

# ST. AIDAN'S

*St. Aidan's Mission:  
Spread the promise of Jesus Christ in and beyond our  
community through worship, education, and outreach.*



# TORCH

ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
GRESHAM OREGON  
NEWSLETTER:  
APRIL 1, 2009

## From the Rector's Desk

"Death followed by resurrection, life through dying, is the way things are. It is not a truth limited to the one event of Christ's death and resurrection, nor does it only affect us when we approach the end of our lives. It is the principle of all existence. Hang on to what you have of life and you are lost. Let go, do the necessary dying, and a fuller, richer quality of aliveness will be given to you." *John V. Taylor*

The Easter Story reminds us that death and decay are not the last word. It is an especially important message for us today! Our Deacon Jean has died; we continue to see the economic situation deteriorate, bringing fear, uncertainty and pain to our community; and our own neighborhood continues to be hard hit by signs of deterioration and decay, even as it struggles with the work of 'Urban Renewal'.

### *Deacon Jean McAfee*

I still operate in the assumption that Deacon Jean McAfee is going to walk through the door to visit or help out in some way. Her death has not fully sunk in, I guess. She will certainly be missed as a support to so many of our ministries. Hardly a person at her funeral had not been encouraged or supported at one time or another in their ministry (whatever it is) by Deacon Jean. Many of you at St. Aidan's heard her rally you to do something that needed to be done for the greater community. I continue to marvel at how many of our lives she touched.

We heard at her funeral how she saw much of her ministry as one of presence. She also saw it as one of encouraging the Ministry of All Baptized. Her friend and mentor, Fr. John Langfeldt, told us the process of how she was raised up from her congregation to an active role in ministry, first as lay minister, then as Deacon. She really believed in the notion that we all have a vital role to play in the working out of God's love in the world C lay and ordained, working together.

Much was made of the birth of great-grand children at the time of her death; less was said of the ordination of a new Deacon at the time of her funeral. As one goes out, another comes in... She is missed, but I comfort myself with this thought: Some of her lives on in this community of Christians she loved. Just like that bit of DNA shared with a great-grandchild or a vision of service shared with another called to an active role in ministry, something of her is carried on, yet mysteriously transformed. That 'something' is carried on, and added to, and molded by our particular gifts for ministry. Perhaps it will not be appreciated fully until it has matured or gives clues to help one see from whence it sprang. Think of the seed that only distinguishes itself from other seeds as it sprouts and grows. Think of the disciples

who only distinguish their faith as they mature and share their vision of God's gospel. I am sure Jean knew 'all will be well', and that is how she was able to be so comforting and encouraging in her own last hours. She told her daughters late at night, after a good time of being together, "This is so easy," as if to say, "Don't worry, I'm in good hands..." She also shared a vision of being in an orchard and seeing a waiting blanket, spread out to make a picnic. She loved picnics! We are sure she is at that heavenly banquet, on a blanket under a tree in that orchard, waiting for the chocolate éclairs to be brought out!

### *Reaching Out to Offer Hope*

The recent Bishop's Pastoral Letter pointed out some of the statistics about the worsening economic crisis around us. It said something we already know: "Everyone is affected by the shrinking global economy." It calls on the faithful to rediscover our uniqueness-- the ability to live in the virtues of faith, hope and love; to live in the assurance of God's abundance, even when the evidence would lead one to live in scarcity. It further calls on us to "break through the loneliness and anxiety of this time, drawing people from their fears and isolation into the comforting embrace of God's gathered community of hope." In response to the current situation, one of our new vestry members, George DeWitz has proposed and is planning to present a seminar open to the entire community, free of charge. This program is designed to help all who need to find employment. Marketing and motivation are part of this series of presentations: Learn to *package* yourself and *believe* in yourself. Both are balm to the discouraged, whose numbers have grown so dramatically. Special services of prayer, "Vigil in Time of Economic Crisis," will also be offered. George will explain on May 10 how all of us in the parish can reach out to those in need and pain and offer them our support. While we could never offer enough money, food or shelter to heal all the pain around our neighborhood, we can offer support and encouragement. We are offering out of what we have in abundance, we are living in hope, and we are drawing people from their fears and isolation.

