



Along The Way

**The Weekly Newsletter of
The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham
May 13, 2026**



Good Shepherd Friends,

Through the Gospel stories about Jesus, we learn that Jesus had an intimate relationship with God. He regularly took time to pray. No matter how busy his ministry, Jesus would pull away, be quiet, and be in communion with "the Father." For Jesus, God was not a distant God, but an intimate God. And Jesus taught his disciples how to be in an intimate relationship with God.

How is your relationship with God? Do you talk to God every day? Do you pay attention to how God speaks to you through the circumstances and events of your life?

I believe that inner peace comes into our lives when we align ourselves with the Love of God, and prayer can help us to do that.

Peace,

Pastor Dan

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MAY 17, 2026

8 AM	10 AM
<p><u>READERS:</u> JANET DRUM</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:</u> KAREN CLARK</p> <p><u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> MICHELLE MURRAY</p>	<p><u>READERS:</u> CECILY KOST JO-ANN FINN</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:</u> DAN ANNA & BECKY HANSEN</p> <p><u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> JUDY ELLIS</p> <p><u>NURSERY MINISTERS:</u> ELIZABETH MANDELL & ANDREA LAMONTAGNE</p> <p><u>COFFEE HOUR HOST(S)</u> NO COFFEE HOUR SET-UP FOR THE WALK FOR THE HOMELESS FUNDRAISER</p> <p><u>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS</u> VIVI MARTY-PAQUIN & KARIN RECUPERO</p>

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A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. This coming Sunday, May 17, is a *Sunday School* Sunday. Look below for more information.
2. This coming Sunday is our annual *Walk for the Homeless Fundraiser*. The Walk begins at 1:00. Look below for more information about how you could help with this important fundraiser.
3. *There will not be a Coffee Hour* this coming Sunday as we set up for the Walk for the Homeless fundraiser.
4. 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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From your Good & Green Team, May 2026.

This Sunday, May 17th is **Good & Green Team Sunday**- thank you for bringing in your sneakers, cans and bottles for our fundraising efforts- **no coffee hour** this week due to the Walk for the Homeless set-up. We'll be back in action next month!

Our theme for May, based upon our community-wide success in reducing the use of plastic bags in Wareham, is **ADVOCATE** for God's Good Creation! As Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has." Our bulletin board and web page have some tips and information on how to continue to make a difference in preserving God's creation by caring for each other.

- Political and Local Advocacy
- Community Engagement and Volunteering
- Corporate and Individual Actions
- Educational Advocacy

More to come this month, please keep on eye on our bulletin boards downstairs, our web page on the Good Shepherd web site and our Good & Green Team Facebook page. Thank you for your support and care for God's good world.



Current Happenings

WEEKLY UPDATE

The 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal

As a diocesan community, we have been asked to support the 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Each of us is called to give to the witness of the Church in our own time, both locally in our worshipping communities and collectively in our diocese to strengthen and expand the work to which God calls us. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information about the appeal. Please make your donations, as you are able, by May 24. You may donate directly to the Bishop's Appeal electronically through the link above, or by placing your donations (checks made out to "Bishop's Annual Appeal") in one of the envelopes in the church marked Bishop's Appeal and placing the envelope in the offertory box in the church (by May 24), or you may mail the already addressed envelope directly to the Diocesan Office. Thank you.

AED Training Follow Up Video

Below is a 3 minute video about how to use an AED device. This is helpful for those who could not attend the AED training on May 10, and a reminder for those who attended the training. Good Shepherd has an AED device in the Church Hall. Please listen to this video so you are familiar with how to assist those who collapse and are unresponsive. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7I3mJT4RI>

"Wareham Walks for the Homeless" Fundraiser

Please save the date of Sunday, May 17. On Sunday, May 17, the Wareham Area Clergy Association is sponsoring its annual 5-mile walk in support of Turning Point -Wareham (<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.

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is May 24. Pentecost is a celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Please plan to attend this important celebration of faith, and plan to [wear red](#) to Church that day! Red is the Church's liturgical color for the Holy Spirit and for Pentecost.

Good Shepherd's Guild Rummage Sale

Good Shepherd Guild is looking for clean clothes, shoes, household linens, white elephant items, books, and games for our spring rummage sale on [June 27th, 9-1pm](#). You can drop off items on Friday June 26th, from 10-5 pm at the parish hall. Please no computers, tv or microwaves and large pictures as these we must pay for if they do not sell. We cannot accept furniture as this is also hard for us to sell. Thank you in advance as we appreciate your donations. If you would like to help on Friday or Saturday with set-up, sales, or clean-up, text Scooter Holcombe at 774-361-9517.

