

Special points of interest:

- Mark your calendar for Holy Week Services
- Yard Sale (Woo Hoo!)
- Save the Dates



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday Watch

"Could you not watch with me one hour?" This is Jesus' question to the disciples, when he goes off to pray in the Garden before his arrest. You are invited to come and watch, come and pray, in the Chapel during the night of Maundy Thursday between 10 pm and 7 am.

Good Friday - 12 noon and 7:30 pm April 2

The Good Friday service features the reading of the Passion according to John as we celebrate the solemn liturgy.

The 7:30 p.m. service also features the reading of the Passion from John interspersed with poetry and special music. The reserved sacrament is also consumed at this service.

Great Vigil of Easter - 8:30 pm Saturday, April 3

This is the single most

sacred service of the entire year. We kindle the new fire, hear the story of our salvation history, celebrate baptism, and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter, in a celebration of the resurrection. Bring food to share for a reception/Easter celebration following the service!

Easter Sunday services - 8 and 10 am April 4

The celebration of Christ's resurrection will continue on Easter Sunday, with great joy that the powers of death have been defeated and that God's love has once again emerged victorious. Come and celebrate!

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From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Holy Week is upon us, that time when we gather to celebrate our faith and walk with Jesus over the last days of his life. These events have been remembered and observed by the faithful since the early days of Christianity, and by participating in these services that mark the end of Jesus' life, his death, and his resurrection, we step into the river of our tradition and connect not just with Jesus, but also with our spiritual ancestors. I hope to see you at these sacred services of Holy Week.

The details of the services are outlined in the newslet-

ter, but the basics are that we will gather for worship on Wednesday, March 31 with Tenebrae, on Thursday, April 1 with the Maundy Thursday meal and service; with Good Friday services on April 2; with the most sacred service of the year, the Easter Vigil, Saturday night April 3, and with Easter Services on Sunday, April 4. This year we will celebrate the baptisms of two of our members at the Easter Vigil, and I hope you will come to support James and Chris as they make their profession of faith.

I also want to let you know that the Vestry had a wonderful retreat in March, with

lots of great energy and ideas for this year. You should feel very good about this St. George's leadership team. While it's true that we have challenges to meet at St. George's, we also can feel good about our present and our future.

This week I was reflecting that this is my fifth Holy Week and Easter at St. George's, as I started my ministry with you before Easter in 2006. It is a privilege to celebrate another Eastertide with you and I look forward to this season as we say, Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Blessings,
Connie+

Confirmation and Reaffirmation – Saturday May 1 at the National Cathedral



This year the St. George's Confirmation class

includes ten adults and two teenagers, with eight being confirmed and four reaffirming their baptismal

vows. Everyone is invited to the National Cathedral on Saturday, May 1 at 10:00 am, when Stephen Haselton, David Hoke, Gene Ferrick, James Hsu, Mike Burger, Chris Nickas, Billy McNeel, and David Warn are confirmed as Episcopalians, and Roy Peterson, Mary Koster, Rich Koster, and Becky Sun-

day reaffirm their baptismal vows. Come and support your fellow St. Georgians and celebrate with Bishop Chane and the other churches of our Diocese in what is sure to be a wonderful service!

From the Senior Warden

Roy Peterson

As a member of this year's confirmation class, I want to focus my article for this month's Wider Circle on some processes of the church year. In class we are learning about how the Episcopal Church year works and how we can fo-

cus our faith in each of its seasons. This month we will celebrate Holy Week that will end with the Great Vigil of Easter and a glorious Easter Sunday. Easter is a moveable feast and it comes near the middle of the period that we think of as Easter-time

this year. The Council of Nicea in 325 established the date for Easter as the Sunday on or after the full moon following the vernal equinox. By this calculation, Easter Sunday may occur on any date from

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Vestry Notes

Fellowship, Inspiration, and Brownies Highlight St. George's Vestry Retreat

By Leslie Horne

Save the Dates

Sunday School April 11th and April 25th.