### *Our Neighborhood Connection*

We are now partners with the neighborhood, school and philanthropic organizations surrounding the church in developing Camp Nadaka. Work has begun to make that park on the church's northern border safer and more appealing. The consortium of groups has written a grant proposal, which, if granted, would allow the purchase of the vacant lot to the east of the church and which would finance the establishment of a community garden. Such

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development would be wonderful for the church. An empty lot will be put to good use, providing a way for people to feed their families. Pride of ownership of a community garden plot will discourage litter and vandalism. Bordering an 'Urban Renewal' zone which has seen only slow and fitful redevelopment is an opportunity for our congregation, just like our response to the economic downturn. Our active participation as a congregation in such a program positions us as part of the solution to a vexing problem.

We are Easter People. We know that death does not have the last word. While we see death and destruction, pain and decay, we also know that in God's providence, new life will rise. New life springs from what we have mourned, worried about and feared. It is part of the St. Aidan's community's journey to see how these signs of resurrection will unfold: To see how Deacon Jean's ministry will bear fruit in our ongoing work; to see how reaching out to the fearful and discouraged in the economic downturn will bring them to a new appreciation of God's love for them; to see how active participation in the development of Camp Nadaka will have a salutary effect on the neighborhood. As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we can rejoice in these signs and touchstones of that wonderful and sacred mystery into which we are baptized.

### **Maundy Thursday Footwashing volunteers needed**

Everyone who attends the Maundy Thursday can have their feet washed, but we do like to know ahead of time that we will have a minimum of twelve (as suggested by the Gospel account). Please contact the church office by email or telephone to express your willingness to have your feet washed. The only requirement is that easily removable footwear and stockings should be worn!

Our clergy often speak of how meaningful the foot-washing is to them, and we can afford them the opportunity to put service into action.

### **Flowering of the Cross on Easter**

All children are welcome to this annual event. *The Flowering of the Cross* is held at the beginning of the 10 a.m. Eucharist on Easter Day. This beautiful ceremony has been traced back to the 6th century, and is an especially striking and beautiful way to symbolize the new life that emerges from Christ's crucifixion and death on Good Friday.

We always need plenty of long stemmed garden flowers of all varieties for the Floral Cross. Bring these to the church on Easter Day; there will be receptacles by the Floral Cross. This allows our children—including visitors—to decorate the cross.

## **Good Friday Offering Letter from the Presiding Bishop**

For the Congregations of the Episcopal Church



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

For almost a century, the Good Friday Offering has been a source of support, love and hope for the people of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. This year's 87th Good Friday Offering offers us the opportunity to be nourished by a deepened bond with the churches in the region that is so central to our faith. In my time as Presiding Bishop, I have been deeply moved by their stories of the pain that division brings to the lives of all in this Province of the Anglican Communion.

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East was formed in 1841 with the purpose of forging friendships with the ancient churches and serving the expatriate communities in this area. The friendships made then have strengthened the work and witness of the entire Episcopal Church ever since. Since 1922, members of the Episcopal Church have given thanks for this extraordinary relationship through their generous giving to the Good Friday Offering. This offering expresses our own commitment to walk with the church of Jerusalem & the Middle East as they continue to work toward justice, reconciliation, and peace. Through our support of these churches, we are helping to realize God's vision of shalom.

Again, please join with me in celebrating the work of the Good Friday Offering by generously sharing the gifts we have been given with our sisters and brothers in the Middle East. I remain —

Your servant in Christ,  
Katharine Jefferts Schori

Episcopal women in the Diocese of Oregon are invited to the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Spirituality day at Christ Church Parish in Lake Oswego May 2, 8:30 to 3:30 pm. The cost is \$20. The day will feature worship, eight workshops, coffee and snacks, a full luncheon, vendors and care packages for the trip home. Details and registration materials are posted on the Bulletin Board.

### **Bring Your Bells! Celebrate The Resurrection!**

Do not forget to bring your bells! It is the custom at the Easter Vigil to ring bells after the Easter Acclamation at the Easter Vigil. The Easter Vigil is the First Eucharist of Easter, and at St. Aidan's it is this Easter Day at 6:00 a.m.

