

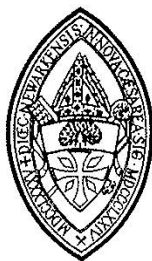
# Visions



*Mission Statement: As a visible symbol of God's presence in the world, St. David's Church is a welcoming and diverse community of disciples, actively serving Christ in one another and all those beyond our doors*

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THE RIGHT REVEREND MARK M. BECKWITH

April 7, 2010

The Rev. David DeSmith  
and Vestry  
St. David's Episcopal Church  
91 Kinnelon Road  
Kinnelon, NJ 07405

Dear David and members of St. David's Church,

It will be an honor to be with you to celebrate "50 years of caring and sharing" on June 6. I am impressed – and inspired, by the array of activities that you have scheduled to honor your jubilee year.

In my three years as bishop, I have been engaged and excited by my visits to St. David's. I have seen the whole congregation galvanized around your "Brake for Hunger" bicycle rides (for which I have twice been an eager participant). I have seen the congregation at its best for Shane Phelan's ordination to the priesthood; I have seen its deep faith on Good Friday evening – when so many of us were spiritually moved by the opportunity to stand at the foot of the cross.

I have heard your plans for ministry – for each other and for the wider community. I have often told the story around the diocese about how you have intentionally sought to discern human need in Kinnelon – and then how you have offered ministry in response to that need. Your witness is an important example of what it means to live the life of faith.

Thank you for who you are and what you do – in the name of the living Christ.

Peace,

Mark M. Beckwith



## From the Rector

Just the other day a long standing member remarked that “ I’ve never seen this parish so together and committed”. All those within listening range agreed.

More and more since December, I have felt this togetherness and commitment in the many things we do. Mostly, I feel it on Sunday mornings during worship. The sharing of our joys and concerns during worship is helping us with this. Also, I feel it at meetings and when we respond to each other and our world out of care and concern. I know that making plans for our 50th (Jubilee) year celebration is also a part of this togetherness and commitment. Perhaps that engaging and energizing spirit is what is helping our many newcomers to stay and become part of the body of Christ we call St. David’s.

Our Christian scriptures tell us that togetherness and new life are sure signs of the Holy Spirit. It was on that first Pentecost Day when the energizing and engaging Holy Spirit came upon those frightened Jesus followers and galvanized them for mission in his name. So we are in good company. For sure, it is the Holy Spirit that is energizing and engaging us in God’s mission of reconciliation for all people.

This year the Day of Pentecost (meaning the 50th day of Easter) falls on May 23. It is always on a Sunday. This is the day we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on that first Pentecost Day which turned the disciples into the Body of Christ. Traditionally, we call this day the birthday of the Church. On that day, it was Jesus’ spirit that was given to the disciples so that they could become Jesus, too.

All are invited to wear red on Pentecost Day as a sign of the Holy Spirit. A special service of “spirited” music and meditations is being planned for the second service which will conclude with our Pentecost “Red Brunch” in the parish hall. As well as wearing red, everyone is invited to bring a dish of “red food” to share. Of course, a red birthday cake will cap the festivities as we sing “Happy Birthday” to the Church and give thanks to God for our renewed togetherness and commitment.

Together with you in Christ’s ministry.

David+

### Average Attendance

April 2009

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April 2010

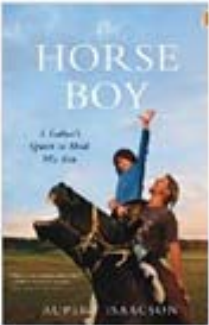
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## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!

- \* To help with the plant sale on the 8th call JoAnn Hahn (973-492-0528) or Mary Stuart Hawk (973-263-8809) - they will be delighted to hear from you!
- \* To reserve space and a table for the garage sale on the 8th, mail or bring your check (\$30) to the office by May 3 - clear the clutter!
- \* To donate goodies to the youth group bake sale on the 8th to benefit the R.I.S.E. mission trip, sign up in church or call Deb Roehrer (973-492-2854) - any and all "tummy treats" welcomed!

