

# VOICE OF TRINITY

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## Life Together at 150!

### **Resurrection!**

*O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect for Ordination of a Bishop, Book of Common Prayer 1979)*



It is the season of Easter, the celebration of the promise of new life in the Risen Jesus – a promise that extends to us and to the Church throughout the world. It is a promise that we know by faith, and one which we experience in the living out of that faith – the daily stuff of our lives and the daily reminders that yes, indeed, Christ is alive in and through us!

Every time I attend an ordination, I am continually struck by the richness of the Collect quoted above. Those of you who attended the ordination of Ian Douglas as our 15<sup>th</sup> Bishop on Saturday, April 17, could not help but feel, in a visceral way, the truth and promise contained in that prayer: That notwithstanding the changes and chances of this life – or perhaps because of them – God has something very special in store for us, and is inviting us to be partners, co-creators, co-stewards in the divine project of bringing all things *to their perfection by him through whom all things were made*, Jesus Christ.

We still have one month left to the conclusion of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, a time when we have been recalling our own history as a congregation sharing in God's mission. More importantly, we have been focusing on where that history points, and where it is leading us. New life in Jesus Christ – let us live it to the fullest!

Faithfully in Christ,

**Don+**

The Reverend Donald L. Hamer  
Rector

## **Goodwin Hall Renovations Underway**

Following the conclusion of our roof repairs, one of the last phases of our currently-planned renovation



work is the refurbishing of Goodwin Hall. Interior Designer Paul Cooper has donated his services to develop a plan for the decoration of our parish hall. OLT Construction of Hartford won the bid to perform the underlying repair work (necessitated by years of water leakage during the years preceding the repairs to the roof) and the

final custom painting according to Paul's specifications.

The renovation job, which includes the entrance hallway into the church, is scheduled to be completed well before the Presiding Bishop's visit on June 6. Your understanding is appreciated during this time of renovation.

## **Food Baskets for May**

Each Sunday during the month of May, we will be collecting toiletries for the clients of "A Place of Grace" food pantry at Grace Episcopal Church on New Park Avenue in Hartford. Shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant and soap are all welcome – as are any food donations you would care to make, and your plastic grocery bags. Donations may be placed in the wicker baskets located inside the entrances to the church.

## **Book Group To Offer A Night at the Movies**

Dinner and a movie! What could be better? Come join Trinity's book group on Friday, April 30, starting at 7:00 p.m. Roy McAlpine and Emily Estes will host this meeting at their home in Middletown, select the movie, and offer a main dish. If you plan to attend, call them at 860-343-1941. Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome!

For your calendar: Friday, June 4, 7:00-9:00 p.m., is the next book group meeting. Two short readings will be discussed, both found in *Listening for God, Volume 2*, available through amazon.com. The first is "People Who Don't Know the Answers," by Anne Tyler; it's a chapter from her book *Saint Maybe*. The other is "A Father's Story," by Andre Dubus. This meeting will be at the home of Robin and Valerie Pogue (860-521-9324) in West Hartford.

## **Scouting Returns To Trinity**

Cub Scout Pack 263 and Boy Scout Troop 263 at Trinity Episcopal Church are back! Every Saturday morning from 9:30-11:00 a.m. the two groups meet to enjoy fun activities and work on projects toward earning merit badges. Eight new scouts joined last week!

The Scouting programs are free to participants and are funded through the generosity of a trust fund to support scouting at Trinity. Scoutmaster Jake Troiano is an Eagle Scout, and Cubmaster Basil Bennett coordinates with him in leading the Cub Scouts. Join in on Saturday morning and check it out!

## **Music New and Old Planned For Evensong**

Join the choirs of Trinity on May 2 at 5:00 p.m. for the next in our series of services of Choral Evensong, when music for the service will include pieces by modern North American composers and several old favorites. The Choir School of Hartford will sing the introit for this service, "Prevent us, O Lord", by modern-day Canadian composer Derek Holman. They will be joined by the Trinity Choir and Trinity Singers for an unusual setting of the Preces and Responses by Paul Halley, former principal composer for the Paul Winter Consort, as well as Charles Villiers Stanford's *Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in G* and Ernest Bullock's "Give us the wings of faith." Plan to join the choirs for this beautiful service as our first-Sunday-of-the-month series of services of Choral Evensong resumes after its Easter Day break.

Don't forget: Our last Choral Evensong of the program year will be our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary festival service on June 6, with Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori.

## **Directory Updates**

Please make the following changes to your copy of the 2010 Parish Directory:

### **CHANGE:**

Stuart, Arch & Alice Custer  
1 Hamilton Heights Dr #242  
West Hartford CT 06119  
860-570-0335

Turcotte, Alice  
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Bloomfield CT 06002  
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## This Is My Story

*In conjunction with our yearlong 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, The Voice is featuring a series of reminiscences by Trinity parishioners about their personal histories in our parish. This month, we hear from Valerie Holder.*

I arrived in the U.S.A. from Guyana on a permanent basis three years before my Guyanese friend asked me to accompany her to a memorial service at her church. Her church was Trinity Episcopal Church on Sigourney Street.

As I entered the church, I was struck with the physical beauty of the interior of the building. I think the hanging banners and their depiction of church life aroused my attention. I thought of the temple at Jerusalem. Does it surprise you that at the end of the memorial service, I told my friend that I wanted to be a member of her church?

Although she has been gone for more than five years, I still sit in her seat in memory of her. From my very first visit at Trinity, I felt at home.

