

It occurred to me while preparing music for the Hand Bell Choir that many of you may not be familiar with the origin of English Hand Bells.

Bells have been in use for as long as history has been recorded. They first appear in the Orient where their use was both secular and sacred. Bells have appeared very early in almost every culture. The size and tone of the bell can make it both celebratory and mournful. Smaller bells were often held by hand whereas larger bells were mounted and struck by a clapper of some sort.

Tower bells became very popular throughout medieval England. Most village churches had a set of six to twelve tower bells. These sets of bells are known as a peal or a change. They are rung in varying mathematical sequences by the ringers. Most people in England today live within hearing distance of a peal of bells. When the ringers practiced they were in the base of the tower without the comfort of climate control. Everyone living within "earshot" of the bells had the good fortune of enduring several hours of clanging. (mistakes included!)

Robert and William Cor of Wiltshire, England, developed finely tuned hand held bells for the sake of practicing change ringing. Not only could the ringers rehearse in comfort in a heated room but the village was spared the audible assault. These earliest hand bells were developed sometime between 1696 and 1724. In following years the range of the bells was extended and they became more perfected in function. This enabled a set of hand bells to play musical compositions rather than just the mathematical sequences of a peal.

The first hand bells heard in America are thought to have been in 1830 with a family of musicians by the name of Peake. In 1840 records reveal that P. T. Barnum had a group of ringers from England appear as an act in his circus. (I wonder how the circus animals responded to that act!)

We are most fortunate here at Saint Peter's Church to have a fine set of hand bells. We are just getting organized for the year and are looking forward to providing lovely music to enhance our services. We ALWAYS have room for another ringer. Perhaps it is you!

Doug

**2016 Commitment Card Reminder**  
Please remember to turn in your 2016 Commitment Card to the church office as soon as possible. If for some reason you have not received one or have misplaced it, please call or email Jennifer at the church office, and she will be glad to help you. 946-8151 or [jennifer@saintpetersnc.org](mailto:jennifer@saintpetersnc.org).

# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

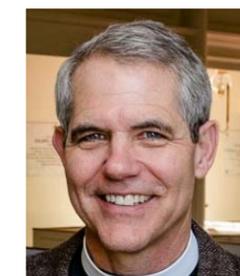
## Keynotes

November 18, 2015



***"Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light..."***

From the collect for the first Sunday of Advent, BCP



Two themes present in Advent are the coming of Christ and the Christians' preparation to greet him. The preface we pray at the Eucharist during Advent repeats these themes; **"Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing."**

Think of Advent as the beginning of a journey where we make our pilgrimage to greet the One who comes for us. That journey leads us to the cradle where God became manifest in Jesus. Only at the cradle do we discover that God is not some uncaring Spirit, but rather, God became one of us to share our humanity and to give love to those in darkness. Receiving and giving this love to others changes our lives. And finally, Advent leads us to the consummation of God's love for us when he comes again.

We make this journey together by embracing Christ's grace and by loving our neighbors. It is a daily journey, taken one step at a time. We will not be prepared to greet our Lord unless we receive his love and give his love to others. It is that simple and that difficult. Opportunities to experience both of these abound at St. Peter's and in our community. I hope you will seize them and serve others in need this Advent season through one of the many outreach opportunities supported by our church.

Advent Blessings to you!

Fr. Jim

# Swingin' through the Holidays with the

## Tar River Swing Band

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**General Admission \$25**

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### Emma Holscher



I am a lifelong member of Saint Peter's having celebrated some of my most momentous days here. I was baptized and confirmed at Saint Peter's as a child. Later, I was married to my husband, Franz here. Both of my 2 children (Frederick and Mary Emma - age 15 and 12, respectively) were baptized at Saint Peter's.

Currently, I am a part-time staff attorney for Pitt County Department of Social Services serving primarily as DSS's child support enforcement attorney.

I have been involved in several areas of service at Saint Peter's including the nursery, Sunday School, stewardship committee, Lay Reader and I was also very involved in Upward at its onset. I look forward to taking on a new area of service in the Church through vestry and giving back a fraction of what Saint Peter's has given to me.

