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Welcome to the Episcopal Church in Bay Head

For All the Saints



Senior Warden's note >>>

Thank you....

We are progressing rapidly through the season of Lent, and soon we will be celebrating the joyous season of Easter. And this Easter will be all the more joyous and beautiful because of the addition of our new Minister of Music, John Milas (see p. 4). I am thankful for the outstanding work of the search committee which led us to John. Chad Newsome, one of our Junior Wardens, and his committee (Meg Beresik and Debbie McCullam) deserve our appreciation and thanks for all the work they did in finding and bringing John to us.

Vestry members don't always get the recognition they deserve because much of their endeavors are accomplished behind the scenes. But as your Senior Warden, I have become aware of how valuable their service is to our church family. So when praise is earned, praise will be given. With that in mind, I am going to introduce you monthly to our vestry members and highlight what they do. I've already given credit to Chad, but I must add that his musical
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The Rector's Corner

What's the big deal about Holy Week?

Easter Day, The Feast of the Resurrection, is the most important day in the Christian calendar; it's when we celebrate Christ's victory over death and God's grace. Yet the week leading up to Easter is highly significant as well. If we mark Palm Sunday and skip straight to Easter, we give away the opportunity to walk slowly, listen intently, and experience deeply the details

of Jesus' last week. Formal observations of Holy Week did not actually begin until the late fourth century. Until that time, only Saturday and Sunday were kept. But the desire to draw focus to the events of each day to anchor the whole story led to the observances we keep today.



Betray Christ. And Maundy Thursday is the day of the Last Supper where Jesus washed the feet of the disciples and instituted the sacrament of bread and wine. Judas left the supper, going out into the dark night to let the guards know where to find Jesus. After supper, he

The Sunday before Easter is "Palm Sunday," when Jesus rode into Jerusalem and people threw palm branches on the ground. Jesus, riding on a donkey, rode over the palms as shouts of "hosanna" rose from those who lined the way.

On Monday, Jesus cleansed the temple, overturning the tables of the money changers and vendors. On Wednesday, Judas made plans to

took the disciples to the Garden of Gethsamane for prayer—what we call the agony in the garden. Judas soon arrived with the armed guards who arrest Jesus.

Through the night on Thursday, into the early hours of Friday, Jesus is on trial and condemned to death by crucifixion. On Friday, we follow along as Jesus carries the cross on the
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Via Dolorosa, the way of sorrows, to the place of the crucifixion. Jesus is crucified, speaks the traditional seven last words, and dies. Taken down from the cross, he is laid in the tomb, which is then sealed.

Here at All Saints, we mark Palm Sunday with a procession that begins in the Memorial Garden and enters the church. We read the Passion Gospel after we celebrate the Eucharist so that we relish the pomp and excitement of the Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem, before we turn to the Passion Gospel and leave the gathered assembly with the shouts of "Crucify him" on our lips. We come together on Monday night for Evening Prayer with the readings of the day. On Wednesday at the 8:30 a.m. Eucharist, we will hear of the betrayal. On Thursday, we gather in Bristol Hall for our Maundy Thursday meal before we process by candlelight into the darkened church for foot washing, the Eucharist, and the powerfully moving stripping of and washing of the altar. Then, we depart in silence.

On Good Friday, we gather at noon for the Stations of the Cross and again at 7 p.m. for the liturgy of Good Friday. It is the solemn grief of the day that we carry with heaviness until, at last, the tomb will be discovered empty, and the greatest celebration of our annual journey explodes with joy.

In Ecclesiastes 3:1, we hear "To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven." It is the same with Holy Week—to every day there is a message and purpose, so come the dawn of Easter, we have prepared our hearts for the joy of resurrection. Don't sell your Lenten walk short. Every step is worth the effort and was taken by Jesus for you.

Faithfully, Kathryn+

Mite boxes due May 4

The United Thank Offering (UTO) enables us to turn our many blessings into blessings for others. It's time to get your little blue box and fill it with spare change.

These daily contributions are then given as grants to support innovative mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and the provinces of the Anglican Community.

Last year, thanks to your generosity, All Saints contributed \$675, which supported a grant to help with the education of migrant children and provide ESL classes. Over the next year, grants will continue to help those in society who have been left out or left behind.

Boxes are located in Bristol Hall and by the bulletin boards outside Bristol Hall. **Please bring your box or check to our Ingathering on May 4.** Thank you!

Lois Eberhart

In case of emergency

Did you know? We have three critical pieces of life-saving equipment installed on the church property, and we want everyone to know about them and how to access them in case of emergency. This equipment is in addition to the fire extinguishers mounted throughout the buildings.

The photo below shows the **fire blanket** that hangs to the right of the stove in the kitchen. It's on the wall, directly under the mechanical box. In the event of a surface/grease fire, you can use the blanket to cover the stove, or if someone's clothing catches fire, you can wrap the victim in the blanket. To release the blanket for use, quickly pull the black strap on the bottom of the package.

