



The Dragon Scoop

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

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



What if we don't pack up Easter — but purposed to live Easter?

Could Easter become not just weekend but a whole long season of celebrating ?

Could Easter become not just weekend but a way of living?

Could Easter become what we courageously witness everywhere in the world, the hope of Christ, the signs of a new Kingdom here?

~ Ann Voskamp, April 27, 2011, at www.aholyexperience.com

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Rector's Letter

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lleluia! Christ is risen!

We have journeyed through Lent, contemplating our sins and God's mercy, our hopes and God's fulfillment, our need and God's generosity, our anxiety and God's security, our gifts of love and service and God's gift in the life, death and resurrection of his Son, our savior Jesus Christ. To paraphrase St. Paul, all our needs find their "Yes" in Jesus.

I continue to be grateful to so many for the encouragement and help you all have offered to me, and to one another. It is a joy to me to be with you all. My time at St. George's has barely begun; I am still struggling with names and faces, even more so than I used to, yet it is very good to be here.

Looking forward, Easter Season continues with the Bishop's visitation on April 3, exciting scriptures for our Sunday Eucharists, leading to Ascensiontide and Pentecost. In late spring and summer we have what liturgists call "ordinary time," or the green season. The lessons tend to address our daily lives.

Be thinking about, and jotting down, your favorite hymns. They can be in the Hymnal or not. We will be collecting them in May and using as many as possible through the summer and early fall. If there are pieces you would like to offer as a vocal or instrumental solo or small ensemble, let me know.

On April 10, after coffee hour, I would like to have a conversation with as many as can stay, about our morning worship. What are traditions of St. George's, or from elsewhere, you would like to see again? What are the strengths we need to maintain? I would like to do some experiments during the summer, for three reasons. First, some variety is good, in the midst of an overall continuity. Second, familiarity with the variations in Episcopal worship is helpful when adjusting to either a new rector or to churches one attends while travelling. Third, it is fun.

On another topic, we have already done some work to be prepared to welcome children on Sunday mornings. More will be done. If you would like to help, please call the office and tell us.

The daily chores of running St. George's are done remarkably well already. The office, the building and grounds, pastoral care and more are handled by faithful volunteers. Thank you to all who do this work of love. If you would like to join them, again, give the office a call, leaving your name, contact information, and who you would like to help.

Enough for now. See you in church! A blessed Easter season to all!
Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Fr. Jim+

January 19 Vestry Meeting Highlights

Attendance: Nancy Baum, Faye Benham, Jean Bowden, Betty Jo Hoffman, Doug Holloway, Donna Litherland, Bill Riley, Bob Spielman, Steve Thomas, and Margaret Thomas, Clerk

Visitors: Jeanne and Jon Burpee, Marcia and David Jackson, Kathy Glockner, Frank Graham, Sue Phelps, Thelma and David Sayers, Rick Sciapiti, and Don Witt

The Minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting were approved as written. There was no December 2015 Vestry meeting.

FINANCE

- The financial reports as of November 31 and December 31, 2015 were approved.
- Our bookkeeper Kirsten Wright will begin using the cash basis accounting system, rather than the current accrual system, in January.
- We still owe Diocesan Program Assessment (DPA) for 2013. Our 2016 DPA statements show us owing \$2,339 monthly.
- The finance committee prepared three different budgets for presentation at the annual parish meeting in February.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT / FACILITIES

- Century 21 had the missing shingles on the rectory roof replaced.
- Dobson Roofing Company was awarded the contract to reroof the rectory.
- The rectory needs a new dishwasher; Steve has ordered one from Home Depot.
- The rectory garage door has been repaired by Overhead Door.
- Lights in the nave were repaired. A loose wire nut caused the problem.
- Roseburg Glass replaced the office door's broken window with tempered glass for \$149.
- Donna requested two men patrol the church building to make sure no person is hiding.
- Bill disconnected the electrical outlet by the front doors to prevent people charging their cell phones.

BUILDING SECURITY

- Rick Sciapiti from the American Legion talked to the Vestry about security problems the increase in homelessness is causing in our community. He gave us information about security cameras and other surveillance options.
- Our church was recently vandalized and it was later discovered that a door upstairs used by the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church was damaged – apparently after the first incident.
- A committee to study security issues will include Bill, Steve, Doug, Bob, and David Sayers.

FISH Report

In April we will celebrate the 45th anniversary of the founding of The FISH of Roseburg. The FISH began in 1971 as an ecumenical effort of five Roseburg churches (later to become 6).

The FISH Food Pantry is in need of additional volunteers, particularly those who can occasionally fit in on somewhat short notice when a regular volunteer is out of town, ill, or otherwise not available. A few more volunteers are also needed on a one-day per week regular weekly basis.

The volunteer shifts are three hours. Volunteers are asked to be at the Pantry 30 minutes before it opens to help set up for the day and to stay to help clean up for 30 minutes after the Pantry closes.

The Pantry is open for clients at the following times:

- Monday and Wednesday afternoons 1:30 to 3:30
- Thursday and Friday mornings 9:30 to 11:30

There are several volunteer jobs at the Pantry, including

- client intake (using the computer to enter data and client applications)
- greeter (explaining how the Pantry works to new clients)
- stocking (moving food from storage area to food kiosks)
- bagging client checkout.



The only position where specialized orientation/training is needed is client intake. However, almost every task requires some people skills.

Additionally, volunteers with a pickup truck are needed to occasionally haul pallets of food from the UCAN warehouse to the Pantry on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for one to one and a half hours.

If you would like more information or if you are interested in volunteering, please email thefishrbg@gmail.com



In Memoriam

Robert Edwin Robins, 1927-2016



A Memorial Service was held Saturday, March 19, for Bob Robins.

