



The Good News

St. Anne's in-the-Fields
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

March 2019

Lent

Two Ash Wednesday services on March 6

8 am and 7 pm

Ash Wednesday serves as the threshold to the season of Lent, and we will offer two services of Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at 8 am and 7 pm. The ashes, made from the palms from last year's Palm Sunday service, remind us of our humanity, mortality and utter dependence upon God. Whether you choose to receive the ashes or not, we hope you will join us in worship.

*Please bring last year's palms to church
this Sunday, March 3, so we can use them
to make this year's ashes.*



Worship in Lent

At the Ash Wednesday service, we are invited "in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." [BCP p.265]

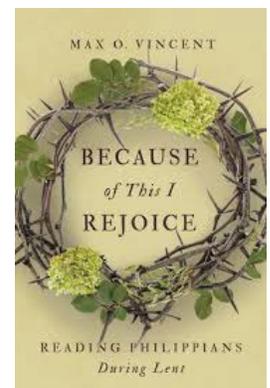
Although Sundays ("the Lord's Day") are always a feast day in the church, and thus are not counted among the 40 days of Lent, we still try to use our worship during this "season of penitence and fasting" as a way to assist us in preparing for Easter by prayer, fasting and self-denial. Consequently, the Worship Committee has chosen to use Rite I for Sunday Eucharists in Lent.

The older language is familiar to some of us since it closely resembles the 1928 Prayer Book – but to others it will be quite new. We have also chosen to use Eucharistic Prayer 2, which does not have a parallel in the old prayer book, though the language is traditional. Overall, the tone of the Eucharist is more penitential, in keeping with the season. Likewise, the flowers that adorn the church are muted or absent altogether; the music is generally more somber; and the word "alleluia" is conspicuously absent.

Hopefully, these will help you to observe a holy Lent, and ultimately, to observe with even more joy the triumphant return of the Risen Christ on Easter, with all that means for the future of humanity.

Lenten book study

Please join us for four Sundays in Lent as we explore St. Paul's letter to the Philippians during Adult Forum. To guide our study, we'll read *Because of This I Rejoice* by Max O. Vincent, which is available from several online booksellers.



Lent event on Saturday, March 16

On Saturday, March 16 at 4 pm, we will join with four other local Episcopal churches to watch the award-winning film “The Way,” starring Martin Sheen as a grieving father who walks the El Camino de Santiago and experiences spiritual transformation.

Following the movie, we will discuss the film and enjoy a “spud social” – the church provides the potatoes, and you provide toppings.

We will *probably* gather at Trinity, Concord, but stay tuned for details.



Lenten Quiet Day for women

All women are invited to join the Women’s Bible Study for a Lenten Quiet Day, facilitated by Mary Kitses, on Thursday, March 21 from 9:15 am-12 noon. Please bring a journal in which to write or draw. RSVP to kaypeterson32@aol.com

Kids’ communion retreat

Saturday, March 30, 9:30 am-1:30 pm
For grades K-4

This year’s half-day Eucharist Retreat is planned as preparation for a First Eucharist, and also for all children who’d like to bake bread with us! We’ll see a presentation called “The Origin of the Eucharist” and have a visit with Kate at the altar rail. We will make Eucharist bread for Sunday services, as well as flowers arrangements and candles for the opening procession on March 31 at the 10 am service.



Resources

If you’re looking for ways to deepen your Lenten experience, look no further! [Click here.](#)

Worship

Evening service on March 3

Our evening service on the first Sunday of the month continues. Join us March 3 at 5 pm for a service of Evening Prayer with Healing. Anointing with oil and laying on of hands will be offered. On April 7 and May 5, we’ll offer Taizé with Healing.

