

# The Witness



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
East Haddam, Connecticut

April 2011

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Ecce Homo Arch, Via Dolorosa (near 2<sup>nd</sup> station).

## **Deacon's Corner: The Via Dolorosa**

We are now about halfway through our season of Lent, which incidentally means spring. Spring has officially arrived and our hope is that winter is behind us. The end of the winter season is always the hardest to endure because we have turned our thoughts and our eyes to warmer weather with the hope of “little green things” popping from the earth. We long to shed the heavy winter clothes and so to find the freedom that warmer weather and sunny days will bring. But the spring of our dreams, as we all know full well in New England, can be a slow process. (See “Via Dolorosa”, p. 3)

## **“Follow Me”**

Have you ever thought about what Jesus meant when he spoke these words to his disciples? “Come, follow me,” said Jesus, they were the first words he spoke to them. An invitation. Now you must remember, these men were mere fishermen and tax collectors—everyday “Joes.” Nothings—in the eyes of the Rabbinical elite. So when this carpenter/Rabbi approached THEM and asked THEM to follow HIM and learn from HIM...they must have been checking over their shoulders and saying, “Who? ...Me?!”

When you look at the story from this perspective, it's no wonder they “dropped their nets” to follow this man...perhaps for no other reason than mere curiosity. I don't want to forsake the point that is often made from this story—the idea of just picking up and leaving EVERYTHING...their livelihoods, family, friends, all that they knew. Did they know where they were going? Jesus said, “Follow me.” In the Jewish tradition, when a Rabbi spoke these words he meant, “Come, follow in my steps; learn how to be like me.”

**I wonder if they would have left their nets so easily had they known that Jesus was headed towards the cross.**



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Would you?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						<u>4:00 pm</u> Private Party
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<b>3</b> <i>The Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<u>8:00 am</u> Morning Prayer & Communion <u>9:45 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:00 am</u> Holy Eucharist  <u>5:00 pm</u> Harvest House	<u>6:00 pm</u> Yoga	<u>7:30 pm</u> AA Meeting	<u>8:00 pm</u> AA Meeting	<u>7:00 pm</u> Choir Rehearsal	<u>6:30 pm</u> Game Night	<u>8 am-12 pm</u> Work Party
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<b>10</b> <i>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
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<b>17</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> <b>21</b>	<i>Good Friday</i> <b>22</b>	<i>Holy Saturday</i> <b>23</b>
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<b>24</b> <i>Easter Day</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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**Via Dolorosa***(Continued from front page)*

I can't help but see the parallel of this time of the year with this time of our liturgical year. We start with Ash Wednesday, which reminds us that we are a fragile lot. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" BCP 265. We contemplate our discipline for the season; do I give something up or take on something new? We move through our daily routines as usual and at first our discipline doesn't seem too bad. But as the days carry on we begin to look for the ending of our self-imposed discipline. Just when we see the gift of Easter before us we realize that before Easter, comes Good Friday, and just like our yearning for warm weather our Lenten season has one more gust of cold air. Good Friday is the day we remember the amazing gift God has given us in Jesus.

As you know I have recently returned from a long desired pilgrimage to Israel, and one of the most important sites we visited was the Via Dolorosa or the "Way of Sorrow". I quote from our pamphlet, "Along this route are the "Fourteen Stations of the Cross". Each station marks an event of sacred memory, with chapels for reflection, convents and monasteries of devotion, and the sacred basilica for commemoration – along Christendom's most hallowed road." This is the path Jesus walked to Calvary.

I spoke with one of my traveling companions about how distanced I felt from why I was there. We were told to put anything we were carrying in front of us because of pickpockets. It was narrow and crowded. Vendors were trying to sell their wares. People were shouting and laughing and watching everything. There was merchandise hanging above us and inside and outside of the very close shops. The shop owners were at the doorway trying to sell you something. There were odors of food, leather and new merchandise. This in itself was very interesting and I knew under different circumstances I would probably love the excitement of it all; however I wasn't there to buy things. I could not concentrate on why I was there. We even took a coffee break halfway through the Stations!

It wasn't until later that I began to see. The Romans paraded Jesus through the city as an example to the

populace. There had been others and would be more unfortunates who would be paraded through these crowded streets (more like pathways). Commerce continued: laughing and arguing, buying and selling. I'm sure the shop owners were annoyed at the disruption. It was bad for business—all that blood landing on their wares. And those soldiers! How rude and rough they were. Only caring about the job they were about.

But this Unfortunate was different. The shop owners didn't know it. The soldiers didn't know it, although one would later. The shoppers on the streets didn't know it. Only those following Jesus deep in their own agony knew. This was God's Son. He was paying the price for sin. Not His, ours.

It was not quiet or clean. It was earthy. It was real life, not sugar coated and cleaned up. It was what Jesus came for.

