

THE STILL SMALL VOICE

NEWSLETTER FOR TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON THE GREEN



**March
2010**



Dear Friends,

Some of these remarks were sent to the members of Trinity who are regular readers of the weekly "Enews." Because I think they are so important, I am taking the liberty of repeating (and revising) them here.

On Monday evening, February 15, your vestry had what I consider one of the most sacred evenings I have ever spent with a vestry. In the midst of the most distressed budget choices any vestry has ever had to face, they spoke prayerfully, honesty and clearly about what they needed to do to be responsive to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Episcopal Church.

In a word, they elected to pledge a full 12.5% or about \$105,000 to the mission and ministry of our Diocese of Connecticut. Also, they chose to be as lean in their use of endowed funds as is humanly possible. They opted for using 5.5% (just slightly over the recommended standard) of the trailing seven year average of your endowed assets for the parish's ministry. Initially, we thought this would leave us with a deficit, but, because we were able to adjust one salary, without significant

detriment to the recipient, we will not have any deficit. The main thing you need to know is that we will get through all of this.

In the heart of the vestry discussion, I wanted to quote the wizard of Omaha, Warren Buffet, who said not too long ago, "When the tide rolls out, you can finally see who is swimming naked!" In the past, this church had the luxury of an endowment that could be tapped rather generously. The tide has gone out and we are not able to be so bold any more. Stewardship and personal commitment will prove to be the garment that will cause you to swim more successfully into the future.

This year will be so hard. You can expect to hear people saying, "Yes, but...not my project..." It will take love and grace to say no to some of our congregation who will not understand. But, those of us who will struggle through it will never be in a position where we are not suitably attired to jump into the sea of parish leadership. Your vestry has made hard choices. We will weather this downturn and grow as a smarter congregation through it all.

Very best love,

Did you know...

Archbishop Desmond Tutu is preaching at the Rev. Ian T. Douglas' consecration as the 15th Bishop of Connecticut in April.

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Worship Attendance

February 7	
7:45	17
9:00	100
11:00	148
2:00	62
February 14	
7:45	32
9:00	77
11:00	147
2:00	57
February 21	
7:45	28
9:00	84
11:00	173
2:00	78
February 28	
7:45	25
9:00	82
11:00	205
2:00	75

Vestry Highlights: January

Petition for Ordination: The Rev. Jim Sell asked for a motion to approve the Petition for Ordination as Deacon of Robert J. Hendrickson III. The motion was made and seconded, the petition was signed by all Vestry members, the Interim Rector, the Parish Clerk, and was **approved unanimously**.

Interim Rector's Report: The Rev. Jim Sell reported the following:

- a. Voting procedures at the Annual Meeting. Voting for Vestry candidates will be available at the 7:45 am service.

Treasurer's Report: Heather Alexopoulos reported that she will explain the current position of the endowment and the rolling average to the congregation at the Annual Meeting. Heather went on to explain that she will present an unbalanced budget for 2010, containing a 5.25% draw from the endowment, to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.

Warden's Report: Barbara Hedberg thanked Joe Dzeda for his service and hard work over the last four years.

Properties Committee Report: Peg Chambers reported that the brass work on the Columbarium is almost completed. The rosettes still need to be manufactured and the cross should be installed soon. She also reported that there may be additional items for memorials. A guild for the Columbarium will be formed to assist the clergy. Peg announced that the consecration of the Columbarium will be held at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 3. Duo reported that Chapel construction has pushed out the construction

wall by the Ladies room to continue with the elevator construction. He reported that the construction will be completed by Easter. Duo also said the accounting of all costs will be presented sometime in April.

Steward Committee Report: Rose Pawlikowski reported that follow up telephone calls are being made.

Evangelism Committee Report: Karrie Hendrickson reported on the "Bring a Friend to Church" month. Jack Tebes reported about the creation of a group being formed to stand with the clergy when greeting the congregation at the end of the service. This group would help make new comers welcome.