I take this opportunity to express gratitude for the pastoral care given to my late husband, Alvin, who because of his illness never entered the building while he was alive but was offered a heartfelt and beautiful Christian burial for which I am truly grateful.

Trinity Episcopal continues to bring people of diverse origins together. This wonderful action

will surely allow us to see Utopia at the end of the tunnel.

As they partook of wine at the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee, we also tip our glasses to Trinity Episcopal Church.

– Valerie Holder

### **Sunday Symposium: Trinity's History of Outreach Abroad**

As part of Trinity's ongoing 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the theme for the adult symposium sessions in May will be "Trinity Abroad."

Over the years, the parish and individual members have carried out missionary, development and other outreach efforts in other lands. Presenting some recent outreach activities will be:

- May 9 Don and Debbie Hamer  
Tabora, Tanzania
- May 16 Savannah Berger  
Team Tobati
- May 23 Emily Estes  
World Neighbors

All are welcome! Please join us. Sunday Symposium sessions take place in the Library following the 10:00 a.m. service.

### **A Day of Celebration! Diocesan and Presiding Bishops To Visit June 6**

As our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration draws to a close, we will welcome our new diocesan bishop, the Right Reverend Dr. Ian T. Douglas, as our celebrant and preacher for both of the morning services on June 6. You will have a chance to offer your personal welcome to Trinity to Bishop Douglas at the fellowship time following each of the services.

As previously announced, our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration will culminate later on in the day on June 6 with a visit from the Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, who will officiate and preach at our 5:00 p.m. service of Choral Evensong. Bishop Douglas will also be with us for Evensong and the reception to follow.

Plan to come to both the Eucharist and Evensong on June 6; be a part of this gala conclusion to our year-long celebration of our heritage and our future at Trinity Church!



### Teams Take Aim at Healthy 150 Goals

As part of the “Healthy at 150” health challenge, Trinity has fielded two teams each committing to lose 150 pounds (collectively) before Trinity Sunday, May 30. In addition, teams of youth and adults have committed to 150 hours of vigorous physical activity in the same time frame. Awards will be given by the Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, during her visit with us at the closing ceremonies of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on June 6. Team members are:

**Men’s Team:**

Al Shuckra  
 John Berger  
 Angelo Troiano  
 John-Albert Moseley  
 Peter Vreeland  
 Larry Besel  
 Jack Pearson  
 Karl Pearson  
 Don Hamer  
 Jonathan Reik  
 Joe Troiano

**Women’s Team:**

Penny Pearson  
 Margaret Daniel  
 Grace Haronian  
 Nancy Berger  
 Percy Williamson  
 Susanne Mantel  
 Liz Kirkpatrick  
 Kim Litsey  
 Janet Wilkinson  
 Marion Porter  
 Debbie Hamer  
 Jill Barrett  
 Shannon Lee  
 Jane Reik  
 Marcia Lee

**Teen’s Activity Challenge:**

Nigel Francis  
 Savannah Berger  
 Laquisha Springer  
 Anthony Springer  
 Alexia Williams  
 Kristen Williams

**Adult Activity Challenge:**

Olive Tronchin  
 Jane Reik



**May**

Pat Bunker	1
Nancy Berger	2
Barbara Briggs	2
Irene Domeisen	5
Palma Noel	7
William Burns	8
Louise Chase	9
Kenneth Okeke Jr.	10
Horace Johnson	11
Carl Williams	12
Advetus Bohlen	14
Richard McKinley	15
May Iweka	16
Kiera Troiano	16
Elaine Bedard	17
Julia DeMichele	17
Worth Loomis	18
Lah Ku Paw	18
Jeanne Foldvary	25
Edith Gengras	25
Betty Knorr	25
Bette Blackwood	27
Natalie Thomas	29
John Ector	31

If you have a May birthday not listed above, please call Pam Haddad in the parish office at (860) 527-8133, Ext. 204, and let her know so your special day can be added to our lists.

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:**  
 Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
 Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.  
 Evensong: 1st Sunday of the month at 5:00 p.m. (October-June, excepting April)

The Reverend Donald L. Hamer, Rector  
 The Reverend Barbara K. Briggs, Assistant Rector  
 The Reverend Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick, Priest Associate  
 The Reverend Helen M. Moore, Priest Associate  
 The Reverend Patricia Jackson, Deacon  
 The Reverend William J. Eakins, Rector Emeritus  
 The Reverend Dr. Robert S. Henderson, Pastoral Counselor

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## What Happened in May Long Ago? *by Karin Peterson*

### *A hundred forty-four years ago -*

Trinity's third rector, the Reverend. Francis Goodwin, took charge in May 1865; Trinity's sixth rector, the Reverend Ernest Miel, took charge in May 1893, twenty-eight years later. Both men had a profound influence on the parish.

Francis Goodwin (1839-1923) came from a wealthy Hartford family, and today the parlor from his father's home on Woodland Street (designed by Withers, the same architect who designed Trinity) is preserved at the Wadsworth Atheneum. After graduating from Trinity College, Goodwin attended Berkeley Divinity School and worked with struggling parishes in Middlesex County before coming to Trinity Church.

During his years at Trinity, Goodwin saw the fledging congregation grow and oversaw the successful establishment of Grace Chapel, Trinity's mission endeavor. After his resignation in November 1871, he never acted as rector at another parish, although he was priest-in-charge at St. John's, West Hartford; Trinity, Wethersfield; and Church of the Good Shepherd in Hartford. He was very involved with Diocesan activities and served as Archdeacon 1877-1889. Goodwin was active in many civic causes as well; he helped establish Hartford's park system and was a trustee of Trinity College.

