

# *St. John's Journal*

## *April 2022*

### **OUR BISHOP DIANA'S FIRST VISIT WITH US WHAT A GLORIOUS AND HAPPY DAY IT WAS!**



**The congregation affirmed our baptismal vows and pledged our support of Jennifer in her walk of faith.**

On March 27, 2022, On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, our worship was a glorious celebration of new ministry as the Rev. Doug Hale was installed as our Vicar.

Bishop Diana not only installed Fr. Doug as Vicar, but



Bishop Diana Akiyama administers the rite of confirmation to Jennifer Mello. Bishop Diana is assisted by the Rev. Deacon Allan Miles of Ashland. Mary Garrett presented Jennifer for confirmation.

she also administered the rite of confirmation to our own Jennifer Mello.

Following the beautiful and moving service, we continued the celebration at a reception in



**Bishop Diana Akiyama**

Theresa Hall. More photos of this event are within this newsletter.

We are grateful to Judy Jackson, Bishop's Warden, and Sally Glunt, Junior Warden, for these photographs. Thank you both!



**Bishop Diana and Deacon Allan administer communion to the congregation.**





**Above, our newly installed Vicar, Fr. Doug Hale, and Bishop Diana Akiyama process from the nave following the service.**

In the pictures on following pages, you will see our gift to Bishop Diana: a wall cross crafted from curly myrtlewood by our own artist and former Junior Warden, Tom Glunt.

The beautiful presentation box is the work of Lani Reynolds, whose artistic hand and eye envisioned and created the box. Lani also made the table decorations and chaired the reception. Lani is presently a member of our BAC.

How blessed we are by all the talents of our congregants — so many different gifts given freely and generously that all may benefit and enjoy. Thank you, Tom and Lani. We love you!

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

### **Birthdays**

**4: Donna Flammang**

**12: Lara Mickle**

**28: Sally Glunt**

**30: Roy Arnoldt**

### **Anniversaries**

**20: Cynthia & Stephen Mohorko**



## **Prayer List News**

Fr. Doug has asked for revision of our prayer list request form, so here is your alert on what will be different. It will offer you an optional opportunity (**not a requirement**) to enter the reason for which prayer is needed. There is no intent or desire to violate privacy! Rather, it will allow us to pray intentionally regarding specific types of illness, for travelers, for those who are alone, and so on. In addition, the names of those who are ill will be referred as well to the prayer chain for directed prayer.

**"Love God, love our neighbor, and serve one another"**

# April 2022

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<b>3</b> 5th Sun, of Lent	<b>4</b> 7:30 AA	<b>5</b> 8:00 AA	<b>6</b> 7 Evening Prayer 8:00 AA	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Palm Sunday	<b>11</b> 7:30 AA	<b>12</b> 1:00 BAC 8:00 AA	<b>13</b> 7 Evening Prayer 8:00 AA	<b>14</b> 5:30 Maundy Thursday	<b>15</b> 5:30 Good Friday	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Easter Sunday	<b>18</b> 7:30 AA	<b>19</b> 8:00 AA	<b>20</b> 10:30 Rummage Comm. 7 Eve. Prayer 8:00 AA	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 2nd Sun. of Easter	<b>25</b> 7:30 AA	<b>26</b> 8:00 AA	<b>27</b> 7 Evening Prayer 8:00 AA	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

**From Mary Garrett**

If you're feeling overwhelmed by the conditions in our environment, and specifically marine debris on our beaches and in our ocean, one of the best ways to handle the feeling of helplessness is to get involved. Singularly or collectively we can all make a difference. The opportunity to collect marine debris as a community is such a worthwhile event and FUN for all! It is also a great family activity and provides an opportunity to teach young people the importance conservation And, this is a special way to celebrate Earth Day in April. Shoreline Education for Awareness (SEA) will be co-sponsoring a Beach Clean-up event along with SOLVE and Washed Ashore on April 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 10am. I will be the site captain of this event at the gazebo next to the playground in Bandon City Park. You may pick up your supplies at 10am and return them by 1pm that afternoon. Supplies include bags and gloves and I encourage anyone with a grabber to bring it along. Be sure to dress weather appropriate. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 541-261-1076. "There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number, living things both large and small."

*Psalm 104: 25*

Thank you

Mary Garrett

**Bishop's Advisory Committee Notes – March 2022**

Here's what took place at the March BAC meeting

**We Reviewed**

February's financial report.

The new Covenant of Ministry that pertains to Fr. Doug's transition from Priest-in-Charge to Vicar.

**We Discussed**

The completed installation a new Sentinel-One antivirus software subscription by Bandon IT.

The changing State of Oregon COVID protocols and how we can return to some semblance of "normal".

The sad passing of Grant Webb on March 6<sup>th</sup> and how the church can respond.

