

# MARCH 2021

## St. Peter's Episcopal Church

*St. Peter's Church was organized in 1885 and the cornerstone was dedicated September 5th, 1886. This structure still stands on Brown Avenue in Norfolk. The first worship service at our present site was in the parish hall on Christmas Eve, 1959. All existing construction was completed in 1965.*

3rd,10th,17th,24th.....Evening Prayer/Teaching, 7PM  
4th.....Town Hall meeting, (zoom) 7:30PM  
8th.....Ladies Lunch, 12:30PM,  
Vestry meeting 7PM  
14th.....Daylight Savings Time begins  
21st.....Day School Open House, 4-5PM  
28th.....Palm Sunday

**“Celebrating and Proclaiming our Life in Jesus Christ!”**

## “THE CALL”

### St. Peter's Episcopal Church

224 S. Military Highway  
Norfolk, VA 23502  
Phone: 757-466-9392



## PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

**Men's Bible Study**– Tuesday mornings at 7:30AM when **Covid 19 restrictions are lifted**.

**The Intercessory Prayer Group** Meet Sunday mornings at 9AM in the Diffenbaugh Library. They meet again once restrictions are lifted. If you are unable to attend any Sunday, you may request the group pray for you or your loved one by writing on a prayer card and placing it in the Prayer Box on the table in the parish hall or in the Narthex. All prayers are kept confidential within the group.

**Men's & Women's Cursillo Group** will meet again when the **Covid 19 restrictions are lifted**. They meet at 6:15PM

**Co-ed Bible Study Group** will resume Wednesdays when the **Covid 19 restrictions are lifted**. They meet at 7PM.

*Please keep these people in your prayers*

June Faye & Joe	Joan	Charlie
BJ	Hazel	Niko
Lois	Sebastian	Jessica
Audrey	Wayne	Josephine
Patsi	Vickie	Steve
Joyce	Joy	Billy
Xander & Family	John	Kathie
Johnny & Nancy	Debra	Lisa
Debbie & Kenny	Christine	Karen
The Benn Family	Cheryl	Jessica
Florence & Howard	Kathy	Bonnie
Clay & Wanda	Daniel	Ruth
Bert & Ann	Mary	Buddy
Katie	Tark	Teresa
Debbie H.	Bobbi	Vickie
Carol	Rosanna	Barbara
Carl & Janice	Chris	Rod

In these trying times, while we cannot gather, some of us have decided to take on a new mission; remembering those in assisted living and nursing homes. This ministry is called "Acts of Kindness". We have made and delivered Valentine bundles for the residents of Providence Place of De Paul. We intend to continue with an Easter project, and we hope this will be an ongoing ministry, remembering others by serving them with love. Call the church if you would like to join us in this effort.

**We need small items for the bundles e.g. individual wrapped candy (nothing caramel or sticky), cracker packets, small trinkets, bunnies, chicks, Easter grass, pastel Kleenex packs and large pastel plastic Solo cups. Please bring your contributions to the church office by March 15th. Thank you in advance for your "Acts of Kindness". For more information contact Nancy Comfort or Charlotte Corbett**



## ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to give altar flowers any Sunday through the year, please call the church office 466-9392. We **are** allowed to have fresh flowers on the altar through the pandemic. The flowers are \$60 each week, or \$30 when two people give on the same Sunday.



# MARCH 2021

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings , on the 1st Sunday of the month

## *Happy Birthday*

Debbie Whitehorne	3rd
Joseph Kallestad	4th
Sophia Lassiter	10th
Carys Shreve	18th
Dot Pierce	29th

## *No March Anniversaries*

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes
Rector	The Rev. Jesse R. Lassiter
Secretary	Vel Shreve
Organist	Elizabeth Miller
Treasurer	Charlie Pfeifer
Sexton	Kevin Bates

### VESTRY MEMBERS

Bruce Comfort, Sr. Warden ('22)

Howard Belote, Jr. Warden ('21)

Charlie Pfeifer ('21) Charlotte Corbett('22)

Linsey Shreve ('21) Ana Nowland ('22)

Susan Sigler ('21) Jason Nowland ('22)

Kimberly Truxell ('23)



Would you like to  
receive Holy Eucharist  
at home?