Throughout his life Goodwin liberally shared his wealth with Trinity, the diocese and the Hartford community.

Miel (1868-1925) served the longest rectorship in parish history – 32 years. When he began, the last service had been held in the original church and worship services were being held in a newly built hall (now Goodwin Hall). Construction on the new church was stalled due to lack of funding. Eventually, the present church was completed in 1898, followed by the remodeling of the temporary worship space into a parish hall.

Those early years of ongoing construction, learning a new job and holding the parish together must have been challenging! Miel attended Berkeley Divinity School after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania. Newly ordained, he served at an inner city parish in New York City, and he brought a commitment to social mission to Trinity.

The 1890s was a period of economic depression, and Miel and other clergy publicly lobbied for legislation and sought ways to improve the lives of the underprivileged. During World War I, Miel served in France with the Red Cross and as a chaplain in the United States Army, 1917-

1919. His rectorship overlapped the gradual change of Asylum Hill from spacious private homes to commercial development and apartment houses as electric trolleys and automobiles encouraged the re-settlement of families further west. This was a time of decision – should Trinity follow its parishioners west? Miel believed Trinity had a vocation – to hold the loyalty of the old families and minister to the people of the neighborhood, whoever they might be. Miel worked diligently for the betterment of the city and state and was active in the diocese. After a long illness, probably brought on overwork, he died at the age of 57.

### *Forty-six years ago –*

It was announced that Trinity would offer use of two classrooms in the Education Building and Huntington Hall for the Head Start program to prepare Hartford's young children for school. An area on the east side of the church was set aside and fenced for an outside play space. The program started the following month with 110 children enrolled; the students were supervised by trained personnel hired by the Board of Education.

*Each month during our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, Karin Peterson will write about events at Trinity Church that took place during that same month in years gone by.*

**Supper and a Show:  
Have Some Fun,  
Support the Choir School!**

The Friends of the Choristers are sponsoring their annual auction to benefit The Choir School of Hartford Scholarship Fund on Saturday, May 8, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship that will include both live and silent auctions, a pasta dinner, sports memorabilia, a spaghetti sauce competition and a talent show!

This was so much fun and such a great evening last year that we know you will want to bring your friends and family along.

**We Need Help!!** We are looking for entertainment “talent” for the evening, volunteers to help with donations & dinner, photographing & posting auction items on the website, and hanging posters. Also needed are donations of services, gift cards, baskets and other items for the auction. (List the value of any items or services you donate.)

**And the winner is . . .** Do you think you make the best spaghetti sauce, or your family’s recipe is the best? Put it to the test at our Spaghetti Sauce Cook-off!

Tickets for the pasta dinner will be sold in advance – \$6.50 each, or \$25.00 maximum per family.

If you would like to make a donation, enter the sauce cook-off, entertain, help with clean up or lend a hand in any other capacity, please contact Kelly Bradley (Cell: 860-280-5167) or speak to any Chorister parent.

Thank you!

– Kelly Bradley

**Vestry to Tour  
Asylum Hill**

In December 2009, Vestry members identified three focus areas for their bi-monthly business-other-than-usual meetings: increasing their awareness of the Asylum Hill community, evolving into a high-performing leadership board, and furthering their corporate and individual spiritual development.

May 8 will be a busy day for the Vestry. With guidance from Jack Hale, consultant from Leadership Greater Hartford (LGH), members will gather for a tour of Asylum Hill and stop along the way to meet and talk with groups and individuals. The tour will be followed with lunch that will have a “well diversified” flavor. Finally, the Vestry will engage in a service project at Hartford High School, working with staff and students on a grounds improvement project.

At its May 18 meeting the Vestry will continue its work with Jack and Ted Carroll, President of LGH, as members seek to understand more about their experiences on the 8<sup>th</sup> and how this will help them in furthering God’s mission at Trinity.

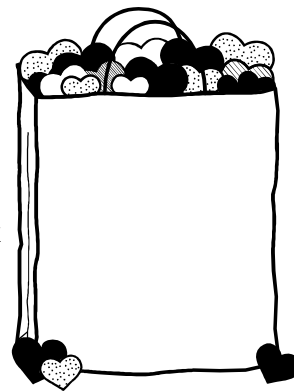
These are exciting times for the Vestry as they actively seek to expand their understanding and knowledge in the three focus areas.

**Did you know?**

- The high altar at the west end of the chancel was dedicated by Bishop Brewster on November 5, 1933. It was designed with many Christian symbols and constructed by the firm of Calvert, Herrick and Riedinger of New York City.
- Two of the needlework kneelers and cushions created for Trinity and dedicated in April 1967 won prizes at the 5<sup>th</sup> New England Needlepoint and Crewel Work exhibit in Hartford.

**Reminder:  
May Is the Month for  
Placement Packs**

Our annual Placement Pack project begins May 2! That’s the day you can pick up a red Placement Pack bag and a list of items needed to fill it. Bags and lists for several different age groups will be available in the Baptistery. To participate in this year’s project, just pick up a bag and a list for the gender and age group of your choice, purchase the items, put them in the bag, and return your completed pack to the church by May 23. (Please make sure you have attached the list of items to the red bag.)



Your donation will provide much-needed items for a child being placed in emergency foster care. After the Placement Packs have been blessed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> (the Day of Pentecost), they will be turned over to our social worker, Lakesha Ruth, for distribution as necessary. Thank you so much for helping out a child in crisis!

