

March 2013

HARBOR WATCH: A Harbor for God's Peace



Great Blue Heron, oil on canvas, ©2012 by Porter Lewis



Surely Spring will come soon!

A newsletter of Christ Church Episcopal-Harwich Port, MA



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



As March dawns upon us, we are fully immersed in Lent. We began our Lenten season by burning last year's palms on Shrove Tuesday to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Sunday worship in Lent has led us on a different journey this year because of the blizzards, but even now signs of spring lead us onward in Lent ("Lent" being derived from an English word for "spring" and a German word for "long"). We were so happy to worship in community this past Sunday and had truly missed each other during the snow storms of the previous two weeks. Now the days are longer, the snowdrops and crocuses are beginning their journey to the light and daffodils are showing some tips of yellow, reminding us of the light and the sun. Just this week, we saw the Red-winged

Blackbirds in the marsh grass, a sure sign of spring even ahead of schedule.

During this Lenten time, our sabbatical team is in the home stretch, after almost a year, finishing our application for the 2013 Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program and we are excited about our time of sabbatical next year. So far, our working theme is "Beside the Living Stream: A Field Guide to the Psalms of Nature." Both my family and the parish family hope to be immersed in nature's warm heart, as John Muir said, as we enter a time of Sabbath rest in 2014. The psalms call me to dream of this adventure in nature and to re-connect visual images of nature with the Psalms of the Hebrew Bible. In praying the psalms, I am reminded of how they call us to be still and know God (Psalm 46) and to rest "beside the living stream" (Isaac Watts' paraphrase in Psalm 23). In the Christian tradition, the psalmists call us to pray, reflect, and prepare for the presence of God in our lives. They call us to stop, evaluate our lives, and ask ourselves questions that matter like, "Did you see the beautiful sky today?" "Did you listen to the waves on the beach today?" "Did you care for someone today?" "Did you see the Robin and the Eastern Bluebird as signs of hope for spring?"

We have had plenty of opportunities to experience Lent, in our Wednesday morning Eucharist and theology discussion, in our lively Book Group discussions, in our Bible study with Handel's *Messiah* (libretto and music), in observing Stations of the Cross on Fridays with art history, in the lectures on art history of the Passion I'm giving at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on Wednesdays, and now in these last weeks of Lent's Sunday worship as we chant the psalms, sing the hymns, hear the Word of God and share in the Eucharist together, talking about how can drink the whole cup of life with its joys, sorrows and challenges, as Henri Nouwen has written.

When we come to Holy Week this year, we are invited to experience Passion week fully with our Palm/Passion Sunday morning worship with special music, Palm Sunday Evensong with special music, the lovely service of Tenebrae on Tuesday, Maundy Thursday dinner with Eucharist, the Good Friday service, and our joyful and festive Easter Day services. If you will join us for all of Holy Week, I believe you will find your lives strengthened and your faith lifted up towards the light the daffodils seek, the light of God's love, joy and peace. Some of you have never experienced the service of Tenebrae (Latin for 'shadows' or 'darkness'), a most unusual service of shadows and light, music and quiet, marked by the gradual extinguishing of candles while a series of readings from *Lamentations* and *The Psalms* is chanted or recited. Maybe you have never shared in a Seder-like Maundy Thursday meal in a service we take from the Church of the third century and in which we prepare ourselves for Good Friday. The somber quiet and prayer of Good Friday allow us to focus on the Passion of Christ and our own mortality and life and to recommit our lives to mission in the name of the Resurrected Christ we meet on Easter.



Eastern Bluebird
--Jamie Gilson

In these remaining days of Lent, let us be still and know that God is within us, empowering each of us to follow Jesus in our world, loving justice, doing mercy, walking humbly with God as we care for all of those God places on our path and as we invite others to join us in our Harbor for God's Peace.

► *Faithfully, Mother Judith +*

WHAT'S IN A WORD?

The word stewardship immediately brings to mind a request for money. Or does it? How many instead think of the offering words, "all things come of thee O, Lord and of thine own have we given thee?" Since being a steward is an ongoing responsibility and commitment, the Stewardship Committee will be planning a variety of ways and means for us to become aware of and engaged in caring for all that we are and have been given. We would like to hear your comments, experiences and feelings about stewardship. Send an email to the church (christchurchharwichport@comcast.net) for the Stewardship Committee or write a note to put in the offering plate on Sunday addressed to the Stewardship Committee. We need your help.

► Jane Romer for the Stewardship Committee

WHY SHARE CHRIST CHURCH WITH OTHERS?

