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HARBOR WATCH: A Harbor for God's Peace



The Color of Spring, watercolor, by David Ward (1925-2012)



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Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

The Skipper's Log: Rector's Reflections: Easter

Standing on the platform behind the Winstead Beach Resort as our Easter sunrise service (with Pilgrim Congregational Church) began, I saw the sky just turning pink, and I was sure that this year, at last, we would see a beautiful sunrise that the fog and clouds would not block—and we did! Even though my hands and feet were frozen, I knew the power of the Resurrection was with us in the cold, crisp, beautiful morning. As the sun began its ascent and a lone Great Blue Heron flew across the pink sky with the new sun shining on the water, we could say “Alleluia, Christ is risen” with such assurance. As the trumpet led us in “Jesus Christ is risen today,” the faces of more than 100 people gathered there lit up with the brilliant light of Easter. Thanks to those of you who joined us and to Tina McGrath for the photos. We all were so grateful for hot coffee and muffins afterwards, and my hands and feet gradually thawed out in front of the lovely fireplace at the Winstead Beach Resort.



Easter was breathtaking! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard for our meaningful Holy Week services. I am so grateful for the good attendance during Holy Week and Easter. Our Palm Sunday Evensong was beautiful and some of you experienced Evensong for the first time. Thanks to our choir, altar guild and worship team and all of you for the whole week as well.

As our choir sang “Thine is the glory” from Handel’s *Judas Maccabeus*, and Joan’s very beautiful playing of the Widor *Toccata* left us breathless, we could say with great conviction, “Alleluia, Christ is risen.” The music, Jane Romer’s “Alleluia” banners, the beautiful flowers given by so many of you, the Easter eggs Jamie and Anne dyed for coffee hour and the many candy-filled eggs that Joan and Anne helped the Easter Bunny fill, all contributed to a wonderful day with great coffee hours and fellowship. Now we find ourselves in that great time when the Paschal Candle burns until Pentecost and we tell the stories of Jesus’ resurrection appearances, and we claim our faith and heritage once more.

On Maundy Thursday, we had readings during our dinner as if we were in a monastic setting. We read from Frederick Buechner’s *The Faces of Jesus: A Life Story* (Paraclete Press, 2005). Buechner’s vivid story-telling style gave powerful images of that Passover dinner Jesus shared with his disciples. I read from the book also on Easter Sunday, and the sentence that had the most power was this one: “...in the last analysis what convinced the people that he had risen from the dead was not the absence of his corpse but his living presence. And so it has been ever since” (p. 87). In discussing the powerful story of Thomas, Buechner says, “If we are to believe in [Jesus’] resurrection in a way that really matters, we must somehow see him for ourselves. And wherever we have so believed, it is because in some sense we have seen him. Now as then, it is not his absence from the empty tomb that convinces [people] but the shadow at least of his presence in their empty lives” (p. 90).



And so “the shadow at least of his presence” is what matters to us as well. In this Eastertide, let us look for his face among us—among those who care for us, among those for whom we care, and for the least of God’s people. For in the Last Judgment passage in Matthew, Jesus tells us that as we care for the least of his brothers and sisters, we care for him. Let us look for Jesus and serve him this Eastertide. “Alleluia, Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!”

► *Faithfully, Mother Judith +*

ALTAR FLOWERS AND MINISTRY

Each Sunday lovely flowers grace our altar. New England Gardens delivers them each Saturday and the Altar Guild places them on the altar. These flowers are given by caring parishioners for memorials, thanksgiving and blessings. After the Sunday services the flowers are taken out to be enjoyed by others.....to someone who is ill or unable to come to church, to someone celebrating a birthday or anniversary or perhaps to say thank you.

We have a team of 10 or 12 who take turns delivering the flowers. Look for the signup sheet on the bulletin board by the office if you wish to give flowers. The cost is \$45 per Sunday and may be shared by more than one donor. You can arrange to give the flowers automatically on the same date each year. Please contact Elizabeth Salomé for further details. If you would like to help deliver the altar flowers, contact Sidney Coursen.

Sunday flower Delivery Schedule

April 7 – Lydia Bell, Sidney Coursen **April 21** – Ann Brown, Pat Kennedy
April 14 – leave for Nursing Home Lunch **April 28** – Sheila Moss-White

Flowers on the Altar:

In April flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory/honor of loved ones on

April 7 – Pat Kennedy **April 21** -
April 14 – Lynne Sampson **April 28** – Barbara Malin

Altar Guild Schedule

March 27 – April 9 Elizabeth Salomé, Boo Lewis
April 10 – April 23 Betty Decker, Lydia Bell
April 24 – May 7 June Bissonette, Elizabeth Salomé

We pray for people on their birthdays and anniversaries during the Sunday service. Please let us include yours.

