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FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Donald Lowery



The Bishop-Elect The Reverend Samuel Rodman

On Saturday, March 4, 2017, [the Rev. Samuel Rodman](#) was elected XII Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of North Carolina.

He was elected on the third ballot by the delegates gathered for a Special Electing Convention in Phillips Chapel at Canterbury School in Greensboro, North Carolina.

"I am deeply honored and grateful and, with God's help, I accept this call to be your next Bishop Diocesan," said Rodman. "The prospect of following and building upon the leadership and legacy of Bishop Michael Curry is both humbling and inspiring. I trust that the Holy Spirit, moving through the Diocese of North

Carolina, will continue to light the way and guide our path together."

Rodman currently serves as the Special Projects Officer for the Diocese of Massachusetts, a role he took on after spending five years as the diocesan project manager for campaign initiatives, where

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UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

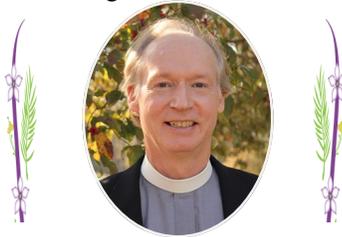
April 9 - Palm Sunday
 April 13 - Maundy Thursday
 April 14 - Good Friday
 April 16 - Easter Sunday
 (Service details on page 2.)

COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 10 - April 14
 Shiloh Baptist Church
 (Noon services followed by lunch)



he engaged congregations, clergy and laity, in collaborative local and global mission through the Together Now campaign, helping to raise \$20 million to fund these initiatives. Prior to that, Rodman spent 16 years as the rector of St. Michael's in Milton, Massachusetts, during which the parish established a seven-year plan that included a capital campaign for a major renovation of the church building.



At a personal level, I can tell you that Bishop Elect Rodman is an old friend of mine. He and I were in seminary together, graduating in the Class of 1987 from Virginia Theological Seminary. He was someone I treasured as a friend and respected as a classmate. As we came to the election it was my belief that personal feelings needed to be supplemented with much prayer and careful listening. One of the things that impressed me with Sam is that when he responded to questions at the Walk About I attended he almost always had a personal example, from his experience as a priest, when he had dealt with a similar issue or need. Even more, he is a "we" kind of person. He was not putting himself forward as the "end all and be all," but rather, he told how he gathered other people with many skills and talents to accomplish a task. I was impressed with a long record of collaborative ministry. No Deacon, Priest or Bishop does the work we have been given to do alone. Healthy ministry is always collaborative.

I will also tell you that I did not come to a final conclusion about the person for whom I would vote until the evening before convention because all the candidates were qualified. As I prayed on the evening before I had a strong sense that the things I admired most about Sam pointed to him as the candidate I would support.

The Rev. Samuel Rodman will be consecrated as bishop on July 15, 2017 at the Duke Chapel. Bishop Curry, our former diocesan and now Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church will be the chief consecrator. More details will follow as we draw nearer that date. †

PARISH NEWS...



The Rev. Donald Lowery

The First Wednesday of April will be our Healing Service followed by our final Lenten Program. The next Wednesday, in Holy Week, will be communion and communion will be celebrated on the subsequent Wednesdays as is our custom. †



The Rev. Donald Lowery

April we may not meet for two Sundays running. April 16th is Easter. We will probably not meet that day. However, as you know, I often call that one by ear. If I am not too wiped out by a day full of services, we may meet after all. I will let the youth know. We will not meet on April 23rd because I am attending the Celebration for the Bicentennial of the Founding of the Diocese of North Carolina in New Bern, North Carolina. †



Betsy Seifert, President

Nine ladies of the ECW met on March 28th the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Ladies' parlor at 10:00 a.m.

The following items were discussed:

Everyone was in agreement to reinstate the UTO in gatherings in the spring and fall. This hasn't been done in several years. Mite boxes will be distributed soon for individual families.

