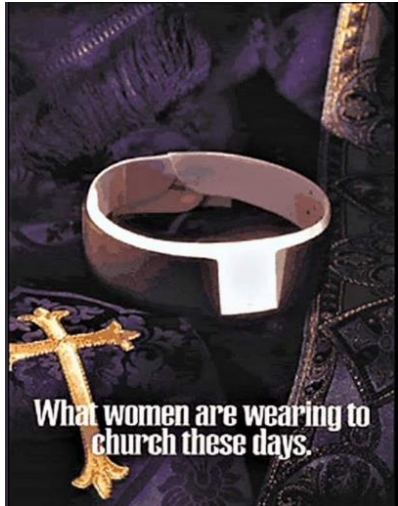




CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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The Philadelphia Eleven

Audrey Sundwall

This July we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the first women into the priesthood of the Episcopal Church. Most people today don't know, or barely remember a time when women were not welcomed into major roles in the church.

I remember in the late sixties when young women were not allowed to be acolytes, nor permitted to partake in any of the roles for Youth Sunday in the church. Women were only allowed to sing in the choir, teach Sunday School, and be a member of the Altar Guild. Episcopal canonical law didn't forbid the ordination of women, but according to custom, it wasn't done.

In the twentieth century, women started to explore ways to increase their participation in the life of the church, with the movement coming to a head in the early 1970s. During several General Conventions resolutions to approve women's ordination to the priesthood failed. A group of eleven courageous women decided to follow their calling to the priesthood and three retired bishops agreed to ordain them. It should be noted that these women had followed the steps necessary for ordination of men.

The service took place in Philadelphia on July 29, 1974 with a congregation of almost 2,000 to support them. As one may imagine, this act of "civil" disobedience was reported worldwide, and caused consternation in the Episcopal Church hierarchy. The House of Bishops met soon afterward. They wanted to invalidate the ordinations, but realized that they had no grounds. They instead declared that the eleven women were irregularly ordained priests, and as such should not be recognized until the next General Convention could decide on their status. Many of the women celebrated the Eucharist, in defiance of their "irregular" ordination.

Finally, during the General Convention in 1976, the

Worship Services

Every Sunday, 9:00 a.m.,
in-person and via Zoom

Taizé Service, March 10, 9:00
a.m. (see article below)

Holy Week and Easter Services
Palm Sunday, March 24, 9:00
a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 28,
6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29, 6:30
p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 31, 9:00
a.m.

*(Zoom connection information
at the end of newsletter.)*

Events

Mondays, continuing through
March 25, 12:15 p.m., *The
Seven Last Words of Christ on
the Cross* Lenten luncheon
series (see article for locations)

Tuesdays, continuing through
March 26, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. via
Zoom, small group study of
Living Well Through Lent 2024
by Living Compass

Save the date - Military Whist,
May 10, 6:30 p.m. (see article)

resolution to approve women to be ordained as Bishops, Priests and Deacons was passed. The Philadelphia Eleven had their ordinations "regularized." They went on to pursue varying careers, from clergy to professors of divinity, to law and prison ministry.

They, and those who came after them, faced discrimination from many areas of the church. In fact, as late as 1997, there were still three dioceses who refused to ordain women, so the General Convention revised the canons to prevent any dioceses from denying women access to the ordination process.

From their courageous fight to pursue their calling to the priesthood has come the right of women in the Episcopal Church to be deacons, priests, bishops, and even the Presiding Bishop (Katherine Jefferts Schori 2006 - 2015). In Connecticut, we are blessed with the leadership of the Rt. Rev. Laura J. Aherns, bishop suffragan, as the first female bishop of our state.

There is still work to be done, but the number of clergy is on the rise. We can thank the courageous women of the Philadelphia Eleven, and their successors, for paving the way for anyone who wishes to serve the Lord in the priesthood of the church.