Formation

Adult Forums for March

Join us 9 am Sunday mornings in Flint Hall. This month’s topics are:

March 3: Christianity and Islam

March 10: *Because of This I Rejoice: Reading Philippians During Lent* (Week 1)

March 17: *Because of This I Rejoice: Reading Philippians During Lent* (Week 2)

March 24: Epiphany School with the Rev. John Finley

March 31: *Because of This I Rejoice: Reading Philippians During Lent* (Week 3)



Race and community discussion continues

Last May, a group of parishioners gathered to join in a national one-day #NotJustStarbucks conversation about race and racism. The program was initiated by Starbucks management after a white employee targeted two black people waiting at a table for a coffee meeting.

Here at St. Anne's, we used video segments developed by a New York City education group, Point Made Learning, intended to guide conversation in neighborhoods, schools, churches and workplaces on May 29 -- the same day that 8,000 Starbucks locations closed for staff training on racial bias. Those of us who gathered agreed that we want to continue our conversation about race and community: examining our own implicit bias, and our role in our own communities.

If you would like to see the message from our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, along with the various initiatives taken by the Church to invite everyone into the work of dismantling racism and racial healing, visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/racial-reconciliation>

Please join us on the second Sunday of Lent, March 17 at 11:30 am-12:45 pm, to listen to one another as we consider our own work confronting racism. RSVP to sarah@stanneslincoln.org so that we can plan for chairs and discussion material.

Outreach

College Behind Bars organizational meeting

On March 17, come learn more about College Behind Bars, a program designed to provide mentors to incarcerated men and women working on getting a college degree. St. Anne's is forming a team of mentors. If you are interested or just curious, join us to learn more. We'll meet in the Library after the 10 o'clock service.

March Swift to Love: Epiphany School

This month's Swift to Love loose-plate collection, sponsored by Tom Black, Peter Keating and the Men's Discussion Group, will benefit Epiphany School in Boston.

Epiphany is an independent school for children of economically-disadvantaged families in Boston with financial aid for all students. The school admits children of diverse faiths, races, cultures and cognitive profiles, believing in the Episcopal tradition that we find God in and through each other. Epiphany's small classes, individualized curricula and extended school days provide rigorous academic, moral and social instruction. The school provides abiding support to its graduates who are prepared to contribute intelligently, morally and actively to the society they inherit.

On Sunday, March 24, the Reverend John Finley, head of school, will lead our Adult Forum, and the loose-plate collections from both morning services will benefit Epiphany.

CJM films continue with "Awake, a Dream from Standing Rock"

There will be a showing of the film "Awake, a Dream from Standing Rock" on Tuesday, March 26 as part of the church's ongoing series of films on climate justice. The Water Protectors at Standing Rock captured world attention through their peaceful resistance.

While many may know the details, "Awake, a Dream from Standing Rock" captures the story of Native-led defiance that forever changed the fight for clean water, our environment and the future of our planet. The film is labor of love to support the peaceful movement of the water protectors.

A light vegetarian supper is served at 6:30 pm, and the film will begin shortly after 7 pm. Discussion follows as time allows.



Meet your wardens

Senior Warden Peter Caswell

I was raised as a Roman Catholic, and my ex-wife and I raised our three sons as RCs until the parents of a friend of my son invited us to check out the Episcopal Church in town (See! God's Frozen People can evangelize. :)) I've never looked back. I served as usher, teacher, driver, vestry member, lay Eucharistic minister, and diocesan convention delegate for St. Francis in Holden for many years.



I met my life partner Jane about a dozen years ago, and when we decided to move in together, she convinced me to move to Concord. And from there I decided to join St. Anne's about 8 years ago. (Or maybe 9, I lose track.)

I am a Software Engineer by trade, and my passion is photography (I have a weekly mailing list of my photos if anyone is interested). Jane and I have been lucky to be able to travel a lot around the United States and Europe, and we plan to continue that. I have three sons, two daughters-in-law, and 2 1/3 grandchildren. My ex-wife and I are still friends, and she comes for Thanksgiving dinner at my house. I have been truly blessed by my family.