Also, we'll try again to collect canned goods for ACTS on Sunday mornings. There will be a basket in the tower for this collection.

There was considerable discussion about taking inventory of the entire church for insurance purposes. Tracy Madigan will coordinate the process.

Any lady in the church is welcome to come to our meetings. Please join us!! †



The Rev. Donald Lowery

Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday**. Weather permitting, our service begins in the Memorial Garden behind the church with the blessing of Palms and the solemn procession to the church. If the weather is inclement, we will begin in the parish hall.

The **Community Services** for Holy Week will be at Shiloh Baptist Church at noon with lunch provided each day. Because Holy Innocents' hosted the services last year, we do provide a meal or a preacher. That is all the more reason to attend these wonderful services in which members of many congregations from various denominations gather to celebrate our unity in Jesus Christ.



Maundy Thursday Service will be at 7:00 pm with the Solemn Stripping of the Altar.



Good Friday there will be Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm. The Proper Liturgy for Good Friday will be offered at 7:00 pm with communion from sacrament consecrated and reserved at the Maundy Thursday Service.



Easter will be gloriously busy. Our first of three services is the Great Vigil of Easter done as a Sunrise Service at **6:00 a.m.** at old St. John's Williamsborough.

Our next service will be **8:00 a.m.** in the parish church in Henderson.

The **10:30 a.m.** service will include the chanting or singing of some parts.

The **12:30 p.m.** service will be in Spanish as usual.



The church office will be closed Easter Monday. †



Expanding our Musical offerings Middle School Youth Group



The Rev. Donald Lowery

The Episcopal Church publishes several hymnals that serve to supplement our main hymnal, **The Hymnal 1982**. One of those is **Lift Every Voice and Sing**. With a rich offering of African-American Spirituals it also includes hymnody that is part of the common heritage of the Evangelical Christianity of the American South regardless of race or ethnic origin. A number of parishioners have encountered this hymnal on visits of other Episcopal Churches and expressed an interest in using at Holy Innocents'. The vestry made the decision to add this supplement to our worship life. The books will be appearing in our pews very soon. If you grew up Baptist or Methodist using the **Cokesbury Hymnal** or Pentecostal you will know many of these hymns. If you have visited in evangelical churches with a tradition of southern Gospel Music you will recognize many of them. This book will not replace the **Hymnal 1982**. As a supplement it will enrich our music. As an example, have you ever wished to sing "The Old Rugged Cross" only to be surprised it was not in the Episcopal Hymnal? It is in **Lift Every Voice and Sing** along with many other fine hymns in the traditions of American and African American gospel music. †

Bishop's Visitation



The Rev. Donald Lowery

We finally have a date for the Bishop's Visitation. Bishop Hodges-Copple will be visiting us on Sunday, September 10, 2017.

If you have a child who needs to be confirmed, or if you are an adult who needs to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church please let the church office know as soon as possible. It may seem a long time away, but with summer upon us, we need to begin confirmation classes soon. †



The Rev. Donald Lowery

I will be attending the celebration of the Bicentennial of the Founding of the Diocese of North Carolina the weekend of April 21 – 13, 2017. More event details are included on page 4. †



Catherine Olmert

Junior Youth Group (which stills needs to create a new name) is off to a great start!

"40 Days/40 Items" is underway.

For each day of Lent (beginning March 1st), remove one item from your house and put it into a trash bag. These items could include things you no longer wear or they could also be items that you love, that would be a sacrifice to give up. As you place the item in the bag each day take time to:

—Thank Christ for all He gave up for you .

—Pray for the person who might be blessed by your generosity.

At the end of the forty days, bring your bag to Holy Innocents and the youth group will sort the items to donate and deliver the appropriate donation sites. It's not too late to join in!

The kids are planning service projects to tackle over the next year. They are also planning fun activities and excursions for this great new group!

We have also been studying the Book of Common Prayer and what it means to us as Episcopalians and how we can use it as an everyday tool for prayer.