Bob was a member of St. George since 1951 and was vital to the church's music ministry as well as being a lay minister. He was well known to the local music community, having been choral director at Roseburg High School from 1954 to 1975. He directed the Umpqua Timbermen Barbershop Chorus (pictured below left) from 1977 to Christmas of 2015.

His son, David Robins, said about him at the service, "His whole passion in life was to have people get together and sing."



Palm Sunday and Good Friday 2016



*Above left: Preparing for the Palm Sunday Procession
Right: The Procession*

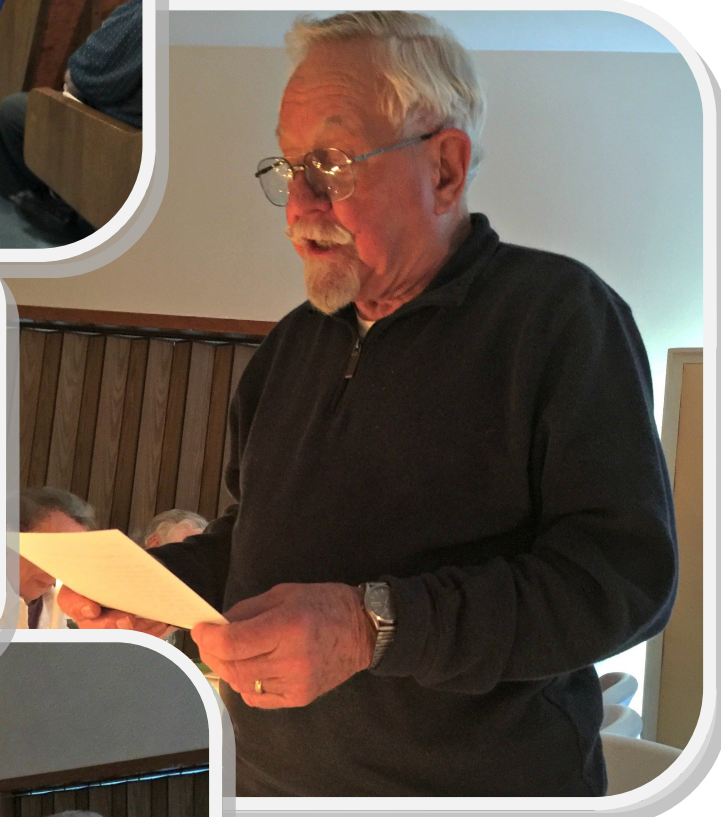


*Left:
Good Friday service*

Maundy Thursday



"The Meal in the Upper Room" at Faith Lutheran Church. Episcopalians, Lutherans, Methodists, and Presbyterians gathered together for the service and Seder Supper.



Left: Parishioners from St. George ready to sit down and eat.

Above: Bob Spielman reads one of the Gospel selections.

Center: Each item of food has a special symbolic meaning.



Easter 2016



Top left: Easter Procession with choir

Top right: Father Jim reading the Collect

Middle left: Passing the Peace

Middle right: Choir anthem

Left: Birthdays and anniversaries

After the Easter Service



Matthew 19:14

by Juliana Marez

I was asked by a young mother to help prepare her daughter for an important ceremony. This summer she is to become Tree Girl for a Plains Indian ceremony.

Each year one young girl is chosen from the young women in the group to personify all that is good and pure. In this ceremony she is brought before the elder women and instructed in the rite and painted. She is also brought before the men. If any man can claim she isn't pure, she will lose the right to be Tree Girl. She will be escorted by her mother and male relatives to a tree chosen. She will strike the tree with an ax four times. The tree represents the enemy (not necessarily a human enemy). She will take up the *canupa*—the pipe—and lead the men who carry the tree into camp for the ancient ceremony.

For the coming year her presence will be a blessing and her prayers will be asked to help heal the sick. She will learn more, good and bad, about people than she has known before. She will have to learn balance and compassion. She will have to learn humility and self-control. She will embody the very best in feminine sacred.

Working with the different tribes I have learned that many of them had similar ceremonies to encourage purity, faith, and humility in young women. Women were valued for their self-sufficient life skills, efficiency, and generosity more than their fancy shoes. What rites of passage did you experience as a Christian? What is valued in our young women and how do we extol that value?



Plains Indian Girl, painting by Ellen Day Hale (1855 – 1940)

Juliana works with Homeless and Runaway Youth Services and Native American Services for Roseburg School District 4. She has chosen Matthew 19:14 for the title of her column:

*but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them;
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."*

Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

Guildford Cathedral, Guildford, England

Built on a hill called Stag Hill – where the Kings of England used to hunt – the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit, Guildford, England, is a Church of England cathedral and is the seat of the Diocese of Guildford.



Construction commenced in 1936 but was delayed due to World War II and lack of building materials as well as a lack of funds. Thus the cathedral was not consecrated until May 1961.

In the 1950s, a “buy a brick” scheme was used to raise funds. For each brick sold the buyer was entitled to sign their name on the brick, and over 200,000 bricks were sold this way.



Also, 1,500 kneelers were made by hand by local people and these kneelers are still in use at the present time.



No two kneelers are the same.

The single tower is 160 feet high and has at the top a gilded angel which turns in the wind.



Guildford Cathedral contains very few stained glass windows as the clear glazing scheme complements the modern style of the building.

The organ, installed in 1961, is a reconstruction of an organ dating from 1866, which was previously in a Baptist church.

Work has continued over the years, with the latest project being statues which were added to the West Front in 2005.



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OFFICE HOURS
10:00 am—2:00 pm
Monday through Friday

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer

