

## The Tablet

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#### **Sunday Services**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist II 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II

Wednesday Service
9:30 am Holy Eucharist and
Healing

#### Rector

The Rev. Amy S. Cornell

<u>Deacon</u> The Rev. Carol Patterson

<u>Pastoral Care</u> Chaplain Kate O'Connor, MDiv, BCC

Director of Music
Dr. Brian Katona

<u>Treasurer</u> John Patterson

<u>Parish Administrator</u> Judy Henningsen As we continue to move through the Lenten season, with Holy Week at the end of this month, St. David's has been hosting a wonderful discussion group. On Wednesday evenings, Deacon Carol and John Patterson have conducted a conversation around the book Who Moved the Stone by Frank Morison. The focus of that book is on how we can look to scripture to create the narrative of what happened on those few fateful days, and more importantly, see what we know about history and culture at the time. This indicates more clearly why events took place in the way that they did, and helps to explain what might seem to the modern eye as unusual anomalies.

Because of the way the Episcopal Church has celebrated Holy Week for decades, it is a time where we immerse ourselves in that historic content. What were the evenings like in Jerusalem? How did the Last Supper take place? Why was the garden of Gethsemane the location of the arrest? Lots of questions that have risen up to help us imagine what Jesus's final days felt like to the disciples. Books like Who Moved The Stone, written almost 100 years ago, helped bring these questions into the church. The discussions around the timing of the arrest, the lack of defense by the disciples, the witnessing of the empty tomb all find their place in these pages.

While it can often be tradition that church members come to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, a great amount of spiritual growth and understanding can be stimulated by engaging more in Holy Week. At St. David's, there is a full range of worship specifically designed to bring us in touch with the most important events in our history. The multivoice readings on Palm Sunday and the Stations of the Cross Tuesday give us the steps taken by that small band of followers. Tenebrae on Wednesday incorporated ancient texts as well as scripture with the symbolism of light and dark. Thursday tells of that final Passover dinner, the overnight watch a sense of how distressing the arrest and trial was for all concerned. Good Friday honors the crucifixion, the Easter Vigil's storytelling connects us with the oral traditions, and finally, Easter Day full of joy and celebration.

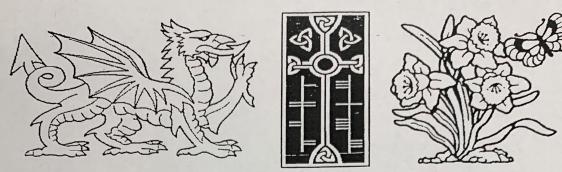
There are lots of opportunities to engage in the narrative of our story, our history, our faith. I would encourage everyone to pick one more opportunity than you are used to attending, perhaps one more service or a service you never have attended in the past. Really begin to feel the distress and pain, joy and connectedness of the time, and bring your questions to the community to talk about how we all contemplate this time. May you continue to have a fulfilling and reconciling Lent.

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#### St. David's Day (March 1)

This year St. David's Day will be celebrated on **Sunday, March 3rd**. St. David's Day is celebrated in Wales, in honour of Dewi Sant or St. David, the patron saint of Wales.



#### Who was St. David?

### Why is he so important to the Welsh? And just how is St. David's Day celebrated in Wales today?

St. David's Day is celebrated in Wales on 1 March, in honour of Dewi Sant or St. David, the patron saint of Wales. Little is known about him for certain. What little information we have is based on an account of his life written by Rhigyfarch towards the end of the 11th century.

According to this Latin manuscript, Dewi died in the year 589. His mother was called Non, and his father, Sant, was the son of Ceredig, King of Ceredigion. After being educated in Cardiganshire, he went on pilgrimage through south Wales and the west of England, where it is said that he founded religious centres such as Glastonbury and Croyland. He even went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, where he was made Archbishop.

He eventually settled at Glyn Rhosyn (St David's), in south-west Wales, where he established a very strict ascetic religious community. Many miracles have been attributed to him, the most incredible of which was performed when he was preaching at the Synod of Llanddewibrefi - he caused the ground to rise underneath him so that he could be seen and heard by all. How much truth is in this account of his life by Rhigyfarch is hard to tell. It must be considered that Rhigyfarch was the son of the Bishop of St David's, and that the Life was written as propaganda to establish Dewi's superiority and defend the bishopric from being taken over by Canterbury and the Normans.