Please come and join us!

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April 2017 Schedule of Events

Choir Weekly Practice Schedule

Hand Bell Choir — Wed, at 6:00 PM
Parish Choir — Sun. at 9:30 AM

Sunday – April 2

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I
8:30 AM, ECY Youth Group
(Great Hall)
10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I
12:30 PM, La Misa Servicio

Wednesday – April 5

5:30 PM, Healing Service
Holy Communion
Final Lenten Program

Sunday – April 9 (Palm Sunday)

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I
10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist—Rite I
12:30 PM, Misa por Pascua

Wednesday – April 12

3:00 PM, Nursing Home Ministry
5:30 PM, Holy Communion

Thursday - April 13 (Maundy Thurs)

7:00 PM, Holy Communion with
solemn stripping of the Altar

Friday - April 14 (Good Friday)

3:00 PM, Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM, Liturgy w/ Communion

Sunday – April 16 (Easter)

6:00 AM, Sunrise Service - St. John's
8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I
10:30 AM, Sung Holy Eucharist
12:30 PM, Misa por Pascua

Wednesday – April 19

5:30 PM, Holy Communion

Sunday – April 23

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I
10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite II
12:30 PM, La Misa Servicio

Tuesday – April 25

10:00 AM, ECW (Ladies Parlor)
Tabitha Guild

Wednesday – April 26

3:00 PM, Nursing Home Ministry
5:30 PM, Holy Communion

Sunday – April 30

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I
10:30 AM, Morning Prayer
12:30 PM, La Misa Servicio

All services are conducted in the Church, unless otherwise noted.

Altar Guild News

Shirley Young, Chairman

Altar Guild members will meet on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00 a.m. to make palm crosses for Palm Sunday.



The sanctuary will be decorated for Easter on Saturday, April 15th at 10:00 a.m.



We welcome all Altar Guild Committee members to help. †

Scholarships **REMINDER**
Marsha Nelson, Chairman
Wolfe Committee

Wolfe Scholarship applications for 2017/18 are available from the church office or you can download the application from our church website at: www.churchoftheholynnocents.org (Click on the Program tab for Scholarship link.)

Completed applications are due back to the church office or via return email by the **May 1 deadline**. The Scholarship Committee will meet in May to select recipients for next year. †

Note from the Editor...
Marsha Nelson

May
Newsletter Deadline
April 24th

Please submit any newsletter items either to the church office or e-mail them to MJNELSON@nc.rr.com

Printed copies of the newsletter are located in the Bell Tower and are available to view and print from the church website. www.churchoftheholynnocents.org
Thanks for your support!



Amazon Charitable Donations

Hunter Roberson

Amazon Smile is a branch of the regular Amazon.com site, except all of the purchases that are made through smile.amazon.com will automatically donate 1/2% of the purchase (most everything is eligible) to a charity of your choosing. We are asking parishioners to consider making Holy Innocents that charity. Below is a link that will take you to the Amazon Smile site, and it should ask you to confirm that you wish to support Holy Innocents as your Smile charity. It's an easy way to add to your contribution without additional expense. †

Direct charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-0554227>



For questions or help, visit <http://smile.amazon.com/about> or email Hunter Roberson at: hroberson@robcomfg.com

DIOCESE NEWS...

The Bicentennial of the Diocese of North Carolina



The main bicentennial celebration will take place in New Bern April 21-23. Festivities are planned throughout the weekend, including a history program, guided walking tour, special tour of Tryon Palace, reception and Festival Eucharist at Christ Church, at which the Most Rev. Michael Curry will return to North Carolina to preach.

New Bern is our gathering place because we all owe our origins to a group of three clergymen and six laymen, representing four churches, who met at Christ Church on April 24, 1817, to organize a new diocese comprising the entire state. This small group held a service, adopted a constitution, elected delegates to General Convention, and invited the Bishop of Virginia to provide temporary Episcopal oversight.

