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FROM THE RECTOR

HOLY WEEK

What are you bringing with you into Holy Week? The power of this yearly remembrance of Jesus' death and resurrection is not just the drama of the liturgy or the significance of the story itself – though there is plenty of drama and significance in what we do this week. The astounding power of Holy Week is that the story we tell is true for all time and for every person. Celebrating and remembering Jesus' death and resurrection is probably one of the oldest Christian practices. It literally defines who we are: we are a people gathered together by Jesus who died and was raised.

And so, what do you bring with you as you walk with Jesus to the Cross and the tomb? What joys do you share with the crowd on Palm Sunday? What awe do you share with the disciples as Jesus breaks the bread at the Last Supper? What tears do you shed with Jesus in the garden on Good Friday? What guilt or shame do you carry with Peter as the cock crows? And what untold hope do you carry within you as the women make their way to the empty tomb on Easter morning?

This is our story, told for the world for centuries, told for us right now. As we tell it again together, know me to be

Your brother in Christ,

Andrew+

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PRESENTATION GIVEN MARCH 4, 2018

BY ELLEN TACY, WARDEN

VESTRY GOALS AND INITIATIVES FOR 2018

The Stewardship visitation results were presented to the Vestry in January, 2018. At the Vestry Retreat held in early February, these results as well as the mission and ministries of the parish were discussed. Focusing our conversation within the three ministries of our parish, the following goals and initiatives have been formulated to lead the Vestry through 2018.

FIRST MINISTRY

We celebrate God's love for and unity with us through prayer and worship and by being Christ for one another.

As we continue to grow, there will be necessity for a third service, However, there are more questions to ask and discern to go ahead. When should it be? Who is interested in this service? Why is someone interested? What type of service should it be? Should it have variety or be geared toward our youth? Should we look at other services in the community to find our uniqueness? We have many questions to answer and will be finding ways to ask questions of you to understand our direction better. We hope to have information collected, discussion and formulation of the direction in which we are going to begin, completed this year.

The Vestry saw comments from you that as we grow, we don't know each other as well. Having an occasional single service might help with the situation. We hear you and understand. This will be explored. One idea was to have this type of service when there is a speaker or presentation planned.

Accessibility to the building is being addressed with repairs being made at the side door, leveling the handicap entrances to the front door and repairing pavers so that water doesn't puddle and turn to ice in the winter.

Comfort in the building in the summer was voiced by parishioners with the suggestion that air conditioning be installed. This idea sounds good to many of us when the sanctuary and other areas get too warm in the summer. Unfortunately, the prospect of installation in St. David's is prohibitive. The building was not built in a manner that is conducive to it. It is way out of our scope of operation to be able to maintain it and pay the increased utility bills. So, this year we are replacing the 25+ year-old ceiling fans and upgrading their effectiveness by utilizing the latest technology and better installation.

Acoustics will be improved as much as possible. We will again examine our current audio system and adjust and update it as much as we can.

The visits told us that there are folks who feel the handicap parking is too far away from our worship space. There are those who have trouble with the walk into the building. Right now we do not see any options for moving our handicap parking spaces. However, the idea has been presented to have valet parking to help with this situation. It will be worked on in the near future.

SECOND MINISTRY

Strengthen God's love and unity by reaching out and reaching in, by learning and living Jesus's message in the world, and by embracing our oneness with all of God's creatures and creation.

Christian Formation was on the Vestry agenda in 2017 and continues in 2018. Money has been budgeted this year to open another Sunday School classroom. It has been completed and is in use. We also will be exploring the possibility of a paid position for this ministry. Vestry will formulate the plan or strategy for this ministry which includes education for all ages. Some of the questions that are already on the table are: do we need a paid position, what will the job

description be, how many hours do we need or can we afford, will we be able to offer enough hours to encourage capable folks to apply? This year we want to be able to answer these questions.

Ecumenical Involvement was discussed and we came to the current conclusion that it is not necessarily a program but a mindset that we must all have of reaching out to other faith communities when appropriate.

Pastoral Care has always been an important agenda item for the Vestry - how do we take care of one another. The discussion at retreat was about who is involved and the part he or she might play in the ministry. Items discussed were clergy as well as lay involvement, non-emergent pastoral care, groups that could form with support for each other and socialization, having a parish retreat.

THIRD MINISTRY

We invite all to walk with us on this journey.