From the 12th century onwards, Dewi's fame spread throughout South Wales and as far as Ireland and Brittany. St David's Cathedral became a popular centre of pilgrimage, particularly after Dewi was officially recognised as a Catholic saint in 1120. From this period on, he was frequently referred to in the work of medieval Welsh poets such as Iolo Goch and Lewys Glyn Cothi. In 1398, it was ordained that his feast-day was to be kept by every church in the Province of Canterbury. Though the feast of Dewi as a religious festival came to an end with the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century, the day of his birth became a national festival during the 18th century.

Now March 1st is celebrated by schools and cultural societies throughout Wales. It is the custom on that day to wear either a leek or a daffodil - two of our national emblems - and for young girls to wear the national costume.

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Princeton Brass Band Concert
Sunday March 3, 2024
3 pm
St. David's Episcopal Church

# Road to Huntsville Aaron VanderWeele, Music Director

Free and open to the public (donations accepted)



#### Women's Lunch and Learn Group

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, March 13th from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM and all women of the parish are welcome. We meet each month on the second Wednesday in the library and discuss a book, current event topic, or occasionally a video presentation. It is always a lively and interesting discussion. This is a "brown bag" event—so please bring your own lunch. This month we are continuing to read "Dissolution".



#### RAISING FUNDS FOR ST. DAVID'S BY PURCHASING PREPAID GIFT CARDS

Don't forget! You can contribute to St. David's ministries – in the parish and in the community at-large – by purchasing pre-paid gift cards through UnitedScrip. Use the paper form found on the bulletin board by the water fountain, or use the Internet (www.scripzone.com). You receive the full face value of the card and St. David's receives a percentage of the face value of the card – depending upon the issuer of the card. If you use the Internet to place an order, remember to use 609655SDE when you first sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Harry Ruhl, at 609-443-5863 or at hir29@verizon.net.





This year, through the Valentine's Care Package Project, we were able to bring cheer to seven of our St. David's college students. Each student received a box filled with candy, cookies, other treats, homemade baked goods, school supplies, a homemade card, and a \$14 gift card. Thanks to those who donated supplies, baked treats, and made a monetary contribution. Thank you to the J2A class for helping with the packing and Valentine making. Thank you to our younger parishioners who made Valentine's cards. We wish all of our college students a fabulous spring semester.

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#### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Sunday, March 24th: 8:00 am Holy Eucharist II, 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II

Palm Sunday

Monday, March 25th: 7:00 pm Evensong

**Tuesday, March 26th:** 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 27th: 9:30 am Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

7:00 pm Tennebrae

#### THE TRIDUUM — THE GREAT THREE DAYS

**Thursday, March 28th:** 5:30 pm Dinner

Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing &

Stripping of the Altar

9 pm Vigil at the Altar of Repose

Friday, March 29th: 7:00 am – Morning Prayer (Vigil Ends)

Good Friday Noon - Good Friday Service

7:00 pm Good Friday Service

**Saturday, March 30th:** 7:30 pm Easter Vigil with Holy Eucharist II

Easter Vigil Celebration!

March 31st — EASTER SUNDAY Choral Eucharist 8 am & 10 am - No Church School PAGE 5 VOLUME 55, ISSUE 3



### HOLY WEEK AT ST. DAVID'S March 24 - March 31, 2024

It contains some of the richest symbolism, the most stirring rites and customs, and has been provided with some of the finest music the Church has created. The week begins with Palm Sunday, and the sacred Triduum (the three holy days) begins at sunset on Thursday and continues through sunset on Saturday. This liturgy begins on Thursday evening and continues through until the Easter Vigil Mass, with each service part and parcel of the whole.

#### Palm Sunday—March 24

On Palm Sunday, the liturgy has two distinct parts. At each service, we will begin outdoors with The Liturgy of the Palms, a rite of joy and triumph. As we recall our Lord's entry into Jerusalem, we wave our palm branches and sing of his glory as we process into the sanctuary. The atmosphere changes and, this year, the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ is read from the Gospel according to Luke. This dramatic reading includes the congregation in various parts. We are now fully into the experience of Holy Week and, in the words of the preface to the Eucharistic Prayer, we celebrate Christ who was "lifted high upon the cross to draw the entire world to himself."