He died, but he vanquished death; in himself, he put an end to what we feared; he took it upon himself, and he vanquished it; as a mighty hunter, he captured and slew the lion. Where is death? Seek it in Christ, for it exists no longer; but it did exist, and now it is dead. O life, O death of death! Be of good heart; it will die in us also. What has taken place in our head will take place in his members; death will die in us also. But when? At the end of the world, at the resurrection of the dead in which we believe and concerning which we do not doubt.—Augustine of Hippo (354-430), from Sermon 233

## CHURCH MOUSE APRIL 2009



Ah Spring! Shorter mornings — longer evenings. I'm used to the time change by now, but it was pretty rough at first! Soon Easter will have come and gone. So will the daffodils and crocuses — and I've seen lots of trees trying to get with the program. Spring is a beautiful time; I mean to enjoy it! Of course it also means more work outside. **Gloria**

**Trunk, Mary Hamilton and Joyce Burley** would appreciate a little weed-pulling from other volunteers. Just let them know.

**Fr. Scott** tells me that the *Wednesday evening Stations of the Cross / Simple Supper / Lenten Study* has been going well; more participants are always welcome. The more the merrier! As a convert to the Episcopal Church, I was always most impressed by the careful preparation of Lent for the joy and release of Easter. The enactment of the Passion makes Easter so much more of a celebration! As an observation of the season, twelve people attended the St. Aidan's **Quiet Day** on March 14. Those who attended stated it was well worth their time. Thanks to **Fr. Scott** for arranging this day.

The Crab Feed was a great success. The price of crab was down, so we made a bigger profit — **Julie Kyer** said we netted \$17,600, sold 1487 tickets with 60 parish members assisting with preparation, set-up, serving and clean-up. Our thanks to all who helped and all who ate. This is one of the best times for all in the parish to work together for a common cause — and have fun in the process. We owe **Jeanne Pinkerton, Julie and Chuck Kyer** great big **BRAVOS!**, for their consistent high-quality work on this event! And thanks to *everyone else* who also gave extra time and effort for this major fund raiser. Be aware that the **Kyers** have announced their retirement after the next crab and shrimp feed in 2010. This is a hard, time-consuming job but very necessary if we are to keep this project alive in future years. It's been going strong for about 18 years; it would be a shame to see it go by the way-side, for lack of someone to assume responsibility. See the **Kyers** as it is necessary for someone to understudy them in order to keep it going. Folks who have been to our sessions every year, look forward to the annual outing. One couple choose to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at the Crab Feast this year. A special cake was ordered for them and Julie got out the good cake knife and server. The more popular sessions were sold out by the first of the year. It was necessary to add another extra session this year to accommodate everyone who wanted to come. But wait — there's more!

The next event will be the RUMMAGE SALE, which is coming right up. (May 1 and 2). We have a good crew, but they need our stuff to make it a success. I talked to one of our church's neighbors the other day, and she told me how much she enjoys having our church in her neighborhood — and she never misses a sale!

**Bonnie Buckmann** and crew are usually sorting on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to Noon — you can contact them to leave things at other times as well. I'm also sure that a few extra hands to sort and price would not be turned down.

After Easter the core crew for Wintergarden are hoping to to resume craft get-togethers in the Parish Kitchen — at least a couple of Wednesday evenings per month. More details on that in a week or so. There will be a planning meeting soon after church on Sunday — hopefully in March! **Julie Kyer** (remember that name!) and **Marilyn Pierik** will at least start with leadership for this year — although other prospective team leaders are most welcome to add their two-cents-worth.

There is our on-going **Scrip Sale** — thanks to **Bruce Richardson**. Buy a gift card from a store that you would go to anyway. St. Aidan's earns a percentage of the value; a painless way to support your church.

Thanks to **Angie Groce** who is **Senior Warden**, and **Byron McKinlay** who is **Junior Warden** — who already knows where all the furnaces are — and how to set them! Our new Vestry people are **Judie Cox, George DeWitz** and **Bonnie Buckmann** [fulfilling a vacant 2 year term] (Outreach), **Patrick Hoye** (Christian Discipleship), along with **Byron**. Check your bulletin for the rest — they do good work — as does Parish Treasurer, **Janice Erickson** (who took a few days off to go to Spokane to celebrate her recent birthday).

There are a couple changes in the Choir. **Pene Nilles** has had to step down from her spot since her mobility is becoming more limited — **Leslie Hirsch** has graciously stepped up to the plate to add her voice to the alto section. (she says she doesn't sing as well as she fiddles, but choir is a group thing [and the choir is delighted to have her], so she'll be fine!) I'm sure **Mark Jones** would be happy to welcome more singers [men's voices are particularly needed] — especially for the Passion and Easter weeks — a very busy time for a small number of people. Call the office or talk to **Mark** after church.

