

# ST. AIDAN'S TORCH



*St. Aidan's Mission:  
Spread the promise of Jesus Christ in and beyond our  
community through worship, education, and outreach*

ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
GRESHAM OREGON  
NEWSLETTER:  
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## A "Week of Weeks" Reflections by Fr. Scott

It comes as no surprise to those who have studied the liturgy and calendar of the church, that Christians owe a great deal to our spiritual forebears, the Jews.

For the Jews, the Passover is a festival of such importance that it deserves more than a day to celebrate; it deserves a season. So it was that tradition dictated that it be celebrated for "a week of weeks," or 49 days, and the closing, fiftieth day became Pentecost (Greek for 50). Likewise, Christianity celebrates our "passover" (= Pasca= Easter) for a season rather than simply a day. It is that important to our identity: without the outrageous truth that Jesus rose from the dead, saving us from the tyranny of death, "trampling down death by death", Christianity is just another walk of faith.

In the same manner, Jewish tradition celebrates its constitution as a "church" with the delivery of the Law of Moses, on that fiftieth day; while Christianity celebrates its birthday by recalling the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples in that upper room, making them Apostles. No longer could the Jews be content with what God had done for them in bringing them to freedom in the Exodus; they had a role to play by living the Law of Moses. And no longer can Christians be content with what God has done for us in bringing us new life through Jesus; we have a role to play by spreading that Good News. That is the meaning of the word apostle: to be sent out.

The door to an old church has a saying over it: "Enter to worship; Go forth to serve." Now Pentecost is upon us. Now we know that we have all we need to heed that sign: We have God who is both Almighty and familiar, we have a life-giving message, and we have the assurance that when we

go to share that message we will have all the tools to be effective messengers! Now we are not just followers, but missionaries preaching the Good News. We are missionaries inspired to tell the story in a million different ways, in a thousand different tongues and through countless acts we can never anticipate nor fully understand. Pentecost, then, is not a time of conclusion, but a time of commencement for Christians. We return to the

promise of Easter for strength and direction, but we can never feel comfortable dwelling in Easter for long.

The door to St.

Aidan's has our Baptismal font located just like that sign at the door to the old church. It is our sign to remind us that our entry into the church is through our Baptism into Christ's own Passover, our Easter. But our entry into the church gains us nothing more than the opportunity to share

that good news of salvation to all who will listen (and some who won't)! Each time we pass that portal, let us remember to be about our apostolic mission received at the end of the "Week of Weeks": in our lives, with our friends and associates, with our families, at home, at work, on the playground, at the club, at market, as well as at church.



### **The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori**

will be giving a Friday evening lecture and Saturday workshop, April 20 & 21, 2007 at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 147 NW 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Friday's lecture tickets cost \$15 general and \$5 students; Saturday's workshop, \$50 general and \$15 students and includes lunch. For tickets call The Center at 503.478.1218. More information at [www.center-for-spiritual-development.org](http://www.center-for-spiritual-development.org).

## THE CHURCH MOUSE April 2007



Are you ready for Easter? I guess I will be after all the preparation of Lent. The Wednesday evenings have been a wonderful spiritual help to all who have been attending. The leadership of Via Media veterans has been especially helpful. **Fr. Scott** says it is very refreshing to just be able to add his “two

cents worth” and not have to develop a whole theme or study on the topic, and the group has benefited greatly. The evening I was able to attend, I appreciated Team Leader, **Shirley Bush**, and Group Leaders, **Pat Rose** and **Sharon Barney**. It was GREAT! But by the time you read this, that will be over and we will be into Holy Week. The letters reminding us of all the services are in the mail.

