



Palm Sunday

May 2025 Newsletter

What a beautiful Holy Week we had! On Palm Sunday the kids led the procession with the crosses they had made the previous day. Bill Anderson was confirmed and Oliver Thibault was received into the Episcopal Church. It was so moving for all of us when not only did Bishop Rob lay his hands on each of them and prayed, but the whole congregation did. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the labyrinth was laid out and at least 17 people walked it - some more than one time. Thursday we enjoyed our agape meal with homemade soups, pita breads, dates, olives, fruit and more, then gathered in a circle to worship and anoint one another for ministry. Good Friday about 11 attended for “The Wrapping of the Cross” and a similar sized group in the evening for a more traditional service. I saw people with tears in their eyes when they honored Christ’s death by putting flowers on the cross at noon, or in the evening gently laying a hand on it. Easter was glorious (as always)! I was surprised and delighted to have a packed church even though a number of regular attenders were away. Ronnan was scrambling to keep setting up more and more chairs. Between those on zoom and those in person, 78 people attended including a whole bunch of children who can’t wait till our next Kid’s Day!

Thank you for your help and prayers making this Holy Week a particularly special one!
Enjoy the season of Easter which we celebrate to Pentecost on June 8!

Peace and all good,
Carolyn

OUTREACH

May – Isaiah 58: Isaiah 58 New Hampshire is our primary partner in mission in that we for many years have supported this ministry through prayers, donations, and volunteer work to help those who are homeless or struggling to keep a roof over their heads. Isaiah is housing both individuals and families in mobile homes and apartments with the agency owns or rents. The case manager actively works with the 34 people living in their cars at the commuter parking lot. The distribution center offers free clothing, a washer, dryer, and shower for those without facilities; and a place on the back porch available day and night where people can go in an emergency to get a blanket or some “grab and go” food or microwave a meal. St. David’s is currently constructing the room below the sanctuary into

a family-friendly space where their case managers can work with clients. So please give generously!

Isaiah also is putting on a Walk-a-Thon at the Salem High School Track on Saturday May 17 from 10 to 2. You can donate to the cause, sponsor a walker, or be a walker. Forms are in the foyer.

HAPPENINGS – Lots going on!

Zoom Bible Study: Ongoing weekly zoom Bible study currently looking at the experiences of women in the Bible. 10 AM on Monday mornings.

Spring Clean Up Day: Sunday May 4th after church or at your convenience. A list of tasks will be posted, just check it off if the job is done that day or jot your name down if you plan to come in at another time.

“English Tea” – Sunday May 18 at 2:00. (To help contact Liz McGilvary 603-321-1886)

Book Club – Thursday May 22 at 10 AM in small coffee room. Book for this month is “The Lioness of Boston” by Emily Franklin. All are welcome to read the book and attend!

Southern Convocation – Tuesday May 27 at St. Andrews at 6:30. This will be an in-person only meeting

Kid’s Day – Saturday June 7, 9:30-2:30. Theme is “*Marked As Christ’s Own*”. We will be exploring baptism, Harry Potter, and have water fun with a water slide and smore’s!

Ham and Bean Supper – Saturday June 7 from 5-7 in the lower hall. To sell or buy tickets or help, contact Bob McGilvary 603-321-7737

PROPERTY

Lower hall bathroom – The new handicap bathroom is complete! Come on down and check it out!

“Cyndi’s Place” (Room underneath sanctuary) – Construction is just beginning. A heat pump has been installed and soon they will be doing some of the plumbing and electrical work.

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