



## **ST. PETER'S WAVE MAY 2026**

***St. Peter's is a community called to Love, Worship, Proclaim, and Serve.***

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we begin the month of May, we still have 3 1/2 weeks of the Easter season to celebrate. Pentecost Sunday is May 24, followed this year by Memorial Day Monday. It seems very appropriate to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit as we remember and honor those who have served in our Armed Forces.

Of course, we celebrate Mother's Day on May 10 and Ascension Day on May 14. We have been asked to host the spring Altar Guild meeting for our deanery (the Episcopal churches on the Cape and Islands, including Plymouth and Wareham) on Ascension Day and we'll celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 11 AM.

Spring continues to break forth in New England as the temperatures rise and the days grow longer. May is always a time for renewal, new life, and graduations. Yet we are reminded of "this fragile earth our island home" with the weather and global climate issues. During my vacation on the coast in South Georgia, I saw the effects of severe drought and wildfires!

The Easter season may end, but we proclaim every Sunday as a celebration of Resurrection – new life – and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Grace, Peace, Love,

BoB



## **LITURGICAL NOTES MUSIC**

Our Episcopal liturgy encourages a full use of music to enrich our worship. St. Augustine is reported to have said, "those who sing, pray twice." I can't imagine liturgy without music, although I do understand the beauty and simplicity of our spoken liturgies.

The 1982 Hymnal was a major improvement over the 1940 Hymnal and is a complete compilation of hymns and Service Music. There are 288 settings for sung liturgical music, including those we know well with the Gloria and Sanctus. Hymns are arranged in the order of the church year, special Sacramental Rites and 12 theological topics starting with The Holy Trinity and ending with the Christian Life. “National Songs” completes the collection.

We have additional hymnal resources, including “Lift Every Voice and Sing” and “Wonder, Love and Praise.” And we utilize the great tradition of church and classical music going all the way back to St. Gregory the Great in the 6<sup>th</sup> century; who introduced liturgical chant and music. At St. Peter’s we are blessed to have a long musical tradition and wonderful musicians leading us now.



On May 1st, as spring unfolds around us, the Church invites us to remember St. Philip the Apostle—a disciple who reminds us that faith often begins with questions. When Jesus asked him how the crowd might be fed, Philip answered with honest practicality, seeing only what was lacking. It’s the kind of response many of us might give. And yet, in that very moment, Jesus was gently drawing him—and us—beyond calculation and into trust, revealing that God’s grace is never confined by what we think is possible. His story echoes in our own lives, where we often struggle to see beyond what is lacking, wondering how we could ever be enough.

All around us the Easter season itself begins to resound a hymn of hope. It’s hard not to hear the echo of hymn #204, “Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain”; reminding us, life emerges from what once seemed lost, and growth comes from what was hidden. The earth proclaims resurrection in every green blade of grass and budding branch of forsythia and lilac, revealing that God’s power is at work, even when we cannot yet see it.

Philip’s story meets us right here, in the middle of our ordinary concerns and hopeful beginnings. We may not feel we have much to offer, or we may wonder how peace and love can truly grow in a complicated world. But like the first shoots of spring and the green blade rising, God delights in bringing abundance out of small beginnings. This Easter season invites us to trust a little more freely, to give a little more generously, and to carry a spirit of joy that reflects the quiet miracle unfolding all around us. And who knows—what we place in Christ’s hands, however small, may just become more than enough.

Peace and Joy,  
Lisa 🎵

**VISIBLE**



**VESTRY**

After an opening prayer, we began by discussing how St Peter's can be more welcoming. Many promising ideas were discussed. Among them: A "welcome back to church day", events on our lawn (like Tacos and Tunes), a church sign with clever/fun sayings. It was suggested that we have a welcome packet when folks attend the first time. It was further suggested that we get names and addresses of first-time attenders and write follow-up letters. Someone suggested we wear name tags. Maybe once a month we could acknowledge/thank newcomers – like we celebrate birthdays on the first Sunday. The vestry will continue to solicit and ponder ideas about how to make St Peter's more welcoming.

Alan discussed his monthly report and reviewed the balance sheets. Alan drafted a reply to the audit and the vestry accepted it.

Mark is looking into installing solar panels. He is getting several quotes. The panels will not be visible from Main Street. We could save significant money over the course of many years on our electric bills, but we would need to invest a large amount of money initially. Mark discussed the pros/cons of renting v/s buying the panels. Alan felt that they would probably be a worthwhile investment.

Mark is continuing to set up the basement to use for storage. Mark will start the initial work on renovating the two bathrooms by the sacristy.

There is already interest from Mass Maritime students to park in our parking lot next year. We voted to continue this program. We have 25 spaces, we discussed how large of a donation we should ask for them (last year we asked for \$400). We will investigate what other folks charge.

Amy would like to update and rearrange the parish hall to make it more welcoming. She will continue to consult Bob about her ideas. She will also contact TOPS to make sure their needs are met.

Amy discussed the new committees, the details of that discussion are in an accompanying article.

Other business: We need to install a plaque and have a blessing for the AED and the door/boat to thank the donors for their generosity. Elaine is going to look into AED training.



## **Notes from your Senior Warden**

My main goal for the year continues to be to help St Peter's grow. Toward that end, I wanted to follow up on the article I wrote last month about the formation of four new committees. The

committee to discuss the program "Invite, Welcome, Connect" will meet in May to begin our exploration of those ideas. The welcome committee met to discuss having weekly welcomers. In addition, at this month's vestry meeting we discussed other ways of welcoming people. We will continue the discussion and will start implementing some of the ideas. The committee to be better shepherds of our own flock, did not engender any interest, so we will continue to send out cards as we have always done. Heather has graciously agreed to take on this ministry. I am hoping to meet with the outreach committee in the next couple of months. Please reach out if you have ideas about how to help St Peter's grow.

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Our seventh get together was held on April 4th. We had 10 attendees sign up, of which 9 were able to attend. As always, the conversation was lively and varied!

Our next breakfast get together will be on Saturday, May 2nd at 8:30 AM. As usual, we will gather at Persy's Place, 3198 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet posted in the narthex. If you forget to sign up, please call or text Jim Hankey at 781-534-2604. This will provide an accurate count of attendees for the Persy's setup.

I look forward to seeing you at Persy's!

Best regards,  
Jim Hankey

#### ***RECURRING EVENTS***

Sundays: 8am - Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10am - Holy Eucharist Rite II w/music  
(unless otherwise noted)

Tuesdays: 11am - Bible Study

Thursdays: 8:30am – TOPS

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 8:30am - Men's Breakfast

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 5:00pm – Vestry

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 12n – Women's Bible Study

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