– Susanne Mantel  
for the Outreach Team

## **An Update: Pilgrimage to Palestine 2011**

Plans are coming together for a Trinity pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Don and Debbie in 2011.

We will be departing on Friday, May 27, and returning on Saturday, June 11. Our group will be staying at St. George's Guesthouse for most of our stay, with day trips

into the Old City, time to explore other sites in Jerusalem, and day excursions to various sites central to the Abrahamic faiths. We will also be taking a 2-3 day excursion to the Galilee region, where Jesus spent much of his active ministry, staying at the Ein Gev Kibutz as a base.

We are working out details of the itinerary and actual expenses. At this point, the estimate is that the trip will be in the range of \$3,000 - \$3,500 per person double occupancy, with much of that consisting of round trip air fare and other transportation costs. Those of you who attended the travelogue with Fr. Don and Debbie will recognize the itinerary as very close to that which they followed during Fr. Don's sabbatical, with plenty of time to relax, do some private or small group explorations, or participate in group activities.

To reserve a place on the pilgrimage, submit a *refundable* deposit of \$200 per person payable to Trinity Episcopal Church and marked "2011 Palestine Trip" in the memo section. We are holding 25 rooms at St. George's. If you have any questions, please call Fr. Don.

## **Heal Me, Hands of Jesus – Public Healing Highlight Of May 9 Services**

Four times per year we at Trinity celebrate a public service of healing. Our next quarterly services of healing will take place May 9 at both the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services. This is a liturgical expression of how Jesus' healing touch is offered to all times. It gives us a chance to participate in this grace for ourselves as well as for others. When public healing is a part of the service, we take a little extra time to let ourselves receive the grace of healing. We can do this by praying silently in our places, by sharing a prayer request with members of the healing team in the side aisles of the nave, by coming forward to the altar rail to be anointed by a member of the clergy, or all of the above. Whichever feels right to you, take the opportunity to be a part of this special part of our corporate worship.

### ***Service of Healing To Include Blessing of Prayer Shawls***

As part of the public service of healing on May 9, we will be blessing a group of newly-made prayer shawls. If you have completed shawls by that date, please give them to Jo-Ann Sadosky or Peter Vreeland at church, or drop them off at the parish office during the week.

If you are interested in creating prayer shawls as a member of our Sanctuary Stitchers group, but are not yet a part of this ministry, please speak to Jo-Ann or Peter.

## **Alta To Offer Mother's Day Concert**

On Sunday, May 9, the renaissance wind trio Alta will return to Trinity Church to explore the amazing wealth of musical genius which was sown in the Low Countries in the 15<sup>th</sup> century and then spread throughout Europe. The 4:00 p.m. program will include chansons and motets by Agricola, Des Pres, Ghiselin, Isaac, and Crecquillon.

Celebrate Mother's Day by bringing your mom to enjoy this final concert of the 2009-2010 season by the Alta trio – Gwendolyn Winkel, Daniel Green, and Peter Braunfield, who are artists in residence at Trinity. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15.00.

## **Godly Play in May**

Each week in Church School, children gather for storytelling, wondering time, and responding to the story through art. Group I is for age 3-grade 2; Group II is for grades 3-6. On May 9, 23 and 30, the groups will meet jointly.

May 2

Godly Play Eucharist:  
*The Synagogue & Upper Room*

May 9

Groups I & II  
*Circle of the Holy Eucharist*

May 16

Group I *Parable of the Sower*  
Group II *Paul's Discovery*

May 23

Group I & II  
*The Mystery of Pentecost*

May 30

Groups I & II  
*The Holy Trinity*



## Ascension Day Service May 13

Trinity will observe the Feast Day of the Ascension on Thursday, May 13, with a service of Holy Eucharist at 12:10 p.m. in the Chapel. On this day we commemorate Jesus, the risen Christ's, final post-resurrection appearance to his disciples before ascending to rejoin God in heaven. We encourage you to take part in this observance.

### **Support Mbugani Students: Buy an Apron for Mom!**

Last minute Mother's Day Idea! Nothing says "I love Mom" like a Trinity Apron. (Okay, maybe that's a stretch . . .). The Outreach Committee will be offering their Trinity Aprons for sale on Sunday, April 25, May 2 and May 9 after services. All proceeds go to support scholarships for our Mbugani scholars in Tabora, Tanzania.

An even better idea: Place a gift card in the pocket letting your mother know that you have donated a whole scholarship to support a student's tuition, books and uniforms for a full year in her honor. If you choose this option, the apron is free; the card is a bargain at \$235.

### **Voice Deadline**

May 13 is the deadline for the next issue of *The Voice*, which will cover all events through August. Please send all materials for this issue to [voice@trinityhartford.org](mailto:voice@trinityhartford.org). Articles may also be delivered to the parish office. The deadline is 4:00 p.m. on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ask the Rector: "Why Do We Count Church Attendance?"**

"Average Sunday Attendance" is one of the markers of the health of a congregation. When viewed over a period of years, and considered relative to factors such as total church membership, number of parishioners who make a financial commitment to the church, size of the church school, etc., the number of people who actually attend on Sundays tells church leaders – something about growth or decline in the congregation, effectiveness or popularity of certain programs, need for additional services or a different variety of services, and so on. On a totally practical level, the rector and lay leadership are required to report this information annually to the Diocese and the Episcopal Church. And for special services, such as Easter, Easter Vigil, Christmas and other such services, keeping the count helps the parish secretary to determine how many service leaflets to print.