He flinched only once in the Garden of Gethsemane. When speaking to the Father He said, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." He was more than an Innocent; He was Holy, Perfect, without sin. Such love the world had never known. This is what the Father would have us know. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him." John 3:16-17.

Our last cold gust of Lent is Good Friday. But be of good cheer! Sunday is coming. Jesus overcame the power of sin and death and He did it for us that we may live in communion with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Joy of it is all encompassing.

No matter the weather on Easter Sunday, it is a glorious day filled with Joy and Hope. The God of all creation has spoken to us in His Son saying, I love you and want to be with you now and forever! You are my glorious own!

Be joyful and expectant because just as summer follows spring, Easter follows Good Friday.

Have a blessed Lent and a Joyful Easter!

Dianne

**Lectionary Texts**

**April 3—Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 23  
 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
 Ephesians 5:8-14  
 John 9:1-41

**April 10—Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 130  
 Ezekiel 37:1-14  
 Romans 8:6-11  
 John 11:1-45

**April 17—Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

Psalm 31:9-16  
 Isaiah 50:4-9a  
 Philippians 2:5-11  
 Matthew 26:14—27:66 (or Matthew 27:11-54)

**April 21—Maundy Thursday**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17  
 Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10) 11-14  
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**April 22—Good Friday**

Psalm 22  
 Isaiah 52:13—53:12  
 Hebrews 10:16-25 (or Hebrews 4:14-16:5:7-9)  
 John 18:1-19:42

**April 24—Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
 Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6  
 Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43  
 John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

**Vestry Highlights**

February 21, 2011

**Opening Prayer and Bible Verse:** Led by Gerry Piccola. Future prayers and bible verse to be led by other members.

**Welcome New Vestry Members:** Evelyn Morgen, Patty Flanagan and Lloyd Newdecker.

**Treasurer's Report**

Receipts: (\$76.00) from what was budgeted  
Diocesan Pledge has not been paid for last 2 months. Amount owed at this time is roughly \$9,000. We do not foresee being able to pay February either.

Organ Repair: December bill from McNeally. Work is done before Easter and Christmas. Wendy has indicated that we need major repairs done. The organ was rebuilt in 1994. Ed O'Dell had indicated he would work on the organ for us

Non-Budgeted Receipts: Received \$7,533 for Capital Campaign so far in January

Fuel Bill – we are slightly behind

Kathy Faye motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as prepared. Motion accepted unanimously and carried.

**Dormant Funds:** A few funds have been in existence and dormant for several years. Want to explore closing those funds and moving monies to the general operating budget... Kathy Faye motioned to withdraw and close the Tables and Chairs and Chapel Room Funds. The total \$505.00 will be put into the general operating budget. Evelyn Morgen seconded the motion. Further discussion: The \$505.00 will show as a non-budgeted receipt next month. Motion accepted unanimously and carried.

**Kitchen Renovations:** Matching has been completed. Need to know from Cindy DiNino what happens next.

**Report on Capital Campaign:** Gordon reiterated the general campaign status. Timeline: Out to Bid mid-March. Construction to start mid-May and last 4 months or so.

**Revised hours of Jennica Serra – Parish Secretary** Changed to Tues & Thurs, from 9 to 3

**Supply and Interim Priests:** The Rev. Catherine Randall has agreed to stay on with us through Easter. Interim Search Committee consists of Gordon Cobleigh, Gerry Piccola, Denny Tovey and Tanya Knox. Hours of Interim will likely be part-time.

**Alternate Delegate for Diocese and Deanery:** Lynne Meyer is currently the Diocesan delegate. Gordon will not be able to serve as the back-up going forward so we need a second person. Deanery meetings are 2/year – September & April. Diocesan convention once per year in October

**Ushers for 8am Service:** Since Bud has retired we need more ushers. Patty Kloo has been filling in. Madeline Fazzino also put her name down to be entered into the rotation.

**Rector Search process / Search Committee:** Debbie Duncan, Liz Garafalo, Pricilla Hoover, Ed O'Dell, Terry Tovey, Fred Weissbach, Gerry Piccola, Gordon Cobleigh. Meet weekly. Current task: Parish profile and form interview questions. We as a parish have not looked at ourselves in 15 years.

**Other Business:**

Denny is working on 2010 audit preparations. Diocesan Parochial Report –due in March  
 Spring Events Calendar – Ann DiFiglia gathered fund raising ideas to take place between March and July. [Chicken BBQ, Tag Sale, Auction.]

Website—need for update—as this is the first step for any candidate, interim or permanent.