Are you looking for a chance to invite a friend or neighbor to Christ Church? To show someone what is so special about our parish home? On Sunday, March 24th you will have the perfect opportunity. Evensong worship will be presented at 4pm on Palm Sunday with special music. Please take advantage of this chance to invite others to share in this hour of prayer and songs as we begin Holy Week. Share your love of Christ Church with your neighbors and friends.

PASTORAL CARE: Highlights of our parishioners

During a recent visit to **Walter Wade** at Liberty Commons, he and his wife, **Diane**, spoke of their upcoming wedding anniversary. They were married 50 years on February 25, 2013. Their son planned a wonderful luncheon for them with family. Diane shared, "The flowers were so beautiful! We have a wonderful son." Walter said, "I had 'lazy' lobster... they did all the work, and I enjoyed the lobster!" When asked where they had met all those years ago, they replied, "In church!"

► Mary Ellen Eichmann for the Pastoral Care team

Anne Lawson is making excellent progress in her recovery from a stroke. The Knitters for Peace sent a lovely prayer shawl to her and she was thrilled to receive it. Deborah Aylesworth delivered the shawl and took this photo of Anne proudly wearing the shawl as her daughter Laurie Martin enjoys her smile. The Church has Anne's address off cape as she recovers at her daughter's home.



ALTAR FLOWERS AND MINISTRY

Flowers on the Altar are branches during Lent and Palms on Palm Sunday. Don't forget you can contribute to the beautiful Easter flowers and remember a loved one with a contribution. Easter flowers will be distributed to those in our community who need a smile.

Altar Guild Schedule

February 27 – March 12 Betty Decker, Lydia Bell
March 13 – March 26 June Bissonette, Elizabeth Salomé
March 27 – April 9 Elizabeth Salomé, Boo Lewis

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

March 1	David Bowley	March 14	Gregory Delory
March 6	Andy Ross	March 16	Ethan Salomé
March 7	Mike Winchell	March 27	Cathy Walsman
March 10	Sandy Evangelous	March 28	Eric Nord Gilbertson
March 12	Julie Kraft	March 30	Joan Kirchner

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 canned vegetables, rice and soup. 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.

March 2013 Sunday Ministries – 8 AM Service

March 3

Greeters: June Bissonette
Ushers: Bill Hendricks, Asa Decker
Lectors: Woody Price, Anna Andolina
Eucharistic Ministers: Robert Lawton
Prayers: Elizabeth Salomé, Robert Lawton
Coffee Hosts: Jane Barter

March 10 *Daylight Savings- Spring ahead*

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

March 17

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

March 24 *Palm Sunday*

Greeters: Lynne Sampson
Ushers: Asa Decker, Earl Beardsley
Lectors: Elizabeth Salomé, Anna Andolina
Eucharistic Ministers: Betty Decker, Jane Romer
Prayers: Robert Lawton, Betty Decker
Coffee Hosts: Nancy MacDonald

March 31 *Easter*

Greeters: June Bissonette
Ushers: Asa Decker, Bill Hendricks
Lectors: Woody Price, Karen Alexander
Eucharistic Ministers: Betty Decker
Prayers: Elizabeth Salomé, Betty Decker
Coffee Hosts: Jane Romer

Sunday Counter Schedule

3/3/13 Asa Decker, Bob Neese
 3/10/13 Betty Decker, Bill Hendricks
 3/17/13 Beau Coursen, Lucille Ward
 3/24/13 Lynne Sampson, Vince Kraft
 3/31/13 Matt Ellis, Julie Kraft

LIKE US ON [facebook](#)



Christ Church in Harwich Port,
 Massachusetts
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Christ-Church-in-Harwich-Port-Massachusetts/55448192078>



Don't forget move your clocks ahead one hour on



Spring Ahead

March 10th

Pledges Received for 2013

Beginning with this issue of *Harbor Watch* we will publish our pledge contribution totals for your information.

DATE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE (+ -)
1/6	\$4876	\$2500	\$2376 +
1/13	\$2037	\$2500	\$463 -
1/20	\$1408	\$2500	\$1092 -
1/27	\$1971	\$2500	\$529 -
2/3	\$3747	\$2500	\$1247 +
2/10	-----	\$2500	\$2500 -
2/17	\$1152	\$2500	\$1348 -
2/24	\$3511	\$2500	\$1011+
TOTAL	\$18,702	\$20,000	\$1,298 -

February 10 and 17 were "snow" and blizzard Sundays. We did not hold church services on February 10 and only a few people were able to attend on the 17th.