Thanks for asking!

– Fr. Don+

### **Thank You to Iain Quinn and Choir School Parents**

The Choir School of Hartford wishes to thank Iain Quinn for the benefit concert he performed at Trinity Church on Friday, April 9. The concert raised over \$1000 to benefit The Choir School; this amount covers the cost of one piano scholarship for a year. We also wish to thank the Choir School parents who put on a very nice reception and John-Albert Moseley and John Nowacki, who housed Iain while he was in town.

## Lace 'Em Up for 2010 Bishop's 5K!

At 9:30 a.m. sharp on Saturday, May 15, runners and walkers in the 2010 Bishop's 5K Run/Walk for Kids will cross the start line in front of Webster Hill School in West Hartford. They'll run (or walk) a 3.1 mile loop through the streets of West Hartford before crossing the finish line back in front of the school. We're really hoping that a LOT of those runners and walkers will be members of Trinity Church this year!

Everyone is welcome at the Bishop's 5K – fleet-footed runners; not-quite-so-fleet joggers; parents with kids in strollers and wagons; walkers of all degrees of speediness. The race is an annual fundraiser for the Bishop's Fund for Children, which supports a wide variety of programs designed to help at-risk children in Connecticut. It's a great event that benefits a very worthy cause!

You can download a registration brochure for the race at [bishops5kforkids.org](http://bishops5kforkids.org), or pick one up from the Trinity literature tables. Our team captain, Steve Smith, or another team representative will also be signing racers up after the Sunday services. When filling out the form, please be sure to indicate that you're a member of the team from Trinity, *Hartford*. It's been a couple of years since our parish won a team trophy – we're hoping this is our year!

If you're not up to participating in the race on your own personal feet, please consider making a donation to the Bishop's Fund for Children in support of our parish team. Information is in the race brochure.

## **Annual Appeal Bookmark Contest Invites Entries**

The Annual Appeal team is sponsoring a bookmark contest to design a bookmark for the 2010 Annual Appeal. The theme for this year's appeal is "God has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." Children in the Church School and Light and Peace programs will have opportunities in their programs to design entries into the contest, but all young people are invited to offer their gifts in entering the contest. Winners will be selected from each age group. Deadline for entry is May 20.

## **Help a Child Become A Bookworm!**

The two fifth grade classrooms of the new Trinity Day School,



scheduled to open next fall, are in need of books for pleasure reading. You can help fill

this need by donating gently used books appropriate for children who read on third- to seventh-grade levels. Recent nonfiction and books with a multi-cultural theme are especially welcome. You're invited to put your donation of books in the collection bin near the fireplace in Goodwin Hall. The Day School is also in need of two bookcases to house the classroom libraries. Please call Anne Green (860-236-1457) if you have a bookcase to donate, or if you have questions about the book program. Thank you for your help in getting our school ready to open.

## **You're Invited to Worship and Study – Wednesday Mornings At 7:00**

For as long as everyone except God can remember, each Wednesday morning we have gathered in the chapel for prayer followed by breakfast and Bible Study in the library. We look at the Bible readings that will be read the following Sunday, usually the Gospel passage. Either a member of the clergy or a willing participant prepares and leads the study each week. The goal is to learn what the writer may have intended and to personally engage with the meaning of the text for us today. Everyone's opinion is valued, and we learn a lot!

Beginning in May, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month will feature 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the chapel, with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays offering a service of Holy Eucharist at 7:00 a.m.

Here is how the new schedule works out for the month of May:

May 5  
Morning Prayer, breakfast  
and Bible Study

May 12  
Holy Eucharist, breakfast  
and Bible Study

May 19  
Morning Prayer, breakfast  
and Bible Study

May 26  
Holy Eucharist, breakfast  
and Bible Study

The weekly 12:10 p.m. Wednesday service will continue to be a meditative service of Holy Eucharist.

## **Piano Recital To Showcase Talents of Choir School**

On Saturday, May 15, at 1:15 p.m., the students of The Choir School of Hartford will present their spring end-of-term piano recital at Trinity Church. The Choir School invites all its donors, families and friends to come enjoy this special afternoon concert.



It is always a great experience to see and hear the development of our students since the beginning of the year in September, and even from their mid-term concert in January. There will be a reception following the concert, during which you may meet and congratulate the teachers and students. Plan to attend and invite your friends to come along with you.

## **Sanctuary Stitchers Plan Breakfast Meeting**

Trinity's prayer shawl group, the Sanctuary Stitchers, will have a potluck breakfast meeting in the Upper Library on Saturday, May 22, 2010, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for prayer, fellowship, planning, and knitting. Please plan to bring a breakfast item to share and your current craft project. We welcome all crafters of all abilities, and all others whom the Holy Spirit calls to join us.

For more information, or to let us know you'll be there, call Jo-Ann Sadosky at 860-647-9579 or Peter Vreeland at 860-241-1537, or see either one of them in church.

## Notes from the YAC Mission Team Trip to Boston

Trinity's YAC (Young Adults in the Church) Boston Mission Team left Trinity Church on Friday afternoon, March 19, with all that the congregation of Trinity had provided: spare change, clothing and food, and prayers. We returned 24 hours later having been transformed. It was apparent that the Holy Spirit was with us as we entered the Boston Commons and made our way to the Cathedral of St. Paul's, where the City Reach program of Ecclesia Ministries takes place. Over a hundred youth and adults from around New England were arriving at the front steps. "Clothing and food downstairs, your gear upstairs in the sanctuary," said one of the men from Ecclesia.

