

Holy Week Schedule

April 13
Palm Sunday



Procession of the Palms

8 am Liturgy of the Palms,
Holy Eucharist, and Stripping
of the Altar - CC

10:30 am Liturgy of the Palms
and Holy Eucharist - KC

April 17
Maundy Thursday

5 pm Seder Meal-KC
(RSVP by April 15)

7 pm Holy Eucharist and
Stripping of Altar - KC

April 18
Good Friday

12 pm Good Friday Liturgy
w/Stations of the Cross - CC

7 pm Good Friday Liturgy
w/Stations of the Cross - KC

April 20
Easter Day

8 am Festival Eucharist - CC

10:30 am Festival Eucharist
followed by Easter Egg Hunt
on the Lawn - KC

Rector's Visions

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all things! (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Here we have three of the shortest verses in our Scriptures; and three nearly impossible expectations of God on you and me! It's the middle one about prayer that helps me make sense of the other two. We are called to be people of prayer. We are not called to be people who pray or people who believe in prayer, but to be people whose lives are prayers. What does that look like for you? For me, prayer is fundamentally my relationship with God. I am not related to God deeply, richly, intimately only in church, but in who I am. If God's name is "I am who I am," perhaps my name is "I am Gary because of God who is." Prayer is never just talking at God, bringing our needs to God, or offering praise and thanksgiving. Prayer is being silent before the awesome love of the one who made us. Prayer is struggling in our lives to hear what God expects of us and then having the courage to do what God wants us to do.

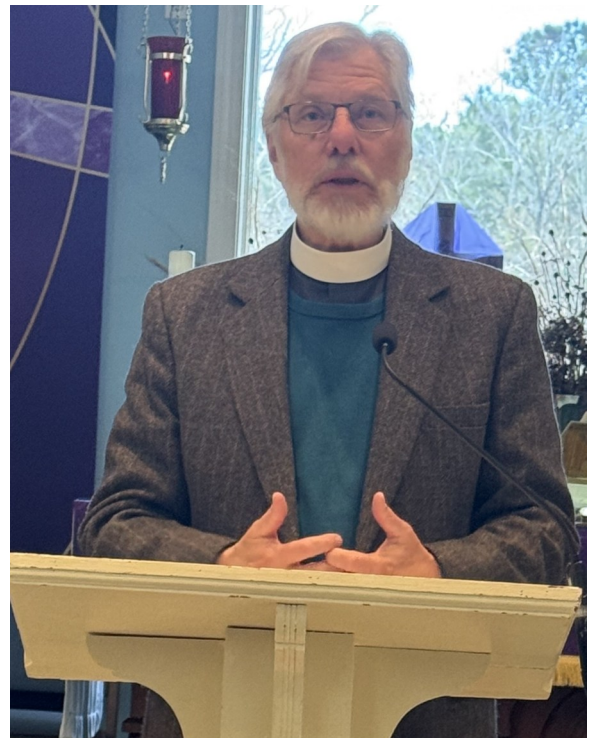
We Episcopalians/Anglicans have beautiful prayer books which are not just full of good words that bring us closer to God, but offer us ways to pray daily in disciplined and regular ways that change us so that we may better be people of God, people living in the life that is God's, the love that is God's, the truth that is God's.

How do you pray in all ways and times? How has that changed you? What might God be doing in prayer with you now?

God's Peace,
Gary+

Soup With Love continues in April on April 2nd and 9th. Join us at Noon for delicious homemade soups and breads provided by the Kingston Parish Women. Worship with us as we participate in the liturgy and hear homilies from two more Mathews ministers. You will be blessed!

Picture right: Gary+ preaching March 26th.



Holy Week Instructions

(service dates and times on page 1)

Palm Sunday: Weather permitting, we will begin our Palm Sunday services outside on the lawn and process into the church building singing a hymn and waving our palms. Once inside, we will read The Passion from the Gospel of Luke. At Christ Church we will end our service with the Stripping of the Altar.

