



CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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Queen Elizabeth II

Bishop Ian Douglas

Bishop Laura Ahrens

Bishop-elect Jeffrey Mello

We are saddened by the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II of England, Britain's longest-serving monarch and official head of the Church of England, at Balmoral Castle in Scotland today at age 96.

As Queen she was Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Her love of God and commitment to Anglicanism was unflinching, and she embraced her faith as central to her reign. The Queen's grace and faithfulness was an inspiration to her family, her nation, the British Commonwealth, and the world. We give thanks for all she has given to the global Anglican Communion.

"At the Lambeth Conference of 2008, I was privileged to work with the Queen and her staff in her hosting the bishops from the worldwide Anglican Communion at Buckingham Palace," said the Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas, Bishop Diocesan. "In her welcoming of bishops it was clear that this was not yet another official act of the monarch. Rather the love and graciousness she offered to the bishops from around the world

was emblematic of her love of God and of God's Church."

"This summer when we were at Lambeth Conference, Queen Elizabeth shared with us by letter the following thoughts: 'Throughout my life, the message and teachings of Christ have been my guide and in them I find hope. It is my heartfelt prayer that you will continue to be sustained by your faith in times of trial and encouraged by hope at times of despair.' I hold these words close to my heart as I give thanks for the Queen's faithfulness as well as her life and ministry. She will be missed," said the Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan.

"We give great thanks for the example Queen Elizabeth gave to the world of a life lived faithfully serving God," said the Rev. Jeffrey Mello, Bishop-Elect. "While her role was inherited, how she lived out that inheritance as a follower of Jesus was a choice she made each day. I will hold on to that as I remember and give thanks for her life and service."

We ask your prayers of thanksgiving for Queen Elizabeth II, for her mortal life, and new life with God. Pray too for all who mourn her loss: the Royal Family, the

Upcoming Events

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

Every Tuesday (starting September 13), 7:00 p.m., Book study via Zoom

Saturday, September 10, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Harvest Fair & Bake Sale

Sunday, September 18, 10:00 a.m. Vestry in Library

Sunday, Sept 25, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Junk in the Trunk

(Zoom connection information at end of newsletter.)

people of England, the United Kingdom, and the British Commonwealth, and the whole world. Please also hold Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, in your prayers as he helps to lead the official acts of mourning and remembrance.

Clergy Schedule

September 4 -

Morning Prayer

September 10 -

Fr. Andrew G. Osmun

September 18 -

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September 25 -

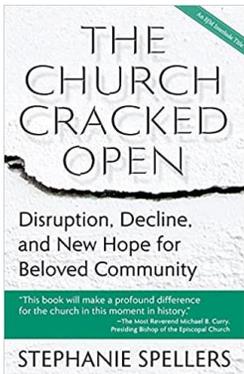
Morning Prayer

Online Book Study

This Fall our Communication Committee is sponsoring a book study via Zoom on “The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community” by Stephanie Spellers.

The book study will be held weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7pm - 8:30pm for 8 weeks from Tue Sept 13 through Tue Nov 1 and each week we will cover one chapter.

It will be moderated by our own Diane Villano and held on our normal Sunday Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9933030663?pwd=VnU2RjAxZDg0WWcvcvVA4RHdOd3ZUUT09>



You may remember Diane Villano reviewed this book in our May issue.

The author was the guest facilitator of the closing plenary session at the 2022 ECCT Spring Training and is Canon to Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry. The book covers the history of the Christian church, focusing on the Episcopal branch, the “Church of Empire”, including its association with the slave trade, and suggests hope for a reimagined future. A difficult, insightful, and challenging but ultimately hopeful book, well worth the read and with the potential for fruitful group discussion.

Around the Church

Summer Junk in the Trunk



Harvest Fair 2022



The book is available on Amazon (\$17)and alibris.com (\$12). Additionally, an ebook version is available on either Amazon or Barnes and Noble (\$10.00). We'll also be taking advantage of the study materials on churchcrackedopen.com. If purchasing the book is a hardship, please reach out to Susan Shultz at email sbshultz@gmail.com as other copies may be available.

We hope you can join us for this adventure as we continue our learnings about our church and country's past! To prepare for our first session, participants should read the Introduction and Chapter 1.

Junk in the Trunk

The next Junk in the Trunk will be September 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

As always if you want to add to our supplies of baked goods for sale in “Carol’s Kitchen”, Carol would be most appreciative! You can contact her at cude@snet.net.

Community Kitchen

East Haven United is hoping to bring back the Community Kitchen lunches in October. Look for more updates next month.

Vestry Meeting

Next Meeting - The next Vestry meeting will be Sunday, September 18th in the Library and via Zoom after the 9:00 a.m. service.

The Vestry did not meet in July or August.

South Central Parish Gathering

George Coulombe

On Sunday, October 2 from 3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. there will be a gathering of people from the South Central Region of ECCT at St. John's, New Haven, to talk about how the parishes of the region can share resources. It is meant to support each other in parishes with clergy serving half or quarter time (or no clergy at all). I will be attending and would be available for car pooling if you are also interested in attending. You can send me an email at bgcoulombe@gmail.com.