One person on our sick list: **Bob Pierik** gave us all a scare — at the end of February he was admitted to the hospital with colon cancer, where he had a successful surgery — they swear he's now cancer-free. **Praise the Lord and thank you all for your prayers** — in the process of surgery he had to be taken off blood thinners and developed two huge blood clots on his lungs. That REALLY knocked him flat — a cross between too much blood thinner (making him bleed) and blood clots (stopping his breathing). He stabilized after about a week and is now at home. The healing will not be fast, but we are patient.

On a sad note, our parish has had to say goodbye to two of our parishioners in the last month. Long-long-time member, **Bob Booher** had been quite ill for several years; **Zina** had been attending regularly until Bob could not stay alone any more. Bob was a member of the Social Sciences department at Mt. Hood Community College until his retirement over ten years ago — then he delighted in traveling all over the place, in his little camper, while **Zina** stayed home. During the last few years, he was extremely limited in his walking ability, and was a virtual shut-in. Our prayers are with **Zina** and family at this new stage of life.

Another death was our beloved **Deacon Jean McAfee**, who had cancer, but didn't know it — her death seemed mysterious until after she died at her daughter's home. She was a valued member of our parish for the past several years, and before that she was at St. Luke's for some time. Her happy presence will be missed by all.

I note, **Deacon Diana Starr-Salnavé** served as deacon for the 10 a.m. Eucharist on March 15. Getting up for service is not easy for her either; a real blessing to have her as part of the service.

That's how much I know for now. Talk to you next month. - CM

## **Holy Week**

### **The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

Holy Week begins with the Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday. The dual nature of the liturgy is evident from its title. A special liturgy begins with a procession of the congregation and the blessing of the palms, commemorating the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The Gospel reading is the complete story of the Passion. The service underlines the contrast between the crowd's joyous greeting of their king and then their condemnation of him — the contrast between shouts of 'Hosanna' and 'Crucify him!'

### **The Great Three Days**

'Triduum' means three days, and refers to the three days before a major feast. The Easter Triduum consists of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday—the Great Three Days—known collectively as Triduum Sacrum (Triduum is Latin for 'three days'), now often called the Easter Triduum. The Easter Triduum ends when the new fire is lit at the Easter Vigil. The "Three Great Days" are reckoned from sunset on Maundy Thursday. At the Last Supper on the evening before he died, Jesus gave his disciples the commands to love one another, to eat together and to wash each other's feet. The next morning he was condemned. The next afternoon he was crucified. This is the first day. The second day, from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday, he was not here. On the third day, sunset Saturday until sunset Sunday, he rose again. This should help us understand the words of the Creed, "and the third day he rose again."

### **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday in Holy Week is called Maundy Thursday, from the Latin for *mandatum novum*, 'a new commandment': John 13:34: After Jesus washed the feet of the disciples, he said 'A new commandment I give you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.' It marks the beginning the Great Three Days leading up to the proclamation of the resurrection at the Easter Vigil.

The Gospel speaks of love and service, which are expressed in the ceremony of Foot-washing. By washing his disciples' feet, Jesus displayed the self-emptying love God shows for the world — a sacred example of love. Nothing and no one is to be beneath them, and by this undifferentiating love, the world will know that the disciples belong to Jesus.

The Eucharist commemorates the first Eucharist at the Last Supper and includes the reservation of sacrament for Good Friday. During the Easter Triduum, the sacrament is not to be reserved at the main altar. So during the Maundy Thursday service, the sacrament consecrated for use on .'

Good Friday is 'reposed' on special altar set up in another part of the church, which is fittingly called 'The Altar of Repose

The service ends in complete silence. The altar is stripped and all decorative furnishings are removed from the church in recognition of the despair and death to come.