As time went on, more and more churches opened across the state and more Episcopal oversight was needed. The challenges of travel and time led in 1883 to the creation of the new Diocese of East Carolina with its own bishop. Continued church growth brought another division in 1895, first as the Missionary District of Asheville, then as the Diocese of Western North Carolina in 1922.

To honor this small but significant beginning in a special way, we welcome the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church and 11th Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, as our preacher for the Bicentennial Festival Eucharist on Saturday, April 22. While the Festival Eucharist and reception are ticketed events, the rest of the weekend is open to the general public. Ticket information will be available soon. Click on this link for agenda of event details: http://www.episdionc.com/digital_faith/events/3166115. The following is a list of selected New Bern hotels near Christ Church: [Doubletree by Hilton Riverfront](#) | 252-638-3585; [Courtyard by Marriott](#) | 252-636-0022; [Bridgepoint Hotel & Marina](#) | 252-636-3637; [Aerie Bed & Breakfast](#) | 800-849-5553.





The Deacon's Bench

by the Rev. Harrel Johnson

Just a few things to think about during this season of Lent.

The Israelites are weary and thirsty in the wilderness, and in their desperation, they demand divine providence in the form of water. Moses is, perhaps, a bit frustrated by their rancorousness, but God rushes forth to nourish the people with a stream from the rock at Horeb. What do we make of these cranky Israelites and their successful demand? Should they have kept their heads down and trusted their leaders, or were they right to cry out for God's quenching mercy?

Our faith has a long tradition of humans quarreling with God: Jacob wrestled with an angel of the Lord; the Syrophenician woman challenged Jesus to honor her plea for healing. Ours is a God of great mystery, but also one of relationality. "I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb," God promises, and so it was. Where else might streams of mercy flow forth, if we but have the audacity to demand it?

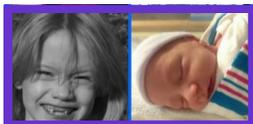
- Recall a time when God responded to your petitions. Was the result what you anticipated?
- As people of God, how do we balance patient, trusting faith with the urgency of human need?

You never know who you might encounter while going about your daily business. When the woman at the well encountered a man asking for a drink, she could have ignored him, or even complied silently, but something compelled her to engage. In doing so, she took part in a conversation that would alter her life and the lives of those in her community. How many times do we unwittingly pass by the face of God in the street because we are preoccupied with our own trivial concerns? What might we learn if we would be so bold as to ask "where do you get that living water?"

Again, we are drawn back to the Israelites in the wilderness. They asked for water, too, and were sated, at least for the needs of the moment. In Christ, we are asking for something far more enduring—a new fount, that of life itself, which will never run dry. But ask we must.

- What thirst would you ask God to quench right now?
- Where might you find Christ in the ordinary routines of your life?

Amen.



The Brinkley Report



If you are a regular attendant at the 8:00 a.m. service, you will notice that there is a pew near the back of the Church that is empty and a familiar name on the prayer list. I asked Scott for permission to share this with you all. Scott suffers from a genetic neuro/vascular condition that causes the accumulation of fluid in his cranium. He has known this for a long time and as a matter of fact his brother has also suffered from this same problem and has had a surgical procedure to correct it. Scott has now been advised that it is necessary for him to have the same procedure. Pray for Scott and his family and remember that because Scott will not be able to work during this time and the time that might be necessary for him to recover from the surgery, that contributions to the Brinkley Fund will be greatly appreciated. †



Birthdays

Griselle Woodard	4/02
Edward Stevenson.....	4/04
Macon Pearsall	4/04
Catherine Watkins.....	4/05
Jean Palamar.....	4/06
Henry Strause	4/08
Meredith Ellis	4/08
Graham Shearin.....	4/12
Yolanda Yoder	4/12
Mariana Davis	4/14
John Zollicoffer	4/15
D. Boyd Kimball.....	4/19
Fagan Goodwin.....	4/20
Al Catlett	4/27
Thornton Gholson	4/27
Butch Gray.....	4/28
Bob Herford.....	4/30