By 8:00 p.m. we were all assembled in a circle in the basement. The Reverend Maki opened up the session and then invited the Ecclesia Leaders to share their thoughts about living the life of being without a home. These leaders were as diverse as any community can be. One was a veteran with an illness, some had struggled with addiction, a few found the streets more comfortable than struggling to get a home, one lost a job and his retirement money, and others had troubled childhoods. They talked about what it was like to be asked to leave a church because they did not fit in. Ecclesia was their church, and in community they were learning how to change the face of homelessness. They shared that there are 7,000 people living on the streets in Boston – the size of many small towns in America – and they did not have a

voice. With the support of Ecclesia, these leaders were finding their voice.

After the talk, each group was given a tour of the Commons by one of the Ecclesia leaders. Then all of the groups converged on the Green in front of the fountain, surrounded by the city lights and sounds. This is where they gather each Sunday for Eucharist. The service was an abridged version of our worship at Trinity, with song and prayer. What made it different, though, was the fact that we were not just members of one parish, but we were Christians of all denominations, young and old, rich and poor in the presence of God.

In the morning each group took an Ecclesia leader out for breakfast. Then we prepared lunches, sorted clothes and set up for hospitality. Mid-morning, one of the ministers took us out to the streets with a bag full of food and a few articles of clothing to distribute to the homeless who, for whatever reason, would not come into the church.

We walked to a little park. On the way, the minister pointed out several places where he used to sleep at night. He showed us a fenced-in doorway where he had often slept, but even behind the high fence he had not felt safe. He told us that he was always worried that "they" would come over the fence and he would have no way to escape. At first, we were surprised to hear how violent homeless people could be toward each other. But, on a cold night when a blanket means survival, it seems people could resort to anything to get one.

When we reached the little park, we were swarmed with people. It surprised us that it wasn't so much food that they wanted, but clothes. Within minutes we had given away the few t-shirts and pairs of socks we had brought. We wished that we had more to give them, and we realized that is what the people who run this program, and anyone who works with those in need, must feel. You always wish you had more to give them. You have to face the fact that you cannot help everyone, but remember that if you have helped one person, you have made a difference.

You could see the participants begin to see the face of Jesus in individuals previously considered to be "the other." We felt the love of Christ as we sorted all the donated clothes and made sandwiches – a formidable task indeed – and socialized with the people coming in to receive food and clothing. But perhaps the most moving moment was the closing ceremony. Each group made a banner and shared what we felt and learned. Then the Ecclesia leaders, some of whom remain homeless, went around the circle and placed the Ecclesia cross around each participant's neck. There was sadness in the room as we realized we were leaving a perfect environment, where we felt differences melt away into the fact we are all one in the eyes of God. We all pray that we never forget our experience, and that we always remember that we meet Jesus when we encounter those we consider "the other."

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## Notes from the April Vestry Meeting

The Vestry held its bimonthly business meeting Tuesday, April 20. Sandy Kissel opened the meeting on behalf of a subcommittee which has been exploring the book *Making Your Church a Place of Healing*, drawing on a Bible passage from Matthew in which Jesus heals a paralyzed man brought to him by friends.

The Vestry approved the report of the nominating committee, which appears elsewhere in this edition of *The Voice*, for election at our annual meeting on Trinity Sunday, May 30. The Vestry also approved several amendments to the Trinity By-laws, which will be placed before the Annual Meeting for approval. These amendments:

- make technical changes relative to the annual meeting's occurring on Trinity Sunday;
- further define the composition of the Nominating Committee by designating the members to include the previous two graduating classes of Vestry members; and

- set the number of one-year terms a Warden can serve to three.

The Vestry heard feedback on the Light and Peace program's move to the Boys and Girls Club, the Guest Hospitality table, the welcome experienced by newcomers, and Holy Week and Easter services. The Vestry also heard a report from the Treasurer detailing progress on paying down the loans for the roof project and the status of operating income and expenses, which are generally positive.

In lieu of a business meeting in May, the Vestry, including newly nominated members, will take part in a day-long neighborhood familiarization tour on Saturday morning, May 8, followed by lunch provided by local restaurants and then participation in an afternoon service project with students from Hartford Public High School. The day is being coordinated by Leadership Greater Hartford, and will culminate in a debriefing on May 18 and plans for follow up. (See separate article on Page 6.)

## ***New Music to Our Ears: Jazz Mass for Pentecost***

On May 23, the Day of Pentecost, at the 10:00 a.m. service, The Choir School of Hartford and the Trinity Choir will be offering the premier of a new Jazz Mass written for Trinity Church's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. This special setting of the hymns, psalm, service music, anthem, and voluntaries has been written by Jason Oberholtzer (son of Enid and Tom Oberholtzer) and Mike Simonelli. Both Jason and Mike are accomplished jazz musicians; they will be joined by several others to make up a jazz combo to accompany the service. The original Day of Pentecost was a day when many people were speaking in a variety of languages, yet their message was understood by all. Our celebration of Pentecost will give us a new musical language to explore God's message to us through the celebration of the Eucharist. We hope that you will hear the message with new ears that day and come away blessed. Come dressed in red, the color of the Holy spirit, and enjoy the celebration!