During this difficult time of  
the pandemic, our priest,  
Father Jesse, will bring  
Eucharist to you . You need  
to call the church office to  
request a visit

### THE NEXT LADIES LUNCH

Monday, March 8th, 12:30pm. They  
meet at Kelly's Tavern, in the Haygood  
Shopping Center, Virginia Beach



For more information or  
to RSVP, call Millie Cow-  
ard at 455-5887

### **MANY THANKS**

To all those who continue to send  
their pledges and tithes to church.  
This helps us keep current with our  
bills and our expenses. Thank you!

### **DAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

**Sunday, March 21st**

**4-5PM**

Come visit the classrooms and  
meet the teachers! We are currently enrolling  
students for the 2021/22 school year.



The deadline for articles for the  
April issue of The Call is:  
March 15th,

Send articles to :

vel@stpeters-norfolk.org  
or call the church office at 466-9392

# Palm Sunday— March 28th

**Holy Eucharist**

**Liturgy of the Palms**

**Passion Narrative—9AM**

The palm crosses will be handed out during Holy Week. Come by church any weekday between 7:30AM and 2PM for your palm cross



**SUPPORT OUR VETERANS** The Veteran's Administration in Hampton is accepting **toiletries, candy, games, etc.** They **are not** accepting used clothing at the moment, due to the pandemic. Please bring the items you are donating to church and Bill Weissner will deliver them to the hospital. **Toiletries are needed the most.** Thank you for your continued support!

## **GOD BLESS OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.”. (Ephesians 6:10-11)

Joey  
David  
Kyle  
Christopher  
Jared  
Chloe

Bucky  
Bob  
Mike  
Jennifer  
Courtney  
Michael

Jarod  
Mario  
Allan  
Frank  
Jonathan  
Aaron



## **THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

There will be no more Prayer Shawl meetings until further notice. Hopefully restrictions will be lifted soon. We will keep you informed. Meanwhile keep on knitting, crocheting and looming. In February the group made 2 infant hats, and 65 preemie hats. For the 'Acts of Kindness' Ministry, they made 56 flowers and 21 prayer squares. If you would like to join this ministry or for more information call Millie Coward at 455-5887

They are still collecting yarn. If you have yarn you do not need please consider donating it to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Thank you!



## MARCH ASSIGNMENTS

### **March 3—2nd Wednesday in Lent**

Lector

Bruce Comfort

Altar Guild Duty

Vel Shreve

### **March 7—3rd Sunday in Lent**

Lector

Larry Shreve

Altar Guild Duty

Vel Shreve, Millie Coward

### **March 10—3rd Wednesday in Lent**

Lector

Bruce Comfort

Altar Guild Duty

Vel Shreve

### **March 14—4th Sunday in Lent**

Lector

Jeffrey Pfeifer

Altar Guild Duty

Vel Shreve, Charlotte Corbett

### **March 17—4th Wednesday in Lent**

Lector

Bruce Comfort

Altar Guild Duty

Vel Shreve

### **March 21—5th Sunday in Lent**

Lector

Jason Nowland

Altar Guild Duty

Jessica Trochanowski, Vel Shreve

### **March 24th—5th Wednesday in Lent**

Lector

Bruce Comfort

Altar Guild Duty

Vel Shreve

### **March 28—Palm Sunday**

Lector

Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild Duty

Nancy Comfort, Millie Coward

### **March 31—Wednesday in Holy Week**

Lector

Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild Duty

Nancy Comfort, Millie Coward

**REMINDER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY,  
MARCH 14TH, DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!**



