

Under Construction

Despite the snow, sleet and ice—Bishop Burnett made his annual visitation to St. David's on Sunday, February 21st—the First Sunday in Lent. It was a glorious celebration in worship, music and fellowship! The weather notwithstanding—a truly memorable time together....



For the Bishop's visit, we were privileged to be able to welcome *Graham House* (l)—playing French horn—accompanying *Ben Carlisle* (organ). Singing and music 'matched' the occasion! A tip o' the hat and our thanks to those who worked hard to make the Bishop's visit such a wonderful occasion—especially those who prepared/donated lunch, decorated and assisted in so many ways.... Bishop Burnett (r) standing with the newly confirmed—Lana Young (l) and Sue Pate (r).

In his sermon, Bishop Burnett challenged each one of us to observe a 'holy Lent;' playing on a common David Letterman program theme, Bishop Joe provided his own 'Top 10-List'—priorities of which we ought to be particularly mindful. Given in 'reverse order,' they are [from Fr. Don Hanway's notes:]:



- 10) Resolve to reclaim your life and time from compulsion and addiction.
- 9) Plan your funeral.
- 8) Rediscover (at least weekly) the joy of marriage.
- 7) Undertake daily prayer—especially listening.
- 6) Resolve to refrain from speaking unkindly about others.
- 5) Don't eat everything on your plate.
- 4) Give something back to the (church and wider) community.
- 3) Learn more about your faith.
- 2) Reduce dependence on daily indulgences.
- 1) Don't let your Rule of Life become RULER of your life.

With the Bishop's visitation—we began using a Eucharistic liturgy from the Episcopal Church's series *Enriching Our Worship*; we will continue its use throughout Lent (10:30 a.m. worship). Also during Lent, we will use as a model for the *Prayers of the People* a format developed by an Episcopal congregation (in California) which focuses our prayerful attention on current issues (e.g. the earthquakes in Haiti and Chili) as occasion for intercession. While part of the beauty of worship in the Episcopal Church is its 'methodical' rhythm—we also want to keep it vital and alive. Small changes, while not upsetting the proverbial applecart, help us to do both. Also during Lent (10:30 a.m.) we use a beautiful (sung) setting for the *Kyrie*—and verses from Lenten hymns as *Fraction anthem*.

advance notice...

On *Thursday, April 15th*, Sidnie White Crawford, Willa Cather Professor of Classics and Religious Studies, Chair, Classics and Religious Studies at UNL, will give the spring Nebraska Lecture on "The Dead Sea Scrolls After 60 Years: What Have We Learned?" The lecture will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Nebraska Union, 14th and R Streets—a reception follows. The even is free and open to the public—everyone is invited to attend. Dr. Crawford's research is impressive—and the Nebraska Lecture provides an opportunity for the university's leading researchers to share their work with the campus and community.



In Memorium:
Jolene Woodhead
February 6, 1933—February 7, 2010

As a congregation and community, we gathered one last time on Tuesday, February 16th to celebrate Jolene's life and to bid a final farewell. Seen here (about three years ago) helping to sew blankets for the needy—Jolene will be remembered as one who touched the lives of many. Active locally in the ministries of Matt Talbot and the Food Bank, her 'reach' to help others was truly an extension of her faith. Perhaps she would have found it ironic and brought a smile that we would celebrate her life on Mardi Gras. For all those whose lives have been touched by Jolene—she will be deeply missed.

from the lectionary...

March 7th	Lent III	Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-9 Epistle: I Corinthians 10:1-13	Psalm: 63 [vs. 1-8] Gospel: Luke 13:1-9
March 14th	Lent IV	Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12 Epistle: II Corinthians 5:16-21	Psalm: 32 Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
March 21st	Lent V	Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21 Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14	Psalm: 126 Gospel: John 12:1-8
March 28th	Palm Sunday	[At the liturgy of the palms:] Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11	Lesson: Luke 19:28-40 Psalm: 31 [vs. 9-16] Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56 [Read in parts.]
April 1st	Maundy Thursday	Lesson: Exodus 2:1-4, 11-14 Epistle: I Corinthians 11:23-26	Psalm: 116 [vs. 1-2, 12-19] Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35
April 2nd	Good Friday	Lesson: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	Psalm: 22 Gospel: John 18:1-19:43

Out & about

Congratulations to *Sarah Grubb* and *Marie Odgers*—both were recommended for ordination to the vocational diaconate by the Standing Committee.... A date for their ordination at St. David's—sometime after Easter—will be arranged as it can be coordinated with the Bishop's schedule. Continue to hold *Jack Shadley*, *Joy Langston*, and the *Woodhead family* in your prayers. Congratulations to *Jim Shadley* whose grandson wrestled his way to the State Tournament in Omaha. He wrestled several good matches—and is ranked 7th in the State! Quite an accomplishment.... *Inez Giles*—recuperating from hip surgery at the Ambassador Nursing Home—is now residing at the Legacy (on Fremont St.) Thanks to *Jo Bomberger*, *Sharon & Tom Beachell*, *Lana Young*, *Kathy Benson*, *Sue Pate*, *Kathi & Jim Shadley* and *Sherril Whitaker*—and those who donated desserts—who helped with the reception following Jolene's service.... Nice to see *Harold Remmenga* visit recently; he has been living in Iowa since his accident many months ago.

