



St. Paul's Anglican Church *Monthly Gazette*



March 2025

On February 2, the Congregation said goodbye to Ezra Hawthorne, our organist. On February 4, he headed to New York to pursue his career. He has landed a job with an entertainment company and will be playing at Bar Mitzvah's.



Fr. George and Ezra



On February 24 at 9:57 a.m. our beloved Heather Weil left this earth to go to Heaven to be with the Lord. Heather always had a smile and a hug for everyone she met and she was very kind, caring, and compassionate. She will be very missed by many people.

Heather's Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on March 22 at the Heritage Memory Mortuary, 131 Grove Ave, Prescott, AZ 86301 with a light luncheon following at St. Paul's Anglican Church.

There are some overdue thank you's that we want to mention:

Deacon George, Bea, and Julia for organizing the vesting room and Deacon George for organizing the sacristy.

Deacon George and Julia for decorating for Christmas.

Julia and Sally for preparing the altar for services.

Anne-Marie for colorful tablecloths and table flowers and for bringing wonderful food every Sunday.

Georgie for being the downstairs greeter.

March Birthdays

4 Mary I. S. Moore
10 Dorina Taylor
20 Dave Michelson
21 Phil Jones

March Anniversaries

5 Dan Basinger and Marion Anderson
15 Jack and Lee Nelson

Special Prayers

Billy, Dcn. George, Dcn. Aaron, Lisa, and Robin

Calendar

The following is the calendar for March, 2025.

Holy Communion is every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer and Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Lunch Club at the VFW Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

March	2 - Quinquagesima - Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
	4 - Shrove Tuesday

- 4** - Mary Moore's Birthday
 - 5** - Ash Wednesday (First day of Lent) Holy Communion
3:00 p.m.
 - 5** - Dan Basinger and Marion Anderson Anniversary
 - 9** - First Sunday in Lent - Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
 - 10** - Dorina Taylor's Birthday
 - 12** - Lunch Club at the VFW - 12:30 p.m.
 - 15** - Jack and Lee Nelson's Anniversary
 - 16** - Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
Pot luck for St. Patrick's Day
 - 19** - Lunch Club at the VFW - 12:30 p.m.
 - 20** - Dave Michaelson's Birthday
 - 21** - Phil Jones' Birthday
 - 23** - Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
 - 25** - The Annunciation - Holy Communion 3:00 p.m.
 - 26** - Lunch Club at the VFW - 12:30 p.m.
 - 30** - Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
Annual Meeting
Pot Luck
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Special Services

Sunday March 2 - Quinquagesima

The Gesima Sundays—Septuagesima-Latin for seventy, Sexagesima-Latin for sixty, Quinquagesima-Latin for fifty—count days. Seventy, Sixty and Fifty of them, give or take a few. They number the days till Easter. Though a heading in the Prayer Book calls them “The Pre-Lenten Season,” the Gesima Days aren’t a “season” like Lent or Epiphanytide or the Twelve Days which make up Christmastide. Experts on the church calendar (called “herontologists,” if you’re looking for a good scrabble word) say the days between the closing of Epiphanytide and the beginning of Lent are not a “season” but the **countdown** to a season. Though the Gesimas reckon the days till Easter, they’re counting us down to Lent.

(<https://stjosephsanglican.com/weekly-scribblings/f/the-gesima-sundays>)

March 4 - Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday (also known as Pancake Day) is the day in February or March immediately preceding Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent), which is celebrated in some countries by consuming pancakes. In others, especially those where it is called Mardi Gras or some translation thereof, this is a carnival day, and also the last day of "fat eating" or "gorging" before the fasting period of Lent.

This moveable feast is determined by Easter. The expression "Shrove Tuesday" comes from the word shrive, meaning "absolve". Shrove Tuesday is observed by many Christians, including Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists and Roman Catholics, who "make a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent, and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth they especially need to ask God's help in dealing with."

As this is the last day of the liturgical season historically known as Shrovetide, before the penitential season of Lent, related popular practices, such as indulging in food that one gives up for the upcoming forty days, are associated with Shrove Tuesday celebrations. The term Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday", referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday. (<https://www.stmichaelscanmore.com/news/what-is-shrove-tuesday>)

Another reason Shrove Tuesday is called Fat Tuesday is because they use up all the animal fat and the pancakes are fried in animal fat.

March 5 - Ash Wednesday (First Day of Lent)

Christians have been preparing for the celebration of Easter by walking through a "Holy Lent" since ancient times. This is patterned after Jesus temptation in the wilderness.