# March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Evening Prayer 7PM  Lenten Teaching 7:30PM	4 <b>TOWN HALL MEETING</b> on ZOOM 7:30PM	5	6
7  9AM Holy Eucharist Rite I	8  <b>LADIES LUNCH</b> at Kelly's Tavern in Haygood, Va Beach 12:30PM	9	10  Evening Prayer 7PM  Lenten Teaching 7:30PM	11	12	13
14  9AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  <b>Daylight Savings Time begins</b>	15	16	17  Evening Prayer 7PM  Lenten Teaching 7:30PM	18	19	20
21  9AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  <b>Day School Open House 4-5PM</b>	22	23	24  Evening Prayer 7PM  Lenten Teaching 7:30PM	25	26	27
28 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Holy Eucharist Rite II Liturgy of the Palms and The Passion Narrative 9AM	29	30	31 <b>HOLY WEDNESDAY</b> Lenten Liturgy (known to us as Tenebrae) 7PM	1 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Holy Eucharist Rite II and Stripping of the Altar 7PM	2 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Good Friday Liturgy at noon followed by The Way of the Cross	<b>Flowering the Cross.</b> Bring your flowers to church. The cross will be outside the front doors of church and will be in church for Easter Day

# THE SEASON OF LENT 2021

St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Norfolk, Virginia 23502

*"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the  
Church, to the observance of a holy Lent..."*  
(BCP p.265)



## ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17

Ash Wednesday Liturgy at Noon and 7PM  
with Imposition of Ashes at both services  
(both services are virtual or may  
be heard on FM radio at 101.1)

# GOOD FRIDAY

April 2

Noon - Good Friday Liturgy  
live streamed at noon with  
The Way of the Cross



*The Way of the Cross is also known as the "Stations of the Cross". This beautiful service is an observance of the events of the Passion Narrative with time for prayer, meditation and sharing.*

# EASTER SUNDAY

April 4

9:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Flowering of the Cross



*You are invited to bring flowers for the Cross on Holy Saturday. The cross will be Outside the front doors of church until Easter morning.*



## SUNDAY MORNINGS IN LENT

February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21

9:00AM    Holy Eucharist Rite II  
              *Drama Monologues*  
              *Lighting of the Lenten Wreath*

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24

7:00PM    Evening Prayer  
              and Lenten Teaching

## PALM SUNDAY

March 28

9:00AM    Holy Eucharist Rite II  
              with Liturgy of the Palms  
              and the Passion Narrative



Palm crosses may be picked up from church during  
Holy Week, March 29 – April 2

# WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Wednesday March 31

7PM

*The distinctive feature of this liturgy is gradual extinction of all the lights in the church. This is symbolic of the apparent victory of the powers of darkness over our Lord in his Passion. However, Jesus proved himself to be the Light of the World and conquered the powers of darkness with his victorious Resurrection on Easter morning.*



*The All Night Prayer Vigil that typically happens in church from 8PM on Maundy Thursday until 12 Noon on Good Friday,*



*will not take place this year, but you are encouraged to have your own Prayer Vigil at home in the silence of the night time hours.*

*"Could you not keep watch with me one hour?"  
(Matthew 26:40)*

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

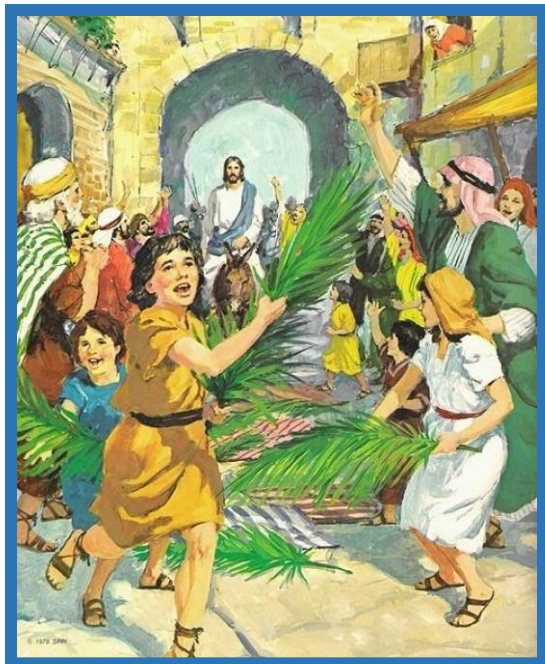
April 1

7PM

Holy Eucharist Rite II/  
Stripping of the Altar

# St. Peter's Children's Ministry

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## What is Palm Sunday?

