

# Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

## April 2022 Newsletter

### Jim Douglass Received into the Church by Bishop Anne



March 6, was a day of celebration at St. MM as Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple paid us a visit, serving as Preacher/Celebrant. She also presided as we joyfully received Jim Douglass into full fellowship at St.MM. Worship time was followed by a coffee hour and a time of discussion.

Bishop Anne plans to retire later this year. We wish her blessings and Godspeed as she goes to her next endeavor.

### All Vestry Spots Now Filled



Tim Burgess Jim Douglass

Tim Burgess and Jim Douglass have graciously agreed to serve on the vestry, a position that requires work, attendance and attention on our behalf. Our goal is to have seven active vestry members and Tim and Jim complete the team. Be sure to express your appreciation to them when you get a chance.

### APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*April 12 and 26 - Healing & Intercessory Prayer (2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month) Contact Sherol or Valerie for more info.*

*April 9 - Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m.*

*April 10 - Palm Sunday - Holy Eucharist*

*April 14 - Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m. Special guest Celebrant, Canon Earnest Graham of the NC Diocese*

*April 15 - Good Friday Service - Stations of the Cross - 3:00 p.m.*

*April 17 - Easter Sunday - Holy Eucharist*

*April 18 - Vestry Meeting, 4:30 p.m. - (Third Monday of each Month) - All Are Welcome!*

*April 24 - Golf Tournament*

*April 27- Articles for May Newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson.*



### April Birthdays

Jim Douglass  
Skip Ragland  
Kim Doolittle  
Ellen Becker  
Jim Grigerick  
Jean Charles Marion  
Lia Fravel  
Charlotte Kennedy  
Bill Yarish  
Matt Minnicozzi  
Connor Minnicozzi



### April Anniversaries

Valerie and Kim Doolittle  
Lucy Dunn and Ernie Martin  
Jackie and Bill Wells

## St. MM Welcomes Two New Musicians



Emily Wright



Vicki Derka

Meet Emily Wright and Vicky Derka, new musicians at St. MM.:

Emily, formerly a resident of Southern Pines and member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, now resides in Raeford where she is a professional horse trainer, with plans to start a non-profit offering therapy riding for children. She is a talented pianist as well as a classically trained vocalist. We heartily welcome her as a member of our music team.

Vicki, a native of Globe, Arizona, resides in Raeford with her husband Pavel. When not playing the piano at St. MM she is an active choir member at St. John's Episcopal Church in Fayetteville. She teaches English composition and literature at Fayetteville Technical Community College. We heartily welcome her as a member of our music team.



Great- Grandma Bette and Sweet Baby Kade Phillips, born Dec. 7, son of Samantha and Kevin

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Here's an opportunity to participate in an outreach activity at Seven Lakes Assisted Living. The Activity Director, Courtney, requests helpers for two small Activity Groups to assist in coloring and decorating Easter themed wooden plaques.

Group 1: Two workers needed Tuesday, April 5, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to assist six Memory Care residents.

Group 2: Two workers needed Thursday, April 14, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. to assist a group of eight Assisted Living residents.

Please contact me by phone, text or email if you are willing to help. Thank you.

Linda Lindner

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## A REMINDER

There is a collection box in the narthex for non-perishable food items which will be made available to needy families through The Moore County Coalition. Please consider your blessings and be generous to this outreach effort.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT – APRIL 24

Jim Douglass, the vestry liaison for our annual fund raising golf tournament, reports that promotional flyers are available and circulating. Tee times will begin at or around 1:00-1:30 p.m. Players will be notified.

Bob Rinaldi, Charlotte Kennedy, and Bill Lindner are assistants with tournament arrangements. Volunteers are needed the day of the tournament. Please contact Jim or others listed above to volunteer.

**A BIBLE STUDY**, led by Fr. Stephen, is planned for the residents at Seven Lakes Assisted Living. Volunteers will be needed to assist with this outreach. Details will be forthcoming. Please consider participating.



**Christ is risen, indeed!!**



### **Reflections from the Vicar**

This year the celebration of Palm Sunday occurs on April 10<sup>th</sup>. It commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and sets the stage for the events of Holy Week. Our prayer book begins this feast day with a collect (prayer) that emphasizes "the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby we have been given life and immortality."<sup>1</sup> Then during Holy Week, the word 'remembrance' rings throughout our liturgy. For example, in our Maundy Thursday service, Jesus, on the night before he died for us, said, "Do this in remembrance of me."<sup>2</sup> The original word used for 'remembrance' signifies "a deliberate recollection, made to better appreciate the effects of what happened."<sup>3</sup> My liturgical professor in seminary remarked that this recollection is intended to present those events so vividly that they can be connected not just to our minds but also our hearts and emotions. Therefore, let us pray that the celebration of these events would inspire the surrender of "ourselves, our souls, and bodies"<sup>4</sup> with gratefulness, love, and sincere devotion. Amen.

*Stephen*



**Maunday Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m., April 14**  
**Our guest Preacher/Celebrant will be**  
**The Rev. Canon Earnest Graham, canon for**  
**regional ministry in the Winston-Salem,**  
**Greensboro Convocation.**

### **Ten important words to know and use:**

Thank You.  
 I am sorry  
 Forgive me.  
 I love you.



"A cheerful heart is a good medicine."  
 Proverbs 17:22

There's a story about an efficiency expert who only says his prayers once a year on New Year's Day. The rest of the time he just jumps into bed and says, "Ditto."

Mike - "That's a strange looking pair of stockings you have on, Pat – one red and the other green."  
 Pat – "Yes, and I have another pair just like it at home."



<sup>1</sup> Collect for Palm Sunday, BCP, p. 270

<sup>2</sup> 1 Corinthians 11:25

<sup>3</sup> Strong's Concordance, #364 anamn sis (an-am'-nay-sis)

<sup>4</sup> Rite 1 Eucharistic Prayer, BCP, p. 336



For lo, the winter is past;  
The snow is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth.  
The time of singing has come.

### **Vestry Members**

Senior Warden - John Sapp  
Junior Warden – Julia Poisson  
Phyllis Marion, Linda Lindner, Kim  
Doolittle, Tim Burgess and Jim Douglass

Vestry Secretary – Sherol Grigerick  
Treasurer- David Poisson

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