Lent is a season of repentance, fasting, and self-reflection. Of course, all of this happens with the sure knowledge of God's love and grace to us through Christ. Lent and Ash Wednesday are in no way about condemnation. They are a time in which human beings, given a pronouncement of forgiveness and absolution through Christ, can be honest with God, with ourselves, and with each other. With the terror of judgment removed, we can speak the truth.

Ashes on the head have signified repentance from biblical times. Job said, "I repent in dust and ashes."

Ashes also represent mourning, as Tamar in the Old Testament used them to mourn her abuse which was not in any way her fault, but which devastated her.

Ashes are the result of burning. This burning in our lives is from our own sins and follies and from the abuse of others, and ashes represent both. They remind us that we are living in this

mortal world, this fallen world, and that we are made from dust, when all else is burned away. We are mortal and will return to our maker.

Christians believe, rightly, that God is good and that he loves us. We believe that through the death and resurrection of Christ we can be forgiven and “boldly go before the throne of grace.” We know that even though we don’t understand exactly how God will make the wrongs of the world right, he will.

And yet we live in a time in which all of those promises are not yet fulfilled. We feel the pain of sin and brokenness. Ash Wednesday and Lent remind us that we still live in this fallen world, and that we are a part of that fallenness. No one is free of sin. It gives us permission, in fact it calls us, to acknowledge the reality we see within ourselves, and around us. (Anglican Compass)

March 25 - The Annunciation

The Annunciation (anglicised from the Latin Vulgate Luke 1:26-39 Annuntiatio navitatis Christi), also referred to as the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Annunciation of Our Lady or the Annunciation of the Lord, is the Christian Celebration of the announcement by the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive and become the mother of Jesus, the Son of God, marking his Incarnation. Gabriel told Mary to name her son Yehoshua, meaning “YHWH is salvation”. Many Christians observe this event with the Feast of the Annunciation on 25 March, nine full months before Christmas, the ceremonial birthday of Jesus. According to Luke 1:26, the Annunciation occurred “in the sixth month” of Elizabeth’s pregnancy with John the Baptist. Irenaeus (c. 130-202) of Lyon regarded the conception of Jesus as 25 March coinciding with the Passion.

Approximating the northern vernal equinox, the date of the Annunciation also marked the New Year in many places, including England, where it is called Lady Day. Both the Roman and Orthodox Catholic Churches hold that the Annunciation took place at Nazareth, but slightly differ as to the precise location. The Basilica of the Annunciation marks the site preferred by the former, while the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation marks that preferred by the latter.

The Annunciation has been a key topic in Christian art in general, as well as the Marian art in the Catholic Church, particularly during the Middle Ages and Renaissance. (<https://www.stpaulbarbados.org/annunciation/>)

The Book of Common Prayer

When we think of the Book of Common Prayer, we think of the service for Morning and Evening Prayer and Holy communion. We may think of prayers for birthdays, or for people who are ill. However, the Book of Common Prayer is a wealth of information, knowledge, and prayers.

The Book starts off with the lectionary, a portion of which is printed in this Newsletter. The lectionary shows what psalms and lessons are read for morning and evening prayer. You can complete 88% of the Bible by reading these passages everyday.

Next, is the Order for Morning Prayer, followed by the Order for Evening Prayer. There were 7 Daily Offices in the Roman before Cranmer consolidated them into Morning and Evening Prayer. After that comes a part of the BCP that a lot of people never look at....the Prayers and Thanksgivings. There are prayers for government, the Church, for Missions, for the increase of the Ministry, for fruitful seasons, and even for the weather! It goes on with prayers for famine, war, calamity, the military, memorial days, schools, religious education, children, confirmation, Christian Service, work and nations. Further it goes on with prayers for sickness, going to sea, and prisoners. A bidding prayer also is included.

Whew! That is quite a list! It appears to cover most problems and conditions of man. Next month, we will continue by exploring the collects.

Help wanted

Organist

To do list items volunteers - We have a list of projects for the Church that are not huge individually, but will make our Church more inviting to others. At present, the items on the list are:

Clean and organize kitchen - have one shelf in the kitchen for individual's mugs that are maintained by the individual it may cut down on the cost of styrofoam cups

Paint blue above altar - in the recess

Make new ribbons for hymnals and BCP

Put giving envelopes in all pews

Clean out classroom, library, and nursery. Buy more shelving if needed for books

Paint sign in front

Put pens in all pews

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Joke of the Month

Mrs. Smartt was fumbling in her purse for her offering when a large television remote fell out and clattered into the aisle.

The curious usher bent over to retrieve it for her and whispered, "Do you always carry your TV remote to church?"

"No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come with me this morning, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."

The Book of Common Prayer has a wonderful lectionary for reading the Bible, both Old and New Testaments. The following are the readings for the month of March 2025.

