



# ST. CHRISTOPHER BY-THE-RIVER

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

During the winter of 2018/2019 I first spotted a gentle Spirit who has “haunted” St. Christopher’s ever since. Throughout the Covid Years, I would see her on occasion, slipping quietly along the shrubbery between the Rectory, Mrs. Rankin’s house, and the Church. When there was new fallen snow, I would see her prints crossing the footbridge and returning. I came to call her *The Grey Lady* after the famous British ghost. It seemed to fit her as she (mostly) lived an invisible life among us.

For years I assumed that she belonged to someone nearby or was, perhaps, a “barn cat” at the Hunt Club Stables. None of that seems to have been true. Last summer she began to come out from the shadows. For the first time she appeared quite thin and so I gave her some food and she has had her meals at the Rectory ever since. You may even remember having her greet you as you arrived or left Sunday morning worship last summer and fall.



July, 2019



November, 2023



March 2024

The Grey Lady’s past will likely always be a mystery, but she was once someone’s beloved pet, and she deserves a new and loving home. She has spent this winter living on the Rectory’s Sunporch, and I can report that she has been perfect about using her litterbox and is not a fussy eater. She is conversational, with a somewhat raspy “meow” and appreciates being patted. Since we know nothing about her previous home, she will probably be best suited for a household without young children. I believe that she would be happy to be an indoor cat as she shows no interest in going outside when I have offered her that opportunity.

As you may know, I already have two elderly cats and a dog so I cannot be that new home for her. I am hoping that by sharing these photos and hearing a bit about her, one of you might feel moved to give her a home of her own. I will be happy to cover the Veterinary bill for her first examination and vaccinations before going to her new home. If you would like to meet her or learn more about her, please call me at 207-664-4041. Thank you so much for giving The Grey Lady your thoughtful consideration.

In God’s Love,  
Ann+

**Good Friday Offering**



Join us in celebrating a century of gifts and rejoicing in 2000 years of Good News. Make a gift to the Good Friday Offering in one of the following ways:



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Or visit our webpage at [iam.ec/goodfridayoffering](http://iam.ec/goodfridayoffering)

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The history of the [Good Friday Offering](#) reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created. Through the years, many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. By supporting life-giving ministries in the province, including St. George's, Baghdad; the eye clinic in Ras Morbat, Yemen; the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza; and numerous other institutions identified by their dioceses, you are ensuring that our siblings in Christ are not forgotten. The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian presence in the Land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children. Details for [donating online](#), by phone, or by check are available [here](#).

**FLOWER DEDICATIONS FEBRUARY 2024**

In loving memory of:

- Michael Pender by his parents Jim and Kathy Pender
- Rindy Collister & Janet Hargrave by Becky & Chandler Everett
- Mark & Paula Ianni by Teri Ianni
- James Gough by the Miscko & Pucell Families

**Food Pantry Donations**

Canned fruits, unsweetened apple sauce, and vegetables (including tomatoes and tomato sauce)



**Bargain Box**

Pre Sorts 9:30-11:30 AM

- Wednesday, April 10
- Monday, April 15
- Wednesday, April 17
- Friday, April 19

SET UP SUNDAY: April 21

SALE: Friday, April 26, 8-4



- 1 Sally Conley
- Pauline Marting
- Connor McMillion
- 5 Larry Murray
- 6 Kathi Mitchell
- 7 Brian Wright
- 8 Kathy Vilas
- 11 William Richmond
- 14 Lou Boswell
- 21 Loni Lorenz
- 22 PJ Hoeflinger
- 23 Ed Meyers
- 26 Neal Repko
- 28 Diana Treco
- 29 Dan Collister

**ADULT FORUM**


Sundays 9:00 a.m.



During the month of April, there will be an opportunity for anyone interested in confirmation, baptism, or being received into the church to have their question answered.