I'll bet a lot of people have taken mini-vacations during the spring break from school. That's also a preparation for a renewal of life to get us through the rest of spring. Of course, I only know about the people we've been seeing who are back from their trips. Our beloved former Altar Guild Directress, **Jan Hale** recently paid a visit at the 8:00 service. That was nice. Snowbirds **Malcolm and Peggy Brewer** are back from sunny California. It was great to have them back on the team at Zarephath Kitchen in March. (If you want to help out some time, call **Doris Fisher**). **Marion Treviso** has been pleased to have her sister, **Helen** visiting. **Bruce Richardson and Diane Parker** are back from their trip to Argentina and Iguasu Falls. Hope it was a good one! We've been seeing quite a bit from **Clyde and Pat Ferguson** in from the coast. Guess they just can't stay away from all the family they have here! It's always nice to see them! We got a note from **Janet Cook**, who has moved back to Hawaii. She says she's ended up singing in St. Andrew's Cathedral in downtown Honolulu where they recently ordained a new Bishop—singing in Hawaiian and English, accompanied by a hula dance troupe. **Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori** was there to consecrate the new Bishop. Sounds great! Speaking of organists, **Mark Jones** just spent some of his vacation time on the beach in Costa Rica. I hope he enjoyed his time off, but we missed him here. **Marilyn Pierik** had one more chance to try to wrestle with that organ. Also, it was great of **Mark Pinkerton** to bring his friends to church—especially to see **Rob Stolz's** sister, **Jane** from Corvallis. Way to go, **Mark!** With a little luck, we'll see **Brandon and Jaden Kerr** once more, here from eastern Oregon to visit their dad and grandma. Hope so. **Deacon Diana Starr-Salnavé** writes that she recently celebrated her 40<sup>th</sup> AA Birthday (along with her real birthday, I think) at the altar of her church in Texas.

Several of our families have received good (or interesting) news lately. **Maggie Bradney** is in the process of applying for a fellowship. Guess we'll hear more from proud mom, **Lisa Croft**—if it comes through. Incidentally, although she has laid her fiddle aside for school, **Maggie** recently had a great time fiddling on the

quad at Willamette University—got some friends to join her and she realized that she missed playing quite a bit. **Jake Berninghausen** got his wings this week as a Air Force helicopter pilot at Fort Rucker, Alabama. His parents, brother **Joe** and brother-in-law **Travis** attended. Unfortunately his girlfriend **Kari**, was not able to be there as she is spending 5 months in Egypt at the American School (University). She usually attends George Washington University in DC. **Jake's** next assignment will be at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming where he will be flying “Hughie” helicopters. Congratulations!!

Congratulations to **Lloyd Johnston** on the birth of grandchild **Jaden**. **Pauline Nolder** enjoyed a great “romantic” crab dinner with husband, **Larry** in his care facility. She reports that it was a great treat. **Doris Nelson's** granddaughter is planning a wedding, but I don't know much more than that. Ask **Doris**. On March 18, **Jeanne Pinkerton** and **Julie and Chuck Kyer** were presented with golfing certificates for their leadership in presenting the Crab Feast. (Did you ever wonder where Chuck is in nice weather when he's not serving at the altar?) **They/we raised \$13,500+** in spite of a big boost in the price of Crab. Thanks again to our whole church family for making it such a success.

On the sick and recovering list we want to recognize that **Joyce Robinson** is finally out of her cast and driving again. She's even back at the altar on Wednesday mornings—and on Sundays when scheduled. Rejoice! **Elise Swan** is much, much better. Her Sunday afternoon bridge group has been meeting steadily, and her work on fairness in water bills has received so much attention that to her great glee, she found herself on Google. She's hoping to make it back to church and even the office in April. That's so great when we think how near we were to losing her to heart failure. Her daughter **Judi** is here again from Alaska for a couple weeks, and is letting her drive herself around – says there's no noticeable difference from before. Praise God! **Fr. Murdock** is also improving from his recent illness. **Pete Barney** has been under the weather for several weeks with some mean and ornery bug. **Byron McKinlay** was in Corvallis recently to visit his mother. On Saturday morning she fell over something and wound up having hip surgery at age 94. I hear she's doing as well as can be expected. Hopefully **June Day** will be over her bout with the flu by the time you read this. She's been pretty sick, I guess. **George DeWitz** found himself in the hospital in mid-March with a kidney infection. I think he's improving. **Seth Sundin** is getting over his hip surgery. They do wonderful things with that these days. **Bob Evans** is also recovering from surgery, as is **Irene Shipley**. **Barbara Kemp** has had to spend some time in extended care. Ask **Mary Anderson** how she's doing. Of course, we want to remember **Fr. Scott's** family in Tucson while **Scott** is there to assist with the death of his stepfather's wife. Thanks to **Fr. Jack Hilyard** for covering for him at the end of March. Remember to let **Shirley Vidito** know if someone needs a card. She has taken on this responsibility, but doesn't always hear everything. (She's also the one to see if you want some Fair Trade Coffee). She'd appreciate a good word.

