



*We feed people — body,
mind, and spirit.
Come as you are.*

St. Giles Episcopal Church Northbrook, Illinois
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RAGNAR Team from Diocese of Chicago Set to Run 197 Mile Relay for Episcopal Relief and Development:



Ragnar Relay Chicago is a point-to-point relay race of 197 miles from Madison, Wisconsin to Chicago. Bishop Jeffrey Lee will lead Team Diocese of Chicago on this 36-leg overnight road race June 6-7 to raise funds for Episcopal Relief & Development.

Team Diocese of Chicago includes laypeople and clergy from across the diocese ranging in age from mid 20s to late 60s. Ragnar runners are Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows (co-captain); Charles Bower; Jacqueline Cameron; Frances DeBlasio; Louisa Hallas; Keith Kampert; Megan Krings; Jeffrey Lee; Richard Peete (co-captain); Ellie Rencher; Holly Stoner and Scott Stone.

Supporting Team Diocese of Chicago with a gift to Episcopal Relief and Development will make their training and racing all the more worthwhile. You may support an individual member or the team as a whole by visiting the [team page: http://my.episcopalrelief.org/events/diocese-chicago-ragnar-relay/e32745](http://my.episcopalrelief.org/events/diocese-chicago-ragnar-relay/e32745)

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You're Invited and You're Invited and You're Invited – Everybody's Invited to the Evanston Deanery Barbeque!

Congregations from the Evanston Deanery are invited to gather on the parish hall front lawn at Christ Church, 470 Maple St., Winnetka on Sunday, May 18 from noon – 3:00 p.m. for food and fun. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet our neighboring Episcopalians in this part of the Diocese of Chicago. Cost is \$10 per person, with a **maximum family charge of \$35. (Cash or checks made out to "Christ Church" will be collected at the door.)** St. Giles has been asked to help provide dessert.

Please sign up in the narthex to contribute cookies or brownies and to drive and/or carpool. More information is available at www.christchurchwinnetka.org. See the flyer in this newsletter or the poster on the bulletin board. **Let's get a strong representation from St. Giles – besides, you never know who you might run into!**



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Schedule Change Announced for Summer!!

Beginning June 15 (Trinity Sunday) and continuing through the Labor Day weekend, we will move to one Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. During the course of the summer, the vestry will spend some time in discernment to determine if a permanent change in our Sunday morning format is in order and if so, what that format would look like.

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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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 Gloriann Harris, Treasurer
 Ned Libby, Bookkeeper
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Rector's Reflection: *Retreat! The Vestry Gets "Away From It All"~*

The first weekend in April members of the vestry joined me for a retreat here and at Covenant Village of Northbrook in their lovely Towne Center. We began in the undercroft on Friday with gathering, supper, conversation, mutual sharing, and prayer (Office of Compline). On Saturday morning we gathered at CVoN for continental breakfast and Morning Prayer; then the focus shifted. We identified certain "personality traits" of our parish (we are "friendly", "welcoming", "diverse", "introverted", "sophisticated", "formal"- though not in a way that puts people off! – "predictable", "generous", "caring" - few surprises there.) Then we examined which of those identified personality traits might be getting in our way. At the top of that list was "introversion", though our sense of being comfortable and our predictability were also named, among others. We took a critical look at our now two-year-old mission statement: are we *truly* feeding people in body, mind, and spirit? We asked ourselves how St. Giles, as a parish, (as opposed to individual parishioners engaging in various activities and ministries) is feeding people in the Northbrook community and surrounding neighborhoods; what are we known for? The discussion was honest and stimulating.

We discussed being more intentionally welcoming of LGBT persons, especially in light of marriage equality in Illinois and the fact that same-sex blessings are allowed by our church and by our bishop (and anticipated by our rector). We say we welcome all, and we do, but sometimes it is necessary to be specific. The vestry unanimously voted to draft a specific statement of welcome to be put on the website.

I also reported on a conversation that George Miller and I had in late March with the Rev. Alvaro Araica, Hispanic Missioner for the Diocese of Chicago. There is great potential for outreach to the Hispanic community in our area, particularly in the neighborhoods west of us in Wheeling and beyond. The potential for partnerships in ministry and worship are abundant. The vestry unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed moving forward to see what might be possible in this area. To that end, I will be inviting Fr. Araica to St. Giles at a mutually convenient time (probably early summer) to see what the next steps might be.

There was so much more before we ended the day with Eucharist! Our next bi-monthly Vestry Forum is scheduled for Sunday, May 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the undercroft. The vestry is looking forward to sharing their experiences and thoughts with you. Please **join us. And when you see them in church, don't forget to thank them for their commitment and service** (a list of vestry members and parish officers is on the inside second page of this and every issue of *The Bells*).