Mardi Gras...Shrove Tuesday



Thanks to *Ray Wilson*—whose gluten-free pancakes and home-grown jelly (the fruit was grown in the St. David's garden by Ray this past summer—when was that?) were a real 'hit' and *Shirley White*—helping to turn pancakes in the kitchen and whose colorful apron added to the sense of festivity....



Lent 'can't begin' without *Carnival—Mardi Gras—Shrove Tuesday*—the day prior to Ash Wednesday—and that means an adequate supply of noise-makers, table-decorations—and *beads!* *Kathy Benson* helps to arrange and decorate tables to prepare for the festival—even decorating herself!.... A good crowd enjoyed the evening....

Super thanks to all those who made the effort to help prepare for the celebration—and insure its success!

Christian education news...



In the *Gospel of Thomas*—saying 13 reads: "Jesus said to his disciples, 'Compare me to something and tell me what I am like.' Simon Peter said to him, 'You are like a just messenger.' Matthew said to him, 'You are like a wise philosopher.' Thomas said to him, 'Teacher, my mouth is utterly unable to say what you are like.'" That sounds like Peter's encounter with Jesus—in which he proclaims Jesus to be 'the Christ.' However, *absent* from the *Gospel of Thomas* is any reference to the *passion story, crucifixion*—and subsequent *resurrection*.

For Christians since the first centuries, the story of Jesus' passion has been integral to identifying 'who Christ is'—for the early Church and for you and me. Jesus is 'more than' a 'just

messenger' and 'wise philosopher.' Of course, Jesus was a teacher—yet 'more than' that, too! Jesus is the 'One who died for us'—as Paul will say time-and-again. Using Marcus Borg and J.D. Crossan's book *The Last Week* as a guide—we will explore this important theological transition—and move from a study of the *Gospel of Thomas* to the *Passion Story* as told in the *Gospel of Mark*.

In advance—readings:

Feb. 28th	Mark's account of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem [Mk. 11:1-11]
Mar. 7th	Temple scene and fig tree [Mk. 11:12-25]
Mar. 14th	Anointing (for burial?) [Mk. 14:1-11]
Mar. 21st	'Last Supper' [Mk. 14:12-25]
Mar. 28th	The end as new beginning [Mk. 15:1-21]

Youth will continue with Rite-13 study facilitated by Sarah Grubb in the classroom.

Format for Sunday—Prayers of the People

For quite some time, we have had difficulty keeping our prayer list current—used on Sunday mornings during the *Prayers of the People*. Some names on the list have been on for a long time—and rightly need to be continued; others might well be removed from the list—but how do we tell?

The *Music & Worship Committee* has suggested the following format (used in other congregations)—which we will try, beginning Sunday, March 7th.

A clipboard with space to add the names of those for whom you wish intercessions will be placed in the narthex—simply add a name(s) to the list each

Sunday as you enter the Sanctuary; a reader will collect the list prior to our worship and read the names at the appropriate time. Or, in the silence after the available names are read in the Prayers, you may include any name(s) you wish. Each Sunday we start with a new list.

If prayers are desired for a

longer period (e.g. someone with a long-term illness or recovery)—let us know in the office, and we will include the name(s) on the Sunday-by-Sunday list for up to a month. After that, you will need to add them again.

We do *not* want to 'not pray' for persons—but we do need to initiate some manner by which we keep our list current. Thank you for understanding.

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9:40 Music/ Worship	3 5:45 Supper 6:30 Worship 7:30 Cong/Choir 7:30 '12-Step'	4 1:30 Lydia Sister 6:30 Theological Brew	5	6
7 Lent III 8:00 Eucharist 9:25 Education 10:15 Singing 10:30 Eucharist 11:45 Vestry 2:30 Sudanese	8	9 9:40 Music/ Worship	10 5:45 Supper 6:30 Worship 7:30 Cong/Choir 7:30 '12-Step'	11 1:30 Lydia Sister 6:30 Theological Brew	12	13
14 Lent IV 8:00 Eucharist 9:25 Education 10:15 Singing 10:30 Eucharist 2:30 Sudanese	15 5:00 Matt Talbot	16 9:40 Music/ Worship 6:00 Diocesan Communications Comm. (Omaha)	17 5:45 Supper 6:30 Worship 7:30 Cong/Choir 7:30 '12-Step'	18 1:30 Lydia Sister 6:30 Theological Brew	19	20
21 Lent V 8:00 Eucharist 9:25 Education 10:15 Singing 10:30 Eucharist 2:30 Homestead 2:30 Sudanese	22	23 9:40 Music/ Worship	24 5:45 Supper 6:30 Worship 7:30 Cong/Choir 7:30 '12-Step'	25 1:30 Lydia Sister 6:30 Theological Brew	26 Presiding Bishop visits Diocese →	27
28 Palm Sunday 8:00 Eucharist 9:25 Education 10:15 Singing 10:30 Eucharist 2:30 Sudanese	29	30 9:40 Music/ Worship	31 [No supper or Wed. worship in Holy Week.] 7:30 '12-Step'			



