

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

ST. CYPRIAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**HE IS RISEN!
ALLELUIA!**

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LETTER FROM THE DEACON-IN-CHARGE REV. DARLENE A. JACKSON

April 14, 2024 – Easter 3 (B)

Week 3: Reflections on the Resurrection

During the Easter season, Sermons That Work is pleased to present reflections from some of the newest bishops of The Episcopal Church on the resurrection of our Lord. Check back each week for a brief exploration of how Jesus Christ's rising from the grave changes everything. To listen to this reflection, scan the QR code on this page and subscribe to the Sermons That Work podcast.

When I was a child, our family often went on summer trips across the country. On one of those trips, we signed up for a guided tour of a deep cavern in Arkansas. There were about a dozen in our group. We followed lit pathways to the deepest place in this large cave, and the guide had us all sit down on benches. Then, she turned out all the lights. We sat in utter and complete darkness, several hundred feet underground, for maybe one minute. Then, she lit a single match, and every eye was instantly focused on the glow of that flame.

The first service of Easter – The Great Vigil – begins with the rubric: In the darkness, fire is kindled. At some moment between sundown on Saturday and sunrise on Sunday, God raised the lifeless body of Jesus from death to life in the tomb. On Saturday night or early Sunday morning, churches around the world annually symbolize and celebrate this joyful moment of Jesus' resurrection by lighting a fire in the dark. The fire is blessed, the Paschal Candle is lit, and then the joyful light is shared as candles held by every person in the congregation are lit from it.

It is truly a joyful light that is shared. The resurrection of Jesus means that God's love for us cannot be contained – even by death or a dark tomb. Sin and death do not have the last word over humanity. God does. And, as the Prayer of Humble Access reminds us, God's property is always to have mercy. With the resurrection of Jesus, death is conquered. Jesus is raised and we who follow him are raised to new and eternal life with him.

This eternal life that is offered to us does not begin when our mortal bodies die. It begins now. The power of Christ's resurrection is available to you and to me now. We no longer must live with old fears, old shames, old mistakes, old brokenness, and old patterns that made us less than God intends for us. Our old lives can give way to God's way of love. In our baptisms, we were buried with Christ in his death and raised to new life with him. We are new creations. Our old shames, old mistakes, old sins, are forgiven, buried, and healed. A new way of life, following our resurrected Lord, is ours right now.

When a match was lit in that dark cavern, every eye turned, every head turned, and almost everyone reoriented their bodies to face that new light. May we so live in the power of Christ's resurrection that our hearts, minds, and bodies are reoriented to God's way of love. May we join our resurrected Lord in the work of making all things new.



***The Rt. Rev. Dr. David G. Read** serves as bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, the sixteenth bishop to serve in West Texas (the eleventh diocesan). He has jurisdiction over 87 congregations within the diocese, including parishes, missions, and church plants ranging in size from 40 members to 2,000 members.*

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS



SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

The Diocesan office continues to schedule Safe Church Specialized Training workshops for liturgical servers and/or Vestry members. Another option available for interested individuals is the Online Safe Church Training modules. Please visit the Diocesan website for more information. A schedule of upcoming training sessions is listed below.

- Saturday, May 18, 2024/Old Donation, Virginia Beach
- Saturday, June 1, 2024/ Emmanuel, Hampton
- Saturday, June 29, 2024/St. Paul's & St. Andrew's, Kenbridge



LAY MINISTRY TRAINING

Attendance and participation at one of the trainings for lay readers will meet the training requirements for licensing for Eucharistic Ministers and Worship Leaders. Registration is now open for these training sessions.

- Saturday, May 4, 2024/St. David's, North Chesterfield
- Saturday, August 3, 2024/St. John's, Halifax p.m.

LAY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Churches must submit a Certificate of Lay Delegates and Alternates in order to register for Council by **July 1, 2024**. Two delegates and one alternate will be nominated by the Vestry to serve for a period of one year, beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. This term includes eligibility to vote at Pre-Council Convocation meetings, Annual Council and any other Special Council or other called meetings that may occur during this period. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please submit your name for Vestry nomination by **Sunday, May 12, 2024** to Mary T. Jackson, Senior Warden.