### **Good Friday**

One wonders why it's called Good Friday when it commemorates a very dark day, indeed. The name comes from 'God's Friday,' and on God's Friday, we commemorate the Crucifixion. It is a continuation of the Maundy Thursday service and begins in silence as the night before ended in silence. In the early church pieces of the True Cross were revered at this service, and the cross over the altar draped in black. The Liturgy has four parts: the Word of God (with the Passion according to John), the Solemn Collects (which date back to the 4th century and are an early form of the Prayers of the People), the bringing in of the Cross and Veneration, and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. St. Aidan's will observe a traditional Three Hour Service (12–3) marking the time Jesus hung on the cross. In addition to the Proper Liturgy of Good Friday from the *Book of Common Prayer*, the service will include *Stations of the Cross* and *The Great Litany*. The Lessons will be interspersed with psalms, hymns, and a variety of readings and commentaries.

### **Holy Saturday**

The Eucharist is not celebrated on this day, which is seen as one of solemn expectation and the final 'getting ready' for Easter.

### **The Great Vigil of Easter**

Since the early days of the church, Easter was a time set aside for baptisms. They were elaborate, dramatic services carefully timed to coincide with the proclamation of the Resurrection, symbolizing a new light shining, a new beginning and the Great Vigil is one of the most dramatic services the church offers. A study in contrasts, it begins in the darkness of the Good Friday service. The paschal candle is lit from a special fire. A procession then moves into the church following the paschal candle, and the candles held by the congregation, choirs, lay ministers and clergy are lit. An ancient hymn, the *Exultet* is sung. The *Exultet* is an ancient chant, which reminds us of our links to the Israelites' exodus from Egypt. Several Old Testament lessons are read, one of which is always the wonderful story of the parting of the Red Sea, and songs are sung. These lessons and songs trace the history of our redemption from the time of creation up through the prophets. The promise of redemption is further realized with the words proclaimed at the conclusion of the readings: '*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*' The lights come on. The organ plays. Bells are rung in a Great Noise to indicate that this is indeed a festival. (Worshippers are encouraged to bring their own bells from home and to join in.) As the light of Christ returns to our midst, we hear the Epistle and Gospel readings, administer Holy Baptism, and renew our own baptismal vows. We are sprinkled with Baptismal Water, and then celebrate the first Festal Eucharist of Easter.

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There's an excellent sermon about Easter Vigil on the web site of St. Paul's Church, DeKalb, IL. An excerpt: 'There are few moments more exhilarating than that moment in The Great Vigil of Easter when the Celebrant declares, *'Alleluia, Christ is risen.'* The congregation responds, *'The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.'* The lights in the nave and sanctuary come on. Members of the congregation have brought bells and they are rung with joy. The congregation and organ belt out joyful strains of *Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!* This event, this day, is what our faith is all about. It is no accident and no secret that Christians are called 'Easter people.' Everything we do as Christ's disciples today have their grounding in the events of Good Friday and Easter. The light of Christ is a free gift. And those who accept that gift bask in the glow of that light. Christ transforms that which is broken and makes it whole. When we receive the light of Christ, we come to realize that our lives are not the same and they will never be the same again.'

## The Bishop of Oregon Search Process — Update

The Rev. Sara Fischer and the Rev. David Sweeney,  
Bishop Search Communications Sub-Committee

The February 27 meeting of the Bishop Search Committee began as many good gatherings begin: we shared stories with one another. Our task was to tell the group something about ourselves that group members might find surprising, and to talk about how that something informed our understanding of ministry. One person told of having been a drummer in a rock band. Another shared her experience growing up on a farm. Someone else had summered as a deck hand on a fishing trawler. Another talked about her pet snake. This sharing experience affirmed for each of us that the Bishop Search Committee is indeed representative of our diocese as a whole—a group of committed people with abundant talent, good humor, and love of our Church.

We met to review and approve each aspect of the search process: brochure, timeline (see below), application process, interview format, screening, communication, and education. We are excited about each stage of the process.

A tangible sign that the search process is truly under way will be the publication, later this month, of a brochure, which is a succinct version of our diocesan profile. This brochure, detailing who we are, what we strive to do, and what kind of bishop we seek to lead us, will be mailed to every parish in the diocese, every bishop and diocesan deployment officer in the Episcopal Church, and anyone else who might come in contact with those who might be called as Bishop of Oregon. Everyone is encouraged to share this information with their neighbors and friends, and an electronic version of the brochure will be placed on our diocesan web site.

Shortly after the publication and dissemination of this brochure, a longer version of a diocesan profile will be available on a web page devoted to our search process. This longer profile will be directed toward those with an interest in detailed information about our diocese and about Oregon.