### Marcus Jones

Marcus Jones has been a member of Saint Peter's Episcopal Church since 2006. He is married to Lilly Roberson Jones, a lifelong member of Saint Peter's. He is a native of Washington, NC. They have two children, Davis, age 10, and Olivia, age 8. He has served on the board of Upward Sports here at Saint Peter's, and participated in the Missions of Mercy dental clinics when they were active here. Marcus is a general dentist and his office is here in Washington. He is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill for his undergraduate study and his dental degree.



### Hank Van Dorp

I began worshiping at St. Peter's in 2000. I was confirmed by Rev. Clifton Daniel in 2001. My wife Judy and I were married in November of 2001. The Rev. Bill Bradbury officiated our wedding which was held in the Chapel. I have lived in Washington all my life and have fond memories of attending St. Peter's day-school as a child.

During my years at St. Peter's I have enjoyed serving in many ministries and on Vestry (2009-2011). I especially enjoy chipping in 'behind the scenes' in the many activities of this church.



The future of our church is important to me because of the impact St. Peter's has on my life. My spiritual health and my church family are priorities in my life. It would be a privilege to serve on St. Peter's vestry once again.

# 2016 Vestry Nominee Biographies

## Barbara Grimes

I am a life-long Episcopalian who was raised in Tampa, Florida and graduated from Queens College in Charlotte, N.C. My husband, Sam Grimes, who graduated from Davidson College, and I were married in 1965.



I taught junior high school in Durham, NC for 3 years, high school at E. E. Smith in Fayetteville for a year, and at P. S. Jones Junior High School for 2 years after moving here to Sam's hometown. After earning a Masters of Library Science from ECU, I served as librarian at Snowden Elementary School in Aurora for 10 years, and then as librarian at North Pitt High School for 16 years. During those years, I also served on the Washington City School Board for 13 years and as its Chairperson for 2 years.

During all this time, our membership at St. Peter's has been a major part of our lives. While my boy's were in elementary school at Eastern, I began my service on St. Peter's Altar Guild. I have served as a member, a group leader, and now the head of Altar Guild since 2013. Sam and I served as sponsors of the EYC, working with Janet Rodman and Doug Cutler and others as needed for several years. I was president of the ECW years ago and have helped in the kitchen regularly. I have worked at Toys for Tots, the Dental Clinic, auctions, Stop Hunger Now, prepared lunches for funerals, and served on the Vestry from 2006 to 2009.

## Mark Henley

I am honored to be considered to serve on the Saint Peter's Vestry. I am a lifelong Episcopalian and have been a member of Saint Peter's since moving to Washington 1993. During my youth I was an active member of Saint Michael's in Raleigh. Here at Saint Peter's I have been privileged to serve as a Sunday School Teacher, an Upward Coach and as an Usher. I am currently enjoying my first year of EFM study.

I was educated in the public schools of Raleigh through high school before earning a Business Management Degree from East Carolina University. I have spent my professional life specializing in real estate development and business start-ups and turn-arounds; most recently operating McCotter's Marina here in Washington.

My hobbies include hiking, golf, tennis and sailing. My love of the River led me to be involved in the creation of the Pamlico Sea Base and The Little Washington Sailing School.

Both of my children are now away at college. Will is a graduate of the NCSU Engineering program and is pursuing a Graduate Degree at Clemson. Melissa is a Sophomore in the ECU School of Theatre and Dance. Having both children in college affords me the opportunity to devote the time and attention needed to properly serve on the Vestry. I look forward to the opportunity.



## Church Attendance

|                          | Nov. 1 | Nov. 8 | Nov. 15    |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|------------|
| 8 a.m. service           | 54     | 54     | No service |
| 10:15 a.m. service       | 138    | 110    | 155        |
| Spanish language service | 53     | 49     | 42         |

## Parish Meeting

Our annual parish meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am, between the two services. Please come and join us in All Saints' Hall for a pick-up breakfast provided by our Parish Life committee. We will accept the slate of new vestry persons, hear several reports, and have the opportunity to thank the outgoing members of the vestry. The canons require that we have this annual meeting. It is your opportunity to participate in and learn more about the operation of Saint Peter's. Please mark your calendars.