Screenings of The Philadelphia 11 film:

Friday, March 8, 8:00 p.m.,
online Kinema.com, \$10.00

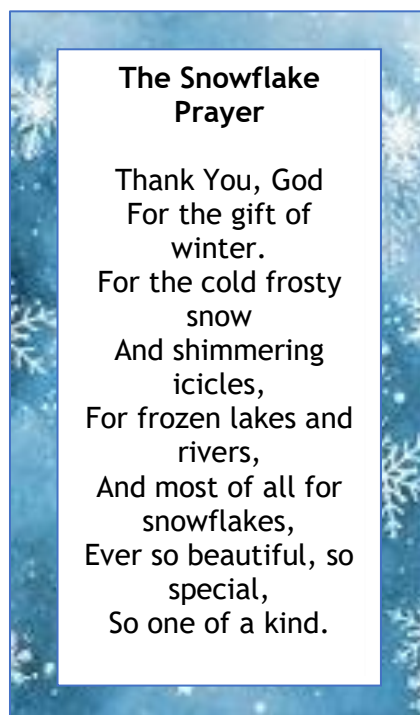
Sunday, March 10, 4:00 p.m.,
Christ Church Cathedral,
Hartford, with bishop panel
afterwards.

Sunday, April 28, 2:00 p.m.,
St. Matthew's, 36 New Canaan
Road, Wilton, CT, with Rev.
Dr. Carter Heyward,
www.stmatthewswilton.org



“Lent” - A Historical Perspective

Did you know that the word Lent comes from the old English *lencten*, meaning “spring” or “spring time?” Other European languages also had similar words. In 2024, the season of Lent happens mostly in the winter, but as we draw near to Easter, spring will bloom, as the good news of Jesus’ resurrection blooms out of the sorrow of Good Friday.



Inclement Weather

In the case of severe weather prohibiting in-person worship services the Communications Team will notify channels 9 and 61 for on-air and website postings. Our website and Facebook page will also be updated.

Lenten Devotionals and Weekly Study

The Communications Team has purchased copies of *Living Well Through Lent 2024* devotional booklets from Living Compass in English and Spanish. They are available in the Narthex, stair landings, and Good Shepherd Thrift Store. At LivingCompass.org you can also download a free version. This season’s theme is Practicing Forgiveness with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind.

We are continuing to meet Tuesday evenings on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. through March 26, for up to one hour. Use our usual Sunday service Zoom link available on our website (ChristandTheEpiphany.org) or Facebook page.

Taizé Service

**Barbara R. Coulombe,
Music Minister**

On Sunday, March 10th, we will be holding a Taizé’ worship service at 9:00 a.m.

I first introduced Taizé to the parish almost ten years ago, and since the pandemic we have not had this special worship; so I have been excited to plan it as a change from our usual Morning Prayer.

Taizé is a time for prayer, renewal, reflection, and worship and is especially meaningful during the season of Lent. The singing, silence, scripture, and prayer of Taizé are central to the worship. The icon, candlelight, and repetitive refrains of the music allow the participants to center their thoughts on prayer. It is a time to leave behind the fast pace of life filled with noise, activity, work, talking, and texting. It is a time to slow down, calm the spirit, and be silent in order to rest in God's presence. There is no Eucharist or sermon during a Taizé service - the experience has the opportunity of deepening our faith through the power of prayer.

All are invited to this special time in God's presence. Come participate in the mystery of prayer as the pilgrims did so long ago.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services

If you need a ride to the Maundy Thursday or Good Friday services please call or email the church office.

Congratulations

Rev. Andrew Osmun's dedication to the Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders (SAMS) was recognized in the Spring/Summer issue of The Messenger publication. This year marks his more than 47 years of active involvement with this effort. The complete article, "Faithful Perseverance in the Lord over Decades" is posted on our bulletin board in the Upper Hall.



Military Whist

Astrid Swanson

The Military Whist card party will be on Friday, May 10. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with coffee and desserts. The games will start promptly at 7:15 p.m. The price is \$12 and each table will have four people. You don't need to know how to play as you will get instructions with each game. There will be raffles available and if you would like to donate a basket, please let Astrid know. We are looking for spring and summer baskets such as bed and bath, picnic, beach, snack, or outdoor themes. You can also volunteer to make a dessert.



March 20 - Ian Reynolds
 March 21 - Madeline Hubbard
 March 29 - Ken Dougherty

February Vestry Meeting

Next Meeting - The next Vestry meeting will be Sunday, March 17th after the 9:00 a.m. service in the library and via Zoom.

Worship - We are still looking for someone (does not have to be a Vestry person) to chair the Worship committee.

We will have clergy for Palm Sunday and Easter but will be on our own for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Rev. Charles Kamano will be doing supply on the last Sunday of each month for the next few months. Otherwise, no supply clergy have been found. On Sunday March 10 we will have a Taizé service.