UNITED THANK OFFERING

The ECW is collecting donations this month for the 2024 United Thank Offering (UTO) Spring In-gathering. Sunday, April 14, 2024 will be our UTO Spring Collection Day. Look for the Blue Boxes and UTO envelopes in the narthex for your UTO donation. St. Cyprian's congregation is always most generous. We ask again that you please contribute as you are able. Thank you in advance for your support. ~ **Mary T. Jackson, ECW President**



DIOCESAN ECW MEETING

The Diocesan ECW Annual Spring Meeting will be held on May 18, 2024 at St. Paul's-Norfolk. For additional information, contact the Diocesan ECW President Laura L. Manigault at akumlovj.bfrh87@gmail.com.

PARISH HAPPENINGS



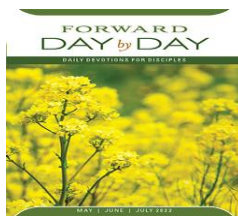
VESTRY

All sorts of issues arise for our church that we may never have dealt with before. If you've thought of issues that you'd like for the Vestry to consider, please let one of them know. St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church Vestry Meetings are held monthly on **Tuesdays** at 7 p.m. For more information, please contact a vestry member.



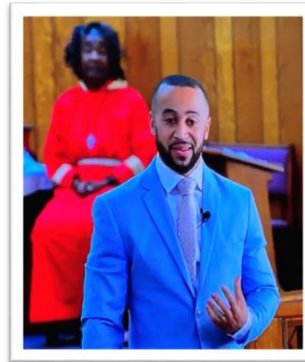
FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2024 Altar Flower Calendar is posted on the hallway bulletin board. If you would like to donate flowers in memory or thanksgiving for a loved one, please sign-up or call the church office (723-8253).



DAY BY DAY

Copies of the *Day by Day*, located on the front hallway table, for **May-July 2024** are now available for pick-up. Please take one home or share with people in need of inspirational reading.



Pictured above is the Rev. Eric Robinson.

GUEST PREACHERS

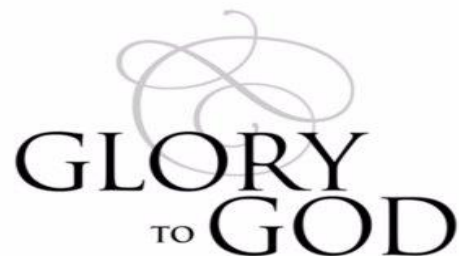
We welcome **The Rev. Peggy B. Buelow** back to our church on Sunday, April 7, 2024. The **Rev. Deacon Darlene A. Jackson** will continue to serve on the second and third Sundays of each month. In April, she will preach and celebrate on April 14 and 21, 2024. The **Rev. C. Derek Pringle** returns to St. Cyprian's on the fourth Sunday, April 28, 2024.



CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

Let us know if you have a soon-to-be graduate in your family. Please submit the names of all graduates (high school, college, and post-graduate) and a brief biography to the Parish Administrator by **Tuesday, May 7, 2022**.

~ *Mary T. Jackson, ECW President*





H.E.L.P.

We encourage you to remember the less fortunate in the community by giving monetary donations each 4th Sunday for the Hampton Roads Ecumenical Lodging and Provisions (H.E.L.P.) Pantry. For more information about the programs, please contact Alberta Reid, Church H.E.L.P. Coordinator.



RACIAL HEALING

Specific individuals and groups within the diocese are required to complete the Racial Healing Training, including vestries and leadership boards, church staff and clergy. For registration details, visit diosova.org/racial-healing-workshop. The schedule for training is listed below.

- Saturday, April 27, 2024/ Christ and Grace/Petersburg
- Saturday, April 27, 2024/ Grace Church/Yorktown

VESTRY DISPLAY BOARD

Yes! Our Vestry Display Board has been spruced up and filled with professionally taken pictures of ALL current Vestry members, courtesy of Samuel Ewell. The Vestry Board contains name plates that correctly identify all positions held by specific vestry members and lists other vestry members in alphabetical order.