Sept 22 - Jill Lamberti
Sept 24 - Richard Mead
Sept 28 - Leland Hubbard

Painting Campaign Astrid Swanson

I hope by now everyone has seen the freshly painted "red" front doors! This is a great beginning to the Painting Campaign. Tony, the painter, cannot scrap or paint in the hot weather we are having because he needs to wear a mask because of the dirt, dust and lead paint being taken off the doors. When the weather breaks he'll continue to paint the doors on the driveway side next. Please be patient but enjoy the work-in-progress.

Encouraging Words

Audrey Sundwall

Scriptures about Mission

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: "Who will I send? Who will go for Us? I said: "Here I am. Send me."
- *Isaiah 6:8*

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. - *Mark 16:15*

For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."
- *Acts 13:47*

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
- *1 Chronicles 16:24*

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
- *Matthew 28:19-20*

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
- *Acts 13:2*

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. - *Romans 5:8*

Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."
- *John 20:21*



Sept 11 - Ken & Kathy Dougherty
Sept 27 - Ray & Audrey Sundwall



Episcopal Church in CT (ECCT)

Ordination and Consecration of Rev. Jeffrey Mello

On Saturday Oct 15, at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Jeffrey Mello will be ordained and consecrated a bishop of CT at a service at the Connecticut Convention Center. The chief consecrator will be Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.



Every parish can send up to five lay people. If you are interested in attending this event please let George Coulombe and/or Barbara Parsons know. Registration opens on Sept 19 so do let them know as soon as possible.

For those unable to attend in person, this event will also be live streamed via ECCT's Youtube channel.



**ECCT
South
Central
Region**

**C&E Featured in August
edition of Newsletter**

Recently Christ and The Epiphany was one of the parishes featured in the ECCT South Central Region News.

Rachel Thomas, the Missionary in Charge of our region asked us to write about something we would like the other parishes of the district to know about us. We decided to feature the ways our parish lends a hand in our community by offering the use of our building to many worthy groups. Here is our article.

And do come support Rachel Thomas when she joins us on Sunday October 23!

Christ & The Epiphany: A Community Hub

Christ & The Epiphany is building relationships with community partners and providing a safe, welcoming meeting space for local organizations. Every week seems to bring a new self-help group request - especially as their need has increased (one weekly meeting averages 80 attendees). We are running out of available rooms!

Our oldest partner is the East Haven Food Pantry which often serves more than 100 families each week from our driveway. East Haven United (a religious coalition) held twice-monthly free lunches and, after a

pandemic shut-down, is expected to restart meals this Fall.



Then there is our thriving Thrift Store. Not just a cost-effective store but a place where people stop by to pray or talk or pick up a free spiritual book. Overflow donations are distributed to other charities such as St. Pauly (international relief group), New Haven Reads (kids books), Midnight Run (New Haven homeless outreach), EH Backpacks (back-to-school supplies), individual requests and more!

So with numerous self-help groups, a funeral home sponsored grief support group, hosting local business meetings and vendor events, and supporting the East Haven Animal Shelter (including our annual Blessing of the Animals) - We believe Christ & The Epiphany is a clear beacon of love and support in town.



Yale Institute of Sacred Music: Organ Concert

On Sunday September 18 at 7:30pm at Woolsey Hall, Nathaniel Gumbs, Director of Chapel Music at Yale, will give a free organ concert featuring works by Franck, Rossini and others. It will also be live streamed on ism.yale.edu.

Intercessory Prayers

Aiden & the Guida Family, Alfred, Andrew, Barbuschak Family, Beverly W., Bohdan & Family in Ukraine, Brandon, Carol Ude, David & Irene, Diane Link, Dot Tate, Ed, Ed, Eileen F., Elaine, Erick Villano, Faith, Fran Zella, Francesca, Judy Herzman, Jack Uberti & Holly Chickos, Jack & Jan McDonald, Jay Medlyn, Jay W., Jim R. & Family, Joyce Aurelius, Kathrine Burdick, Keith M., Leah S., Lee Hubbard, Linda Lonardo, Lucas Sundwall, Mark Conti, Matt R., Mike, Nicole C., Rachael, Ray Sundwall Sr., Sallie Alexander, Sue R., Tricia Clearwater, Turiano Family

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.

Next issue

The deadline for the October issue is **September 20**. Submissions can be sent to newsletter.christandtheepiphany@gmail.com. For an update to the Intercessory Prayers, Birthday or Anniversary lists, please call the church office at 203-467-2310.

Parishioner Spotlight - Fred Bowden

Thanks to Kathy Allison for speaking with Fred, and to Fred's niece, Pat Walters, for adding to this article.

Tell us about your immediate family and pets

Fred has four children, Susie, Peggy, Stephen, and Michael. Sadly the oldest, Susie has passed away. He also has eight grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren!