**Adjournment:** Kathy Faye motioned, seconded by Madeline Fazzino, motion approved unanimously and carried. **Compline** was led by Gordon Cobleigh

**Next meeting:** March 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

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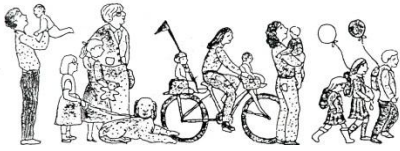
**Rotation Schedule**

**April 2011**

	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Lay Readers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	<b>Prayers of the People</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>After Service Prayer</b>
<b>4/3</b>	Dennis Corriveau	Dianne Warley	Peter Gilsean	Edwin Homar	Dan Holle	Ann DiFiglia	D. Duncan Jane Burtis	Garofalo, Drew & Homar	C & M Cavrell	Liz Garofalo
<b>4/10</b>	Glenn Brielmann	Jim Meyer	Kerri Willis	Erin Holle	Dianne Warley	Wendy Hummel	Liz Garofalo	Johnson & Hoover	Marci Marciniac	Liz Johnson
<b>4/17</b>	Phil Piccola	Kathy Faye	Matt Budzik	Samantha Homar	Maggie Shepherd	Liz Johnson	Nancy Giesey	Guptill, Iarusso, Dedman & Moore	Andrew Lavigne	Kathy Faye
<b>4/24</b>	Kendall Knox	Gordon Cobleigh	Ann DiFiglia	Connor Johnson	Dennis Whitty	Chick Grillo	N & L Iacovelli	Brielmann, Marciniac & Lisitano	Amanda Lisitano	Cindy Holle
<b>5/1</b>	Liz Garofalo	Dave Hass	Peter Gilsean	Michael Homar	Dan Holle	Gerry Piccola	D. Duncan Jane Burtis	Schott, Johnson, Morgan-Brown	C & M Cavrell	Evelyn Morgen
<b>5/8</b>	Dennis Corriveau	Evelyn Morgen	Kerri Willis	Edwin Homar	Dianne Warley	Glenn Brielmann	Liz Garofalo	Klinck, Faye & Hickey	Andrew Lavigne	Liz Garofalo
<b>5/15</b>	Glenn Brielmann	Dianne Warley	Matt Budzik	Erin Holle	Maggie Shepherd	Barbara Hass	Nancy Giesey	Anderson & Sawyer	Amanda Lisitano	Liz Johnson
<b>5/22</b>	Phil Piccola	Jim Meyer	Ann DiFiglia	Samantha Homar	Dennis Whitty	Dave Hass	N & L Iacovelli	Knox & DiFiglia	C & M Cavrell	Kathy Faye
<b>5/29</b>	Kendall Knox	Kathy Faye	Peter Gilsean	Connor Johnson	Dan Holle	Ann DiFiglia	Terry Tovey	Garofalo, Drew & Homar	Andrew Lavigne	Cindy Holle

<b>Ushers</b> Glenn Brielmann Phil Piccola Kendall Knox Liz Garofalo Dennis Corriveau <b>(8:00 AM)</b> Patty Kloo	<b>Lectors</b> Peter Gilsean Kerri Willis Matt Budzik Ann DiFiglia	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> Dianne Warley Maggie Shepherd Dennis Whitty Dan Holle	<b>Altar Guild</b> Debby Duncan /Jane Burtis Liz Garofalo Nancy Giesey Nick & Lynn Iacovelli Terry Tovey (5 <sup>th</sup> wk) <b>After 8am cleanup</b> Rachel Schott (2x) Maggie Shepherd N & L Iacovelli Terry Tovey (5 <sup>th</sup> wk) <b>After 10am cleanup</b> Debby Duncan Evelyn Morgen Maggie Shepherd Ann DiFiglia Terry Tovey (5 <sup>th</sup> wk) <b>Laundry</b> Barbara Hass	<b>Coffee Hour</b> Maureen Johnson Priscilla Hoover Anne Guptill & Ed Iarusso The Dedmans Ruth Moore Marsha Brielmann Marci Marciniac Amanda Lisitano W. Morgan-Brown Rachel Schott Liz Johnson Kathy Klinck The Fays Lynda Hickey The Andersons The Sawyers	<b>The Knoxs</b> Ann & Frank DiFiglia Liz Garofalo Jay Drew Lisa Homar  <b>Nursery</b> Carl & Melissa Cavrell Andrew Lavigne Amanda Lisitano  <b>After Service Prayer</b> Liz Garofalo Liz Johnson Kathy Faye Cindy Holle Evelyn Morgen
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## St. Stephen's Children



Dear Families,

Happy spring! I hope all of you are enjoying the warmer weather! I am so thrilled to see more and more children attending church school! It is truly a blessing to be able to help share God's love with your children. There are a few events coming up this month –

### Family Game Night

*Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm*

Everyone is welcome to join us! There will be a selection of games for anyone to use, you may grab a table and play as a family/group or join in with others. There will also be a scavenger hunt for the younger children and arts & crafts. Refreshments will be sold. If you are interested in volunteering in any way please let me know.

