



The Grace Vine

March 2024

Fathers (and Mothers) and Friends

By Bette Brooks

*They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.*

Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, Bishop and Missionary

March 20

Cuthbert was born in Northumbria in northern England about 625. One night, while tending a herd of sheep, he saw lights in the sky which he interpreted as a soul being escorted heavenward by a band of angels. Later, he learned that Aidan of Lindisfarne had died that night, and he resolved to enter the monastic life. He was a monk at Melrose Abbey from 651 to 664, and when the Abbot, Eata, became abbot and bishop at Lindisfarne, Cuthbert accompanied him and was Prior (“second in command”) there until 676.

Although he had been brought up in the Celtic customs, he accepted the decrees of the Synod of Whitby in 663 which committed the English Church to following the Roman customs that had been introduced into Canterbury by Augustine, and so Cuthbert helped to minimize contention over the decision. Although his real preference was for the solitary life of a religious hermit, he recognized a duty to minister to the needs of the people around him. Year after year he made long journeys, on horseback and on foot, to Durham and throughout Northumbria, and in the regions of Berwick and Galloway, preaching to the scattered population in remote and sparsely settled areas, instructing them in the faith and encouraging them in the practice of it. He urged them in times of sickness not to rely on charms or amulets, but instead to pray to God and put their trust in His mercy and love. Like St. Francis of Assisi, he had a remarkable rapport with animals, both wild and domestic.

In 684 Theodore, the Archbishop of Canterbury, made Cuthbert Bishop of Hexham, which was a bustling town, but he was a solitary by nature, and promptly exchanged bishoprics with Eata in order remain at Lindisfarne. After two years, he retired to the neighboring island of Farne as a hermit and died there on March 20, 687.

Prayer:

Almighty God, who called Cuthbert from following the flock to be a shepherd of Your people: Mercifully grant that, as he sought in dangerous and remote places those who had erred and strayed from Your ways, so we may seek the indifferent and the lost, and lead them back to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



Service and Lay Ministry Schedule

If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute and call the parish office with that person's name. Thank you for sharing in the liturgical ministry of Grace Church.

Sunday, March 3		8:00 & 10:00 AM Morning Prayer	3 Lent
Celebrant	The Rev. William Snyder	1st Reading	Exodus 20:1-17
Lector	8am Bette Brooks 10am Fred Lundgren	Psalm	19
Greeters	Fred & Nancy Lundgren	2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Altar Guild	Joan Seman & Marsha Snyder	Gospel	John 2:13-22
Coffee Hosts	8am Joan & Frank Seman 10am Mary Jean & John McDonald		
Counters	Kingsland Pretorius & TBA		

Sunday, March 10		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	4 Lent
Celebrant	The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway	1st Reading	Numbers 21:4-9
Lector	8am Bette Brooks 10am Carol Marotta	Psalm	107:1-3, 17-22
Greeters	Barb Popiel	2nd Reading	Ephesians 2:1-10
Altar Guild	Joan Seman & Marsha Snyder	Gospel	John 3:14-21
Coffee Hosts	8am Kay & Ralph Wise 10am Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins		
Counters	Kingsland Pretorius & TBA		

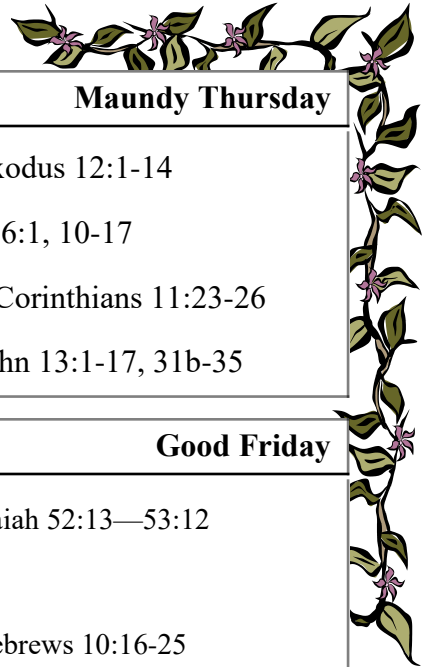
Sunday, March 17		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	5 Lent
Celebrant	The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway	1st Reading	Jeremiah 31:31-34
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder	Psalm	119:9-16
Lector	10am Jeff & Martha Croll	2nd Reading	Hebrews 5:5-10
Altar Guild	Joan Seman & Marsha Snyder	Gospel	John 12:20-23
Coffee Hosts	8am TBA 10am Maryjane Furrer		
Counters	Kingsland Pretorius & TBA		

