

KINGSTON CRIER

MAY 2018

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The Rector's Visions

With the coming of May we are about half way through the wonderful season of Easter this year. And part of what makes it so wonderful for me is the earthiness of Easter. We call Christmas the Feast of the Incarnation since it's when the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us. But Easter is its own feast of incarnation. That word made flesh is beaten, broken, crucified, hated, killed. Yet it will not simply return as some sort of vague spirit separate from us. The body walks out of the tomb and into our lives and shows the wounds that are in the flesh; see my hands and feet and side, touch me. The Word speaks, and asks for some food and begs Mary from Magdela to not touch his flesh yet because he has to somehow get his flesh to God first. Touch and not touch, death and life, eating and being beyond death. It doesn't all make sense really, not any more than God being limited in the human body of a baby. And part of the power of the Easter stories of Jesus appearing is the way the people around him are overwhelmed, confused, unable to comprehend how Jesus is living in the flesh still after a horrible dying.

Yet it all *feels* so true in our own flesh and bones. Somehow the resurrection is so often watered down and reduced to a sort of pie-in-the-sky life after death doctrine that is safe, understandable, definable. But the experience of Easter is not so easily pushed away for later, after we breathe our last. Easter is true for here and now just as much as for after death. Resurrection is in the flesh and life we already know and the way God is present in my wounds, our eating, the touching of friends and lovers. Jesus, God incarnate, Emmanuel is alive now.

With the Ascension, Jesus' body leaves us, but only so that we can become the Body of Christ in the flesh for the world. The Holy Spirit fills us with more than we can hold or understand, and we become the Word in our own flesh to go out and speak the good news to the world. What a wild and wondrous way to be alive – to be part of God's incarnation in the world today. There is nothing tame or otherworldly about Easter. It is so much more than pastel eggs and happy thoughts. It is life abundant, love incarnate, faith enduring, hope in the flesh.

-- Gary +

Evensong for the Feast of the Ascension

May 10 ~ 6:00 p.m.

To celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, Abingdon is hosting a service of Evensong. Choral Evensong as arranged in the Book of Common Prayer has been sung regularly since the sixteenth century. The Abingdon choir will use the music of Hebert Howells as the foundation of this service. This will be the first shared worship service of our new region and churches from across the region will be participating. Our dean, the Very Rev. Gary Barker, rector of Kingston Parish, will be the officiant and the Very Rev. Lucia Lloyd, Dean of the Northern Neck Region, will be the preacher. A reception follows. Plan on attending – you'll enjoy it!

Special Recognition

May 20 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Patsy Hemp is moving out of our area to be closer to family and begin a new career. We want to recognize Patsy and all her efforts on behalf of our preschool on Pentecost Sunday. A reception will be held in her honor after the 10:30 service.

Baptismal Service

May 27 ~ 10:30 a.m.

at Christ Church

We have the privilege of baptizing the first great grandchild of Judy Sowden, Gwendolyn Marie Tennant (Gwennie). Join us, along with five generations of Judy's family, as we pledge to support Gwennie spiritually on her life journey and recommit our own lives to God as we say the baptismal covenant together.

A Celtic Pilgrimage Offering May 2019

Mark your calendars for May 12-23, 2019 for a most extraordinary opportunity. Kingston Parish will be offering a 12 day Celtic pilgrimage to Scotland and Northern England including time spent on the Isle of Iona, in Durham and on the Holy Isle of Lindisfarne. In each place we will learn about Celtic history and tradition and its influence on our own Christian heritage. An extended stay in each area will allow us the opportunity to set roots in our surroundings and experience more fully their stories. Travel between each destination will also give us time to experience the beautiful landscape of Scotland and northern England and give us the opportunity to stop and visit a few sights along the way.



WorldStrides will be handling all of the logistics which will provide the support and assistance we need as we travel from place to place. However, the uniqueness of this pilgrimage is that it has been designed by and will be led by Gary. Before we embark on our international travel, we will begin our pilgrimage at home in sessions led by Gary as we prepare our minds, body and spirit for this unique experience.

