

# Christ Church *Bell*

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Lent 2024

Lent is here: *I invite you . . . in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.* Every year, reading this Bidding as part of the Ash Wednesday liturgy, never fails to move me. The Ash Wednesday liturgy reminds us why we need Lent, and then the Bidding ends with this simple but profound blueprint.

Join us on the Fridays in Lent (23 February & 1, 8, 15, & 22 March) for **Lenten fellowship evenings** of worship, fellowship, and study. We begin in the church at 6 p.m. with Stations of the Cross, followed by a simple but delicious homemade soup supper in the Parish Hall. After supper, we'll watch & discuss *Jesus Revealed: the I Am Statements in the Gospel of John*. Join us for part or all of each evening's events, as your schedule permits, and bring a friend.

Remember that the Rt Rev Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, our bishop coadjutor, will be with us on **Sunday, 10 March**. We'll have **one worship service** that day, at 10 a.m., followed by a finger-food reception in the Parish Hall – your chance to ask our next bishop any questions on your heart.

Before you know it, **Holy Week and Easter** will be here. *This is the one week each year when you will want to be in church every day – don't miss the riches of any of these special, powerful liturgies.* Plan now to join us on **Palm Sunday** (24 March); **Tuesday** in Holy Week (26 March; 5:30 p.m.), Christian adaptation of the Jewish **seder meal** in Parish Hall; **Maundy Thursday** (28 March; 7 p.m.) Holy Eucharist with foot washing and stripping of the altar; **Good Friday** (29 March) ecumenical service, 11:30 at St Peter's, Solomons, processing to Our Lady Star of the Sea, and our own liturgy in Christ Church, at 7 p.m.). **Easter morning** (31 March) Sunrise Vigil at 6 a.m. *on the Tournament Field* (weather permitting) and Festival Holy Eucharist *in the church* at 8:30 & 10 a.m.

On a personal note, I have been humbled by your kind and generous response to my announcement that I am retiring as Rector at the end of September. Thank you for your support and your understanding. On 6 February, your vestry began the process of selecting profile and search teams. They hope to have more details to share soon.

With my prayers for a Holy Lent,

*Christopher +*

# CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following parishioners and items in your prayers:

## Joys / Thanksgivings

- Historic witness and mission of the parish in Calvert County, in Maryland and worldwide
- Buildings and 47 acres of grounds entrusted to the parish

## Military

- Aaron Boudreau, Thomas Garcia, Michael Harris, Robert Harris, Clay Liles, Evan Metz, Brian Riva, Peeter Pleake-Tamm, Caidyn Nolan, Kamryn Nolan

## Burial

- Henry Laurence Wegner

## Baptism & Reception (10 March 2024)

- Harper Amelia Hammett and Bentley Wayne Horsmon (baptism); and Sarah Hammett (reception into The Episcopal Church)

## Homebound and Long-term Care

- Fred Gott, Ruth Green, Jessica Lewis, Vera Lind, Elaine Williams, Anne Yoe

## Sick / Hospitalized / Recovering

- Aurelio Azpiazu, Johnny Brodigan, Cindy Horsmon, James Lippold, Gil Masters, Shannon Masters, Sheila Pitcher, Kirk Taylor, Mary Linda Wegner, Franklin Wood, Joan Wood

## Special Needs / Concerns of our Parish

- Discernment and labor for strengthening faithful parish witness & mission
- Ukraine
- Turkey
- Syria
- Israel
- God's guidance for our self-study and search for next rector

## Friends of Parish

- |                   |                  |                              |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| - Molly           | -Kay Hoile       | -Little Woody Lee            |
| -Ben Norfolk      | -Viola Carroll   | -Marshall (Hoot) Gibson, Jr. |
| -Dorothy Franklin | -William Johnson | -Charlotte Hayman            |
| -Ann Garner       | -Josh Nudge      | -Roland (Sonny) Hayman       |
| -Tommy Rosnage    | -Daniel Carter   | -Ann Boyer                   |
| -Ronnie Bowen     | - Carrie         | -Jaylyn Almond               |
| -Bonnie Kelly     | --Bill Lerch     | -Barry Maguire               |
| -Lori McCarty     | -Jackie          | -Jamie Gurney                |
| -Beverly          | -Linda           | -Kathy W.                    |
| -Amy Marburger    | -Billy Bonolis   | -Catherine Howanstine        |

*We will pray for members of the parish who are sick, hospitalized, or recovering for three Sundays in church, and then remove their names from the prayer list, unless specifically renewed. We will list Friends of the Parish for one month and then remove their names from the Bell, unless specifically renewed.*

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## THANK YOU

A Big thank you to John Yoe and Rich White for Co-Chairing the Pancake Supper held on February 14, 2024, and the many other volunteers who made this event possible!

