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The Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Tuesday: 7:00 AM

The Staff

Reverend Marion Phipps, Rector

Dan Dolney, Senior Warden

Craig Skeppstom, Junior Warden

Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant

Ed Jamrog, Treasurer

Sue Diebold-Martin, Vestry Clerk

**April Birthdays
Happy Birthday!!**

Judy Mavros	4 - 1
Beth Varchmin	4 - 1
Dawn Lureau	4 - 2
George Kennedy	4 - 5
Ben Woertendyke	4 - 10
Connie Scheffel	4 - 14
Ryan Warner	4 - 15
Melinda Herrmann	4 - 16
Doug Tobin	4 - 16
Jane Watson	4 - 20
Jean Horlock	4 - 22

***April Anniversaries
Happy Anniversary!!!***

<i>Richard A. & Jeanne Rayner</i>	4 - 8
<i>Rudolph & Kim Gebala</i>	4 - 13
<i>Nick & Judy Mavros</i>	4 - 14
<i>John & Roberta Adams</i>	4 - 15

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March 2015- Part 2 & April 2015

The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church

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Dear Parish Family,

Thanks to all who have been participating in our Lenten Programs this season. My Lenten season has been enriched by sharing with each one of you and engaging in a variety of spiritual practices. The Living Compass materials both in the Lenten Devotional and the short course: *Enhancing Your Well-Being With Spiritual Practices* have been providing much food for thought and rich conversations when the groups have gathered. Special thanks to Caroline Onischak, one of our trained Living Compass Wellness Advocates, for leading the Noon *Spiritual Practices* group. It has been a joy planning with her and working with each group! Whether you have taken part in any of the groups at church or not, I hope and pray that you have found ways to draw nearer to God this Lent that have been meaningful for you.

As we draw near to the end of Lent, I hope you plan on joining us in commemorating the events of Jesus' Passion between now and Easter. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, March 29th, as we carry palms in memory of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The stories of the Bible come alive in meaningful ways as we journey through the events of Jesus' Passion during this most significant week of the church year! I hope that you will choose to attend the Agape Meal on Thursday along with the Maundy Thursday liturgy and one of the Good Friday liturgies as well. The cries of "Alleluia, the Lord is risen!" ring sweeter when we have walked the road to Good Friday with Jesus.

Special thanks to Dan and Amy Dolney who will be setting up a special experiential Stations of the cross in our Children's Chapel on the lower level. It is a meaningful way to ponder the way of the cross that Jesus walked on His way to Calvary. On Good Friday, we are once again offering a "kid friendly" Stations of the Cross at 4:00PM to be followed by "pizza with the priest." This is one of my favorite parts of Holy Week as we ponder Jesus' life and the sacrifices He made for us. It is great to see how much the children know about the life and times of Jesus and it gives them the opportunity to ask questions and deepen their understanding of the events we commemorate during this special time of the church year. Please sign up at church or let the office know if your kids are coming so we can order enough pizza.

Thanks to Karen Warner for all her hard work to keep us on track with sign ups and bulletins for all the services of Holy Week and Easter. Thanks as well to Margaret Brady and our wonderful choir for their hard work to create beautiful music to enhance our worship. I am grateful to all our worship assistants and to all who gather to worship in this place. Whether you will be here with us, or traveling to visit family and friends, I pray you have a most blessed Holy Week and Easter. May you find time to pause and reflect on the glorious gift we've been given in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection! Jesus loved us enough not only to live among us, but also to die for us, and then rose victorious from the grave, conquering death that we might have eternal life! This is great news and we have cause to celebrate! When we come to the end of Holy Week, we can say along with the saints from ages past: "Alleluia, the Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!" May God's blessings be upon each of you!