Welcoming and incorporation of newcomers among us continues to be an initiative for the Vestry. We have had discussions around the role of the greeter at the door and how that continues after the first 'hello'. How do we find out what the needs are for the newcomer or what has brought him or her to our door? Ideas have been offered for having newcomer classes or gatherings to explain what St. David's is and our ministries so that the newcomer can find their own path toward personal fulfillment within our faith community. The Vestry will keep this focus for 2018 with the idea that a consistent welcome to all is what we strive for. We also have had discussion on what it means to be a member of St. David's. Does there need to be a specific definition or is it a personal answer?

Communication Strategy is an ongoing project. At present we feel that our internal communication is doing well. What can we do to enhance our public communication outside St. David's?

Every year we talk about ways to increase presence in our community. One of the suggestions from the visits was to have a Spring event in addition to our Harvest Fair in November. Others feel that we should open our church and offer it to organizations for concerts and other events. This is always on the minds of your Vestry and we are open to suggestions that you might have to offer.

For your information, there has been preliminary work completed to begin the project of building a labyrinth at St. David's. Kate Chappell and Harriet Mill are the project leaders and have given a presentation and reports on their progress to the Vestry. As the Vestry receives more information, we will share it with you. Also, please speak to Kate or Harriet to hear about their journey to this point in time.

The mission of St. David's is strong and our ministries are vibrant. The Vestry will have updates on the progress of our goals and initiatives throughout the year. Please continue to offer your ideas, suggestions and concerns to me whenever you wish. And if you would like to participate in any of the areas that have been mentioned today, you are always welcome.

WHERE'S SARA?

You might notice that Sara D'Angio White isn't around at church these next few weeks. From March 25-April 22 and again from May 20-June 24, Sara is filling in at St. Mary's in Falmouth while their rector is away on sabbatical. Blessings to her and the people of St. Mary's as they share in this time together!

The Discernment Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the various surveys, listening sessions, and parish meetings over the past month as we've sought to gather input to use in our diocesan profile to present the Diocese of Maine to candidates for our next Bishop.

More than 800 people from across Maine filled out the electronic survey, 39 parishes submitted feedback from their conversations, and about 60 active and retired priests and deacons participated in three different listening sessions designed for clergy input. In addition, we solicited and received feedback from diocesan staff and from Bishop Steve.

While we anticipate releasing our final profile in early May, we wanted to share some of the broad strokes of what we've heard. These are not exhaustive or complete thoughts by any means, but simply some strong first impressions:

We love God and one another. We heard about how the churches and ministries of the Diocese help us to know the love of God in Christ, and how that love has led to caring relationships among our communities. Parishes, clergy, and staff said over and over again "We love each other." We felt that being an open and inclusive community was what we do best in the Diocese.

We are diverse. Rural and urban. Rich and poor. From here and from away. Small churches, big churches, Jubilee centers, and ministries in hospitals and prisons. Some love our ancient traditions, others delight in new expressions of worship.

We are facing a time of change. Across the Diocese, we are all touched by the national decline in religious affiliation. We all struggle with money and with bringing in new members, especially younger ones. While some hope to turn things around, the prevailing wisdom is that it is time to try new ways of being faithful in a changing world.

We want a bishop who loves Jesus and loves us. We are seeking a leader who is grounded in faith, and is willing to get to know us and love us in all our complexity.

We are humbled by your trust and openness in this process. Please know that every piece of feedback is being read and considered as a part of our work. If your parish has not yet submitted its feedback, or if you have other thoughts, there is still time to send it to discernmentcommittee@episcopalmaine.org to help with the profile.

Thank you again for your input! Please continue to keep us in prayer as we go about our work.

Yours in Christ,
The Discernment Committee
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BISHOP LANE SPEAKS AT A COFFEE HOUR IN HIS HONOR.

KENNEBUNK MAY DAY FESTIVAL

Saturday May 5 from 8:00 to 3:00

Every May, Kennebunk celebrates with a festival that includes a parade, music, crafts, children's activities, and local entertainment in and around Main Street. Town organizations participate by hosting a booth.

Thanks to our Building and Grounds Committee, St. David's will again this year have a spot at the Kennebunk Free Library on Main Street. Parishioners will hand out balloons, St. David's bookmarkers, candy and free raffle tickets, while also meeting our neighbors.

Sign up to join us for a few hours or stay for the whole day, and represent our church in the community.

MONTHLY FOOD BOXES FOR SENIORS

On the 4th Tuesday of every month from 10:30 until noon, the Outreach Committee distributes food boxes to local seniors, as part of a federally funded commodity food program. Each eligible senior receives a box filled with 30 pounds of mostly non-perishable food items, including juices, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, rice, oats, nonfat dry milk, peanut butter and cheese.

