



Along The Way

The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham April 16, 2024

Reflections

*From the
Pastor*



Good Shepherd Friends,

Our journey through Lent is coming to a close. What has been your focus during the Season of Lent? Has it been to be more prayerful, more God centered, more Jesus centered? Has it been to re-prioritize your life according to the Way of Love that Jesus has shown us? I hope you have had some success in whatever you have focused on for Lent.

Now we focus on the three holiest days in this week that we call Holy Week; Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Let us all focus on the love that these three days represent for us. Each Holy Week Service is a gift, an opportunity to draw closer to God and Jesus. Come to the Services and receive God's healing power. Come and find comfort and know of God's tremendous love. Come and be with your Good Shepherd community as together we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus' life and love. All invited and encouraged to come. Please accept the invitation.

May God Bless you in this Holy Week,

Pastor Dan

Maundy Thursday (4/17): 7pm Eucharistic Service of The Last Supper

Good Friday (4/18): 7pm Passion Service with Communion

Easter Sunday (4/20):

8am & 10am Easter Services (There will be music at both Services)

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE APRIL 20, 2025	
8 AM	10 AM
<u>READERS:</u> JOELLA CRUZ <u>HOSPITALITY MINISTER:</u> KAREN CLARK <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> NATACIA ALFONSO	<u>READERS:</u> JUDY GOVONI JAN BARTON <u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:</u> CHUCK & DONNA TOLLEY <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> JUDY ELLIS <u>NURSERY MINISTERS:</u> NO NURSERY <u>COFFEE HOUR HOST(S)</u> EASTER CELEBRATION

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A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. Our *Maundy Thursday* (April 17) and *Good Friday* (April 18) Services will be held at 7pm and will also be held on Facebook Live. Look below for more information.
2. Both the *8am and 10am Easter Sunday Services* will have music and following the 10am Service there will be an Easter egg hunt for the children.
3. If you have parish information to pass on to the Good Shepherd community in our weekly newsletter ("Along the Way"), please submit the information to our office manager Cathi Maurice or to Pastor Dan.

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Reduce and Reuse Tips for April, "Earth Month"
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4 Simple Ways to Reduce & Reuse:

1. **BORROW**, don't buy
2. 3 Rs: **REUSE, REFILL and REPAIR**
3. **SWAP** 'til you drop!
4. **SHARE!** Because when you share, you have twice as much!

Good news on the reducing single use plastics in our lives: **Poland Spring** now comes in aluminum bottles! <https://www.polandspring.com/products/spring-water/new-25-oz-aluminum-bottled-water>

Date Change for Good & Green Sunday:

Since Easter is this Sunday, the third Sunday of the month, the Good and Green Team activities will happen on **Sunday, April 27**. In addition to our usual collections of cans and bottles and sneakers, we will be collecting our community **2025 Pledge Forms** and signing our **Pledge Poster** at both services. If you are interested in joining together with other parishioners on community efforts, please fill out the Community Pledge Form and put in the box at the back of the church. Whether you fill out a form or not, please join us in signing our pledge poster. If you do not have any cans or bottles or sneakers to donate but want to support our work, you can use the **Good Shepherd PayPal** site on our home page and put **Good & Green** in the memo section or you can just put money in our jar at the church **on Good & Green Sunday**.

Good & Green Team at the Gleason Family Y on Earth Day April 22, 10-12N

We will have a table at the community Earth Day Fair there and afterwards we will join together to collect trash around the Y, proudly wearing our team vests. Join us if you like! **Just let Deacon Hilary know you're coming.**

Current Happenings

WEEKLY UPDATE

Holy Week Services

You are invited to come and journey with Jesus during Holy Week this year. Come just as you are and allow God to give you the new life God has in store for you. Come, be fed by Jesus at the table of the last supper and satisfy the hunger of your spirit. Come, experience the power of God's love and renew your commitment to follow Jesus. Come and renew your life, your faith, and your spirit.

Maundy Thursday (4/17): 7pm Eucharistic Service

Good Friday (4/18): 7pm Passion Service with Communion

Easter Sunday (4/20): 8am & 10am Easter Services (music at both Services)

Invite Someone to Church for Easter

Please consider inviting, and even bringing, someone to church for one of our Easter Services. There are many family members, friends, and neighbors who will not be worshiping in a church on Easter. For some, their absence from church is not by decision, but because they have no church to go to, and they will not be asked to participate in an Easter Service. Please reach out to the people you know and invite them to participate in one

of our Easter Services, even offer to pick them up or meet them at the door of the church. Let's make sure no one who wants to come to church to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus is home alone on Easter Sunday!