The Next Vestry Meeting

The next meeting of the Vestry will take place on Thursday, May 14, beginning at 6:00pm. If you would like to submit possible agenda items for consideration, you can do so through Joella Cruz (Senior Warden) or Pastor Dan by May 7.

Are You Receiving Our Weekly Newsletter?

Good Shepherd now publishes a weekly electronic newsletter called "Along The Way". The newsletter is published mid-week. If you would like to receive a copy of the electronic newsletter, please email the parish office with your name and email address (goodshepherdwareham@gmail.com), or you can go to our church website (www.goodshepherdwareham.org) and subscribe to our email list which is on the home page.

Discretionary Fund Donations

Good Shepherd has a Pastor's Discretionary Fund. It is from the Discretionary Fund that Pastor Dan is able to assist those in need. There are envelopes at the entrances of the church for you to use to make donations to the Discretionary Fund. Place your donations in one of these envelopes and place the envelope in one of the offertory boxes in the church, or you can mail the donation to the church office with a note that the donation is for the Discretionary Fund. Thank you to those who have contributed to the Discretionary Fund over the years. Those who have benefited from your donations are always very grateful.

Donations From Our Online Community

Thank you to those from our online Sunday worship community who have made regular donations to support the ministries of Good Shepherd. It is very much appreciated. If you have never donated or have not donated recently, please consider doing so as you are able. Your donations help us to continue our mission to spread the good news of God's Love and compassion. Thank you!

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.

Sunday Flower Donations

Please consider donating for the purchase of altar flowers for our Sunday Services in memory of deceased loved ones or in thanksgiving of blessings in your life. More information about how this works can be found in the "Sunday Flower Donations" envelopes which are located in the back of the church, and on our "Church of the Good Shepherd Wareham" website. Please check the Sunday Flowers board in the back of the church, or call the parish office (508-295-2840), to determine which upcoming Sundays are available in 2025.

Prayer Blanket Ministry

As a way of reaching out to those who are ill or struggling in some way, parishioners have knitted blankets to be given to those who can benefit from receiving these gifts of warmth and comfort. Pastor Dan blesses each blanket before it is given. He prays that "this mantle be a safe haven... a sacred place of security and well-being... sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones." Please contact Judy Ellis (Prayer Blanket Ministry Coordinator) or Pastor Dan if you would like a prayer blanket for yourself or someone else. ***If you would like to be a part of this ministry, and join our knitting team, please be in touch with Judy Ellis (508-295-5318).*** There is a very basic pattern that makes beautiful prayer blankets. All patterns, of course, are welcomed. If needed, yarn will be provided. If you would like to support the prayer shawl ministry but do not knit or crochet, ask Judy about a way you can help.

Food Pantry Wish List

Church of the Good Shepherd is partnering with Damien's Place Food Pantry by provided needed items for those using the pantry. These items are difficult for Damien's to purchase from the Greater Boston Food Bank. Damien's is looking specifically for **cereal, jars of jelly, and juice**. Donations can be left in the baskets in the back of the church on Sunday mornings or dropped off at the Church Office on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am-1pm. Thank you!

Please Help Good Shepherd's Table Serve Our Neighbors

Every Thursday for the past 25 years, Good Shepherd's Table has served a community meal (4:30pm). We need help with the tasks needed to make this happen and so we have created a monthly sign-up sheet for the tasks each week. No job takes longer than 45 minutes and you can help set up, plate food, serve food, or clean the dining room after the meal. We especially need help cleaning the dining room after the meal. For more details and to sign up, please reach out to Deacon Hilary. You can choose any week you are available. Thank you in advance for your help!

Sunday School

The Good Shepherd Sunday School is held during the first half of our 10am Sunday Service, usually on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. In April, due to Easter Sunday and school vacation week, Sunday School will only be held on April 12. The Sunday School is located in the church meeting room, in the office area. All Sunday School volunteers undergo CORI background checks and receive 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). ***The next Sunday School Sundays will be May 17 and June 7.***

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 May 24, due to the holiday weekend.*

Thank You for Your Continued Financial Support

Thank you to all who are financially supporting Good Shepherd this year, especially those who made pledges for 2026. Our budget operates on a week-to-week basis, so thank you for keeping your pledge payments up to date. If you are behind on your pledge payments, please work to catch them up as you are able. If you are away for an extended amount of time, please consider mailing in your pledge payments. Again, thank you all for your financial support of the mission and ministries of the Church of the Good Shepherd!

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.”

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

Wareham Media (WM) Sunday Service Coverage

Wareham Media, the Wareham local access channel, broadcasts recordings of our Sunday Services. The recorded Services air a week later. WM 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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