

THE CROWN

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, April 2: PALM SUNDAY

8AM Liturgy for Palm Sunday & Holy Eucharist

10AM Liturgy for Palm Sunday & Holy Eucharist –

Service Begins in the front of the Church with Blessing of the Palms

Wednesday, April 5: WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

7:00PM Service of Tenebrae

Thursday, April 6: MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00PM Liturgy for Maundy Thursday, Stripping of the Altar and Prayer Vigil

Friday, April 7: GOOD FRIDAY

12noon: Traditional Good Friday Liturgy with Communion
from the Reserved Sacrament & Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 8: HOLY SATURDAY

9:00AM Liturgy for Holy Saturday,

5 PM Easter Vigil Service (Outside)

Sunday, April 9: EASTER DAY

11AM Festive Eucharist followed by and Egg Hunt in the graveyard and reception



Shrewsbury, NJ

July 22nd 1912

Just this card to let you know we are thinking of you. Thanks for your steamer letter. Enjoyed it very much. We have had a very warm July in Shrewsbury so far. August 1st is the church "Fair". Other than this Shrewsbury is as quiet as usual. We are all well. I am happy today and trust you are also. Late August we are planning to take a little auto trip to the Berkshires for a little change. With affectionate regards from us all! Faithfully, Bessie Johnson.

Dear Friends,

I am back from my travels! I arrived in Shrewsbury a few days ago, and it has been a bit of a whirlwind as I make "reentry" into parish life. A parish that is not only on the threshold of the very busy seasons of Holy Week and Easter, but with a Parish House that is still being put back together. I may be back, but I am feeling a bit "homeless" with all my tools for work still in the pod from last August. Who would have thought it would take seven months to reclaim them? But it is good to be back and writing another newsletter article to you. And after a pandemic, this doesn't seem like so very much.

When I returned, Jeff showed me a postcard he found on line; a reminder that folks have been making similar sojourns from this church for all of her history. What you *can't* tell from the friendly little note above from one Christ Church member to another, is that this postcard was sent to one *Mrs. Benjamin Franklin* who happened to be residing in far-away *Paris, France*.

I know what you may be thinking, but no, this is not Deborah, the wife of the very famous statesman, inventor and philosopher, but rather Lucia, the wife of the not quite so famous Dr. Benjamin Franklin, who served as rector here at Christ Church from 1876 until his death in 1898. He should be familiar to you, as the stained glass window on the east side of the Parish Hall is dedicated to him. He also happens to be next in line after me, having served the third longest pastorate at Christ Church, twenty-three years.

Piecing things together, it seems as if Lucia spent time in Paris after the death of her beloved husband. I don't know if that was a permanent residence for her (the postcard was sent in care of Morgan, Harjes, a Paris-based investment company), or whether she eventually returned to the States. What we can surmise is that after twenty-three years in Shrewsbury, she had established deep ties to the people of Christ Church.

Did I mention that the postcard is a picture of the church? From sometime around the turn of the twentieth century, it sports a dirt road for Highway 35 and there is no fence around the graveyard, but rather what looks like a very long row of boxwoods. Similar to what we did on the north side of the graveyard just a few years ago. Otherwise, the place looks exactly as it does today. Time may march on, but some things never change!

One other interesting fact: to the right of her address is marked *S.S. Wilhelm II*. The SS Wilhelm was a famous German ocean-liner that was known for its speedy trips back and forth across the Atlantic. I cannot say for sure, but I am thinking that it was on that ship that this postcard greeting made its way across the pond to Paris. The ship was later seized by the Americans

during WWI and used as a transport ship, under her new name, *Agamemnon*. After the war, she brought home 9 shiploads of soldiers and personnel before being decommissioned.

See what a lot of history can be contained in one, small postcard? Isn't it wonderful that we are somehow a part of it? It is indeed good to be back in Shrewsbury. Now, let's make some of our own history!

Peace,
Mother Lisa+



Pledge Envelope Update

We should have our pledge envelopes soon. Due to the upheaval in our parish house, the pledge envelopes were not ordered until the end of the year. I have checked with the company and was told we pledge check in an envelope, but if you are more comfortable doing that, please do!

