

# MAY 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.*

1st.....John's Farewell Party  
6th.....National Day of Prayer  
9th.....Mother's Day  
10th.....Vestry meeting, 7PM  
31st.....Memorial Day, Office &  
Day School closed

**“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



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

### *Happy Birthday*

Bobbi Bowery	2nd
Zachary DeLoatche	13th
Bruce Comfort	25th
Charlie Pfeifer	27th
BJ Neaves	30th

### *May Anniversaries*

Karen & Steve Kakol	17th
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### **THE NEXT LADIES' LUNCH**

Monday, May 10th, 12:30pm.  
They meet at Brickhouse Diner in  
the Providence Shopping Center,  
in Virginia Beach. For more  
information or to RSVP, call  
Millie Coward at 455-  
5887



### **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	Jeff Buckner

### **VESTRY MEMBERS**

Bruce Comfort, Sr. Warden	(‘22)
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Howard Belote, Jr. Warden	(‘21)
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Charlie Pfeifer	(‘21)	Charlotte Corbett	(‘22)
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Linsey Shreve	(‘21)	Ana Nowland	(‘22)
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Susan Sigler	(‘21)	Jason Nowland	(‘22)
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James Benn	(‘22)	Kimberly Truxell	(‘23)
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Nancy Comfort	(‘22)
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### **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!

## INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST

On Wednesday, May 5th at 7PM, in church. in person, Father Jesse will be leading an Instructed Eucharist, Rite I lesson. An informative lesson for those who would like to learn more about the Eucharist. The lesson lasts about an hour. You will be on your way home by 8PM.

*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	Barbara	Karen
The Benn Family	Cheryl	Jessica
Florence	Bonnie	Chris
Clay & Wanda	Daniel	Ruth
Bert & Ann	Mary	Buddy
Katie	Tark	Teresa
Debbie H.	Bobbi	Patti
Carol	Rosanna	Jeff
Carl & Janice	Rod	Kathy
Bernadette	Mark	

***MANY THANKS*** to the Farewell Committee, who donated their time, food, and \$'s toward Papa John's Retirement Party. It was a huge success!

***A special THANK YOU*** to our Parish Family for their generous donations to John's gift. Thank you all!

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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



## **ACTS OF KINDNESS**



**This ministry started out of need to the community, to serve those who would appreciate a little 'cheering up'. Easter baskets were made and given to the residents of Providence Place Nursing Home. They plan on doing more uplifting things in the near future, something for July 4th. They welcome anyone who is interested in joining this ministry.**

**We welcome any ideas you may have. Please contact Nancy Comfort 480-0316 or Charlotte Corbett 474-2214 for more information.**



Would you like to  
receive Holy Eucharist  
at home?

During this difficult time of  
the pandemic, Father Jesse,  
will bring Eucharist to you  
at home . You need to call  
the church office to  
request a visit  
466-9392

## SUMMER CAMP & SCHOOL REGISTRATION

We are currently accepting registrations for  
the 2021/22 school year and also  
for Summer Camp. We teach  
children ages 2-Kindergarten.  
Summer Camp begins June 21st  
and school begins September 7th.  
Call the office for more  
information or to reserve your  
spot 466-9392.



**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 April the group made  
68 preemie hats, 14 infant hats, 11 Prayer Squares and 2  
preemie blankets .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!



# St. Peter's Children's Ministry

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## The Vine and the Branches

Can you turn a lamp light on if the lamp is not plugged in? Of course not! This reminds me of something Jesus said in the Bible. He told His disciples a story to help them understand why it's important to stay connected to Him. But He didn't use a lamp. In His example there was a grapevine. A vine is a plant with a lot of branches growing out from it. The branches have fruit on them. So grapevines have grapes on them.

Think about a branch that's been broken off of a tree or a vine. What happens to it? It withers up and dies. It can't ever have fruit on it again; it's not good for anything except firewood.

Jesus said, *"I am the vine and you are the branches. If you remain in me, you will have much fruit, but apart from me, you can do nothing."* Jesus wants us to produce fruit. Good fruit, like kindness, generosity, and faithfulness. Most of all, He wants us to love others as He has loved us.

But we can't do it on our own. Just as the lamp must be plugged in before its light can shine, and just as the branches must be connected to the vine before they can produce fruit, you and I must stay connected to Jesus to produce the good fruit that God expects of us.

Dear God, help us remember that we need to stay plugged into Jesus if we're going to produce the kind of fruit You expect. In Jesus' name, amen.



**My Mother,**  
my friend so dear,  
Throughout my life  
you're always near,  
a tender smile  
to guide my way,  
You're the sunshine  
to light my day.  
Happy Mom's Day!