At St. Anne's I like upbeat music, long challenging sermons on the beach, and the people. I try to avoid anything having to do with stewardship except increasing my pledge every year. I feel fortunate to be able to do my part to help St. Anne's thrive.

Junior Warden Carol Carmody

I am Carol Carmody....or Carol Lovell....or Carol Lovell Carmody.....

As I get a bit older it gets harder to sum it all up
But know that I have been a 'Pisco since I was a little pup.
Moving to Paradise (er, Lincoln) a few eons ago led me to St. Anne's
With a devoutly Catholic husband I just had to take a stand...

"Outside the norm" is how my family life I would describe;
Now we have 4 from 19 to 40+ (and 4.75 grandkids) in our Carmody tribe.
Nelle, our remarkable youngest is the one most of you know;
Though she's recently turned Catholic, it was at St. Anne's she did grow.

I have done lots of things at St Anne's over many a year:
Education, hospitality, vestry, treasurer, lector, Altar Guild, oh dear....
Perhaps jack of all trades and master of none?
No, perhaps the right mix for stepping up to say "Junior Warden...that's done!"

Professionally, I spend lots of time trying to make non-profit numbers work,
But more often than not this all drives me beserk.
Happily I'm thinking that some of this could help the St. Anne's endeavor,
But I am also certain that I can learn from parish members way more clever.

So I guess it's important to tell you what it is that makes me exist,
And without a doubt it's faith, family, and friends that are at the top of my list.
I will add my love for nature and the outdoors, as many can attest.
And finally I will say, thanks for entrusting me to help St. Anne's be the best!



The Green News

"The Green News" is an insert for St. Anne's monthly publication *The Good News*.
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"Too Late" for What?: Wen Stephenson Talks to CJM

Wen Stephenson, activist and author of the book *What We Are Fighting For Now is Each Other: Dispatches from the Front Lines of Climate Justice*, gave a well-received talk in Flint Hall January 29 to an audience of about 70 people from our area interested in climate change. The St. Anne's in-the-Fields Climate Justice Ministry (CJM) hosted the evening, which included a vegetarian soup supper and a lively discussion after Wen addressed the question: *What Would Buddha and Jesus Do in the Face of Climate Catastrophe?*



Initially, Wen spoke about what he feared we are losing to climate change, without any hesitation: humanity, friendships, and solidarity.

Love of neighbor! Wen went on to say that our climate crisis is the result of crimes against humanity by corporate and political forces. His mind reels as the planet reaches geophysical and social tipping points.

As for the influence of Jesus and Buddha, we know that Jesus taught multitudes of followers about loving one another. Buddha awakened to the fact that we are all one. Both teachings, which lead to all-embracing compassion, were and are powerful messages for humankind to take to heart and be in action now in order for the good to thrive and to avoid totalitarian despotic dictators!

Wen then posited, "What does 'too late' even mean? Too late for what? Have we ever not been doomed? Isn't 'doom' just another word for mortality or impermanence? The Earth itself, billions of years from now, will no longer exist." Bill McKibben, founder of 350.org and author of many books on climate change, wrote, "Engagement, not despair. Live with what we know and don't know, then make decisions of how to live. Impermanence is never a reason for compassion and focus to slide. Are we doomed? Is it too late? Too late for what? Even in the face of all we now know—and don't know—will it ever be too late to hold onto compassion, to hold onto love? Will it ever be too late to hold onto our humanity?"

My own spontaneous answer to this question is an analogy between the human body and the planet Earth. We don't know when our life will end, nor do we know when the planet will die, so I stay in the present and keep taking care of myself and keep on working for the planet, for the good of all! The Buddha says it is possible to live happily in the present moment. It is the only moment we have! Let us keep on keeping on! In the Here and Now I am Solid and Free, in the ultimate, I dwell. Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10).
- Nan Tenney

Governor Baker Calls for Federal Action on Climate Change



On February 6, Massachusetts governor Charlie Baker testified before the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources about the Commonwealth's strides against climate change. He was joined by North Carolina's Roy Cooper, a Democrat, to call for federal action to support their states' efforts.