Please continue making your pledge payments, we keep track! All pledges are accounted for!
Peggy James, Stewardship

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

The chocolate eggs are going fast! Given the brisk business we experienced in the narthex this past Sunday, you could say there were literally - flying out the door. We still have an abundance of milk and dark peanut butter, vanilla cream and a few double coconut. At \$3.00 each and because they are so eggs-ceptional, they're still the best buy around. We will be selling them again after church this Sunday, April 2 and until we have no more. Get yours before they are gone!!!! *Easter Chick.*

KITCHEN SHOWER UPDATE

The idea of a kitchen shower has not been abandoned. Nor has the idea of setting up times to

get the dishes, glassware and pots and pans washed up, to line the cabinets and to do whatever else is necessary to get our new kitchen up and running. We're just waiting on the completion of the project. But once done, we are going to want to move quickly so we can begin enjoying coffee hour and gathering once again. Keep your eyes open for a kitchen wish list. If you haven't already stopped in, please come by the Parish House and see what a beautiful workspace we will soon have. Painting of the entire parish hall and vestibule is anticipated to start soon.

NEWS AND NOTES:

Any Changes? Advise us of any changes in your address or telephone number. Let us know so we can keep our records up to date. Please send us an email or call the Church Office at 732-741-2220

Parish Hours

- Monday – closed
- Tuesday – 9 am – 2 pm
- Wednesday - 9 am – 2 pm
- Thursday – 9 am – 2 pm
- Friday – 9 am – 2 pm

Margaret Bernhardt (Natter) has transferred her Parish to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, PO Box 37, Ivy, Va. 22945. We will miss her and want to wish her the best in her new Parish.

HELP WANTED!

We are looking for a part time Sexton to clean the Parish House and the Church. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please contact Peggy James for more information at 732-610-1916, peggy_james@verizon.net.

MOTHER DAUGHTER RETREAT

GFS will be hosting our annual Mother Daughter Retreat Friday May 12 – Saturday May 13 at Grove Hall, Ocean Grove. Details will be coming out soon, so watch for an email!

SAVE THE DATE: FUNDRAISING EVENTS

April 2 – Palm Sunday Eggstravaganza – Buy those yummy chocolate eggs at Church

June 11 – Parish Life Event – Pot Luck Luncheon

June 12 – June 24 – Drop off your items for the Flea Market – Please – no early items

June 24 – Flea Market – plan to shop of help out

June 25 – Help organize and clean up flea market

EASTER MEMORIAL
FLOWER OFFERING

(Please **PRINT** neatly)

In memory of:

In thanksgiving for:

Requested by:

Pledge # _____

Offering \$ _____

All requests must be made by Monday, April 4th. Please make checks payable to “Christ Church Altar Guild”

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED:

For the sick and suffering, and those in any need or trouble: *Mignon Williams, *Cassie Reagan, *John Smalls, *Joan, *Jim Miller, *Beverly Eager, Ryser, *Judi Buncher, *Carolyn, *MiMi Brown, *Sarah Schmid, *Susan Vän Valkenburg, *Tara Dunford, *Irwin Rapolla, *Lisa Ficarelli-Halpern, *Jonathan Badal, John Veil, Jennifer Turner, Pam, Stan Brower, Queeni, Jocelyn, Mariwether Schmid, Julie, Heather Lance, Pat and Bob Rivenes, Peedy, Gil, Edie, Julia, Bert, Barbara, Sherrie, the Fontana family, Vivian Hillborn, Lea Gallagher, Judy, Mary Ellen, Tammy, Don Smith, Greg, Judy Gregor, Jack Sauber, Rico and Liesel Rauschmayer, Bob, Jim Halpern, Joe, Jane Barnes, Jay Curlee, Alison, Rick, Geraldine Watson, Katie, Michael, Donna, Michelle Ten Eyck, Evelyn Curley, Marian Bryja, Judy Smith, Mary Andrews, Ann Hatami, Eugene Krikowski, Timothy Keating, Walter Hutchins, Max Garweg., Lynn McKittrick, Barbara Roth Moore, *Stacy Reagan, *William Balmer, Mary T., Max Thomas, Virginia Aiello, Barbara Pica, Larry Nibbling, Kristy.
May they be relieved of their distress.