March 2013 Sunday Ministries – 10 AM Service

March 3

Greeters: Sandra & Lee Josselyn
Ushers: Vince & Julie Kraft
Lectors: Rue Siegel, Jan Robertson
Eucharistic Ministers: Deborah Aylesworth,
Porter Lewis
Prayers: Jim Pappas
Coffee Hosts: Meg Pappas, Kathy McDowell

March 10 *Daylight Savings- Spring ahead*

Greeters: Mary Sparrow, Juliette Levesque
Ushers: Jim & Meg Pappas
Lectors: Ann Brown, Ric Ferri
Eucharistic Ministers: Deborah Aylesworth,
Bill Walsman
Prayers: Gail Gibson
Coffee Hosts: Gail Gibson, Nancy Truesdale

March 17

Greeters: Pat Kennedy, Lucille Whipple
Ushers: Vince & Julie Kraft
Lectors: Greg DeLory, Dave Bowely
Eucharistic Ministers: Deborah Aylesworth,
Porter Lewis
Prayers: Kathie McDowell
Coffee Hosts: Elaine Gray, Lydia Bell

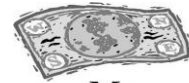
March 24 *Palm Sunday*

Greeters: Rue & Carl Siegel
Ushers: Gail Gibson, Bob Neese
Lectors: Diana Landau, Boo Lewis
Eucharistic Ministers: Deborah Aylesworth,
Bill Walsman
Prayers: Rue Siegel
Coffee Hosts: Betty Hadfield, Cathy Walsman

Tuesday, March 19, 2013 – LEM for 11:30 am Healing Eucharist: Deborah Aylesworth

March 31 *Easter*

Greeters: Sidney Coursen
Ushers: Jim & Meg Pappas
Lectors: Beau Coursen, Lucille Whipple
Eucharistic Ministers: Deborah Aylesworth,
Porter Lewis
Prayers: Mary Ellen Eichmann
Coffee Hosts: Jean Bertrand, Sidney Coursen

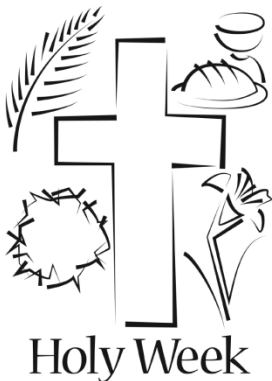


Money Matters

For those of you who are interested, our Diocesan Investment Trust (DIT) Fund had a very good year. The Income Fund posted a 7.6% total return and the Stock Fund posted a 16.1 % return!

February Meeting Vestry Notes

After having to postpone the vestry retreat twice, the regular February meeting was reinstated and we began our vestry year together. Review of committee chairs, property and rectory issues as well as financial concerns and communication needs were discussed. Consideration was given to turning *Harbor Watch* into a quarterly issue combined with a “This Week at Christ Church” that listed schedules, events, announcements and current news to be sent via email with paper copies available at the church. This would allow for better use of time, paper and printing resources including reducing the Sunday bulletin to eight pages. Vince Kraft and Jane Romer attended the Diocesan Business Practices workshop at St. Mary’s, Barnstable Saturday, Feb. 23. We are off to a good start and hope to have several mini retreats across the year to allow for spiritual growth and future vision for our parish. A newer communication plan, we hope, will keep everyone better informed about our very active and productive family of faith.



HOLY WEEK: March 24-31

Palm Sunday Procession and Passion Narrative: 8am and 10am
Palm Sunday **Evensong** with special music, 4pm
Tuesday Tenebrae Service of shadows and light, 5pm
Maundy Thursday, Supper and Worship 5pm
Good Friday Service at noon, followed by time for prayer and meditation until 3pm
Easter Sunday: Festive Choral Eucharist at 8am and 10am with Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30am.

March 2013 Thrift Shop Volunteer Schedule



Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Pat Kennedy Lucille Ward	2 Nancy MacDonald Jane Barter
5 Nancy MacDonald, Betty Ann Waldo	6 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	7 Dave & Nancy Truesdale	8 Lucille Ward, Peg Blackburn	9 Jeanne & Matt Ellis,
12 Nancy MacDonald, Betty Decker	13 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	14 Mary Sparrow, Ann Brown	15 Lucille Ward, Jane Romer	16 Nancy MacDonald, Betty Ann Waldo
19 Nancy MacDonald, Betty Ann Waldo	20 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	21 Dave & Nancy Truesdale	22 Marge Marion, Lucille Ward	23 Asa Decker, Sheila Moss-White
26 Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan	27 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	28 Mary Sparrow, Ann Brown	29 Closed for Good Friday	30 Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan
April 2 Nancy MacDonald, Betty Ann Waldo	April 3 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	April 4 Dave & Nancy Truesdale	April 5 Lucille Ward, Pat Kennedy	April 6

Parish Life: We gathered on Shrove Tuesday and celebrated February birthdays while enjoying a great pancake supper, thanks to the Fellowship Team. Then we burned the palms for Ash Wednesday. Lucille Whipple celebrated her 90th birthday. Joined by Jeanne, Diana, Vince and Bill, Lucille had a great evening as did we all.