### Good Friday Service

*Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:15pm*

There will be a church service at 7:30pm, and a children's Stations of the Cross service beginning at 7:15pm. All children are welcome to attend – The children's service will run similarly to our regular Sunday service schedule – We will begin in the classroom at 7:15pm and then come into join our families in church.

### Easter Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

*No Church School classes* - but we hope to see the children in church with their families to celebrate this glorious day!

*Note to parents of infants/young children* – There are now a couple of rocking chairs in the back of the church for you to use if you wish. Feel free to move them wherever you like.

*Nursery* – The nursery rotation needs to be updated. If you are interested in using the nursery and would be available to help out with the rotation please let me know.

*VBS – Vacation Bible School???* – Is St. Stephen's interested in having its own VBS this summer? If you are interested in meeting to discuss this or in having your child attend, please let me know.

*Children & Youth Garden work party????* – Yes, we will be doing a children & youth vegetable garden again this year – With the fruits of their labor to benefit Harvest House which is a soup kitchen that runs every Sunday at 5pm here at St. Stephens. It would be wonderful to have as many children to help out as possible. The date for this is not set yet.

As always, please let me know if you are able to help out with teaching or assisting in any of our classes.

God Bless,  
Lynda Hickey  
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*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."*

*(John 15:1-4)*

### Work Party

Greetings,

Three months ago mother nature brought forth on our church---winter. It is now for us, the living, to secure the blessings of cleanliness upon our church with raking, cleaning windows, and garden chores.

The festivities will start at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Bring rakes, etc.

Thank you for your participation.

The Facilities Committee

**LAS Forum & Fun Series**

The LAS (Ladies Aid Society) Forum and Fun Series had another lovely evening on March 18<sup>th</sup> at Lynne Meyer's event, "Praying in Color". Lynne was our host and guide as we explored this beautiful art of prayer. [Thank you so much Lynne, for sharing not only this idea but your own prayers as well as those scrumptious carrot cupcakes!!] Ask Lynne if you want to know more or try it yourself by visiting the website below! Sybil MacBeth is the "founder" of this art and professes to be a non-artist; so do not shy from this if you feel you have nary an artistic bone. "A new prayer form gives God an invitation and a new door to penetrate the locked cells of our hearts and minds," explains Sybil MacBeth. 'For many of us, using only words to pray reduces God by the limits of our finite words.'" ([www.prayingincolor.com](http://www.prayingincolor.com))

Next up ...

**An Oragami Night**

*Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.*

\*\* Tentative \*\*

**Women and Church**

*Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.*

Bishop Laura Aherns will lead a discussion on "Women and Church." How has the place of women in the church changed since women's ordination? Has it? Bishop Aherns is an enthusiastic, wise woman of God who will listen and speak from her experience as a woman, priest and now bishop in the Episcopal Church.

One for all Forum and Fun for 'um all!

Gwen Pond

**Our Story (Money MATTERS)**

The spine-tingling episode of St. Stephen's continues...

In 1673, in order to protect his claim in East Haddam, Robert Chapman built a house along Creek Row, but no record exists that he ever established residency there.

The inhabitants of both sides formed one society until 1704, when two societies were formed. It was not until 1734 that the town was divided by the societies; the west retaining the name of Haddam, the east took the name Haddam East.

The first permanent settlers to East Haddam started arriving in 1685 from Haddam, and began establishing homes on Creek Row. These permanent settlers were the Bates, Cone, Brainerd, Gates, Ackley, and Spencer Families. By 1691, Haddam East had its first representative, George Gates, to the General Assembly. Thomas Hungerford, from New London, settled Hadlyme in 1692. By 1700, Samuel Emmons and William Spencer settled an area of East Haddam called Little Haddam. Another New Londoner, Jonathan Beebe, settled in 1704 in the Millington area of Long Pond (now called Lake Hayward). So by 1704, 30 families were living in Haddam East.

Between the settlement in 1685 and the establishment of the First Church in 1704, the residence of Haddam East had to return across the river to Haddam to attend worship, which could be several times a week. Ten years after the settlement, a ferry was set up between the two Haddams. Established by Capt. John Chapman, the ferry crossed the Connecticut River from the Lower Landing (Goodspeed) to Tylerville on the west side. This ferry was in continuous use until the swing bridge was completed in 1913.

The First Church (Ecclesiastical Society-Congregational) came about over a dispute in the pay of Haddam's minister, the Rev. Jeremiah Hobert. The first minister of First Church was Rev. Stephen Hosmer.

By the outbreak of the American Revolution, there were 2,808 people living in East Haddam, the main driver of this population growth was industry, particularly shipbuilding.

Stay tuned for more...

The Stewardship Committee

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