SUNDAY MARCH 31 - EASTER		MONDAY - 1	TUESDAY - 2	WEDNESDAY-3	THURSDAY-4	FRIDAY- 5	SATURDAY-6
<b>9 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>11:00 am Holy Eucharist</b>		10:00 Staff Meeting		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
<b>EM:</b> Charley Marston	Hayley Kosmatka						
<b>LECTOR:</b> Annette Lowe	Fran Sarkisian & Brian Wright						
<b>ALTAR:</b> Sue Marston	Lucy Lytle						
<b>USHERS</b> NA	Peter Thatcher & Brian Wright						
<b>HOSTESSES</b>	HAPPY EASTER				5:00 Eve Prayer 8:00 AA		

SUNDAY APRIL 7		MONDAY - 8	TUESDAY - 9	WEDNESDAY-10	THURSDAY- 11	FRIDAY- 12	SATURDAY- 13
<b>8 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>10:15 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9AM Adult Forum</b> 	10:00 Staff Meeting	<b>PRESORT</b> 9:30-11:30			
<b>EM:</b> Charley Marston	John Irwin						
<b>LECTOR:</b> Teri Ianni	Dixon Morgan & Courtney Schmidt						
<b>ALTAR:</b> Teri Ianni	Courtney Schmidt						
<b>USHERS</b> NA	Brian Wright & Charlene Currutt						
<b>HOSTESSES</b>	Laura Cotton		6:30 PM Grief		5:00 Eve Prayer 8:00 AA		

SUNDAY APRIL 14		MONDAY - 15	TUESDAY - 16	WEDNESDAY-17	THURSDAY- 18	FRIDAY- 19	SATURDAY-20
<b>8 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>10:15 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9AM Adult Forum</b> 	10:00 Staff Meeting	<b>PRESORT</b> 9:30- 11:30		<b>PRESORT</b> 9:30-11:30	
<b>EM:</b> Kitty Thomas	Hayley Kosmatka & James Gallagher						
<b>LECTOR:</b> Annette Lowe	Becky Everett & Courtney Schmidt						
<b>ALTAR:</b> Sally Conley	Courtney Schmidt						
<b>USHERS</b> NA	Ron & Neal Lee						
<b>HOSTESSES</b>	Judy Holmes				5:00 Eve Prayer 8:00 AA		

SUNDAY APRIL 21		MONDAY - 22	TUESDAY - 23	WEDNESDAY-24	THURSDAY- 25	FRIDAY- 26	SATURDAY-27
<b>8 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>10:15 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9AM Adult Forum</b> 	10:00 Staff Meeting		DOK 10:00		
<b>EM:</b> Charley Marston	Randy Cole & Brian Wright						
<b>LECTOR:</b> Annette Lowe	Dixon Morgan & Judy Holmes						
<b>ALTAR:</b> Sue Marston	Alison Wolf						
<b>USHERS</b> NA	Dixon Morgan & Leslie Marting						
<b>HOSTESSES</b>	Judy Holmes & Larry Richmond		6:30 PM Grief	7:00 Vestry	8:00 AA		

SUNDAY APRIL 28		MONDAY - 29	TUESDAY - 30	WEDNESDAY-1	THURSDAY- 2	FRIDAY- 3	SATURDAY- 4
<b>8 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>10:15 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9AM Adult Forum</b>	10:00 Staff Meeting				
<b>EM:</b> Kitty Thomas	James Gallagher						
<b>LECTOR:</b> Teri Ianni	Fran Sarkisian & Neal Lee						
<b>ALTAR:</b> Teri Ianni	Alison Wolf						
<b>USHERS</b> NA	Ron Lee & Peter Thatcher						
<b>HOSTESSES</b>	Sue Marston				5:00 Eve Prayer 8:00 AA		

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**Sunday Services**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:15 AM Holy Eucharistic Rite II

Find our weekly worship on [YouTube](#).

**Parish Office**

**Staffed T-W-Th 8:30-2:30**

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**2024 Vestry**

John Irwin (2026) Sr. Warden  
Charlene Currutt (2026) Jr. Warden  
Bruce Long (2024)  
Peter Thatcher (2024)  
Kitty Thomas (2024)  
Judy Holmes (2025)  
Matt Vazzana (2025) Clerk  
Rich Radis (2025)  
Ron Lee (2026)

**SUNDAYS**

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I**  
**10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
*(Childcare available at the 10:15 service)*

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**THURSDAYS**

**5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer**

**GRIEF GROUP**

**Zoom Meeting**

**APRIL 9 & 23**

**6:30-8:00 PM**

To attend, please contact Kathy Pender:  
440-463-7378 or [kp@momshrink.com](mailto:kp@momshrink.com)

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**SUNDAY MAY 5**  
**One Service @ 10:15**

**DON'T MISS IT!**