In God's Love,
Marion+

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Agape Meal - 6:30PM

Maundy Thursday Liturgy 7:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

NOON AND 7:30PM

Stations of the Cross for Kids - 4PM (Pizza with the priest to follow)

Experiential Stations of the Cross will be open 5PM – 7PM and immediately following the 7:30PM SERVICE

EASTER DAY:

5AM GREAT EASTER VIGIL

8AM EASTER SERVICE

10:30AM EASTER SERVICE WITH MUSIC, FOLLOWED BY EASTER EGG HUNT

Senior Warden Report

Happy spring to all! Yes, the weather and sunshine vacillates from good to bad and back again, but we've been given a small taste of the good and that translates to hope.

The Vestry has begun to gather quotes from roofing companies for our new roof. One thing that was decided was to get two quotes from each company. One that includes JUST the Church and another that includes the Church AND the Rectory. As far as we can tell the Rectory roof is as old as the Church and it seems prudent to be as proactive on the Rectory as we have been on the Church. With the amazing generosity of the St Hugh family from the fundraising activities, both roofs should be within our grasp.

The month of April is quite full with Lenten and Easter activities and devotions. The weekly Lenten program, Stations of the Cross, Soup and Bread Meal all help to enhance your spiritual health. The Easter week will begin with Palm Sunday and continue on Maundy Thursday with the Agape Meal. Good Friday will be a busy day with Stations of the Cross along with a special Stations of the Cross program for the children that concludes with Pizza with the Priest. Amy and I will, once again, set up the Experiential Stations before the evening service. The week culminates on Easter Sunday with the 5am Easter Vigil, and 8am and 10:30am Easter Services.

Spring is a time that we all really look forward to. The warmer weather is our reward for enduring a harsh winter. The buds on the trees, the gradual greening of the grass, and the emergence of the flowers that have been lying dormant beneath the ground are the signs of hope that we look for each year. We look at these events as signs of hope, but aren't they really something more? They are the proof of God's majesty and grace. If you've ever wondered what God looks like, look all around you. He is there. We just need to recognize Him and the new graces we receive each day.

Enjoy these spring days and all the coming days. Each and every one is a blessing as each and every one of you. Thank you for all you do.

Dan Dolney

Senior Warden

The Altar Guild and all interested volunteers will be meeting, cleaning church and polishing silver on Saturday March 28th at 9:30AM - 11am.

They will set up for Easter on Saturday, April 4th starting at 9:30AM. Jeanne plans to see everyone there, unless she hears differently from you. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Rayner 847-695-1369 or richjeanne@sbcglobal.net.

Easter Day is also Prayer Partner and Food Pantry Sunday at St. Hugh!

We are collecting for Easter flowers. Please use the envelopes in the pews and place it in the offertory plate.

GREETER, USHER, AND NURSERY MINISTRIES

A short synopsis of these three ministries is provided here. If you are interested in serving with us, please contact Ele Proctor for further details at 847-669-9222. The scheduling of these ministries is provided on a quarterly basis.

Greeter--a welcoming greeting at the doors of St. Hugh on Sunday morning is a blessing for visitors as well as our parishioners. The greeter's duties are to arrive 20 minutes prior to the service, please wear your name pin, and greet people as they enter the front door, assisting newcomers as necessary.

Ushers--assist by handing out bulletins at the church doors, distribute and collect the offering plates, assist with pacing communion, and straighten the service books, bulletins, and discarded papers at the end of the service.

Nursery--assist Leslie during the service, playing or reading with the children. This ministry requires "Keeping God's Children Safe" training which our priest provides.

Palm Sunday



Sunday, March 29th is Palm Sunday. We will celebrate at our 8:00AM and 10:30AM services. For the 10:30 service goers, please plan to arrive a few minutes early, and meet in Wiedrich Hall.

Sign-up for a part in the reading of The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark on the table in Wiedrich Hall.