Outreach Committee Report: The Rev. Jim Sell presented the following grants made by the committee that require Vestry approval:

Trowbridge Fund for Missions:

Children's Center of Hamden	\$1,500
Community Mediation: The Dialogue Project	\$ 750
Fair Haven Parent's Ministry	\$2,500
St. Andrew's Church: Your Place	\$3,500
Total	\$8,250

One motion was made and seconded, the above listed grants were **approved**.

In addition to the above grants the committee approved additional grants of \$11,700 not requiring Vestry approval.

Vestry Highlights: February

Interim Rector's Report: The Rev. Sell talked about the following:

- a. Lay Pastoral Coordinator: Barbara Fennelly has been asked to assume this position. The Rev. Sell went on to explain what Barbara's position will consist of and how she will fit in with the Clergy and the Home Board.

Warden's Report: Warner Marshall reported on the search committee's activities. He announced that Karrie Hendrickson and Carolyn Gould will be serving as co-chairs.

Treasurer's Report: Heather Alexopoulos reported on the budget handout and explained the three different ways of solving our problems. Discussion followed on whether to use Alternative 1, 2 or 3. A motion was made and seconded to approve Alternative 2. Discussion of Alternative 2 followed. After discussion, the motion was Called. A vote to Call the motion failed. Discussion of the primary motion continued. A motion was now made and seconded to modify the amount of the Diocesan pledge in Alternative 2 to the full amount. The motion was approved with 13 yes votes and 7 no votes. A motion was now made to charge the Finance Committee with balancing the 2010 Budget. The motion was approved with 1 no vote. At this point, the main motion of approving Alternative 2, as amended, was taken up. The motion was approved with 2 no votes.

Evangelism Report: Karrie Hendrickson reported on the Adult Forum held last Sunday and on the future programs.

Youth Group: Rose Pawlikowski reported that the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held February 16 and asked everyone to come and help raise money for the Youth mission trip.

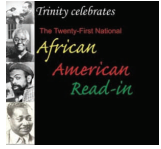
Properties Committee Report: Duo Dickinson reported that there are still problems with the installation of the elevator. It now appears that it will not be ready until well after Easter. Duo said that he is requiring that a secure walkway be in place for all of the Easter Week services.

Columbarium: Peg Chambers reported on additional memorials that will be offered for the Columbarium. She showed some examples of vases and candlesticks.

Associate's Report/Communications Committee Report: The Rev. Dyer reported about the online version of the Parish Directory. After discussion, the sense of the Vestry was that it was not a good idea to put the Directory online, for security reasons. He also reported that on Maundy Thursday there would be a foot washing at 2:00 pm on the Green with Bishop-elect Douglas. The Rev. Alex Dyer went on to say that there will also be the traditional foot washing on Maundy Thursday evening, but we will not have a Seder this year. He also reported that neither the Adult or Youth mission trips will be going to Haiti, as that country is not ready for our type of help.

Twenty-First National African American Read-In was a Huge Success

By: Eleanor Q. Tignor



It was another marathon African American Read-In. For close to two hours, we read and listened; we learned, we laughed, and even cried. We began with poems with a Christian message, established an historical backdrop with the audiotope of part of the epic poem *The Children of Children Keep Coming*, written and narrated by our guest poet Russell L. Goings, and wove in poems from the 18th to the 21st century. Our readers included our interim rector and his wife, visiting pastor Barry Fraser, the church school children and their director, youth, parishioners from all three

services, Mr. Goings, and our creative and dynamic Trinity Players, who read from the Goings poem. There were more than 30 readers and a warmly responsive audience. "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" and the Read-In were audiotaped by NPR. Many thanks to the participants, to the large audience, and to everyone who assisted with the project.

All of our guests exclaimed about the beauty of our sanctuary and spoke of the very friendly welcome that they received. Being at Trinity was for each one a very special experience.

Barbara Fennelly: New Lay Pastoral Coordinator



Barbara Fennelly

At the regular vestry meeting on February 15, the Rev. Jim Sell announced that he had appointed Barbara Fennelly to serve as the Lay Pastoral Coordinator for the parish. This comes following the medical disability leave and anticipated retirement of the Rev. Estelle Webb.