BOOKS FOR BOOKS

Books For Books now has a brand new look agreed by the Vestry. All books will be displayed on the white shelves in the Parish Hall. Sorting will be only done according to the date they are donated.

Once the shelves are full, then as space is needed, the oldest donate books will be removed to the outside bin to make room for the newest donations. This means when you bring any donated books please leave them in the Parish hall to be displayed on the white shelves and available for purchase (\$1 for hard bound books, 50 cents for each paper back book) Only the books that have had a full chance to be displayed in the Parish house will then be dropped into the outside bin. Each time the outside bin is empty we are given additional credit that will be added to the money collected in the Parish Hall.

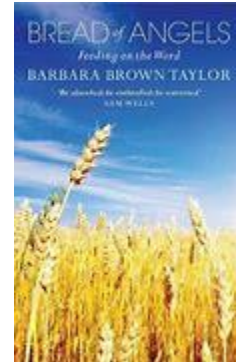
Please resume donating you old books, keeping in mind by selling these used books we are able to send a donation to our companion Daisi's in ??? to purchase text books for the students there. Any questions can be directed to Walter Dein.



ROOF PROJECT UPDATE

A hearty THANK YOU to our parishioners who have certainly responded to our call for a new roof. As of this writing, the roof contributions have enabled us to only use \$9,100 from the Endowment Fund, out of a total cost of \$35,000. Further donations are still arriving and each one enables us to maintain our financial well-being. Thank you!!!
-Elaine Feyereisen, Vestry Member

PEAK OF THE WEEK



Hello Peakers!

Our April Peak in the Week book selection is **Bread of Angels** by Barbara Brown Taylor. We **will meet** April 3 but we **will not meet** April 12. Wishing you all a Joyous Easter! *Donna Devlin*

EASTER SUNDAY HYMNS

By Patrick Durek

In this month's issue of *The Crown*, we will take a look at each of the Easter Sunday hymns that will be sung at Christ Church, Shrewsbury, 2023. The background information for each of these hymns is made possible thanks to Br. Richard's kind sharing of the four volume set *The Hymnal 1982 Companion*, from which the historical details have been gleaned.

Hymn #180: He is risen, he is risen!

This hymn first appeared in the 1871 hymnal, and has not been omitted since. The text was penned by Cecil F. Alexander, a well-regarded children's poet, in England. The words, unsurprisingly, are direct and immediate—"to provide the young with verses which they may readily understand": "Blood can wash all sins away, Christ has conquered hell today." As for the music, it dates from two centuries

earlier, first appearing in a German hymnbook, in 1680, by the composer Joachim Neander.

Hymn #207: Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

This Easter hymn is not merely the domain of Anglican/Episcopal churches, but is sung universally in Christian churches. The original text was Latin, and appeared in the early fourteenth century in Catholic hymnals. It became popular in Germany during the following century, before eventually reaching England, in 1708. The *Hymnal Companion* asserts that the English translation was most likely directly from the German, rather than Latin. Regardless, *Jesus Christ is risen today* is a salient example of the endurance and longevity of certain hymns.

The anonymous melody for this hymn first appeared accompanying the 1708 English translation. Whoever the composer was, his aim was to give “a little freer air than the grave movement of the Psalm-tunes.” Its three-century plus popularity is testament to the composer’s success.

Hymn #174: At the Lamb’s high feast we sing

It is easy to forget the Latin roots of many of our most cherished hymns. Through the centuries, evolution has a way of forgetting the past. However, the Latin DNA is there. “At the Lamb’s high feast we sing” is a seventeenth-century Latin office hymn for Easter. It, in turn, is a revised version of the much earlier Latin hymn, dating back to between A.D. 500 and 800 (the three century estimate is testament to the vast swath of time in the hymn’s lifespan!). Today’s English text translation is by Robert Campbell, and was written in 1849. The hymn text is vivid and potent: Christ is simultaneously host of the feast, the priest, *and* the victim.