Ed Hodges, Senior Warden

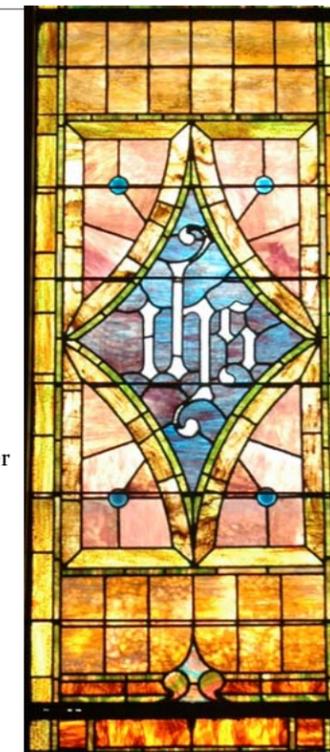
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Vincent Holliday      Sexton  
Lex Mann      Treasurer  
Jennifer Spivey      Parish Administrator  
Susie Taylor      Day School Director



## Vestry Organization (S.W.E.E.P.S.)

Service: Mary Parker Egbert  
Worship: John Tate  
Education: Nancy Hamblin  
Evangelism:  
Hispanic Ministry: Maria Gachuz  
Pastoral Care: Barbara Walker  
Parish Life: Tom Archie  
Stewardship & Administration: Hodges Hackney  
Building and Grounds: Patrick Nash  
Clerk: Don Stroud

Jr. Warden: Swanson Graves  
Sr. Warden: Ed Hodges



## Please Pray For:



*Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* The Book of Common Prayer.

**Please Pray for:** Rev. Danny Allen-Pastor at First United Methodist Church (Washington), Phillips Babcock-brother of Dick Babcock, Gus Bachman-cousin of Dill Lynch, Jennifer Barrett-Zitkus-friend of Saint Peter's, Bill Batchelor-son-in-law of Dill Lynch, Fred & Ryan Beachler-nephews of Michael Beachler, Judy Beachler-sister of Michael Beachler, Pricilla Blier-grandmother of Kristin Bradbury, Sally Bliley-member, Barbara Dell Carter-friend of Pam Hodges, Amy Cohen-Callow-friend of Mary & Ray Dennis, Calvin Cooks-friend of Sarah Ninan, Carol Jones-friend of Pam Hodges, Cynthia Jones-member, Rev. Lee Kinney-Pastor at First Presbyterian Church (Washington), Bo Lewis-friend of Sam & Barbara Grimes, Mark McCoy-friend of the Holschers, Dr. Jimmy Moore-Pastor at First Baptist Church (Washington), Pat Pate-mother of Dana Peters, Hilda Privette-mother of Sonia Privette, Wayne & Betty Privette-uncle & aunt of Sonia Privette, Marilyn Roth-member, Mark Simmons-nephew of Betty Cochran, John Stowell-brother of Aynn Hadley, Stephanie Teal-niece of Michael Beachler, Sis Thornburgh-member, Jean Trueblood-member, Nena Tyndall-member, Hallett Ward, III-son of Ann Ward.

Prayer list requests may be made by completing a prayer card from the pew rack in church or by calling (946-8151) or emailing the church office ([jennifer@saintpetersnc.org](mailto:jennifer@saintpetersnc.org)). Names will remain on

### ALTAR FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

November 1: The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Chet Hayes, Allie Gregory Wooten, and Dollie Hayes Tongue by the family.

November 8: The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret & George Walker, and Marian & Bill King by Barbara & Dewey Walker.

November 15: The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary & Anthony Capehart, Mary & Clifford Whichard, Ashbourne Capehart Whichard, and Anthony Ashbourne Capehart, Jr. by the family.

November 22: The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Christopher Francisco by the family.

November 29: The altar greenery is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sallie Carrow & Arthur Graham Elliott, Sarah & Harvey Elliott, Dorothy & Graham Elliott, and Harvey Elliott, Jr. by the family.

The Advent Wreath is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Marion & Fred Troutman and Margaret & James Hackney, Jr. by Hodges & Marsha Hackney.

## ADVENT QUIET DAY ... a day away

to prepare for the season of Christmas

### “MOMENTS OF PREPARATION & REFLECTION”

Leader: The Rev. Jim Horton

**WHEN: Saturday, December 5th**

➤ Day begins at 9:30 a.m. (registration/coffee/snack),

➤ Reflection begins at 10:00 am.,

➤ and closes at 2:30 p.m. after Eucharist.

**WHERE: Zion Episcopal Church**

We welcome the newly baptized,  
Bradley Stuart Dudley.

Parents are  
Stuart & Lauren Dudley.

Godparents are  
Kelly McCutchen &  
Shannon Boulware.

