

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Sunday • April 19, 2015

He is Alive!

The St. Andrew's Youth Testimony Troupe present "He is Alive: Easter Hymn" from "Celebrate Life" during the 9:30 a.m. service last Sunday. See inside for details.



Marriage Enrichment open house April 21

Parishioners **David and Mary Alvarado** invite all married couples to an open house to learn what the Marriage Enrichment ministry at St. Andrew's is all about. The informal gathering will be held this coming Tuesday, April 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at their home at 5501 Genoa Farms Blvd., Westerville.

The evening will include time for fellowship, followed by a short program that will introduce couples to the Marriage Enrichment community and outline the benefits of being involved. Light refreshments will be served.

This gathering is also an opportunity to gauge interest in a weekday Marriage Enrichment group for folks whose schedules prohibit them from attending the current meetings, which are normally held on the third Friday of the month.

For information, or if you need directions to the Alvarado home, please contact Mary at templeton.23@buckeyemail.osu.edu or 419-366-0716.

If you know other couples who might be interested, please feel free to bring them along!



Women's Spring Sequel Sunday, April 26

Robin Field invites the women and girls in the parish to her home for fellowship and frivolity on Sunday, April 26, from 3 to 6 p.m. You are welcome to come for all or part of the afternoon, but just come!

Sign-up sheets for the "Spring Sequel" are available at the Information Desk and in the Gathering Area. Separate directions are also available to Robin's home at 5910 Tournament Drive, Westerville. Assorted beverages, finger food, and of course those Sea Salt Caramels, will be enjoyed.

If you have any questions, please contact Robin at 614-895-8204.

Bi-monthly Wednesday Prayer Service offered

The St. Andrew's Prayer Ministry is starting a time for parishioners (and friends) to come to the church to pray. There will be minimum structure to this service, which will take place on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from Noon to 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The next service is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22.

Most of the hour will be open for simply praying to God for St. Andrew's, and whatever else is on our hearts. You may come for part or all of the time. If it's your lunch hour, please join us for as long as you can, and leave when you need to.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6)

The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Third Sunday of Easter · April 19-25

Sunday, April 19 — A.M.: Psalm 148, 149, 150; P.M.: Psalm 114, 115; Daniel 4:1-18; 1 Peter 4:7-11; John 21:15-25

Monday, April 20 — A.M.: Psalm 25; P.M.: Psalm 9, 15; Daniel 4:19-27; 1 John 3:19-4:6; Luke 4:14-30

Tuesday, April 21 — A.M.: Psalm 26, 28; P.M.: Psalm 36, 39; Daniel 4:28-37; 1 John 4:7-21; Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, April 22 — A.M.: Psalm 38; P.M.: Psalm 119:25-48; Daniel 5:1-12; 1 John 5:1-12; Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, April 23 — A.M.: Psalm 37:1-18; P.M.: Psalm 37:19-42; Daniel 5:13-30; 1 John 5:13-20(21); Luke 5:1-11 **St. George's Day** — Psalm 3; Joshua 1:1-9; Revelation 12:7-12; John 8:21-29

Friday, April 24 — A.M.: Psalm 105:1-22; P.M.: Psalm 105:23-45; Daniel 6:1-15; 2 John 1-13; Luke 5:12-26

Saturday, April 25 — A.M.: Psalm 30, 32; P.M.: Psalm 42, 43; Daniel 6:16-28; 3 John 1-15; Luke 5:27-39 **Feast of Saint Mark** — A.M.: Psalm 145, Ecclesiasticus 2:1-11, Acts 12:25-13:3; P.M.: Psalms 67 & 96, Isaiah 62:6-12, 2 Timothy 4:1-11

Next Sunday, April 26 — A.M.: Psalm 63:1-8(9-11), 98; P.M.: Psalm 103; Wisdom 1:1-15; 1 Peter 5:1-11; Matthew 7:15-29

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Next Sunday's Lectionary · April 26; Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Collect: BCP 225

Psalm 23 (BCP 612)