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## Dates to Remember

- ❖ **May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Birthday Blessings for May  
Lesson: John 15:1-8 – The Vine and the Branches
- ❖ **May 9<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**  
Lesson: John 15:9-17 – The Vine and the Branches
- ❖ **May 16<sup>th</sup> – Ascension Sunday**  
Lesson: Luke 24:44-53 – The Ascension of Jesus
- ❖ **May 23<sup>rd</sup> – The Day of Pentecost/Baptisms**  
Lesson: John 15:26-27 – The Work of the Holy Spirit
- ❖ **May 30<sup>th</sup> – Trinity Sunday**  
Lesson: John 3:1-17 – Jesus Teaches Nicodemus





# St. Peter's Children's Ministry

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4/21/2021

The True Vine Word Search | Sermons4Kids

## The True Vine

"I am the vine: you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.." John 15:5 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 15:1-8

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

WORDS  
CLEAN  
FRUIT

GARDENER  
PRUNES  
BRANCH

REMAIN  
THROWN  
FIRE

BEAR  
VINE  
WITHERS

GLORY  
TRUE  
BURNED

# May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<sup>1</sup> <b>Papa John's Farewell Party 4PM</b>
<sup>2</sup> 9AM Holy Eucharist Rite I Birthday /Anniversary Blessings	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>4</sup>	<sup>5</sup> <b>EVENING PRAYER and STUDY 7pm</b>	<sup>6</sup> <b>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</b>	<sup>7</sup>	<sup>8</sup>
<sup>9</sup> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 9AM Holy Eucharist Rite II	<sup>10</sup> <b>LADIES LUNCH</b> at Brickhouse Diner in Va. Beach 12:30PM	<sup>11</sup>	<sup>12</sup> <b>EVENING PRAYER and Instructed Eucharist 7pm</b>	<sup>13</sup>	<sup>14</sup>	<sup>15</sup>
<sup>16</sup> 9AM Holy Eucharist Rite II	<sup>17</sup>	<sup>18</sup>	<sup>19</sup> <b>EVENING PRAYER and Instructed Eucharist 7pm</b>	<sup>20</sup>	<sup>21</sup>	<sup>22</sup>
<sup>23</sup> 9AM Holy Eucharist Rite II	<sup>24</sup>	<sup>25</sup>	<sup>26</sup> <b>EVENING PRAYER and Instructed Eucharist</b>	<sup>27</sup>	<sup>28</sup>	<sup>29</sup>
<sup>30</sup> 9AM Holy Eucharist Rite II	<sup>31</sup> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> Office & Day School closed					

## MAY ASSIGNMENTS

### **May 2—Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acolytes

Jeffrey Pfeifer, Nancy Comfort

Ushers

Jim Jimeno, Vicky Martin

Lector

Susan Sigler

LEMS

James Benn, Kimberly Truxell

Altar Guild Duty

Charlotte Corbett, Vel Shreve

### **May 9—Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acolytes

Olivia McGinty, Gabi McGinty

Ushers

Coach Sigler, Steve Kakol

Lector

Janet Chauncey

LEMS

Bruce Comfort, Nancy Comfort

Altar Guild Duty

Millie Coward, Jessica Trochanowski

### **May 16—Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acolytes

Bronwyn Shreve, Judy Eller

Ushers

Larry Shreve, Sean McGinty

Lector

Kimberly Truxell

LEMS

Debbie Whitehorne, Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild Duty

Dot Pierce, Bobbi Bowery

### **May 23—The Day of Pentecost**

Acolytes

Jeffrey Pfeifer, Nancy Comfort

Ushers

Susan Sigler, Vicky Martin

Lector

Jeffrey Pfeifer

LEMS

Jason Nowland, Bruce Comfort

Altar Guild Duty

Nancy Comfort, Vel Shreve

### **May 30—Trinity Sunday**

Acolytes

Bruce Comfort, Charlie Pfeifer

Ushers

Jim Jimeno, Coach Sigler

Lector

Lynne Monette

LEMS

Nancy Comfort, Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild Duty

Charlotte Corbett, Millie Coward



# 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

## Eastertide

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!!! A blessed Eastertide to all!

Now that we can worship in person, the first major question to answer is: how do you worship? The worship we offer to God every Sunday is the most important activity that we, as Christians, do. As Episcopalians we pride ourselves on offering beautiful worship, where the congregation, the acolytes, the clergy, and musicians all work together to offer worship to God. Sometimes all the people pray in unison, like during the Nicene Creed and post communion prayer. Sometimes the priest prays to God on account of all the people. Sometimes the congregation and the priest pray back and fourth like during the *Sursum Corda* (Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**) or the Prayers of the People. These are just a few ways we worship God.

A wonderful part of being Episcopalian is that we have many options on how we may worship. With the responsibility of worshipping in the beauty of holiness (Psalm 96:9) comes the necessity to decide *how* we worship in the beauty of holiness. We will make this decision together, so that the worship we offer is both beautiful and representative of the identity of the congregation of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

How we are going to accomplish this goal is through your participation. We will be sending out surveys, both electronically through email and hard copies at church. I humbly ask that you fill out these surveys so that we can continue to grow as Christians and continue to worship in the beauty of holiness. After all the completed surveys have been gathered, we will hold a meeting for everyone who wants to be part of this decision-making process.

It is a joy and honor to help lead you in worship. My prayer is that, as I continue to get to know the people of St. Peter's, we may all grow closer to God together.

May the Lord bless you and keep you during this Eastertide,

Jesse+