Please welcome our newest Cursillo 4th day members, Mavis and Rudy Burns and Aynn and Ken Hadley, team members, from a weekend of God's overwhelming love at Cursillo EC 92 at Trinity Center!! Cursillo EC 93 April 2016 More info: [www.cursillodec.com](http://www.cursillodec.com) Or ask someone in our church.

Thanks!!  
Crystal



### Quilts for Children's Baptisms



Each time a child is baptized at Saint Peter's we have the privilege of blessing a handmade quilt for that child. You may recall that recently two young boys received the sacrament of baptism. As the service was conducted, a lovingly made baby quilt was passed for each parishioner present to hold and say a prayer for the newly baptized and his family.

Several years ago master quilter, Peggy Jones, had an idea for using her talents to enrich the lives of others. She suggested that quilts be made and given each time a child is baptized as a remembrance of this important spiritual event. Peggy led workshops to involve other quilters in this ministry. At present several quilters in the parish create many quilts each year to provide for all baptized children.

Thanks be for Peggy's love of quilting and love of children and for her generous willingness to share these qualities with the parish! We are truly blessed

*"It's the most wonderful time of the year."* For many of us, those words bring forth memories of the popular holiday song and all that is associated with this time of year – Thanksgiving, Christmas, family visits, pageants, shopping & cooking. For the Spanish Language Congregation, there is one more thing to add to that list that makes it a most wonderful time of the year – the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

In a few weeks, I'll write more about Our Lady of Guadalupe. But I will tell you this much for now. In her honor, we have a beautiful evening service followed by a festive time of fellowship and food. All of that is scheduled for Saturday evening (TBA), Dec.12<sup>th</sup>, starting off in our chapel.

A tradition for this particular service is to decorate the worship space in an elaborate way that represents the culture and origin of Our Lady and those who honor her. This takes time and money. We also go all out on our meal and have special musicians for that night, which also takes time and money. To that end, *the Spanish Language congregation will be selling lunch plates starting at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The lunch plate includes chicken asado, rice, beans, tortillas, salsa and a soda or bottle of water. All of this for only \$8.00!* All proceeds will go to funding our service and celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe. You can take your meal home or enjoy it in All Saints Hall.

We would like to take orders in advance so that we can be sure we have enough food for everyone. *You may place an order by contacting Jennifer Spivey at the church office (946-8151, [jennifer@saintpetersnc.org](mailto:jennifer@saintpetersnc.org)), Nancy Hamblin (940-1999), Victoria Gachuz (945-7845), Maria Gachuz (945-0031), or myself (943-1259, [gjrodman@yahoo.com](mailto:gjrodman@yahoo.com)).* Help us out and spread the word among your family and friends.

I look forward to seeing you on the 22<sup>nd</sup>! Thank you!