Gospel: John 10:11-18

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

In prayer we can look at the Trinity, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit with our "spiritual eyes." Let him in; he is waiting. "You have searched me, Lord, and you know me." (*Psalm 139:1*) "But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ..." (*Titus 3:4-6*)

— From St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries

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From Jan. 20, 2013 through Jan. 1, 2015, "Encouragement for your prayer time with God," submitted weekly for "The Net" by St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries, has included 147 verses from the Bible, words from one hymn, and the Gloria Patri. Of the Bible verses, they have been taken from eight books of the Old Testament, and 21 books of the New Testament.

Many thanks to the Prayer Ministries team and Ann Schnapp for blessing us with these encouraging words!

Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Bishop Alphonse Watho-kudi** and the priests, deacons, religious, and laity of the **Diocese of Nebbi**, one of the 35 dioceses in the Church of The Province of Uganda. The history of the Church in Uganda is strewn with martyrs and the 35 dioceses now number some 11 million members. The Diocese of Nebbi is located in northern Uganda, just north of the equator, and shares a border with the Democratic Republic of The Congo. Agriculture and fishing are the main economic activities. The Diocese partners with World Renew in sponsoring 99 self-help groups for youth, women, and men in eight parishes and 33 villages. The groups have been highly successful and focus on sustainable agriculture and food conservation, community building, women empowerment, health promotion, and organization building. Please pray especially for growth in the Spirit of the youth of the diocese.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Fr. Dave Simmons** and the people of **Crossroads Anglican Church**, Brighton, Michigan.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Larry Harper**; the **Youth Group**; and for the **Prayer Ministries**. And God, we thank you for Joel Penton's **Stand for Truth Ministry**, which takes the Gospel to unchurched students in America's public schools. Please protect and direct the teams and their families in their travels and in the presentations they give.

About St. George

The flowers at the altar today are given to commemorate St. George's Day, the feast day of St. George and the National Day for England, by several of our British parishioners, **Hilda Barnes**, **Lesley DeBella**, and **Val Serback**. Since our Anglican roots stem from the Church of England, we thought we'd share with you a bit about this patron saint of England.

Although not an official national holiday in England, St. George's Day is celebrated by various Christian churches and by the several nations, kingdoms, countries, and cities of which he is the patron saint. His feast day is April 23, the traditionally accepted date of his death in 303 A.D.

St. George's cross forms the national flag of England, and is featured on the Union Flag of the United Kingdom.

James Kiefer writes on *satucket.com* that George was a soldier and martyr who suffered around 303 at Lydda (Diospolis) in Palestine. The earliest surviving record of him is a church inscription in Syria, dated about 346, and his name appears on a list from 495 of "good men, justly remembered, whose good deeds are known only to God." No other details of his life are known.

St. George never visited the British Isles in his lifetime, but during the Middle Ages he became revered by the English when, according to legend, he interceded on their behalf during the Crusades, and later during the Hundred Years' War.

Tradition holds that soldiers of the First Crusade were besieging Antioch in 1098 when they had a vision of George and Demetrius (a deacon in Serbia martyred under Maximian, and referred to as a "soldier of Christ") encouraging them to maintain the siege, which ultimately proved successful. Richard I, the Lion-Heart of England, who fought in the Holy Land in 1191-1192, placed himself and his army under George's protection, and with the return of the Crusaders to England, his popularity greatly increased.

Many Anglican churches, including the Cathedral Church of St. George in Jerusalem, are named for him.

Almighty God, you commissioned your holy martyr George to bear before the rulers of this world the banner of the cross: Strengthen us in our battles against the great serpent of sin and evil, that we too may attain the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Suzuki Music Columbus will offer lessons at St. Andrew's

Beginning this fall, the Suzuki Music Columbus (SMC) program will offer Suzuki violin lessons at St. Andrew's. SMC is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that provides violin, viola and cello lessons to over 100 students, aged 3-18.

