

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL HARWICH PORT
10/25/2020

Rector's Reflections

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Earlier today I had someone stop by my open office hours. We chatted about a few things one of which was concern, fear and a sense of uncertainty for the future. We are all experiencing these right now. We live in uncertain times, we find ourselves concerned and even fearful of things that seem beyond what we can do to make things right again. I have no solutions except to say we are a community, Christ Church comes together in person or zoom to pray and share as we can. It is in this community of prayer we must first seek to find the peace we all seek right now.

In another email I will be sending a copy of 'A season of prayer', a novena sponsored by the Episcopal church. I encourage you to download it and join us in the prayers there.

We will also be offering an in person/zoom evening prayer on November 2nd from 6:30 to 7pm and a vigil on Election Day.

Times are uncertain but we live in the knowledge that as Christian we can find our peace in our Creator and our prayers.

Blessings

Mother Donna


ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS




I ask your prayers for those in our parish who are ill or have requested our prayers....

Bishop Alan Gates, Anna Andolina, Chris Axner, Mary Frances Ellison, Hannah Forstell (from Kathie McDowell), Derek Leinemann (from Ann Brown), Jim Pappas, Melissa Rice (from Dottie Callaghan), Jane Romer, Ethan Salome, Nancy Truesdale, Kathleen Vogt, Diane Wade, Jackie Whatman (from Betty Decker) and for all those affected by Covid -19.

We pray also for those who have died, Lloyd Heaven and Bill Hendricks



We give thanks this week for the birthday Mary Frances Ellison (Oct. 23 she will be turning 99) and Asa Decker (Oct. 29).

Cristalyn will be off on Monday, October 26th.



Bob Axner on the way up to check the steeple



Bob Axner waves from the heavens with the Holy Spirit watching over him

On October 6 a safety check was done on our steeple. We are grateful to learn from the contractor that all is well up there, both inside and out. Our co-property Vestry person was part of the inspection that also included a magnificent view of Nantucket Sound. Future plans include painting the red trim. (Deborah Aylesworth)

If you need to come to the church for anything, please call ahead. We are not officially open for walk in's. If you do need to come please be sure to wear your mask correctly wearing it over your nose and mouth. We will have hand sanitizer and extra masks at the door. Finally, as much as we need them please do not hug or shake hands. Monastic bows or head nods only. We have been doing great as a community keeping the virus at bay. As tired as we all are of the protocols we must keep up the good work. And as I always do this time of year, a reminder, don't forget to VOTE... If you wish to vote in person and are unable to get to the polls please let us know and we will find a ride for you. God's blessing and peace.

For future planning - cut out for your refrigerator

Christ Church Calendar for October

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 25 21 Pent HE in Memorial Garden | 26 | 27 Thrift shop donation drop off 10-12 | 28 | 29 Mother Donna in the office 9- 12 | 30 Thrift Shop open 11-3pm | 31 Thrift Shop open 11-3pm |
| Nov.1 All Saints Day | 2 Election Eve prayer service 6:30 pm | 3 Election Day Vigil | 4 | 5 Mother Donna in the office 9-12 | 6 Thrift Shop open 11-3pm | 7 Thrift Shop open 11-3pm Diocesan Convention |

Other times to see Mother Donna please call for appointment. 703 795 2794