



# The Bellringer

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February 2011

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The Reverend Bradley C. Dyche  
**Priest Associate:**  
The Rev. Dr. Beth Glover  
**Deacons:**  
The Rev. Deacon Keith McKenna  
The Rev. Deacon Sharon Manning-Lew

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church ♦ 6 Old Post Road North, Croton on Hudson, NY 10520 ♦ 914-271-3501 (Parish Office)

## February 2011

- 2 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. A Service of Light and Prayer
- 6 **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, the Rev. Deacon Sharon Manning-Lew preaching**  
 9:00 a.m. Rite II with music  
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour  
 10:30 a.m. Children's Service  
 11:15 am Sunday School Teacher Training
- 7 Monday 7:30 p.m. Outreach meeting, Parish House
- 9 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. A Service of Light and Prayer
- 13 **Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, the Rev. Bradley C. Dyche preaching and celebrating**  
 9:00 a.m. Rite II with music  
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour  
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School begins  
 10:30 a.m. Rite II with music  
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School ends, children join service
- 16 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. A Service of Light and Prayer with Eucharist  
 8:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting
- 20 **Seventh Sunday after Epiphany, the Rev. Deacon Keith McKenna preaching**  
 9:00 a.m. Rite II with music  
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour  
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School begins  
 10:30 a.m. Rite II with music  
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School ends, children join service  
 11:15 a.m. JuneFest meeting
- 22 Tuesday 6:45 p.m. Compline with Stations of the Cross in the Church
- 23 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. A Service of Light and Prayer
- 27 **Eighth Sunday after Epiphany, the Rev. Bradley C. Dyche preaching and celebrating**  
 9:00 a.m. Rite II with music  
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour  
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School begins  
 10:30 a.m. Rite II with music  
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School ends, children join service  
 11:15 a.m. Bookgroup Meeting; *The Spirit Level: Why Greater Equality Makes Societies Stronger* by Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett

*Annual Report, from the Rector:*  
(given at the 9:00 and 10:30 Services)

Annual Report 2011, for 2010

2010, personally, began with an almost crash. The weight of the first rector of our church, or actually the plaque in his honor, almost maimed me. The entire plaque hung precariously on only a few screws attached at the bottom. The ones on top had worn out. Outgoing Junior Warden Jennifer Brehl spotted the near calamity.

After such a run-in, I started wondering about my potential murderer/predecessor, and I began researching St. Augustine's first Rector, Augustus Vallette Clarkson. And so I begin my annual report with parts of our first Rector's obituary.

In 1853, on Christmas Day, Rev. Clarkson became minister in charge and services were held in the public schoolhouse, situated near the place where the Town Hall now stands... The organization of the parish was effected January 29, 1855 under the title of "The Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of the Church of St. Augustine...."

The Cornerstone of the church building was laid July 30<sup>th</sup>, 1857 by the Rev. Benjamin I. Haight... of Trinity Parish, NYC. Upon the stone was engraved the name "Jesus Christ" and in the cavity was deposited a copy of the Holy Bible and the Book of Common Prayer. The building, at a cost of about \$3,000, was completed in October of the same year.

In 1882 a building was erected adjoining the church to accommodate the Sunday School and another to serve as a classroom, at a cost of about \$2,000. ...And in the same year, on St. Augustine's Day, May 26<sup>th</sup>, the church was consecrated by Bishop Seymour of Springfield, Illinois.

From the time that the parish was organized, and during a period of fifty three years, Mr. Clarkson ministered to the spiritual and material needs of the people. In... time[s] of adversity, when families were in distress and in need of food and clothing, relief came and they were encouraged to renew the struggle which had seemed hopeless.

What I found fascinating about his obituary is that the life story of this man who served this parish for over fifty years, and the story of this parish are both told from the perspective of our buildings. It strikes me as odd, because I often imagine our work as independent of our buildings and this physical space. Isn't the love of God independent of those things?

