

The Bells of St. Giles



St. Giles
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Welcome to Our New Parish Administrator!



I live in Buffalo Grove with my husband, Mark, and we have a son and daughter, Alex and Kristi, currently in college. I am a lifelong Episcopalian, having grown up in Deerfield at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church. My family and I are active members there today. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, volunteering, reading, singing, shopping, and keeping up with my home, including our two dogs. After graduating from college, and for approximately 30 years, I worked at Underwriters Labs in Northbrook doing various levels of support work for Conformity Assessment engineers. In fact, that is where I met my husband who still works there. After leaving UL in 2011, I began doing some of the office administration at St. Gregory's as a part-time volunteer. I am or have been involved with many other activities at St. Gregory's including Altar Guild, Flower Chairman, Vestry, Stewardship, and I recently joined the Choir. During the coming weeks, I look forward to meeting everyone at St. Giles and am very grateful for this opportunity.

— Cathy Leimbeck

Interfaith Sunday Set for April 21

Grab your passport! Once again the Northbrook Clergy Association, in conjunction with the Community Relations Commission, presents "Interfaith Sunday". Formerly known as the "Interfaith Walk", this event allows residents of the community to tour the various houses of worship in Northbrook and meet with their members to get a glimpse of how others worship and to promote interreligious awareness and cooperation. This year's theme is "Dispelling the Myths." We all have certain ideas about other traditions, but these ideas are often based on misinformation and even stereotyping – here's a chance to get the facts! The day ends with refreshments on the Village Green.

St. Giles will participate in Interfaith Sunday; the church will be open from 12:30 - 4 p.m. Teams of volunteers are needed to greet our visitors, answer questions, and point out features such as the St. Giles icon, the Memorial Garden, the labyrinth, and the Community Garden of Feedin'. Sign up in the narthex after Easter. The religious diversity in Northbrook is a great gift; Interfaith Sunday is a wonderful way to celebrate that! Visit <http://www.northbrook.il.us/index.aspx?page=269> for more info.

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Our Schedule

Sundays

Holy Eucharist — 8:00 AM
Christian Formation — 9 AM
Holy Eucharist — 10:15 AM

3rd Sundays of the Month

Healing & Anointing
at both services

Thursdays

Evening Prayer — 4:30 PM
(prayer room, ed. bldg.)

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Office Hours

Monday: By appointment
Tues-Thurs: 9 AM - 2 PM
Friday: Office closed

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Linda Williams,
Senior Warden

Meredith Brooks,
Junior Warden

Jim Brooks

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Martha McGuire

Steve Maroulis

Pat Miller

Margaret Pearson

Mike Piskel

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Gloriann Harris, Treasurer

Ned Libby, Bookkeeper

Tom Page, Parish
Chancellor

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The Rev. Lee Gaede, Deacon

The Rev. Belinda Chandler
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The Rector's Reflection is on hiatus this month.

Presiding Bishop's Easter Message

“Easter celebrates the victory of light and life over darkness and death”

Rejoice, rejoice and sing, rejoice and be glad ... for earth and heaven are joined and humanity is reconciled to God!

As the Lenten season ends in Easter rejoicing, note what has been wrought in you this year. A remarkable cross-section of America has been practicing Lenten disciplines, even some who are not active Christians. There is a deep hunger in our collective psyche to re-orient our lives toward life and light, healing and peace. We share a holy hunger for clarity about what is good and life-giving, and we yearn to re-focus on what is most central and important in life.

Easter celebrates the victory of light and life over darkness and death. God re-creates and redeems all life from dead, dry, and destroyed bones. We are released from the bonds of self-obsession, addiction, and whatever would steal away the radical freedom of God-with-us. Our lives re-center in what is most holy and creative, the new thing God is continually doing in our midst. Practicing vulnerability toward the need and hunger of others around us, we have cultivated compassionate hearts. We join in baptismal rebirth in the midst of Jesus' own passing-over.

The wonder of the resurrection is upon us once more. May we embrace God's ever-new life with every cell of our being, every yearning of our soul, and every muscle of our will. Christ is risen, death is vanquished, humanity is restored to holy and creative relationship with God's ongoing and eternal liveliness. Praise God who brings light out of darkness, life out of death, and newness out of the stale and moribund. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

— The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop & Primate, The Episcopal Church

Three Histories

The 270s are where the church history books live in our St. Bede's Library. There are 29 volumes in that section, most of them dealing with a specific period or a specific issue, but there are several that provide a full chronology. I looked at three of these and decided to zero in on one event: the departure of the Church of England from Rome.

Chapters in Church History by Powel Mills Dawley (270/DAW) is part of a teaching series published by the Episcopal Church in the 1950s. It views the break with Rome not as an issue over marriage, but a political one. Henry's wife, Catherine of Aragon (daughter of Columbus's patrons Ferdinand and Isabella), had produced a daughter (Mary), but not a son. Henry feared that she would marry a royal from the continent, who would then proceed to take over England. Catherine had been the wife of Henry's brother (who died shortly after the wedding) and, because of the Church's ban on in-law marriages, Henry's marriage to her required special papal dispensation, which he had received. In seeking a way to marry Anne Boleyn, whom he hoped would bring him a son, he asked the pope to annul the marriage. But the pope, who under normal circumstances would probably have, was the virtual prisoner of Holy Roman Emperor Charles V, who just happened to be Catherine's nephew. So, in Dawley's view, it was all about Henry's patriotic concern for the future of England and not, as it is often asserted, about lust. Or religion.