Details of this pilgrimage are nearly complete and we will have an important meeting for all who might be interested or curious about the trip. A representative from WorldStrides will be joining us to tell us more and answer any questions. As soon as that meeting has been established, we will let you know the date and time. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact Mary Chapman (804)725-2346 or (mamiechapman@gmail.com) or Gary+. We are very excited to offer this pilgrimage to our parish family.

Planned Giving Workshop

A planned giving information session is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15 at 5:30 PM at the Kingston Parish House. Sven de Baars, the rector at Abingdon, will be presenting valuable information regarding options to maximize giving while minimizing taxes. Refreshments will be served. If you have questions please contact Hunt Thompson, or thompsonhunt37@gmail.com or 804-725-9750.

Divine Diners Kick-Off

Divine Diners is an opportunity to get to know other parishioners in a relaxed setting around a table of food. Each person or couple brings a dish to share and the host and hostess provide the setting and beverages.

On Saturday, May 19th, at 6 PM, Mary Kathryn Diggs will host us at her home, 805 Bar Neck Road, Port Haywood. Weather permitting, we will gather around the fire pit and enjoy the beauty of nature and one another's company. Along with a food dish, you are asked to bring a chair and a story to share!



The annual Kingston Lobster tradition continues! Supper will be served from 5-7 p.m. Take-outs from 4-5 p.m. Supper includes 1-1/2 lb. lobster, corn-on-the-cob, cole slaw, desserts, and beverage. Cost for lobster dinner and take-out lobster will be confirmed the day of lobster shipment. An alternate hotdog meal will be available for those who enjoy the fellowship but not the lobster.

Reservations Required! Please sign up at either church or call the Parish House at 804-725-2175 or e-mail us at kingstonparish@verizon.net to reserve your lobster by Monday, May 21st.

The Lobster Dinner involves a lot of work Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend. If you can assist in any way (set up, cooking, serving, clean up), please contact Vicki Carter (695-4591) or the office (725-2175). As we have done the past few years, we will have ONE worship service the following Sunday (May 27th) at 10:30 at Christ Church so that clean up following the Lobster Dinner doesn't have to be as rushed.

Bishop Johnston Letter

Dear Gary,

I want to thank you personally for your pledge of \$20,705 to support our ministries throughout the Diocese of Virginia. I most heartily commend Kingston Parish for fulfilling the Virginia Plan for Proportionate Giving. This is such a powerful and public expression of shared ministry with the whole diocese. To fulfill the requested level of proportionate giving is one of the strongest witnesses a congregation can offer in and for the larger Church.

Our time together at Annual Convention in November may have been short but our work was profound. Our theme, "All Hearts Open," echoes familiar words from the Collect for Purity that opens our worship - worship that is the heartbeat of how we as Christians are called and equipped to go about mission faithfully. Through the coming year, we will continue to explore what it means to live with our hearts open to God. It is a journey for all of us, one that not only provides the opportunity to learn more about each other but also about ourselves.

I look forward to sharing the ministry of the Gospel together with all of you in the weeks and months ahead.

Faithfully yours,
The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston
XIII Bishop of Virginia

Vestry Notes April 16, 2018

The April vestry meeting was mostly informational, updates on the bathroom renovations and notices of upcoming events, most of which have been promoted in the May *Crier*.

Steps have begun to send Fr. Gary on sabbatical in the Fall of 2019. A grant application was completed to provide monies to support expenses incurred during this three month period.

Preschool News

This month the children of KPP are learning about birds and butterflies! After a lesson on hummingbirds, the children helped to place the hummingbird feeder so they can see them through the classroom window.

Enjoy the signs of spring!

Suzanne Moughon



Thank You

To my friends at Kingston Parish March, 2018

I want to thank you for the lovely prayer shawl you gave me during my recent hospital stay. It is beautiful and I appreciate the talent with which it was made and the thoughtfulness with which it was given. I will treasure having it and think of you all when I am wrapped in its warmth. Thank you again for caring.