Palm Sunday marks the day Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on a donkey, just a few days before he was betrayed by his friend Judas Iscariot, one of the 12 apostles, put on trial and sentenced to death by crucifixion. The day is called 'Palm Sunday' because the people of Jerusalem threw palm leaves to the floor as a greeting when he arrived. Nowadays Palm Sunday is commemorated by a ritual procession of people carrying palm branches, or if these are not available, branches from yew, willow and olive trees into church. These palms are then blessed, and sometimes fashioned into crosses. Palm Sunday is always the Sunday before Easter and is also the final day of lent.

## Why palms and a donkey?

Back in 5BC-AD33, palm leaves and branches were a sign of homage and thrown before people of great respect. The people also threw down their cloaks and clothes. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a humble donkey as a symbol of peace – whereas if he had strode in on a horse, often used in battle, he could have been seen as an aggressor.



## What happens to the palms after Palm Sunday?

Because the palms are blessed they cannot simply be thrown out as rubbish or discarded. Instead, the palms are burned after being used during the Palm Sunday ceremony and the ashes are used to mark parishioner's foreheads on the next Ash Wednesday (start of lent).

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## Dates to Remember

- ❖ **Mar 7<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Birthday Blessings**  
John 2:13-22 Jesus Clears the Temple Courts
- ❖ **Mar 14<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
John 3:14-21 Jesus teaches Nicodemus
- ❖ **Mar 21<sup>st</sup> – Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
John 12:20-33 Jesus predicts His death
- ❖ **Mar 28<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday**  
Mark 15:1-39 Jesus before Pilate

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**Happy Birthday Carys Shreve!**

(March 18<sup>th</sup>)



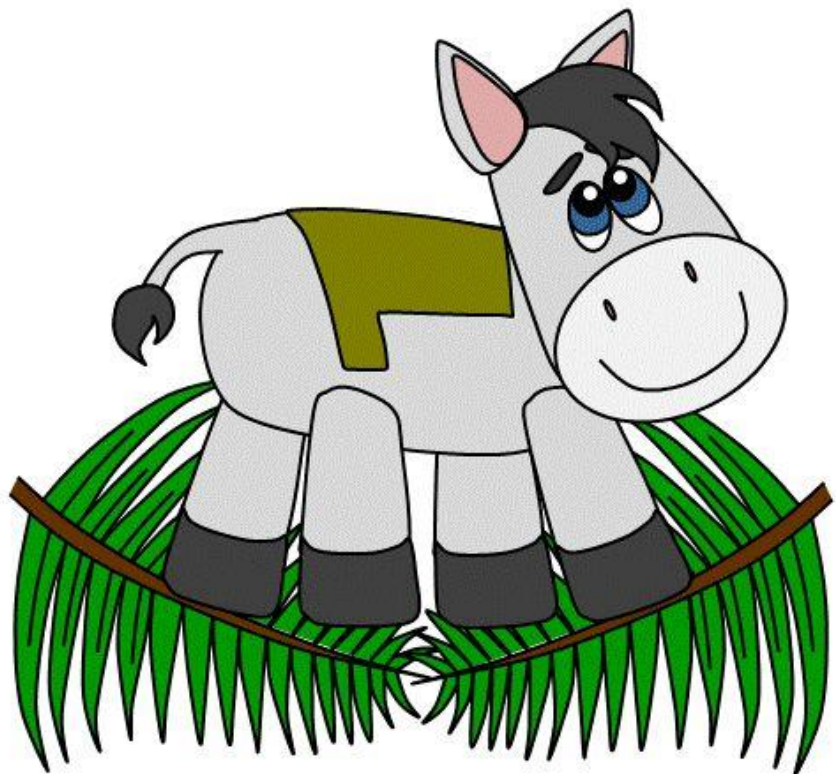
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## People Wave Palms to Jesus