So, what will happen to all those who read the brochure, the website, and express interest in being part of our journey? The screening sub-committee is still at work polishing the details of the screening process itself, to reflect the concerns and criteria offered in our Appreciative Inquiry sessions during the 2008 diocesan convention, the fall clergy conference, and the January retreat with the Transition and Standing Committees.

Once the initial screening process has been completed, the Search Committee will institute a background check for those still under consideration, and, if necessary, some may be interviewed by phone. By June, the Search Committee will identify eight semi-finalists for face-to-face visits.

### Easter Day Brunch

Julie Kyer is the coordinator for the Easter Brunch. The Parish will provide a brunch main dish. Please bring salads, fruit, breads or coffee cake. We will have room in the refrigerator to keep things cool for the Easter Brunch and oven space is very limited.

The liturgical ministers and choir members all have the right to cut in line; we appreciate your willingness to recognize the contributions they make to beautify our services of worship by cheerfully letting them in to the food line!

### From the Senior Warden's Kitchen Table

The new vestry had its annual retreat at the Bishop's Close in Lake Oswego on Sunday, February 22, 2009. It was a productive meeting and we did some planning and prioritizing for the year ahead. We had our first regular meeting on Monday, March 16. We have set a meeting schedule for the third Monday of the month (although this is subject to change from time-to-time) from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Murdock Hall. Feel free to attend a meeting. If you would like an item added to the agenda, please let either Fr. Scott or me know.

SPREAD THE PROMISE OF JESUS CHRIST IN AND BEYOND OUR COMMUNITY — THROUGH WORSHIP, EDUCATION, FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH. This is St. Aidan's Mission. In that vein, our Outreach Ministry Team of Bonnie Buckmann, Judie Cox and George DeWitz has been meeting and has a plan to "reach out" to community members seeking work. The details of that plan are still being worked out, so look for an update on this important outreach endeavor in upcoming issues of *The Torch*. It would be nice if we could have congregation-wide involvement in this outreach project, not only to have success on this particular project, but also to work together as a congregation to carry out our mission as a unified body of church members.

By the way, if you haven't had an opportunity to visit the Bishop's Close and take in the beautiful grounds, you might want to consider a trip out there to enjoy this gift. Spring would be a terrific time to make such a trip. Just ask a vestry member for directions.

Peacefully yours,  
Angie Groce, Senior Warden

# SAINT AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## Holy Week and Easter 2009

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THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION (PALM SUNDAY) ..... April 5, 2009

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

*No Adult Forum*

9:45 a.m. Palm Procession Forms in the Parish Hall (Murdock Hall)

*Those with disabilities may prefer to go directly to the church.*

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Children and Adults will appreciate the joyous procession with singing as the whole congregation makes its way from Murdock Hall to the Church holding palm fronds and branches aloft, commemorating the crowd's cheering at Jesus' Triumphal Entry into the Holy City, Jerusalem. Once in the Church, we hear once again the story of our Lord's Passion, taking part in the drama.

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK.....April 8, 2009

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:45 a.m. Bible Study

***No Stations of the Cross, Supper or Study in the evening***

MAUNDY THURSDAY. ....April 9, 2009

6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Foot Washing, Celebration of the Last Supper, Stripping of the Altar, and Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament are all elements of this moving liturgy commemorating Jesus' final hours before his Crucifixion.

GOOD FRIDAY ..... April 10, 2009

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. The Liturgical Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death

Following the Proper Liturgy of the Day, we venerate the Cross as we recollect the events of Jesus' Passion and Crucifixion.

EASTER DAY: THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION..... April 12, 2009

6:00 a.m. The Great Vigil of Easter: Sunrise Service with Holy Baptism

*No Adult Forum*

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Children are requested to bring flowers to join in the **Flowering of the Cross**, symbolizing how the instrument of Jesus' death has been gloriously transformed into the symbol of Resurrection to eternal life. We enjoy Easter **Brunch** after the 6:00 a.m. and after the 10:00 a.m. services. The main dish will be provided. Members of the congregation are invited to bring a favorite fruit or vegetable dish to share or a festive bread or sweet roll.