Building & Grounds - Ken Dougherty has installed programmable thermostats in the Thrift Store and Parish Administrator office.

We have received the energy report from the audit done last year. Main recommendations revolved around lighting, insulation, and the heat pumps. While we cannot afford to do all the improvements listed, Ken Dougherty and Barbara Parsons (and anyone else interested) will review to see what changes we can implement.

47 Park Place - The bathroom ceiling has been fixed. The work to shore up the floor has begun early. Also, our renter has agreed to pay rent for the entire year even though she is not yet living in the house.

Altar Guild - The new Pascal candle in memory of Richard Mead will be purchased this week and should arrive for Holy Week.

Communications - The *Living Well through Lent 2024* booklets from Living Compass were purchased and distributed around the church. Diane Villano will moderate a weekly Zoom Lenten study on the booklets.

Technology - Ken Dougherty has moved the church sound system controls to the side of the pulpit rather than behind it. This will make it less intrusive to manage the settings during a service. The clip-on microphone does not appear to be working well. Sound checks will be done before each service.

Mission - We will be sending \$14,000 to the Gusao Women's Center this week. This includes \$13,000 from the ECCT grant and \$1,000 from our Mission Fund. The Vestry set a goal to raise an additional \$750 over the course of 2024 which will allow us to send \$650 each to the Gusao Women's Center and the Women of Madagascar (SAMS) at the end of the year.

General - The Vestry approved the annual Parochial Report for 2023 as well as the Creation Care report. Copies will be available from the office if desired.

The Vestry also gave Wendy Bellmore approval to work with the East Shore Community Garden Club to create an herb garden at 47 Park Place.

In Memoriam: Anne Christofferson



Anne Christofferson entered into eternal rest on January 31, 2024 in East Haven, Connecticut. She was the beloved wife of Richard Christofferson. Anne is also survived by her children Karen, Lisa, Kathy, and Richard.

She was born in Middlesex County, London on March 24, 1932. She and Richard had been married for 66 years. She was a stewardess for B.O.A.C. and left her job when she and Richard moved to the United States. Anne frequently parented on her own when Richard was away with his job in the Air Force.

Anne and Richard moved to The Village at Mariner's Point in East Haven in March of 2022, and became part of the Christ and The Epiphany family.

Anne loved her garden, which Richard loved to paint. They enjoyed walking their dogs with friends in Cockaponset State Forest.

Those who knew her were blessed. C&E visitors who brought Communion to Anne and Richard came to know her as a gentle and kind spirit. We will miss her greatly.

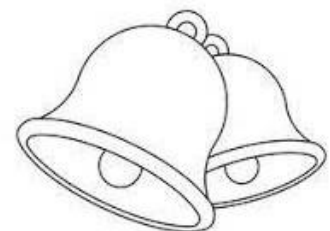


A Memorial service for Anne will take place at The Village at Mariner's Point on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he who believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. John 11:25

Easter Service Bells

On Easter, please bring a small bell to ring whenever the word Alleluia is sung. There will also be some bells available for use in the Narthex.





Episcopal Church in CT (ECCT)

Spring Training & Gathering: Get Equipped for Ministry!

April 8-20, 2024

Online: April 8-18

In-Person: April 20

Celebrating Women's History Month: Movie Screening of The Philadelphia Eleven, March 10, 2024, 4:00 p.m., at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, followed by a panel discussion with Bishop Jeffrey Mello and Bishop Laura Ahrens.

Details on the ECCT website:

www.episcopalct.org.



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Pysanky Workshop

March 16, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Join Father Paul Luniw, pastor of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Terryville for an exciting day of creativity. Participants will decorate a pysanka (a Ukrainian Easter egg) in traditional Ukrainian folk design using a wax-resist (batik) method - taking home a beautiful masterpiece of their own. The cost is \$125 which includes materials and lunch. All of their sacred art workshops are listed on their website:

www.EndersIsland.org. St. Edmunds Retreat, 1 Enders Island, Mystic.

Around the Church

Bishop Laura Ahern's visit
Sunday, February 11

Paul Barrett,
Confirmation

MaryClaire Peach-Keyes
and Melanie Miller,
Reception



Encouraging Words

Audrey Sundwall

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:6-7

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him.

Lamentations 3:25

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

Psalms 130:5-6

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

Jeremiah 29:12

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. Where can I go and meet God?

