light supper as part of the evening walks.

THE GREEN TEAM (MARCH 24th at 2:00 pm EST)

The Episcopal Church Hosting Forum: "The Climate Change Crisis"

On March 24, The Episcopal Church will host and produce a groundbreaking forum on one of the most critical issues facing today's world: The Climate Change Crisis.

The 90-minute live webcast will originate from Campbell Hall Episcopal School, North Hollywood, CA. In partnership with Bishop J. Jon Bruno and the Diocese of Los Angeles, The Climate Change Crisis will begin at 2 pm EST.

In addition to stimulating conversation and raising awareness about The Climate Change Crisis, the live webcast will serve as the kickoff to 30 Days of Action. A range of activities will be offered for individuals and congregations to understand the environmental crisis. The activities will culminate on Earth Day, April 22.

Presiding **Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori** will deliver the keynote address. The forum will be moderated by well-known climatologist Fritz Coleman of KNBC 4 television news.

Two panels will focus on specific areas of the climate change crisis; Regional Impacts of Climate Change; and Reclaiming Climate Change as a Moral Issue. The panels, each 30 minutes, will feature representatives of faith groups, government officials, environmental policy leaders and NGOs.

The live webcast will be available on demand following the live webcast. There is no fee. Registration is not required. The forum is ideal for live group watching and discussion, or on-demand viewing later. It will be appropriate for Sunday School, Adult education, discussions groups, and community gatherings.

The event supports Mark 5 of the Anglican Marks of Mission: To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. The event is one of the aspects of The Episcopal Church's 150th year of parish ministry in Southern California.

To connect with the webcast go to: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/episcopal-church-will-host-forum-todays-critical-issue-climate-change-crisis>

— Nat Goddard (Cell: 774-722-5352, Home: 508-255-3818)



GOOD FRIDAY WALK—APRIL 3rd

A child with a new heart, a young single mom who became more ill than the sick children she was nurturing, a family of three generations living in a motel setting, beset with the misfortune of a critically injured child, and in danger of homelessness.

This is just the tip of the iceberg in the world of the poor, the needy, the disenfranchised and the unfortunate that live here among us. They are also a few examples of those you helped with the pledges & donations from last year's Good Friday Walk.

Our mission is to honor the sacrifice which Jesus made for all of us on Good Friday. What better way to honor our Lord than to reflect the mission of his life through those among us in need. In his last days with his disciples, Our Lord Jesus gave us a new commandment...to love one another. Thank you to all those who have supported us in what we do to bring Jesus mission and his Sacrifice to life, both to those in need and to those who help.

I look forward to your support again this year, and I thank God for all of you. For those who have questions, would like to donate or help with this year's Walk, contact Rich Weeks at 508-362-1586.

General Articles

COMING ATTRACTION: WELCOMING PARTY FOR PARISH NEWCOMERS

Newcomers who have been welcomed into our parish family in the past year will soon receive an invitation to a reception in the Parish Hall on Thursday, April 30 from 5 - 7 p.m., hosted by the Welcoming Paths Team. We will serve wine, beer, soft drinks and appetizers. And babysitting will be provided!

Vestry members and committee chairs will also attend so they can get to meet the many wonderful new members of our parish.

Watch for your invitation and save the date!



CHS ARTISTS

FOOD FOR KIDS is featured in the CHS Gallery for the month of March. The exhibit is displayed by Ruth Campbell - director of Food for Kids.

FOOD FOR KIDS

“Feed My Lambs”, John 21:

The Reception Room display for March is about Food for Kids (F4K). Come to see pictures and news about our Child Nutrition Outreach program at Church of the Holy Spirit. F4K feeds hungry children where they play during the summer months in the eight towns on the lower/outer Cape. 1 in 3 children lives in a food insecure home on Cape Cod. Nationally the figure is 1 in 5 children. A food insecure home is a home which over a year experiences hunger due to financial or other stresses on the family. This wonderful program really works and offers children healthy meals when they do not have access to free lunches at school. Last summer we created 500 meals per day (lunches, snacks, and breakfasts) and gave away 2000 new children's books. We fed bodies and minds. Grants helped us to purchase the children's books. Volunteer signup sheets will be available in the Reception Room. We welcome all kinds of help from 1 hour to 1 day etc. beginning at 6:30 a.m. until 12 noon. You choose how many days and hours you would like to help! We work Monday through Fridays from June 29 to August 21, 2015. Volunteer jobs involve working in the kitchen, bagging meals, cutting up boxes for the dump, driving coolers to meal sites, packing coolers, bagging cookies and counting supplies. All ages are welcome from small children to 90+ years. Please call or email Ruth Campbell with any questions rwcampbell@verizon.net or 413-537-9200 (cell). We thank God for being able to do this ministry which helps young Cape Cod families who live where the cost of living is 30% higher than the rest of Massachusetts.



Three months are still "OPEN" in 2015 to exhibit/sell your art/craft.

The sign up poster is located by the door in the gallery.

Questions? Contact Sharyn Laughton - 508 255 7277 artoff@comcast.net

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER
MARCH 2015**

Ligaments

You ask, "What do ligaments have to do with stewardship?" Our skeletons would merely be useless piles of bones without ligaments to tie them together so we can move and function. In a recent sermon, a Rector taught the etymology of the word "Ligament" is derived from the Latin "Ligare" which means to bind or have a bond. However, the word "Religion" is also derived from "Ligare" and means to bind together again.

Our stewardship of time, talent and treasure are the ligaments that bind the skeletons of our buildings and grounds into a parish with the bond of a common religion. We cannot take them for granted neither in our bodies nor in our church. In both, we are as strong as the ligaments that bind us. Are you taking care of them with a healthy lifestyle and a continued stewardship response?

