



# The Dragon Scoop

## April 2014

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**The Episcopal Church Welcomes You**

**Mission Statement:**  
“Loving God, Loving our  
Neighbors”

## Lenten Activities

### Prayer Flags

Prayer flags are a tradition in many cultures and religions. We fly our flags as an outward sign and symbol of what we hold dearest and true.

In that spirit we want to offer an opportunity for the prayers of our community to be a focus during our time moving through Lent and Holy Week into the season of Easter. On the Sundays of March 30, April 6, and April 13 we will have supplies in the Parish Hall to create our own prayer flags.

Also during Holy Week on April 15 and 16 (Tuesday and Wednesday) from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. we will create a meditative space in the Parish Hall for you to stop in and make a prayer flag. These flags will fly in our church yard for all to see and celebrate.

No experience is necessary— simply bring the prayers you hold nearest your heart. You may just want to draw a simple picture or you may have words. Everything can be used to make a prayer flag.

### Palm Crosses

Please come to the Parish Hall on Thursday, April 10 at 10:00 a.m. for fellowship and making palm crosses. If you haven't done this before, it is a fun time to get out of the house, have a good excuse to put off the yard work, and make or learn how to make palm crosses for Palm Sunday. No excuses; if you don't know how to make them, we will teach you or if you have other patterns, you can teach us.



### Holy Week Schedule (week of April 13)

Tuesday Prayer Group at 10 a.m.

Wednesday Holy Eucharist at noon

Maundy Thursday Service at 6 p.m.

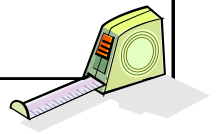
Good Friday Service at 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday service at 10:00 a.m.  
Stay after and help prepare the sanctuary for Easter.



We have Episcopal Shields available for your vehicle.

There is a clipboard over the drinking fountain in the church hallway for recording any maintenance problems that members may find. The Facilities Team will monitor this board and make any repairs as necessary.



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# Rector's Letter

“As civilization advances, the sense of wonder declines. Such decline is an alarming symptom of our state of mind. We will not perish for want of information; but only for want of appreciation. The beginning of our happiness lies in the understanding that life without wonder is not worth living. What we lack is not a will to believe but a will to wonder . . . . Reverence is one of our answers to the presence of mystery.”<sup>1</sup>

I wonder how these 40 days of Lent are going for you. Are you wondering about God's will for you? Are you able to see the world around you with a sense of appreciation? Are you happy? Do you live each day with reverence? Have you found within your Lenten discipline a deeper well of believing in God, of trusting God, of surrendering to God? Have you desired to increase your will to wonder and to live in reverence of life and the mystery of God?

It is with God's grace and our intentions that we may increase our reverence for life. Perhaps we must replace information with appreciation. Perhaps we must stop in our daily life and intentionally sit in wonder. Perhaps the repeating mantra of our breathing should be reverence. Respect, admiration, worship, awe, veneration, astonishment, amazement, these are the synonyms for reverence. The antonym is contempt. Is there

contempt in your life? Disdain, dislike, disrespect, disapproval, scorn, hatred, derision, condescension, these are the synonyms for contempt. The people of Jerusalem had contempt for Jesus as they scorned him with hatred and hung him on a cross.

Lent is a time to remember that “Man's sin is in his failure to live what he is. Being the master of the earth, man forgets that he is the servant of God.”<sup>2</sup>

We must learn how to be servants of God. We must live in appreciation with a will to wonder and a reverence for all of life. Where there is contempt God is crucified. Cast any form of contempt from your heart and believe in God, trust in God, and surrender to God. Remember always that you are a servant.

Continued blessings for a Most Holy Lent.  
Rev. JoAnne

<sup>1</sup>Abraham Heschel; Polish-born American rabbi, considered by many to be one of the most significant Jewish theologians of the 20th century.

<sup>2</sup>Abraham Heschel

# Congratulations and Thanks

Congratulations to our new Senior Warden, John Miller and to our continuing Junior Warden, Donna Litherland.



Many thanks to our Auditing Team:

Jeannie Burpee  
Jewell Gates  
Donna Litherland

A warm welcome to Colin Benson as our new Webmaster.

We always give thanks to God for all of you



# Poetry of the Season

## Good Friday

Am I a stone, and not a sheep,  
That I can stand, O Christ, beneath Thy cross,  
To number drop by drop Thy blood's slow loss,  
And yet not weep?

Not so those women loved  
Who with exceeding grief lamented Thee;  
Not so fallen Peter weeping bitterly;  
Not so the thief was moved;

Not so the Sun and Moon  
Which hid their faces in a starless sky,  
A horror of great darkness at broad noon—  
I, only I.

Yet give not o'er,  
But seek Thy sheep, true Shepherd of the flock;  
Greater than Moses, turn and look once more  
And smite a rock.

