

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

If you need to speak to someone we're here to help. Call the church office at 410-742-6595. Office hours (Mon-Thurs, 8 am-12 Noon). For after hours contact, please use the Emergency Pager: 410-380-7052. Leave a call back number and a Vestry member will contact you ASAP.

Mini-chalices, are available Monday-Thursday 9am-12 Noon. If you are unable to come into the office, please call Stephanie and she will bring them outside. If you need mini-chalices delivered to your home, call Stephanie to make arrangements. Altar Guild has ordered juice and bread chalices for parishioners who would prefer those.

Bishop's Blog is going Virtual for Lent: Every Friday starting TODAY!! Faithful Fridays. The Bishop's first installment of Faithful Fridays is now available via the links below. Bishop San will be creating and posting a devotional video every Friday during Lent. The videos will be available via the Bishop's Blog <https://dioceseofeaston.org/communications/bishops-blog> on the Diocesan website as well as on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/EpiscopalDioceseOfEaston/?ref=bookmarks>

. Be sure to bookmark these links and tune in every Friday for inspiration and spiritual reflection.

Parish Office: on Thursday March 31 the parish office will open late. Stephanie has a Dr. Appointment and will return the office afterwards.

Spring Cleanup Day- the Property Committee would Love to invite you to our "Joyful Spring Clean Up Day" singing the Lord's praises, and ripping out Satan's weeds! We will spend two to four hours doing the above on **April 9th**, starting around **9AM**. So bring a strong voice, and garden tools, we look forward to seeing you then!

Lenten Bible study: If you wish to continue reading Psalms of Internal Lament this week for Bible study, the book suggests Psalms 49, 143, 51, 38, 25, and 130. Our fifth session for the Pilgrim's Path study of the Psalms will be Sunday, April 3 from 4:30 to 5:30 PM via zoom. Please use the link provided below.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85060437588?pwd=WVwXlajkyqnpvjdrzvptoxrnmhprqt09>

Meeting ID: 850 6043 7588 Passcode: 938593

Our theme for this week is Psalms of Reorientation, Thanksgiving and Enthronement. Our discussion will focus on Psalm 98 about the "Thy Kingdom Come." Arlene White will be the session leader. Please have your Bible with you and read the psalm in advance if possible.

*** *The New York Times* recently indicated that the following Psalms were being prayed worldwide for Ukraine, if you wish to add them to your list as well: Psalms 23, 31, 46 and 91.



Episcopal
Relief & Development
Working Together for Lasting Change

Episcopal Relief & Development is partnering with Anglican agencies and other ecumenical partners to provide humanitarian aid in response to the refugee crisis caused by the war in Ukraine. Partner with Episcopal Relief & Development by donating to the International Disaster Response Fund. Your support will help meet critical needs for people fleeing the violence including food, cash, blankets and hygiene supplies. Help today. Visit episcopalrelief.org/ukraine-crisis for info.

MARCH

THURSDAY, MARCH 31:
NO CHOIR REHEARSAL
Parish office will open late.

APRIL

SUNDAY, APRIL 3:
Deacon Mass, Rite I Service, 9:30am
NO MUSIC

LECTORS: Richard Hunter, Linda Torbert
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Megan Pomeroy
TECH TEAM: Brian Raygor, Beth Jones
VESTRY PERSON/USHER: Richard Hunter
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Torbert

THURSDAY, APRIL 7:
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 10:
PALM SUNDAY
Holy Eucharist Rite I Service, 9:30am

THURSDAY, APRIL 14:
Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 15:
Good Friday Service, 12:00pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 17:
EASTER SUNDAY
Holy Eucharist Rite II Service, 9:30am

THURSDAY, APRIL 22:
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 24:
Deacon Mass, Rite II Service, 9:30am

TUESDAY, APRIL 26:
Vestry Meeting, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 29:
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm

Happy Birthday

Cristina Machin 3/31

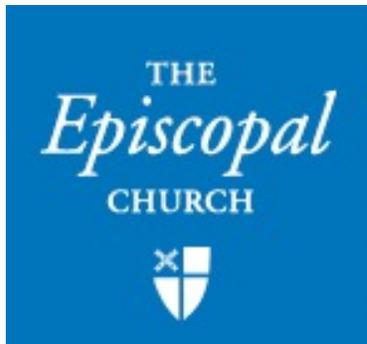
Mary Doak 4/01

Nancy Linck 4/02

Vic Evans 4/03



Link to Vestry Minutes and Financials:
Please click **HERE** for the approved Vestry Meeting Minutes and approved Financial Statement.
(Minutes and Financial are posted once they are approved.)