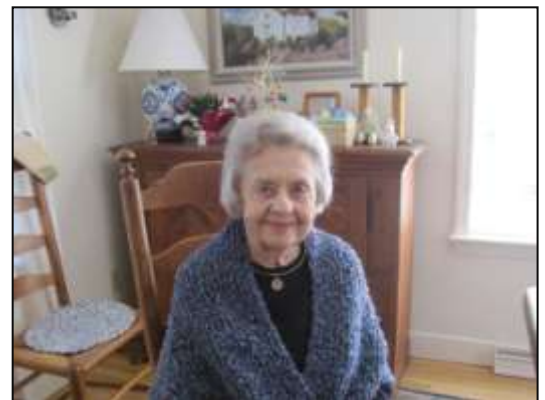
April 1	Mary Hutton	April 22	Darwin Price
April 3	William Gorham	April 23	Anna Andolina
April 5	Pat Kennedy	April 23	Kathie McDowell
April 10	Aidan Mason	April 23, 1966	Nancy & Dave Truesdale's Anniversary
April 12	Jim Pappas	April 24	Nita Diane Sembrowich
April 15	April Mason	April 27	Cameron Hadfield
April 16	Heather Axner	April 27	Tim King
April 17	William Walsman	April 28	Daniel Macklin
April 19	Chris Axner	April 29	Meg Pappas
April 21	Jane Barter	April 30	Betty Decker

Sunday Counter Schedule

4/7/13 Asa Decker, Bob Neese
 4/14/13 Betty Decker, Bill Hendricks
 4/21/13 Beau Coursen, Lucille Ward
 4/28/13 Lynne Sampson, Vince Kraft

Pledges Received for 2013 Our pledge contribution totals

DATE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE (+ -)
3/3/13	\$5134	\$2500	\$2634 +
3/10/13	\$2324	\$2500	\$176 -
3/17/13	\$2574	\$2500	\$74 +
TOTAL	\$10,032	\$7500	\$2532 +



Theo Long proudly wears her prayer shawl given by the Knitters for Peace.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUTREACH: Thank you for your donation to the families who really need food for life! Please bring non-perishable food to place in the food basket on Sundays or during the week. This food is also taken to the Family Pantry. **The “food of the month”** is *Oatmeal, Tuna Fish, Pasta, and Cake Mixes*. We bring gifts of food forward at the Sunday offertory as well reminding ourselves to care for the needy. PLUS, don't forget you can buy grocery cards to help as well.

April 2013 Sunday Ministries – 8 AM Service

April 7

Greeters: June Bissonette
Ushers: Bill Hendricks, Earl Beardsley
Lectors: Woody Price, Anna Andolina
Eucharistic Ministers: Robert Lawton
Prayers: Elizabeth Salomé, Robert Lawton
Coffee Hosts: Joanne Gaquin

April 14

Greeters: Sheila Moss-White
Ushers: Earl Beardsley, Matt Ellis
Lectors: Karen Alexander, Elizabeth Salomé
Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Romer
Prayers: Robert Lawton, Jane Romer
Coffee Hosts: Bill Hendricks, June Bissonette

April 21

Greeters: Earl Beardsley
Ushers: Asa Decker, Matt Ellis
Lectors: Woody Price, Jane Romer
Eucharistic Ministers: Robert Lawton
Prayers: Karen Alexander, Robert Lawton
Coffee Hosts: Betty Decker

April 28

Greeters: Lynne Sampson
Ushers: Asa Decker, Matt Ellis
Lectors: Elizabeth Salomé, Anna Andolina
Eucharistic Ministers: Betty Decker
Prayers: Robert Lawton, Betty Decker
Coffee Hosts: Nancy MacDonald

April 2013 Sunday Ministries – 10 AM Service

April 7

Greeters: Sandra & Lee Josselyn
Ushers: Julie & Vince Kraft
Lectors: Boo Lewis, Rue Siegel
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Butler,
 Bill Walsman
Prayers: Sidney Coursen
Coffee Hosts: Jean Bertrand, Lee Josselyn

April 14

Greeters: Mary Sparrow, Juliette Levesque
Ushers: Gail Gibson, Bob Neese
Lectors: Ann Brown, Grace Price
Eucharistic Ministers: Deborah Aylesworth,
 Porter Lewis
Prayers: Diana Landau
Coffee Hosts: Gail Gibson, Sidney Coursen