The St. George's Vestry—four new and five returning or continuing vestry members and our rector Connie—held its annual retreat on Friday evening and Saturday, March 12 and 13, at St. James' office building. It was a bitter-sweet experience—happy because we initiated a great new year together; sad because the venue was a reminder of the loss our sister parish has experienced.

The weekend got off to a raucous start with a lus-

cious evening meal featuring Roy and Connie's homemade soups, followed by Joann and Gene's brownies, which generated many irreverent remarks (yes, some of us were around in the 60s). Then the group got down to the serious business of getting to know one another and how we became involved with St. George's. Two aspiring counselors from the University of Maryland, Myra and Katie, were recruited by Joann to act as facilitators at no cost to St. George's. They led the vestry through many exercises on Friday and Saturday, from one-on-one inter-

views to small-group discussions to brainstorming.

By Saturday afternoon, the vestry had taken the energy generated by its work together and mapped out a number of tasks for the coming year. The retreat ended with Eucharist and renewed enthusiasm for the future healthy growth and development of St. George's.



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Mark your calendar

Top Ten Things you always wanted to know about the 2010 St. George's Spring Yard Sale

We will celebrate St. George's Day Sunday April 25 – join us as we remember our patron saint and have fun doing it!

10. Mary Koster is the coordinator –that crazy woman—so if you are interested in helping out, please contact her at maryflairdc@yahoo.com or 202-251-8894

9. And as if lunch wasn't enough, we sell baked good at the Yard Sale! Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated.

8. We sell lunch at the Yard Sale too (hotdogs, hamburgers and veggies options too). We welcome donations of money or food. And if you don't want to buy stuff at the Yard Sale, just stop by and have lunch with us!

7. We can use volunteers to help out in many way at the Yard Sale May 8th—sign up sheet to go up in April

6. We can use volunteers to help set up and price items on any of the dates below—sign up sheets go up in April.

5. ****NEW**** You can drop off your donated items to St. George's Church between 7:00-9:00 PM on May 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, or 7th! (That's right. 3 days more than last year). Those times not good for you?

You can call the church office (301-262-3285) to make an appointment to drop off your items.

4. The items you donate are tax deductible!

3. It's a great way to get rid of gently used clothing or household items that you don't need (Spring Cleaning, anyone?)

2. It's held Rain or Shine (in Miller Hall and the Narthex so we don't get drenched or sunburned)

1. It takes place on Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. See you there!

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Mission Statement

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We commit ourselves to spiritual growth through worship and education that empowers us to follow Christ's example in the world.

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March 22 to April 25. Next year it falls on April 24, almost the latest date possible. Much of the rest of the Christian year depends upon the date of Easter. The length of the Epiphany and Trinity seasons, the dates of Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Ascension Day, Whitsunday and Trinity Sunday are all determined by the date of Easter each year.

The Season of Easter continues into May. The Church color for the season is white. Ascension Day is Sunday, May 16, this year. The Season of

Easter ends on May 23, with the celebration of Whitsunday or Pentecost. This day is considered the birthday of the Christian Church. In earlier times, it ranked second only to Easter as a festival. Now it is considered one of the three great festivals each year. Whitsunday or Pentecost marks the end of the fifty-day celebration of Eastertide and the beginning of the Church season of Whitsuntide. The Church color for the season is white. The color for Whitsunday or Pentecost is red.

The Christian festival is called Pentecost because the event it commemorates took place on the Jewish day of Pentecost. It was the occasion, fifty days after Passover, when the first-fruits of the new crop were offered in gratitude for the harvest. Why Anglicans have traditionally called it Whitsunday is open to some argument.

However, we can be thankful that the snows we endured this winter are behind us. We can see God's hand in nature with flowers in bloom and gardens starting to

be planted. We can also see the hard work of the new vestry bearing fruit as we plan to help St. George's grow after an invigorating vestry retreat which was held March 12th and 13th. This season of growth is something all of us at St. George's will be working hard at to create a wonderful harvest of all God's gifts.