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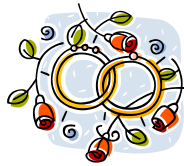
April Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 6 Belinda Chandler
- 7 Susie Hall
- 10 Elizabeth Hanzel
- 11 David Hall
- 13 Nancy Anderson
- 16 Anne-Marie Williams

Anniversaries:

- 19 Melly & Mitchell Schwartz
- 27 Linda & Dan Jariabka



Three Histories (cont. from p. 2)

The Wood: An Outline of Christianity (270/PEN) was written by Sister Penelope, an Anglican nun who has a quite different view. She doesn't use the delicate word "annulment" but, instead, says, "Failing to obtain the consent of the Holy See to his divorce from Catherine of Aragon, Henry VIII declared *himself* the Supreme Head of the Church of England; and when excommunicated by the Pope, he took no notice. You cannot justify his demand for divorce nor his subsequent action, nor the Pope's reply." She later puts the king in his place, calling him "the despotic and much-marrying Henry." *The Wood* was published in 1971 by Morehouse-Barlow and was a selection of the Episcopal Book Club.

Ye Are the Body: A People's History of the Church by Bonnell Spencer (270/SPE) takes a middle ground. Here's his take on Henry's separation from Catherine: "Henry did not divorce Catherine. Divorce presupposes a marriage to have been valid and dissolves it. Henry's marriage was annulled. That means that, because Henry had no right to marry his deceased brother's wife, it was declared that Henry had never really married Catherine." But he doesn't have Henry seek another wife to save England, as Dawley does, but simply says "he was tired of Catherine." Spencer was a member of an Episcopal holy order and wrote the book because (as he says in the Preface) "The average layman of the Episcopal Church seems to know almost nothing about the history of the Church." So there.

—Doug Downey, Average Layman

April Lectionary Readings

April 7 (Easter 2)

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

April 14 (Easter 3)

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

April 21 (Easter 4)

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

April 28 (Easter 5)

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

With Gratitude

Nearly eight years ago, I introduced myself to you in this newsletter. It was easy to do — just a few facts about myself, light and breezy. It's so much easier to say hello than goodbye, isn't it? It's been my privilege to serve as your parish administrator all these many years. You have been so kind and supportive (and really very patient at the beginning when this non-Episcopalian didn't know a narthex from an undercroft).

My time here did feel more like a ministry than a job, and I'm glad that Cynthia saw it that way as well. Your many well-wishes over the last several weeks have been lovely to hear and have just reinforced what I've always thought: You St. Gileans are truly wonderful people! I will miss you.

— Esther



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Campanella Choir uses the church on Sundays from 2:30 - 8:00 PM</i></p>	<p>1 Office Hours by Appointment</p>	<p>2 Yoga, 9:00 AM Campanella Choir, 5 - 8 PM</p>	<p>3 Extraordinary Kids, 9:15-11:15 AM Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:30 PM</p>	<p>4 Yoga, 8:30 AM EKids, 12:45-2:45 Evening Prayer, 4:30 (Prayer Room) Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>5 Office Closed Bible Study 9:30 AM</p>	<p>6 Campanella Choir 9 - 4 Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM - 12:15 PM</p>
<p>7 2 Easter 8:00 & 10:15 AM - Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Formation</p>	<p>8 Office Hours by Appointment</p>	<p>9 Yoga, 9:00 AM Campanella Choir, 5 - 8 PM</p>	<p>10 Extraordinary Kids, 9:15-11:15 AM Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:30 PM</p>	<p>11 Yoga, 8:30 AM EKids, 12:45-2:45 Evening Prayer, 4:30 (Prayer Room) Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>12 Office Closed Bible Study 9:30 AM</p>	<p>13 Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM - 12:15 PM</p>
<p>14 3 Easter Second Sunday 8:00 & 10:15 AM - Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Breakfast</p>	<p>15 Office Hours by Appointment</p>	<p>16 May Bells submissions due Yoga, 9:00 AM Campanella Choir, 5 - 8 PM Vestry Mtg, 7:30 Women's Book Club, 7:30 - 9 PM</p>	<p>17 Extraordinary Kids, 9:15-11:15 AM Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:30 PM</p>	<p>18 Yoga, 8:30 AM EKids, 12:45-2:45 Evening Prayer, 4:30 (Prayer Room) Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>19 Office Closed Bible Study 9:30 AM</p>	<p>20 Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM - 12:15 PM</p>
<p>21 4 Easter Healing/Anointing 8:00 & 10:15 AM - Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Formation</p>	<p>22 Office Hours by Appointment</p>	<p>23 Yoga, 9:00 AM Campanella Choir, 5 - 8 PM</p>	<p>24 Extraordinary Kids, 9:15-11:15 AM Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:30 PM</p>	<p>25 Yoga, 8:30 AM EKids, 12:45-2:45 Evening Prayer, 4:30 (Prayer Room) Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>26 Office Closed Bible Study 9:30 AM</p>	<p>27 Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM - 12:15 PM Stitches & Sack Lunches, 12:30 - 3</p>
<p>28 5 Easter 8:00 & 10:15 AM - Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Formation</p>	<p>29 Office Hours by Appointment</p>	<p>30 Yoga, 9:00 AM Campanella Choir, 5 - 8 PM</p>				