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal: On the night before our Lord Jesus died, he was at supper with his friends. That last supper was not just a nice meal, though; it was a traditional Jewish Passover Seder. The Passover, which Christians eventually would turn into our Celebration of Easter, was the celebration of the freeing of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt. Jesus used that meal to explain that he must suffer in order to bring us all out of our slavery to false hopes and ideas (sin) that separated us from God. When Jesus takes the Passover bread and breaks it and offers it as his body, he is making himself the Passover lamb whose blood brings life. We will use a contemporary Christian form of the Passover Seder so we can learn about Jesus' Jewish roots and the roots of our faith and of the hope of Resurrection freedom as Jesus asked us to remember at his Last Supper. This Seder meal is both ritual and a full meal, so **we ask everyone who would like to attend to call the parish office (804-725-2175) with a reservation by Sunday, April 13th so that we have enough food for all.** The Seder will take place at the Kingston Parish House, beginning at 5 PM.

Maundy Thursday Liturgy and Foot Washing: For those who wish to remain, we will immediately move from the Seder into the Episcopal Maundy Thursday Liturgy at 7 PM. All are welcome.

Good Friday: We will read the Good Friday liturgy, which includes reading the Passion from the Gospel of John. This somber service will move into Stations of the Cross as we follow Jesus' journey to the cross. We also have sign up sheets to read parts of the passion—or contact the office.

Easter Day: What a wonderful day this will be! Our worship spaces will be filled with lilies and people as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. We will flower the cross and conclude with an Easter Egg hunt after the 10:30 service on the Parish House lawn. If you purchased a lily, you may take it home after this service.

Readers Needed for Palm Sunday and Good Friday

We will need readers for The Passion readings on Palm Sunday from the Gospel of Luke, and on Good Friday from the Gospel of John. Call the office and let Karen know you are willing to participate, 804-725-2175 or kingstonparish@verizon.net.

Easter Lilies

Sign up sheets are located at both services for lilies, or you may call the office and Karen will sign up for you. Please list the names of those the lilies are given in memory or in honor of. The lilies are \$15 each. Makes checks payable to Kingston Parish with "Lilies" in the memo.

Flower Chart at Christ Church

Those attending the 8:00 service are encouraged to sign up on the flower chart in the Narthex if you would like to give flowers one Sunday in memory or in honor of someone special to you. The months of May through November are available.

One half of the Soup With Love crowd Mar. 26.



Soup With Lots of Love

Soup With Love enjoys packed rooms, good preaching and delicious soups and breads and Kingston Parish Women! The picture below is half of a full house March 26th. The kitchen team that day included Kathy Stearns, Joan Hammond, Rosemary Eaton, Jan Mohr, Berni LaCasse, Tuggie Hutson and Judy Sowden.



Thanks to Allan May for pictures!



Vestry Notes from January 23 Meeting

- * Senior Warden Marti Bowen thanked the vestry members rolling off the vestry: Gay Butler, Joan Hammond and Jim Husband, as well as Treasurer Wendy Super, for all they have done for Kingston Parish.
- * The vestry approved the 2025 Budget.
- * Soup With Love will be coordinated by Kelsey Desmond.
- * Lenten Retreat March 8th.
- * Gary+ will be on vacation the end of February. Joan Hammond will lead a Morning Prayer service and Mary Ann Carr will preach.
- * The search continues for an Organist/Choir Director.
- * Kippy Gilbert has stepped down as Lay Visitors Coordinator.
- * A motion was approved to distribute \$500 to the GUEST homeless program.
- * The Rectory is being emptied so that work can begin on estimating the cost of renovation.
- * Complaints that the organ volume is too loud will be addressed.
- * The next vestry meeting, with the new vestry members, will be February 18th at 5:30 p.m.

Vestry Notes from February 18 Meeting

- * The Parochial Report for 2024 was reviewed and approved to be sent to the Episcopal Church and to the Diocese of Virginia.
- * A motion was approved to re-elect Marti Bowen as Senior Warden and Cindy Machen as Registrar.
- * A motion was approved to purchase a 1/4 page ad for the Mathews May Faire Booklet, to be taken from the Communications budget line.
- * A motion was approved to disburse \$1,000 to the RCC Scholarship Fund from the Outreach funds.
- * The next vestry meeting will be Wednesday, March 19th at 5:30 p.m.

Thanks to Cindy Machen for taking the vestry minutes each month!

Thank You!

I would like to thank my Kingston Parish family for their support in my education. The \$1,200 helped me meet my monetary goal to continue my education.