The program, currently located on S. James Rd. in Columbus, is expanding to north Columbus by opening SMC-North. **Susan Sommerville, Amy Rieske and Megan Mullins** will be the teachers. The program (formerly at Capital University) has existed for over 30 years and produced a number of very fine musicians, as well as numerous kids who just love great music. The value of Suzuki lessons also extends far beyond simply learning an instrument, but there is too much to say in such a short space! The Suzuki philosophy is that "Every Child Can and to Learn with Love."

More information will be forthcoming in this newsletter, or one can visit the SMC website at suzukimusiccolumbus.org.

Recital next Sunday, April 26

Anyone who might be interested in this program for their child is invited and encouraged to attend a recital performed by students of Susan Sommerville, a member of our parish and director of our Bell Choir, on Sunday, April 26, at 2 p.m., right here at St. Andrew's. You will be amazed at how well these kids play. The recital will last approximately 40 minutes, and be followed by goodies and conversations. Susan's students range in age from a 3 year old beginner to advanced students, one of whom participated in SMC's Tour Group's performances in Ireland last month. You need not RSVP, just show up.

For more information contact Susan at 614-846-2015 or sgsommer7@gmail.com.



On the front

Members of the St. Andrew's Youth Testimony Troupe presented "He is Alive: Easter Hymn" during the 9:30 a.m. service last week. "He Is Alive" is from "Celebrate Life," the musical the youth have been rehearsing since earlier this year, and presented the Easter Gospel in word and song. Thanks so much to our youth, and Testimony Troupe directors Tiffany Christy and Laurie Darke, for enriching our celebration of the Second Sunday of Easter with their special offering!

The Troupe meets on Tuesday evenings at the church at 6:30 p.m., prior to the start of Youth Group at 7:30 p.m.



Remember to watch The Net and our website for information about The Spring Sale on Saturday, May 30!

Discover St. Andrew's Orientation Sunday, May 3

"Class 101: Orientation to St. Andrew's" will be offered Sunday, May 3, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Parish House. Class 101 is an introduction to St. Andrew's, and covers the benefits of belonging to our parish, our purpose, mission and beliefs. The class is taught by **Fr. Ron Baird**. You may register by contacting **Judy Baird**, 740-548-5112, ext. 3 or jbaird@standrewspolaris.org. Child care will be provided, but we do ask that you let us know in advance if you need it.

This class is for anyone who is interested in joining St. Andrew's, or just wants to know more about our mission and ministry! Although you will be invited to join the parish at the close of the class, you are under no obligation to do so. You may join at any time simply by signing and returning the Membership Covenant that is in the Participant's Manual that you will receive.

This class is also required for couples who wish to married at St. Andrew's, and parents who wish to have their child baptized here.

Kroger Community Rewards Renewal

Parishioners enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards program with St. Andrew's as their registered non-profit are reminded that it's time for your annual renewal, with the new year beginning May 1. Thanks to those participating, we earned approximately \$1,400 in 2014!

If you're not yet enrolled, you can help earn money for St. Andrew's while making your regular Kroger purchases simply by registering at www.Krogercommunityrewards.com. Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy, and sign up with our number, 80910, or simply enter St. Andrew's Anglican Church as your selected charity. You'll still earn any in-store discounts and gas points. Please contact **Robin Field** at 614-895-8204 with any questions. Thank you!

More Images of Easter



One boy looks on while another traces one of the Faces of Easter.



Above and at right, some of our Young Saints carry our Lenten Mite Boxes to the altar to be blessed last Sunday.



Rachel Cherubini shares the story of the Faces of Easter — key moments in the life of Christ — with our Young Saints in Godly Play on Palm Sunday.

It's a good thing Easter lasts for 50 days ... It will take at least that long to print even a fraction of the pictures we have of events surrounding our joyous celebration of the Feast of the Resurrection!



Matt Spanos chants "The Exsultet," the ancient prayer at the lighting of the Pascal Candle, after the candle was censed on Holy Saturday.



One of our Young Saints twirls for us to show off her Easter finery.