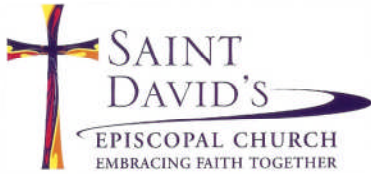
Calendar notes:

- Vestry meets 1st Sunday—March 7th—this month following 10:30 a.m. worship.
- No supper or regularly scheduled worship, Cong/Choir on Wednesday, 31st—we will gather, instead, on Maundy Thursday, April 1st for an Agape Meal, Eucharist and stripping of the altar.
- No Theological Brew on Maundy Thursday, April 1st.

Lay worship ministries...

February 28th	8:00 a.m.	Acolyte: Jaclyn Anderson LEM: Woody Woodhead	Lector: Jaclyn Anderson
	10:30 a.m.	Acolyte: Jim Shadley LEM: Jim Shadley & Tom Beachell Vestryperson: Sarah Crose Altar Guild: Sarah Grubb, Sue Martin	Lector: Marie Odgers Greeter: Marie & Richard Odgers Nursery: Kathy Benson
March 7th	8:00 a.m.	Acolyte: Sarah Grubb LEM: Woody Woodhead	Lector: Woody Woodhead
	10:30 a.m.	Acolyte: Kate Comstock LEM: Marti Fritzen & Jody Workman Vestryperson: Eric Woodhead Altar Guild: Sharon & Tom Beachell, Kathi & Jim Shadley	Lector: Jody Workman Greeter: Sharon & Tom Beachell Nursery: Kathi Shadley
March 14th	8:00 a.m.	Acolyte: Sarah Grubb LEM: Sarah Grubb	Lector: Sarah Grubb
	10:30 a.m.	Acolyte: Gene Langston LEM: Gene & Joy Langston Vestryperson: Jo Bomberger Altar Guild: Ione Hieter, Sharon & Tom Beachell	Lector: Sarah Crose Greeter: Kathi & Jim Shadley Nursery: Natalie Benson
March 21st	8:00 a.m.	Acolyte: Jaclyn Anderson LEM: Woody Woodhead	Lector: Jaclyn Anderson
	10:30 a.m.	Acolyte: Kallie Comstock LEM: Jo Bomberger & Tom Beachell Vestryperson: Marti Fritzen Altar Guild: Sarah Grubb, Joy Langston	Lector: Natalie Benson Greeter: Marti Fritzen Nursery: Sharon Beachell
March 28th	8:00 a.m.	Acolyte: Sarah Grubb LEM: Woody Woodhead	Lector: Woody Woodhead
	10:30 a.m.	Acolyte: Tom Beachell LEM: Jim Shadley & Joy Langston Vestryperson: Tom Beachell Altar Guild: Sarah Grubb, Sue Martin	Lector: Joy Langston Greeter: Marie & Richard Odgers Nursery: Jo Bomberger
April 1st	7:00 p.m.	Acolyte: Jim Shadley LEM: Jim Shadley & Marti Fritzen Altar Guild: Sharon Beachell, Kathi Shadley	Lector: Jim Shadley Greeter: Kathy Benson
April 4th	8:00 a.m.	Acolyte: Jaclyn Anderson LEM: Woody Woodhead	Lector: Woody Woodhead
	10:30 a.m.	Acolyte: Jim Shadley LEM: Jim Shadley & Jody Workman Vestryperson: James Froseiser Altar Guild: Sharon & Tom Beachell, Kathi & Jim Shadley	Lector: Jody Workman Greeter: Sharon & Tom Beachell Nursery: Kathi Shadley

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Holy Week—begins March 28th...

Palm (Passion) Sunday March 28th

8:00 a.m. Blessing/distribution of Palms and Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Blessing/distribution of Palms and Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday April 1st

6:00 p.m. Agape Meal in the parish hall [See sign-up to help with food items.]
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday April 2nd

12:00 noon Liturgy and Stations of the Cross
6:30 p.m. Liturgy and Stations of the Cross

Easter Sunday April 4th

8:00 a.m. Lighting of the Paschal Candle and Holy Eucharist
[Ben Carlisle will sing the Exsultet. Kathy Robson, organist.]
10:30 a.m. Festive Holy Eucharist with special music
[Once again, *Graham House* will be our guest on French horn to accompany Ben Carlisle on the organ.]



Please note:

1. Our regularly scheduled Wednesday evening supper and worship is 'moved' to Maundy Thursday [i.e. *no* supper or worship on Wednesday, March 31st] so that we might all gather as a congregation for the Agape Meal and Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar. ['12-Step' program *will* meet as scheduled on Wednesday.]
2. Theological Brew, Bible study and conversation for young adults regularly meeting on Thursdays—will *not* meet on Maundy Thursday (April 1st.) [See *Facebook* page for complete details and schedule.]