

St. Hilary's Episcopal Church

News From the Pews



February 2012

February

Events & Programs at a Glance

Feb 2	10:30 AM	Altar Guild Meeting
Feb 5	12:00 PM	Souper Bowl Sunday
Feb 9	10:30 AM	Lunch Bunch
Feb 10	4:30 PM	Annual Shrimp Boil
Feb 12	11:45 AM	Daughters of the King Mission 2012 Meeting
Feb 14	12:00 PM	Men's Action Guild
	1:30 PM	Property Committee
Feb 18	9:00 AM	Lenten Quiet Morning
	7:00 PM	Prisoner of Passion (Iona Hope)
Feb 19	12:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Feb 21		Shrove Tuesday
	5:30 PM	Pancake Supper
Feb 22		Ash Wednesday
	7:00 AM	Imposition of Ashes
	12:00 PM	Imposition of Ashes
	7:00 PM	Imposition of Ashes
Feb 26		First Sunday in Lent

Meet Our Vestry

* New members elected at the 2012 Annual Meeting



Trevor Whitley



Rebecca Jones
Senior Warden



David Davis
Junior Warden



Ted Tripp



Jo Lane*



Sybil Edgar



Nancy Terrell*



Stuart Miller



Peggy Herbst



Chuck Lunsford*



Bob Casper*



Robin Stansel*

Members are liaisons between the congregation and the vestry. They communicate the needs & actions of their particular ministry area to the vestry and back again to the committees and congregation.

You may contact any member by emailing vestry@sainthilarys.org



Time to Brag a Little

The choir at St Hilary's was one of three local choirs that were asked if they were interested in participating in the Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida's "Messiah" performance to be held at Barbara B. Mann Hall. Specifically we were asked to join them, on stage, to blend our voices with theirs in the singing of the Finale of the program, George F. Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus"

Carol & Ted Gault and Helen Misener are members of this auditioned singing group whose focus is classical repertoire. St. Hilary's Musical Director, Stephen Brittain jumped at the chance to have the choir sing accompanied by the Southwest Florida Symphony and to showcase the talent of this choir. Even though there is a huge amount of work on the choir's "plate" in December the extra effort was well worth the time spent.

For church musicians, The Hallelujah Chorus" is about as well-known as "Happy Birthday" so the rehearsal we attended the Friday before was mostly to learn where to stand and when to move to the stage.

The event was well attended by the community and we were proud to take our places on stage during the Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long.

I want you to all to know how proud we are of the choir of St. Hilary's willingness to participate in this holiday event and that this choir had the largest participation of any of the churches that were taking part in this wonderful experience.

Stephen Brittain - Director
Jerry True - Tenor
David Melrose - Base
Nancy Kelly - Soprano
Lori Uhrig - Soprano
Libby Maxwell - Soprano
Ruth Garland - Tenor

Ruth Meredith - Soprano
Helen Misener* - Alto
Mel Barlow - Alto
Carol Gault* - Soprano
Marie Vidrine - Tenor
Ted Gault - Bass*

* Member of the Symphonic Chorale



Friday, February 10th

4:30 - 7:00 pm

\$13 for adults (2 for \$25)

\$6 for children 12 and under

Available from any MAG member
or at the church office

What combines service to the community,
great food, football and lots of fun?



St. Hilary's Souper Bowl Sunday

February 5th at 12:00 Noon

St. Hilary's Back Lot Grill



Bring canned food to donate to CCMi Soup Kitchen.

Our Goal is to collect 50 Cans!

Bring lawn chairs, sunscreen and a side dish or dessert for 12
or more. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, all the
fixings and drinks.

After lunch a rip-roaring game of flag football will take place.
Questions? Contact Tyler or Holly Bumsted at 481-8761.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Please join the Youth & Children of St. Hilary's for food and fun before we start our Lenten Season.

**Tuesday, February 21st
5:30 to 7:00 PM
Browning Hall**

\$4 children under 12, \$7 per adult
\$25 max per family.

Proceeds to benefit our youth & families programs.

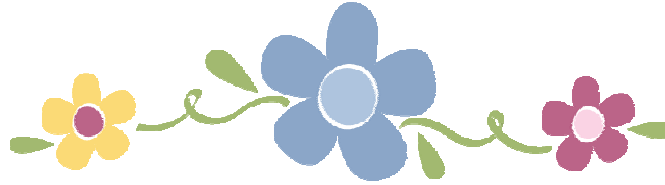
Episcopal Church Women (E.C.W.) Coffee, Muffins & Chatter

The E.C.W. is a fun, friendly group of ladies finding ways to raise money for church and community projects. We are looking for new ladies of all ages to become a part of the group and to bring new ideas and help to our ministry.