Good Friday for Kids Event

On Good Friday, I am offering a special Stations of the cross followed by cheese pizza for the children of the parish and their families. We will meet at 4:00PM and go through the stations and have some experiential things for the kids to take part in. They will be able to ask any questions they want and hopefully we can present the events of Holy Week in a way that is meaningful for them. We will follow with a pizza dinner together. Please sign up so we know how much pizza to plan for!

Our Good Friday worship services and Stations of the Cross will be held on April 3rd at Noon and 7:30PM.

Stations of the Cross will be available beginning at 5PM and again after the 7:30PM service.

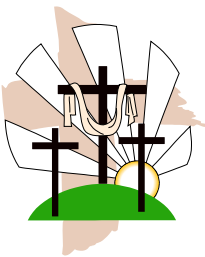
At the Noon Good Friday service we will be doing the Stations of the Cross using *The Way of the Cross*. Holy Communion will be available from the reserved sacrament, as we do not consecrate the elements on Good Friday in commemoration of Jesus' death and passion.

For the evening Good Friday service we will begin with seven experiential Stations of the Cross that will be scattered around the church, beginning in the basement and ending in the sanctuary. Following these stations we will continue with the Good Friday liturgy in the Book of Common Prayer. Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament will be available at this service also. The experiential Stations of the Cross will also be available after the service.

Easter Sunday, April 5th

At 5:00 AM, the Great Vigil of Easter dramatically moves us from the darkness of death to the light of the Resurrection. We gather in the field next to the parking lot, and then enter the darkened church with the first fire of Easter and proceed behind the Paschal candle to experience the gloriously arrayed altar.

5:00 AM	Great Vigil of Easter (Followed by Breakfast in Wiedrich Hall – sign up on bulletin board)
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
10:30AM	Holy Eucharist



Easter is the greatest day of the Christian year! Without Easter, we would have no Christianity: Jesus would be dead, buried, and forgotten and the last work in life would belong to death. With Easter, Christ is alive for evermore and death has lost its power to extinguish us and separate us from the love of God. This is the day when God raised Jesus from the dead and we celebrate it at each of the glorious liturgies.



Sign up for the Easter Egg hunt that follows the 10:30AM Easter Day service. Donations of filled plastic eggs (wrapped candy or coins) are requested. A basket will be provided in Wiedrich Hall to place the donated eggs in. Participants are to bring their own basket. Visiting grandchildren of the parish family are invited to attend as well. Thanks to Sue Campbell & Shalini Emmanuel for coordinating!



Thanks to our after Easter Day service reception hosts:

After the 8AM: Jose & Rita Padilla

After the 10:30AM: Deanna Engelke & Judy Mavros

We are reaching out to the community via postcards. We are sending postcards to new move-ins within a 3-mile radius of St. Hugh. It includes all of Elgin, some of Gilberts and Sleepy Hollow. About 400 postcards have been sent. They have been invited to our Holy Week and Easter Day services.

Relics Speaker -Eric Nelson April 8-Wednesday Noon

Please join us at **Relics to hear speaker Eric Nelson** on the tragic presentation of **Human Trafficking on April 8th at noon!** We will have a luncheon and the presentation on this topic to supplement the topic of human trafficking as presented by Marion Phipps in sermons and Lenten class presentations.

Eric Nelson is the Executive Director of Administer Justice a legal aid foundation striving to assist the poor with legal, financial, and education in our local area. The presentation is excellent and certainly horribly relevant in today's society. Although a difficult societal problem to comprehend, the need to be educated and then, able to improve through modification the problem, in both action and financial terms is a goal worthy of our Christian efforts!

Gospel Justice a free book written by Bruce Strom will be available for all who would like one. Administer Justice Pamphlets and information regarding this mission (celebrating its 15th year February) will be available.

Thank you for your interest and support.....

Relics

Save the date...