*I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven;
whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven
Matthew 16:19*

*You don't build a bond without being present.
James Earl Jones*

*Do you want to make a financial pledge for 2015?
Do you need Offertory envelopes?
Contact the parish office.*

FREE SHOP

STILL gladly accepting WARM clothing! All donations can be dropped off any time the Parish Hall is open. If the Free Shop is closed - there is a container outside the door for donations. The shop is open every Monday (Noon to 3) & every Wednesday (10 to 1). The shop always needs paper shopping bags! Thank you!

ADULT EDUCATION (Sunday 9:00 am Parish Hall)

We will be continuing the reflective group bible study of John's Gospel. You can join anytime!

However, Adult Sunday School will not be meeting on either March 29th or April 5th.

SHEPHERD GROUPS - MARCH 15th

Eastham - Wellfleet: will meet at 1 pm March 15 at Libby Pratt's home, 180 Mill Road, Eastham.

JUSTICE & PEACE

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God? + Micah 6:

"Race, Politics and Religion in the USA," March Lenten Conversations: Worship 5 PM; Soup and Bread 5:30 PM, Program 6:15 PM (except on March 13th!!)

- March 6th: "Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequity, Part 2"
- March 13th: Labyrinth Eucharist (5:30 PM);
- March 20th: Panel Conversation on "Politics and Religion," with Fr. Adam Linton, Fr. Ken Campbell and The Rev. Anne Koehler;
- March 27th: Panel Conversation on "The Criminal Justice System in the USA," with members of Ex-Prisoners and Prisoners Organizing for Community Action (EPOCA).

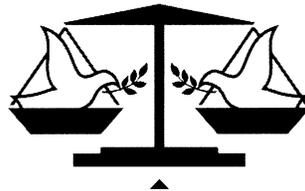
The J & P Committee and the Sharing the Blessing group are working together with Erica Kay-Webster, founder of Promise Place School for homeless LGBT youth, to assist with the Cape Cod Outreach program to homeless youth on the lower/outer Cape. If interested please speak with Fr. Ken Campbell or Judy Gardiner.

There will be a Forum at Holy Spirit on Friday, March 20th (9:00 am to 12:30 pm) entitled: *" How to Make Affordable Housing a Priority in Each Town on the Lower/Outer Cape."* This is sponsored by The Network of Faith Communities and Human Services and the Community Development Partnership (CDP). To register: Fr. Ken Campbell at ksbcampbell@verizon.net or 413-478-5719

Please note that 5 or 6 young men and women from Life Together (a sort of domestic Episcopal Church Peace Corp) will do a presentation at Holy Spirit on Saturday, April 28th! This is sponsored by The Episcopal City Mission.

Last call for any who wishes to sign on to the Pilgrim Pledge of Resistance + A Moral Commitment, sponsored by the Cape Downwinders and many other groups in an effort to close the Plymouth Nuclear Power Plant because of its age and condition. Email Fr. Ken Campbell if you want to support this effort: ksbcampbell@verizon.net or 413-478-5719.

The Martin Luther King Breakfast at Holy Spirit on January 19th had a record attendance of 174 people and 25 have signed on to an MLK Action Team to work on healing hidden racism on Cape Cod. If interested please contact The Rev. Wesley Williams at wesumus@gmail.com



COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS

Father Adam and Lori Linton will be teaching our 2015 Communion Preparation Classes that start in March. See Spirit Kids for details.



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

First meeting of the 2015 Vestry

February 19, 2015

- As usual at the first meeting of a new Vestry, introductions were followed by a period of indoctrination and organizational assignments for the year.
- Treasurer Jack Nixon presented a Report on Parish Finances and reviewed the monthly financial reports, which were accepted as presented.
- A new Personnel Handbook was accepted, with many thanks to editor Rick Paris.
- The Vestry accepted a new Environmental Stewardship Statement presented by Libby, representing "The Green Team."

Respectfully submitted,

Dilys Jones Smith, Clerk

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer shawls are knitted, blessed and given to help our friends who are ill, recovering, bereaved or distressed. Should you know of such a need, please phone the church office or Helen Richardson at 508-255-0065.



LENTEN BOOKLETS FOR 2015

Lenten Booklets for 2015 are available on PDF. If you are interested in obtaining this PDF please contact Dilys Smith at dsmith@capecod.net



DID YOU KNOW . . .

We invite all of you to send your "good news" items to our Parish Administrator, Amanda at holyspirit@leansadmin@verizon.net.

Did You Know . . .

that the Church School Easter Bunny hides 500 "filled" eggs at the annual CHS Easter Egg Hunt?



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OFFICE CORNER

The Deadline for April *Together* is the second Monday, March 9th.



Together March 2015

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***Our mission as The Church of the Holy Spirit is
to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
welcome all people and serve one another with love.***

Dates to remember in March

<i>March 1, Sunday</i>	<i>Youth Group Brunch</i>
<i>March 5, Thursday</i>	<i>Women's Luncheon</i>
<i>March 13, Friday</i>	<i>Labyrinth</i>
<i>March 17, Tuesday</i>	<i>Red Cross Blood Drive</i>
<i>March 18, Wednesday</i>	<i>Men's Lunch</i>
<i>March 20, Friday</i>	<i>The Network</i>
<i>March 24, Tuesday</i>	<i>The Green Team Webcast</i>
<i>March 29, Sunday</i>	<i>We Are the Men - Benefit Concert</i>
<i>March 29, Sunday</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>