### READERS CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

#### June 7<sup>th</sup> Book Selection:



#### ***The Horse Boy: A Father's Quest to Heal His Son, by Rupert Isaacson***

**St. David's Skylight Room, 7:30PM**

*The Horse Boy* is a heart-wrenching true story of the author's family and their journey through Outer Mongolia, the one place in the world where horses and shamanic healing intersected on a quest to seek healers for their autistic son. **THE HORSE BOY** is the dramatic and heartwarming story of that impossible adventure. In Mongolia, the family found undreamed of landscapes and people, unbearable setbacks, and advances beyond their wildest dreams. This is a deeply moving, truly one-of-a-kind story of a family willing to go to the ends of the earth to help their son, and of a boy learning to connect with the world for the first time. Isaacson records heartening improvement in Rowan's firestorm-like tantrums and incontinence, as he taps into an ancient, valuable form of spirit healing. David DeSmith will lead the discussion. All are invited and newcomers are welcome.

A reminder: The Readers Circle meets each month, October through June, on the first Monday of the month. The next book discussion is set for October 4th. For more information: [www.readerscircle@stdavidskinnelon.org](mailto:www.readerscircle@stdavidskinnelon.org).

### **IT's A PaRty!**

**a/k/a PROGRESSIVE DINNER** on Saturday, MAY 22! It will begin at 5:00 p.m. for appetizers with Jay and Joan Ludwig (5 Carl Place, Kinnelon), then salad and main course with Steve and Kathy Kent (111 Upper High Crest Drive, West Milford), ending with dessert and coffee at the rectory (90 Kiel Avenue). Carpooling is encouraged! Sign up in the narthex to bring either an appetizer or dessert.



OUR NEXT COMMITMENT at St. Anthony's in Butler will be on Wednesday, May 26. (This is just the way the schedule happened.) Needed are people to prepare the evening meal for 8-12 individuals; someone to spend the evening; someone to spend the night. In April there were two single women, two expectant mothers, and two mothers each with a toddler. It's almost impossible to imagine living under these circumstances. If you can help in any way, please contact Caroline Mossip at [cm@caroline.mossip.net](mailto:cm@caroline.mossip.net) or her cell phone 973-868-7288.

# Celebrating 50 Years of Caring and Sharing 1960 - 2010

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. DAVID'S

- Episcopal services took place for the first time in Kinnelon on July 10, 1960, in the old municipal building
- The site of our present building was purchased in May 1961. Ground-breaking ceremonies were held on June 9, 1962 and a sanctuary, parish hall and offices were constructed. The first services in the newly-completed building were held on March 13, 1963.
- The fall of 1980 brought a realization that the parish building was no longer sufficient size to meet growing needs. Ground-breaking expansion began on October 25, 1981 and was completed in 1982.
- The Willing Hands Workshop was established in 1986 to meet needs of developmentally-disadvantaged young adults.
- In 1989 the Jewish Congregation of Kinnelon was seeking a location to conduct worship services. St. David's greeted this congregation and began a relationship that continues to serve as a model of mutual respect and cooperation between religions.
- The church mortgage was retired and burned at the 1992 annual parish picnic.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events

Saturday, December 12, 2009 – The priestly ordination of The Rev. Dr. Shane Phelan

Sunday June 6, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. – Celebration Service with our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Mark M. Beckwith, Presiding  
catered reception follows on the St. David's terrace

Saturday-Sunday, November 6-7, 2010 Faith in Action Weekend

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee Members

Mary-Esther Arther	Sondra Odian
David DeSmith	Bob Ward
Pat Hodde	Bruce Watts
Caroline Mossip	Patty Watts

## *Celebrating 50 Years of Caring and Sharing*

### **PLANS ARE MOVING RIGHT ALONG! -**

- \* Diolch yn sawr (“thanks very much”) to everyone who donated to the anniversary fund! We’ve passed the \$4,500 mark! - and - to those who addressed all the invitations: Mary-Esther Arther, Ginny Bussey, Pat Crane, Karen Dunn, Stacey Ferraro, Pat Hodde, Kathy Kent, Sondra Odian and Judy Tattersall.
- \* Colleen Hintz, who made our creation hanging and Shane’s chasuble, is designing and making the permanent banner. It is being given in memory of Richard Schaupp.
- \* Watch for the outside banner!
- \* Work has begun on the commemorative booklet and the day-of events.
- \* Special greetings and other items have been received from the Dean of St. David’s Cathedral in Wales.
- \* Be the first to send in your response card!

### **VESTRY NOTES**

- \* Accepted, with great regret, Nancy Ward’s resignation as clerk, effective after the June meeting. Additional travel and business plans preclude her continuing in office.
- \* David reported that he is meeting with newcomers, sharing what we offer and talking about their commitment.
- \* The new procedure for distributing the wine and grape juice at Eucharist went smoothly on the first Sunday it was used.
- \* Concern was expressed that the same people are cleaning up after every brunch. It was suggested that there be a sign-up sheet posted, showing these events for the rest of the year.
- \* Updating reports were received from the stewardship commission, the 50th anniversary committee and the bike tour committee.

Budget vs. Actual for Period ending: March 31, 2010

Receipts - \$17,070 / \$12,248 Disbursements - \$19,050 / \$18,777

EACH MONTH THE AGENDA MINUTES AND ARE POSTED IN THE PARISH HALL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.



**THE RAKE AND BROOM BRIGADE** for their splendid cleanup on April 17 - Harry Barker, David DeSmith, Steve Kent, Caroline Mossip, Barbara Negus, Brian O'Connor, Mike and Sondra Odian, Brenda Reinhard, Christine Rudolphi, John Simonelli, Marty Stanton and Judy Walker.

### **ST. DAVID'S "SAINTS"**

on April 20 for St. Paul's - cooks Nan Barry, Joanne Leser, Joan Molee, Caroline Mossip, Deb Roehrer, Judy Walker; servers Norm and Joanne Leser, Judy Walker.

on April 21 for St. Anthony's - food Polly Barker, Cathy Fisher, Judy Walker; evening fellowship Pat Hodde; overnight companionship Caroline Mossip.

STEVE and KATHY KENT, the authors of the meaningful and thoughtful Prayers of the People we will be using during the Easter Season.



to ABBY FISHER, who has been named to the All Morris County First Swim Team by the Daily Record newspaper.



**PRAYERS** and best wishes are extended to JAVIER NIEVES, who will be received into The Episcopal Church on Sunday, May 2, at Trinity Cathedral in Newark.

### ***WITH SYMPATHY***

Prayers and condolences are extended to ELIZABETH BAMMEL and her family on the unexpected death of her son, John.

### **PARISH REGISTER**

Baptism - DAVID JOHN KNOTTS, April, 3, 2010

### **T'AI CHI CHIH**



The free practice sessions of this low-impact Wednesday afternoon, 4:00 – 5:00 pm in the

exercise and meditation program continue every Skylight Room.

A moving meditation with twenty gentle, low-impact movements will relax your body and quiet your mind. These simple movements circulate and balance the Chi (Life Force) and can be done regardless of your age or physical ability. Health benefits reported as a result of regular practice of Tai Chi Chih: relief of pain and stress; regulation of blood pressure; improved balance, circulation and stamina; stronger heart, lungs and bones; greater mental clarity and emotional balance; and strengthened immune system. For more information please contact [www.taichichih@stdavidskinnelon.org](mailto:www.taichichih@stdavidskinnelon.org).

# *Hosanna In The Highest*



*“Do This In Remembrance of Me”  
Maundy Thursday Worship*



**GOOD FRIDAY - STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



# *Sanctifying the New Fire - Great Vigil of Easter*



Thanks to the committee - Pat Crane and John Simonelli -  
and everyone who brought sweets and savories to the Easter Vigil reception!



# *HALLELUJAH!*



The groups and individuals who helped to make Holy Week and Easter special -



The Maundy Thursday readers - Stacey Ferraro, Steve Kent, John Simonelli and Barbara Zajac; the assistants - Joan and Dominique Molee; Jacob Hurd and Christine Rudolphi for helping transport us to the Last Supper.

The St. David's Players - Stacey Ferraro, Kathy Kent, Steve Kent, Joan Ludwig, John Simonelli, Marty Stanton and Ellen Temple - for their moving presentation of the Good Friday Gospel.

The team leaders, members, and non-team parishioners for their extra service.

The Altar Guild who prepared the church with such care and devotion.

Susan McAdoo and the choir for gracing our worship with wonderful music, especially additional singers David DeSmith, the Hitchings family, Barbara Negus, John Simonelli, Marty Stanton and the anonymous gentleman.

# Easter Egg Hunt



The Winners:  
Robert Dromsky-  
Reed  
Nathan Nieves  
Jack Pluymers

Each Little  
Flower That  
Opens -  
The Lord God  
Made Them All



# BLESSING OF THE BIKES



# MAY 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> 9:00 am Brake the Hunger Cycle Bike Tour
<b>2 5 EASTER – GREEN TEAM</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Minute 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Coffee Hour 3:00 pm Confirmation at Cathedral in Newark	<b>3</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 5:15 pm Meditation Group 7:30 pm Book Group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 pm Bible Study 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 7:30 pm Worship/Spiritual Formation Mtg	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Plant Sale, Garage Sale, Bake Sale
<b>9 6 EASTER – GOLD TEAM</b> <b>ROGATION SUNDAY</b> Mother's Day 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Minute 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Merry Heart 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Coffee Hour	<b>10</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 5:15 pm Meditation Group 7:30 pm Women's Group	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 pm Bible Study 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 5:00 pm Rector/Wardens Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> "Radical Welcome" Workshop – Diocese Thru Sun. May, 16 Site: TBA
<b>16 7 EASTER – RED TEAM</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Minute 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Coffee Hour 11:30 am Pastoral Care Team	<b>17</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 5:15 pm Meditation Group 7:30 pm Men's Group	<b>18</b> 2:00 pm Holy Eucharist at Franciscan Oaks	<b>19</b> 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 pm Bible Study 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih	<b>20</b> 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 5:00 pm Progressive Dinner
<b>23 PENTECOST - WHITE TEAM</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Minute 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Pentecost "Red" Potluck Brunch	<b>24</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 5:15 pm Meditation Group 7:30 pm Stewardship Meeting	<b>25</b> 3:00 pm Holy Eucharist at Cedar Crest	<b>26</b> 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 pm Bible Study 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 5:00 pm St. Anthony's Shelter	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30 TRINITY – GREEN TEAM</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Minute 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Coffee Hour	<b>31</b> Office Closed - in Observance of Memorial Day					

# St. David's Leadership Team

Empowering all our members to build bridges of hope with the living Christ through worship, spiritual formation, hospitality and outreach.

<b>Bishop:</b>	<i>The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith</i>	
<b>Rector:</b>	<i>The Rev. David J. DeSmith</i>	
<b>Senior Warden:</b>	<i>Caroline Mossip</i>	
<b>Junior Warden:</b>	<i>Christine Rudolphi</i>	<i>Outreach, Communication</i>
<b>Vestry:</b>	<i>Mary-Esther Arther (Treasurer)</i>	<i>Stewardship, Pastoral Care</i>
	<i>Nancy Ward (Clerk)</i>	
	<i>Brian Bussey, Asst. Treasurer</i>	<i>Budget and Finance</i>
	<i>Karen Dunn</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>
	<i>Steve Kent</i>	<i>Youth Group</i>
	<i>Brenda Reinhard</i>	<i>Outreach</i>
	<i>Marty Stanton</i>	<i>Outreach</i>
	<i>Barbara Zajac</i>	<i>Worship/Spiritual Formation</i>
<b>Staff:</b>	<i>Terry Armstrong</i>	<i>Sexton</i>
	<i>Mary-Esther Arther</i>	<i>Newsletter Editor</i>
	<i>Tracey Hannigan</i>	<i>Parish Administrator</i>
	<i>Susan McAdoo</i>	<i>Music Director</i>
	<i>Kathia Nieves</i>	<i>Interim Church School Director</i>

*St. David's is a sponsoring congregation of The Oasis, the outreach ministry of The Episcopal Diocese of Newark to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community.*

*St. David's is a member of Greenfaith:  
Interfaith Partner in Action for the Earth.*

