

# KINGSTON CRIER

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## ***The Rector's Visions***

Our Crier newsletter this month is coming out just before our Holy Week celebration as we move toward Easter. On the last night of Jesus' earthly human life, he went to pray and asked his friends to follow him and pray also. So we gather as Jesus' friends in our own day for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. We walk the prayer walk with Jesus through these last days of denial and betrayal and what looks like ultimate failure in a violent death on the cross because Jesus wants us there and because there is really no other way to get to Easter and Resurrection. The way is rich and powerful and sorrowful and dark; but it is the only way to the Easter light.

This year, we will do a hybrid of online worship mixed with a few opportunities to worship together outdoors. We do all our worship with safety precautions for ourselves and each other and our community, because that's what Christian people do, living for the larger community. But we also do so without the safety net of just "going to church." We go – online, in-person, and in our private prayers – to be with Jesus through difficult days. We seek to pick up our own cross and follow him. We recognize our place in the crowd that calls out "crucify him!" We allow ourselves to know the agony of Jesus' mother, Mary, at the cross. We know we can get too busy to risk the full presence of our lives at the Last Supper or in prayer in Gethsemane or even at Golgotha. Part of us would like the happy ending of Easter without the challenges and darkness that gets us there.

I hope you will find the deep desire in you to be present with Jesus through all the days of Holy Week. When you find yourself overwhelmed with the sorrow and hatred, find a friend or loved one to walk with you. And when the time comes, courageously stand with Mary and the Beloved Disciple at the cross as our God dies in love for us. The more you and I can experience this, the more we will know what it means to stand at the tomb and have Jesus, resurrected, call our name.

**Gary+**

## **Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule**

**March 28 ~ Palm Sunday** Worship Online

**April 1 ~ Maundy Thursday Agape Meal** in our homes followed by an online vigil of prayer and music. Read this bulletin ahead of time and follow the instructions for preparation.

**April 2 ~ The Good Friday Liturgy** followed by the Stations of the Cross will be online.

At Noon on Good Friday those who can will gather outside, weather-permitting, at Christ Church for a walking **Stations of the Cross** through the parish graveyard.

**April 3 ~ The Great Vigil of Easter**; a gathering of Episcopal and Lutheran Parishes ranging from West Point to Newport News will offer this special service of Easter **online** beginning at 7 PM. This link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6n-LvBdSZjq0XOYmG-5MA> is for Grace Episcopal Church, Yorktown. The service will also be available on our regular YouTube and Facebook sites.

**April 4 ~ Easter Day** we will celebrate the Resurrection with an online worship service as well as a 10 AM outdoor worship offered on the green in front of Kingston Parish House. A service leaflet will be provided and there will be communion with bread but no wine. Wear masks, bring chairs, keep a 6 ft. distance.

## Welcome, Happy Morning Regathering for Easter

When the novel coronavirus shut down our world as we know it....my life became a series of Zoom, YouTube and FaceTime interactions. Meetings, book clubs, worship, connection with friends and family, were carried out in cyberspace. When not in front of a computer screen or outside soaking in the fresh air, I cleaned and purged and cooked and read. I spent too many hours on my devices....as chronicled by the iPhone and iPad police....discovering ways to be entertained and engaged. On Sundays, I loved going to churches all over the country and the world. In fact, I was spending more time "at church" than ever before....but still something was missing. I am aware that this is a reflection of my own experience and not everyone is or wants to be connected by the internet. Some, I know, have felt isolated and shut off from their normal routines. But the fact is, we have all had some interruption in our lives. When Gary first offered "in person" open air church, I was highly resistant. Sitting in camp chairs, six feet apart, wearing a mask, no hugging or socializing....what on earth could I possibly get out of that time?

However, after some encouraging words from a friend, I decided it was time to at least give it a try, even with all the restrictions. So off I went with very low expectations. Although rising Covid numbers and colder temperatures soon curtailed these gatherings, attending open air church was an amazing and moving experience beyond all my expectations. I regretted that I hadn't made the choice to attend sooner.

I wanted to share my experience with you because, if you are feeling at all the way I was about the lack of motivation for attending in person church outside, I want to encourage you to try it. And what better time for this than **Easter Morning** to regather as a community of faith?