Book of Common Prayer Readings

Sat March 1	Gen 13:2, 5-18	Mark 9:30-37	Hosea 4:1-2, 6-10	Gal 5:13
Sun March 2 - Quinquagesima	<1> Wis 7:7-14	John 15:1-17	Lev 19:1-2, 9-18	I John 4
	<2> Deut 10:12-15, 17-11:1	John 2:1-17	Isa 51:1-8	Mark 9:14-32
Mon March 3	Gen 18:1-16	Mark 9:38	Hosea 5:10-6:6	Gal 6:1-10
Tue March 4	Gen 18:20	Mark 10:1-16	Hosea 11:1-4, 13:5-16a	Gal 6:11
Wed March 5- Ash Wednesday	Isa 58:1-12	Heb 12:1-14	Jonah 3, 4	Luke 15:11
Thur March 6	Gen 19:1-3, 12-17, 24-28. I Cor 1:1-17		Jer 1:4-10, 13-19	John 8:1-11
Fri March 7	Gen 21:9-21	I Cor 1:18	Jer 2:1-9, 13	John 8:12-20, 31-36
Sat March 8	Gen 22:1-14, 19	I Cor 2	Jer 3:11-18	John 8:45
Sun March 9 - First Sunday in Lent	<1> Isa 58	Matt 6:1-18	Jer 17:5-14	Cor 10:1-13
	<2> Eccles 2	Rom 7:14	Dan 9:3-10	Luke 5:33-6:10
Mon March 10	Gen 24:1-27	I Cor 3:1-17	Jer 3:19	John 9:1-23
Tue March 11	Gen 24:28-38, 49-51, 58-67. I Cor 3:18-4:5		Jer 4:1-9	John 9:24
Wed March 12 - Ember Tuesday				

	Ezek 2	Matt 9:1-13	Ezek 3:16	II Cor 4
Thu March 13	Gen 25:28	I Cor 4:6	Jer 4:11-22	John 10:1-10

Fri March 14 - Ember Friday

	Ezek 34:1-16	Matt 10:24-33, 37-42	Ezek 37:1-14	I Tim 4
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Sat March 15 - Ember Saturday

	Ezek 34:17-25, 30-31	II Tim 2:1-15	Ezek 37:21b	I Tim 6:6
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Sun March 16 - Second Sunday in Lent

	<1> I Kings 8:37-43	Col 3:12-17	II Sam 12:1-10, 13-14	I Cor 6:9
	<2> Ezek 18:1-4, 25-32.	Matt 5:27-37	Eccles 51:1-12	Luke 18:1-8
Mon March 17	Gen 27:1-29	I Cor 5	Jer 4:23	John 10:11-21
Tue March 18	Gen 27:30-40	I Cor 6:1-11	Jer 5:1-9	John 10:22-38
Wed March 19	Gen 27:46 - 28:4, 10-22.	I Cor 6:12	Jer 5:10-19	John 11:1-16
Thu March 20	Gen 29:1-13, 18-20	I Cor 7:1-17	Jer 5:20	John 11:17-27
Fri March 21	Gen 32:22-31	I Cor 8	Jer 6:1-8	John 11:28-44
Sat March 22	Gen 35:1-7, 16-20	I Cor 9:1-14	Jer 6:9-21	John 11:45

March 23 - Third Sunday in Lent

	<1> Deut 6:1-9, 20-25	I Cor 3	Amos 5:4-15	Gal 5:16-24
	<2> Zech 1:1-6, 12-17.	Mark 8:27 - 9:1	Prov 4:7-18	Luke 11:29-36
Mon March 24	Gen 37:3-28, 36	I Cor 9:15	Jer 7:1-15	Mark 10:17-31
Tue March 25	Gen 40	I Cor 10:1-13	Jer 7:21-29	Mark 10:32-45
Wed March 26	Gen 41:1a, 8,14-24	I Cor 10:14-22	Jer 8:4-13	Mark 10:46
Thu March 27	Gen 41:25-40	I Cor 10:23 - 11:1	Jer 9:2-16	Mark 11:12-26
Fri March 28	Gen 42:1-26, 29a, 35-38	I Cor 11:17	Jer 9:17-24	Mark 12:1-12
Sat March 29	Gen 43:1-5, 11-16, 26-34.	I Cor 12:1-11	Jer 10:1-13	Mark 12:13-17

March 30 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

	<1> Ex 16:4-15	John 6:27-40	Isa 55	John 6:41-51
	<2> Ezek 39:21	II Cor 3:12	II Esdras 2:15-32	Rev 3:1-12
Mon March 31	Gen 44	I Cor 12:12-31	Jer 13:15	Mark 12:18-27