Jim, Alex and Barbara have been in conversation for a number of weeks, considering what kind of job description she might have. She comes to the staff with a considerable amount of training and experience which makes her a very fine choice for this work.

A clinical research nurse with a Master's degree in psychology, she has been a long term member of Trinity. She has just rotated off her third term on the vestry and served as Warden from 2002 to 2006. Along, with that work, she has been involved in the establishment of the columbarium, serves as a healer, was both a participant and leader in the "gifts" course several years ago and was a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) and Lay Pastoral Caller when those ministries were active. Some years ago, she participated in the diocese's two year Ministry Education and Exploration

Program to discern what her call to ministry might be and discovered her heart was led to lay ministry.

This position will be entirely volunteer, but that does not diminish the importance of her work or the level of her competence. We anticipate that her duties will center around developing and supporting the wide variety of lay ministries that either exist or have the potential to be added to our parish life. In "filing by title" some of the things Barbara might find herself engaged in, Jim mentioned: be a member of the staff and come to staff meetings; oversee the columbarium's services; be a consultant with the clergy for funerals and weddings; strengthen our healing ministry; develop lay visitation; establish a Stephen Ministry program; be a resource to the many lay ministry groups within Trinity; reestablish Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMS); be a link to the Home Board in re: senior citizen care; advise and support clergy in staying connected to sick and shut in; help recruit and schedule food deliveries to sick and shut in; and work on managing the Sunday "conference call."

If there are ministries here that you might feel drawn to, we would invite you to contact Barbara at bfennelly@trinitynewhavne.org to see how you might be involved.

Construction Update

By: Duo Dickinson, Properties Chairperson

Well it's coming down to "crunch time" in the wrap up of our construction saga. Incidental complications (unseen double block walls, heating pipes cast in places no one could have predicted, a structural redesign to accommodate the super tight tolerances revealed in full demolition) have forced a "partial completion" status for Easter for the elevator side of our project: As of Good Friday we will have full passage through the Chapel side Vestibule for all communicants and more or less the full decorative wood façade facing the sanctuary that will cover the elevator and Chapel side vestibule—so all will look fairly finished for those in the pews.

In all likelihood we will not have the new stairway that goes down to the Undercroft at that side of the Church in time for Easter, but will have the final corridor that leads to the bathrooms downstairs (as opposed to the tight version that now exists). This delay means the window adjacent to the construction will remain off-site for safe keeping. There are a wide variety of very small items that need to get crossed off the ever-growing "punch list" for all parts of the project, but needless to say there has been a heavy push to get as much done as possible to make Easter a celebratory event for everybody involved even though we won't be at 100% completion as hoped.

Evensong on Sunday, March 7



The Choir of Men and Girls will sing a service of Choral Evensong on **Sunday, March 7 at 5:00 pm**, singing music of Paul Spicer, Richard Farrant, and an anthem new to Trinity's repertoire. *O for a thousand tongues to sing*

by composer Richard Shephard.

The lessons for that day are taken from the Feast of John and Charles Wesley, hence the inclusion of *O for a thousand tongues*. The Gospel lesson for that service begins with "Jesus sent the twelve out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal...", an appropriate lesson for the Wesleys, whose preaching and hymnody have left us with such a wealth of biblical references.

Adult Mission Trip on May 2 - 8, 2010: Reserve Your Space NOW



Adult Mission Trip to Mission-on-the Bay, Bay St. Louis, MS.

The Gulf Coast area was devastated by Hurricane Katrina and they are still rebuilding. If you reserve by **March 4** we will buy non-stop plane tickets as a group (approx \$230/each). In addition there is a suggested donation of \$125/week to cover food and housing.

You will still be able to register for the trip after March 4 but you will have to make your own travel arrangements. Please contact Leigh Cromey to sign-up and for questions or more information at leighlindsay@sbcglobal.net or (203)214-6475.