It was well organized and the pancakes, eggs, ham, sausage, applesauce and juice were delicious and the company was wonderful.

### **Greeters, ushers, and bread & wine**

**presenters.** All are invited to share these ministries of welcome. Please speak to Nancy Zinn, Senior Warden, to volunteer or for more information (410) 586-0682.

#### **HOLY WEEK**

##### **SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**

##### **PALM SUNDAY March 24**

8:30 am Liturgy of the Palms & Holy  
& Eucharist

10:00 am Palm branches are distributed  
at both services

##### **TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK MARCH 26**

5:30 pm Seder Dinner (Parish Hall)

##### **MAUNDY THURSDAY March 28**

7:00 pm Liturgy for Maundy Thursday

##### **GOOD FRIDAY March 29**

Noon Ecumenical Service  
(St. Peter's, Solomons/OLSS)

7:00 pm Liturgy for Good Friday

##### **EASTER DAY Sunday, March 31**

6:00 am Sunrise Service

Tournament Field

8:30 am Festival Holy Eucharist

10:00 am Festival Holy Eucharist

## HEART FILLING EMPTY LITTLE TUMMIES

On February 8, I picked up In February, I picked up 4 cases white milk, 1 case tomato soup, 3 cases beef stew, 2 cases chicken salad with crackers, 3 cases chocolate milk, 3 cases orange juice, 2 cases peas and carrots, 1 case corn, and 1 case of mixed vegetables totaling 342 pounds from End Hunger. We were not charged for these items as they are covered by a grant End Hunger had but that is now expired.

This really does help to fill our 8 backpacks each week for St. Leonard Elementary School. In January we were filling 15 bags, then on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the number was reduced to 12, and on February 21, it was reduced to 8. The Counselor said that 5 of those receiving backpacks said they no longer had a need for the food.

Thanks to all the parishioners who have donated food and money. We started filling backpacks in February 2014 so we are now in our 9<sup>th</sup> year of helping to Fill Empty Little Tummies.

Listed below are foods that we can always use:

"Easy Mac" – Macaroni & Cheese, single serving

\*Beefaroni, 15oz/pop-top lid

\*Cereal, single serving box/any flavor

Chicken & Rice Soup, 11 oz./pop top lid

Cup O'Noodles, 2.25 oz./any flavor

Goldfish Crackers, 1.1 oz./individually wrapped

Instant Pancake Mix, 32 oz. box

Syrup

\*Jelly, 18 oz. plastic jar

\*Peanut Butter, 18 oz. plastic jar

\*Pop Tarts, individually wrapped/any flavor

Pretzels, single serving's pkgs, chips

Pudding Cups, 3.5 oz/non-refrigerated

Ramen Noodles, 3 oz. single serving/any flavor

Ravioli, 15 oz. can/pop- top lid

Nancy W. Zinn, Coordinator

## CALLING NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Voting Members who are exploring a possible call by the Lord to Vestry service are expected to take full opportunity to prayerfully learn prior to the Parish Annual Meeting as much as possible about the duties, responsibilities, dynamics, challenges, and joys of Vestry service; please speak with any Vestry member or Officer. Election to the Vestry will be held at the Parish Annual Meeting on May 1, 2022. "Voting Members shall be nominated from the floor by another Voting Member at the annual meeting. No nominations for Vestry member shall be accepted unless the person nominated has agreed to serve if elected."

NOTE: "Voting Members: are persons at least 18 years of age who have been Ordinary Members for at least six months, and who are enrolled in this Parish, for the period aforesaid, as communicants-in-good-standing and as contributors. ("Communicants-in-good-standing" have received Holy Communion at least three times during the preceding year and are faithful in corporate worship unless for good cause prevented, and in working, praying, and giving, for the spread of the Kingdom of God.) Also, the Safe Church Policy of The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland requires Officers and Vestry members to complete a criminal records check, a sexual offender registry check, a reference background check, and to hold training certificates from this Diocese in both "Prevention of Child Sexual Misconduct" and "Prevention of Adult Sexual Misconduct."

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2024 *Altar Flower Calendar* is located within the sign-up book placed at the Church entrance. When giving altar flowers as memorials or in thanksgiving, please sign-up on this calendar.

*A variety of Sundays within most months are available to donate flowers.*



## PARISH E-MAILING

Those who would like to receive parish e-mails of notices, news, and updates beyond those in weekly worship bulletins and monthly newsletters, please give your e-mail address to Fr. Christopher or the Parish Office. 410-586-0565.

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## HEART FILLING EMPTY LITTLE TUMMIES

A **BIG Thank You** to all who have given food and money.

