



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

One of the great blessings of our Episcopal/Anglican tradition is the way we walk through the stories that shape our faith and our lives. I honestly don't know how some of our siblings in Christ manage with just the theology of the cross and the resurrection. I need to walk the story. I need to feel it and struggle with it as if it were happening to me now. That is what we get to do in our holy week and the great fifty days of Easter. We don't simply read the scripture and learn the theology that goes with it; we struggle through it. We will wave palm branches and then yell "crucify him!" We will wash feet and eat the last supper with bread and wine on our tongues before we wait in the dark of that terrible night. We will stare into the empty cross on Good Friday with no frills or theology at all to help us through, just people doing evil things and God giving in the face of hatred. And we won't just celebrate Easter morning, but we will spend fifty days experiencing the stories of Jesus' followers trying to make sense of what has happened and how they might share this good news with others. It is a beautiful and messy process we go through together each year. And although some of us have walked this way many, many times, there is always something new to discover and experience.

How much of this experience will you take the time for this year? How can you commit to it in the hope that, when you are through, you will be more fully part of the story of Jesus that includes all the good news and grace of God? I hope to see you along the way. I hope we can support one another on this journey deeper into our God.

God's Peace,

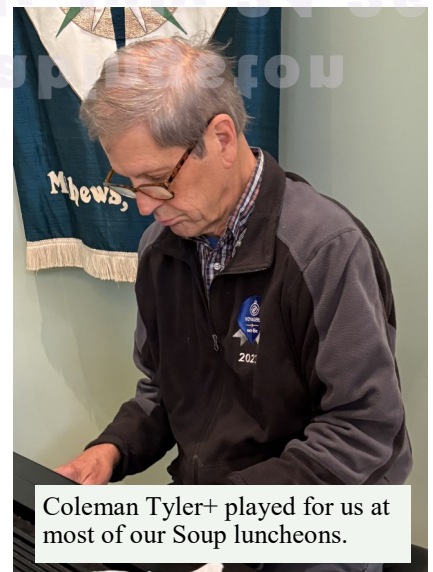
**Gary+**

**Save the date for Wabingston Shrine Mont Weekend: July 24-26**

### **Parish House Parking Lot Change**

I am writing to you to let you all know that starting after Easter, we will be reversing the entrance and exit to Kingson Chapel. The vestry have decided to reverse the entrance and exits due to safety concerns. First, the old exit has a big dip, and when you try to go out onto Main Street, you can and will bottom out our car and could cause damage to your vehicle. Second, it is much easier to see oncoming traffic when using the "old entrance" when exiting the church property driveway. If you would like to start practicing using the "new entrance" please feel free to do so (just watch out for cars using the regular way!). After we worship together to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday, Bert Cross and I will reverse the entrance and exit signs the following week. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Allan or Bert, our Junior Wardens, or Gary+, and we will be happy to assist.

Peace and Blessings to you all, Allan May, Junior Warden



Coleman Tyler+ played for us at most of our Soup luncheons.

## Worship Opportunities in April

### Holy Week Services

March 30-April 3: Westville Christian will hold their annual holy week services from 12-12:30 pm. Offerings of canned and dry goods will be given to Hands Across Mathews

### Burial Service for Jane Lockaby, April 1 at 11 AM

Isn't it interesting how we will have a pre-Easter service the Wednesday of Holy Week as we rejoice in Jane Lockaby's entrance into the presence of our risen Lord? More work for the Altar Guild, but an important worship service to attend. The burial service will be at Christ Church; Kingston Parish Women will prepare a funeral reception following in the Parish House.

### Maundy Thursday Service April 2

Join us at 7 PM in Kingston Chapel for our Maundy Thursday service, which includes foot washing, Holy Eucharist, and the Stripping of the Altar.

### Good Friday Services April 3

Join us at Noon at Christ Church and 7 PM at Kingston Chapel for the Good Friday Liturgy followed by the Stations of the Cross.

### Resurrection Sunday April 5

Our Easter service will be held in Kingston Chapel at 9:30 AM, followed by a coffee hour.

### April 12 Pascha at Trinity

Our congregation has been supporting a young congregation of Orthodox Christians as they seek to create a new church in Gloucester/Mathews by giving them the space to worship at Trinity for minimal rent. It is exciting for us to be able to be a part of this new thing! Many of you have perhaps driven past our Trinity Church on a Sunday after our worship and seen the full parking lot of cars and children playing in the graveyard. In the Orthodox tradition, the Christian year follows a slightly different calendar from those of us in the Western traditions of Christianity. One of the things that means is that their Easter (what they call by the more Biblical name, Pascha) usually falls a week later than it does in our calendar. So this year, we celebrate Easter on April 5; they celebrate Pascha on April 12. This year, we have been invited to join them for Vespers (evening prayers) at 3 PM which will be followed by a great Pascha feast/picnic in the Trinity graveyard. If you would like to come along, please plan to bring a potluck something to share, and let Gary or the office know you're planning to be there. This

will be an opportunity for a handful of us at least to see the way they worship at Trinity and get to know some of the faithful folk of this exciting new congregation, including their priest, Fr. David. We will still have our own worship that Sunday morning at 9:30 as we celebrate the second Sunday of Easter. Please let Gary or the office know if you would like to come to the Vespers and picnic at 3 PM that afternoon (April 12).