We thank our sexton, Gary Kelly, who assisted in this project by cleaning the display board area and mounting Vestry pictures and name plates.

Everyone is encouraged to view the board and take careful note of these persons who are currently serving our church as Vestry members.
~ *Submitted by Juanita Alexander*



HOLY COMMUNION

We are going back to offering the communion cup! All baptized Christians are invited to come to the altar rail for communion. To receive communion, you may kneel or stand at the altar. Communion will be offered in the form of bread and wine.

To receive the **bread only**, open your hands, where the priest/deacon will place a wafer.

Wine is offered by sipping from the cup or intinction. After receiving and consuming the bread at the altar rail from the priest/deacon, you may drink directly from the chalice held by the chalice bearer (Eucharistic Minister).

For intinction, communicants may not “dip” the bread in the wine themselves. If you would prefer to have your bread dipped, simply cup your hand at the altar rail, and the priest/deacon will dip the bread for you. All servers, including the priest/deacon will be wearing gloves.

We would also like to remind the congregation that drinking the wine is not mandatory. The receiving of “one kind” (the bread) is a full and sufficient communion.



SEND US YOUR NEWS!

We like to communicate St. Cyprian’s programs well in advance, so please send information at least a minimum of two weeks, prior to the event. Deadline for submissions to The Cyprian’s Newsletter is by the **17th of each month**. Send information to Office@stcyprianshamptonva.org.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
GUEST PREACHER- REV. PEGGY B. BUELOW
APRIL 7, 2024



EASTER DAY
MARCH 31, 2024



THE EASTER SEASON...

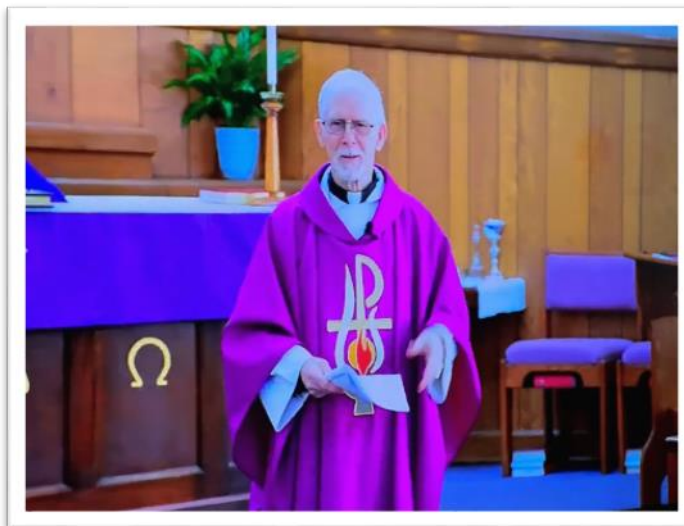
A special thank you is extended to ALL the many volunteers who helped to make Holy Week and our Easter service such a great success!



The women of the Church enjoyed being together while sprucing up the sanctuary and front entrance foyer. Pictured above is Fannie J. Walls and Kristina Boxley; Below (Left to right) is Maisie Skeete, Mary T. Jackson, Samantha B. Burney, and Lucretia Clayton.



**THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 24, 2024
GUEST PREACHER- THE REV. C. DEREK PRINGLE**



The Rev. C. Derek Pringle is pictured above (middle) on Palm Sunday. The bottom picture shows Mark Farquharson receiving communion (wine) from William H. Walls, Jr. (left); Fr. Pringle (center) and DeLaine Headen (right) have the sacraments for bread and intinction.

SCENES FROM PALM SUNDAY



On Palm Sunday, all shared in the Celebration of the Palms during the morning service with singing, reading of the Passion Narrative, The Peace and announcements.

**THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN MINISTRY...
THE REV. DEACON DARLENE A. JACKSON
MARCH 17, 2024**



JOYFUL CELEBRATION OF SCRIPTURE AND BIRTHDAYS



SCRIPTURE STUDY

APRIL 2024 SCRIPTURE READINGS

APRIL 7, 2024 – THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

- *Acts 4:32-35*
- *1 John 1:1-2:2*
- *John 20:19-31*
- *Psalm 133*

APRIL 14, 2024 – THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- *Acts 3:12-19*
- *1 John 3:1-7*
- *Luke 24:36b-48*
- *Psalm 4*

APRIL 21, 2024 – THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- *Acts 4:5-12*
- *1 John 3:16-24*
- *John 10:11-18*
- *Psalm 23*

APRIL 28, 2024 – THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- *Acts 8:26-40*
- *1 John 4:7-21*
- *John 15:1-8*
- *Psalm 22:24-30*

APRIL 2024 BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



4/5	Maisie Skeete
4/6	Lucretia Clayton
4/12	Haley Christina Holland
4/19	Deeno Powell
4/20	Fannie J. Walls
4/21	Julia Ames
4/28	Cornelius A. Taylor, III



None

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know by calling the Church Office (757)723-8253



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

WE PRAY FOR OUR BISHOP:

THE RT. REV. SUSAN B. HAYNES

WE PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:

Ardelle Anderson, Jean Boyd, Adrienne Combs, Jeffery Corbin II, Keri Corbin, Sandra Corl Crystal Diggs, Regal DuBose, Samuel E. Ewell, Jr., Olive Ezell, Gene Harden, Jeannette Lov Marc Miller, Ron Minor, Gwendolyn Newsome, Shane Otey, Eleanor Pritchett, Angela J. Russell, Henry P. Russell, Jr., Barbara Savage, Jerome Sheppard, Minnie Stiff, Cornelia Taylor, Corne Taylor, Vernell Walden, Wayne Walden, Barbara Ward, John Watkins, Sr., and Bernice Wilson.

We Pray for Friends and Family:

Derrick Edmonds, Lois Martin, Margaret Comegys, Clay Cane, Alexa Munoz, Leonard Alexander Cheryl Maxson, Doris Harris, Marcus Reid, Jeannie & Paul Saunders, Beverly Amaya, Holloman, Allison Jordan, Greg & Patrina Newton, Kenneth Bullock, Peggy Winston, Domini Jordan, Tony Leroy Duncan, Edith & Sana Harris, Jasen Fykes (*grandson of Eleanor Pritchett*), Sylvester Babb (*sister of Dr. Minnie Stiff*), Sophia McCloud (*sister of Lucretia Clayton*), Shawna Matlock (*sister of Crystal Diggs*), Joy Staton, Atena West (*sister of Dr. Minnie Stiff*), Christine Calhoun, Jeffrey Peele, Oliver Christian (*brother of The Rev. Earl R. Christian*), Howard Moore (*brother of Lucretia Clayton*), Philip Whitaker (*brother of Crystal Diggs*), Tyrone Comegys, Russell Rhorer (*brother-in-law of Samuel Ewell, Jr.*), Evita Ogden (*niece of Alberta Reid*), Phillip Wilson, Art Regotta (*friend of Newsome & Boyd Family*), Barry Lockett (*neighbor of Lora & Steve Ham*), Yvonne Hargrove (*sister of Stephen Ham {Lora}*), Jessie Dixon (*mother of Joy Strawn*) and Betty Rivera (*neighbor of Lora & Stephen Ham*)

We Pray for Those Serving in the Military:

LaToya Artis (*niece of Dr. Minnie Stiff*); Capt. Luke Carpenter, III (*grandson of Bill and Fannie Watkins*), U.S. Marine Corps; John "Holland" Watkins (*son of John & Maria Watkins*), U.S. Navy; and LT. Maria Watkins (*daughter of John & Maria Watkins*), U.S. Coast Guard – Stationed in Baltimore, M



