

Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

March 2025 Newsletter

THE RT. REV. JENNIFER BROOKE-DAVIDSON, BISHOP SUFFRAGAN VISITS ST. MM



On February 2, our St. Mary Magdalene congregation happily welcomed The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson as our guest Preacher/Celebrant. Following Holy Eucharist, the church met for a coffee hour and a discussion/sharing time.

Bishop Jennifer gave an update on the happenings at the Diocese. She also spoke about the critical times our country is facing and the Diocese's pledge to treat all people fairly and with Christian love. The Bishop answered our questions and addressed our concerns, including our search for a new priest.

Her husband Carrick accompanied her, and he took some videos and photos during the service and coffee hour. Our fellowship with Bishop Jennifer and her husband was both enjoyable and inspirational.

THANK YOU, LINDA SAPP

In January, Linda Sapp began her three-year term as Vestry member. We are grateful to Linda and all Vestry members who serve our church in this way. Thank you.

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2 –Rev. Hugh Tudor-Foley, Preacher/Celebrant

March 2- Brunch at Seven Lakes Country Club following Morning Worship and Coffee Time. Sign-up sheet on round table.

March 5 – Ash Wednesday Service – 5:00 p.m. - Bishop Bane, Celebrant

Saturday, March 8 – Men's Breakfast – 9:00 a.m.

March 9 – Rev. Hugh Tudor-Foley, Preacher/Celebrant

March 9 - Daylight Saving Time - Spring Forward

March 16 – Rev. Ken Kroohs, Preacher/Celebrant

March 23 – Rev. Patricia Grace, Preacher/Celebrant

March 30 – Rev. Patricia Grace, Preacher/Celebrant

Wednesday, March 19, Vestry Meeting – 5:30 p.m. All are welcome

March 11 & 25 Prayer/Healing Service, 11 a.m. - 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

Articles for April Newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson or Sherol Grigerick.

Transition Ministry Officer

Visits St. MM



Photo by Jim Douglass

On Feb. 9, The Rev. Marion Sprott, Transition Ministry Officer for the Diocese, visited our parish and served as

Preacher/Celebrant. She remained for coffee hour and later a visit with the Vestry when she offered leadership in our search for a new priest. We thank Rev. Sprott for her leadership and joyful outlook on our future at St. MM.

(Above, Julia Poisson, Senior Warden, welcomes our guest)



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Lindsay Douglass 3

Pete Olson. 10

Andrea Schmidt 19

Sherol Grigerick 28



NO MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

INVITATION TO LENTEN STUDY

“All Shall Be Well”: Living into God’s Will with Julian of Norwich

Please plan to attend our Lenten study program after coffee hour on the first four Sundays of Lent. Vicki Derka will present a series of lessons focused on the writings of 14th-century mystic Julian of Norwich. After a brief introduction to Julian’s life and writings—the earliest surviving works in English written by a woman—we will immerse ourselves in selections from those writings. Specifically, we will examine her ideas as they relate to our own lives, leading us to a deeper experience of Lenten discipline. We will be guided through experiences of pain and loss as a means of coming closer to God and to achieving the philosophy famously espoused by Julian: “All shall be well. All shall be well. All manner of things shall be well.”

If you wish to learn more about Julian’s thought, the vestry has offered to supply copies of *The Drawing of This Love*:

Growing in Faith with Julian of Norwich by the Rev. Robert Fruewirth. A former priest director at the Julian Centre in Norwich, England, Fr. Fruewirth is currently the rector at St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Hillsborough. If you would like a copy of the book, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.



Photo by Jim Douglass

Linda and Laura enjoy a cup of coffee during fellowship hour



Photo by Julia Poisson

Jan. 26 - Beautiful table prepared for Fr. Stephen and Ellen’s last day at St. MM



Scarlett age 2, and Kensley age 7, Peggy and Steve Loomis’ beautiful granddaughters



Photo by Carrick Davidson

February 2, Bishop Jennifer leads a discussion with parishioners

St. MM SUPPORTS EMMANUEL THRIFT SHOP



Donna McClung and daughter, Tara Thacker receive donations on work day

Through the years, St. MM has faithfully supported the outreach work of Emmanuel Church Thrift Shop in Southern Pines. For seventeen years Donna has served as Donations Manager, giving generously of her time at the shop and also attending the shop's board meetings. Recently Donna's daughter, Tara, joined the work force, working each Monday to sort, price and display donations.

Once a month Peggy Loomis and Julia Poisson tend the shop on retail day.

Donations are greatly appreciated and can be placed in the labeled basket in the narthex or dropped off at the shop on Monday and Wednesday mornings. All proceeds go to community outreach.

Donna expressed great appreciation for St. MM's generous donations. We at St. MM

thank Donna, Julia, Peggy and Tara for representing us in this outreach.

If you would like to become a volunteer or need information regarding donations contact Donna. rmcclung001@nc.rr.com 910-783-4183

A Prayer for the Election of a Rector for this parish

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP p. 818

We heartily thank Julia Poisson, our Senior Warden, for arranging pulpit coverage for this interim time.



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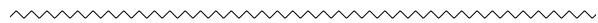
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God's Peaceable Kingdom
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
The leopard shall lie down with the kid,
The calf and liontogether,
And a little child shall lead them.

Isaiah 11:6



Vestry Members

Senior Warden – Julia Poisson
Junior Warden – Sherol Grigerick
Steve Loomis, Lloyd Brewer,
Jim Douglass and Linda Sapp

Vestry Secretary – Sherol Grigerick
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us!" 1 John 4:12*