2010, for better for worse, was often all about the buildings and struggles which seemed hopeless. There was Boiler-gate. While we do now have a new boiler, effective last Saturday, the pipes are still broken, which means that we will be contemplating some serious expenses because as of right now, we cannot even access the pipes which are leaking. So, the Vestry will be applying for grants and for loans which will help us fix the entire system and hopefully, move us toward creating a forced air heating system which could eventually include air conditioning. But the brunt of those expenses will be our own.

And unfortunately, this is not the worst of our buildings issues at this moment. Over 50 years ago, for some

major repairs, the wrong sort of mortar was used on our building. The effect has been that now our brick faces are popping off, making them structurally unsound. And this is on top of water damage in our foundation which has destroyed some of the mortar there. This will most likely be a significant expense. Even getting bids has proved to be costly.

Our forebears handed down this spiritual community and these buildings to us. They were married here, buried from here, and they made baptismal promises to seek and serve God in all persons, even our enemies, here. They dedicated their lives to God here. And they invite us to do the same. At this moment in our spiritual and communal life, I'm excited to say, we need to contemplate the legacy of this community and how we hand it off to the next generation, how we invite them to be married, buried, pray to God and make baptismal promises here. We need to decide what we want to say, and how we want to prepare. Because, either we need to invest a good deal of ourselves into preserving this building and our faith, or we need to begin thinking about a community without it.

I do not know if you know who David Kato is, but I invite your prayers for him... and his murderers. David Kato was a gay activist in Uganda who was murdered this week. In Uganda, the execution of gays and lesbians is a looming legal threat. They have no legal rights. But the reason I bring Kato up is that there are clips where he talks about why he believes many in his country are so scared of him. Sadly, his answer is that his country is 80 percent Christian and 18 percent Muslim, and that our holy scriptures condemn gays and lesbians.

Which is to say, there is a point to our buildings, and our predecessors knew it. We need these buildings to proclaim the true love of God. We need them to stand as sanctuary to us, and to anyone who is persecuted, to anyone who cannot see the love of God. We need this building to proclaim that the answer to bad religion is not No Religion, but a religion that values all. We need a real foundation, built on strong mortar to proclaim Jesus' ethical vision in the beatitudes and his self-sacrifice of love and forgiveness on the cross. We need a place to proclaim resurrection in the midst of difficulties. And we need a place to teach our children the faith and forbearance and patience that they will need in a world which continually makes new martyrs.

I do not relish talking about buildings and inanimate objects, but am learning to pray that our buildings are an offering to this world, a place where God's love is known and a place where sanctuary is offered, a place in which will marry even our children's children. We take care of our buildings because that makes everything else, including hope, possible. This year, I'm afraid, we will be talking a lot about buildings, but I pray that what we are really talking about is our belief in God's love and our renewing "the struggle which had seemed hopeless."

In the end, even if this church crumbles, even if financially, we experience more setbacks, we will still seek hope. We are a parish family. And our job is to be a family no matter what the circumstances.

Thank you for all of your hard work, for being here, and for loving me and one another. This is our family, this is our family home, and I am grateful to be a part of it, buildings and all.

God's Peace



Bradley

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*Senior Warden's 2010 Report*  
(given at the 9:00 Service)

Having served on our Vestry for three years, and acting as our Senior Warden during the last of those three years, I've heard my share of depressing news. Money has been tight. Pledges have been off what we hoped. Things (big things!) keep breaking. There have been plenty of times when the Vestry, as a collective, has felt more than mildly Job-like, since every time we have arrived at a point where it seemed we had bested our most recent difficulty and arrived a place of comparative ease, yet another giant shoe dropped immediately upon us. Money, money, stupid money – sometimes it has felt like that's all we were ever able to talk about, to the exclusion of the really important things like community, spirituality, and mission.