New poll confirms Jesus remains important spiritual figure, but pandemic had effect on religious activity.

Most Americans think religion makes the country stronger, but there is more work to do

A new national study, Jesus in America, was released today in a partnership between The Episcopal Church and Ipsos. The research found that while the majority of Americans polled believe Jesus was an important spiritual figure and want equality in society, it also showed Christians are not necessarily practicing what Jesus taught, and Americans feel judged when talking about their beliefs.

The study also found that the global pandemic has negatively impacted participation in organized religion — or religious activity — and more people are finding spiritual fulfillment in nature. In addition, while the church has been a place of community and non-judgment, some Americans feel that churches that discuss racism and slavery are acting with the wrong intentions.

Research data showed:

The majority of Americans (84%) believe Jesus is an important spiritual figure and want their children to grow up in a world where everyone is treated equally (86%).

Christians describe themselves as being giving (57%), compassionate (56%), loving (55%), respectful (50%) and friendly (49%), while non-Christians associate Christians with characteristics like hypocrisy (50%), being judgmental (49%), self-righteousness (46%), and arrogance (32%).

The COVID-19 pandemic has decreased participation in organized religion or religious activities for about 3 in 10 Americans (31%).

Younger Americans are more likely to say they are not religious (Gen Z 24% and Millennials 28%) than their older counterparts (Gen X 18% and Baby Boomers 12%).

Contrary to popular narrative, only 1 in 10 (11%) Americans believe that the events at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, were associated with organized religion. A majority, 63% of Americans, do not think the events are associated with religion, and 25% don't know/refused.

“We are encouraged that the research shows Americans still find Jesus compelling, but we also see that the behavior of many of his followers is a problem, and it's not just certain Christians: it's all Christians,” said Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. “This is a wake-up call for us, and based on what we have learned, we are refocusing our efforts on being a church that looks and acts like Jesus and models its behavior on his teachings. In this process, we hope to ignite a revival of love that encourages all Americans to do a better job of loving their neighbors.”

In this Lenten season, The Episcopal Church challenges all Americans, but particularly Christians, to model Jesus' teachings and treat all people justly, especially the most marginalized in society.

“Lent is a time of intentional reflection and action, and we are especially mindful of our resolve to continue building meaningful and inclusive communities in our post-pandemic world that encourage all Americans to listen without judgment and celebrate differences,” Curry said.

The Jesus in America study was a survey conducted using the probability-based KnowledgePanel. A total of 3,119 Americans, ages 18 and older, across a range of religions (Christian, non-Christian, atheist, and agnostic) participated in the study between Nov. 22, 2021, and Dec. 2, 2021. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. The study has a margin of error of +/- 2.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For more information and the full range of results from the Jesus in America study, visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/jesus-in-america/>.



CRISIS IN THE UKRAINE - BISHOP'S APPEAL

Bishop Marray requests donations for the on-going efforts for the crisis in the war-torn Ukraine. Your immediate support will help Episcopal Relief & Development and other Anglican partners provide humanitarian assistance to people fleeing the violence in the Ukraine.

Bishop Mark Edington, Bishop of The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe gave the House of Bishops meeting at Camp Allen, Texas, an update on the crisis. Bishop Edington reported on the major humanitarian crisis because of the ongoing invasion of Ukraine. He articulated the remarkable work done by our Churches in Europe and the invaluable support of Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD). Bishop Mark encourages donations be sent to ERD through individual dioceses for support to the churches in Europe.

Your gift will help provide cash, food, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needed assistance to families from Ukraine.

Please forward donations via check to: Diocese of Easton, 314 North Street, Easton, MD 21601 Memo: Ukraine.

Online donations can be made by clicking [HERE](#)

Please continue to pray for an end to this war and for our sisters and brothers on the frontline of this crisis.

Every blessing,

Bishop San

Easter Flowers

Please make check payable to St. Alban's Church and write "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. Return by Palm Sunday, April 10th
(Flower Offerings can be put in the offering plate on a Sunday morning, delivered to the office, or mailed to the parish post office box: St Alban's Church, PO Box 1511, Salisbury, MD 21802)

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