Have you noticed the new roses that **Gloria Trunk** and **Byron McKinlay** planted near the Memorial Garden. The big old thorny ones have been removed and we'll get to see a little more color. Also, I bet **Wynema Gerba** is happy to see how well her currant bushes are doing—lots of flowers. I hope you too have beautiful things and flowers in your life.

**Bishop Johncy Itty** will be making his visitation June 17, Father's Day. Happy spring! CM

**Youth Convocation Events**  
 Sunday, April 29th, 4:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
 St. Michael and All Angels,  
 1704 NE 43rd Ave  
 Fellowship & Dinner followed by Bowling Party

Sunday, July 29th, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Swimming @ Dishman Pool  
 77 NE Knott St.  
 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., BBQ @ St. Philip the Deacon  
 120 NE Knott St.

Please be sure to let Sue in the office know when you plan a meeting or function at the Parish. Also tell her when you cancel a meeting or function. It is her responsibility to make sure there are no conflicts for the same space, and to make sure that the heat is turned on when needed, and left off when not needed. We need to economize as much as possible as our heat is quite expensive now. Good communication also ensures that she can get your event into the parish calendar. Please call 503-252-6128; you can leave a message 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, though she's only in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Thank you!

<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Lectionary Readings</b>
<p><b>April 1, 2007                      Palm/Passion Sunday</b></p> <p>The Anglican Cycle of Prayer, asks us to Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, asks us to pray for the congregations of: St. Philip the Deacon, Portland; St. Stephen, Portland; Sts. Peter &amp; Paul, Portland; Trinity Cathedral, Portland. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we are asked to pray for our Ushers</p>	<p>Isaiah 45:21-25 or          Isaiah 52:13—53:12          Psalm 22:1-21 or 22: 1-11          Philippians 2:5-11          Luke (22:39-71) 23: 1-49 (50-56)</p>
<p><b>April 8, 2007                      Easter Day</b></p> <p>The Anglican Cycle of Prayer, asks us to pray for all clergy and people of Natal - (South Africa). Our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, asks us to pray for the congregations of: William Temple House, Portland; St. Paul, Powers; Good Shepherd, Prospect; Ascension, Riddle. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we are asked to pray for our Greeters.</p>	<p>Isaiah 51:9-11          Psalm 118:14-29 or          118: 14-17, 22-24          Colossians 3:1-4 or          Acts 10:34-43          Luke 24:1-10</p>
<p><b>April 15, 2007                      Second Sunday in Easter</b></p> <p>The Anglican Cycle of Prayer, asks us to pray for all clergy and people of the Diocese of New Hampshire - (Province I, USA). Our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, asks us to pray for the congregations of: Prince of Peace, Salem; St. Paul, Salem; St. Timothy, Salem; Calvary, Seaside. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we are asked to pray for the Choir.</p>	<p>Job 42:1-6          Psalm 111 or 118:19-24          Revelation 1:(1-8)9-19 or          Acts 5:12a,17-22, 25-29          John 20:19-31</p>
<p><b>April 22, 2007                      Third Sunday in Easter</b></p> <p>The Anglican Cycle of Prayer, asks us to pray for all clergy and people of the Diocese of Niagara - (Ontario, Canada). Our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, asks us to pray for the congregations of: St. Martin, Shady Cove; St. Edward, Silverton; St John the Divine, Springfield; Christ Church, St. Helens. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we are asked to pray for the Healing Team.</p>	<p>Jeremiah 32:36-41          Psalm 33 or 33: 1-11          Revelation 5:6-14 or          Acts 9:1-19a          John 21:1-14</p>
<p><b>April 29, 2007                      Fourth Sunday in Easter</b></p> <p>The Anglican Cycle of Prayer, asks us to pray for all clergy and people of Diocese of Nnewi - (Province of the Niger, Nigeria). Our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, asks us to pray for the congregations of: Christ the King on the Santiam, Stayton; Holy Spirit, Sutherlin; St. Francis, Sweet Home; St. James, Tigard. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we are asked to pray for Mike Vidito, our Senior Warden.</p>	<p>Numbers 27: 12-23          Psalm 100          Revelation 7:9-17 or          Acts 13:15-16, 26-33 (34-39)          John 10:22-30</p>