Thomas D. Lewis

The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom

Classes will meet on Monday afternoons and Tuesday evenings so that those who wish to come in the day may come Mondays and those who work or wish to attend evenings can come Tuesdays. Class will last 90 minutes in both cases. Monday classes will meet from 1 PM until 2:30. Tuesday classes will meet from 7 PM until 8:30 PM. As always, you are welcome to come to class when you can, but there is no attendance taken, and you are not required to make all the classes.

I have wanted to teach a class on the prophets for many years now. We will be discussing the prophets using the Richard Rohr book, The Tears of Things. While it may well deepen your understanding, you don't have to read the book to be a part of the class discussions. Whether you read the Rohr book or not, you may also wish to look at some of the prophets! I would recommend that you read in particular all of Amos, parts of Jeremiah (as you choose), and the stories of Elijah that are to be found in 1 Kings: 17-19 and 2 Kings 2. And, of course, there are plenty more prophets to read if you want to, such as Hosea, the Jonah story, or the stories of John the Baptist.

Here is a brief outline of the course:

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| May 5/6 | Introduction and chapter 1 |
| May 12/13 | Chapters 2 and 3 (Amos and Hosea) |
| May 19/20 | Chapters 4 and 5 (Disorder in the New Testament and Jeremiah) |
| May 26/27 | Off for Memorial Day |
| June 2/3 | Chapters 6-7 (Why prophets lead us through to salvation and wholeness) |
| June 9-10 | Chapter 8 (The Three Isaiahs) |
| June 16-17 | Chapter 9 (Ezekiel and Apocalyptic Grace) |
| June 23/24 | Chapter 10 and Sewing it Up |

Gary+

Spring Fair Open House

Mary Ellen Stimson has moved to live with her daughter and they have taken away all they need and are leaving much behind in the house. Josie Thorpe would like to have a mini Fall Fair (Spring Fair) at the house April 26/27 in hopes that much of what is there might be treasure for someone and any money raised would go to the Kingston Parish Outreach Fund. Contact Josie if you can help, (703-201-6888).

Shrine Mont Weekend July 25-27

The registration form is on page 5.



2025 Annual Wabingston Weekend

(Ware, Abingdon, and Kingston)

At Shrine Mont Camp and Conference Center in Orkney Springs

Friday, July 25 to Sunday, July 27

Theme: *The 100th Psalm for Shrine Mont's 100th Anniversary*

"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth." Psalm 100:1

Our Contact: Mary Kathryn Diggs at (804)384-7269 or diggsmk49@gmail.com

Weekend Schedule:

Friday: a warm welcome at Virginia House to get Room Assignments

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Arrival Activities

Shenandoah Music Festival

Saturday: Breakfast, Gathering for worship and workshops in the parlor

Lunch followed by free time for hiking, Golf at Bryce, napping, games, reading and pool time

Supper

Listen to music provided by the Shenandoah Music Festival. You may order tickets online or join others for a free concert from the porches of Virginia House. [www. musicfest.org](http://www.musicfest.org) (for tickets)

Sunday: Breakfast

Worship at Shrine of the Transfiguration

Lunch, then Departure

Return bottom portion with deposit to church office: Kingston Parish, PO Box 471, Mathews VA 23109

Registration

(Applications and half of the cost due to church office by May 15th: balance due July 18th)

Adults (Names) _____

Children under 3 (Names) _____

Children 4-12 (Names) _____

Children 13-18 (Names) _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

*Costs: (Children 18 and under are FREE)

One adult for two nights with double occupancy and six meals \$195 x _____ (# adults) = _____

One Adult for two nights with single occupancy and six meals \$250 x _____ (# adults) = _____

Balance due _____

*Scholarships available; speak with Fr. Gary. Don't let the cost prevent you from enjoying this experience!