The melody is known as “Salzburg,” and first appeared in the late 17th century. It is also used for the hymn “Songs of thankfulness and praise.” Both hymns are set by J.S. Bach, testifying to its musical importance.

Hymn #210: The day of resurrection

The words for this hymn harken back to eighth-century Greece, in which the resurrection is described using Old Testament Passover images. St.

John of Damascus wrote the text as part of his larger “Canon for Easter Day,” which was sung at midnight before Easter. The music for this hymn is the well-known “Ellacombe.” While the text is ancient, the melody is relatively recent; 1784 is the earliest mention, in a German hymnbook. Its pairing with this text appeared in 1904. Thus, we have a marriage of ancient text with “modern” melody; the opposite of “At the Lamb’s high feast we sing,” where the melody is old and the text new.

NO FOOLIN’ AROUND!

It’s possible that our PH project might be finished this week i.e. by or before April 1. That said, we are going to need many hands to get our “stuff” sorted out and in place and to complete a zillion other small tasks before the Easter holiday commences. Since the Second Saturday this month falls on Holy Saturday, we are moving the work day back one week to this Saturday, April 1. With this one week step back, we are hoping to “spring ahead” with making the Parish House and churchyard ready for Easter. Don’t want to be cooped up inside?? I’m sure Walter has a list of outdoor tasks to attend to as well. We are all busy but only one hour can make a huge difference. And, think how nice it would be to simply GATHER with each other! See ya on Saturday, say 9:00 on? All you have to do is show up. *Faithfully Sue Napoletano*

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Great news! Church School held their First Communion Class on Sunday, March 26. It was very well attended. Katie Wachter is teaching Lower Church and I have the Upper Church. Already have visible signs from the kids of what they have learned. Anyone wishing to help out, we’d love to have you. Next class is April 16. After that we meet again on April 30 culminating in the great communion bread bake-off. Class starts at 9:50. Mark May 7 on your calendar for the celebration in Church and in the Parish House. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue on their journey toward Christ. I already see the encouragements you send their way each week. *Faithfully, Sue Napolitano*

Alleluia!

Those Who Serve – April 2023

Things are going to get very busy within the next week. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during the upheaval of our Parish House. Please review this schedule for your serving time. If you need to switch, please notify me ASAP. Debbie

April 2 Palm Sunday

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell
Deacons: 8 am William Balmer, 10 am Victoria Cuff
Acolytes: 8 am Judy Buncher, 10 am Dexter and Cody Craven, Halina Nibbling, Edgar John, Trevor Van Valkenburgh
Lectors: 8 am Walter Dein, 10 am Dash Cassidy, Bob Van Valkenburgh
Ushers: 8 am Carl Alfano, 10 am George Edwards, Larry Nibbling
Cantor: Jamie Green
Organist: Iris Chen
Choir: St. Gregory's Choir
Altar Guild: Phyllis Edwards

April 5 Tenebrae- 7 pm

Officiant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell
Acolyte: _____
Lectors: First Nocturn: Deacon Victoria Cuff Bill Cuff
Second Nocturn: Teddy Keating Peggy James
Third Nocturn: Robert Maber
Lauds: _____, Deacon William Balmer
Ushers: Walter Dean, George Edwards

April 6 Maundy Thursday 7 pm

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell
Deacons: William Balmer, Victoria Cuff
Acolytes: PJ Reyes, Halina Nibbling, Edgar John, Trevor Van Valkenburgh
Altar Guild: Phyllis Edwards
Lector: Priscilla Gettis, Bob Van Valkenburgh
Ushers: Peggy James, George Edwards
Cantor: Jamie Green
Organist: Iris Chen
Choir: St. Gregory's Choir

April 7: Good Friday – 12 NOON

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell
Deacons: William Balmer, Victoria Cuff
Priest Server: Judi Buncher
Altar Guild: All
Lector: Elaine Feyereisen
Ushers: Walter Dein, _____
Organist: Iris Chen