Sincerely,
Pat Herbert



Young families, we encourage you to send your child(ren) to one of the Shrine Mont camps offered this summer. They offer an Art Camp, Explorers Camp, Music and Drama Camp, to name a few...even one for youth with special needs. Go to their website, www.shrinemontcamps.net, to see what is offered and follow the directions to register online. The parish has funds to help with the cost - just see Fr. Gary.

Shrine Mont is not just for kids!

Check www.shrinemont.com for information on many opportunities for people of all ages to enjoy this beautiful retreat center. Beautiful scenery, hiking trails through the Allegheny Forest, rocking chairs on every porch for those who prefer to rest and read, delicious food...both a step back in time and a place with all the latest amenities available, Shrine Mont is an untapped resource by many in our parish.

In addition to the Wabingston weekend July 27-29 (call Mary Chapman by May 1st if you haven't signed up!) Shrine Mont offers a family camp week where children are free July 1 - 6. What a deal!

Contact Information

Pete and Nina Guy have cancelled their landline.
Pete: 804-241-6243
Nina: 804-814-8062



SAVE THE DATE
 Can you worship God here?
 Annual Parish Picnic
 Sunday, June 3rd, 10:30 AM
 at the home of Mary Chapman
 315 Pepper Creek Road, Susan

Snack Program Wine Tasting Benefit

Friday evening's benefit fundraiser for the Snack Pack Program was a huge success! I do not have an exact amount of how much we raised because some monies were sent directly to the church, but it seems we raised a little over \$1,800 to be given to the Snack Pack Program. How awesome is that?!

For those of you who could not attend and wanted to make a donation, or owe money for wine purchases from the night of, or would like to make an additional contribution, please send your check to Kingston Episcopal Parish, Attn: Snack Pack Program, PO Box 471, Mathews, Virginia 23109.

Just a reminder: if you are interested in purchasing any of the wines that we tasted Friday evening, you can contact Virginia Wineworks at <https://www.virginiawineworks.com/>, or by calling their tasting room at 434-296-3438. Area wine shops can also get their wines in to inventory. Kelsick Market in Gloucester is one that comes to mind. If you are ever in Charlottesville, please stop by and visit one of their two tasting rooms. Hours of operation can be found on their website. The retail prices for the wines we tasted are:

2015 Cabernet Franc - \$35

2015 Aligote - \$24

2015 Petit Mansing - \$30

2015 Mercurey Rouge - \$32

Honestly, all of Michael's wines are of high quality, and you can see a complete listing of all of his Virginia and Burgundy wines on his website at <https://www.virginiawineworks.com/>.

Thank you all again for supporting our snack pack program, Paul Gibson

Parish Prayer List

May Birthdays

Pray For Our Parishioners

Tom Bullen for treatment of a tumor in pancreas (by Donna Jemmison)
 Bill French learning to use his prosthesis (office)
 Paul Gibson for heart issues (by Jan Mohr)
 Tom Ingram for back surgery (office)
 Richard Jones for heart issues (office)
 Martha Anne King (by Mary Chapman)
 Bob Lewis for upcoming heart surgery (by Valerie Lewis)
 Ginger Richards for recovery from orthopedic surgery (office)
 Carol Swartz for broken foot (office)