APRIL 2024 SERVERS

Service	April 7, 2024	April 14, 2024	April 21, 2024	April 28, 2024
Altar Guild	Gail B. Jones; Maria Watkins	Lucretia Clayton; Lora Ham; Eleanor Pritchett	Stacey Hester; Fannie J. Walls	Jean Carnegie; Barbara Ward
Eucharistic Minister	Dorian Wilkerson	DeLaine Headen	Stephanie Kendall	William H. Walls, Jr
Prayers of People	Dorian Wilkerson	DeLaine Headen	Stephanie Kendall	William H. Walls, Jr
Acolyte	Lucretia Clayton	DeLaine Headen	Lucretia Clayton	William H. Walls, Jr
Usher	William Walls, Sr.; Steve Ham	Connie McCullough; Regal Dubose	Lucretia Clayton; John Watkins	Earl Hester; Stacey Hester; Mark Farquharson
Eucharistic Visitor	None Scheduled	None Scheduled	None Scheduled	None Scheduled
Daughters of the King	None Scheduled	None Scheduled	None Scheduled	None Scheduled



CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEKS IN APRIL 2024

APRIL 7, 2024

(SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER)

Sun. April 7 th		Five Dollar Sunday
Sun. April 7th	10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II – <i>YouTube Live</i>
Sun. April 7th	10 a.m.	Preacher- Rev. Peggy B. Buelow
Sun. April 7 th	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Consecrated Communion Pick-Up
Tue. April 9th	7 p.m.	Vestry Meeting/In-Person
Wed. April 10 th	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Consecrated Communion Pick-Up
Thur. April 11 th	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Consecrated Communion Pick-Up
Thur. April 11 th	12 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

APRIL 14, 2024

(THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER/UTO OFFERING)

Sun. April 14 th		UTO Spring Ingathering Offering
Sun. April 14th	10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II – <i>YouTube Live</i>
Sun. April 14th	10 a.m.	Preacher- Rev. Dn. Darlene A. Jackson
Sun. April 14 th	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Consecrated Communion Pick-Up
Wed. April 14 th	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Consecrated Communion Pick-Up
Thur. April 14 th	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Consecrated Communion Pick-Up
Thur. April 14 th	12 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

APRIL 21, 2024

(FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)

Sun. April 21 st	10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II – <i>YouTube Live</i>
Sun. April 21 st	10 a.m.	Preacher- Rev. Dn. Darlene A. Jackson
Sun. April 21 st	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Consecrated Communion Pick-Up
Wed. April 24 th	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Consecrated Communion Pick-Up
Thur. April 25 th	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Consecrated Communion Pick-Up
Thur. April 25 th	12 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sat. April 27 th	10 a.m.	Daughters of the King (DOK) Meeting

APRIL 28, 2024

(FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)

Sun. April 28 th		<i>H.E.L.P.</i> Sunday
Sun. April 28 th	10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II – <i>YouTube Live</i>
Sun. April 28 th	10 a.m.	Preacher – <i>Rev. C. Derek Pringle</i>
Sun. April 28 th	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Consecrated Communion Pick-Up
Wed. May 1 st	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Consecrated Communion Pick-Up
Thur. May 2 nd	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Consecrated Communion Pick-Up
Thur. May 2 nd	12 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

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ST. CYPRIAN'S APPRECIATES YOUR SUPPORT.

Diocese of Southern Virginia

The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes, Diocesan Bishop

St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Darlene A. Jackson, Deacon –in-Charge

Worship Services and Times

Sundays

10 a.m.

The Staff

Phyllis Holland-James, Director of Music Ministries

Gary Kelly, Sexton

Bettie J. Swain, Parish Administrator

The Vestry

(Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month - 7 p.m.)

Mary T. Jackson (2025,) Senior Warden

Dorian Moore (2024), Junior Warden

Renee T. Barnes (2024)

Samantha B. Burney (2024), Register

Jean H. Carnegie (2025)

Lora P. Ham (2024), Treasurer

Connie McCullough (2025)

Alberta W. Reid (2026)

Joy D. Strawn (2026)

Mark Farquharson, Webmaster/Audio Visual Technician

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Saint Cyprian's Church is named after Cyprian, the first Bishop of Carthage, North Africa (248-258). He spoke for reconciliation of the Church with those who had denied their faith. Cyprian beheaded for refusing to worship pagan gods and deny Christianity. Thus, he became a martyr of Christ's Church universal.