Listed below is a suggested donation list for Heart F.E.L.T.:

"Easy Mac" – Macaroni & Cheese, single serving

Apple Sauce 3.9oz/pkg. of 6/foil top

\*Beefaroni, 15oz/pop-top lid

\*Canned corn, 8 oz./pop-top lid

Chicken & Rice Soup, 11 oz./pop top lid

Chicken Noodle Soup, 11 oz./pop top lid

Cup O'Noodles, 2.25 oz./any flavor

Elbow Noodles, 1 lb. box

Fruit Cups 4 oz./removable plastic lid

\*Goldfish Crackers, 1.1 oz./individually wrapped

\*Green Beans, 8 oz. can/pop top lid

\*Instant Pancake Mix, 32 oz. box

Syrup

\*Jelly, 18 oz. plastic jar

Peanut Butter, 18 oz. plastic jar

Juice - Individual

Peanut butter Crackers, 6 count/individually  
Wrapped

\*Pop Tarts, individually wrapped/any flavor

\*Raisins, 1.5oz/individual boxes

Ramen Noodles, 3 oz. single serving/any flavor

Ravioli, 15 oz. can/pop- top lid

Spaghetti & Meatballs, 15 oz. can/pop-top lid

Vienna Sausages, 5 oz./pop-top lid

Meat Flavored Spaghetti Sauce (Pasta Sauce)

Beanee Weenees

\*Cash donations gladly accepted

\*Grocery Store Gift Cards

\*Stared items are needed most\*

The backpacks would be packed on Friday or Saturday to be taken to the school on Thursday by Allyson Sigler.

All food that comes in and goes out has to be weighed.

Nancy Zinn, Christ Church  
Coordinator for the Heart  
F.E.L.T. Program.

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# MARCH

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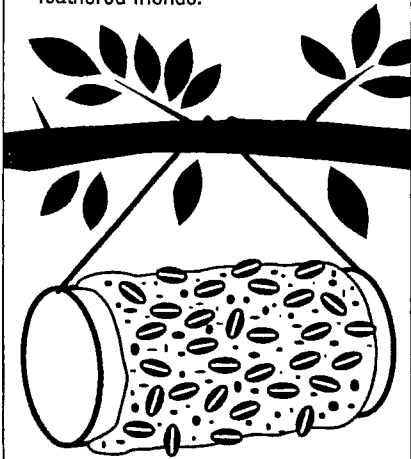
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# FOR THE BIRDS

Display this recycled craft to care for feathered friends.



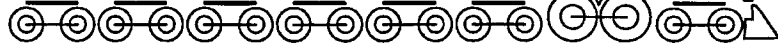
### What you need:

- Peanut butter or vegetable shortening
- Plastic knife
- Empty toilet paper tube
- Bird seed
- A plate
- String

### What you do:

1. Spread peanut butter or vegetable shortening on the tube, covering the entire outside surface.
2. Pour bird seed on a plate and roll the tube in the seeds.
3. Thread string through the tube and tie it to make a loop.
4. Hang the bird feeder outside. When seeds are eaten, coat the roll again.

# PUZZLE



## BIRDS IN THE WORD

The Bible mentions many kinds of birds. How many have you seen?

*Directions: Unscramble the bird names, using the Bible references and pictures as clues. Then insert the final unscrambled bird name to complete the passage below.*



VDEO

\_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 8:8)



LWO

\_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 102:6)



GEELA

\_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 40:31)



TOKRS

\_\_\_\_\_ (Jeremiah 8:7)



APROSWRS

“Are not five \_\_\_\_\_ sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ... Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many \_\_\_\_\_.”

LUKE 12:6-7, NIV

Answer: dove, owl, eagle, stork, sparrows



**Bishop's Visit.** The Rt Rev Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, our diocesan Bishop Coadjutor, will be with us on **Sun, 10 Mar 2024** (4th Sunday in Lent), for *one worship service* at **10 a.m.**, and reception after the service. The bishop's visit is the traditional time for baptisms, confirmations, reception into The Episcopal Church, and reaffirmation of baptismal vows. Please contact Fr Christopher if you wish to be confirmed or received.

**RECEPTION FOR THE BISHOP**

A sign-up sheet is posted on the Church bulletin board for specific finger food. If you are able, please sign-up to bring a food item listed.

**Wow (Women of Worship).** Annuals Women's Morning Reflection with be hosting *Listen! He speaks to your heart* on **Sat, 16 Mar** from **8:30 a.m.** to **12 noon** in the Providence Room at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Seating is limited, RSVP by Fri, 1 March. Call 410-326-3535; email [olstar-sea.md@adw.org](mailto:olstar-sea.md@adw.org);

**Lenten Devotional Materials and Mite boxes.** Help yourself to the wide variety of Lenten devotional supplies and mite boxes on tables in the Narthex and Parish Hall. There are booklets and calendars for adults and children, with suggestions for practices, readings, and prayers for each day of the season. Unable to stop by? Please **give the office a call** and we'll be happy to mail or deliver supplies to you.