Pray For Our Family and Friends

Don Altman for lung cancer (by Bill Leary)
 Wyn Bahr suffering from C.difficile infection (by Bob and Sandy Warren)
 Traci Beck for thyroid cancer (by Marilyn Overstreet)
 Darius Boles-7-yr.-old with Limb Girdle MD (by Doug Geddes+)
 Cheryl Brown for lung cancer (by Sylvia Shinault)
 Clayton Bruce (by Jan Mohr)
 Alyssa Burton for acute leukemia (by Ethel Brown)
 Michael Chapman (by Mary Chapman)
 Nancy Chiafulio for two brain tumors (by Martha Knight)
 Larry Clerico for aggressive cancer (by Kathy Yent)
 Meghan Dahnert having twins—trying to prevent early delivery (by Trish and Tom Reed)
 Joseph DeLeon for metastatic brain tumor (by Eleanor Woollard)
 Terry Dobson for brain surgery (by Lynn May)
 Nancy Donnelly (by Kathy Yent)
 Mary Doyle for hydrocephalus (by Valerie Lewis)
 Krystal Elms for stage 4 lung cancer (by Mairi Furniss)
 Glenda Flippin for ovarian cyst (by Jay Black)
 Barbara Fumagalli for overall poor health (by Mary Kathryn Diggs)
 Peter Furniss for lymphoma in bones (by Hank and Mairi Furniss)
 Taylor Wells Gearhart-for myaonic dystrophy (by Nina Guy)
 Bill Gregory for colon cancer (by Karen and Doug+ Geddes)
 Suzanne West Guy for Parkinsons (by Nina Guy)
 Joan Marie Harper for breast cancer (by Steve and Julie Crabill)
 David Hawkins for complications from diabetes (by Rosemary Eaton)
 Linda Hawkins for mass on spine (by Rosemary Eaton)
 Jeanette Hebert for cancer (by Jo Ann Hunley)
 Joan Hooper for cancer (by Pat Neiger)
 Ron Hoover for cancer (by Lisa White)
 Alvin Ingram Jr. for pacemaker (by Tom Ingram)
 Ruby Ingram for knee replacement (by Tom Ingram)
 Susan Kensey (by Shannon Kirschbaum)
 Georg Kidd for a neuro-muscular disease (by Kathy Yent)
 Jen Kimball+ for breast cancer (office)
 Lori Kincaide for blood cancer (by Shannon Kirschbaum)
 Terry King (by Mary Ann Carr)
 Donald Kosciusko for cancer (by Josie Thorpe)
 Sue Leary for hip replacement/CHF (by Bill Leary)
 Lynn Lewis for breast cancer (by Valerie Lewis)
 Artie Liles for recurring cancer (by Jim/Amanda Taylor)
 Jamie Lowman for cancer (by Josie Thorpe)
 Brian Lucy for a blood disorder (by Kathy Yent)
 Charlotte Martin - Multiple Systems Atrophy (by E. Brown)
 Jim MacDonald recovering from a liver transplant (by Warrens)
 Elizabeth McIntyre for AML (by Eleanor Woollard)
 Linda Monk for metastatic lung cancer (by Kathy Yent)
 Tim Morgan for throat cancer (by Amanda Taylor)
 Bob Oberman for cancer (by Betty Salley)
 William Anne Pamplin for cancer (by Reed Lawson)
 Betsy Paul for cancer (by Valerie Lewis)
 Elizabeth Perkins for brain tumor (by Pat Elliot)
 Deborah Phillips+ for Crohn's Disease (by Betty Salley)
 Dick Phillips for pancreatic cancer (by Reed Lawson)

Mac Butler	1
Mary Ellen Stimson	1
Amanda Taylor	3
James Van Emmerik	6
Sandy Warren	7
Eleanor Woollard	8
John Brown	8
Will Story	9
Ralph Lawson	10
Anita Minuth	13
Becky Mayfield	15
Paul Stimson	18
Beverly Holmberg	20
Bruce Cargill	22
Page Herbert	22
Elisa Wheeler+	22
Alexa Husband	22
Neil Holmberg	24
Pat Elliot	25
Martha Ellen Traband	27
Ginger Richards	28
Wendy Super	28

Serving in the Military or Diplomatic Corps

Jody Bridgforth
 Colin Bucknor
 BJ Cavazos
 Shawn Davis
 Yvette Gaither
 Steven Green
 Joe Kraynak
 Megan Kraynak
 Hib McNeilly
 Tait Michaud
 Joey Plotino
 Jennifer Schmidt
 Zach Schmidt
 George Truscott
 William Truscott