All of which suggests that when asked about the “state of the parish,” I ought to provide a grim picture indeed. But despite the perfectly real physical plant difficulties that we face, I think the state of our parish is joyful – and not because we are all crazy or in denial – but because our community is healthy, growing, loving and strong in every way that truly matters. We have a wonderful congregation that includes many families who have been here for dozens of years and many other families that have joined much more recently. We have a Sunday School filled with children who share this sense of a vibrant community with one another as they learn about God's command to love one another with all their hearts. In our private lives and in our joint life together in this church, we have indeed been beset by arduous challenges for what feels like an unbearable amount of time. And yet we are still joyful.

We are still strong in the spirit of togetherness and love which defines our community.

I was most recently struck by this genuine sense of joy in one another at the Sunday service on Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, when we were worshipping in the Parish Hall, which ought to have been inconvenient, uncomfortable and dispiriting. Instead, as we sang the day's hymns, taken from the African-American tradition, Deacon Sharon called out to us during the refrain with a rousing chant. And we roared back. I tell you, that room was tangibly filled with joy.

There are so very many congregations, both quite close by and across the country, struggling with challenges much, much bleaker and less easily solved than ours now faces. So many churches are confronting diminishing membership, seeing their congregations whittled down, smaller and smaller as each year passes. Others are filled with internal political strife, driven by factions that dislike one another and work against one another in quiet animosity. And others reinforce their own feeling of being in God's grace by sitting in judgment of those they have chosen to exclude from their welcome. None of these things defines us – we are growing, we are cheerful and positive in our joint work together and we are of one mind in believing it is our mission to celebrate God's love for all of those s/he created.

We may be poor in cash on hand, but we are so rich in every other way – rich in music; rich in laughter; rich in love for one another and for our world. Given the infrastructure issues we must tackle in the next year, I suppose I might be panicking just now, but instead I am genuinely confident that we can and will handle these issues as a community. We will be fine. We will even be great, because the underpinnings of our community are rock solid. This is a testament to each of you, who comes to this church with an open heart and a receptive spirit. The identity of St. Augustine's is an amalgam of all our individual spirits joined as one, and I am deeply grateful to each of you for your parts in maintaining this spirit of hope, belief and joy. I thank you and I love you, now and always.

## Treasurer's Year-end 2010 Report

We ended the year 2010 with little financial change from prior months. We managed our expenses exceedingly well and we were able to transfer unspent moneys earmarked for outreach and capital needs to our reserve funds. Our revenue picture improved, with the final fundraising effort -- our wreath sale -- bringing in more than budgeted. Overall our fundraising efforts were right on the money, generating the total we had budgeted. Other revenue sources did close to or better than expected -- like plate, space use and investment income. It is only because of these successes that we were able to end the year on a positive note, because our pledge revenue was significantly below the number we budgeted. Essentially, of the \$133,000+ that was pledged from families for 2010 we received only \$127,000 -- a \$6,000 shortfall. The reason we are showing a \$5,000 surplus despite this shortfall in pledge income is the receipt in December of a pledge for 2011, which we will need to pay for our current 2011 operating expenses. After adjusting for that prepayment of 2011 income, we ended the year with an excess \$230 rather than a \$990 loss.

<b>Financial Operations through December 31, 2010:</b>			
	<i>Expenses</i>		<i>Revenues</i>
	<i>Paid</i>		<i>Received</i>
<b>Administrative</b>	\$ (39,123.15)	<b>Fundraising</b>	\$ 40,396.14
<b>Contingency</b>		<b>Plate</b>	\$ 22,616.08
<b>Priest</b>	\$ (86,716.30)	<b>Pledge</b>	\$134,302.50
<b>Service/Program</b>	\$ (22,149.16)	<b>Space</b>	\$ 7,173.00
<b>Diocese</b>	\$ (17,433.00)	<b>Investments</b>	\$ 7,551.52
<b>Outreach</b>	\$ (3,821.00)	<b>Mem Funds</b>	
<b>Property</b>	<u>\$ (37,566.38)</u>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$(206,808.99)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$212,039.24</b>
(deficit)/surplus	\$ 5,230.25		
budgeted deficit	\$ (990.00)		

## 2011 Pledge Update

Thank you to the parishioners who have pledged for 2011. To date, we have received 77 pledge cards, for a total of \$144,403 pledged.