Two other pieces of equipment are located on the wall in the hall/ramp leading from Bristol Hall to the office. You will notice them by the windows on the wall closest to the Memorial Garden. The large white metal box contains our **emergency defibrillator**. In an emergency, remove the yellow unit from the box and take it to the person in distress. The device itself will "talk you through" how to use it.



Above the defibrillator hangs the **Life Vac** case, which is for **choking emergencies**. In an emergency, take the entire pouch to the choking victim. Inside you will find a 'plunger-type' device with face mask attachments for both children and adults. Follow the directions in the kit.

We conducted parish-wide defibrillator training in 2024 and plan to run a video during Coffee Hour to familiarize ourselves with the other devices soon.

Engage in the Triduum



Maundy Thursday
April 17
7 PM in Bristol Hall, begins by recalling the Last Supper and moves to the nave, where we hear Scripture and take

part in acts of servitude. The liturgy closes with the stripping of the altar, and we depart in silence.

Good Friday
April 18

Noon - Stations of the Cross

Join with members of your family of faith to walk the traditional devotions of the Stations of the Cross, recounting Jesus' final journey to Calvary and the tomb. You may walk the stations or remain seated and view images on the screen.

7 PM - The Liturgy of Good Friday

We gather for the traditional observance found in the Book of Common Prayer. There is no celebration of Communion as we mark Christ becoming "obedient to death, even death on the cross." (Philippians 2:8)

The Great Vigil of Easter
Saturday, April 19

7 PM

We come together in darkness to light the new flame, hear the history of salvation recounted in scripture and song, and proclaim Christ's resurrection. This is the first service of Easter and the most dramatic liturgy of our tradition, enhanced by special music and followed by a festive reception of finger foods, sweets and champagne punch.



Easter Day, Festal Holy Eucharist
Sunday, April 20
8:30 and 10:30 AM

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! We celebrate with choir, instruments, and bells, along with the raising of the Alleluia banner! For our youngest saints, we offer a children's homily and special pew activities.

Bring your bells and be sure to smile for our parish family picture following the recessional and before we release the kids into the garden for a candy-free Easter egg hunt!



See the photo page on our website
www.allsaintsbayhead.org!

Welcome to Music at All Saints

On March 16, All Saints welcomed its new Minister of Music, John Milas, AAGO, ChM. Out of all the candidates interviewed, John best filled the criteria of engaging in respectful collaboration and open communication, being self-motivated, and possessing a willingness to embrace a broad musical repertoire and to try new things—which he has already exhibited by jumping in to direct our nascent handchime choir (who will make their debut on Easter). He also brings outstanding musicianship on organ and piano, as well as skill leading a choral music program.



As a graduate of Westminster Choir College, John expressed a strong knowledge of and affinity for our Casavant tracker organ and was aware of Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr., the college's president, as our organist and choir director during summers for many years.

When asked to perform a piece he had prepared for his interview and to play a hymn, with improvisation between verses, he bowled over the committee with his outstanding keyboard skills and joyful attitude. He even encouraged the evaluators to sing along—which they did. These skills also extend to his virtuosity on the harpsichord.

The committee (Chad Newsome, Meg Beresik, and Debbie McCullam) was similarly impressed by John's perspective on the role of music and the choir in liturgy. As a holder of a choir master certificate through the American Guild of Organists, he believes "anyone can sing" and that it is the sense of community among singers that leads a choir to improve.

Further, he subscribes to John Finley Williamson's philosophy that "a healthy chorister sings better," so John says that in rehearsals, he spends "a lot of time on stretches, relaxation techniques, and breath exercises." Come early on Sunday to the choir warming up this way.

While at the University of Alabama, where John recently completed his graduate studies, he played the university's carillon at special events and before Crimson Tide football games--in front of audiences of tens of thousands--as part of his scholarship requirements. A man of many skills, he also continues to tune, repair, and rebuild pianos professionally!



Palm Sundae

Sunday School discovery

On Palm Sunday, April 13, we will all gather in the Memorial Garden to begin worship—weather permitting. And, carrying palms, the children will join in leading us into the church.

While the adults get seated in their pews, the children will head to Bristol Hall to encounter discovery centers where they will hear stories and participate in activities related to Jesus' last week in Jerusalem. Each activity will be age-appropriate and interactive.

At each station, the children will collect small tokens or symbols representing the event. The tokens will become part of their kit (new this year!) to help them remember the stories and share them with others. Please ask the children to tell you these stories!

Women's Guild News >>>

Next meeting April 15 at Noon

Join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday, April 15, at noon** in Bristol Hall. Please bring a brown bag lunch; beverages and dessert will be provided. We will focus on Stations of the Cross and Holy Week reflections.