Would you be interested in joining us in this very worthwhile activity? We welcome your participation on a regular monthly basis, or less frequently, if that works better for you.

Could you, or someone you know, benefit from this program? Applications are available on the table below the Outreach Bulletin Board in the Great Hall.

ST. ELIZABETH'S JUBILEE CENTER ESSENTIALS PANTRY

REQUESTS DONATIONS

St. Elizabeth's Pantry in Portland, which serves between 125 and 200 neighbors each week, provides essential non-food items such as toilet paper, diapers, toiletries, clothing, bedding and much more. Currently, their top 10 needs include 1) winter coats for men, women and children; 2) soup pots – 4 quart size or larger; and 3) footwear for men, women and children. For a complete list of these needs, please check out St. Elizabeth's flier on the Outreach Bulletin Board.

MARCH MADNESS

Calling Team St. David's to enter the March Madness frenzy to help alleviate hunger in our communities. When you shop pick up two of any item for the Hands Across Our Community and put them in our basket in the front hall. Score two points! If you've got an outside shot try for three. We won't keep score so that's up to you. If you don't feel your can score in our basket the envelopes for the food pantry will be on the chairs on Palm Sunday! GO TEAM GO!

THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Harriet, Sue, Betsy, Donna, Pat, Deb, Jane -- prepared a festive coffee hour on Sunday, March 18 for the Bishop's visit. Sue and Walt Goettlich made certain we had enough supplies and many folks donated treats for the event. A special thank you goes to the awesome dishwashing crew: Anne and Doug Becker, Bob and Diane Pagano and Dave Bowen. Thank you to all who helped to make this a special occasion.

We are always available to assist with parish functions and funeral collations. If interested in joining our group, please contact Priscilla Madore.

Priscilla
Hospitality Chair

LAUNDRY LOVE

At 4:30pm on Tuesday, April 17th, parishioners from St. David's will greet guests warmly as they walk through the door to Boom's Laundry in Biddeford. They will pair each family with a washing machine appropriate for the amount of laundry that needs to be done, put quarters into the machine and give the family a detergent pod. Then, for the next twenty-four minutes of the wash cycle, they will simply be present with the guest in whatever capacity is called for in the moment. With these simple gestures, St. David's will launch the first Laundry Love event in Maine, and will join hundreds of other efforts already established around the country. This effort is a partnership between St. David's and Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center in Biddeford and is made possible by the support of St. David's Outreach Committee and a New Initiatives grant from the Diocese of Maine. Laundry Love is a human care movement that seeks to spread love, one load at a time, while providing laundry service for our neighbors living in poverty. Laundry Love: Every third Tuesday of the month. Boom's Laundry, 250 Elm St. Biddeford, 4:30-8:30pm. For more information, please contact Sara Clinehens at sclinehens@gmail.com, or check out <http://laundrylove.org>.

SPECIAL DATES

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Ruby Rodriguez	19	Michael Donaghy
1	Rick Judge	20	Dawn Clements
4	Ricky Welles	20	Francois Lamothe
4	Henry Musser		
4	Alan McLellan	21	Polly Gosselin
6	Lori Parkinson	22	Bruce Burggraf
8	Julie MacClinchy	25	Patricia Musser
9	Anne Becker	28	Sue Jones
12	Jane Bellegarde	29	Ralph Gamache
13	Annie Milley	29	Donna Tracy
14	Jim Andrews		
15	Adam Andrews		
17	Matt Inglis	21	David & Kathleen Banks
18	Bruce Gowdy		
18	Linda Rhines		

ANNIVERSARIES

BUILDING & GROUNDS

The Building and Grounds Committee started 2018 with a full slate of projects. They have painted three rooms and created new spaces for the Deacons office and the Sunday school room. Please note that the former "cave" room (now Deacons office) is not to be used for storage of any kind. If you have a chance, stop by and see their handiwork. The Parish Administrator's office was also repainted.

The next major project that the committee is looking to do is to paint the Great Hall ceiling along with the top section of each gable end of the room.

The committee has many more projects in the coming months both inside and outside. If any one would like to help out please contact Earl Tracy, etdt01@roadrunner.com, or Fred Madore at fmadore@yahoo.com.

THERE'S A BOOK SALE COMING!

On Saturday, May 12th from 9:00 am to Noontime, we will be hosting our Annual Gently Used Book Sale in the Great Hall. We're looking for all types of books (Adult and Children's), DVDs, and CDs to sell, so if you have some you no longer want or need, please bring them in any time after April 15th and place them in the Great Hall, behind the partitions, in the corner near the fireplace. If you need someone to pick up your donations please call Jeanne Kita Burke at 985-7487.