# Monday — March 25 7 pm

**Monday** evening's service is Evensong, using the readings of Holy Monday. The service will mostly be chanted, in a simple plainsong tone that all can join in together.

## Tuesday — March 26 7 pm

**Tuesday** is the Stations of the Cross, walking through the final steps of Jesus as he approaches the cross and his death. The prayers focus on the traditional walk that is marked in Jerusalem and symbolized in the stations we have here in the church.

#### Wednesday — March 27 7 pm

**Wednesday's** Tennebrae service is known as the Service of Darkness when ancient texts are read aloud as the space is slowly immersed in darkness as candles are slowly extinguished to focus on the upcoming three days.

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# Maundy Thursday—March 28 7pm

The Maundy Thursday service marks the beginning of the Triduum, and it commemorates the evening meal shared by Jesus and His friends. At this meal, Jesus showed His love to His disciples in the simple act of washing their feet. The foot washing echoes the mandate of Christ to love one another, a powerful symbol of the church's vocation to follow its savior in acts of servant ministry. We will share a meal together at 5:30 pm and then move into the church for the service at 7:00 pm. After the celebration of Holy Eucharist, there is a procession to the Altar of Repose, located in the Fish Library, where the sacrament is placed until Good Friday. The vigil will end with Morning Prayer at 7 am. After the sacrament is removed, the members of our Altar Guild strip the Altar area of all remaining ornaments as Psalm 22 is recited. The liturgy ends and all leave in silence either to our homes or to sit vigil. Parishioners are asked to sign up for a time to sit vigil with our Lord in the garden. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for your use.

#### Good Friday – March 29 7 pm

**On Good Friday** at 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm the Good Friday Liturgy will be offered. Both services will include veneration of the Cross and chanting of the Gospel and the Solemn Collects. We will conclude with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. The congregation departs in silence to emphasize that it is not the end, but a pause, in the great liturgy of the Triduum.

## The Great Easter Vigil – March 30 7:30 pm

The Easter Vigil on Saturday evening is one of the most dramatic liturgies of the entire year. It is the Passover of the Lord, the paschal feast of the people of God. We gather at 7:30 pm outside to light the new fire and bring the light of Christ into the church. The oldest litany in the church, the Exsultet, is then chanted, and the history of the salvation of God's people is then told through four storytellers. This is followed by the renewal of baptismal vows and the reading of St. John of Chrysostom's Easter Vigil sermon. Then, as the celebrant says "Alleluia, Christ is Risen!," the ancient paschal greeting, the First Eucharist of Easter begins. The altar candles and the sanctuary are fully lighted, and the liturgy moves to its final segment, the celebration of the first mass of Easter. Light has broken through the darkness and in that light, we see the Risen Lord. The liturgy ends with the dismissal, concluding the sacred Triduum, the three holy days. After the service, join us for a festive celebration with sweets and something bubbly!

#### Easter Sunday - March 31

**On Easter Sunday**, there will be two choral services for our celebration of the Day of Resurrection. The services will begin at 8:00 am and 10:00 am with the St. David's Choir. Please feel free to attend the service that best fits your family's schedule. Lenten donation boxes may be brought with you on Easter Sunday or any Sunday thereafter.

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#### **Birthdays**

- William Guardino
- 3 Eric John Curry Myron Whitlock
- 4 David Holmes
  Catherine Peters
- 8 Michael Carr Natalia Walker
- 9 Paul Szymanski
- 10 Tyler Cenci Cassandra Pane Victoria Pane
- **12** Marcy Ruhl O'Neill
- 13 Deanna Emerson
- 14 Barry Clark Lindsay Herzog Rob Sarchiapone

- 17 Judy Henningsen Rebecca Pane Frances Rak Lisa Valenti
- **19** Ekene Owunna
- 20 Bernadette Bruce
- 21 Brennan Clissold
- 22 Ryleigh Farkas Kristen Robinson
- 24 Bonnie (Lee) Wagman
- 25 Amy Cornell Lydon Giske Joyce Hiscock Peter Wise
- 26 Jean Krupa
- 27 Gwen Lockhart
- 28 Bryn Peeters Carol Reeder
- 29 Jacob Mani



#### **Anniversaries**

8 Simone & Omar Kingwood



## EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM -- 2024 (Any Donation—Deadline, March 25)

Your Name (Given By)	(Daytime Phone Number)
Date: March 31	In Loving Memory/ Celebration/Thanksgiving of:
	Check Total = \$

Please make checks payable to "St. David's Church".

