



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

MAY 2026



Pentecost and the Good News - From the Rector

Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ is risen!! Christ is Risen indeed!!

It is always good to be able to say those Alleluias when Easter comes around! Easter is not just one day – it is a season of 50 days! It begins with the Resurrection and ends with Pentecost (May 24 this year!). The Sunday after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday (May 31 this year!) which is our church's namesake day. There is a lot to celebrate in these 50 days!

The day of Pentecost is often referred to as the "birthday" of the church. It is the day when the Spirit was poured out upon the apostles and they began to proclaim the Good News to multiple people gathered in Jerusalem. People who spoke different languages and came from different countries. Faithful Jews who were in Jerusalem to celebrate a festival day in the Jewish religion. Despite the fact that they came from different places and spoke different languages they all heard the message in a way that that could understand. This is a reminder to us that the Gospel is available to everyone; Not only those who come from specific places or speak certain languages. The Gospel is a language the everyone can understand – the love of God.

One of the ways that we are celebrating Pentecost this year is by inviting the congregation to say the Lord's Prayer during the service in the language of their heart. The language you use could be French or Spanish or Welsh or Greek....whatever language you know or want to challenge yourself to learn. I promised to do a video teaching the Lord's Prayer in American Sign Language and I will get that up on our Facebook page soon. I would also like to provide translations of the prayer in other languages that will be included in the bulletin on that day. If you know the Lord's Prayer in another language please send it to me! And if it is in an alphabet (like Greek for example) that is not the English alphabet please send it to me in a way that someone could try to pronounce it.

I am looking forward to our congregation making a joyful noise together!

Kathleen+



End of the year Sunday School Update

Dear Parents and Sunday School Friends,

As another Sunday School Season comes to an end, we want to thank all the children who have participated in the Holy Trinity Sunday School Program this year. Throughout the year, we explored the Creator as an Artist, the importance of Nature in our World and how we care for others by being, kind, loving and caring. We heard stories of obedience, temptation, love and redemption.

Following Christmas, we learned about the powers of faith, compassion, prayer, giving and how God is always present in our lives.

As we finish up our course of study for May, we will explore the story of Jonah with the understanding that God is Everywhere and he will always provide us with second chances as God offers forgiveness to everyone.

May 17th will be our final Sunday School Class for this year. Classes will begin again on September 13th. Throughout the summer, we will continue to have nursery coverage for children three and under.

If you are interested in becoming involved in teaching Sunday School next year, please speak to Rev. Kathleen or other members of the youth ministry team.

Parking Awareness

Just a friendly reminder that when folks park in front of the church it is appreciated if we try not to park over the sidewalk area. There is plenty of room for most cars to be safely inside the lane line. Doing this keeps the sidewalk clear for anyone walking particularly our neighbors with strollers, wheelchairs, or those riding bikes as the weather improves!



May 22nd & 23rd 9:00am-3:00pm

Let Mary Wood or Ada Lyman know if you would like a table. Please note if you have items to donate towards a sale table, someone can man the table for you. All you would need to do is set up, label suggested prices and take table down on Sunday. All proceeds will go to Rock Point Center.



We are also looking for donations for our bake sale on the days of the sale. Items can be dropped off Thursday morning or Friday morning before 9:00. We are looking for breads, sweet breads, brownies, cookies, cupcakes, pies, donuts, fudge, muffins, and scones.

Writing a prayer? Who? Me?

The United Thank Offering, a ministry of The Episcopal Church, invites Episcopalians of all ages and languages to submit written prayers for publication in its 2027-2030 prayer booklet. This could be an ideal activity for congregations or small groups during Lent. Don't know how to write a prayer? Read past examples, and download a prayer writing guide based on the collect structure found in the Book of Common Prayer [here](#). If you are interested in participating in this either on your own or with a small group, speak with Rev. Kathleen. Writers are encouraged to [submit their prayers online](#) by Aug. 1.

A Season of Alleluias

Throughout Eastertide, we are saying and singing an abundance of Alleluias! The Great Fifty Days of Easter traditionally end on Pentecost Sunday, but we're extending the festive season one more week to include our "name day" on Trinity Sunday (May 31).

The word "Hallelujah" is from the Hebrew "Hallelu" meaning *Praise* and "Yah" which is the shortened form of *Yahweh*. So, "Hallelujah" means "*Praise God!*" "Alleluia" comes from the Greek (*allelouia*) and Latin (*alleluia*) variants.

Have you noticed the variety of cultures represented by the Alleluias we've been singing for our Gospel processions and offertories: Celtic, Syrian, Palestinian, Russian, Native American, Zimbabwean, etc? We sing these expressions of resurrection joy in unity with the global community of saints, living and dead, past and present. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

On Saturday, May 16th, The Reverend Darcey Mercier, will be installed as the rector of both Grace Church in Sheldon and St Luke's Episcopal Church in St Albans. It will start at Grace Church at 11:00. All are invited. Please see invitation below:

By the Grace of God and Consent of the People,
St Luke's Episcopal Church and Grace Church
Joyfully invite you to

The Renewal of Ministry
with the Welcoming of a New Rector,
The Rev. Darcey L Mercier

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Shannon MacVean-Brown
Eleventh Bishop of Vermont, presiding
The Rev. Jessica Moore, homilist
Pastor of First Congregational Church UCC of St Albans

Saturday, May 16th, 2026
Service will start at 11:00 in the Morning
at
Grace Church
215 Pleasant Street, Sheldon, Vermont

And continue at
St Luke's Episcopal Church
8 Bishop St, St Albans, Vermont
With a reception to follow

All are welcome!

Wear your rainbows!