Please remember that Readers' Digests, old text books, Encyclopedias and magazines aren't big sellers, so if you could hold off on those, that'd be great!

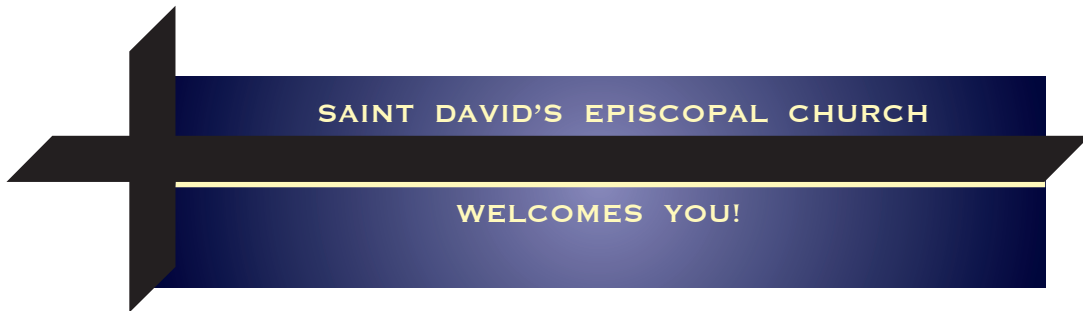
We are also raffling off a brand new Kindle, a basket full of all things bookish, and a \$50.00 gift card to Nonesuch Books.

We are looking forward to seeing your donations and you at the Gently Used Book Sale on May 12th. It is a wonderful day of fellowship, food, fun and great buys on some great books, so mark your calendars and we'll see you in the Great Hall.

APRIL 2018 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Day 8/10:30 AM AA 7 PM	2 Office Closed NA 7 PM	3 Centering Prayer 9:30 -11:15 AM NAMI 6:30 AA 7 PM	4 HS 9-9:30 AM BS 9:30-10:30 AM EfM 1-4 PM AA 7 PM	5 Piano Lessons 2-4 PM CPSG 5 PM Choir 7 PM AA 7 PM	6 AA 10 AM	7 AA 7:30 PM
8 HE 8/10:30 AM AA 7 PM	9 Music Together 9-11 AM Needlers 9-11AM NA 7 PM	10 Centering Prayer 9:30-11:15 Vestry 7 PM AA 7 PM	11 HS 9-9:30 AM BS 9:30-10:30 AM EfM 1-4 PM AA 7 PM	12 Piano Lessons 2-4 PM Choir 7 PM AA 7 PM	13 AA 10 AM	14 Cabana a Sucre Noon -2PM AA 7:30PM
15 HE 8/10:30 AM AA 7 PM	16 Music Together 9-11 AM Needlers 9-11AM NA 7 PM	17 CP 9:30-11:15 Men's Lunch 12PM NAMI 6:30 AA 7 PM	18 HS 9-9:30 AM BS 9:30-10:30 AM EfM 1-4 PM Outreach 4:30 AA 7 PM	19 Piano Lessons 2-4 PM Partners/Prosperity 2- 4 PM CPSG 5 PM Choir 7 PM (FS)	20 AA 10 AM	21 Funeral 11am AA 7:30 PM
22 HE 8/10:30 AM Earth Day AA 7 PM	23 MT 9-11 Needlers 9-11AM Evergreen Quilters 6-9 PM NA 7 PM	24 CP 9:30-11:15 AM Community Lunch 11-12:15 AA 7 PM	25 HS 9-9:30 AM BS 9:30-10:30 AM EfM 1-4 PM AA 7 PM	26 Piano Lessons 2-4 PM Choir 7 PM AA 7 PM	27 AA 10 AM	28 AA 7:30 PM
29 HE 8/10:30 M Bailey Svc 2 PM Londonderry NH AA 7 PM	30 MT 9-11 Needlers 9-11AM NA 7 PM					

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MARCH 29: MAUNDY THURSDAY

- Children's Interactive Holy Week Service at 3:30 PM
- Maundy Thursday Service with Eucharist and Foot washing at 7 PM

MARCH 30: GOOD FRIDAY

- Stations of the Cross at 12:00 PM
- Good Friday Liturgy at 7 PM

MARCH 31:

The Great Vigil of Easter at 7 PM

APRIL 1: EASTER DAY

Eucharist at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