The visit of Bishop Diana on March 27<sup>th</sup> and how to prepare for the Celebration of Ministry service and the confirmation of Jennifer Mello, and the reception to follow.

**We Learned**

That Fr. Doug is now coordinating the City Council invocation schedule and gave the invocation at the last City Council meeting.

**We Admired**

The myrtlewood cross that Tom Glunt has created and that will be presented to Bishop Diana when she visits St. John's.

### **Fr. Doug's Iconic Column**

There is much that is vying for my attention these days. With the break we are getting from extremely limiting COVID protocols, we can get back some semblance of normal worship and we can plan a fairly full Holy Week Schedule (see below). It also brings us back to the need for many people to be willing to help make our gathering together happen (see below below). I hope you will prayerfully consider how you will participate this month in worship, fellowship and service to one another.

### **HOLY WEEK – APRIL 10-17**

After at least two years of very minimal celebrating of Holy Week, we are looking forward to a somewhat normal week this year.

**Palm Sunday** (April 10) will begin in Theresa Hall, where we will begin the Liturgy of the Palms and then process into the sanctuary. There we will hear the Word of God including the reading of the Luke's Passion Narrative beginning with the Last Supper, followed by Communion.

**A Maundy Thursday** Service will be held on April 14 at 5:30pm in the sanctuary. We will hear John's recounting of Jesus washing his disciples' feet followed by our washing of one another's feet. It then concludes with Communion and then the Stripping of the Altar.

We will then gather for **Good Friday** on April 15 at 5:30pm. This is a solemn service, begun in silence. It includes the reading of John's Passion Narrative and prayers for the world, both near and far. It concludes with the Veneration of the Cross and then silence. People will be invited to stay for silent prayer as long as they wish.

There will be no **Stations of the Cross** service this year, but you are invited to come by the church and use one of the booklets to walk the Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary, or you can watch the already recorded Stations of the Cross on our YouTube Channel or our Facebook page. Any time between now and Easter morning would be an appropriate time to follow the Way of the Cross.

**Easter** finally arrives on Sunday April 17. We hope that day to pull out all the stops to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

One of the wonderful things about Episcopal worship is that it is not a one-man or one-woman show. Worship is the gathering of the people and actively participating and contributing to the worship of God. While we all raise our voices to contribute to the worship, there are some who help in specific ways. We are especially wanting to encourage people to volunteer to be a **Lector**, who reads the scripture lessons, to be an **Intercessor**, leading the prayers of the people, or an **Usher**, who shows hospitality to people, especially visitors, as they arrive for worship and receive the people's offerings. If you look above at the worship schedule for Holy Week, you can see that our need for people to help out is greater than usual.

We also need people willing to make **Coffee Hour** happen. Ginger is presently soliciting people to sign up. The sign-up sheet will be available this Sunday during Coffee Hour. Please join in to make our gathering in worship and fellowship a special time.

In addition, we desperately need someone to be the **Clerk** for the Bishop's Advisory Committee (BAC). Essentially, this person takes notes at our meetings, writes up a clear set of minutes of the meeting and gets them approved by the BAC. I will personally help our new Clerk to understand how best to do this so that it is not an overwhelming task. The Clerk is not automatically a voting member of the BAC, but certainly can be a part of the discussions and express opinions.

If you would be interested in helping in this important way, please contact me.

Fr. Doug

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**From the Senior Warden**

We have just celebrated three important events at St. John.

**ONE:** Jennifer Mello was presented for Confirmation. Congratulations, Jennifer!

Confirmation Defined. *Confirmation is the sacramental rite in which the candidate expresses a mature commitment to Christ, and receives strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.*

**TWO:** The hands that were laid upon Jennifer were the hands of Bishop Diana who visited St. John's. She preached, confirmed Jennifer, presided at Eucharist, and examined our parochial records. She took a look into the Medical Loan Closet and enjoyed fellowship with us in Theresa Hall. Thank you for your visit, Bishop!

Bishop Defined. *One of the three orders of ordained ministers in the church, bishops are charged with the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the church. Bishops represent Christ and his church, and they are called to provide Christian vision and leadership for their dioceses.*

**THREE:** Also during her visit, the Bishop installed Fr. Doug as our Vicar in a Celebration of a New Ministry. Fr. Doug was first called to St. John as our Priest-in-Charge but changing his title to Vicar indicates our commitment to a more permanent position. We are so lucky to have you, Fr. Doug!