~Christina Rossetti, 1862

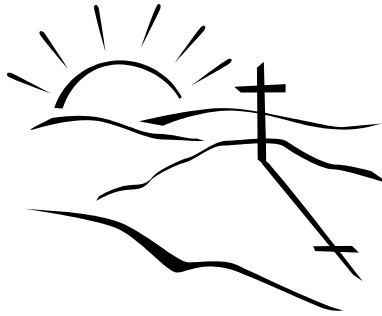
## Easter

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise  
Without delays,  
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise  
With him mayst rise:  
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,  
His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part  
With all thy art.  
The crosse taught all wood to resound his name,  
Who bore the same.  
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key  
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song  
Pleasant and long:  
Or, since all musick is but three parts vied  
And multiplied,  
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,  
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

~George Herbert , 1633



# Stewardship Team

If you weren't at the Annual Meeting—or if you were and had a chance to read over the figures at home after the meeting—the 2014 pledges increased over last year even though there are fewer people.

The total pledges for 2014 are \$85,899. A portion of those pledges is \$3,900 dedicated to “outreach,” but even without that amount, it is still more than the 2013 pledges. Thank you for stepping out in faith.

~Jean Bowden

# Alleluia

In the language of worship, there are words and phrases that are not translated, words that seem to need no translation. Amen is such a word, a Hebrew word that indicates assent, "so be it," and the word by which a congregation expresses its participation in a prayer said by the officiant. Kyrie eleison, Greek for "Lord, have mercy", is a phrase that continued in use long after Latin became the official language of liturgy of the West.

Alleluia is a word that is heard throughout the Christian world, whether the language of the local liturgy is Latin or Greek, Slavonic or Armenian, French or English. It is a word that has occasionally been translated but, more often than not, has been left untranslated. It is the Greek and Latin form of the Hebrew word Hallelujah, a word which means "praise the Lord." In the West, alleluia came to have a particular association with the celebration of the most important feast of the Church year, Easter, and this led to some unique, beautiful, interesting customs.

The association of alleluia with Easter led to the custom of intentionally omitting it from the liturgy during the season of Lent, a kind of verbal fast

which has the effect, not of depressing the mood of the liturgy, but of creating a sense of anticipation and even greater joy when the familiar word of praise returns. Indeed, when the alleluia does return, it is with an incredible flourish.

Before the proclamation of the Gospel at the Great Vigil of Easter, alleluia is sung to an exceptionally elaborate tone. It is a moment of unrestrained fervor as a singer intones the elaborate alleluia, and the congregation sings it back. The cantor raises the pitch and sings the alleluia a second time, and again the congregation echoes it back. Once more, the cantor raises the pitch, and the congregation responds. And then the good news is proclaimed that Christ is risen from the dead. The dramatic effect of the return of the alleluia is heightened considerably by the fact that no alleluias have been heard since Lent began.



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## Cornwell Estate Sale



When: April 4th and 5th (Friday and Saturday),  
9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
(Entry numbers will be given out at 8 a.m.)

Where: 334 West Lilburn Ave., Roseburg  
(2nd street on the left in the Laurelwood area by  
the high school)

Sales will be cash only. Purchasers are responsible  
for transporting items.

A substantial portion of the proceeds from the sale  
goes to St George Episcopal Church.

Included among the items for sale:

- Antique furniture
- Oriental rugs
- Quilts
- Art work
- Fine china (Limoges, Wedgwood)
- Lalique glassware
- Crystal
- Silver (mostly plate) serving pieces
- Woodworking tools
- Garden tools
- 2 canoes
- Camping equipment
- 1983 Dodge van - very low mileage
- Miscellaneous household items

*See newsletter insert for a sale poster.*



# Cathedrals of the World

## Canterbury Cathedral, England

Canterbury Cathedral was founded in 597 by Augustine of Canterbury, although there had been churches on the site since Roman times.

Canterbury Cathedral is the Cathedral of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is the leader of the Church of England and symbolic head of the Anglican Communion. The present archbishop is the 105th in a line which goes back over 1400 years.

The Cathedral was destroyed by fire in 1067 and a new building was consecrated in 1070. A rebuilding program was started in 1174 but most of the present structures were built in the late 1300s, especially after an earthquake of 1382. The last major alteration was carried out in 1834.

