



The Dragon Scoop

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St. George Episcopal Church
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Mission Statement:
**“Loving God, Loving Our
 Neighbors”**

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



***Bishop Neff Powell commissioned Father Jim Boston
 as Interim Rector of St. George on February 7.***

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Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

This is my first letter to you as your new Interim Rector. Thank you for the warm and wonderful welcome you have extended to me and to my wife, Pam. She is sorry she cannot be here every Sunday. The work she is doing with children at St. Mark's, Medford, is very important, both to them and to her. Pam will be here as often as possible.

St. George's has been a beacon of light to Roseburg and Douglas County for many years. You continue, year by year, to worship with the Book of Common Prayer, to care for one another in times of both joy and sorrow, to engage with the Bible, in personal prayer, and with service to the poor and distressed of our community and beyond.

We all know there have been difficult times for the church, one of which is in the recent past. Yet I have found you to be resilient, loving, and joyful. You not only love one another, but you also generally like each other. And I like you.

The Vestry and I have signed a letter of agreement that can be renewed after six months. I will normally preside at worship three times a month, and be in Roseburg on a weekday each week. You can call it one quarter time. I am also working from home.

I do not have big plans for now. We can think about such things later on. The class on Thursdays at 2 pm has had a great start. Last week we had 26 people present! You are welcome to join in, even if you can only come once or twice. The handouts will also be available someplace in the hall or narthex.

Your Vestry appears to be cheerful and hardworking. You have a great team of five women managing the church office. We are reaching out to our shut-ins. The musicians are readying for Easter. The Altar Guild, as always, keeps things beautiful. We are all observing Lent as best we can.

The finance people have explained things well to me, and will be producing reports that are somewhat easier to read. They will be made available to all each month. We hope to have a happy resolution to the former rector's unemployment insurance claim soon. Then we can work with the Diocesan Council on how to handle past DPA. I expect all will work out fine in the next several months. If you have not already made a pledge, it is not too late. I will turn in my own pledge card as soon as I remember to get one.

I regret to report that I am slow at learning names and faces, and sometimes lapse even with people I really do know. Please help me by wearing nametags. (Positioned high!) Do mention your name and the names of others who are standing with us in conversation. I will try to do the same. I will get better. Yet even when I know your name well, please continue to wear your nametags after church. They signal that you are available and willing to talk to people you don't know well. They show love to the stranger.

Bishop Hanley will be with us on Sunday, April 3, the Sunday after Easter. The people of Holy Spirit, Sutherlin, plan to join us and him for the 10 am service. I expect we will all have time for conversation during the coffee hour. If you would like to renew your baptismal vows, or be confirmed or received, please let me know soon.

If you have questions, suggestions, or concerns for me, please leave a note in the office, email me (jtboston47@gmail.com), or phone me at home (541-479-0452).

Do plan to attend all our Holy Week services, including the shared Maundy Thursday service at the Lutheran Church. Not to mention every Sunday.

It feels good to be with you. God bless each and all, in Christ Jesus.

Fr. Jim+

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

March 18—On the **Friday** before Holy Week at 10:00 we will make palm crosses. Everyone is invited to help out. We will teach you how to make the crosses.

March 20—Palm Sunday. Because we will be going to Faith Lutheran Church for Maundy Thursday, the stripping of the altar will occur on Palm Sunday. The altar will be cleared at the end of the service and we will leave in silence, picking up palm crosses on the way out. There will be no coffee hour after the service.

March 23—We will have our regular **Wednesday** service at noon.

March 24—We will join Faith Lutheran Church for their **Maundy Thursday** Seder Supper at 6:30 p.m. again this year. There is a signup sheet in our Parish Hall (or call the Office).

Anyone who plans to attend must sign up giving the total number in their party. If you or anyone in your party decide not to come, you must take your name off the list or adjust the number in your party. Even if you are taking part in the service (for instance, in the choir), you must sign up. A place is set for each person signed up, so there can be no “walk-ins.”

Last year 124 people attended. Start signing up now as the space may be limited. Faith will be calling each Monday for a head count. There is no charge for the supper. This is a “symbolic” meal, not a full meal.

March 25—Good Friday service at noon

March 26—Holy Saturday service at 10:00

March 27—Easter service, with Hot Cross Buns





Episcopal Church Women

By Betty Jo Hoffman

Father Boston and his wife, Pam, joined us for the February ECW meeting. It was a chance for all of us to share some information about ourselves. Vice President Marcia Jackson gave each of us a question or statement to share with the group. It was fun and informative.

David Sayers informed us about the research and purchases he and other property committee members have done to make our church building more secure. They are investigating security cameras and motion lights installed at selected locations to deter trespassers.