Psalms 42:42

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in the darkness.

John 12:46



Remember to sign up for Coffee Hour!

The Seven Last Words / Statements of Christ on the Cross

This year the East Haven Faith Community will hold a weekly Lenten lunch time gathering to discuss *The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross*. The Old Stone Church, St. Pio's of Pietrelcina's Parish and Christ and The Epiphany will alternate hosting the 12:15 p.m. Monday sessions, starting February 12, 2024. Please bring your own brown bag lunch. For more information, call the Old Stone Church office at 203-467-2907.

Here is the schedule for March:

- 3/4 Our Lady of Pompei - Luke 23:46, Hebrews 9:14
- 3/11 Christ and The Epiphany - John 19:26-27
- 3/18 St. Vincent De Paul - John 19:28, Psalm 69:21
- 3/25 Old Stone Church - John 19:30

This is a wonderful opportunity for Christ and The Epiphany members to learn, discuss and pray with other faith communities of East Haven during the most important season of the Christian year.

Intercessory Prayers

Aiden & the Guida Family, Alexis, Alfred, Amanda, Andrew, Barbuschak Family, Bill and Donna Hodge, Bohdan and Family in Ukraine, Brandon, Carol Ude, Charlie & Kris Langlan, David & Irene, Diana, Diane Link, Dominick L., Don Dempsey, Doreen St. Germaine, Dot Logan, Ed, Eileen F., Elaine, Faith, Fran Zella, Francesca, Geneva O'Donnell, Ginny, Jack Uberti & Holly Chickos, Jack and Jan McDonald, James Chapman, Jay Medlyn, Jay W., Jeff, Jennifer, Jim R. & Family, Joan S., Joan Shaffner, Joyce Aurelius, Kris, Lauren, Leah S., Linda P., Lucas Sundwall, Matt R., Maureen McPherson, Mike, Michael M., Minogue Family, Nicole C., Pat Walters, Pete F., Phyllis Marston, Rachael, Ray Sundwall, Sr., Rebecca & unborn baby, Jeff, Richard Christofferson, Rosa E., Sallie Alexander, Sam W., Stanley Rogalski, Susan Diaz, Thomas Brown, Tim, Tish, Tricia Clearwater, Turiano Family, Wayne

To submit names for the Intercessory Prayers list please call or email the church office. Names will be kept on the list for three months unless longer time is requested.

A Prayer for Transition and Guidance

O Lord, you are with us in every transition and change. With your deep compassion, presence and abounding love ease our anxiety. We pray for our parish family, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search, and daring in our faith. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. Help us accept change as a gift of your direction for our journey in this transition. Instill in us a vision of the church's family; that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we will be united in love and joyfully accomplish this mission, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ECCT 2023-2024 Prayer Cycle



EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT
PARTICIPATING IN GOD'S MISSION

Mar. 3	<p>Parishes: Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford; Good Shepherd, Hartford; Grace Church, Hartford; St. Martin's, Hartford</p> <p>Additionally: Prison ministry and prison chaplains; the ECCT Faith Behind Bars & Beyond Ministry Network</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Uganda</p>
Mar. 10	<p>Parishes: St. Monica's, Hartford; Trinity, Hartford; St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum</p> <p>Additionally: All ministries to, with, and for women and the Girl's Friendly Society</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church</p>
Mar. 17	<p>Parishes: All Saints', Ivoryton; St. Andrew's, Kent; Emmanuel, Killingworth; Trinity, Lime Rock</p> <p>Additionally: Bishops, ECCT staff, and parish employees, and their families</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in Wales</p>
PALM SUNDAY Mar. 24	<p>Parishes: St. Michael's, Litchfield; St. Andrew's, Madison; St. Andrew's, Marble Dale</p> <p>Additionally: ECCT Joint Leadership members of the Mission Council, Missionary Society, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry and Donations & Bequests</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of West Africa</p>
EASTER Mar. 31	<p>Parishes: All Saints', Meriden; St. Andrew's, Meriden; Christ Church, Middle Haddam</p> <p>Additionally: Collaborative ministries and all Ministry Networks</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in the Province of the West Indies</p>

Treasurer Report

Susan Shultz

	JAN	(UNDER)/OVER BUDGET	YTD	(UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$11,489.66	\$5,541.33	\$11,489.66	\$5,541.33
EXPENSES	\$11,072.24	(\$1,548.59)	\$11,072.24	(\$1,548.59)
NET	\$417.42	\$7,089.92	\$417.42	\$7,089.92

Notes: While it looks like our income is significantly over budget, this is primarily due to timing and not to an actual increase in income. We received the six-month Food Pantry payment early and some investment interest we had not budgeted until later in the year. Expenses were under budget due to the warm weather and minimal snowfall.