Parish Prayer List

Pray For Our Parishioners

Joe Bridgforth for Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus (NPH) (by Debbie Lambert)
 Jane Cargill (by Kathy Yent)
 Johnny Brown for healing of his leg and melanoma (by Becca Brown)
 Paul Gibson for Multiple System Atrophy (by Jan Mohr)
 Amanda Gregg for cancer (by Carole Gregg)
 Jim Husband for severe back pain (office)
 Martha Knight for back surgery April 1 (office)
 Nancy James for back issues (office)
 Marvin Jones in hospital for ulcerative colitis (office)
 Signe Langschultz residing at Heron Cove in Gloucester (office)
 Allan May for thyroid issues (office)
 Donna Power at Mathews Rehabilitation Center (office)
 Jim Richards for cancer of left lymph node (office)
 Martha Story for recovery from surgery (office)
 Sandy Warren for Alzheimers (office)
 Mary Dabney Webster recovering from a fall (by Trish Reed)

Pray For Our Family and Friends

Sandy Ambrose for cancer (by Vicki Carter)
 Tom Bailey (by Pat Dickey)
 Brianna Barnhart for a thyroid nodule (by Sally Bridgforth)
 Tom Caldwell for auto accident (by Mary Ann Carr)
 Viv Campbell for lymphoma (by Lori Black)
 Jeri Carney for neck surgery (by Josie Thorpe)
 Grace Cipriano for a blood disorder (by Rosemary Eaton)
 Gary Collins for chronic pancreatitis (by Jay Black)
 Kate Daniel (by Josie Thorpe)
 Lee and Debbie Dawson (by Terry Messer)
 Donna Drumel for lung cancer (by Wendy Super)
 David Eaton (by Rosemary Eaton)
 Walker Linden Ford-5 yrs. old, blind in one eye (by K Yent)
 Brianna Friend for thyroid cancer (by Marti Bowen)
 Peter Furniss for return of Lymphoma (by Mairi Furniss)
 Wendy Gay for cancer (by Kathy Yent)
 The Gibson family (by Josie Thorpe)
 Helen Graves for congestive heart failure (by P. Gibson)
 Bobby Griffith for acute vascular disease (by Berni LaCasse)
 Liz Grissom for cancer (by Marti Bowen)
 Wanda/Woody Hailey (by Gay Butler)
 Linda Hawkins for return of cancer (by Rosemary Eaton)
 Elizabeth Hayward for dementia (by Carol Swartz)
 Dick Hellier for lung cancer (by Kathy Yent)
 Tom Holaday for lung issues/transplant (by Marti Bowen)
 Bonnie Hook for spreading cancer (by Rosemary Eaton)
 John Hopkins for dementia (by Mairi Furniss)
 Aubrey Hudgins (by Al Hudgins)
 Emily Hurlocker for ovarian/lung cancer (by Kathy Yent)
 Marie Hurst for lymphoma (by Jan Mohr)
 John Hutson for cancer (by Marti Bowen)
 Ginny Johnson for a stroke/seizures (by Shirley Holler)
 Johnson family for father with dementia (by Marti Bowen)
 David Kendrick for bladder cancer (by Reed Lawson)
 Bill King for lymphoma of CNS (by Mairi Furniss)
 Ashley Kirschner for illness (by Ron James)
 Donna Lang for return of cancer (by Nan Cross)
 Joy Long (by Jan Mohr)
 Phil Long for spinal stenosis (by Shannon Hutchings)

April Birthdays

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| Jane Lockaby | 2 |
| Mike Hudgins | 3 |
| Vince Lassiter | 3 |
| Allan May | 11 |
| Trish Reed | 13 |
| Mary Ann Gilman | 14 |
| Peter VanEmmerik | 17 |
| Al Hudgins | 23 |
| Daniel Gregg | 24 |
| James Gregg | 24 |
| Adelle Hudgins | 25 |
| Ron James | 25 |
| Martha Knight | 26 |
| Lenox Gregg | 27 |

Serving in the Military First Responders or Diplomatic Corps

Colin Bucknor
 Yvette Gaither
 Carly Harmon
 Nicholas Hobert
 Chris Ivy
 Joe Kraynak
 Megan Kraynak
 Joey Purdue
 William Story Scarlett

