



Along The Way

The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham May 20, 2026



Good Shepherd Friends,

This coming Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit, God's abiding presence, in our lives. The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us; bringing us comfort, encouragement, strength, wisdom, and guidance. The Holy Spirit helps us as we follow Jesus and the Way of Love, but only if we let the Holy Spirit into our hearts and minds.

I encourage you to breathe deeply of the Holy Spirit every day, especially on Pentecost Sunday. Acknowledge the Holy Spirit. Invite the Holy Spirit into your mind and heart. Listen for how the Holy Spirit is calling you to live and to serve God at this time in your life.

During our Sunday Services, we will renew our baptismal promises and we will be anointed with blessed oil, as we are renewed in the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Come Holy Spirit of God!

Peace,

Pastor Dan

Remember to wear red on Pentecost Sunday

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MAY 17, 2026

8 AM	10 AM
<p><u>READERS:</u> CHUCK MCCULLOUGH</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:</u> RICH SOUZA</p> <p><u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> NATECIA ALFONSO</p>	<p><u>READERS:</u> S.G. PRESTON SCOOTER HOLCOMBE</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:</u> PAT PROBERT & RICHIE BALANCA</p> <p><u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> RICH ELLIS</p> <p><u>NURSERY MINISTERS:</u> NO NURSERY</p> <p><u>COFFEE HOUR HOST(S)</u> THE PRESTON'S & THE WALLACE'S</p> <p><u>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS</u> NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>

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A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. This is a reminder that there will be a ***Funeral Service of remembrance for Deb Harper*** this coming Saturday, May 24, beginning at 11am. All are invited to gather to commend Deb to our loving God and in support Deb's family.
2. This coming Sunday, May 24, is ***Pentecost Sunday***. We will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives by renewing our baptismal vows and being anointed with the blessed oil. All are invited to wear the color red to church, which is the liturgical color of Pentecost and of the Holy Spirit.
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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Current Happenings

WEEKLY UPDATE

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.

A Wareham Walks for the Homeless Thank You

Sunday, May 17, was the 4th annual Wareham Walks for the Homeless fundraiser in support of the works of Turning Point - Wareham. There were approximately **100 walkers**. So far, we have raised **\$15,568**, which is wonderful. The proceeds from the walk will benefit Turning Point - Wareham and its work in support of the homeless and the near homeless in our greater Wareham community. Thank you to all who participated in the Walk as walkers, sponsors, and volunteers!

Become a Recycling Ambassador at the Wareham Gatemen Games

Recycling Ambassadors attend Wareham Gatemen games (Wareham's Cape Cod League baseball team), set up/take down recycling bins and flags, station around recycling bins throughout the game to assist fans to properly recycle, engage the crowd with recycling quizzes and kid's activity sheets, and take pictures/video to share on social media! Volunteers receive a Recycling Ambassador cap, as well as a \$10 voucher to the concessions stand per game. High School and College students are encouraged to sign up as part of any community service and school credit requirements. Also, our Good & Green Team will collect the redeemable bottles and cans to help raise funds for our sustainable initiatives! Sign up here (the Wareham Gatemen games are at the bottom of the list of other CCBL/Care for the Cape & Islands games):

[Wareham Gatemen Recycling Ambassador Sign-up](#)

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=M7I3mJTv4RI>**

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 not be a Wednesday Eucharist on May 27 and June 3 & 10*** due to the painting of the church ceiling.

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.

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!

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.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

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. Every household is invited 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 and more information can be found on the wall behind the coffee hour food table.

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 final Sunday School Sundays for the school year will be 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. The final Sunday Nursery day will be on June 7.*

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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