April 21

Greeters: Grace & Darwin Price
Ushers: Meg & Jim Pappas
Lectors: Dave Bowley, Jan Robertson
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Butler,
 Porter Lewis
Prayers: Lucille Whipple
Coffee Hosts: Betty Hadfield, Nancy Truesdale

April 28

Greeters: Pat Kennedy, Lucille Whipple
Ushers: Julie & Vince Kraft
Lectors: Gail Gibson, Beau Coursen
Eucharistic Ministers: Deborah Aylesworth,
 Bill Walsman
Prayers: Mary Ellen Eichmann
Coffee Hosts: Meg Pappas, Lydia Bell

Tuesday, April 16, 2013 – LEM for 11:30 am Healing Eucharist: Porter Lewis



April 2013

Thrift Shop Volunteer Schedule

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Nancy MacDonald, Betty Ann Waldo, Dottie Callaghan	3 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	4 Dave & Nancy Truesdale	5 Lucille Ward, Pat Kennedy	6 Nancy MacDonald, Betty Ann Waldo, Dottie Callaghan
9 Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan, Betty Decker	10 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	11 Ann Brown, Mary Sparrow	12 Lucille Ward, Peg Blackburn	13 Jeanne & Matt Ellis
16 Nancy MacDonald, Betty Ann Waldo, Dottie Callaghan	17 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	18 Dave & Nancy Truesdale	19 Lucille Ward, Jane Romer	20 Nancy MacDonald, Jane Barter
23 Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan	24 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	25 Ann Brown, Mary Sparrow	26 Lucille Ward, Marge Marion	27 Asa Decker, Sheila Moss-White
30 Nancy MacDonald, Betty Ann Waldo, Dottie Callaghan	May 1 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	May 2 Dave & Nancy Truesdale	May 3 Lucille Ward, Pat Kennedy	May 4 Nancy MacDonald, Jane Barter

March Meeting Vestry Notes: The March meeting was held at its appointed time without any weather-caused delays for a change. The recommendation of the Finance Committee to change the ratio of investment in the Diocesan Investment Trust from 43% Income Fund (Bonds) and 57% Stock Fund to 30% Income Fund and 70% Stock Fund was discussed. The Finance committee based this recommendation on the extreme divergence of return from the two funds, with the Income Fund returning 7.6% and the Stock Fund returning 16.1%. A motion to accept the Finance Committee’s recommendation was unanimously approved and the change will be made immediately. In other business the 15 Task Forces responsible for various ongoing projects were discussed and assignments of responsibility were made. Asa Decker, our hard working Treasurer, is in his sixth year at that post. Under Church By-laws no Vestry post can be held for more than six consecutive years. The Vestry will be seeking a church member to fill that post for 2014. If interested in becoming more involved in the operation of Christ Church, this is the job that will help you do that. You can speak of your interest to the Rector or to Senior Warden Jane Romer or you can visit a Vestry meeting and see what is involved. The Vestry Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month from 5:00PM – 6:30 PM in the Church Hall.

Outreach: Thank you to everyone who supported Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday. We sent a check for \$247.68 to the Harwich Family Pantry. All monies raised during Souper Bowl of Caring stay in the local communities and the Harwich Family Pantry will use this money to help care for needy families right here in Harwich. Also, thank you to all who participated in the warm clothing drive during February for EPOCH of Harwich. We brought several sweatshirts, flannel pants and socks to EPOCH to help out those that may not have family members nearby to bring them much needed warm clothing. We are continuing to collect these clothes. Christ Church will be supporting Habitat for Humanity, Apostle Build XIII this year. Habitat will build five homes at 31 Namskaket Road in Orleans, beginning this spring. In an Apostle Build project, twelve churches (or coalitions of churches) come together to build a Habitat for Humanity house. Along with financial support, we hope to provide labor as well as lunches and snacks, as we have in the past. We will have further information available soon. Please look for Apostle Build XIII brochures in the Parish Hall. Christ Church budgeted an amount to assist with our financial response to this project; however additional contributions are welcome.