Picture this....sitting in your chair in the open air on the Kingston Parish green. It is a beautiful breezy morning....birds singing, blue skies, happy sounds all around, a perfect morning. You see friends that you haven't seen in many months. A gentle breeze, perhaps the Holy Spirit, welcomes us back together. The Holy Spirit is always present. For me, the Sundays that I attended the outdoor services combined the best of my worlds...a beautiful and unpredictable outside venue, a church service that has particular meaning because of the connection to each person there and the ability to be active rather than passive (as I tended to be online) in worship. So, thank you God, for the gift of your Son. Thank you, Gary, for this opportunity to worship together on Easter Morning. Thank you, Reed Lawson, for your words of encouragement that I enthusiastically pass on to our Parish family. I can't wait to see you.

Mary Chapman

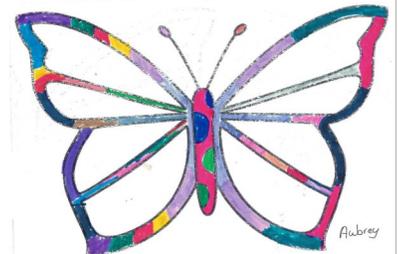
# Happy Easter!

A picture lesson of John 3 when Jesus tells Nicodemus that you must be born twice.  
From our Children's Sunday School Class.



Lyman

AND THEN BORN THE SECOND TIME



Aubrey



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## Masks and Social Distancing Still?

As we vaccinate and begin to gather again, remember that we will be following the current CDC guidance as we have done all along. This means that even after you have received a vaccine and are two weeks out (fully vaccinated), **you need to continue to wear a mask if you come for outdoor in-person worship or visit our church buildings during the week.**

Please remember to keep appropriate social distance and wear a mask in places where you are in any extended contact with other people. Let's finish this pandemic time well and move on into a new life together!

## New Addresses

Adele and Dick Pogue  
5707 Williamsburg Landing Drive Apt. 34  
Williamsburg VA 23185  
(757)229-8129

Tom and Debi Flounders  
126 Phoenix Palm Court  
Venice FL 34292

## Vestry Notes (from March 15 Zoom meeting)

- A new water pump was ordered for the Rectory well
- An application was made to the diocese for a \$5,000 grant to help repair the Parish House driveway and parking lot.
- Fr. Gary will take a week's vacation after Easter.
- Fr. Gary will be presenting Peg Moncure for ordination as a deacon on April 19th.
- Plans for Holy Week are underway. We will have two opportunities to worship outside in person on Good Friday and Easter.
- Mary Chapman will help Fr. Gary fill out our application to the Diocese for indoor worship, which will first take place at Kingston Chapel due to space requirements.
- The Diocese of Virginia has begun the search for a new Bishop.
- Vicki Carter has begun an online Sunday School zoom for children each Sunday at 10:30 AM.
- Kelsey Desmond is stepping down as chair of our Preschool Board but will remain a member.
- Fr. Gary presented a new Covenental giving plan for our diocesan pledge.

## Thank You

From the sweet note from Eloise (left):

*Dear Kingston Friends,  
Thank you for the Lent crafts and stories. I made the crafts and will give them for Easter. I'll do the puppet play for my family. Meme and I will make the Empty Tomb rolls soon. Thank you again. He is Risen!*