Easter Offering

Please consider giving an Easter financial gift to The Church of the Good Shepherd by way of an extra financial contribution. It is a way for us to give thanks for the gift of Good Shepherd and all its ministries. You can do this by placing a contribution in your Easter envelope (or another envelope marked "Easter Offering") and placing it in the church offertory box on Easter Sunday or the Sunday before or after Easter, or by mailing it to the parish office. Thank you!

Maundy Thursday 7pm Service

On Maundy Thursday we remember and celebrate Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples, which has become our Sunday Eucharist. At this sacred meal, Jesus instructed his disciples to remember how God has brought salvation to the lives of God's people through Jesus' life and ministry. It was at the last Supper (in John's Gospel) that Jesus commands his disciples (and us) to love one another as he has loved us. The focus of this Service on the gift of the eucharist in our lives, and that we are called to remember Jesus as witnesses of God's love, mercy, and compassion. *This Service will also be on Facebook Live.*

Good Friday 7pm Services

On Good Friday we call to mind Jesus' love for us, and his willingness to die in obedience to that love. At 7pm a there will be a Good Friday Passion Service, at which we will read the passion account from Mark's Gospel (read in parts). This Service will include communion. We are reminded of our call to follow Jesus in humble service and ministry, that the Cross is a symbol of the ultimate love of our God, and of our call to continue Jesus' mission of love. The focus of these Good Friday Services is on the sacrificial love of Jesus, for which we give thanks. *This Service will also be on Facebook Live.*

Good Friday Offering

At the Good Friday Services, there will be collection baskets at the entrances of the church in support of the ministries of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. This is especially important at this time because the Episcopal churches in the Middle East also serve those who are suffering the effects of war and violence. Please consider supporting these ministries. If you wish to support these ministries by check, please make out the check to "Church of the Good Shepherd" with a notation that it is for the Good Friday Offering. One check will then be sent in the name of the parish. Thank you!

Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter egg hunt following the 10am Service on Easter Sunday, April 20, on the Church's front lawn. Children should bring their own basket or pail for collecting eggs. We will begin with a hunt for children ages 1-5 and follow with a hunt for the older children. If the weather does not permit us to be outside, fear not, we will have an Easter egg hunt inside.

Good & Green Team Plastic Easter Eggs Collection

As a part of our Good & Green Team's ***Reduce, Reuse and Recycle*** initiatives, we will be collecting empty plastic Easter eggs (when the children are done enjoying them) so we can reuse them and re-fill them next year. We will have a collection bin in the back of the church from April 27 through May 11. Thank you for caring for God's creation.

Pastor Dan Will Be Away

I will be on vacation from April 24-May 2. The Reverend Sue Lederhouse will be presiding at the Sunday Services on April 27. I will be back in my office on May 3. If you have a pastoral issue which cannot wait until my return, please contact Deacon Hilary. If you have some church-related business which cannot wait until my return, please contact our Senior Warden Joella Cruz. Their contact information can be found in the church picture directory. ***Pastor Dan***

Good & Green Parish Pledge form

Please pick up and fill out the Good & Green Parish Pledge form and if you are interested in joining in some community activities over the next year, please fill out the back page and return to Deacon Hilary by putting in the Good & Green Pledge box in the back of the church or in her mailbox in the church office. Thank you for caring for God's beautiful creation! *Deacon Hilary*

"Wareham Walks for the Homeless" Fundraiser

Please save the date of Sunday, May 18. On Sunday, May 18, the Wareham Area Clergy Association is sponsoring its 3rd annual 5-mile walk in support of Turning Point (<https://turningpointwareham.org>) and its work to assist the homeless and near homeless of our area. The walk is called "Wareham Walks for the Homeless," and begins at 1:00pm. The 5-mile Walk will start and end at Good Shepherd. Please consider supporting this fundraiser by becoming a walker or by donating to those who will be walking. Walker sponsor forms are available in the church and on our Good Shepherd website (www.goodshepherdwareham.org). For more information, you can reach out to Deacon Hilary, Pastor Dan, or Scooter Holcombe.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

We would like to invite every household to host coffee hour, which follows our 10am Sunday Service. You can host by yourselves or join with another household. Coffee hour hosts are asked to bring a quart size carton of half-n-half, a half-gallon carton of juice, and some snacks to feed 6-8 children and about 30 adults (for example: cake, pastry, cookies, brownies, cheese and crackers, fruit, cut up veggies, etc.). Hosts arrive at the church by 9:15 to set up for coffee hour. Judy Govoni will be there to assist you. Hosts are also asked to clean up after coffee hour. The idea is that each household would host coffee hour about every three or four months. The sign-up list can be found on the food table during coffee hour.