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The following prayer was written collectively by all the Ecclesia participants:

*Gracious God,*

*We are eternally grateful for new understandings. We are grateful for the opportunity to open up and talk to people in the community. We are grateful for hope, strength, friendships and the generosity it creates in and around us. We confess that we are not always willing to go outside our comfort zones or show respect for the people in our community. We confess that we haven't always shown gratitude or modesty for the gifts you have given us. We recognize that we often stereotype people and do not open our minds and hearts to them. We are humbled to be vessels of the light and love of Christ. We experienced the gratitude of others and in so doing we saw Christ's face in them. Let us continue to cross those boundaries. Bring us closer to you. Give us the strength and courage to continue in this ministry. Give us the ability to trust ourselves. May we generate your joy and happiness through the simplicity of a smile and may we remember the dignity of all creation. Amen.*

Thank you, Trinity, for supporting our mission!

Nigel Francis, Victor Troiano, Marion Porter, Kim Litsey

# Healing: Prayer, the Laying on of Hands and Anointing

*by the Rev. Barbara King Briggs*

Jesus spent much of his time with sinners and those who were sick. The Gospel of Matthew contains this story: “And as Jesus sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?’ But when he heard this, he said, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.’”

The Gospel according to John includes this story: “After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, ‘Do you want to be made well?’ The sick man answered him, ‘Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Stand up, take your mat and walk.’ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.”

There are many more stories of healing and forgiveness recorded in

the New Testament. Some people refer to them as miracle stories, since we have no scientific details or proof to back up the healing. Did all these healings actually happen? The Gospel writers must have considered them to be an



important part of who Jesus was, because there are lots of these stories and because they are so different. Jesus heals the young and the old, male and female, those who ask him to heal themselves or a loved one, and those who don't appear to be interested in Jesus until he searches them out. Some have great hope, faith and high expectations. Others merely acquiesce. Some are healed of physical infirmities. Others receive inner healing and forgiveness.

Well, that was then and this is now. How does the fact that Jesus healed the sick when he walked those dusty roads in Palestine with his disciples have any bearing on our own desire for healing? Call it the power of the resurrection. The Power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal. This same power is ours to claim because of the way Jesus sends us out to continue his work in the world.

At Pentecost we will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church

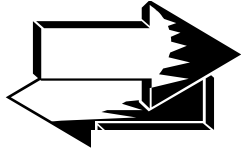
to carry on the saving work of Christ in the world. Because of this, we can offer the healing grace of Jesus to any who need it, and we can do this through prayer, listening, caring, serving, offering our time, driving someone to or from a doctor's appointment, making a meal, knitting a prayer shawl, running an errand for someone, the laying on of hands or any combination of these things, according to our God-given gifts. Whatever we do in the name of Christ for the healing of another – that is how the one we serve will receive the healing grace of Jesus.

Four times per year we at Trinity celebrate a public service of healing. This is a liturgical expression of how Jesus' healing touch is offered to all at all times. It gives us a chance to participate in this grace for ourselves and for others. Four times a year we take a little extra time at the Eucharist to let ourselves be touched by the healing love of Christ as we gather as a Christian community. We can do this by sharing a prayer request with members of the healing team in the side aisles of the nave, or by coming forward to the altar rail to be anointed by a member of the clergy, or both.

Anointing of the sick is an ancient practice dating back to the first Christians. In the letter of James we read, “Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the

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## Connections

**Trinity Connections is a new feature of The Voice. If you are a Trinity member, you can use “Connections” to seek or offer goods or services** – something you wish to donate or something for which you wish to be compensated; something you hope someone will donate, or something for which you expect to pay. **Submissions may be sent by mail to the office or via e-mail to [voice@trinityhartford.org](mailto:voice@trinityhartford.org).**

### *This month in Trinity Connections:*

We have two mirrors available for anyone who can pick them (either or both) up. These are both unframed new plate glass mirrors; one measures 36” X 42”, the other 36” X 24”. We can be reached via e-mail at [jwbccb@comcast.net](mailto:jwbccb@comcast.net) or by phone at 860-289-5883.

– Jim and Connie Bain

### **Stewardship**

When God calls us to be good stewards, it goes beyond being thoughtful with material goods and the physical world. He also wants us to be aware of ALL creation and the gifts contained therein. I consider “joy” is such a gift. Even when unhappy, even when life is full of challenges and seems dark, we can have a moment of heart-lifting joy which reminds us of the goodness of God. The psalms exhort us to “shout with joy.” I shout with joy when I see bright sunshine after days of rain and gloom; I shout with joy when I hear the voice of someone dear after a long absence; I shout with joy when standing grumpily in a slowly moving line at the grocery store and a child flashes me a brilliant smile; I shout with joy when I find money forgotten in a pocket. I think of these moments as the chocolate morsels in the chocolate chip cookie of daily life - sudden bits of sweetness. What makes you shout for joy?

– Karin Peterson

### **Healing**

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name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.” The Book of Common Prayer includes anointing as a sacramental rite—an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace.

Sometimes we witness what we would call a miracle. More often, we are healed or receive the grace of forgiveness over time, and sometimes there is no physical cure at all, but rather a deeper sense of Christ’s love and abiding presence in our lives.

Whenever we ask for healing or offer Christ’s healing to another, we are in touch with the holy. We enter a special time and place of trust, openness and vulnerability, whether we do it during a public service of healing at church, or whether it is at any other time or place. Wherever we are, we need to tread gently with ourselves and each other as we reach out our hands and hearts in love and expectantly wait for Jesus to bring us to health and wholeness.

We all have gifts for healing to varying degrees. Some of us are trained physicians, nurses, therapists, social workers, pharmacists or health workers. We may not be able to lay on hands or pray out loud as we exercise our healing profession, but it is always appropriate to pray silently and count on Christ to be the source and center of all healing... And then to express our gratitude to God when we experience healing of any kind.