2024 Budget - The Vestry approved a few budget adjustments. Here are the key changes:

- Increase Pledges to \$57,270 (current commitments)
- Increase 47 Park Place Rent to \$6,000 (\$500 for 12 months not 7)
- Increase 47 Park Place Repairs to \$16,000 (Vestry approved \$15k in 2023 to shore up floors)

These changes increase our deficit from \$10,000 to \$21,000 but are needed. As always, we put ourselves in God's hands.

Worship Schedule 9:00 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)

	Lent 3 March 3, 2024	Lent 4 March 10, 2024	Lent 5 March 17, 2024	Palm Sunday March 24, 2024
Service	Morning Prayer	Taizé	Morning Prayer	Eucharist
Presider / Officiant	Barbara Parsons	Barbara Coulombe	Gail Beck	Charles Kamano
Crucifer				George Coulombe
Acolyte				Diane Villano
Lay Reader	Judy Herzman	Gail Beck Wendy Bellmore Judy Herzman Audrey Sundwall	Barbara Parsons	Judy Herman
Ushers	Audrey Sundwall	George Coulombe	Astrid Swanson	Kathy Dougherty Ken Dougherty
Zoom Tech	Susan Shultz	Audrey Sundwall Diane Villano	Susan Shultz	Susan Shultz
Lead Counter	Susan Shultz	Astrid Swanson	George Coulombe	Susan Shultz
Assistant Counter	Audrey Sundwall	Fred Bowden	Barbara Coulombe	Evelyn Conant

Triduum* and Easter	Maundy Thursday March 28, 2024 6:30 PM	Good Friday March 29, 2024 6:30 PM	Easter March 31, 2024
Service	Agape	Good Friday Svc.	Eucharist
Presider / Officiant		Audrey Sundwall	Andrew Osmun
Crucifer			George Coulombe
Acolyte			Audrey Sundwall
Lay Reader		George Coulombe	Terry Osmun
Ushers		Wendy Bellmore	Barbara Parsons Diane Villano
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*Triduum - The paschal triduum, the three holiest days of the church's year of grace, is the period of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The liturgy on those days is actually a single liturgy in three parts.

Next Issue The deadline for the April issue is March 19th. Submissions can be sent to newsletter.chrstandtheepiphany@gmail.com. For an update to the Intercessory Prayers, Birthday or Anniversary lists, please call the church office at 203-467-2310 or email chrstandtheepiphany@gmail.com.

Clergy, Vestry and Staff

Priest-in-charge	Open
Senior Warden	George Coulombe
Junior Warden	Barbara Parsons (& Outreach)
Treasurer	Susan Shultz (& Technology)
Clerk	Gail Beck
Vestry Member	Ray Clearwater
Vestry Member	Carol Link-Ude (& Altar Guild; Hospitality & Fund Raising)
Vestry Member	Audrey Sundwall (& Communications)
Vestry Member	Astrid Swanson
Vestry Member	Pat Walters
Music Director	Barbara Coulombe
Parish Administrator	Diane Rowley

ECCT continues to experience a shortage of supply clergy for Sunday services. If you know of anyone who might be interested in serving at C & E, please contact the office at chrstandtheepiphany@gmail.com.

To connect by computer, enter: <https://tinyurl.com/3kbvnbb4>, or click on the link on our webpage: www.ChrstandTheEpiphany.org

To join by phone call: 929-436-2866, Meeting ID = 763 909 4733, Password = 39

Weekly bulletins are emailed out on Fridays. Zoom is opened around 8:45 a.m. on Sunday.

If you are not receiving the email bulletin, please contact Diane Rowley in the office at 203-467-2310 or chrstandtheepiphany@gmail.com.

If you want or need any help getting connected on Zoom please reach out any time to Susan Shultz at 203-589-1142 or sbshultz@gmail.com.

Christ and The Epiphany Church

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Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 a.m. In-Person & Online Zoom Worship
In-person with social distancing and optional masking