



Grace Notes

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**“BEHOLD,
YOUR
KING
IS COMING
TO YOU.”**

MATTHEW 21:5, ESV

*Palm Sunday
In-church Service Planned
See page 3 for this and more*

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Submit your articles or schedules on or before the 20th of the month prior to issue month.

Socks & Flops

Buy a pair after church or bring
NEW athletic socks
and flip flops for
Boston Homeless



Can u
spare a
pair?

SOCK & FLIP FLOP DRIVE! (throughout Lent)

New socks and flip flops can be dropped at the church through March. Box for donated socks can be found in the foyer by the offices. There is also a bin out front by the driveway sign as you enter the property. Or mail a check payable to Grace (memo line: Sock Drive) at 150 Chapel St. Norwood 02062. Socks (\$4 pair) will be purchased with your donation. For more info contact Sue Breen at sbreen2017@gmail.com.



Can you help again to give Socks & Flip Flops to others?
They will go to all of our needy sisters and brothers.
Tall ones, short ones, babies that crawl
Grace Church will again help them one and all!
You don't need much, just drop off a pair or two
Can't get out? Sue Breen will gladly buy them for you
Send a check to Grace Church \$ 4 per pair
Write your check as you sit in your living room chair!
Once we have lots of socks and checks to buy more
Sue will go shopping at one of our community stores!
Then.. she'll bring all to a place that helps those in great need
And the warmth of their feet will be due to your great deeds!



Spring Forward

Sunday, **March 14** at 2:00 a.m. begins daylight savings time. Remember to move your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed **Saturday night, March 13**.

Your Easter Memorials



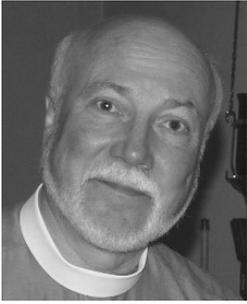
In past years past years, on Easter Sunday, we have adorned our altar and Nave with a glorious display of lilies celebrating the Risen Jesus. This year, due to COVID, we plan to keep the adornments to the altar area, so we do not actively seek donations for the lilies.

However, we will be praying for those loved ones you may like to add to the memorial list in the Easter program. Please contact the church office with those you would like remembered in prayer Deadline is Palm Sunday.

Young at Heart Lunch, March 17 at noon

A lively discussion and fellowship for the over 60-set, this luncheon get together meets once a month at noon. To streamline planning, please let Fr. John know you are coming by Sunday prior. Everyone is kindly asked to bring a lunch. Dessert will be supplied by host of the month and a homemade soup will be offered by your favorite secretary. We will meet in the church hall where we can be safely distanced while enjoy the blessings of our friendships over a light meal and discussion.





FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Office hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 to noon.
Rector by appointment

Plans for Holy Week

The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” (John 3:8)

Living in pandemic times has many problems, and one of the big ones is its lack of predictability—we hear that the virus cases are decreasing so things open up a bit (perhaps too much), and then there is another surge of cases, and things shut down again.

If we look to the experience of Grace Church and Norwood during the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918, we could have seen that there would be two waves...perhaps vaccinations, masks, and social distancing will allow us this time to escape the 1918 third wave.

Last Holy Week we learned what a valuable outreach our drive-through events were for the community. So we will plan for the best for services hoping that Holy Week will be in-person, in-church, but preparing for back-up Live Streaming or Zoom. The COVID status indicators we have been following the last year will determine all this. These services will be accompanied by three drive-through events. Here's our tentative plan:

Palm Sunday, March 28—9 AM—Reading the Passion According to Mark, there will be an online sign-up list posted very soon. We will NOT have a procession, and palms will be blessed when you are in place in your pew. Eucharist will offered using the sealed cups and wafer.

Drive-through palms will be planted like last year along the driveway in the front. Talk to Helen Rintala if you would like to help in this effort.

Holy Thursday, April 1—7 PM—If in-person, in-church, Eucharist will be offered using the sealed cups and wafer. We will not do the foot washing this year, and I will be the only one stripping the altar.

Good Friday, April 2—7 PM— Reading the Passion According to John, there will be an online sign-up list posted very soon.

Noon to 1 PM: Spend An Hour With Jesus' Passion on Good Friday

This will be a new way to present the Stations of the Cross providing both a vigil experience for those presenting the Stations and those who drive-through.