## Carpenter's Kids Pledges

We are in the process of compiling St A's 2011, the last year of your five year commitment, offering to Carpenter's Kids. Pledges (\$50.00) for 2011 are due on March 20th. Place your pledge in the offering plate with **Carpenter's Kids 2011** in the memo section of the check. If you need to know the status of your pledge please contact the Parish Office.

Carpenter's Kid's is a program which sponsors children in Africa orphaned by HIV/AIDS. The program provides these children with food, clothing and school supplies.

## FoodFest Update

Did you win a dish or dessert from FoodFest? It has been six months since FoodFest, yet many winners have yet to call in their just desserts. If you've been holding off, perhaps it's time to pick a date and order in – your cook is waiting for your call! A complete listing of items and winners is posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen, should you need to refresh your memory on the status of your winning bids.

*If you would like to receive envelopes for your pledge please contact Kim in the Office.*

## Book Group Notes

**BookGroup:** The next book for the bookgroup will be *The Spirit Level: Why Greater Equality Makes Societies Stronger* by Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett. The bookgroup will meet on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 service. From the cover: "The Spirit Level shows that one common factor links the healthiest and happiest societies: the degree of equality among their members. Not wealth, not resources, not culture, not climate, diet, nor form of government. Further, more unequal societies are bad for everyone within them."

## Adult Education for Lent

*History of Christianity, the first 3,000 years starring Diarmaid MacCulloch.*

In this Adult Education Program, we will be watching the DVD series based on MacCulloch's well-received book of the same name. The book was listed as one of the best of 2010 by *The New York Times*. MacCulloch excels at telling the story of Christianity by showing many different perspectives, including those you have never heard, especially those outside traditional realms. As a former Anglican Priest, who left the church because of his sexuality, this should be a timely and interesting presentation. During the program, a light lunch will be served. Each session will be about an hour. If you are available to help set up and host, please speak to Father Brad.

**Program 1 on March 13<sup>th</sup>:**  
*The First Christianity;*

**Program 2 on March 20<sup>th</sup>:**  
*Catholicism: The Unpredictable Rise of Rome;*

**Program 3 on March 27<sup>th</sup>:**  
*Orthodoxy: From Empire to Empire;*

**Program 4 on April 3<sup>rd</sup>:**  
*Reformation: The Individual Before God;*

**Program 5 on April 10<sup>th</sup>:**  
*Protestantism: The Evangelical Explosion;*

**Program 6 on April 17<sup>th</sup>:**  
*God in the Dock*

## *A Look Ahead in Adult Education*

During the Easter Season, an Adult Inquirer's Class will begin. This is a class designed to teach the basics of Christianity as we know it and is offered as a preparation for Confirmation or Reception, which can happen when the Bishop of New York visits St. Augustine's on November 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saints' Sunday. The class will begin after the 10:30 service and will include lunch, finishing by 1 each week. Please speak to the Rector as soon as possible if you are interested in participating.

The Schedule will be as follows:

May 15<sup>th</sup>: The Scriptures  
 May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Church History to the Reformation  
 May 29<sup>th</sup>: The Reformation and Beyond  
 June 19<sup>th</sup>: Liturgy and the Sacraments

Then, in the fall, if you are interested in being Confirmed or Received, there will be two additional classes on Confirmation and Life as a Baptized Christian.

