



Daffodils

April 2026 Newsletter

I was so delighted this week to take a walk outside and see signs of spring: the red blackbirds and mallards returning to the marsh; muskrats, rabbits, and red squirrels out and about, hearing the song of a Caroline Wren, and especially noticing the daffodils coming out in front of the church's stained glass windows. I love the changing seasons of New Hampshire. What joy there is when the flowers bloom and the temperatures warm after a cold and snowy winter! (Yes those remaining mounds are finally disappearing!)

But we are looking forward not only to warming temperatures and signs of spring, but to the powerful events of Holy Week as we walk with Jesus through death into new life. His story is our story. The Christian life is characterized by experiencing death and resurrection in all kinds of ways. God promise of transformation and new life at work in us and in this world gives us assurance, hope, and even joy despite difficult times. So I encourage you this holy week to live into journey of Jesus' death and resurrection by participating as much as you can in the events of Holy Week.

Peace and all good,
Carolyn

WORSHIP - Holy Week

Palm Sunday (March 29) – Weather permitting, we'll begin our service in the upper hall with the blessing of Palms and procession around the flower garden outside and into the sanctuary. Then we'll listen to a dramatic reading of the Passion with percussion. There are still some roles to be filled. When you come in on Sunday, please sign up for one and take a scrip (most only consist of a few lines). Just before it is your time to read, come forward and stand by Jesus so those on zoom can see and hear everything.

Maundy Thursday – At 6 PM on Maundy Thursday (April 2), we will have our Mediterranean style "Agape Meal" in the upper hall. Participants bring food like lentil soups, cheeses, pita bread, hummus, nuts, olives, fruit, wine and grape juice. (A sign-up sheet is

on the table in the front hall.) We enjoy the meal with a lot of laughter and fellowship. Afterwards (around 7:00) we gather in the sanctuary for an informal Eucharist and a washing of each other's hands. The sanctuary is then stripped of all ornamentation for Good Friday.

Good Friday – Three things happening. At 9:00 AM starting at St. Joseph Church, anyone is welcome to join a community walk of the Stations of the Cross. At St. David's we will be have two traditional Good Friday services with communion from the reserved sacrament – one at noon and one at 7PM.

Easter – 9:30 AM Christ is risen!

OUTREACH

April – Isaiah 58 New Hampshire: St. David's has had a long commitment to addressing the issue of homelessness that began with our participation in Family Promise back in 2013. Since then we have supported the work of Isaiah 58 that provides immediate needs such as food, clothing, and a place to shower at the Distribution Center on North Broadway. The program owns or rents five trailer homes and several apartments providing places to live for individuals and families to live at rents much lower than market rates with the goal of them able to obtain their own housing. Last year we dedicated "Cyndi's Place" downstairs where clients, families, and staff can meet for intakes, case management, and education. Isaiah 58NH does this work with minimal staff and is dependent upon donations and grants. So please give generously! Thank you!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Zoom Bible Study: Ongoing weekly zoom Bible study 10 AM on Monday mornings.

Cracking Open the Bible – Have you never (or rarely) have opened a Bible? Would you like to learn more about the life and teachings of Jesus? I'm thinking of starting a new class on Thursday evenings at 7PM in the small meeting room beginning April 16. A sign up sheet will be in the front hallway. If you are interested but another evening would be better for you, please let me know.

HAPPENINGS

Book Club – Thursday April 23 at 10 AM in small coffee room. Book for this month is "All Creatures Great and Small" by James Herriot. A delightful classic about a veterinary practice in England.

Craft Fair – The application and information for crafters is now on our website. As we move into spring, there are more and more fairs. You are encouraged to drop into some and collect the business cards of crafters whom you think would be a great fit for our fair. You can also share with them why you are collecting cards and they may want to simply go to our website to apply. A space is only \$50 for the day. Also if you know of any crafters – invite them. Let's fill all of the spots available this year!

Parish Calendar of events and more *(Some are tentative. The success of all of the fund raisers are dependent upon having the volunteers to pull it off! More details will be provided as those events draw near.)*

Earth Day Salem clean up and electric car display – Saturday April 25, 1-3 (sponsored by 350NH)

English Tea – Sunday May 17 (very tentative)

Community Dinner likely a Ham and Bean Supper – Saturday June 13

Bishop's visit – Sunday June 21. This will be the last time Bishop Rob will be with us. If you are interested in baptism, confirmation, or reception into the Episcopal Church let Carolyn know)

"Mass on the Grass" and parish picnic – Sunday June 28

Carolyn's on Sabbatical Leave August and September – more about that as we organize!

Class on the Book of Common Prayer – Sunday after coffee hour during the month of September

Craft Fair – Saturday September 19

Kid's Day – Saturday September 28

Election of a new bishop at Diocesan Convention – Saturday October 24

Community Dinner, Chili and Cornbread Supper – Saturday November 7

Chocolate Fest! – Saturday December 5

Other announcements

Michele Quinn will be in Italy mid-April through June. If you would like to be on her email list for photos and notes of experiences, email her at revquinn@me.com

Parish pictorial directories are now available both paper copies as well as a PFD. It is for internal use only for active members to be able to get to know each other's names and for parish related communication. Please do not use or distribute for any other purpose! Mistakes happen and there will be need to be updates. I will be glad to pass along any corrections but given the amount of work, the directory itself will be updated no more than twice a year as needed. Thank you Michele and Lilo for your hard work putting this together! You can also get to know people's names looking at the photos posted in the hallway.

Southern Convocation met March 24. The speaker was Derek Scalia who talked about the work of the diocesan Micah 6 Commission. This group helps the diocese address issues of Racial reconciliation, Earth Care, and Our Kids. They've been working closely with the Black Heritage foundation in New Hampshire and will be sponsoring a youth trip to Alabama to learn about the civil rights movement. They are providing funds to indigenous tribes in New Hampshire to reclaim their native languages and culture. And they are encouraging parishes to partner with the Episcopal Paths program to help individual church to find their ways to care for the earth.

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Maundy Thursday 2025