***Please remember, there is no 8 o'clock service on Easter Day.  
Plan to attend the Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m.***



## A Message from Bishop Hampton

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

In her Epiphany letter to all congregations, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori asked Episcopalians to continue to praying for our sisters and brothers in the Holy Land and to support the Good Friday Offering as an opportunity to demonstrate our solidarity with Anglicans and all Christians in that troubled part of the world. The Diocese, and particularly its hospital, has been unusually stressed by the recent violence between Israel and Hamas and the needs are enormous, as you might imagine. For the past 87 years, The Episcopal Church has taken up a Good Friday Offering to be sent to The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, symbolizing unity with and passionate concern for those who witness to Christ throughout the region. We all realize that we live in very uncertain times, economically for sure, but by "keeping the main thing, the main thing" as the saying goes, I'm confident that your good folks will respond to this appeal generously.

A Holy and Blessed Lent to you all.  
Sandy Hampton

## The Bishop of Oregon Search Process at a Glance

March 25: Brochure distributed and placed on the web site, along with an in-depth profile of our diocese.  
April 1-May 15: Application Period Open  
June: Visits with semi-finalists  
July 24: Visits completed to semi-finalists  
July 31: Final slate of four finalists forwarded to Standing Committee  
August 31: Standing Committee announces final slate of four nominees  
September: Detailed biographical and other information available in diocesan newspaper and on web site.  
October: Walkabouts (which, in all likelihood, will include St. Aidan's)  
November 19-21: Diocesan Convention and Election of the 10th Bishop of Oregon  
February-March: Transition (Fr. Dolph is serving on the transition team)  
April 10, 2010: Consecration and Installation of the 10th Bishop of Oregon

## NetsforLife distributes millionth net to eliminate malaria in sub-Saharan Africa



[Episcopal News Service] Three years after delivering the first long-lasting insecticide-treated net to a remote community in rural Zambia, NetsforLife® has concluded Phase 1 of its implementation by distributing its millionth net. A collaborative partnership of ExxonMobil Foundation, Standard Chartered Bank, Coca-Cola Africa Foundation, Starr International Foundation, White Flowers Foundation and Episcopal Relief & Development, NetsforLife® implements integrated malaria prevention through a network of local faith-based organizations and NGOs in 17 countries in sub-Saharan Africa. The program is managed and monitored by ERD in 15 countries and by Christian Aid in two.

"Sleeping under an insecticide-treated net dramatically reduces malaria transmission, but because so few people have access to nets the disease remains a scourge of sub-Saharan Africa, the epicenter of 86% of the world's 247 million annual cases. Nearly a million people die each year from malaria, 91% in Africa," an ERD release said. "More than 75% of those who become sick and die are children under the age of five. This disease causes needless death and suffering, and cripples development on the continent."

Kenya's Minister for Land James Orengo, President of the Coca-Cola Africa Foundation William Asiko, NetsforLife® Executive Director Shaun Walsh, and 4,000 others participated in dramatic and musical events celebrating the completion of NetsforLife® Phase 1 in Kisumu, Kenya on December 10, 2008.

NetsforLife®, the ERD release said, "has already achieved remarkable success." The program encourages people to sleep under long-lasting insecticide-treated nets, trains local malaria agents who distribute nets, provides education on how to recognize symptoms of malaria and teaches communities about environmental management and malaria control. "For example, household long-lasting insecticide-treated nets used by children and pregnant women, the two groups most vulnerable to the disease, increased dramatically in all countries of operation," the release said, noting that the percentage of pregnant women and children sleeping under nets has risen from 12% to 88%.

In order to continue its work to eliminate malaria, NetsforLife® has launched Phase 2 of the program. During the next five years, the organization will expand its work to 17 countries, train thousands more malaria agents and distribute at least five million more nets.

As part of the Phase 2 kick-off, NetsforLife® is launching its new website, [www.netsforlifeafrica.org](http://www.netsforlifeafrica.org), which has several features to engage those interested in efforts to eliminate malaria in sub-Saharan Africa. These include expanded information on program practices and activities, a blog with postings from different NetsforLife® field sites and headquarters and video clips presenting NetsforLife® in action.

"We are thrilled with the impact that Phase 1 of NetsforLife® has had on reducing malaria in remote communities in sub-Saharan Africa," said NetsforLife® Executive Director Walsh. "We know from our project monitoring data that using the church to reach communities at the end of the road is a successful way to instill a net culture and get people to sleep under treated nets. This is a true reason to rejoice and celebrate."

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