S D A N Y C O W Q D R S I B C V  
B E M R X O M R E E D K M R A A  
Y R H F A A C F G S J O O L N Y  
J T G C H T G J L S Q W N N A R  
Z H N J N S I G V E D U A K E P  
X V I L L A G E T L W S U S E J  
M E L A S U R E J B O Q P M H Y  
T C N V J U E B Z H B Q D V P C

blessed  
branches  
coats  
crowd  
donkey  
Hosanna  
Jerusalem  
Jesus  
palms  
village



# A Prayer during the Corona Virus Pandemic:

Heavenly Father, as our nation and our communities, and the whole world live in fear and anxiety as the COVID-19 Virus continues to spread; we pray that you would put your divine touch upon your creation and heal us completely in body, mind and spirit.

Give us the grace to seek your face and to seek your guidance and direction in all we do. Help us to draw strength from the faith you've given each of us, and protect us from all undue fear, anxiety and depression.

We pray for protection for, and give thanks for, all those who daily make themselves vulnerable and put their lives on the line to help us, heal us, and keep us safe: for all doctors, nurses and others who staff our hospitals and nursing homes and health care offices and facilities; for all first responders, for police officers, firefighters, National Guard units, and other military service people. For the employees of all food stores, home improvement centers, pharmacies, and restaurants that remain open to serve us in the midst of this crises.

For those around the world – the scientists and medical staffs who are working endless hours, using the knowledge and wisdom you have given them to find answers on how to stop the spread of this virus and to develop a vaccine to prevent it. Bless their efforts, Lord, and protect them.

For the leaders of the nations of the world, our country, and our communities; that they would look to you for guidance and direction as they make decisions about relaxing restrictions and how best to care for the people you've placed in their care.

Most of all, Lord, we pray that you would help us to remember that you are the Sovereign Lord of the universe and that you rule over heaven and earth and are in charge of all things, and that you have promised to walk with us each minute of each day. Help us to trust you and to find peace in that promise. **Amen.**

# Priest's Letter

## Holy Week

Though it might feel like Lent just started, Holy Week is just around the corner. The Episcopal Church has had a long-standing tradition of celebrating Holy Week by keeping the Triduum (pronounced TRID-oo-um). This tradition stretches back to at least the time of St. Augustine of Hippo who lived from 354 to 430 AD. The Triduum consists of three liturgies on the last three days of Holy Week. They are Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. "But that's four days!!" you say. Right you are, dear reader. However, Christians adopted the Jewish tradition of the new day starting at sundown. So Maundy Thursday (a Thursday evening service) would be considered to place on Friday; Good Friday takes place on Friday during the day; Holy Saturday takes place on Saturday, and Easter Sunday takes place on Saturday night. Sound confusing? IT IS.

Not to worry. Our plan for Holy Week will not be so complicated or confusing. We are going to have Lenten Liturgy on Wednesday night at 7PM in Holy Week. This will look a lot like Tenebrae with a few changes. Thursday, we will have a Maundy Thursday Liturgy at 7PM. Friday, we will have a Good Friday Liturgy with Stations of the Cross at noon. Easter Sunday will be celebrated at 9:00 AM.

A quick note about each of these services. Tenebrae is a combination of monastic prayer services for the Triduum. Monks have prayer services eight times a day (they have to wake up for two of them in the middle of the night!!). This schedule is quite exhausting during Holy Week, so they would do a whole lot of services together on Wednesday night and be free to get ready for the Triduum. A full Tenebrae service lasts over two hours (!) so I thought doing something shorter and with hymns would be more appropriate this year. It should look familiar to what you have done in the past. Maundy Thursday is a Eucharist that traditionally has a foot washing aspect where everyone washes everyone else's feet. This would be against COVID-19 protocol, so we won't be doing that. Also, in the Maundy Thursday Liturgy, the stripping of the Altar takes place at the end. The Good Friday Liturgy will feature readings, a sermon, and prayers. All of these liturgies (except Tenebrae) are in the Book of Common Prayer on pages 274-282. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

May you continue to have a Blessed and Holy Lent,

Jesse+