Those who attended our last meeting participated in an informative, "hands on" experience led by Rev. Kathryn. We learned about and constructed Anglican prayer beads. The 33-bead design we followed was created by the Rev. Lynn Bauman in the mid-1980s to assist with exploration of one's faith and contemplative prayer. Responses for the Cross, Invitatory, Cruciforms, and The Weeks (all parts of the prayer beads) were explained and communally recited.

Jo Patrone

Thank you

expertise is a gift to us all. Now that the organist/choir director is in place, Chad is also working with John on curating and organizing a musical library for the choir. This is a job that is certainly outside my wheelhouse, and so his knowledge is of great value to our vestry.



Chad Newsome, Junior Warden



Chris Niebling, Vestry Member

Our Buildings and Grounds chairman, Chris Niebling, is on top of all things pertaining to the physical plant that is All Saints. Right now, this includes arranging for stair repairs, mulching, repairing and painting the building's trim, and powerwashing of the rectory. He is busy getting bids for and overseeing these projects. Of course, that's in addition to the AV work he does, ushering, and working on the Communications Committee and . . . the Duck Derby.

These are but two of your vestry members. Stay tuned next month for other vestry profiles, as I introduce you to all the members. They make my job so much easier, and I join with you in thanking them.

Chris Kyse

ASC to host Summer Day Camp

New this summer: All Saints Church is hosting the Bay Head Day Camp, "a nurturing and engaging day camp program for children ages 2-5."

Each day, campers will enjoy "age-appropriate activities, including creative arts, games, nature exploration, sensory play, music, and story time." And each week these activities will be focused on unique themes, such as "Under the Sea."

The program is hosted, but not run by, All Saints. Instead, all activities, materials, and administrative tasks will be the responsibility of Bay Head Day Camp, which is led by Kiah Gluck, who has spent summers in town since she was a child.

Kiah "has served as the chief business officer at Columbus Preschool in NYC for the past 12 years, operating a preschool program of 100-140 students annually, . . . and a summer camp program of [about] 150 students annually." At All Saints, the target size for the camp is 50-75 children for the summer.

As a parent herself, Kiah notes that it's important "to have a safe, local place to drop [your] children off so [you] can have a bit of time to [yourself]."

For more information or to register a child for camp, visit bayheaddaycamp.com or call 732-838-5271.

BAY HEAD DAY CAMP

**AGES 2-5
MON-FRI & SAT
AM, PM, FULL-DAY**

BayHeadDayCamp.com

- **Weekly Themes & Activities**
- **Creative Arts**
- **Nature & Outdoor Play**
- **STEM & Literacy**

Register Now for a Summer of Fun, Learning & Friendship!

**Mon-Fri, 6/23-8/29
Sat, 5/24-6/6**

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Looking ahead

Keep up with the latest service schedule and events at All Saints by visiting our parish website: www.allsaintsbayhead.org.



John Milas, our new Minister of Music, conducts a rehearsal of our handchime choir for their Easter debut.

All Sunday 10:15 services can be livestreamed via the All Saints Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsbayhead/>

Wednesdays

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sundays

8 and 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist



◆ Palm Sunday and Holy Week ◆

April 13, 8 and 10:15 a.m. Palm Sunday – Holy Eucharist with Palms procession and dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel at both liturgies. Special Sunday School program at 10 :15 service. Palm cross making for everyone at Coffee Hour

April 17, 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday

April 18, Good Friday. Noon - Stations of the Cross; Noon to 7 p.m. – Church is open for private prayer; 7 p.m. – Liturgy of Good Friday

April 19, Great Vigil of Easter, 7 p.m., followed by reception in Bristol Hall.

April 20, Easter Day, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. – Festal Holy Eucharist with choir, guest instrumentalists, and children’s homily and pew activities. Bring your bells! We will take a parish family photo after the recessional before the children dash outside for the Easter egg hunt!

◆ Saturday, May 24: Holy Eucharist in the Garden ◆

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Memorial Garden resumes on Saturday evenings in summer.

Celebrating our saints >>>

Birthdays:

4/1: Michelle Benedict

4/3: Laurie Doran

4/7: Chloe Colyar

4/14: Cheryl Smith

4/18: Don Noffsinger

4/21: Paul Chowansky

4/22: Lori Copman

4/24: Eric Jacobs

4/27: Jackson Leavy

4/30: Larry Kyse

Anniversaries:

4/23: Julie & Keith McBride

Save the Date:

4/11: Parish Movie Night, *Chariots of Fire*, 6:30 p.m. in Bristol Hall.

4/12: Cleanup Day (inside and outside the church), 9:30 a.m. to Noon. Lunch from Jersey Mike’s!

4/15: Women’s Guild Meeting, Noon, in Bristol Hall (see p. 4).

4/15: Book Club, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

4/17: All Hands on Deck! 9:30 to Noon. Volunteers needed to help prepare for Maundy Thursday supper, assemble bulletins, organize bells, and stuff Easter eggs!

4/24: Vestry Meeting, 5:30 p.m..

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