### April 19: Celtic Service

5:30 PM in Kingston Chapel

## Vestry Notes (from February 18 Meeting)

- \* Following the breakage of a large section of one of the old cedars near the rectory, a motion was made and approved to remind all Kingston Parish members that any tree trimming or tree removal needs vestry approval.
- \* A motion was made and approved to accept HVAC contractor Chris Hubbard's proposal for replacing the Trinity system for \$12,600.00.
- \* A motion was made and approved to accept HVAC contractor Peninsula Heating and Air's proposal for replacing the Kingston Chapel HVAC system for \$62,682.00.
- \* A Finance Committee has been approved made up of three members: Ron Lambert, Bill Stearns and Vestry Liaison, Valerie Lewis. A motion was made and approved to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to establish a Parish House Fund, and to "borrow" from the Davenport Money Market Account to pay for the two large HVAC expenses.
- \* A motion was made and approved to pay \$250 to the Upper Tidewater Regional Council for our annual pledge, plus increase the pay for Celtic service musicians to \$200 per musician per service.
- \* 2026 Vestry positions were approved:  
Senior Warden: Marti Bowen  
Junior Wardens: Bert Cross, Allan May  
Recorder: Cindy Machen  
Region/Diocesan Delegate: Jim Husband  
Region/Diocesan Alternate: Allan May
- \* The Parochial Report for 2025 was reviewed and approved for submission to the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Virginia.
- \* The vestry will meet March 19th with the Rev. Will Dickinson to start transition discussions.
- \* The next vestry meeting will be March 18th at 5:30 PM in the Library.



Soup With Love this year was a great success. So many delicious soups and breads! Kelsey Desmond reports an average of 60 people attending each week, with a total of \$1,674.00 to be given to the Mathews High School Marching Band. How many Kingston Parish parishioners can you name? I see nine “definites.”



**Bishop Visit**

It was a wonderful day of worship and celebration as we hosted a visit from Bishop Harris and witnessed the Confirmation of Ernest Albert Cross, Jr. (Bert).

Bert came to Kingston years ago with his lovely wife, Nan. They have both served us faithfully for many years. Bert is now on the vestry serving as one of our Junior Wardens.

## Parish Prayer List

### Pray For Our Parishioners

Joe Bridgforth for Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus (NPH) (by Deb Lambert)  
 Johnny Brown for healing of his leg and melanoma (by Becca Brown)  
 Bill Crowe for Pancreatic Cancer (office)  
 Nancy Fisher for a broken foot (office)  
 Amanda Gregg for cancer (by Carole Gregg)  
 Nancy James recovering from surgery at home (office)  
 Martha Knight for stomach cancer (office)  
 Signe Langschultz residing at Heron Cove in Gloucester (office)  
 Donna Power at Mathews Rehabilitation Center (office)  
 Sandy Warren for Alzheimers (office)  
 Danny and Mary Dabney Webster as she is in hospice care (by Trish Reed)  
 Pat Williams in hospice care at Richmond Westminster-Canterbury

### Pray For Our Family and Friends

Randy Altona for long-term illness (by Allan May)  
 Sandy Ambrose for cancer (by Vicki Carter)  
 Brianna Barnhart for a thyroid nodule (by Sally Bridgforth)  
 Diane Bing for detached retina surgery (by Kathy Yent)  
 Alex Boines for stroke (by Jessica Story)  
 Jeff Bohn for open heart surgery (by Josie Thorpe)  
 Tom Caldwell for auto accident (by Mary Ann Carr)  
 Jeri Carney for neck surgery (by Josie Thorpe)  
 Sara Caramia (by Martha Ellen Trabant)  
 Gary Collins for Autoimmune Pancreatitis (by Jay Black)  
 Marie Croxton (by Pat Dickey)  
 Kate Daniel (by Josie Thorpe)  
 Lee and Debbie Dawson (by Terry Messer)  
 Patty DeSa for shoulder surgery (by ME Trabant)  
 Cole Dyck for Bells Palsy (by Jessica Story)  
 David Eaton (by Rosemary Eaton)  
 John Edmonds for surgery—brother Jason for terminal cancer (by Marti Bowen)  
 Roger Emig for cancer (by Reed Lawson)  
 Pat Fellows for heart surgery complications (by K. Yent)  
 Laura Flick for surgery (by Kathy Yent)  
 Walker Linden Ford-5 yrs. old, blind in one eye (K Yent)  
 Peter Furniss for Lymphoma (by Mairi Furniss)  
 Wendy Gay for cancer (by Kathy Yent)  
 The Gibson family (by Josie Thorpe)  
 Paul Gibson for Multiple System Atrophy (by Jan Mohr)  
 Bobby Griffith for acute vascular disease (by B. LaCasse)  
 Wanda/Woody Hailey (by Gay Butler)  
 Linda Hawkins for return of cancer (by Rosemary Eaton)  
 Elizabeth Hayward for dementia (by Carol Swartz)  
 Bonnie Hook for spreading cancer (by Rosemary Eaton)  
 John Hopkins for dementia (by Mairi Furniss)  
 Emily Hurlocker for ovarian/lung cancer (by Kathy Yent)  
 Marie Hurst for lymphoma (by Jan Mohr)  
 David Kendrick for cancer (by Debbie Lambert)  
 Rick Kline very ill (by Rosemary Eaton)  
 Joanne Kopp for return of Lymphoma (by Pat Neiger)  
 Donna Lang for return of cancer (by Nan Cross)  
 Joy Long (by Jan Mohr)  
 Phil Long for spinal stenosis (by Shannon Hutchings)