Sunday, March 24		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Palm Sunday
Gather in the Parish Hall for Blessing of the Palms and Procession (weather permitting)			
Celebrant	The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway	1st Reading	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Lector	8am Bette Brooks 10am Maryjane Furrer	Psalm	31:9-16
Greeters	Jeff & Lisa Marsh	2nd Reading	Philippians 2:5-11
Altar Guild	Joan Seman & Marsha Snyder	Gospel	Mark 11:1-11
Coffee Hosts	8am TBA 10am Cathy Potisuk & Cindy Ward		
Counters	Kingsland Pretorius & TBA		

Holy Week & Easter Services

Please join us for Holy Week worship
and a Joyful celebration of Easter

8:00 & 10:00 am **Palm Sunday**
7:00 pm **Maundy Thursday**
7:00 pm **Good Friday**
8:00 & 10:00 am **Easter Day**



Thursday, March 28	7:00 PM Holy Eucharist	Maundy Thursday
Celebrant The Rev. Margaret D'Amieri Deacon The Rev. William Snyder Lector Martha & Jeff Croll Greeters Barb Popiel Altar Guild Joan Seman & Marsha Snyder Counters Kingsland Pretorius & TBA	1st Reading Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 116:1, 10-17 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Gospel John 13:1-17, 31b-35	

Friday, March 29	7:00 PM Holy Eucharist	Good Friday
Celebrant The Rev. Margaret D'Amieri Deacon The Rev. William Snyder Lector Carol Marotta Greeters Barb Popiel Altar Guild Joan Seman & Marsha Snyder Counters Kingsland Pretorius & TBA	1st Reading Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Psalm 22 2nd Reading Hebrews 10:16-25 Gospel John 18:1—19:42	

Sunday, March 31	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Easter Day
Celebrant The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway Wrshp Ldr Bette Brooks Deacon 10am The Rev. William Snyder Lector Tim Splinter Altar Guild Joan Seman & Marsha Snyder Coffee Hosts 8am Hospitality Committee 10am Hospitality Committee Counters Kingsland Pretorius & TBA	1st Reading Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Gospel John 10:1-18	

Sunday, April 7	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	2 Easter
Celebrant TBD Deacon The Rev. William Snyder Lector 8am Bette Brooks 10am Fred Lundgren Greeters Fred & Nancy Lundgren Altar Guild Joan Seman & Marsha Snyder Coffee Hosts 8am Joan & Frank Seman 10am Mary Jean & John McDonald Counters Laurie Barney & Kingsland Pretorius	1st Reading Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 2nd Reading 1 John 1:1—2:2 Gospel John 20:19-31	



Do you want to fast this Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



Did You Know?...



The Annual Meeting went smoothly this year. Our Senior Warden **Barb Popiel** led the proceedings. Our rector was on sabbatical taking care of personal business. The reports came from the Senior Warden, Barb Popiel & our Junior Wardens, **Carol Marotta**, and our Treasurer **Marcia Splinter**. The meeting went very well with no new surprises and for that we are thankful. The luncheon that followed was wonderful and thanks to all those who volunteered to help in the kitchen and who brought food and helped with the cleanup by taking down the tables and chairs and getting the parish hall back in good order. A lot of hands make for light work...

The throw rugs in the parish hall and hallway were cleaned thanks to **Laurie Barney** who made those arrangements...

Marcia Splinter supplied us with a throw rug at the entry to the office. It looks very nice...

John McDonald and Michael Ervin worked on the leak in the roof over the entryway into the parish hall. John got the carpet dried and got the interior dry while Micheal was on the roof getting the leak stopped. What would we do without the great people of our parish...

Carol Marotta took all the items to the Center of Hope that were in the boxes in the parish hall and the red wagon, she also purchased cards for those in our parish who need to be remembered in our thoughts and prayers. Thanks to everyone who took the list of people that needed to be remembered and prayed for...

Bill Snyder's sister Linda reads the Grace Vine, and she gave us 10 Blessing Bags filled with gloves, thermal socks, beef sticks, cracker, candy bars, toothpaste & toothbrushes, wipes, deodorant, and snacks and wrapped them and placed everything in individual zip locked bags. What a blessing. Ask and ye shall receive...

Cathy Potisuk called a company to clean the kitchen floor – it certainly needed it after all the salt and mud from this winter. The company came on a Saturday, they moved out the refrigerator and all the items under the sinks and cleaned and waxed the floor. It looks great...

We are so thankful for our own **Deacon Bill Snyder** who has been holding down the fort while **Rev Carol's** gone. Morning Prayer isn't our favorite service but it's much better than nothing. Bill does work long and hard on his sermons, and everyone seems to enjoy them. He's also worked very hard trying to find a supply priest from the list the diocese gave us. And finally, someone on that list is available and willing to come to Ravenna to help us out. **The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway** has been here for several Sundays, and she is a delightful person and willing to help in any way she can. She will be with us through Holy Week and into Easter. What a blessing...

Another blessing is **Fr. Tom Furrer** who came to Grace Church on Ash Wednesday and served communion to us. Fr. Tom is at Christ Church, Warren and had two services there and one at a nursing home in Warren and then at 7:00 p.m. he was here at Grace. He said he wasn't speeding – but I don't know about that!!...

Tim Splinter is on the mend after his ankle surgery. He's even been able to hobble into the choir loft and sing with us. And we do need Tim in the choir loft...

Bill and Marsha Snyder are very blessed to have their second great-grandchild. **Eden Jane** was born on February 13th to **Ellie & Zach Barker** and she's beautiful. That's what grandma says...

Mary Jean & John McDonald's daughter came in from California for a visit. She also attended church and came to our Sit & Stitch, then she was off to Baltimore to visit with her daughter **Alexandra**...

Maryjane Furrer took a trip to Georgia to visit with their daughter.

Barb Popiel spent 2 weeks with **Michelle, Dave and Hannah** while Hannah was tracked out of school. They will be moving back to Florida in the next couple of months. They love that warmer weather.

Thank you for the wonderful retirement reception. The set up, flowers, food, and cake were deeply appreciated. Thank you for the card and gift. God bless everyone!! Grace Episcopal is the Best. Love to all Nancy & Jim Ervin.

The gift cards given to us for years of service are deeply appreciated. Bill and I love to eat out (as you can tell) and that was a great selection of restaurants. We may have to travel to get to some of them – not a problem. We love everyone here and we wouldn't want to be anywhere else. We wish everyone peace, love, and joy.
Love, Marsha & Bill Snyder

Lent Program & Fellowship

Tuesdays in Lent
Feb. 28th—March 28th

Our Lenten Meal and Study will be held the five **Tuesdays of Lent, February 20th through March 19th**. A light meal of soup and fellowship will begin at 6pm. The study begins at 6:30, and we'll end with Compline at 7:20. Carolyn Englert will lead the study. We look forward to good and meaningful discussion among the group and invite you and yours to join us for this time of study and fellowship. A signup sheet will be in the parish hall.



Thank you! Thank you!

Our thanks & appreciation to those who serve & help at Grace Church in so many ways, including:

- **John McDonald** for all the little things: replacing batteries, light bulbs, fixing leaks in the roof, etc.
- **Kingland Pretorius & Carol Marotta** for doing the church inventory. But, they are not finished
- **Nancy Ervin and her crew** for hosting the Annual Meeting luncheon.
- **Marcia Splinter** for the new throw rug in the hall.
- **Carol Marotta** for purchasing cards to be sent to home bound and/or ill parishioners.
- **Cathy Potisuk** for making arrangements to get the kitchen floor cleaned and polished.
- **Laurie Barney** for arranging to get the parish hall carpet cleaned.

Birthdays

1st Bette Brooks
4th Lisa Marsh
6th Cherry Monegan
11th Doug Holzschuh
14th Carol Marotta



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...



Anniversaries

24th Bud & Janet Hughes
29th Dennis & Sally Dier



Baptisms

11th Beth Dier
18th Joan Seman
25th Mary Jean McDonald

The Bulletin Board

Breakfast Club

March 21st
8:00 AM

Cracker Barrel



Everyone is invited to join the group!
We order off the menu and pay for our own meals.

The Church Keys list is being updated. Barb Popiel will be handling this. If you have a key, please let her know.
(330) 671-5421.



Outreach Projects

Center of Hope (red wagon) -Peanut Butter, Ramen Noodles, Mac n cheese, Cans of Tuna/Chicken

Center of Hope - Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothpaste/Toothbrushes, Travel Mouthwash, and Dental Floss. We will also be collecting childrens socks and underwear all year.
Also, Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothpaste/Toothbrushes, Travel Mouthwash, and Dental Floss.

APL - List of needs is on the container in the parish hall

Ravenna High School - Male/Female Deodorant, Body Wash, other hygiene products, Unscented Wipes, and Laundry Detergent which is sent home with the students.

Blessing Bags - We will be starting this ministry again for the rest of the winter months. The past group handling this was able to collect items for 20 bags. We have already donated 15 bags.

Each Bag will need 10 each of: Gloves, Thermal Socks, Beef Sticks, Crackers, Candy Bars, Toothpaste/Brushes, Wipes, Deodorant, and Snacks, etc.

They will be placed in individual ziploc bags to be given to the homeless.

This ministry will run from January thru March 2024.

Please help with these Outreach Projects. There are many in need.
Thank You for any assistance you can give.





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Barb Popiel, Senior Warden (2026)
Laurie Barney, Clerk (2027)
Kingsland Pretorius (2027)
Carol Marotta, Junior Warden (2026)
Jeff Croll (2027)
Jeff Marsh (2027)

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