Attn: Penny Stout

Donations should be received at signup and envelopes are available on the bulletin board next to the signup sheets.

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#### Lay Participation Schedule for March 2024 10 am Service

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
				Palm Sunday	Easter
Eucharistic Minister	Todd White	Tricia Metzger	Leslie Terhune	Tricia Metzger	Tricia Metzger
Eucharistic Minister	Tracy Smires	Kim Elaine Neighbor	Kate O'Connor	Steve Channon	Corinne Peters
Intercessor	Kathy Herzog	Brennan Clissold	Kate O'Connor	Tom Reynolds	Tom Pearson
Lector-1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Kim Elaine Neighbor	Zach Duck	Ray Torres	Karen Wade	Collin Duck
Lector-2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Tom Reynolds	Tricia Metzger	Leslie Terhune	Colleen Fitzgerald	Zach Duck
Acolytes	Leslie Terhune Harrison Katona Collin Duck	Collin Duck Arleen Astudillo Harrison Katona	Joseph Eswine Tracy Smires Kaylyn Eswine	Zach Duck Kaylyn Eswine Joseph Eswine	Leslie Terhune Collin Duck Tracy Smires
Ushers	Larry Kraft Rich Bennett	Deanna Emerson Jackie Asafu- Adjaye	Rich Bailey Dan Smires	Carol Hartmaier Larry Kraft	Penny Stout Rich Bennett
Presenters	Gene & Marna McDermott	Virginia K. Davis Bernadette Bruce	Phyllis Robinson Jean Hegedus	Joyce Hiscock Penny Stout	Bernadette Bruce Deanna Emerson
Verger	Edmund Abramovitz	Edmund Abramovitz	Tena Achen	Maria Eswine	Edmund Abramovitz
Counters	David Thomsson Winsome Bailey	Jennie Herbert Penny Stout	Tena Achen Mary Ann White	John Patterson Joyce Hiscock	Tena Achen Jackie Asafu-Adjaye

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please arrange for a substitute and notify the church office ASAP, so that the change can be correctly listed in the bulletin.



#### St. David's Golf Outing

**SAVE THE DATE!!** It's the St. David's annual golf tournament on Monday, June 24, 2024. Once again it will be held at the famous, exceptional, fantastic, beautiful Peddie School Golf course in Hightstown, NJ. Details will follow, but it is a definite date - Monday, June 24. Fore!!!



#### Weekly E-Blasts

Are you receiving the weekly E-Blasts which contain information regarding upcoming events? If you would like to be added, please visit the website at www.stdavidscranbury.com and enter your email at the bottom of the page "sign up for our email newsletter". If you have any issues, you can also email the office for help with the registration.

# \* Sunday Services \* 8 am — Holy Eucharist I 10 am — Holy Eucharist II, Church School & Nursery

# **March 2024**

s—Sanctuary mh—Meirs Hall / fl- Fish Library dc—Double Classroom - bc-J2A Classroom Room Legend

SUN 25  • 8am Holy Eucharist II (s) • 10am Church School • 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom	MON 26  • 9:30am Jazzercise (mh) • 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) • 12:30pm AA (mh) 2 more	TUE 27  • 8:30am Jazzercise (mh)  • 10am Tai Chi (mh)  • 12pm ACA (ft) 2 more	WED  28  • 9am Jazzercise (mh)  • 9:30am Holy Eucharist Healing (s)  • 10:30am Jazzercise (mh)  5 more	THU 29 • 9am Jazzercise (mh) • 11am Womerrs AA (mh) • 12:30pm AA (mh) 4 more	FRI Mar 1  • 9am Jazzercise (mh)  • 10am Office Closed  • 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) 2 more	SAT 2 2 9 9am New Life SDA Church (s) • 9am Jazzercise (mh) • 10am History Group Meeting (fi) 2 more
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