

# Parish News for the week of July 1

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

## Grace Church Welcomes New Minister of Music

Martha Ann Burford is the daughter of an Episcopal priest, and has therefore grown up in our Church. Among a number of other parishes served, she served Church of the Holy Comforter in Richmond for 25 years. She is coming to us from The Canterbury Episcopal School in Greensboro, NC where she has served as a teacher and Chapel Organist. She comes to us with her husband David and a kennel of dachshunds. They are purchasing a home in Lexington and expect to close by July 16th. A published composer, co-founder and editor of the publication *Church Music Forward*, she is also a member of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Church Music for the Episcopal Church.

**A welcoming reception for Martha will be held after the 10:30 service today in the Parish Hall. Come and welcome her to Grace Church.**

## Summer Worship Services

Our worship services will be covered by supply priests (with the exception of July 29). Emergency pastoral needs will be met by Lyndon Sayers of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

## Rockbridge Area Hospice Summer Series Grief Workshop, July 21, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Remembrance Box: A memory box to decorate and a place to keep special memories or moments of your relationship with the person who passed away. *There is no cost to attend, space is limited.* Contact Susan Harrison, 315 Myers Street, Lexington to register 540.463.1848, susan.harrison@rahospice.org

Join **Rockbridge Area Hospice** for a Volunteer Open House the third Wednesday of every month anytime between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Learn how you can get involved and make a difference. Meet current volunteers, enjoy light refreshments and engage in learning opportunities where there is no pressure. For more information contact Christine Hopkins, Volunteer Coordinator at 540-463-1848 x109 or Christine.hopkins@rahospice.org.

## Altar Flowers

If you wish to make a donation (\$65 for flower donations/\$35 for greens during Easter and Lent) in honor/memorial of a loved one, please use the 2018 Flower Chart on the wall of the bridge to sign up.

## July and August Memorials

<b>July 8:</b> Robblee	<b>Aug 5:</b> Luton
<b>July 15:</b> Peters	<b>Aug 12:</b> Glore
<b>July 22:</b> Gibson	<b>Aug 19:</b> Schram
<b>July 29:</b> Gosse	<b>Aug 26:</b> Dickerson

## Office Volunteer

If you would be interesting in being an office volunteer (answering phones, light office work) when Lisa is at a doctor's appointment or on vacation, please call the Parish office or email [lisa@graceepiscopallexington.org](mailto:lisa@graceepiscopallexington.org)

<b>Today</b>	The Rev. David Lassalle
<b>July 8</b>	The Rev. Anne Grizzle
<b>July 15</b>	The Rev. P. Roger Bowen
<b>July 22</b>	The Rev. Anne Grizzle
<b>July 29</b>	Fr. James
<b>August 5</b>	Pastor Paul Macgill

Please contact the church office (office@graceepiscopallexington.org), Sharon (sharon@graceepiscopallexington.org) or James Keane (chaplain@graceepiscopallexington.org)

if you have a pastoral need. Please let us know if you are having upcoming surgeries, etc. Your church families care about you!

## Parish Office Hours Week of July 4 (Lisa on vacation)

Monday 7/2	Closed
Tuesday 7/3	9 a.m. - Noon
Wednesday 7/4	Closed
Thursday 7/5	9 a.m. - Noon
Friday 7/6	9 a.m. - Noon

**“And Jesus said you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. This is the first and great commandment, and the second is like it – Love your neighbor as yourself.”**  
- Bishop Curry quoting Matthew 22:37-39

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### **Taizé Eucharist**

The second-Sunday Taizé contemplative Eucharist will be July 8 at 5 p.m. Join us for this service of scripture, prayer, music, and communion.

### **Gift from Ruth and George Roth**

Our parish has received a generous gift from the estates of Ruth and George Roth. Their lifelong joint dedication to the mission of God in this parish, and especially their leadership and participation in the music ministry of the parish, are fondly and frequently recalled by the choir, music lovers in the parish, and by their many friends here. Now this gift will continue to express Ruth's and George's love and devotion for this parish, this community, and beyond. As desired and directed by Ruth and George, this gift will be dedicated to the Roth Music Fund, to support traditional classical church music. This wonderful gift has been announced to the Vestry and also our Senior Warden has sent a letter of thanks to the Roth's daughters,  
Jane Roth Baugh and Katherine Roth Riley.

The Fund was created by gifts given in honor of George and Ruth in 2002 at George's retirement. Since then the Fund has supported the choir, most recently in 2017, when the choir held several Evensong services to prepare for a weeklong trip to serve at the Wells Cathedral in England as the Choir in Residence in the last week of July. The offerings from those services were deposited into the Roth Music Fund and by the date of the trip those contributions, as well as other funds held in the Fund, provided over \$6,600 towards the expenses of the trip. The choir sang Evensong 6 times, and on Sunday sang for Matins and the Eucharist. The choir has described the trip as a life changing experience.

By this tremendous additional gift the Vestry hopes to continue to provide inspiring musical experiences in worship, concerts, and/or similar performances for all of our communicants as well as for our friends and neighbors in and beyond this community.

The loving gifts of Ruth and George Roth have accomplished much for the glory of God and will continue to provide for the parish and others in the future.

### **Pocket Change 4 Change**

Recognizing the ongoing need to support community outreach, the ECW has started a fund raising initiative called **Pocket Change 4 Change**. Parishioners are asked to contribute "pocket change" each Sunday with proceeds going to both existing and new community outreach efforts. A collection box will be located on the bridge. Questions about **Pocket Change 4 Change** can be directed to Darlene Keane

**If you would like to join the watering team or know a parishioner that may be interested please contact John Dickerson at 315-430-1423**

### **Watering Team Guidance**

Our goal is to water every day except for days with significant rain. Keep in mind that our new plants have only roots that were confined in the pot they were grown in, so after the plant transpires most of the water in that small volume it begins to stress. Also significant are the large trees which are using far greater quantities of water from the soil profile every day and competing with our new plants. For now, we are watering the new plantings and also the work that was installed last Fall along the West side of the Church building.

Watering is not necessary on your day if significant rain (0.75 inch at least) was received the night before or heavy rain (1 inch or more) was received the day before.

The timing of watering on your day is flexible and up to you, I personally like to do this in the evening because of cooler temps, shade, and fewer issues with traffic running over or pedestrians possibly tripping on the hose. Also, by then we know if predicted rain has actually happened or evaporated as a fond wish. But you will do whatever fits your schedule best.

Extend the hose from the Parish House spigot across the driveway up onto the patio area. Please make sure it is on the ground and not a tripping hazard to pedestrians. For now, while the water is turned off in the undercroft during construction, the hose has to be run from the spigot in front of the Parish House behind the bushes. Once the plumbing work is finished we will be able to access the spigot at the front West corner of the Church building. I do not yet have a read on when that will be ready, but the plumbers are working and it will be soon I hope. The Parish House spigot is turned on by twisting the key counter clockwise as far as it will turn to get decent water flow. Be aware that the key is loose on the spigot shaft and can fall off.

A watering session takes me about 45 minutes, applying about 2 gallons of water to each plant and including coiling up the hoses after turning off the water. A team of waterers, utilizing hoses from both spigots (once both are operational) could cut that time in half. The hose will deliver 2 gallons in about 30 seconds. Remember there are new plants across the front of the Church, along the driveway, and by the front steps near Washington Street. Last Falls plantings extend from the front corner of the Church along the West wall including the three dogwood trees. There are also two small plants on the other side of the ramp to the South.