Mid-Week Eucharist

On Wednesdays at Noon, there is a celebration of the Eucharist in the church, which is open to all. This is an opportunity to gather for prayer and reflection; and be reminded of God's presence between Sundays. For those on your lunch break, the celebration of the mid-week Eucharist is approximately 20 minutes. ***There will be no Mid-week Service on April 16 & 30.***

Please Stay Home When You're Not Feeling Well

This is a reminder that if you have covid or another contagious illness, please do not come to the church. Basically, if you are not feeling well, please stay home. It is important that you stay home and rest, and it is important that we be vigilant in order not to spread viruses with one another. Remember, the 10am Sunday Service is offered on Facebook Live every Sunday, and the link to the recorded Service is sent to those on our church email list following the live Service. Stay home, rest, and participate online.

Sunday School

Sunday School is held during the first half of our 10am Sunday Service on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. The Sunday School is located in the church meeting room, in the office area. All Sunday School volunteers have undergone CORI background checks and received training, including the Safe Church training required by the Episcopal Church for all those who work with children. Please contact Pastor Dan for more information. The registration form can be downloaded from our Good Shepherd website (www.goodshepherdwareham.org). ***There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday (April 20).***

The Good Shepherd Sunday Nursery

The Good Shepherd Sunday Nursery (for children through kindergarten age) is open during our 10am Sunday Services. Children are most welcome in the church, but the nursery will be available for them as well. Children can arrive at the nursery beginning at 9:50am and the nursery will close 10 minutes after the conclusion of the 10am Service. The Sunday Nursery is located on the third floor of the church, which can be accessed at the top of the church office stairwell in the back of the church building, through the door (marked Sunday Nursery). All nursery volunteers have undergone CORI background checks and received training, including the Safe Church training required by the Episcopal Church for all those who work with children. If you have questions

about the nursery or would like to volunteer, please contact the church office (508-295-2840). The registration form can be downloaded from our Good Shepherd website (www.goodshepherdwareham.org). ***The Sunday Nursery will not be open on April 20, due to the Easter Sunday Service that day.***

Prayer Request Book

In the back of the church on Sunday mornings, there is a Prayer Request Book. As you come into the church each Sunday, you are welcome to record in the Prayer Request Book the names of those who need prayers. During the prayers of the people, we pray for “all those whose names have been recorded in the Prayer Request Book.”

Sunday Coffee Hour

Every Sunday, following the 10am Sunday Service, coffee hour is held in the Church Hall. Coffee hour is an opportunity for us to further get to know one another and share our lives with one another. The wearing of a facemask is welcome, for those who choose to wear one. Like all other indoor church functions, if you are not feeling well, please do not participate at coffee hour.

Good Shepherd Table

Good Shepherd's Table serves a free in-person meal, which is open to the public, every Thursday at 4:30pm. Take-out meals are available from 4:30-4:45pm for those who choose not to eat indoors with others. Like all other indoor church functions, if you are not feeling well, please do not participate in the Good Shepherd Table indoor dining.

Pastoral Care

If you would like yourself or someone else placed on the Good Shepherd prayer list, please contact me (Pastor Dan). The Good Shepherd prayer group prays daily for those on the prayer list. If you need or would like a pastoral visit from the priest, please let me know. My contact information can be found below and is also on the back of the weekly Sunday Service Booklet. The only way I know that you need a pastoral visit is if you let me know. You might want to keep my contact information (cell # 603-953-3659 for emergencies) somewhere handy, so you know where to find it if the need arises. Pastor Dan

Contacting Pastor Dan

You can contact me by email (pastor.dan.bernier@gmail.com), by calling the church number (508-295-2840) and leaving a message, or if it is an urgent matter by calling me through my cell phone (603-953-3659). Pastor Dan

WCTV Sunday Service Coverage

WCTV, the Wareham local access channel, will now be broadcasting recordings of our Sunday Services. The recorded Services will air a week later. WCTV can be found on Comcast channel 9 and Verizon channel 30. This is a good way to share Jesus' message of love and compassion with our Wareham community, and also let people know about our Good Shepherd community.

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