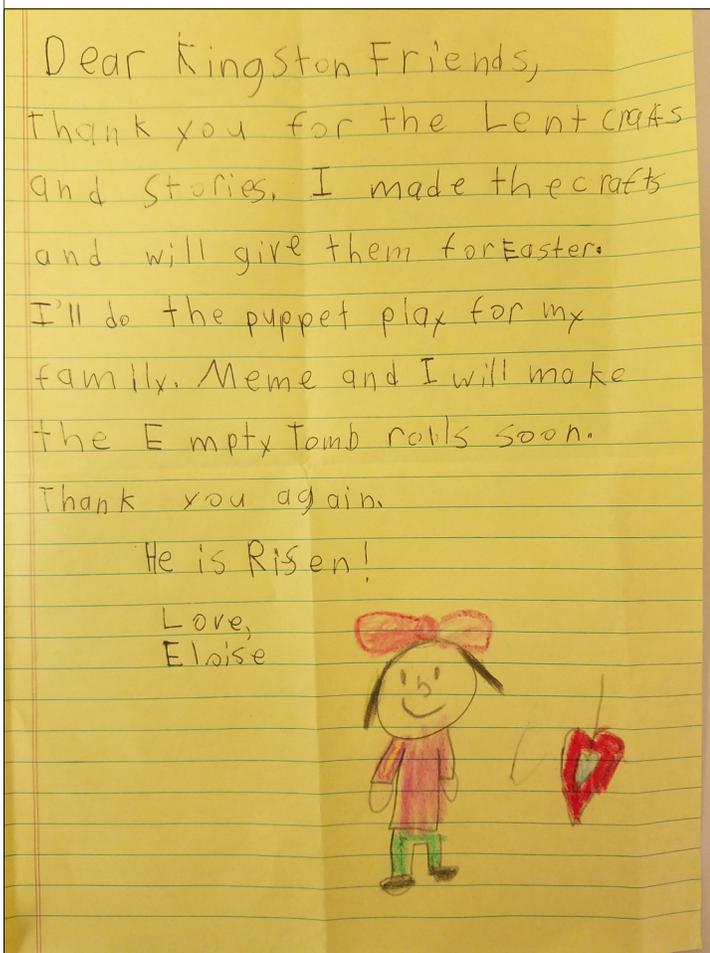
*Love, Eloise*

Dear Kingston,

I feel so lucky to be part of such a generous and supportive community! I am grateful for all of the well wishes and kind words as well as my beautiful prayer shawl. It has all been such a blessing as I heal. Thank you so much to Kingston Parish!

—Rachel Musick

*Rachel Update: Rachel texted that she saw her Orthopedic surgeon last week and he lifted her weight bearing restrictions on her legs to be "to tolerance," which means she can start working on walking again! She will be going to outpatient physical therapy center now to relearn how to walk and rebuild the muscles in both her arms and legs. This is a huge step forward! Her mailing address remains PO Box 231, Mathews VA 23109.*



## Prayer List

### Pray For Our Parishioners

Jim Andrews for Afib (office)  
 Clement Dickey for hernia surgery March 30 (by Pat Dickey)  
 Hank Furniss for non-tremor Parkinsons (by Mairi Furniss)  
 Paul Gibson for heart issues (by Jan Mohr)  
 Peggy Hudgins for pulmonary fibrosis (office)  
 Martha Knight for return of cancer (office)  
 Cheryl Lamport having trouble standing/getting around (office)  
 Tom Neiger for cancer of esophagus and stomach (by Pat Neiger)  
 Mary Ellen Stimson for dislocated hip (by Paul Stimson)  
 Will Story for illness (by Martha Story)

### Pray For Our Family and Friends

Steve Buis for cancer (by Debbie Lambert)  
 Mickey Burchell for lung cancer (by Valerie Lewis)  
 Duncan Campbell for colon cancer (by Mary Kathryn Diggs)  
 The Carter Family (by Vicki Carter)  
 Frank Comme - young man who had a stroke (by Signe Langschultz)  
 Yolanda Conaway (by Kathy Yent)  
 Linda Crowe for lung cancer (by Duffy Crowe)  
 Nancy Donnelly (by Kathy Yent)  
 Mary Doyle for hydrocephalus (by Valerie Lewis)  
 Tommy Dutton for hip repair (by Becca Brown)  
 Glenda Flippin for ovarian cancer (by Jay Black)  
 Walker Linden Ford for Sturge-Weber Syndrome (by Kathy Yent)  
 Lori Fuller for cancer in lymph nodes (by Joe Mereness)  
 Peter Furniss for return of Lymphoma (by Mairi Furniss)  
 Helen Graves for congestive heart failure (by Paul Gibson)  
 Cathy Heach for breast cancer (by Shannon Kirschbaum)  
 Carole Hirose for anxiety (office)  
 Jerry Johnson for Huntington's Disease (by M Bowen)  
 Michael Johnson for throat cancer (by S. Langschultz)  
 Carolyn Jones (by Josie Thorpe)  
 John Michael Jones (by Shannon Kirschbaum)  
 Rick Jones recovering from injury (by Richard Jones)  
 Jim Kloke for leukemia (by Rosemary Eaton)  
 Skip Lewis (by Valerie Lewis)  
 Joy Long (by Jan Mohr)  
 Don Loving for multiple illnesses (by Jan Mohr)  
 Dave Martin (by Gay Butler)  
 Robert McCreary for cancer (by Willie Hubbard)  
 Sudy McKnight for cancer (by Reed Lawson)  
 Janet Mikionis for cancer pain (by Kathy Yent)  
 Art Miller for 3rd degree burns on legs (by K. Yent)  
 Kristen Moran for breast cancer (by Jan Mohr)  
 Keith Morgan for prostate cancer (by Josie Thorpe)  
 Rachel Musick recovery from auto accident (office)  
 Kathy Nelson for pulmonary fibrosis (by Kathy Yent)  
 Pete Nieman for kidney cancer (by ?)  
 Lisa O'Connors for lung cancer (by Kathy Yent)  
 Elizabeth Perkins for brain tumor (by Pat Elliot)  
 Stefanie Powers (by Lisa McCann)  
 Helen Price for Lymphoma (by Jan Mohr)  
 Josiah Raub for heart issues (by Hank Furniss)  
 Ginger Shackelford for Hodgkins lymphoma (K Yent)