**Happy Birthday**—Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.  
~Mark Twain



April	3	Angie Groce
	6	Marianne Wallis
	6	Dan Hatala
	9	Malcolm Brewer
	9	Floyd Gibler
	12	Mary Hamilton
	14	Cathy Hoye
	16	Eric Udd
	17	Jean Pratt
	22	Josh Goodnight

## PREPAREDNESS CALENDAR

### Family Disaster Supplies and Preparedness Activities

*This calendar is intended as a tool to help you prepare for disasters before they happen. After you purchase an item or complete an activity, check the box next to it.*

#### Month 1

**Purchase:**

- Water—3 gallons per person and pet
- Hand-operated can opener and bottle opener
- Instant drinks (coffee, tea, powdered soft drinks)
- 2 flashlights with batteries

**Activities:**

- Make your family disaster preparedness plan\*
- Inventory disaster supplies already on hand, especially camping gear
- If you fill your own water containers, mark them with the date filled.
- Date water/food containers if they are not dated
- Conduct a home hazard hunt\*

**\*Contact Gresham Emergency Management for more information 503.618.2355**

### St. Aidan's Outreach William Temple House

For more than 40 years William Temple House has served Portland's working poor families and individuals and today offers people in need a hand up by providing mental health counseling, emergency social services, and pastoral care. William Temple House is dedicated to restoring hope and renewing strength in individuals and families in a welcoming and respectful atmosphere.

Your donations of high quality goods are vital in helping William Temple House provide vital mental health counseling, social services and pastoral care to families and individuals in need. Proceeds from the sale of items donated to the Thrift Store directly benefit William Temple House's services to the working poor. Thrift Store donors benefit, too. William Temple House is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charity and donations of high quality goods are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Quality donations of the following items are greatly appreciated:

- Clothing (Women's, Men's, Children and Baby)
- Designer brand items
- Furniture
- Antiques
- Jewelry
- Artwork
- Cookware and housewares
- Holiday and seasonal items

To schedule a pickup, please call the Thrift Store at **503-222-3328** Monday through Saturday between 10 am and 7 pm or Sunday between noon and 6 pm. Your pick-up will be scheduled as soon as possible.

### Join William Temple House for Children's Advocacy Day, Sunday, April 22

Join William Temple House and the organizations participating in Children's Advocacy Day **Sunday, April 22, 2007.**

The event, hosted by the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, will feature a labyrinth of new children's shoes collected on behalf of William Temple House.

The event will be held from **2-4 pm at Pioneer Courthouse Square in downtown Portland.** The event will feature children's choirs and community speakers focusing on topics including affordable healthcare for children and quality public education for all children.

Admission is free.

See the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon web site for more details: [www.diocese-oregon.org](http://www.diocese-oregon.org)

### Volunteer Opportunities

William Temple House offers volunteer opportunities to those committed to serving others with respect and dignity. Whether you're a student, an individual seeking experience, or a retired professional who wants to remain active, your talents and passions can help serve the working poor in the Greater Portland area.

William Temple House relies upon volunteers to help provide services at low or no cost to clients. During our most recent fiscal year, volunteers donated more than 30,000 hours.

To Volunteer stop by the Thrift Store to complete an application:  
William Temple House Thrift Store, 2230 NW Glisan Street, Portland, OR 97210

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