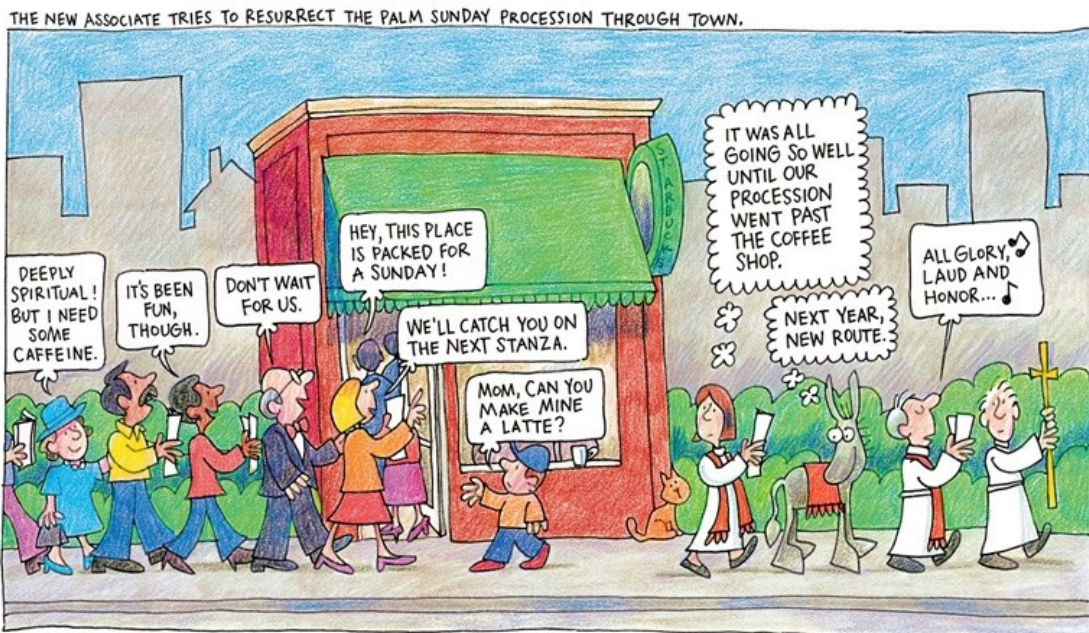
Thomas Becket was murdered in the Cathedral in December 1170 by knights of King Henry II. The King had had a stormy relationship with the archbishop and had uttered, "Who will rid me of this turbulent priest?" Some of his knights rode to Canterbury and murdered the archbishop in his own Cathedral.



After this, Canterbury Cathedral became a major destination for pilgrims and due to their donations it was possible to enlarge the buildings.

The Cathedral is situated in the midst of the City of Canterbury, in the south-east of England, and although there was heavy damage to Canterbury during World War II, the Cathedral sustained very little damage. The structure is now showing signs of age and so extensive restoration work is underway.

~Doug Holloway





# Parish News

## Bob Robins on the Church's Stained Glass

On March 9 after worship, Bob Robins presented a program on our stained glass windows. The windows were made in the late 1940s in the Massachusetts studio of Charles J. Connick. The windows on the north side of the church show scenes from the Bible. Those on the south side depict various saints, among them St. George and St. Olaf, who are shown below.

## Pancake Supper, March 4, 2014



“I want to make beautiful interiors for both churches and souls. I want all people to hear my windows singing.”  
~ Charles J. Connick

We would expect to find St. George, patron saint of our own church, but St. Olaf is unexpected. He was chosen because Dick Hagen, one of the church members at the time, wanted to honor his Norwegian heritage. Olaf is shown with a crown because he is Norway's Eternal King. If you look closely at St. George's window, you can see a very small dragon at his feet.

Bob asks us all to take a close look at the windows. They are incredible works of art.

More pictures on our Facebook page—go to [www.saintgeorgesepiscopal.com](http://www.saintgeorgesepiscopal.com) and click the link.

## FISH Food Pantry News

### FISH'S NEW BOARD MEMBER

The FISH Board of Directors consists of fifteen members. There are two members from each of the founding churches and three members from the Roseburg community at large. The Board develops policies and procedures for FISH

and monitors its financial health, programs, and overall performance.

Karen Trone is the new board member from St. George Episcopal Church. With her enthusiasm and experience, she will be a great addition!

~ Mik Carlson

## Episcopal Church Women

We enjoyed the Rev. Peter Fritsch's presentation about his time in Hungary at our March meeting. He will be with us again in April to continue his talk.

We are preparing for the rummage sale in May, and you should be doing the same. It will be held May 2 and 3 with setting up on April 28, 29, and 30 and on May 1. Start putting aside and bagging up all those things you haven't used for a

long time and probably won't use in the future, then bring them to the church. You will be helping us to help our church and community.

Please join us on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 11:00 for more of Rev. Fritsch's trip, good food, and fellowship. We do ask for a \$5 donation.

~ Betty Jo Hoffman

## Outreach Team

### Snack Sack Report

During one of the recent spring downpours I noticed a gentleman in a wheelchair waiting at a bus stop. I stopped and asked if he would like an umbrella. Digging through my collection, I found a manly color and handed it over to him. He thanked me. I then remembered the snack sack and said, "I have something else for you."

Returning with the bag I set it in his lap. "Is it food?" he asked.

"It is."

"God bless you, God bless you."

My response is always, "He does."

~Sue Phelps

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

~ from Morning Prayer II, BCP





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**OFFICE HOURS**  
**10 am—3:30 pm**  
Open Monday, Tuesday, and  
Wednesday.  
Please call ahead if you can.

**ST. GEORGE WORSHIP**

**Sunday**

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**Wednesday**

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