Burning the palms Shrove Tuesday



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	25 4:00 PM Weight Watchers	26 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 12:00 PM Book Group @ The Melrose 2:00 PM Knitters	27 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast/Discussion 9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 6:00 PM Boy Scouts	28 9:00 AM sabbatical meeting 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 4:00 PM Stewardship/Planned Giving	1 9:00 AM Artful Parishioners 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM Christian Yoga	2 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 7:30 PM AA Meeting
3 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	4 4:00 PM Weight Watchers	5 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	6 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast/Discussion 9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Finance Committee 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 5:00 PM Good Grief @ Hunan III 6:00 PM Boy Scouts	7 9:00 AM Sabbatical Meeting 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 1:00 PM Home School Art 5:30 PM Choir	8 9:00 AM Artful Parishioners 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM Christian Yoga	9 10:00 AM Fellowship Meeting 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 7:30 PM AA Meeting
10 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	11 9:30 AM GHA Board Meeting 4:00 PM Weight Watchers	12 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 12:00 PM Book Group @ The Melrose 2:00 PM Knitters 5:00 PM Vestry	13 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast/Discussion 9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 6:00 PM Boy Scouts	14 9:00 AM Worship Meeting 10:30 AM Sabbatical Meeting 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 1:00 PM Home School Art 4:30 PM Outreach Meeting 5:30 PM Choir	15 9:00 AM Artful Parishioners 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM Christian Yoga	16 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 7:30 PM AA Meeting
17 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	18 4:00 PM Weight Watchers	19 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 11:30 AM HE & Luncheon Nursing Home Residents 2:00 PM Knitters 5:00 PM Marketing	20 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast/Discussion 9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 6:00 PM Boy Scouts	21 9:00 AM Sabbatical Meeting 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 1:00 PM Home School Art 4:00PM Stewardship 5:30 PM Choir	22 9:00 AM Artful Parishioners 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM Christian Yoga	23 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 7:30 PM AA Meeting
24 Palm Sunday 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 4:00 PM Evensong	25 4:00 PM Weight Watchers	26 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 12:00 PM Book Group @ The Melrose 2:00 PM Knitters 5:00 PM Tenebrae Service	27 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast/Discussion 9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 5:30PM Choir 6:00 PM Boy Scouts	28 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 5:00 PM Maundy Thursday meal and service	29 Thrift Shop CLOSED 9:00 AM Artful Parishioners 12:00 PM Good Friday Service 3:00 PM Christian Yoga	30 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 7:30 PM AA Meeting
31 Easter Sunday 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30AM Easter Egg Hunt	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 9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Finance Committee 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 6:00 PM Boy Scouts	4 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 5:30 PM Choir	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

Christ Church Office (508) 432-1787

Web page: www.christepiscopalharwich.org

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Judith Davis
Minister of Music: Joan Kirchner
Senior Warden: Jane Romer
Treasurer: Asa Decker

Parish Administrator: Kerry Lotti
Sexton: Todd Woolley
Junior Warden: Bill Hendricks
Clerk: Lee Josselyn

Vestry 2014: Deborah Aylesworth
Vestry 2014: Elizabeth Salomé

Vestry 2015: Diana Landau
Vestry 2015: Lynne Sampson

Vestry 2016: Matt Ellis
Vestry 2016: Jan Robertson

You may e-mail articles or items of interest for the newsletter to christchurchharwichport@comcast.net. **We especially want updated email addresses.** *The deadline for articles for the newsletter is the 15th of the month.* Submissions may be left on the Church Office door, e-mailed (which is highly preferable), or mailed to **671 Route 28, Harwich Port, MA, 02646.** **Submissions may be edited for clarity and style.** Credits: p. 1, photos, Judith Davis, painting, Porter Lewis 2012

**CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL
671 Route 28
Harwich Port, MA 02646**

FIRST CLASS

**A digital COPY is on the web
(www.christepiscopalharwich.org)**

To