Reconciliation of a Penitent Offered During Lent



In The Episcopal Church there is an old saying about private confession, "anyone can, some should, and no one must."

During Lent, we offer the Book of Common Prayer service of the Reconciliation of a Penitent **every Wednesday in Lent**, immediately following the **12:10 pm** Eucharist and Healing.

Of course, if you wish, we can provide it at another time by appointment with one of the clergy.

The service is known as private confession in other traditions.

You can look it over for yourself in the Book of Common Prayer. There are two forms which begin on page 447.

We can assure you that while the clergy offer this service within the larger confines of the church, it is with utter confidentiality and very personal attention.

A Note About Easter Music



With this issue of the Voice, you'll note a request for donations for Easter music. To assure that we can support our basic choir expenses that week, in light of our current budget, we will not be hiring woodwind players (oboes, English Horn, bassoon) to accompany the music at 9:00 am and 11:00 am Easter Day services this year, as we have in the past.

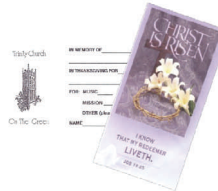
However, your donations to Easter music memorials are as important as ever, as we will still have the tympanist with us, and there are other choir expenses that we need to support for those services. Any donations made to music will be used for that purpose. Thank you.

International Outreach Committee Meeting DATE CHANGED



The first meeting of Trinity Church's newly formed International Outreach Committee has been changed to **Thursday, March 18** and will be held at the home of Emily Oetjen, 109 Linden St., New Haven from **7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**. Any questions can be addressed to Ralph Stroup at rstroup@optonline.net.

Easter Offering and Memorial Envelopes



Please have your Easter Offering and Memorial Envelopes returned to the office (129 Church Street, Suite 705, New Haven, CT 06510) no later than **Wednesday, March 24** in order to include the names in the Easter Day bulletins.

Additional envelopes are available in the church vestibule.

Lectors Training and Refresher Course on March 13



There have been some changes and additions to the lectors duties and many have expressed the need for a time to meet to go over the new practices.

The training will include instructions on serving as a chalice bearer and many other important duties. This is for the **7:45, 9:00, and 11:00** services. We will meet on **Saturday, March 13** from **10:00 am to 11:30 am**.

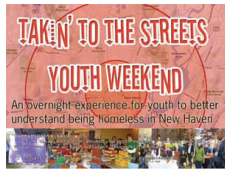
If you are interested in serving as a lector, contact the parish office at office@trinitynewhaven.org or (203) 624-3101.

New Chairpersons for Trinity's Outreach Committee

Trinity gives between \$65,000 - \$100,000 to local and international charities every year. The Outreach Committee oversees this grant allocation process. Its recent chairperson, Julia Bogardus, served faithfully for the past few years. Thank you to Julia for her dedication and service.

The Interim Rector has appointed Barbara Lamb and Len Schiraldi to be the new co-chairs of the Outreach Committee. We give thanks for their willingness to serve Trinity in this capacity.

Chapel on the Green's "Takin' it to the Streets" Youth Weekend

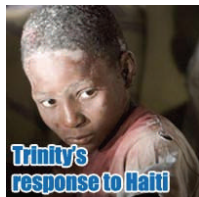


Some of the parishioners at our Chapel on the Green are or have been homeless. Chapel on the Green formed a youth weekend to educate youth about homeless in a unique way by immersing them in it.

Youth take a tour of New Haven led by a homeless or formerly homeless tour guide, explore Columbus House and go to a Chapel on the Green service while under the supervision of adult leaders.

The cost of this weekend will be **\$25** (scholarships available). The weekend will be held from **Saturday, March 20 at 8:00 am** until **Sunday, March 21 at 4:00 pm** and will be hosted at Trinity.

Collections for Haiti



During the Season of Lent, we will be collecting:

- cloth diapers
- baby formula
- baby bottles with the nipples

The above items will be delivered to Haiti.