**Lenten Fellowship Evenings.** Gather each Friday evening in Lent. We begin in the church at 6 p.m. with Stations of the Cross, followed by a simple soup supper in the Parish Hall. After supper, we'll watch & discuss the Rev Matt Rawle's series *Jesus Revealed: the I Am Statements in the Gospel of John*. Copies of the books are available in the office during the week and in the Parish Hall on Sunday (\$15 donation requested). All are welcome; join us for part or all of each evening's events, as your schedule permits.

**Mite boxes.**

Please pick up a mite box either at church or in the parish hall and fill it with sacrificial giving, as part of your Lenten discipline. We will gather boxes on Easter Sunday. The vestry will decide at their March Meeting where the donations will go this year. Please give generously.

Daylight Saving Time 2024

• begins Sunday  
March 10



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Seder Dinner

I am excited to announce our Third Annual Seder Dinner March 26<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30. This Seder is a combination of the Jewish Seder with Christian undertones. It will bring the Old Testament into the New Testament and vice versa. Midway through the Seder a traditional Jewish (no leaven) dinner will be served.

If you have not attended one of the first two Seder Dinners, I hope you prayerfully consider attending this one. Please speak with those who attended last year and ask them their thoughts. Also, with a new priest coming on board, I have no idea whether or not he/she will want to continue with the Seder.

Signup sheets will be posted in the Narthex and the Parish Hall starting March 10<sup>th</sup> and ending March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will need an accurate head count by then as we will need to know how much food to prepare. And there will be no cost to you. This is my gift as well as from the ladies, and men, who help.

There will be more information in the Sunday Bulletin in the coming weeks.

Deacon Beth Bellner

# Puzzle!

Complete the Scripture verses (NIV, unless marked) using letters found in the words



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



See! The winter is \_\_\_\_\_; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come. (Song of Solomon 2:11-12)

"Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it \_\_\_\_\_, it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you." (Luke 11:36)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the \_\_\_\_\_, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them ... ? (Psalm 8:3-4)

We all, like sheep, have gone \_\_\_\_\_, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the \_\_\_\_\_ and members of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19, ESV)

Answers: past, dark, stars, astray, saints



# MARCH

## Birthdays

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Prayer is offered for each person posted on the birthday list by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, The Daughters of the King, and other parish prayer ministries and intercessors.

Birthdays are posted from the most current records. Please provide updates.

1	Kyle Gott Jonah Miller	17	Jamie Lee Schwallenberg Kelly
2	Donna Effers Ryan Sickle	18	Jonathan Davis, Jr.
4	Anne Brown Thomas Gallagher Joan McCready	20	Annie Mae Mason Karen Griggs Nolan Katie Seymour Geoff Wanamaker
5	Clare Cruppenink	21	Audrey Link
6	Parisa Hassanpour	23	James Briscoe Tim Fridman Thomas Gott Vera Lind A. J. Tomlinson
8	Bob Graham Rick Hill	25	Liam Campbell Ricky Weems, II
9	Kendra Dove	26	Jacob Gott Catherine Howanstine
10	Greg Bowen Tricia Gott JoAnn McCready Kyle Smither	27	Jamie Gallagher
11	Lisa Capobianco	28	Cooper Keeley Victoria Wolf
13	James Coffren, II Pamela Weems	29	Donna Drew
14	Shannon Campbell Preston Young	30	Megan Coffren Gunnar Johnson
15	Patty Gott Robert Link	31	Paul Fulcher

### March Altar Guild

Sandy Hall  
Sue Chabot  
Teri Beck  
Shannon Masters



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## SPRING CLEANUP

Easter comes around early this year and so does our annual Spring Cleanup Day, when we get the church grounds looking good for Easter. This year it is Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Whether you can devote the whole morning or just a few hours, we can never have enough help, so bring your rakes, tarps and leaf-blowers. Work will begin at 8am to be followed by lunch and fellowship at 12. Questions, please speak with John Yoe, 301-704-8833. Rain date will be Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

## EASTER FLOWER MINISTRY

The Church will be adorned for Easter by Helen Prince and Nancy Thompson. No other help is needed as they will be placing lilies plants around.



## EASTER FLORAL DECORATIONS

Contributions, in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving, support the decorating of the Church during festival seasons and regular worship needs. **Checks are due by Sunday, March 24, 2024.**