We need 14 volunteers who will be wearing black, silent, seated on chairs along the driveway holding our special London paintings of the Stations of the Cross. You and members of your family can pick which Station(s) you would like to hold. Come early because we will gather on the front steps, have a short prayer, gather up the pictures, and take our places. If you know of a friend outside the parish who would like to participate, they can sign-up too, simply click below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4FA4AF29A3FA7-reservation9>

Easter, April 4—10 AM—We shall see what COVID levels will allow us to do. (There will only be one service, and no April 3 Vigil Service.) Eucharist will offered using the sealed cups and wafer. There will be no large choir.

Drive-through Flowering of the Cross will be at the foot of the front stairs out front immediately following the service. Weather permitting, please bring flowers from your own yards, but we will also supply flowers. Please see Sue Breen for further information.

Peace and all good,


SUNDAY MORNING DEVOTION VIA PHONE CONFERENCING

When: Every Sunday for Duration at 10:50 AM
How: Dial-in 605-313-5909, and enter Access Code 744948#
What: We Will Say Together Morning Daily Devotion from BCP (p. 137 or below)
Father John will read the Sunday Gospel and his sermon of the day.
We will have time to include our own individual prayers and have informal check-in with each other (Virtual Coffee Hour) after we do the service, and announcements of parish doings. Runs no more than 45 minutes.

The comfort connection

Amid suffering, we might feel alone and wonder what good can come of it. But later we may discover ourselves equipped to serve precisely because of what we experienced.

Writer and civil rights activist James Baldwin stated: “You think your pain and heartbreak are unprecedented ... but then you read. [Books] taught me that the things that tormented me the most were the very things that connected me with all the people who were alive or who had ever been alive.” Whether through books or direct human interaction, we often learn that our suffering connects us to other people and that our pain gains meaning by moving us to support someone else who’s hurting.

Paul writes of such connection: “Praise be to ... the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God” (2 Corinthians 1:3-4, NIV). May you share the comfort you have received from God with others in pain. As a bonus, along the way you’ll realize you’re not — and never have been — alone.

Don't do Facebook?

Follow us on Instagram for all the latest posts
at <https://www.instagram.com/graceepiscopalnorwood/>

Zoom Services Sundays, March 7, 14, 21

Zoom services are available whenever we do not have In-church service. Zoom is an online interactive meeting space, where you can attend our service each week at 9am. If you have a computer that has a camera/microphone/speakers, you can join online through a web browser. Or you can download the Zoom app to your smart phone, iPad, or tablet.

To Join Zoom Service: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5037830452>

Meeting ID: 503 783 0452

And for those who like to keep it real easy, you can just listen via phone.

Call 1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 503 783 0452

Newsletter Deadline, March 20

The deadline for submitting articles and schedules to the monthly Grace Notes newsletter will be on the 20th day of each month prior to issue month. This better streamlines for easy recollection of the deadline date. The church office is grateful to receive any articles deemed news worthy to your parish family.

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle burns continuously 24 hours a day, 365 days a year representing the presence of the Lord. All are welcome to make an offering in memory of a loved one. Please call Patty in the church office. She can let you know what dates are available and take the information for your memorial. Donation checks can be made payable to St. Faith's Altar Guild. Suggested donation \$6.00.

Healing Ministry at Grace Church Norwood in the Time of COVID-19

During this period of safe distancing due to the Corona Virus, Healing Prayers are being offered by phone. You can call any of our Healing Ministers any time: Cathy Noble (781-344-1237), Deb Morton (781-769-4044), Sue Breen (508-404-9887), or Carol Maloof (617-584-2219).



You can read our monthly newsletters as well as annual reports online at www.gracenor.org .
Visit our website and click on "About".

Laud & honor on Palm Sunday

The Palm Sunday anthem "All Glory Laud and Honor" is one of Christendom's oldest hymns. St. Theodulf of Orleans, who helped reform the church under Charlemagne, wrote the lyrics in the year 820 while imprisoned in France.

The lyrics recount Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event the medieval church reenacted every Palm Sunday. Clergy and townspeople processed from fields through the city gates, behind a Jesus figure riding a donkey. At the gates, children began singing the hymn in Latin — *Gloria, laus et honor* — and onlookers soon chimed in.

City gates may be a thing of the past, as the website Hymnary.org notes, yet we still praise our blessed Redeemer "because we know just what kind of King he was and is — an everlasting King who reigns not just in Jerusalem but over the entire earth. What more could we do but praise him with glory, laud and honor."

All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One.



In
Prayer



***Transform us, Lord,
so we may reflect your light out to the world.***

Please keep your prayers...