Later we plan to collect tents for those who are homeless in Haiti.

Are you a medical professional and want to go to Haiti? Old St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is looking for medical professionals to assist with their clinic in Haiti. If you are interested contact the Rev. Alex Dyer.

Seven Last Words of Christ Service on Good Friday

Every Good Friday, Trinity has an ecumenical service of the Seven Last Words of Christ. The services takes place from **12:00 pm - 3:00 pm**. Seven people preach one sermon on one of the traditional seven last words of Christ. The service has a series of prayers and music along with extended periods of silence. We are pleased to announce our preachers for this year in alphabetical order.



The Rev. Bill Goettler
Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, New Haven



The Rev. Dr. Stuart Hoke
Chaplain and Dean of Community Life at General Theological Seminary, New York City



Dr. Willis Jenkins
Assistant Professor of Social Ethics, Yale Divinity School



Mr. Caleb Lines
Seminary Intern, Chapel on the Green



Dr. Carolyn J. Sharp
Associate Professor of Hebrew Scriptures, Yale Divinity School



The Rev. Dr. W. Alfred Tisdale, Jr.
Assoc. Dean/Director of Anglican Studies and Formation, Berkeley Divinity School



The Rev. Thomas H. Troeger
Lantz Professor of Christian Communication, Yale Divinity School

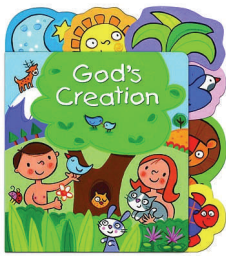
Childcare for Holy Week and Easter Sunday



Trinity's Nursery staff will provide childcare for infants and children up to three years old at the following Holy Week services:

- **Maundy Thursday** - 7:30 pm service
- **Good Friday** - 7:30 pm service
- **Easter Vigil** - 7:30 pm service
- **Easter Sunday** - 9:00 am and 11:00 am services

Special Presentation of Trinity's Children at the Easter Vigil



This year's Easter Vigil service will include a special reading and presentation of the Creation story by Trinity's children.

Join us **Saturday, April 3, at 7:30 pm** and watch the story unfold.

Announcing Trinity's First Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Easter Sunday, April 4, between the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Services.

Weather permitting the fun will take place outside on the Green between Trinity and Center Church.

Rain or snow will move the Hunt to the Undercroft.

Holy Week is the most Important week of the entire Church Year The Road to Resurrection

In the Christian Calendar Holy Week is the week immediately before Easter. As early as the latter half of the 3rd century and 4th century, we hear of the custom of marking this week as a whole with special observances. It is, without argument, the most important week in our faith. It is what all our worship is built upon. It is an opportunity for worshipers to experience all the emotions that make us who we are as children of God. Below is a description of Holy Week and Easter services. We hope you can attend as many as possible as each service builds upon the other one. For instance, Maundy Thursday reminds us of the humility that leads us to the sorrow of Good Friday and finally leads us to joy of Easter.



Palm Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday always falls on the Sunday before Easter. We commemorate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in the days before his Passion, mentioned by all four Gospels (Mark 11:1-11, Matthew 21:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, and John 12:12-19).

Palm Sunday is marked by the distribution of palm leaves, which are blessed and given to the congregation. The service ends with a reading of the Passion of Jesus by members of the congregation leaving in silence. This year the Passion will be sung by members of the Choir at the 11:00 am service. The 9:00 and 7:45 will continue to have members of the congregation recite the Passion.

7:45 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 and spoken Passion

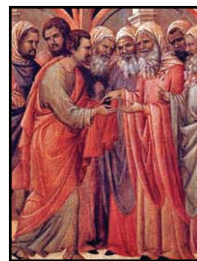
9:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 with the Liturgy of the Palms and spoken Passion

11:00 am - Festive Choral Eucharist, Rite 1 with the Liturgy of the Palms and Sung Passion

2:00 pm - Chapel on the Green (Outdoor service)

****NEW** Holy Monday, March 29 and Holy Tuesday, March 30**

12:10 pm - Holy Eucharist



Holy Wednesday, March 31

In Western Christianity, the Wednesday before Easter is sometimes known as 'Spy Wednesday', indicating that it is the day that Judas Iscariot first conspired with the Sanhedrin to betray Jesus for thirty silver coins. This event is described in three Gospels: Matthew 26:14-16, Mark 14:10-12, Luke 22:3-6.