St. Hugh's Outreach Project

Monday, May 11th 6 - 7:30PM Schaumburg location

Feed My Starving Children

Sign up is available on the bulletin board in Wiedrich Hall

Must be 5 years of age and older

FYI - The Shrove Tuesday pancake supper raised \$250 for this organization via free will donations. The group will take a check in that amount with them when they go that night. To find out more about this organization go to www.fmssc.org

The offerings from Maundy Thursday Service will go towards:

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Dear Friends,

February 20, 2015

Flying to Morondava I saw firsthand the effect of the storms on churches, parishes and parishioners. I find it hard to describe my distraught feelings and impressions.

- The sewage flowed freely during the floods and now pooled by the remains of people's belongings and trash. I could smell it!
- Watermarks, up to 4 and 5 feet, were on the walls of homes and churches.
- Thousands of people slept with their valuables on the one elevated paved road.
- Many people, like Evangelist Berthine, were seriously injured when their homes collapsed. Her church, Ankiliabo, lost 3 walls and is barely standing.
- An elderly woman, desperate when her home was destroyed, did not have \$8 to pay for rent.
- In Analaiva, people's homes were totally destroyed; there was nothing left.
- In Tsimahavoakely an old pair of boots allowed me to walk through the water, mud, etc to visit the church and rectory whose foundations were seriously weakened by the cyclone.
- Half the church in Antanadava Benjamin is collapsing.
- Throughout the area crops have been destroyed

A few months ago Rev. Lova and his wife hosted Patsy and me in their home made comfortable with hard-earned furnishings. Now it stands partially empty; possessions ruined, with a stench of mildew and water damage.

I felt overwhelmed and saddened for the people but also surprised with their perseverance and ability to rejoice in all circumstances. This is a gift God has given to the Malagasy, to accept the bad with the good. My presence also showed them they are not alone, that others care deeply. Next week the Diocese will distribute rice to over 2,000 Anglicans in the 14 affected churches.

Thank you for your CONCERN, PRAYERS and FINANCIAL SUPPORT for the people of Madagascar and the Diocese of Toliara. We cannot do this alone. We STILL NEED TO RAISE \$46,000 to cover the damages to the communities and the churches. As PEOPLE REACHING PEOPLE with us on the ground and in the trenches, you make a difference in many people's lives. May God bless you.

Serving Him Together,
Bishop Todd

The Good Friday offerings will go towards:

My brothers and sisters in Christ:

The Episcopal Church has been in partnership with the Diocese of Jerusalem for a very long time. Since 1922, we have taken an offering in our churches on Good Friday to support the work of the gospel in the Land of the Holy One. That Land is still the place of deep division and conflict, more than 2000 years after the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. He and his earthly family suffered under threat of oppressive regimes, fled as refugees to another land, labored to supply their bodily needs in the face of dire economic realities, and he himself was executed as an enemy of the state. All of those realities are present today in the Anglican/Episcopal Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

The offering we collect on Good Friday carries on the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth, through support for the many ministries of healing, feeding, and teaching among the dioceses of the Province. Refugees are cared for, the sick and injured are healed, the dead are buried, children educated, women empowered by these ministries – and all are welcomed with open arms, like Abraham and Sarah's guests. Jesus cared for all in need, without regard for nationality or creed, and these ministries do the same. It is the work of shalom and salaam, building peace in the hearts of suffering individuals and communities.

I urge you to learn more, to pray for the people of the Land of the Holy One, and to give generously this year. I would encourage us all to use the fast of Lent to focus on the hunger (both spiritual and physical) of these peoples, and contribute out of our abundance and our poverty.

May our offering this year strengthen the bonds among all God's people, and bless each one with concrete and eternal signs of more abundant life.

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

Christmas in April?

Please start saving personal sized toiletries for St. Hugh's Christmas 2015's "giving tree". The products were well received by the Elgin Community Crisis Center. They go through much of that type of merchandise throughout the year. Also, the tree in the narthex will be decorated with ornaments that describe your family, individuals in your family or you!

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR
THE SOUP KITCHEN AT
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
ON THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD
5 7PM.