Celebration of a New Ministry Defined. *The form for the institution or induction of a priest as the rector of a parish. It may be used for the installation of deans and canons of cathedrals, or the induction of other diocesan or parochial ministries, including assistant ministers and vicars of missions.*

Vicar Defined. *In the Episcopal Church, the title generally applies to the priest in charge of a mission congregation. The diocesan bishop is the rector, and the priest representing the bishop is the vicar. est Defined. "Priest" is derived from the Greek presbyteros meaning "elder, or "old man". (Strike through edit by Judy.)*

Gratitude Defined. *A strong feeling of appreciation to someone or something for what the person has done to help you. (The Cambridge Dictionary)*

Fr. Doug Hale has unified us, kept us going through a pandemic, and shown great patience and compassion. St. John's is experiencing new stability even in the face of hard times. This wouldn't be happening without Fr. Doug's efforts. Thank you, Fr. Doug, for all that you've done and will do for St. John's. Thank you for caring for the people of St. John.

[Unless otherwise noted, the above definitions are from: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/>. It's a great source for understanding all of the terms we use and hear in the Episcopal church.]

Judy Jackson  
Sr. Warden

**Prayer List**

Katherine McGuire, Lisa, Oleta, Bev, Jack, Curtis, Apria, Doug Kelley Hall, Lorna Barney, Lenor, Colleen Carson, Robin Haruna, David, Bill, Tom, Marty, Mary, Doris, Karen & Joe, Myra & Jim, Roy, Juanita, Kelly, James, Sue, Michelle, Kathy, Melissa, Brady, Sandy, Kimberly, Marilyn, Bill & Steve.





**Our Bishop Diana** is pictured, top center, with the beautiful cross that is a gift from us at St. John. At top left, in our Medical Lending Closet, we see Bishop Diana with Fr. Doug, Vicar. Below that picture and in the center of the page is Bishop Diana in the Medical Lending Closet. After the tour of our unique outreach, the Medical Lending Closet, she joined the reception, chatting with everyone and winning new friends as we got to know her in a more relaxed setting. Bishop Diana, you won our hearts, and we look forward to your next visit to this part of the diocese!

### **The Cross & the Presentation Box**

Tom Glunt, artist in curly myrtlewood, created this cross for the Bishop. Lani Reynolds, artist, created the presentation box. The outside front of the box is in the lower photograph.





**This great assemblage deserves more space.** Here in the Medical Lending Closet we see clergy and laity assembled. At the left is the Rev. Deacon Allan Miles of Ashland, who served the Bishop in the church service. In the center, standing, is Junior Warden Sally Glunt, and to the right Bishop Diana. Fr. Doug is peeking over the shoulder of Mary Garrett, a member of the BAC (and other things). Kneeling in the center is Lani Reynolds (BAC and decorator/hostess extraordinaire) beside Bishop's Warden and Loan Closet coordinator, Judy Jackson.

We are so richly blessed here at St. John. Not only do we live in one of the most beautiful parts of the United States. We also have Fr. Doug as our Vicar, a congregation filled with loving and giving people who care genuinely about others outside our walls, outreach that is genuine and serves purpose and needs, vitality, hope, and deep love for God and others. In our members, we see people who perform many roles: lay ministry as lay Eucharistic ministers, lectors, intercessors, altar guild, flower guild, Loan Closet volunteers, chairing rummage sales, and whatever else needs to be done. Bishop Diana is also part of that list of blessings. Thank you for your presence, Bishop, and we look forward to a long and productive time of walking this journey of faith together.



## Wednesday Evening Prayer

Fr. Doug is leading Evening Prayer at 7pm on Wednesdays using the Zoom platform at this link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5042346656?pwd=eGtMEthTnUyQWk3TW9hNmszemRsQT09> The same link can be used each week. The link to the gathering can also be found in his weekly Saturday evening emails. The same link can be used each week. Join and be blessed by this time of prayer and interaction with other folks from St. John.

### BAC

**Senior Warden:** Judy Jackson

**Junior Warden:** Sally Glunt

**Members at Large:** Mary Garrett, Lani Reynolds, Maggie Lowery, Gail Pray

**Treasurer:** Denise Skillman

**Clerk:**

**Bankers:** Kathy Webb

**Convention Delegates:** Judy Jackson & Sally Glunt

### Staff

**Vicar:**

The Rev. Doug Hale

**Music Director:**

Cynthia Mohorko

**Church Administrator:**

Virginia MacCallum

## OFFICE HOURS

We have not yet returned to a regular schedule of office hours because of Covid. We will let you know when we do resume office hours. Meanwhile, the administrator is working at her duties, and Fr. Doug is keeping his schedule.

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### WHO WE ARE

St. John Episcopal Church is a community where God leads us in healing, teaching, reaching out, and stewardship.

We are a community that sees Christ in all people and judges none. We believe in inclusion for all people regardless of race, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation. We aim to break down barriers that separate us from one another and to provide a home for anyone on their spiritual journey. Our work brings together people of faith who believe in the inherent dignity and worth of all people on their journey.