7:30 pm - The Office of Tenebrae

Tenebrae (plural of the Latin for darkness) is a liturgy of increasing darkness and lengthening shadows in preparation for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. It is a quiet and meditative service led by a few singers and readers.



Maundy Thursday, April 1

The word Maundy is derived through Middle English, and Old French mandé, from the Latin mandatum, the first word of the phrase "Mandatum novum do vobis ut diligatis invicem sicut dilexi vos" ("A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you"), the statement by

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Jesus in the Gospel of John (13:34) by which Jesus explained to the Apostles the significance of his action of washing their feet.

This day also commemorates the Last Supper of Christ and his Apostles. The celebration of this Eucharist marks the beginning of the Sacred Paschal Triduum (three days before Easter) that concludes with the Easter Vigil.

2:00 pm - Chapel on the Green Foot washing and foot clinic Bishop-elect Ian Douglas will preach and celebrate at the Chapel on the Green service. He, and others, will then participate in a foot washing. There will also be medical professionals to examine feet. Many parishioners live on the streets and this is a major health issue. We also hope to give out socks and shoes.

7:30 pm - Holy Eucharist, Foot washing, and Stripping of the Altar

This is one of the most dramatic services in the Book of Common Prayer where people live out their faith. People are invited to wash each others' feet as a sign of your willingness to be a servant. After the Eucharist, the altar is then violently stripped to signify Jesus betrayal and rest in the garden.

****NEW**9:00 pm to Friday, April 2 10:00 am**
Maudy Thursday Watch

Parishioners are invited to sign-up to stay at Trinity for one hour shifts to meditate and pray in our columbarium space. The space will resemble the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus and his disciples went and where Christ was betrayed and arrested. Two parishioners will be accompanied by a staff member of Trinity to ensure security.



Good Friday, April 2

Good Friday, also called Holy Friday, Great Friday or Black Friday, is the Friday preceding Easter Sunday ("Pascha"). It commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Golgotha.

11:00 am - Chapel on the Green Outdoor Stations of the Cross

This unique service will feature the artwork of New Haven artist Katro N. Storm. Katro is a renowned and powerful force in the urban contemporary art world. He will adapt seven of the fourteen traditional Stations of the Cross. Storm's urban style is a perfect match for Chapel on the Green's congregation, which is composed of the diversity of downtown New Haven.

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Service of the Seven Last Words of Christ

Seven preachers will provide meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ. This service will also feature music by the Boys Choir in the second half of the service as well as numerous hymns.

****NEW** 7:30 pm** - The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

A service according to the Book of Common Prayer with prayers and readings from Scripture. This service will be very different from the service in the afternoon. It will include some wonderful hymns and the congregation will be offered communion from the reserve Sacrament.



Saturday, April 3

The Easter Vigil is the first official celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. Historically, it is during this service that people are baptized. It is held in the hours of darkness between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Day. The Vigil is considered to be the first celebration of Easter Day and is one of the most important services in our church year. This year we will also consecrate our columbarium. The Rev. Andy Fiddler, tenth rector of Trinity, has been invited to join us for this celebration because of his work on the columbarium.

In the Episcopal Church, the Easter Vigil is the most important service of the liturgical year as well as the first celebration of the Eucharist during the fifty-day long celebration of Easter, and is marked by the first use since the beginning of Lent of the acclamatory word "Alleluia", a distinctive feature of the liturgy of the Easter season.

7:30 pm - The Great Vigil of Easter, Holy Eucharist, Baptism, and consecration of the columbarium
Featuring music by the Trinity Singers



Easter Sunday, April 4

Easter is the most important religious feast in the Christian liturgical year. Jesus was resurrected from the dead three days after his crucifixion.