Your servant in the risen Christ,
 -Cynthia+



Photos by Chris DeWitt



May Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 3 Cindy Conrad
- 4 Max Bryer
- 5 Mitchell Schwartz,
Dorothy Dygos
- 8 Sophie Piskel
- 10 Mae Roberts
- 12 Adrienne Miller
- 15 Michael Hall
- 20 Linda Collins
- 26 Linda Chabraja
Kathie Heidenfelder
Beth Piskel



Anniversaries:

- 12 Brad & Monique Howard
- 20 Tom & Deborah Page
- 29 David & Susie Hall
- 30 Mike & Beth Piskel

May Lectionary Readings

May 4 (3 Easter)
Acts 2:14a,36-41
Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

May 11 (4 Easter)
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

May 18 (5 Easter)
Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 25 (6 Easter)
Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:7-18
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Sr. Warden's Report:

Walking Christ's journey through the Lenten season was more than just giving up chocolate. It was walking through the doubt, amazement, doubt, despair, doubt and disbelief into the possibility of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. The Veils thin during Lent. Somehow we saw glimpses of Other. Other views of the past, other ideas of the future. Other possibilities.

Amy-Jill Levine presented a broader historical context for Jesus' teachings in her talks at Our Lady of the Brook, a month ago. She broadened my worldview. Using our Mission Statement as the starting point, the Vestry endeavored to look beyond the present and envision how we will grow into our future. We did good work. The Bible Challenge remains ... challenging. The Prophets speak for God, except when they speak for the King(s). People follow God's laws, except when they don't. As poor as their decisions seem to us, however, they strove to know God's will. As do we.

Then, Easter arrives and the impossible occurs. We are welcomed into the power of the Risen Lord. Our doubts are forgiven. All is possible.

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Finally, I know we all miss Jim Rigas.

—Meredith Brooks

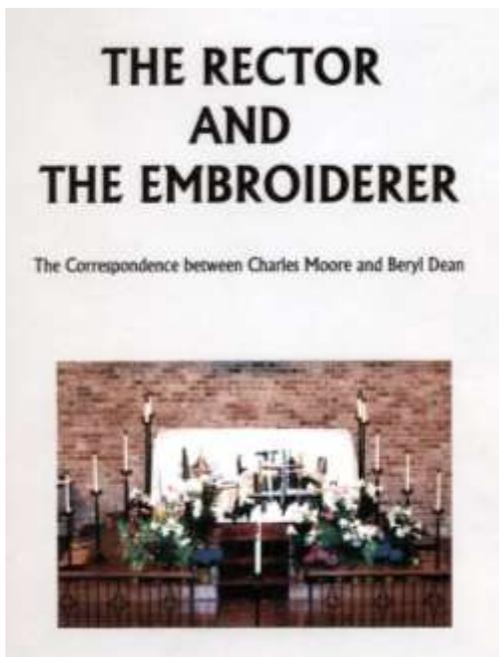


The Rector and the Embroiderer

Linda Jariabka recently passed on to me some interesting papers: correspondence between the prominent English embroiderer Beryl Dean and our second rector, Charles Moore. Charles's correspondence consisted of carbon copies (remember carbon copies?) of typewritten letters; Beryl's were handwritten, most of them on small sheets of blue paper that formed their own envelopes. I transcribed them into my computer (despite the spell-checker's objection to the surplus "u" they both used in the word "color"), added some photos, and created a 50-page document that now resides in the three-ring binder and has become a part of our St. Bede's Library. It was, I assure you, a labour of love.

In the first letter, dated March 9, 1969, Charles asks her to make a festival frontal for the altar. The church building, he says, "is in good taste, but rather austere.... We need more warmth and festivity, more emphasis on the Resurrection, Life, Spirit to balance the Good Friday feel generated by the life-size crucifix."

Beryl replies "I would of course like to do it – but I have 3 years of work waiting to be done...." She was in the process of writing a book and was working on some hangings for the chapel at Windsor Castle. However, when she learned that the frontal was to be a memorial, she accepted the commission. She sends suggestions for the design, and Charles, sounding like a professional art critic, analyzes them. Of the design ultimately chosen, he says "I think it is terribly exciting and would be even more so as it is worked out in a variety of golds, textures, fabrics etc. ... I think it would wear well longer [than the other designs] and be quite easily open to multiple interpretations all of which have to do with building, growing, aspirations, living, city of God, Cross and eternal life." The frontal arrived early in December of 1969 and "is absolutely stunning, in good condition (just a bit creased) and it fits! ... The frontal is by far the most vivid visual experience in the church... The brick is even more beautiful and warm."



In 1971 Beryl made a casket pall and a pulpit/lectern fall for us. The casket pall, commissioned by Mary Carlucci in memory of her husband Marc, is also used as the Eastertide hanging that covers the crucifix. (Mary was to become the first woman ever to serve on our vestry. Marc was senior warden at the time of his death.)

Charles had another project for Beryl in 1977, but first he had to find her because she was no longer at 12 Cannonbury Road in London. The Altar Guild came to his rescue and put him in touch with the National Association of Diocesan Altar Guilds of the Episcopal Church, whose president gave him her new name (Beryl Dean Phillips) and new address. The new project was for a cope, a chasuble, two stoles, and a tabernacle veil. Beryl accepted the commission and they arrived at St. Giles' in September, 1978. But there was a problem: "The chasuble," Charles wrote, "does seem rather short." Some interesting letters followed, but all ended well. Charles's last letter to

Beryl, July 26, 1979, was signed by "Father Charles," not by "The Rev. Charles O. Moore, Rector," as had been his first one, 10 years earlier.

