

Parish Council 2019

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Parish council meetings take place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month excluding July.



Please note that the church office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

The church office will be open from Tuesday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

A Walk Through Holy Week

March 31, 2019



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From the Rector's Desk

The church provides us the season of Lent as a time when we can be more intentional about learning to live with Jesus at the centre. It is as simple and as challenging as that. One of the ways God grows us in this direction is by helping us give our agenda to God as Henri Nouwen puts it. Many of us can find ourselves overwhelmed by the demands on our time and attention – family, friends, work, groups, volunteer organisations and yes, the church! Lent is a time when we return time and again to where it all begins, to who we truly are – God's beloved children. God as parent invites us as children simply to surrender to God's guidance. We say and we pray, 'Your will be done, not mine.' As we



give our hearts and our time to God, God will show us who to see, where to go, what to do, when and how to respond. God is gentle, patient and kind. God longs for us all to feel secure in God's love. As we let ourselves experience this love more fully, we will be better able to discern how best to use the time God gifts us.

Of course, it can seem weird and it can be hard. As we persevere, we find that 'clock time' as Nouwen puts it, becomes 'God's time' – the fullness of time. We find ourselves thinking, speaking and acting from a place of deeper peace and rest. It's from this place too, that we taste something of Jesus' joy – joy which wells up even in the midst of the brokenness, the hurt and the disappointments of our day-to-day lives.

That is God's promise to you and to me fulfilled in the dying and rising of his Son which we are soon to celebrate. My hope and prayer for us all is that in the remaining days of Lent, the Spirit continues to help us learn what living with Jesus at the centre looks like in our lives; that little by little we experiment with giving our agenda to God; that we discover the way of responding from a place of deeper peace and rest; that as we celebrate once again Jesus' victory over death and all that is death-dealing in our Easter liturgies, we taste afresh Jesus' irrepressible joy in simply being alive, alive forever, even as we navigate life's inevitable challenges and complexities.

*Death
has been
swallowed
up in
Victory!*

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I invite you especially to take part in the various services of Holy Week which are advertised on the next page. We learn to live with Jesus at the centre as we enter Jerusalem with him on Palm/Passion Sunday; as we celebrate his Last Supper and then strip the altar on Maundy Thursday; as we meditate upon his death in a state-sponsored execution on Good Friday; and as we rejoice in his rising from the dead at the Easter Vigil and again on Easter Day.

A blessed Holy Week and Happy Easter to you all.

Tim+

Holy Week and Easter Worship Services

Holy Week is the most important week in the Church year. It is a time when we celebrate in a special way the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We remember his actions, reflect on his messages, and recommit to living as his disciples in the world today.

Palm/Passion Sunday - Sunday, April 14th

9:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Palm crosses will be available at both services.

Mid-Week - Wednesday, April 17th

10:00 am Eucharist

Maundy Thursday - April 18th

6:00 pm Pasta Supper
A sign up sheet will be available.
7:00 pm A Celebration of Jesus' Last Supper
Life in the Eucharist class celebration.

Good Friday - April 19th

10:00 am Multi-generational Worship
A Family Focused Event
2:00 pm The Way of the Cross

Easter Vigil - April 20th

7:00 pm Easter Eve Service

Easter Day - Sunday, April 21st

9:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Mid-Week Eucharist - April 24th

11:00 am Senior's Eucharist and Lunch

Holy Eucharist



During Holy Week, Rev. Tim will be leading a Eucharist from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. on April 15th and 16th in the lounge. These services are open to anyone who would like to attend.

Easter Flowers

As part of our Easter celebration, we invite you to give thanks or to remember your loved ones by adding flowers to the Easter Garden.

Envelopes are available in the pews and on the Information Table. They can be filled out and added to the collection plate or handed into the church office.

Palm Crosses

Those interested in making palm crosses for the services on Palm Sunday are invited to join others from the parish on Wednesday, April 10th at 1:00 p.m. No experience needed. Please bring a pair of scissors.



Life in the Eucharist Class

Children between the ages of 7 to 11 will be attending a *Life in the Eucharist* class on Saturday, April 13th from 10:00 to 11:45 a.m. to help them to grow in spiritual understanding through activity-based learning.

Being Christian A Four-Week Book Study

This book is a fresh look at Christian essentials by one of the world's greatest living theologians, Rowan Williams.

In this simple, beautifully written book, Williams discusses the meaning and practice of baptism, the Bible, the Eucharist, and prayer, inviting readers to really think through the Christian faith and how to live it out. Questions for reflection and discussion at the end of each chapter help readers to dig deeper and apply Williams's insights to their own lives.

The book study will be led by Rev. Bob Schroeder and Rev. Margaret Shortell. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays and include May 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

This book has been described as accessible and thought-provoking and an excellent spiritual guide for individuals and groups.

Please sign up at the Information Table or call the church office by April 14th to ensure that you get a book. The cost is \$15.00.