## April Birthdays

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  
 Chris Ivy  
 Joe Kraynak  
 Megan Kraynak  
 Eric Lambert  
 Joey Purdue  
 William Story Scarlett

The Lynn family (by Rosemary Eaton)  
 Samantha Martin for a liver transplant (by Kathy Yent)  
 Helen Young Massingill (by Gay Butler)  
 Elizabeth Minton (for ruptured bowel) by M. Chapman  
 Keith Morgan for prostate cancer (by Josie Thorpe)  
 Lois Morley for a stroke (by Debbie Lambert)  
 Lou Ann Newman for malignant brain tumor (K. Yent)  
 Ruby Parker for brain tumor (by Rosemary Eaton)  
 Elizabeth Perkins for brain tumor (by Pat Elliott)  
 Katherine Ann Piedalue for Graves Disease by J. Story  
 Jessica Rigsby for breast cancer (by Shannon Hutchings)  
 Tom Robinson (by Josie Thorpe)  
 Lisa Rose for ALS (by Mary Kathryn Diggs)  
 Susan Shames for cancer (by Martha McCartney)  
 Michael Shifflett for pancreatic cancer (by Val Lewis)  
 Dawn Simmons for cancer (by Valerie Lewis)  
 Judy Smith for aplastic anemia (by Debbie Lambert)  
 Maddox Super for epilepsy (by Wendy Super)  
 Tiffany Taylor for Chron's Disease (by Josie Thorpe)  
 Mary Van House for stroke/surgery (by Mary Ann Carr)  
 Christine von Klencke for stomach cancer (ME Trabant)  
 Ethel Walker for emergency surgery (by Kathy Yent)  
 Bri Westhaver for colon cancer (by Lori Black)  
 Punthada Wetsuwan for meningitis (by Rosemary Eaton)  
 Betty Williams for lung cancer (by Mary Chapman)  
 Louise Witherspoon for stroke (by Pat Dickey)  
 Catherine Worley for breast cancer (by Gay Butler)

# April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 <i>Resurrection Day</i> 9:30 am Festival HE II at Kingston Chapel	6 9 am Counters-L	7 9 am Men's Bible Study -SS Room	8 <i>No Noon Service</i> No Choir Rehearsal	9 7 pm AA-SS Room	10 7 pm Good Friday Liturgy and Way of the Cross-KC	11
12 9:30 am HE II-KC 3 pm Pascha Vespers and Picnic Feast at Trinity	13 9 am Counters-L	14 9 am Men's Bible Study -SS Room	15 12 pm Healing Service/HE-MC 3 pm Choir Practice-KC 6 pm Vestry Mtg.-L	16 7 pm AA-SS Room	17	18 9 am to 3 pm Vestry Retreat
19 9:30 am HE I-CC	21 9 am Counters-L	21 9 am Men's Bible Study -SS Room	22 12 pm Healing Service/HE-MC 3 pm Choir Practice-KC	23 4 pm Gary+ Colleagues Zoom Mtg.	24	25
5:30 pm Celtic Service-KC	1 pm Monday Class-L <i>Crier Deadline</i>	7 pm Tuesday Class-L	3 pm Choir Practice-KC	7 pm AA-SS Room		
26 9:30 am HE II-KC	27 9 am Counters-L	28 9 am Men's Bible Study -SS Room	29 12 pm Healing Service/HE-MC 3 pm Choir Practice-KC	30 7 pm AA-SS Room		
	April 27-29 Gary+ Clergy Conference at Shrine Mont					

Bishop Harris was given a tour of the renovation work done on the Old Rectory. She asked a blessing on our work and the ministry for workforce housing there. Pictured are Bill Stearns, Bishop Harris, Marti Bowen, Gary Barker+ and Hunt Thompson.



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#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

##### Sundays at 9:30 AM

April 5: Holy Eucharist Rite II at Kingston Chapel  
April 12: Holy Eucharist Rite II at Kingston Chapel  
April 19: Holy Eucharist Rite I at Christ Church  
April 26: Holy Eucharist Rite II at Kingston Chapel

##### Wednesday

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

##### Celtic Services

April 19: 5:30 p.m. in Kingston Chapel