## April Birthdays

Jane Lockaby	2
Mike Hudgins	3
Ryan Jackson	3
Vince Lassiter	3
Larry Treadwell	10
Allan May	11
Bob Warren	11
Robert Petersen	12
Trish Reed	13
Mary Ann Gilman	14
Peggy Hudgins	16
Peter Van Emmerik	17
Sue Jennette	20
Zach Husband	22
Daniel Gregg	24
James Gregg	24
Pat Munz	24
Adelle Hudgins	25
Tyler Jackson	26
Kippy Gilbert	26
Martha Knight	26
Lenox Gregg	27

## Serving in the Military or Diplomatic Corps

Colin Bucknor  
 BJ Cavazos  
 Yvette Gaither  
 Chris Ivy  
 Joe Kraynak  
 Megan Kraynak  
 Hib McNeilly  
 Joey Plotino  
 William Story Scarlett  
 Zach Schmidt  
 George Truscott  
 William Truscott  
 Dawson Turner  
 Nicholas Webster

Tracy Shackelford for lymphoma (by Kathy Yent)  
 Sue Ann Singleton (by Kathy Yent)  
 The Studer family for daughter's suicide (by Neigers)  
 Charlie Szeglin for heart surgery and memory (by Sig)  
 Marsha Threlkeld for terminal cancer (by D. Lambert)  
 Richard Wahl for metastasized cancer (by MK Diggs)  
 Harry Ward for brain tumor (by Jay Black)  
 Kate Warfel for auto-immune disorder (Jen Kimball+)  
 Jack Williams for pneumonia (by Kathy Yent)  
 Catherine Worley for breast cancer (by Gay Butler)  
 Kristina Zaruba for bypass surgery (ME Traband)

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The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, Assistant Bishop  
The Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor, Assistant Bishop

**The Very Rev Gary Barker, Rector**  
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**THE VESTRY**

Senior Warden	Mary Chapman
Junior Warden/Preschool	Jan Mohr
Junior Warden/Worship	Ray Stubblebine
Christian Formation	Marti Bowen
Outreach	Trish Reed
Worship & Spirituality	Mary Ann Carr Ray Stubblebine
Serving At Large	Cindy Machen Lisa McCann Martha Ellen Traband
Treasurer	Tom Reed
Recorder	Carol Swartz

**TRUSTEES**

Vicki L. Carter Timothy W. Hudgins John Machen, Sr.

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL & REGION II**

Mary Chapman, Lay Delegate

**STAFF**

Jim Andrews	Choir Director/Organist
Karen Jones	Parish Secretary
Vicki Carter	Bookkeeper

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sunday  
After 8 a.m. Online Worship Service on Facebook and  
YouTube.com  
11:30 a.m. Zoom Coffee Hour

*The Office is closed during this time. Please contact Fr. Gary at (757)371-9382 or Karen at the office (804)725-2175 or her cell phone, (804)725-8480.*