Baker opened his testimony by emphasizing that responding to climate change is not a partisan issue: "[Massachusetts lawmakers] understand the science and we know the impacts are real." That climate change is producing a "higher volume of precipitation events" is directly affecting Massachusetts with the "heaviest one percent of storms in the Northeast [having] increased by over 70% since 1958." Baker explained that the upticks in frequency and intensity of these storms have set record flood levels in Boston, Worcester, Lynn, and coastal communities, greatly damaging infrastructure, natural resources, and property.

On the other end of the spectrum, Baker noted, the Commonwealth is witnessing more drought, with 2016 seeing all 14 Massachusetts counties designated as “natural disaster areas” by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These precipitation and drought events, combined with continually rising temperatures, have cost the Commonwealth nine lives and \$2.2 billion since 2015.

To address these impacts, the Massachusetts legislature passed the “Global Warming Solutions Act” in 2008, seeking to “reduce carbon emissions by at least 80% below 1990 levels by 2050” through interim targets every decade. Baker noted our resulting successes; for example, one goal of the Act is to reach a 25% emissions reduction by the end of 2020, and we’re at 21.4% already. Baker noted that he has organized regional partnerships of Atlantic states and Canadian provinces to collectively reduce greenhouse gases and address transportation emissions, and in 2015 he created the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program which gives grants to Massachusetts towns that create climate change action plans¹; further funding for this program is included in the \$1B proposal Baker unveiled in January 2019. Baker also lauded the business sector for joining the cause, using the example of Fenway Park’s LED lighting upgrades that yielded an immediate 12% reduction in electricity costs, joking that “the results on New England sports fields have been pretty decent as well.”

In closing his remarks, Baker emphasized that states “need strong federal leadership and a bold bipartisan vision on climate change that prioritizes practical, market-driven and cost-effective solutions, while affording states the flexibility to design strategies that work for their unique challenges.” While he praised federal efforts like tax incentives for energy-efficient housing improvements, he also encouraged increased federal spending to research climate resiliency and energy storage, and for disaster preparedness and mitigation.

Reaction to Baker’s remarks has been primarily positive. “I think it’s pretty courageous for a Republican governor to testify in front of the new Democratic Congress... knowing that he’s going to be speaking against the policies of many in his party,” said David Cash, dean of UMass Boston’s McCormack Graduate School of Policy & Global Studies. And indeed, Baker received some pushback from GOP members of the Committee, particularly about Massachusetts’s off-shore wind turbines. What’s more, onlookers like Cash feel Baker’s testimony neglected the subject of environmental justice and how climate change disproportionately impacts vulnerable communities of lower incomes, and crumbling infrastructure. However, state programs like the MVP are avenues by which to address these concerns, and certainly federal dollars would buoy these efforts.

How Congress responds to Baker and Cooper’s testimony will be seen as the 116th progresses. The next issue of “The Green News” will explore some of the 20 “green” bills so far introduced in the House and Senate - stay tuned!

MA Towns Ban Plastic Bags

We’ve talked here in “The Green News” about how plastic bags languish in landfills, kill and injure wildlife, and greatly add to the Earth’s pollution problem. Well, a trend among Massachusetts communities has been to enact bans against commercial use of plastic bags - and Lincoln just added its name to this growing list on January 1, 2019! The Massachusetts legislature has continually rejected a state-wide ban, most recently in July 2018, but now that more than 93 towns (of 351) have joined the endeavor ([click here](#) to see the entire list), interest in state-wide action has been renewed. If you’d like to get your town on the “Bag Ban” list, or if you’d like to join other groups in supporting a ban across the Commonwealth, visit massgreen.org. In the meantime, keep bringing your own reusable bags to your market or ask for paper.

Good Green News: Start Recycling Plastic Film!