Anniversaries

Katherine and Bob Kittrell.....	4/16
Fagan and James Goodwin.....	4/19

Remember In Your Prayers

Pray for Healing and Comfort:

Cynthia Shaw, Trayce Wheless, Barbara Collins, Staci Barnett, Barbara Madigan, Melody Shearin, Carolyn Lowery, Mary Shearin, Meghan Bunn, Vivie Drake, Francis Saunders, Lisa Adcock, C.G. Williams, Bettie Cooper, Griselle Woodward, Graham Shearin, Tommy Greenway, Veneal Williams, Janet White, Johnny Foster, Nancy Rogers, David Adcock, Bill Mast, Pamela Ainstead, William Stancil, Thomas Stancil, Leigh Anne Bliss, Grace Walker Sanders, Sheila Roberts, Amelia Sholar and Berkeley Ellis.



Special Dates

- Palm Sunday
April 9, 2017
- Maundy Thursday
April 13, 2017
- Good Friday
April 14, 2017
- Easter Sunday
April 16, 2017



Altar Flowers

- Margaret Williamson 4/02
- Jean & Rick Palamar 4/09
- Katherine & Bob Kittrell 4/16
- Griselle Woodward 4/23
- Annette Roberson 4/30

APRIL UNIFIED SERVING SCHEDULE

~ COFFEE WILL BE SERVED IN THE GREAT HALL AFTER THE 10:30 AM SERVICE ~

APR	BEARERS	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	LAYREADER/ CHALICE BEARER	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	VESTRY GREETER
2		Brennan Olmert Tucker Olmert	AJ Holloway	8:00 am - Rick Palamar 10:30 am - Ruth Hartness	Frank Madigan Richard Young Rick Palamar	Mariana Davis	Tracy Madigan
9	PALM SUNDAY	Kaitlyn Paynter Jack Paynter	Genie Parish	8:00 am - Bob Nelson 10:30 am - Richard Davis	Frank Madigan Richard Young Rick Palamar	Anora Rainey	Catherine Olmert
13		Beau Burnette Chap Burnette	Mary Beth Parish	7:00 pm - Lucy Gray		Anora Rainey	
14			Lehman Ford	3:00pm - Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm - Liturgy of Good Fri.		Anora Rainey	
16	Sarah Rose Parish (Book) Mary Beth Parish (ShepardCross) Lehman Ford (Banner)	Kaitlyn Paynter Jack Paynter Beau Burnette Chap Burnette	AJ Holloway (6:00 am) Genie Parish (10:30 am)	EASTER SUNDAY 6:00 am - TBD 8:00 am - Lucy Gray 10:30 am - Nick Long	Frank Madigan Richard Young Rick Palamar	Anora Rainey	Sarah Paynter
23		Brennan Olmert Tucker Olmert	Lehman Ford	8:00 am - Hut Wester 10:30 am - Tom Church	Frank Madigan Richard Young Rick Palamar	Shirley Young	Hunter Roberson
30	MORNING PRAYER		Sarah Rose Parish	8:00 am - Rix Edwards 10:30 am - Nancy Whitt	Frank Madigan Richard Young Rick Palamar	Shirley Young	Margaret Williamson

NOTE: IF YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO LAYREAD AND HAVE A CONFLICT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT AND NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE.



Musical Events

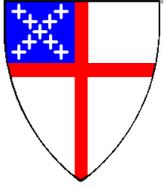
Evening in Europe
Angela Massey, Flute
Suzanne Polak, Piano

Holy Innocents
Adult Choir
Handbell Choir



Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper





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**All are welcome to join us as
we joyfully greet each person present at our worship.
May our love and respect for one another be
steady and true as we strive to follow Christ our Lord.**