Beryl Dean wrote at least seven books on embroidery, most of them on church embroidery. Two of them are in our St. Bede's Library: *Ecclesiastical Embroidery* (746.4/DEA) and *Embroidery in Religion and Ceremonial* (746.4/DEA).

–Doug Downey



Sermon Series to Examine Book of Acts, Book of Zschiele:

The vestry is currently studying the book *People of the Way*, by Dwight Zschiele, an Episcopal priest and assistant professor of Congregational Mission and Leadership at Luther Seminary, St. Paul MN. The book examines the decline of the institutional and cultural privilege that The Episcopal Church once enjoyed in the United States, and how that decline can actually prompt and motivate congregations to discover a new sense of mission and identity, and to exercise ministry in new, hopeful, faithful, and exciting ways. We are **having to learn what it means to be Christ's body in a world where being a Christian and a church member are not the norm.** This is a challenge the earliest Christians faced; much of that history is described in the Acts of the Apostles. During the month of May, Cynthia will be examining the lessons from Acts assigned **each Sunday in light of Zschiele's (pronounced "SHY-lee") book. Curious about the book? Ask a vestry member!**

~Music Notes~

Pentecost is Sunday, June 8

I would like to assemble all available instrumentalists for this festival day. Please let me know if you are available to play. There will be one or two rehearsals – probably on Sunday, June 1, right after church and on Thursday night, June 5.

—Jim Brown

Recycling Reminders...



Please remember to use the appropriate containers when disposing of trash and recyclable materials, especially in the narthex during coffee hour. **Advance Disposal, Northbrook's environmental service company** of choice, has published guidelines on its website. Though it may be tempting to throw a used paper plate in the blue recycling container, any item that has food stuck to it cannot be recycled. The complete list of what is and is not acceptable for recycling may be found at:

<http://www.advanceddisposal.com/il/northbrook/northbrook-collection/guideline/northbrook-il>.

Please be mindful of which container is which when disposing of items.

In addition, if you are disposing of corrugated cardboard boxes, please break them down and, if larger than will fit easily into the green recycling bin, tear or cut them into pieces. This container is slightly smaller than the trash containers inside the wooden fence, and is located outside the sacristy door on the driveway.





ST. GILES EPISCOPAL CHURCH • MAY

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 Yoga, 9:00 AM EKids, 12:45-2:45 Evening Prayer, 4:30 (Prayer Room) Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>2 Office Closed</p>	<p>3 Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM - 12:15 PM</p>
<p>4 3 Easter 8:00 & 10:15 AM - Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Formation</p>	<p>5 Office Hours by Appointment Coffee@ Starbucks, 1-2:30 PM</p>	<p>6 Yoga, 9:00 AM Campanella Choir, 5:15 - 8 PM</p>	<p>7 Extraordinary Kids, 11:30AM-2:45 PM Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>8 Yoga, 9:00 AM EKids, 12:45-2:45 Evening Prayer, 4:30 (Prayer Room) Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>9 Office Closed</p>	<p>10 Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM - 12:15 PM</p>
<p>11 4 Easter 8:00 & 10:15 AM - Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Breakfast <i>Mother's Day</i> </p>	<p>12 Office Hours by Appointment Coffee@ Starbucks, 1-2:30 PM</p>	<p>13 Yoga, 9:00 AM Campanella Choir, 5:15-8 PM</p>	<p>14 Extraordinary Kids, 11:30AM-2:45 PM Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>15 Cathedral Shelter pick-up Yoga, 9:00 AM EKids, 12:45-2:45 Evening Prayer, 4:30 (Prayer Room) Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>16 Office Closed</p>	<p>17 Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM - 12:15</p>
<p>18 5 Easter Healing/Anointing 8:00 & 10:15 AM - Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Formation</p>	<p>19 Office Hours by Appointment Coffee@ Starbucks, 1-2:30 PM</p>	<p>20 Yoga, 9:00 AM Campanella Choir, 5:15-8 PM Vestry meeting, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>21 Extraordinary Kids, 11:30AM-2:45 PM Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>22 Yoga, 9:00 AM EKids, 12:45-2:45 Evening Prayer, 4:30 (Prayer Room) Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>23 Office Closed</p>	<p>24 Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM - 12:15</p>
<p>25 6 Easter 8:00 & 10:15 AM - Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Formation</p>	<p>26 Office Hours by Appointment Coffee@ Starbucks, 1-2:30 PM MEMORIAL DAY </p>	<p>27 Yoga, 9:00 AM Campanella Choir, 5:15 - 8 PM</p>	<p>28 Extraordinary Kids, 11:30AM-2:45 PM Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>29 Yoga, 9:00 AM EKids, 12:45-2:45 Evening Prayer, 4:30 (Prayer Room) Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>30 Office Closed</p>	<p>31 Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM - 12:15</p>



COURTNEY REID'S VISIT, MARCH 30TH...



PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION...



MAUNDY THURSDAY...



EASTER DAY...



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