► Elizabeth Salomé for the Outreach Committee

The Family Pantry of Cape Cod Seeks Garden Volunteers

Think Spring and what is a better harbinger of Spring but thinking about gardening? The 2012 season was an amazing success in our new garden! We harvested more than 4000 pounds of vegetables between May and November and our clients were thrilled to have such wonderfully nutritious choices. This year we hope to increase production to further help our clients and we're looking for more volunteers to help make that happen in the upcoming season! **Garden Volunteers:** Garden volunteers help with manual garden tasks including preparing beds, planting, watering, harvesting, weeding, closing, and general garden upkeep. We are looking for groups and individuals to help between June and October. Shifts are available from 8:30 am-12 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. **Adopt-a-Plot Renters:** The Adopt-a-Plot garden has plots available for rent for the 2013 season. Each plot is 7' x 14' and costs \$10 to rent. Additionally we ask that renters donate any surplus harvest to the Pantry. Plots are available March-December and will be assigned on a first come basis. The Pantry will provide irrigation. Fertilizer and plants may be provided depending on availability. **Garden Management:** We are looking for additional members of the garden committee to expand its knowledge base. Committee members are in charge of a specific aspect of the garden. Possible responsibilities include planning planting, overseeing volunteers, and tracking harvest and volunteers. We hold monthly meetings to review garden progress and plan for the upcoming months. The committee meets year round, with an emphasis on March–November.

The Family Pantry of Cape Cod is the largest pantry on the Cape that is open to anyone in need with no restrictions geographic or otherwise. In 2012 we provided food to almost 10,000 people and more than 3,000 were children. Please contact **Patty Watson** at **508-432-6519** or pwatson@thefamilypantry.com if interested.



Easter Sunrise crowd; almost sunrise;
Maundy Thursday Eucharist; Good Friday Cross; Altar party on Easter 10AM (Chris, Anne, Judith, Karen, Deborah)





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 6:00 AM Sunrise Service @ Bank St. Beach 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Easter Egg Hunt following 10am Service Easter Sunday	1 4:00 PM Weight Watchers	2 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 12:00 PM Book Group @ The Melrose 12:00 PM Harwich Garden Club Meeting 2:00 PM Knitters 7:00 PM Property Meeting	3 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast/Discussion 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 6:00 PM Boy Scouts	4 9:00 Sabbatical Team 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 1:00PM , Home School art class	5 9:00 AM Artful Parishioners 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 3:00 PM Christian Yoga	6 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 7:30 PM AA Meeting
7 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	8 9:30 AM GHA Board Meeting 4:00 PM Weight Watchers	9 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 12:00 PM Book Group @ The Melrose 2:00 PM Knitters 5:00 PM Vestry	10 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast/Discussion 9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 5:00 PM Good Grief @ Hunan III in Orleans 6:00 PM Boy Scouts	11 9:00 AM Pastoral Care 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 1:00PM , Home School art class 4:30 PM Outreach Meeting 5:30 PM Choir	12 9:00 AM Artful Parishioners 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 3:00 PM Christian Yoga	13 10:00 AM Art History Lecture 10:00 AM Fellowship Meeting 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 7:30 PM AA Meeting
14 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	15 4:00 PM Weight Watchers	16 9:00 AM Thrift Shop Board Meeting 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 11:30 AM HE & Luncheon Nursing Home Residents 2:00 PM Knitters 5:00 PM Marketing	17 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast/Discussion 9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 6:00 PM Boy Scouts	18 9:00 AM Worship Meeting 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 1:00PM , Home School art class 5:30 PM Choir	19 9:00 AM Artful Parishioners 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 3:00 PM Christian Yoga	20 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 7:30 PM AA Meeting
21 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 4:00 PM Game Day	22 4:00 PM Weight Watchers	23 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 12:00 PM Book Group @ The Melrose 2:00 PM Knitters	24 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast/Discussion 9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 4:30 PM Good Grief @ church 6:00 PM Boy Scouts	25 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 1:00PM , Home School art class 4:00 PM Stewardship/Planned Giving 5:30 PM Choir	26 9:00 AM Artful Parishioners 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 3:00 PM Christian Yoga	27 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 7:30 PM AA Meeting
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Religion Day by Day

By William T. Ellis

The Cart Before the Horse

Straight thinking is the first requisite of good living. Many of our religious ideas are foggy and undefined. A few pertinent sentences in a tract catch the eye, and call for quotation:

"The Gospel is not good advice, but Good news." It does not tell us what we ought to do for God; it tells us what God has done for us. It does not offer us lessons from the life of Christ; it offers us life by the death of Christ...There is no gospel of salvation in what people do for Christ, but only in what He has done for them."

That is a clear call back to first things. Before any "social gospel" can be effective there must first be accepted the Gospel of personal salvation. Moody used to say, "We do not work to the cross, but from the cross". Daily our hearts should sing, "Jesus keep me near the cross."

As sinners, saved by grace, we bow low before Thee this morning, our Saviour, and pray for a refreshing consciousness that we are Thine, redeemed by Thy blood. Amen.

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