We are looking forward to the spring rummage sale coming the first weekend of May. It's not too soon to start collecting items to donate.

ECW is also exploring the purchase of a newer, bigger cabinet for the coffee makers so all of them will sit at the same place and be a little lower and easier to use.

Come join us for our next meeting on Thursday, March 18 at 11:00.

FISH Report

FISH provided over 1000 families (3854 people) with emergency food boxes in January. The food bank was open 15 times for a total of 30 hours.

During 2015 the FISH Food Pantry provided a 4- to 6-day supply of emergency groceries to an average of 1,027 low-income households per month, which include almost 4,000 people. About 30% of these were children. During 2015 The FISH provided the following services to low-income families and persons within Douglas County:

- A total of 12,326 emergency food parcels/boxes.
- Funding for 325 prescriptions for children.
- Funding and arrangements for 349 person-nights of emergency short-term shelter.
- Funding for 248 requests for emergency transportation assistance.

The next Roseburg Food Project pickup day is Saturday, April 9th. During the next few months FISH hopes to expand the Roseburg Food Project from the 73 Neighborhood Coordinators as of December 2015 to a total of 80 to 90. If you are interested in helping with the Roseburg Food Project in your neighborhood give FISH a call at 541-672-5242.

Unless you have special plans for your plastic or paper bags, please donate them to the FISH Food Pantry. They are needed for bagging their clients' groceries.



2016 Annual Parish Meeting



New Vestry members were elected: Mike Brossia, Sue Phelps, and David Sayers.



Above right—Outgoing Senior Warden Donna Litherland exchanges hugs with incoming Senior Warden, Pete Benham.



Left—clockwise in the foreground are Bill Riley, Dorothy Powell, Leigh Van Sickle, and BJ Oswald. The Vestry awarded Bill and Leigh an Acknowledgement of Excellence in Ministry for 2015. Donations will be made in their names to the charity of their choice.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



More Parish News



*Ash Wednesday
service,
with the Imposition
of Ashes*

*Episcopal 101—Father Jim's
weekly Lenten study.
The class continues through
March 24,
so come to any or all.
Thursdays 2-3:30*



*Choir practice for Lent and Easter,
with David Jones directing*

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



FOR SALE – Single owner tomb. Only used three days, and still has that new tomb smell. Reason for sale.. resident was resurrected.

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Wishing you a happy . . .
Palm Sunday
Maundy Thursday
Good Friday
Holy Saturday
Easter Sunday
I-Wish-I-Hadn't-Eaten-a-
Box-of-Peeps Monday

Women's Cursillo Weekend

Women's Cursillo Weekend
May 20-22, 2016
St. Francis of Assisi, Wilsonville, OR



If you are interested in attending, ask a Cursillista or your priest,
or contact

Winnie Carey
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Oregon Episcopal Cursillo is a group of Episcopalians eager to develop lay leadership across the diocese.

More information is available online at <http://www.oregon-cursillo.org/>

35 Years

On Sunday, February 21, the Alcoholics Anonymous group that meets at St. George celebrated 35 years with us! We are thankful that we can be of service to our community in this way.

WELCOME TO
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Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

Lincoln Cathedral, Lincoln, England

Lincoln Cathedral is a Church of England cathedral and has been the seat of the Bishop of Lincoln since 1072.



Foundations were laid for the present building in 1088, but most of the cathedral was destroyed by an earthquake in 1185. Rebuilding and enlargement continued for hundreds of years, and the materials included stone taken from the Roman walls surrounding the city of Lincoln.

The spires were heightened during the 14th century and for 238 years this was the tallest building in the world, until the central spire collapsed in 1549. The other spires were removed for safety reasons in 1807, leaving the cathedral with the present day look.

One of the stone carvings within the cathedral is the Lincoln Imp. According to 14th century legend, two mischievousimps were sent by Satan to do evil work on earth. At Lincoln Cathedral they smashed tables and chairs and tripped up the Bishop. When an angel ordered them to stop,

one hid whilst the other sat on a stone pillar and threw rocks at the angel. This imp was turned to stone and can still be seen atop the stone pillar in the Angel Choir.



For hundreds of years the cathedral held one of only four copies of the Magna Carta. This copy was loaned to the United States and stayed for six months in the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California. The copy returned to the U.S. again in 2014-15 for another visit to mark the 800th anniversary of the document's signing in 1215.



The structure needs constant maintenance as stonework is beginning to crumble. Over a million dollars is spent each year on repairs.



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Senior Warden: Pete Benham
Junior Warden: Steve Thomas
Treasurer: Frank Graham

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

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer

