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Upcoming Events

- 5/5/19 Holy Eucharist** at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
- 5/5/19 Holy Eucharist** at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas
- 5/8/19 No Bible Study** due to floor refinishing
- 5/12/19 Holy Eucharist** at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
- 5/12/19 Holy Eucharist** at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas
- 5/12/19 Second Sunday Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas
- 5/14/19 Vestry Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Church
- 5/15/19 Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church

Backpack Blessings Schedule

- Pack after church on May 5
- Driver to deliver bags on May 9 – Dick Clovis
- Shop for food on May 9 – Beth Sickles
- Pack after church on May 12
- Driver to deliver bags on May 16 – Beth Sickles
- Shop for food on May 16 – Pam Critchfield
- Pack after church on May 19
- Driver to deliver bags on May 23 – Beth Sickles

New liturgical resource:

The Book of Occasional Services 2018

The Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) is pleased to announce the release of The Book of Occasional Services 2018. The availability of this liturgical resource is the result of action taken at last summer's 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church. The Book of Occasional Services 2018, a companion volume to The Book of Common Prayer, is a collection of liturgical resources related to occasions which do not occur with sufficient frequency to warrant their inclusion in The Book of Common Prayer. Designed to give congregations resources that form our members in the Episcopal faith, the rites and ceremonies contained in this book are to be understood, interpreted, and used in light of the theology, structure, and directions of The Book of Common Prayer.

The material included in this collection comes from a variety of sources, generally arising out of the specific use of worshipping communities engaged in the process of creating liturgical responses to particular occasions in the life of the church. Included are St. Francis Day animal blessings and rites for December 12, Día de la Virgen de Guadalupe. This material included in Book of Occasional Services 2018 is authorized by the General Convention for use throughout The Episcopal Church. The Book of Occasional Services 2018, offered in both English and Spanish, is available as a free download from the publications page of the General Convention website, at <https://www.generalconvention.org/publications#liturgy>

Serving Ministries

May 5, 2019

Third Sunday of Easter

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup**
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at Christ Church
 - Lector: Bill Saviers
 - Ushers: Ben Barksdale and Jody Morse
 - Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
 - Altar Guild: Jean Hardesty
- 11:00 a.m. Pack Backpacks**
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee hour** in the parlor
 - Coffee hour host: Sue Clovis
- 11:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal**
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at St. Barnabas
 - Lector: Nancy Cotten
 - Ushers: Joe Martin
 - Altar Guild: Nancy Cotten

May 12, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup**
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at Christ Church
 - Lector: Chuck Critchfield
 - Ushers: Ben Hardesty and Tom Walsh
 - Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
 - Altar Guild: Jean Hardesty
- 11:00 a.m. Pack Backpacks**
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee hour** in the parlor
 - Coffee hour host: Mary Beth
- 11:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal**
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at St. Barnabas
 - Lector: Ron LaNeve
 - Ushers: Tom and Becky Durrett
 - Altar Guild: Kipp Martin
- 6:30 p.m. Second Sunday Supper** at St. Barnabas

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May 5, 2019 – Easter 3 (C) The Feast of Dame Julian of Norwich

On May 8, the church celebrates the Feast of Dame Julian of Norwich, a 15th-century English anchoress, mystic, and writer.

Born sometime around 1342, during the years of the second plague pandemic or Black Death, little is known about Julian's early life, even her name. When she became an anchoress (a woman who withdraws from secular life for religious purposes), she took the name "Julian" because her cell was built onto the wall of the church of St. Julian in Norwich. The church is believed to have been named, originally, for either St. Julian the Hospitaller or St. Julian of Le Mans.

At the age of 30, Julian suffered a grave illness, and on what appeared to be her deathbed, she experienced a series of visions of Christ, or "showings." When she recovered, she wrote a book about these visions, *Revelations of Divine Love*, which has also become known as the Short Text. This remains the earliest known book written in English by a woman. Several decades later, she began work on a second book, further exploring the meanings of her visions, which is known as the Long Text.

As an anchoress, Julian lived a solitary life, never leaving her cell. Her meals were brought to her, and she kept a small garden inside a high wall. Aside from listening through a curtained window to those who came to seek her counsel, she lived in complete isolation – although popular belief is that she kept a cat, and in art, she is often depicted with her cat.

"All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well."— *Revelations of Divine Love*.

Collect for Julian of Norwich

Lord God, in your compassion you granted to the Lady Julian many revelations of your nurturing and sustaining love: Move our hearts, like hers, to seek you above all things, for in giving us yourself you give us all; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen (*Holy Women, Holy Men*, p. 363).



Detail from stained-glass window of Julian of Norwich and her cat, St. Thomas Church, Norwich, Norfolk, U.K. (CC photo by Simon K.)