At Trinity, we celebrate with all the joy and festivity this occasion deserves.

7:45 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite One

9:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite Two with children's homily
Featuring music by the Spirit Singers, joined by members of the other choirs after Communion

11:00 am - Festive Choral Eucharist, Rite One
Featuring music by the Choir of Men & Boys and the Choir of Men & Girls
Children's' Chapel for children preschool - elementary school

2:00 pm - Chapel on the Green

Chapel on the Green Celebrates Maundy Thursday with Bishop-elect Douglas



Maundy Thursday is about Christ giving a new commandment to love one another as he loved us. At the heart of this holy day is service. Chapel on the Green is an outdoor ministry of Trinity Church and gathers each Sunday at 2:00 pm to feed body and soul.

Chapel on the Green resonated with Bishop-elect Ian T. Douglas and he was honored to join us for the Chapel on the Green Maundy **Thursday, April 1 at 2:00 pm**. Our bishop-elect will preach and celebrate the Eucharist with us that day. He will also join other clergy in washing the feet of parishioners, many of whom are homeless.

Foot care is a real issue for those living on the streets. We hope to have medical staff, including podiatrists, to perform foot examinations. We are also having a sock drive. Warm dry socks are crucial to many people who attend Chapel on the Green and are often more desired than food. We also hope to distribute some shoes or shoe vouchers thanks to discounts from Bob's Store in Hamden.

If you would like to contribute to this effort, please make checks payable to Trinity Church with "Maundy Thurs. Foot Clinic" in the memo.

New Good Friday Evening Service



For years, Trinity Church has held a Seven Last Words service from **noon - 3:00 pm** on Good Friday (the Friday before Easter). The Seven Last Words service is a great tradition that touches many people every year. While this service is not in the Book of Common Prayer and most Episcopal churches do not have such a service, it has a long history here for good reason.

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Bearing all this in mind, the clergy of Trinity wanted to try something new this year. At **7:30 pm** on Good Friday, we will have a Good Friday service as found in the Book of Common Prayer. The Rev. Dr. Stuart Hoke will be our preacher for the evening. It will include some wonderful music, anticomunion from the reserved Sacrament, and a time to meditate on the Cross. It will be as powerful a service as The Seven Last Words service, in a different way.

Each of our Good Friday services will appeal to different people. It is our hope that you will try out one or both of these services with an open mind. Good Friday is one of the holiest days in our Church year and is crucial to understanding the resurrection. One cannot resurrect without dying first. Come join us as we stand at the foot of the Cross.

Maundy Thursday Watch Through the Night

By the Rev. Alex Dyer



My former Spiritual Director once told me, "Prayer is a conversation with God. Like any other conversation you need to stop talking to hear what the other person is saying." He encouraged me to have long periods of silence in my prayer life. I suspect there are few times in our modern lives where we find quiet time to spend with God.

From the end of the Maundy Thursday service until the beginning of the noon service on Good Friday, faithful parishioners will keep watch in one hour shifts, remembering the words of Jesus to his disciples, "Could you not watch with me one hour?" "The Watch" is staying awake for Christ and with Christ... On the night before the authorities arrested Jesus, he went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray and he asked his disciples to come and pray with him.

It is an amazing journey to walk around a silent church in the middle of the night. The stained glass windows speak their stories to you, the pipes of the organ sing their tunes, the prayers of all the faithful gone before stir your soul. The time will pass quicker than you think.

So how does this work?

Two parishioners will sign-up for one hour shifts throughout the night. You can sign-up online on our website. There will be meditation materials available in the columbarium. The columbarium will be decorated like the Garden of Gethsemane and have the reserved Sacrament from the Maundy Thursday service.

Will I be safe?

We have taken many measures to ensure your safety. One of Trinity's sextons will be there to provide security for you. Participants will be given a cell phone number to call in order to be let into the building. Once you are in the building, the doors will be locked. If you have any concerns about safety or do not have a cell phone to call from, please let us know and we will work something out.