Brandy Proctor for breast cancer (by Lori Black)
 Norris Richardson for blood on the brain (by the Warrens)
 Erin Robertson for AA neuropathy (Warrens)
 Mark Robins for brain cancer (by Tom Ingram)
 Gary Wayne Sadler (by Josie Thorpe)
 Walt Sampson for cancer (by Reed Lawson)
 Peter Schenk for complications from lymphoma (Robert Petersen)
 Rosie Small for cervical/uterine cancer (by Gay Pfister)
 Jean Staha for breathing problems (by Cindy Machen)
 Shirley Stanley for bone cancer (by Richard/Joe)
 Gwennie Tennant with developmental issues (by Judy Sowden)
 Tim Tolle in an auto accident (by Karen and Doug+ Geddes)
 Harry Ward for brain tumor (by Jay Black)
 Marion Whaley for lung cancer (by Barbara VanEmmerik)
 Jennie Whittle for return of cancer (by Mary Chapman)
 Sally Williams for return of cancer (by Mary Dabney Webster)
 Steve Witmer for a pulmonary embolism (by Josie Thorpe)
 George Wood for bone cancer (by Joe and Richard)
 Nancy Wood for uterine cancer (by Joe and Richard)

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

May

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<p>6 <i>Easter</i> 8 am HE I-CC 9:15 Sunday School-PH 10:30 HE II-KC</p> <p>2:30 Nursing Home 4:30 pm Region Mtg., St. Peter's, New Kent 7 pm Boy Scouts-PH</p> <p>13 <i>Easter</i></p> <p>8 am HE I-CC 9:15 Sunday School-PH 10:30 HE II-KC</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts-PH</p> <p>20 <i>Pentecost</i> 8 am HE I-CC 9:15 Sunday School-PH 10:30 HE II-KC</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts-PH CRIER DEADLINE</p> <p>27 <i>Trinity Sunday</i></p> <p>9:15 Sunday School-PH 10:30 Baptism/HE II-CC</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts-PH</p>	<p>7 8 am Counters-L</p> <p>NO Monday Class 6 pm YMCA-PH</p> <p>14 8 am Counters-L</p> <p>1 pm Monday Class-KC</p> <p>6 pm YMCA-PH</p> <p>21 8 am Counters-L</p> <p>1 pm Monday Class-KC</p> <p>6 pm YMCA-PH 7 pm Vestry-L</p> <p>28 <i>Memorial Day</i></p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6 pm Scouts-PH</p> <p>15</p> <p>12 pm MCCMA at Sa- lem UMC</p> <p>5:30 pm Planned Giving Workshop-PH</p> <p>22</p> <p>2-6 pm THMS Faculty Appreciation Dinner-PH</p> <p>6 pm Scouts-PH</p> <p>29</p> <p>8 am Counters-L</p>	<p>9 NO Holy Eucharist</p> <p>12 pm Healing/HE-MC</p> <p>16</p> <p>12 pm Healing/HE-MC</p> <p>23</p> <p>12 pm Healing/HE-MC</p> <p>7-9 pm Couthouse Play- ers Practice-PH</p> <p>30</p> <p>12 pm Healing/HE-MC 5-7 pm Community Foundation Dinner-PH</p>	<p>10</p> <p>3:45 pm Choir-CC</p> <p>6 pm Region Evensong at Abingdon Episcopal 7 pm AA-PH</p> <p>17</p> <p>7 pm AA-PH</p> <p>24</p> <p>3:45 pm Choir-CC</p> <p>5:30 pm Mathews Muse- um Meeting-PH 7 pm AA-PH</p> <p>31</p> <p>3:45 pm Choir-CC</p> <p>7 pm AA-PH</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11 am Pen Women-PH</p> <p>6 pm Cub Scouts-PH</p> <p>18</p> <p>6 pm Cub Scouts-PH</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Parish House Reserved for Private Use</p> <p>6 pm Divine Diners Kick-Off at Mary Kathryn Diggs' home</p> <p>19</p> <p>4-5 pm Take-outs-PH 5-7 pm Lobster Dinner- PH</p>
					<p>26</p> <p></p> <p>4-5 pm Take-outs-PH 5-7 pm Lobster Dinner- PH</p> <p>26</p> <p>SAVE THE DATE Regional Sexual Mis- conduct Prevention Workshops, both Chil- dren and Adult, at St. John's, West Point Times TBD.</p>	

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I at Christ Church
9:15 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish House
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Kingston Chapel

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist each Wednesday
in the Meditation Chapel - Healing Ser-
vices the first Wednesday of the month