Join us Monday, February 20th, in the Parish Hall at 10 am for coffee, muffins & chatter.

R.S.V.P. to Nancy Kelly 432-9272 or Louise Molinaro 489-1496



From Deacon B's Bench

It is wonderful to be back with all of you at St. Hilary's.

I want to thank each and every one of you for the prayers, cards, calls, and e-mails I received during the finding of and the treatment of my cancer. Many people have asked what happened, so here it is in a nutshell. It all began with what looked like a broken blood vessel in the white of my eye.

Leave it to me to have something which, although not rare, is not common. It was a mass in the orbit behind my eye (Ocular orbital non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma). After eight months of doctors, an orbital CAT-Scan revealed the mass behind my eye near the upper tear duct. Then it was off to the orbit surgeon in Nashville for the biopsy, as it was too deeply embedded for normal procedures.

From that biopsy I was given over to my radiation oncologist at the University of Tennessee, where they have one of 23 Cyber Knives in the United States. The radiation oncologist began me on a three weeks regimen (twice a day) of Doxycyclene and 15 sessions of radiation. It's nice to feel wanted. All of the radiation techs wanted to do my sessions because they had never before had the opportunity to radiate in that area.

(My Christmas present was that I finished my procedures on December 21st.)

My radiation oncologist, also, sent me to a regular oncologist, who did a PET-Scan of my entire lymphatic system. This revealed only the lymphoma behind the eye. Hallelujah! However, I shall now go in for periodic PET-Scans.

My eye sight is better and the only current residual problem is my stamina, which is getting better. Radiation evidently does that. I may also form a cataract within a year, but I told the oncologist that I already used trifocals, so no big deal. Who doesn't want better sight?

The moral to this story is: Know and keep track of your own body. If I hadn't been persistent in trying to find out what was happening, I might not have this positive outcome.

God works through each of us. Our bodies are God's temple in which His works play out. Listen – For God speaks to us directly and through others.

Your Servant in Christ's Love,
Bercry Leas – The Wandering Deacon



Eucharistic Visits & Home Communion

Eucharistic Ministers are available to all of our church family when visitation and/or home communion is needed. Due to Federal privacy laws the hospitals can no longer provide information on admissions to churches. Please contact the church office at 936-1000 or office@sainthilarys.org when you or a family member would like to receive this service. We cannot respond to your needs if you do not let us know.

Our Eucharistic Visitors currently are:

Sybil Edgar, Jo Lane, Libby Maxwell, Ross Maxwell, Ruth Meredith
Frank Moore, Sue Moore, Nick Ranson, Penny Ranson, Hill Richardson
Mary Richardson and Jim Zaiss.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study continues

**“Not by my might, nor by my power,
but by MY SPIRIT,
says the Lord Almighty” [Zech. 4:6]**



Come and learn how the Holy Spirit makes your Christian walk exciting, effective, and dynamic!

This study, led by Arlene Ord, is on Tuesday mornings
at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall.

Everyone is welcome!

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presents

DAVID PAYNE

AS

THE APOSTLE PAUL

IN
Prisoner of Passion



at Iona Hope Episcopal Church, 9650 Gladiolus Dr., Fort Myers 33908

Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 7:00 pm

Tickets \$12 from your Episcopal Church or by calling

Church of the Epiphany, Cape Coral (239) 574-3200



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February Birthdays



2 Jill Crocker
2 Brenda Wendland
3 Diana Pinto
4 Judy Czahor
5 Samuel Bell
5 Donna Dunham
6 Jane Echols
9 Katie Streater
9 Patty Walker

10 Reiny Spicker
11 Aiden Franz
12 Libby Jones
14 Evie Sumerall
16 Paula Kalemeris
16 Glenda Vittone
17 Kenneth Warner
18 Theresa Meagher
18 Ted Tripp

22 John Oldenborg
22 Beverly Wagner
26 Bonnie Kezer
26 Robert Vidrine
27 Joan Boudreaux
28 Ruth Meredith
28 Karin Winter



February Anniversaries

4 Fred & Joni Fallis
13 Gus & Ginny Swenson
14 Dick & Helen Misener
22 Rodger & Marian Shawcross
29 Walter & Janet McCallum

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 - 5:00

Saturday - By appointment

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Jerry Frantz

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Vestry

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Senior Warden

David Davis

Junior Warden

Bob Casper

Men's Ministries

Sybil Edgar

Seniors/Pastoral Care

Peggy Herbst

Women's Ministries

Jo Lane

Liturgy & Worship

Chuck Lunsford

Youth & Families Ministries

Stuart Miller

Spiritual Ministries

Robin Stansel

Outreach Ministries

Nancy Terrell

Evangelism & Growth

Ted Tripp

Stewardship

Trevor Whitley

Finance

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