



THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

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Easter Sunday

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Calendar

Easter, March 27

- Eucharist Service, 8 and 10:15
- Bible Study, 9:15

Monday, March 28

- Monday morning Yoga, 9 am.

Tuesday, March 29

- Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.
- Yoga with Miriam, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 30

- Eucharist and Adult Ed., 7 pm

Saturday, March 26

- Eucharist, 4 pm, All Welcome

Sunday, April 3

- Eucharist, 8 am and 10:15 a.m.
- Bible Study, 9:15
- Sunday school, 10 am

Alleluia Christ Is Risen!

The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

What a great thing for all of us to gather to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord! The Resurrection is the central point of our faith—life has overcome death and we his people are given the grace to rejoice together and reflect to others his saving light. I offer you this prayer. *Loving God, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive in our world, our church and our hearts. Renew and strengthen us in the risen life we share in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen. Miriam*

From the Archbishop of Canterbury

Evangelism – sharing the Good News of Jesus – is not a survival strategy for the Church. It is not a way of getting our numbers up. It is integral to being a Christian. There are two things that every single Christian should do. . . Not out of a sense of duty, but out of the overflow of God's love. One is to worship, and the other is to witness. And you

could say that apart from those two, everything else is decoration. *Archbishop of Canterbury*

Group Spiritual Direction

The next round of Group Spiritual Direction sessions will begin the week of April 4. A signup sheet on the round table in the vestibule. We hope to provide two day time sessions and one evening session. If you have any questions please speak to Wayne Trombly, Ken Swenson, Barbara Hughes or me. *Miriam*

Episcopal Bishops Issue A Word to the Church



"We reject the idolatrous notion that we can ensure the safety of some by sacrificing the hopes of others."

March 15, 2016

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Ten Talents Yard Sale Donation/Collection

Dates

Please keep these dates in mind when doing Spring Cleaning! The drop off location for donations for the Spring Festival Yard Sale is still to be determined, we hope to use Hampstead Self Storage. The dates and times are: Saturday, April 9, 1 pm to 3 pm; Sat. April 23; Sunday, April 24, after services; Sat. May 7. Please note: we are unable to take large appliances, computer monitors and older electronics. Please check with us before bringing large pieces of furniture as we may have other means of storage for those items. Remember, one man's trash is another man's treasure! Contact Kathy Trombly or Dianne Copeland.

“Estate Planning for Everyone” Save the Date Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 pm

The Stewardship Committee will be hosting an evening focused on estate planning, so save Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 pm on your calendars. In addition to a very well qualified presenter in Dave Caruso: we will also offer dessert for all. The thought of estate planning can be intimidating but it is important for everyone to consider. Come to the event and learn the basics that everyone should understand. Some questions that will be addressed include:

- Who needs a trust?
- What do trusts do?
- Are your assets in the right name?
- Do you really know who your beneficiary & contingent beneficiaries?
- How do I protect my assets if I become incapacitated?

The 2015 tax season will have just finished (thankfully!) and you will have the opportunity to start thinking about the future. *Terry Copeland*

Safe Church Training

There will be a safe church training on Monday, April 18, 2016 from 6pm - 9pm at St. Andrew's in-the-Valley in Tamworth. The Diocese has asked us to share this invitation to any members of our parish in need of Safe Church Training. A reminder, all online modules should be completed prior to the morning of the 12th and Certificates of Completion should be brought to the training. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at leaton@nhepiscopal.org or by calling 224-1914.

Save the Date: Lay Leadership Institute, May 6 and 7, 2016 The Lay Leadership Institute is our annual opportunity to learn the basics of vestry life, how the Episcopal Church works in New Hampshire, or to explore our call to Lay Ministry. During this season of annual meetings and vestry elections, we hope you will add these dates to your calendar: May 6 and 7, 2016. The daylong training will be held on Saturday, March 7 at Rundlett Middle School in Concord, NH. ON Friday evening, March 6, we will host a dinner featuring a "Ministry Moth" program of lay ministry storytelling. Go to the Diocesan Events Calendar for more details.

Prayers of the People

Please pray for **Dawn Hodges** a friend of Terri McDermott; Deb Pothier's granddaughter **Ellie Laura McCabe**; prayers for the repose of the soul of **Laura Lee Meehan, Deb Pothier's** mother and grandmother of **Nick Pothier** and **Jess McCabe**; for Terry and Joan Stevens' daughter-in-law **Theresa**, who has Stage 4 breast cancer; **Quinton Collins** Robin Flynn's **father**, diagnosed with cancer, for **Zach; Bill Steinhoff** going through chemo; **Liz Naters-Gamarra and Carmen**, Miriam's daughter and mother; **Ann Donovan; Kate; Joan and Ron Ruggiero, and Josephine Herbert; Brayden; Matty; Ian; Joan Fettes**; for Christine's friend **Christine**; for **Cheryl**; for **Linda** mother of Ruth Ann who has been diagnosed with cancer; for **Ryan**; for **Jacqueline**; for Jean Porter's grand-nephew **Tyler**; for Natalie's brother **Lorin**; for Mark and Ingrid's son **Eric** who with God's grace is in safe hands.

Serving in the Military: Please pray for Del's cousins, **Daniel, Matthew and Sandra**, for **Paul**.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Drs. Erik and Karen Young and Eva and Natalie Young; The Rev. Miriam Acevedo, Elizabeth Naters-Gamarra and Carmen Acevedo; Keith, Tracy, Julia, Peyton, Kirsten, and Reed Ackerman; Jeremy, Candace and McKenna Jane Allen

Attendance

Tuesday, 3/15, 6, WBS

Thursday, 3/17, 10

Saturday, 3/19, 16

Sunday, 3/20, 8:00am, 32; 10:15am, 63

Holy Thursday: The Blessed Sacrament is transferred to the Altar of the Repose



commemorating the Lord's lonely vigil in agony in the Garden of Gethsemane before he was betrayed by Judas.



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MARCH 27, 2016 – EASTER DAY (C)

CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION

Today, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Son of God, from the dead.

Many Episcopal churches will celebrate this most holy day with festal traditions and customs; these might include featuring brass quartets and tympani, flowering a wooden cross, or censuring the altar and congregation with fragrant smoke. Many will sing “Jesus Lives” or “Jesus Christ is Risen Today,” while others will gather at sunrise in fields, parking lots, beaches, and forests for an *a capella* service. For many others, the day may be celebrated simply, without any of these practices.

Still, wherever the Church meets, worshippers will encounter the Paschal Greeting:

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
Congregation: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

With these words, spoken in a hundred languages the whole world over, the Church affirms the miracle and mystery of Easter: that Jesus, the One who was humiliated, broken, beaten and killed, lives. We celebrate in the sure and certain hope that he 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). In such a simple greeting, and throughout our worship, we acknowledge the joy and wonder of the Resurrection. In each proclamation of the risen Lord stands an invitation for renewal, not just for ourselves, but for a world sorely in need.

A Collect for Easter Sunday

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Flowering Cross - St. Peter's, Glenside, PA