Who gets the 3:00 am shift?

We recognize that the late night shifts will be more difficult to fill and strongly encourage those who can to fill these shifts first. It is especially important to have two people for the late night shifts.

Bishop Smith's Joyous Retirement Celebrates the Diversity of our Diocese

By Karin Hamilton, Editor of *The Good News*



About 450 people from the Diocese and beyond gathered in fellowship to celebrate Bishop Andrew Smith's ministry (and his wife Kate's ministry) on Sunday February 28 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Trinity Church, Hartford,

CT. Set up in the narthex was a poster on an easel giving thanks to those donors whose contributions helped make the evening possible. There was also a table where guests could leave letters or gifts, if they had brought any.

In the nave of the church, long swaths of different ethnic fabrics draped dramatically from high in the center of the room to pillars around the edges and to points in the chancel and the choir gallery. Twenty-three parishes had donated the fabric, which will be used again at the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Ian T. Douglas in April.

The chairs used for seating (no pews at Trinity) were set up in groups and short rows to encourage conversation. There were round tables along the edges of the nave, each decorated with a string of small lights. The baptismal font was in the center of the room, surrounded by a square of long tables. On a large screen, at the front edge of the chancel, a

slideshow looped through 91 photos from Bishop Smith and Kate's life and ministry: everything from talking to children during Episcopal visits to parishes, to celebrating the Eucharist in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to the 5K for kids, to hiking, snowshoeing and bird watching, and a bunch more.

The jazz band started up. The group was led by Andy Barnett, from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. As the music played, volunteers brought out different ethnic foods onto the round tables.

At 5:30, Michael Mills, a master drummer and percussionist (and CEO of Drums No Guns), led the children from the main room out to Trinity's library where they learned and practiced with percussion instruments. Presenters announced that the fund in honor of Bishop Smith's ministry is now at \$20,000; it will be divided among three ministries: the women's center in Boga, DR Congo; the Bishop's Fund for Children; and the Diocese of Colombia. The ECW gave \$1,000 in Kate Smith's name to the Diocese of Jerusalem, and had a stone engraved at Christ Church Cathedral for Bishop Smith, to be dedicated at the 2010 annual convention.

Presiding Bishop and Desmond Tutu to preach at Bishop-elect Douglas' Consecration



The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop will be the chief consecrator and celebrant at the Rev. Ian T. Douglas' Consecration on April 17, 2010 at 11:00 am. This historic event will take place at Koepfel (pronounced, "kah-PEL") Center of Trinity College in Hartford (75 New Britain Avenue in Hartford CT). This is a big hockey rink and part of the floor area will be set up for the service; the other side will be prepared for a reception. No tickets will be needed. The Most Rev. Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town, South Africa will be the preacher for the service.



The Most Rev. Desmond Tutu

On October 24, 2009 at the 225th Annual Diocesan Convention, the Rev. Dr. Ian T. Douglas was elected to be the next bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut. He was elected on the second ballot from among four nominees.

It was an historic election as he is the first nominee to be elected from outside the Diocese of Connecticut.

Douglas was the Angus Dun Professor of Mission and World Christianity at Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts and an associate priest at St. James's Church, Cambridge, MA.

Tons of Food Campaign Returns to Trinity



Since 1990, the "Tons of Food" campaign—a friendly challenge among New Haven area churches to stock local food pantries for our neighbors in need—has been a collaborative undertaking.

Trinity needs your help for "Tons of Food 2010". You'll find that it's as much good fun as it is good deed. Here is how it works. Congregations agree to collect nonperishable, easy-

to-prepare food and special monetary contributions during the campaign: this year the collection dates are **April 11, 18, and 25**.

Each week, the collections are weighed (or \$1 equals 2 pounds) and we report our weekly results, the results will be posted on Trinity's website (www.trinitynewhaven.org). The standings of all participants will be posted each week so that you can rally your members for the next week's weigh-in.



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