## *A Note from Kate Kyle*

Dear all: As promised I have started a blog. Some of you may recollect that I was going to Lesotho in September but that fell through and I didn't go then. Now I'm going to Togo and I'm leaving on December 31 for a year. The link to the blog is [kateintogo.blogspot.com](http://kateintogo.blogspot.com) and I will update as often as I can. Feel free to forward the link to anyone that you think will be interested and please subscribe (the link is at the bottom of the blog page) so that you can keep up! I should be reachable at this email also. I will miss you all but look forward to sharing what I can of my experiences.  
 Kate

## *Junefest Organizational Meeting*

**Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>:** Everyone is invited to think and rethink Junefest for 2011. Junefest, if you did not know, is a major fundraising event for St. Augustine's. Every year, we raise over 20,000 dollars for the operations of the church. We organize food sales, clothing, and white elephant sales to coordinate with the Croton-wide summerfest. If you would like to help out, please come to this meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

## *Youth Confirmation*

**Youth Confirmation Parents' Meeting April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Classes beginning on May 15<sup>th</sup>:** Beginning in April, Confirmation Classes will begin for youth who are currently in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, or older. This class is informational and can be used as progress toward being confirmed in the Fall. Confirmation is an adult affirmation of baptismal vows. If you are interested, there will be a Parents' meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, after the 10:30 Service. There will be four classes in the Spring and then 4 classes in the Fall. Classes are offered from 5:00-6:30 on Sunday evenings. At the parents' meeting, content, commitment, and dates will be discussed.

## *Third Annual 5K Run*

The 3rd running of the St. A's 5k and newly added Fun Run will be held on **May 1** with the start and finish at Senasqua Park. We will be having an organizational meeting soon and invite anyone who would like to volunteer to chair a committee (it's not as serious as it sounds) to contact Jenn Latham 248-0524 ([jennlatham68@yahoo.com](mailto:jennlatham68@yahoo.com)). We're looking forward to another great race. The proceeds this year will go to the Cortlandt Food Bank.

## » 3 Thank You & »

Thanks to Everyone who helped make Christmas spectacular here at St. As': The choir, Laura Ravotti, acolytes, altar guild, flower guild, all who donated flowers, all who served as ushers, readers, and Eucharistic Ministers. Thank you!

*Thanks to Jill Mader and all our faithful cooks who have completed three years of monthly lunch preparations for the Peekskill Soup Kitchen.*

Thanks to our outgoing Vestry Members, Cathie Elliott, and Anya Steger. A special thanks to Jennifer Brehl who will be leaving as our Junior Warden. Your commitment to the life of this parish is astounding!

*??Thanks to our Block 4 Sunday School Teachers! Elizabeth Hoffman, Michael Steger, Margaret Mahoney, Debbie Ramsey and Mary Ellen O'Neil.*

Thanks to all who helped at the Croton Caring Committee's Luncheon in January.

Thanks to all who cooked, and attended our Martin Luther King, Jr. Service held at the Temple Israel of Northern Westchester.

*Thanks to everyone who has pledged: the life of this parish is possible because of you!*

## » 3 Thank You & »

### Meet Your New Vestry Members

Richard Olver

**Town/village in which you currently reside:**  
Croton on Hudson

**Family information that you would like to include;** I am separated, and share custody of Charlotte, age 9, who is a frequent acolyte. I have three wonderful older children, Anna, a public defender in Boston, Michael, a risk assessment manager in Dubai, and Sarah, just returned from a year in Malawi for her healthcare NGO. Anna's son Jake is my first grandchild.

**Work, hobbies, interests that you would like to include.** I began my career as a poverty lawyer for seven years in rural eastern Kentucky. I then spent 26 years as a manager for the third world development coordination arm of the UN. I have lived in 9 countries and worked in 86. Now retired, I travel the world doing consultancies on strategic clarification and organizational development for international organizations.

I am a Croton Village Trustee, and have served as Board President of the American School in two countries, and as a Board member of an international rainforest preserve.

I sing, pump iron, garden, struggle to tame a wild labradoodle pup and read Harry Potter aloud every night.

What is one experience of your time at St. Augustine's that stands out for you?

My four years as a student in the Education for Ministry program have thoroughly reconstructed and hugely increased my faith, leading me to embrace the faith community of St. A's as an usher and lector.

Meet Your New Vestry Members

Chris McColl

**Town/village in which you currently reside:**  
Croton-on-Hudson

**Family information that you would like to include:** My wife Julie and I will have our 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this summer. We have two brilliant, nutty children, Beatrice (10) and Mae (15). They both attend Hackley School.