I’ve been surprised at the large amount of plastic film we throw out here at St. Anne’s, be it plastic bags, Saran Wrap, or packaging material. In exploring how to go about separating and recycling these items, I learned that our only real option is to take ‘em to the grocery store! A call to Shaw’s headquarters taught me this: plastic film is only recycled in huge quantities. Many markets put collection bins at their entrances and bottle returns for their customers’ convenience; the contents are then transported to the stores’ distribution centers until a large enough quantity can be sent to a commercial recycler. What that means for us at St. Anne’s - or for you at home - is that **adding to these stores’ collections actually helps increase the incentive to recycle more types of plastic!** So, rinse and collect your plastic film and toss it in your market’s bin. If you come across any of such material at St. Anne’s, feel free to put it in one of the blue recycling bins around church - I’m making our own little pile here to take on my market runs (apparently teenagers need to be fed every day, so I go to the market... every day!) Thank you!
- Jennie

¹ Jennie attended a Lincoln community MVP Workshop in late February and has lots to report: watch the April “Green News” to learn all about it!

March key dates

For our full calendar, including non-parish events such as rentals, community meetings, and concerts, visit our website: www.stanneslincoln.org/calendar. We update the calendar daily, so please check it often!

Sunday, March 3

8 am, Holy Eucharist
9 am, Forum: Christianity & Islam
9 am, Sunday School: Atrium and The Jesus Project
10 am, Holy Eucharist with Choir
11 am, Coffee Hour offered by Shannon Pruyn & Karen McLaughlin
5 pm, Evening Prayer with Healing

Tuesday, March 4

10:30 am, Rector Search Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 6: Ash Wednesday

8 am, Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes
8:30 am, Men's Group
11 am, Rector Search Committee Meeting
7 pm, Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes

Thursday, March 7

10 am, Women's Bible Study
7:30 pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 10

8 am, Holy Eucharist
9 am, Forum: Lenten Book Study
9 am, Sunday School: Atrium and The Jesus Project
10 am, Holy Eucharist with Choir
11 am, Coffee Hour offered by the Dufromonts
11:15 am, Youth Choir Rehearsal

Monday, March 11

11 am, Rector Search Committee Meeting
6 pm, Rector Search Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 12

2 pm, Church Service League

Wednesday, March 13

8:30 am, Men's Group
7 pm, Vestry Meeting

Thursday, March 14

10 am, Women's Bible Study
7:30 pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 16

4 pm, Collaborative Lent Event: "The Way"

Sunday, March 17

8 am, Holy Eucharist
9 am, Forum: Lenten Book Study
9 am, Sunday School: Atrium and The Jesus Project

10 am, Holy Eucharist with Choir
11 am, Coffee Hour offered by Debby Grace
11:15 am, Youth Choir Rehearsal
11:30 am, Rector Search Committee Meeting

Monday, March 18

11 am, Rector Search Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 20

8:30 am, Men's Group
12 pm, Lunch for St. Stephen's

Thursday, March 21

9:15 am-noon, Women's Bible Study Quiet Day
7:30 pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 24

8 am, Holy Eucharist
9 am, Sunday School: Atrium
9 am, Forum: Epiphany School
10 am, Holy Eucharist with Choir
11 am, Coffee Hour offered by Maria Rose
11:15 am, Youth Choir Rehearsal
11:30 am, Confirmation Class

Monday, March 25

6 pm, Rector Search Committee

Tuesday, March 26

2 pm, Church Service League
6:30 pm, Climate Justice Film Series

Wednesday, March 27

8:30 am, Men's Group
6 pm, Rector Search Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 28

10 am, Women's Bible Study
3:45 pm, Meet for Pine Street Inn
7:30 pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 30

9 am, Kids' Communion Retreat

Sunday, March 31

8 am, Holy Eucharist
9 am, Sunday School: Atrium and The Jesus Project
9 am, Forum: Lenten Book Study
10 am, Holy Eucharist with Choir
11 am, Coffee Hour offered by Jenny Masters
11:15 am, Youth Choir Rehearsal