April 9 Easter Sunday – 11 am

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell
Deacons: William Balmer
Acolytes: Isabel and Isara Chen-Durek, Cassandra Murphy, Dexter and Kody Craven
Lector: Bill Cuff
Ushers: Rod Webster, Jim O'Connor
Organist: Iris Chen
Choir: St. Gregory's Choir
Altar Guild: All

April 16

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell
Deacons: 8 am William Balmer, 10 am Victoria Cuff
Acolytes: 8 am Edgar John, 10 am Matt and Josh Dunford, Andrew Brown
Lectors: 8 am Peggy James, 10 am Robert Maber
Ushers: 8 am Peggy James, 10 am Bramley Maber, Christine Maber
Organist: Iris Chen
Altar Guild: Halina Nibbling

April 23

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell
Deacons: 8 am William Balmer, 10 am Victoria Cuff
Acolytes: 8 am Judi Buncher, 10 am Dexter and Kody Craven, Cassandra Murphy
Lectors: 8 am Sean Griffith, 10 am Bob Honecker
Ushers: 8 am Carl Alfano, 10 am Rod Webster, Jim O'Connor
Organist: Iris Chen
Altar Guild: Cindy Webster

April 30

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell
Deacons: 8 am William Balmer, 10 am Victoria Cuff
Acolytes: 8 am Edgar John, 10 am Isabel and Isara Chen-Durek, Halina Nibbling
Lectors: 8 am Judi Buncher, 10 am Larry Nibbling
Ushers: 8 am Peggy James, 10 am Connie Goddard, Elaine Feyereisen
Organist: Iris Chen
Altar Guild: Judi Buncher/Colleen Roth



April 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 <u>10am-4pm</u> Workday
2 <u>Palm Sunday</u> 8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist	3 <u>Office Closed</u>	4	5 <u>9:30 - 11:15AM</u> Peak of the Week Service of Tenebrae 7 pm	6 Maundy Thursday 7 pm	7 <u>Good Friday</u> 12 noon	8 <u>Liturgy for Holy</u> <u>Saturday 9 am</u> <u>Easter vigil 5 pm</u> <u>outside</u>
9 <u>Easter Sunday</u> 11 am <u>Followed by</u> <u>Easter Egg Hunt</u>	10 <u>Office closed</u>	11 <u>Office closed</u>	12 <u>9:30 - 11:15AM</u> Peak of the Week	13 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	14	15
16 8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist	17 <u>Office closed</u> <u>7PM</u> VESTRY meeting	18	19 <u>9:30 - 11:15AM</u> Peak of the Week	20 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	21	22
23 8AM	24 <u>Office closed</u>	25	26 <u>9:30 - 11:15AM</u>	27	28	29 Ann Miller

Holy Eucharist <u>10AM</u> Holy Eucharist			Peak of the Week	Shrewsbury School <u>Visitation</u> <u>12 noon</u> Choir Practice 7:30 pm		Burial 11 am
30 <u>8AM</u> Holy Eucharist <u>10AM</u> Holy Eucharist						

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"Be friends with Christ Church Shrewsbury" and then invite your friends to be our friend so we all can be informed and connected to events in our community.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST.
BRING SOMEONE TO CHURCH WITH YOU.

The Reverend Lisa S. Mitchell, Rector
The Reverend Victoria Cuff, Deacon
The Reverend William Balmer, Deacon
Iris Chen, Organist/Choirmaster
Debbie Roese, Office Administrator
Jeff Veil, Interim Sexton

VESTRY 2023

Peggy James – Senior Warden, Stewardship
Connie Goddard – Junior Warden
Elaine Feyereisen

Dianne Regiec
Carl Alfano
Sheila Hatami-Watson
Sue Napoletano- Church School
Larry Nibbling – Finance
Robin Solbach
Martie Viets – Parish Life
Treasurer – Stephen Craven
Asst. Treasurer--Lynn Marengo, Larry Nibbling
Vestry Clerk – Nancy Stewart