*Please bring nonperishable items for our Abenaki neighbors
Clergy, please wear an alb with rainbow stole*



After School Program Collection

If you are cleaning out please save: artificial flowers, plastic tablecloths, small jingle bells, yarn. Please place items in the box in the Narthex.

Fellowship

Crafts, Tea, and Cookies will be held in the chapel on May 5th & 19th from 1-3pm.

May Calendar

- Mon 5/4- Outreach mtg, 9am
- Diapers & Wipes, 10a-1p
- Tues 5/5- Crafts & Tea, 1-3pm
- Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
- Wed 5/6- Diapers & Wipes, 10a-1p
- Bible Study, 5pm, upper rm
- Sat 5/9- Vestry Retreat
- Sun 5/10- Pastoral Care meeting, 9:15am
- Guest speaker from Food for the Poor
- Mon 5/11- Diapers & Wipes, 10a-1p
- Vestry mtg, 5 :30pm
- Tues 5/12- Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
- Wed 5/13- Diapers & Wipes, 10a-1p
- Bible Study, 5pm, upper rm
- Mon 5/18- Diapers & Wipes, 10a-1p
- Tues 5/19- Crafts & Tea, 1-3pm
- Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
- Wed 5/20- Diapers & Wipes, 10a-1p
- Bible Study, 5pm, upper rm
- Fri 5/22- Trash to Treasure Sale, 9a-3p
- Sat 5/23- Trash to Treasure Sale, 9a-3p
- Mon 5/25- Office Closed
- Diapers & Wipes, 10a-1p
- Tues 5/26- Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
- Wed 5/27- Diapers & Wipes, 10a-1p
- Bible Study, 5pm, upper rm
- Thurs 5/28- Open Door Dinner, 5:30pm

Open Door Dinners at Holy Trinity

Thursdays, May 28th, June 25th at 5:30

Please contact the following people if you would like to help with one of the open-door dinners. We will need help shopping, cooking, setting up, serving and cleaning up. Thank You!

May: Natalie Good and Helen Short

June: Laura Simon and Mary Wood



AGE WELL

Age Well Luncheon at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

May 14 (Third Thurs of each month) 12pm - 1pm

To register: 802-865-0360

Diaper Ministry

March, 2026: 23 visits -

34 wipes packages, 35 diaper packs
202 Personal care products

April, 2026: 27 visits -

26 wipes packages, 28 diaper packs
176 Personal care products

Vestry Update

-The vestry voted to go ahead and upgrade/update both the audio and visual in the church for a better experience for livestreaming. The cost will be approximately \$28,000 and there will be a letter writing campaign to ask for donations to recoup some of the cost.

- Vestry will be on retreat on Saturday, May 9.

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

- Trash to treasure sale will take place on May 22 and May 23 with proceeds going to Rock Point.

Make plans to bring items from your house to sell.

Speak with Ada or Mary Wood if you want to reserve a table or a half table. Stay tuned for information about serving as a volunteer and/or baking some items to sell!

- There is a new floor in the parish hall kitchen and it looks GREAT!! Please take a look during coffee hour!

- Open Door Dinners have begun! The first one was Thursday, April 23 at 5:30pm. All are welcome!

Events at Rock Point

As Kelly Kimball shared with us when she visited in April there is always something happening at Rock Point! Here are some opportunities happening this Spring.

Visit [Rock Point Center](#) this spring! There is a new exhibit on spring wildflowers, and our indoor birding space is the perfect spot to watch for migrating species. The Center is a great place to pop in before or after a hike, have a cup of tea, and learn about the Rock Point landscape.

The Center's open hours are:

Thursday-Saturday, 10am-2pm

[Directions & Parking Information Here](#)

Tending Rock Point: Pruning Fruit Trees

In this session of Tending Rock Point, we will learn the basics of pruning fruit and nut trees while working on the community orchard together.

[More Info & Register Here](#)

Reading Rock Point '26

In this year-long natural history course, we'll cover geology, plant and tree identification, human history, wildlife tracking, and how to piece these together into a story of a place.

[More Info & Register Here](#)

Linda B's May Angels From the Heart

Day 1- Success? You're 100% qualified.
Day 2- Dreams are always bigger with our angels than doubt.
Day 3- Stress less, Smile more.
Day 4- The best things in life a still free.
Day 5- You're someone worth believing in.
Day 6- There is so much to love about you.
Day 7- Our angels Our angels & I are doing a great job.

The Spirit of the Lord is on me because God has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He and the angels have covered sight for the blind. But you must believe.

The guardian angels of life sometimes fly so high as to be beyond our sight but they are always looking down upon us.

In a moment of quiet and stillness, or even in the bustle of daily life, you may occasionally feel that you are in the company of an angel. Revel in its divine presence.

On gossamer wings they move as gentle breezes on a warm summer's eve, quietly reminding us that we are always loved by our angels.

Angels bring a heavenly dimension to everyday life.

Angels reflect the magnificence of heaven, the spectacular home that God has prepared for all those who belong to him.

We stand as tall as angels when we kneel to help a friend.

We should always communicate with our angels.

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom his love commits me here;
Ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.

Draw close to me Lord, as I draw close to you.

Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly, and most underrated agent of human change.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Oliver Greenia
7 Daniel Wood
8 Dick Hersey, Dawn Sparling
9 Steve Trushaw
10 Jessica Dittmar
11 Kyle Trushaw
14 David Wood, Samson Kenyon
21 Martin Schotto, Jonathan Schotto
22 Theodore Dittmar
26 Duncan Hadd, Alex Wirts, Julie Charland
28 Joshua Gagne
30 Jon Nielsen



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

7 Peter & Pat Abui
25 Lou Anne & Daniel Wood



IN NEW LIFE

March 26th Laura Wood

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