**Work, hobbies, interests that you would like to include** I am the Director of Admissions for Grades 7-12 at Hackley School in Tarrytown. I also write professionally. A script I wrote was made into a feature film in London; it premiered at the Raindance Film Festival in October 2009, and won the Best "No Budget" Film Award at the London Independent Film Festival. I listen to a lot of jazz, alternative, funk, and other music. I have a collection of about 1000 comics. I watch too much television and too many movies and I remember more of them than is advisable. I play board games. I've been a professional crossword constructor for years; my crosswords have appeared in local newspapers and national magazines. I read a fair amount. Oh, and I create pub quizzes.

**What is one experience of your time at St. Augustine's that stands out for you?**

There are a good many, actually - Beatrice reaffirming her baptism before taking communion for the first time, teaching Sunday School with Mae, the fun of the pub quizzes - but truthfully, the moment that stands out the most is the one about which I spoke in my stewardship sermon: the day we arrived at St A's. We walked in late to the service, and everyone turned to welcome us and help us find what we needed. Greg and Gwen Kaebnick introduced themselves and welcomed us to the church; Brad made time to meet us afterwards and invited us to speak with him about St A's. Countless others approached us at the coffee hour. It could not have been a warmer, kinder, more genuine expression of community. We felt at home instantly.

Meet Your New Vestry Members

Thomas Eshoo

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Tom Eshoo. I grew up in the relatively idyllic setting of Hastings-On-Hudson. I attended the local public schools as well as St John's Episcopal Church in Yonkers. I went on to graduate from Union College with a BA in Economics.

I have spent the better part of a my career in financial services, the most recent 12 years of which have been at Morgan Stanley where I have gained a reputation as an out-of-the box thinker managing projects within the Controllers division. I would caution that this reputation has been earned working among a group of accountants at an investment bank. Though a hardworking and honorable bunch, this demographic is not exactly teaming with out of the box thinkers. Nevertheless, I endeavor to bring fresh thoughts and ideas to the St. As's vestry.

I am grateful for my loving wife Catherine who works as a high school English teacher in Armonk. My pride and joy is our two-year-old daughter Elizabeth, whom many of you may already know for her propensity to let out just the right little noise during a poignant moment of silence in the middle of a Sunday service. When not working or taking pleasure in the company of family and friends, I am an avid golfer and enjoy reading, cooking and lifting weights.

I was attracted to Croton-On-Hudson due to its proximity to the Hudson River, which has always been a source of interest and inspiration to me. My introduction to St. A's came late one evening, when Father Brad caught me in the midst of a guerilla tactic sneaking up on the church in my pajamas to get an idea of when the service was to be held the next day. He told me the first service was at 9:00AM and I was welcome to attend even if I wanted to wear my pajamas. That next day, my family and I were taken aback by the warm, ebullient reception we received within the sanctity of St. A's. My hope is to help foster that environment, to give back to the congregation and to others while we grow closer collectively in the company of God.

## *Lenten Events 2011*

**Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> Mite Box distribution at Church Services.** Mite boxes will be distributed to raise money for children in Africa who are orphaned by the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Tanzania. The money raised will be used for school supplies and clothing.

### **Ash Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

    Noon: Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes.

    7 PM: Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes.

**Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>,** After the 10:30 Service, *and after every 10:30 service in Lent: History of Christianity, the first 3,000 years starring Diarmaid MacCulloch.* See Adult Education for Lent for more information. This session will focus on Program 1: The First Christianity. Lunch will be provided. This first session will show Program One: The First Christianity, tracing Christianity in its many forms from Africa to Asia.

### **Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> and all Wednesday evenings in Lent:**

    7 PM Evening Prayer with Stations of the Cross.

**Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>,** After the 10:30 Service, Lunch and a *History of Christianity, the first 3,000 years starring Diarmaid MacCulloch.* See Adult Education for Lent for more information. This session will focus on Program 2: Catholicism, The Unpredictable Rise of Rome. Lunch will be provided.

**Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>, Instructed Eucharist at both services:** There will be two Instructed Eucharists during Lent this year. This first service will focus on the Liturgy of the Word (the service of readings and prayers before Communion), asking the question, "What's so Christian about this? And What's so Jewish?" The service will continue as usual, with different notes of interpretation along the way.

**Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>,** After the 10:30 Service, Lunch and a *History of Christianity, the first 3,000 years starring Diarmaid MacCulloch.* See Adult Education for Lent for more information. This session will focus on Program 3: Orthodoxy, From Empire to Empire. Lunch will be provided.

**Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Instructed Eucharist at both services:** This second Instructed Eucharist for Lent will focus on the Liturgy of the Table, or Communion, asking the question, "What's so Christian about this? And What's so Jewish?" The service will continue as usual, with different notes of interpretation along the way.

**Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>,** After the 10:30 Service, Lunch and a *History of Christianity, the first 3,000 years starring Diarmaid MacCulloch.* See Adult Education for Lent for more information. This session will focus on Program 4: Reformation: The Individual Before God. Lunch will be provided.

**Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>** After the 10:30 Service, Lunch and a *History of Christianity, the first 3,000 years starring Diarmaid MacCulloch.* See Adult Education for Lent for more information. This session will focus on Program 5: Protestantism: The Evangelical Explosion. Lunch will be provided.

### **Palm Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> :**

    9:45 Liturgy of the Palms in the Parish Hall. Children's Event will be held during the service.

**Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>** After the 10:30 Service, Lunch and a *History of Christianity, the first 3,000 years starring Diarmaid MacCulloch.* See Adult Education for Lent for more information. This session will focus on Program 6: God on the Dock. This session explores some of the successes and failures of Christianity, including Christianity's failure to stop Nazi Germany. Lunch will be provided.

**Maundy Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>:** Agape Meal and Maundy Thursday Liturgy. Enjoy a meal with friends. The church will provide some mainstays, and invites you to bring some simple, Middle-eastern fair for this traditional meal followed by the service. The meal starts at 6:30. The service begins at 7:30.

**Maundy Thursday Overnight Vigil, April 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning** at 9:00 PM: Following the Maundy Thursday Liturgy, sign up to keep vigil in the Sanctuary overnight.

**Good Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Good Friday Liturgy at 7 PM.

**Holy Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>; the Great Vigil of Easter: this is the holiest liturgy of the year, complete with candles, and a bonfire.** During this service, we commemorate the passing from death to life. Service begins at 7 PM.

**Easter Day:** April 24<sup>th</sup>. Easter Day: services at 9 and 11 AM. Children's activities will be provided during the sermon. Easter Egg Hunt will happen BETWEEN the 9 and 11 AM service.

**Easter Day:** At services, ingathering for Carpenter's Kids Mite Boxes.

<u>Rector</u>	<u>The Rev. Bradley C. Dyche</u>		
<u>Rector Emeritus</u>	<u>The Rev. David B. Wayne</u>		
<u>Priest Associate</u>	<u>The Rev. Dr. Beth Glover</u>		
<u>Deacon</u>	<u>The Rev. Deacon Keith McKenna</u>		
<u>Deacon</u>	<u>The Rev. Deacon Sharon Manning-Lew</u>		
<u>2010 VESTRY MEMBERS</u>			
Senior Warden:	<u>Elizabeth Hoffman</u>	Junior Warden:	<u>David Wixted</u>
Treasurer:	<u>Holly Anzani</u>	Clerk:	
<u>Class of 2011</u>	Lisa Cohen	<u>Class of</u> Holly Anzani	<u>Class of 2013</u> Richard Olver
	Laura Seitz	<u>2012</u> Kelly Jackson	Chris McColl
	Leigh Anna Harken	Meaghan Shawcross	Thomas Eshoo
<u>Meeting Schedule:</u> Vestry, 3rd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.			

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