- Our new political leaders; that they may work for justice, equal opportunity, and the environment.
- Our efforts to understand the apostles and disciples in our Lenten Study discussing *The Chosen*.
- Our plans and efforts to upgrade the physical aspects of our church and rectory using Capital Campaign funds.
- The 500,000+ COVID patients who passed into God's eternal glory.
- Those on our parish prayer list: A.J., Ethan, Jose, Olivia, Juliana, Tim, Bill Daly, Iris Falcone, Holly Foster, Shane Gibson, Tara Guschov, Barbara Hagberg, Joe Harney, Jr., Aidan Hooper, Betsy Hornbuckle, Madeline King, Matt Mackinnon, Roberta McCormack, Carol Misner, Jess Morton, Melanie Paulson, Allen Peeler, Ralph Regner, Emily & Doug Rennie, Carol Ringler, Donald Sabourin, Quincy Sousa, Geoffrey & Valerie Stone, Joseph Warren, Stan Wharton, John Whitcomb, Pauline Wilhite and Ann, Trish & John Wood, and for those being prayed for on the Grace Church Private Prayer Line 508-668-7175.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS for
SUNDAYS in MARCH**

March 7 3 Lent

[Exodus 20:1-17](#)
[1 Corinthians 1:18-25](#)
[John 2:13-22](#)
[Psalm 19](#)

March 14 4 Lent

[Numbers 21:4-9](#)
[Ephesians 2:1-10](#)
[John 3:14-21](#)
[Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22](#)

March 21 5 Lent

[Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)
[Hebrews 5:5-10](#)
[John 12:20-33](#)
[Psalm 119:9-16](#)

March 28 Palm Sunday

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)
[Philippians 2:5-11](#)
[Mark 14:1-15:47](#)
[Psalm 31:9-16](#)

MARCH



Robyn Currier	Ryan Stanley	Erich Nedder
Gail Beane	Brendan Cogliano	Christina Wood
Patrick McGettigan	Jake Fleming	Lillian Cogliano
Mason Baguma	Ken Drew	Zoey Fleming
Julia Daly	Debbie Morton	Giacobbe Jordan
Robert Folsom	Noel Dent	George Nedder
Paul Falcone	Kevin Wisehart	Stephen Falcone
Benjamin McTeague	Amanda Nichols	Maia Sangalang

First day of spring, *March 20, 2021*

"Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world."
—Virgil A. Kraft

MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 2 LENT 9:00 AM Morning Prayer via Zoom 10:50 AM Morning Devotion via Conferencecall.com	1 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	2 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:30 PM Stewardship Meeting	3 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Winter/Lent Program: The Chosen	4 7:00 AM AA Meeting	5 7:00 AM AA Meeting	6 8:20 AM Food Pantry
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14 4 LENT (Mothering Sunday) Daylight-Saving Time Begins 9:00 AM Morning Prayer via Zoom 10:50 AM Morning Devotion via Conferencecall.com	15 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	16 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	17 St. Patrick's Day 7:00 AM AA Meeting 12:00 PM Young @ Heart Lunch 7:00 PM Winter/Lent Program: The Chosen	18 7:00 AM AA Meeting	19 7:00 AM AA Meeting	20 First Day of Spring Grace Notes Deadline 8:20 AM Food Pantry
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28 Palm Sunday 9:00 AM In-Church Service w/Eucharist 10:30 AM Drive-Thru Palms	29 7:00 AM AA Meeting	30 7:00 AM AA Meeting	31 7:00 AM AA Meeting	1 Deadline for Scholarship Applications Maundy Thursday 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM In-Church Service	2 Good Friday 7:00 AM AA Meeting 12:00 PM Drive-Thru Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM In-Church Service	3 8:20 AM Food Pantry

Prayer During COVID-19

Father, we seek Your wisdom daily. Be with people making decisions that affect the lives and futures of our families, communities, countries, and the wider world. We pray that they communicate clearly, truthfully, and calmly — with each other and with the public — and that their messages are received and heeded. May truth and empathy be the touchstones of people setting policies for our protection.

Your submittals to this newsletter must be received in the church office

On or before the 20th of the month prior to issue month.

<p style="text-align: center;">STAFF</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Rev. R. John Brockmann, Rector Paula King, Music Director Patricia Begin, Parish Secretary Roy McHoul, Sexton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OFFICE HOURS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Rector by appointment (Tues – Thurs 10-1)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office: 781-762-0959 Prayer Line: 508-668-7175 Email: Grace.Norwood@Verizon.net Visit our web site: www.gracenor.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OFFICERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Katherine Wharton, Senior Warden David Button, Junior Warden Beth Gurney, Treasurer Carolyn Escher, Assistant Treasurer Cathy Noble, Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VESTRY MEMBERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sue Breen Leslie Grant Carol Johnson Tracey Johnson Bonnie Lowe John Stanley</p>
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