Crystal Mann for cancer (by Lynn May)
 Samantha Martin for a liver transplant (by Kathy Yent)
 Helen Young Massingill (by Gay Butler)
 Ashley Callis McBurney for cancer (by Nan Cross)
 Keith Morgan for prostate cancer (by Josie Thorpe)
 Lou Ann Newman for malignant brain tumor (by K. Yent)
 Ruby Parker for brain tumor (by Rosemary Eaton)
 Elizabeth Perkins for brain tumor (by Pat Elliott)
 Cora Lee Phillipps for heart attack (by Deirdre McElroy)
 Carolyn Piercy for cancer (by Mary Ellen Stimson)
 Callie Pinnick, 15-yr.-old in auto accident (by V. Carter)
 Jessica Rigsby for breast cancer (by Shannon Hutchings)
 Tom Robinson (by Josie Thorpe)
 Barbara/Hank Schlechter (by Gay Butler)
 Susan Shames for cancer (by Martha McCartney)
 Dawn Simmons for cancer (by Valerie Lewis)
 Tiffany Taylor for Chron's Disease (by Josie Thorpe)
 Ed Tillett for cancer (by Kathy Yent)
 Mary Van House for stroke/surgery (by Mary Ann Carr)
 Willis Ann Ward for stroke (by Marti Bowen)
 Punthada Wetsuwan for meningitis (by Rosemary Eaton)
 Betty Williams for lung cancer (by Mary Chapman)
 Jackie Wilton for cancer (by Liz Wilton)
 Louise Witherspoon for stroke (by Pat Dickey)
 Catherine Worley for breast cancer (by Gay Butler)

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>6 <i>5 Lent</i></p> <p>8 am HE I-CC</p> <p>10:30 HE II-KC</p> | <p>7</p> <p>9 am Counters-L</p> | <p>8</p> <p>9 am Gary+ spiritual direction via Zoom</p> | <p>9</p> <p>12 pm Healing/HE-MC</p> <p>3 pm Choir-CC</p> | <p>10</p> <p>7 pm AA-PH</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12</p> |
| <p>13 <i>Palm Sunday</i></p> <p>8 am HE I-CC</p> <p>10:30 HE II-KC</p> | <p>14</p> <p>9 am Counters-L</p> | <p>15</p> <p>10 am-2 pm Gary+ to Diocesan Chrism Mass at Wicomico Church</p> | <p>16</p> <p>12 pm Healing/HE-MC</p> <p>3 pm Choir-CC</p> <p>5:30 pm Vestry-CC</p> | <p>17 <i>Maundy Thursday</i></p> <p>7 pm AA-PH</p> | <p>18 <i>Good Friday</i></p> | <p>19</p> |
| <p>20 <i>Easter Day</i></p> <p>8 am HE I-CC</p> <p>10:30 HE II-KC</p> | <p>21</p> <p>9 am Counters-L</p> <p>CRIER DEADLINE</p> | <p>April 14-18 Holy Week services at Westville Christian 12 pm</p> | | <p>24</p> <p>7 pm AA-PH</p> | <p>25</p> <p>9-1 <i>Open House Spring Fair at Waverly House for Parishioners</i></p> | <p>26</p> <p>9-1 <i>Open House Spring Fair at Waverly House for Community</i></p> |
| <p>27 <i>2 Easter</i></p> <p>8 am HE I-CC</p> <p>10:30 HE II-KC</p> | <p>28</p> <p>9 am Counters-L</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>7 pm AA-PH</p> | <p>April 28-30 Gary+ Clergy Conference at Shrine Mont</p> | |

April 2025

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The Very Rev Gary Barker, Rector
(757)371-9382; barkergaryj@gmail.com

THE VESTRY

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| Senior Warden | Marti Bowen |
| Junior Warden | Mike Miskovsky |
| Auditor | Judy Sowden |
| Fellowship/Lay Delegate | Lois Biddison |
| Communications | Jimmy Eaton |
| Evangelism/Alternate Delegate | Pat Dickey |
| Outreach Warden | Allan May |
| Pastoral Care | Kelsey Desmond |
| Members At Large | Kim Hartlove |
| Treasurer | |

TRUSTEES

Vicki L. Carter Timothy W. Hudgins Valerie Lewis

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL AND
UPPER TIDEWATER REGION**

Jim Husband, Lay Delegate
James Eaton, Alternate

STAFF

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|--------------|----------------------|
| Karen Jones | Parish Administrator |
| Vicki Carter | Bookkeeper |

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I at Christ Church
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Kingston Chapel

Wednesday
12:00 p.m. Midweek Eucharist in Meditation Chapel
in the Parish House

Celtic Services
5:30 p.m. One Sunday a month