What brought you to Christ and The Epiphany?

He attended St Mark's Mission near the town beach until it merged with Christ Church and the Epiphany Church ... 90 years in total.



In what ways do you serve your church family or community?

Fred and his close friend Ron Swanson, worked together in the past repairing things at the church and were always ready to do the heavy work. Fred has always been involved with all aspects of church life. He also serves today as Assistant Counter.

What was your occupation prior to retirement?

Fred was an Engineer at SNET. He also volunteered to troubleshoot any technical issues that occurred with Books for the Blind.

What's your favorite pastime?

His favorite pastime is saltwater fishing.

What's one thing about you that no one knows?

Fred is Episcopalian and his wife is Catholic. He insisted that the children attend the Episcopal church so he brought them to church each and every Sunday.

What is your fondest childhood memory?

Attending church with his entire family who also participated in the choir.

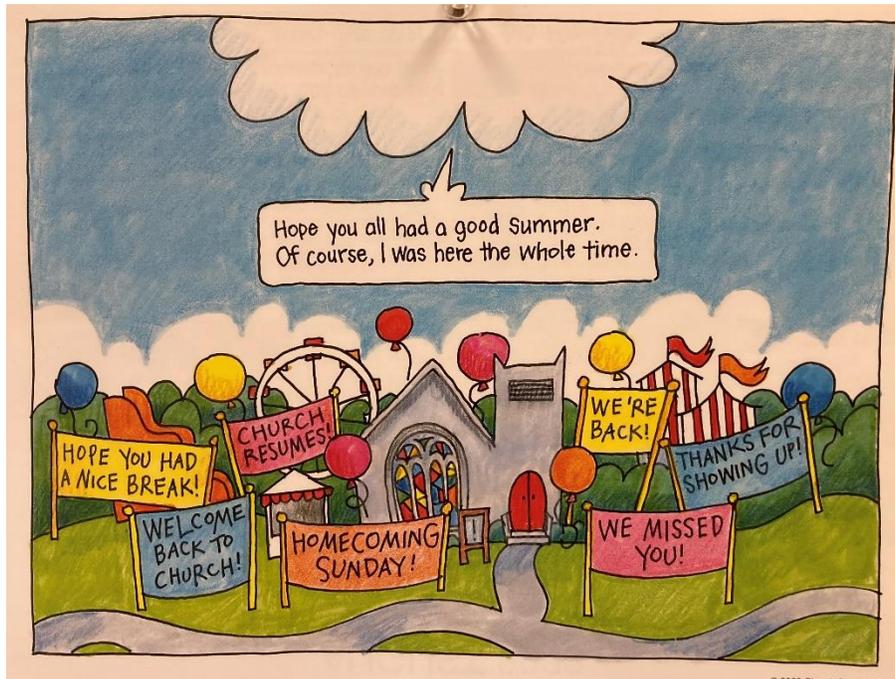
What brightens your day?

Visits from his kids, grandchildren or great grandchildren.

A Prayer for Transition and Guidance

Pray for our parish as we search for a new Priest in Charge.

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.**



This is a poem by the Sufi poet Hafiz (translated by Daniel Ladinsky). It is a form of Sufi poetry that includes the name of the poet in the poem. The intent is that we can substitute our names and enter the poem ourselves.

The Seed Cracked Open

It used to be
That when I would wake in the morning
I could with confidence say,
“What am ‘I’ going to
Do?”

That was before the seed
Cracked open.

Now Hafiz is certain:

There are two of us housed
In this body,
Doing the shopping together in the market and
Tickling each other
While fixing the evening’s food.

Now when I awake
All the internal instruments play the same music:

“God, what love-mischief can ‘We’ do
For the world
Today?”

Worship Schedule (9:00 a.m.)

	<u>September 4</u>	<u>September 11</u>	<u>September 18</u>	<u>September 25</u>
Usher	Pat Walters	Barbara Parsons	Astrid Swanson	Ray Clearwater
Officiant	Barbara Parsons	n/a	n/a	Gail Beck
Lay Reader	Audrey Sundwall	Richard Mead	Terry Osmun	Pat Walters
Crucifer	n/a	George Coulombe	George Coulombe	n/a
Acolyte	n/a	George Coulombe	Audrey Sundwall	n/a
Lead Counter	George Coulombe	Astrid Swanson	Pat Walters	Susan Shultz
Asst Counter	Ray Clearwater	Fred Bowden	Melanie Miller	Barbara Parsons

Zoom Worship Connection Information

To connect by computer click:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9933030663?pwd=VnU2RjAxZDg0WWcvcvVA4RHdOd3ZUUT09>

To join by phone call:

929-436-2866

Meeting ID = 993 303 0663

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 in the office at 203-467-2310 or christandtheepiphany@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.

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Worship Schedule

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

*(See the newsletter, our website, or Facebook page for
Zoom connection information details.)*