***We Gather Together:  
Annual Meeting  
Set for May 30***

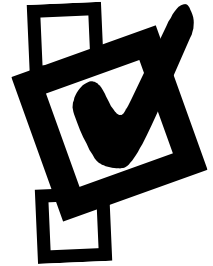
The Annual Meeting of The Parish of Trinity Church will be held on Trinity Sunday, May 30, 2010, beginning at 9:30 a.m. As is our custom, there will be no 8 a.m. service of the Holy Eucharist that morning in order that the entire congregation can gather together for worship and fellowship at the single 9:30 a.m. service. Fr. Don will offer his Rector's Report as the sermon that morning. Immediately following the service, we will take a brief time for some refreshments before beginning the formal business part of the meeting back in the nave. Please plan on joining the entire Trinity community to hear reports on parish activities and participate in the discussion periods. Child care and activities will be provided.

*The annual parish election will take place at the May 30 meeting; please see the nominating committee's proposed slate to the right.*



**Nominating Committee Presents Slate**

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate for election at the 2010 annual meeting, which will take place on May 30:



Officers (one-year terms):

- Warden - Barbara Morton (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Warden - Mark MacGougan (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Treasurer - John E. Pearson (9<sup>th</sup> term)
- Assistant Treasurer - Kenneth (Casey) Rousseau (4<sup>th</sup> term)

Vestry (one-year term to fill Mark MacGougan's unexpired term; eligible for election to full term next year)

- Chukwuemeka (Emeka) Igboanugo

Vestry (full three-year terms):

- Marion Catanzaro
- Enid Oberholtzer
- Peter Vreeland
- Pamela Williams

Delegate to Convention (three-year term):

- Joseph Troiano (2<sup>nd</sup> and final term, to expire 2013)

Alternate Delegate to Convention (three-year term):

- Stephen Smith (2<sup>nd</sup> and final term, to expire 2013)

Nominating Committee for 2010-2011 (one-year term):

Second term, to expire 2011:

- Gavin Cheyney
- M. Ronald Gripp
- P. Thomas Oberholtzer
- Katharine Steinwedell

First term, to expire 2012:

- Anne Green
- Sandra Kissel
- Susanne Mantel

According to parish bylaws, "nomination of additional persons, for any office, may be made by written petition, signed by at least four parishioners, and received at the church office at least twenty-one days prior to the date of election." Any such petitions for the 2010 election must be received by Sunday, May 9. Trinity's bylaws do not allow for nominations from the floor at the annual meeting.

### EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

<i>Page 2</i>	<b>April 30</b> 7:00 p.m. Book Group at Roy McAlpine and Emily Estes' home
<i>Page 2</i>	<b>May 2</b> 5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong
<i>Page 6</i>	<b>May 8</b> 5:00 p.m. Friends of the Choristers spaghetti supper, auction and talent show
<i>Page 7</i> <i>Page 7</i>	<b>May 9</b> 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Public Healing 4:00 p.m. Concert by the Alta wind trio
<i>Page 8</i>	<b>May 13 - Ascension Day</b> 12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist
<i>Page 8</i> <i>Page 9</i>	<b>May 15</b> 9:30 a.m. Bishop's 5K Walk/Run 1:15 p.m. Choir School piano recital
<i>Page 9</i>	<b>May 22</b> 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Stitchers breakfast meeting
<i>Page 11</i>	<b>May 23 - Pentecost</b> 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Jazz Mass
<i>Page 14</i>	<b>May 30 - Trinity Sunday</b> 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Annual Meeting

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 11:00 Pastoral Care Team luncheon
2 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Children's Eucharist 11:30 Healing Team 3:30 Deanery Meeting 5:00 Choral Evensong	3 6:00 Light & Peace Program	4	5 7:00 Morning Prayer, breakfast and Bible study 12:10 Holy Eucharist	6	7	8 5:00 Choir School dinner & auction
9 8:00 Holy Eucharist & Public Healing 10:00 Holy Eucharist & Public Healing 11:30 Church School, JTA 11:30 Sunday Symposium 4:00 Alta trio concert	10 6:00 Light & Peace Program 6:00 Annual Appeal Team	11 7:00 Outreach Team	12 7:00 Holy Eucharist, breakfast and Bible study 12:10 Holy Eucharist	Ascension Day 13 12:10 Holy Eucharist 4:00 Voice deadline	14	15 9:30 Bishop's 5K 1:15 Choir School piano recital
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Pentecost 23 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist (Jazz Mass) 11:30 Church School, JTA 11:30 Sunday Symposium	24 6:00 Light & Peace Program	25	26 7:00 Holy Eucharist, breakfast and Bible study 12:10 Holy Eucharist	27	28	29
Trinity Sunday 30 9:30 Holy Eucharist & Annual Meeting 11:00 Church School, JTA	Memorial Day 31 Buildings closed					<i>Italics = A.M.</i> Normal type = P.M.

# May 2010

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** June 6 Holy Eucharist with Bishop Douglas as celebrant and preacher (8:00 & 10:00)  
June 6 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival Evensong with Presiding Bishop Jefferts Schori  
June 13 Youth Sunday; carousel party and picnic (12 noon at Bushnell Park)  
Connecticut Valley Chamber Orchestra concert (3:00 p.m.)

*Calendar of parish events. Check the weekly schedule in the leaflet for additions & changes*