The Reverend Janet Sueiro Rodman

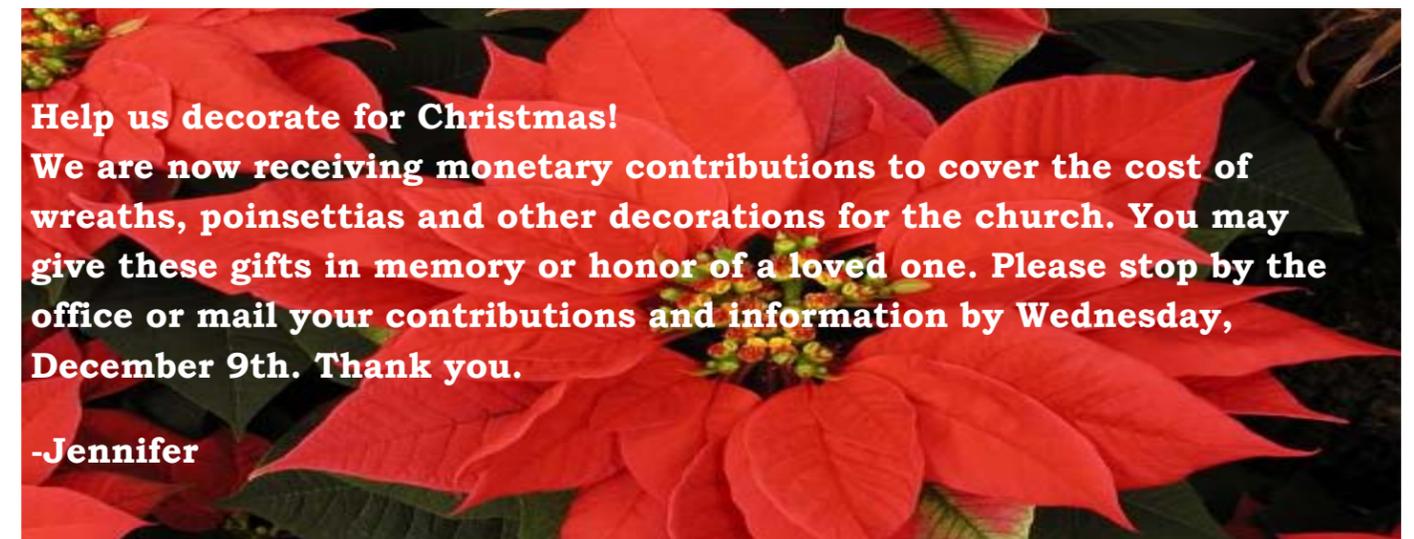


## Vestry Corner

The Finance Committee, as a commission of the vestry, is responsible for oversight of financial activities of the church. This includes financial planning and budgeting with the treasurer and coordination of the stewardship program. We commend the stewardship committee and Fr. Jim for their excellent work in implementing this year's successful stewardship program. The Finance Committee has developed a proposed budget for 2016 that includes the addition of a part time Christian Ed director and expanded outreach. We are hopeful that increased contributions in 2016 will enable us to do this.

God's Peace Be With You,

Hodges Hackney



### PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP!

#### *Delivery, counting and sorting:*

Friday, December 11th: 8am-5pm

Saturday, December 12th 9am– until (est. 12pm)

#### *Distribution day:*

Sunday, December 13th: 12pm-6pm



## **Christmas at Saint Peter's**

### **Christmas Eve, Thursday December 24**

4:00 PM Holy Eucharist

8:30 PM Festival of Music

9:00 PM Holy Eucharist



### **Christmas Day, Friday, December 25**

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, with Carols and Sermon



### ***ECW Christmas Tea***

*In honor of our "ladies in their eighties"*

*Tuesday, December 9th at 10:30 a.m.*

*All Saints' Hall*

*All church women are invited to attend this holiday event!*

*It's that special time of year again when we get together to honor our members who are over eighty years of age – anyone who has attended this event in previous years knows what a very enjoyable meeting this is for everyone. We ask that if you know of any shut-ins we should honor, please inform Nancy Hamblin or Marsha Hackney; their names and contact information would be appreciated. So, let's have a great turn-out on December 9th to honor our special guests with a Christmas tea and a beautiful poinsettia for them to take home.*

The holidays are rapidly approaching and I wanted to inform you of the outreach projects in which St. Peter's is involved through the Christmas season. Once again, I need lots of volunteers to complete our missions successfully. Please note the dates and deadlines; the sign up sheets will be starting to appear on the bulletin boards soon, so keep an eye out. If you are too crunched for time, but want to contribute, please make a donation to Jennifer indicating which ministry you would like to support. If you want to bring a few items for any of the following, but not make a whole package, there will be donation boxes to drop individual items. Remember, this is a good way in getting your children and grandchildren involved in giving.



#### **Now-December 18th:**

This holiday season please consider making a donation to the Back Pack Buddies program. You may wish to make it in a loved one's memory or in honor of someone special. You will receive an acknowledgement and the family you honor will also receive a note of appreciation from the church. Please make checks payable to Saint Peter's Church with BPB on the memo line.

#### **Now-December 7th:**

Salvation Army Angel Tree Program: The Angel Tree program is giving gifts to families who have applied for assistance to the Salvation Army for their Christmas program. Pick up your Angel Tree Tag today by the Main Street Entrance to the church.



#### **Now-November 23rd:**

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child: Pack a shoebox for a child with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and accessories.

#### **December 8th:**

Operation Nursing Home: Create a gift package to be taken to a local nursing home. Care package list to come.



#### **December 11th-13th:**

Toys for Tots: Unloading dropped off toys, sorting, counting and distributing toys.

#### **December 19th:**

Salvation Army Kettle Bell Ringers. Sign up Sheet on bulletin board.



Thank you for donating your time, talents and or treasures to one of these causes.

Mary Parker Egbert– Outreach