



## April 2021 NEWSLETTER

### A Message from Reverend Greg

#### *Resurrexit Sicut Dixit. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

“The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”  
(Matthew 28:5-7)

*Resurrexit Sicut Dixit*, is Latin for, “He has risen, as he said.” Indeed, He has risen! With His rising, I pray that the whole world will begin to heal, unite, and rise again. There is much work ahead of us as we hopefully rise out of the difficult year (and some) we have endured. I have faith that we will rebuild our families, congregations, and our nation. This month of April, I will be approaching seven months since I arrived at St. Stephen’s. I am slowly learning how life functions in this remarkable congregation, and I ask your forgiveness if I have not met your expectations. For me, it has been a slow process of understanding what life was like prior to the pandemic and what it will be like after the pandemic. Now is the time to be asking the question, “What does St. Stephen’s mean to me, and what are my hopes for the future?” It is not a matter of simply opening the building and resuming where you formerly were. In this instance, your last Sunday inside the church building was the Third Sunday in Lent, Year A. Here we are, in Eastertide and in the liturgical year B! Together we must re-capture the heart and soul of this tremendous place and rise up together. I close with the some of the lyrics of one of my favorite songs by Andra Day:

*You're broken down and tired  
Of living life on a merry go round  
And you can't find the fighter  
But I see it in you so we gonna walk it out  
And move mountains  
We gonna walk it out  
And move mountains  
And I'll rise up  
I'll rise like the day  
I'll rise up  
I'll rise unafraid  
I'll rise up  
I'll rise up*

## POETRY

Offered by **Bonnie Bishop**

### **In the Monastery of San Marco**

On the wall of the cell at the top of the stairs  
Fra Angelico painted the Lord's first words  
from the other side of death. They flow  
in a ribbon from his mouth. Mary Magdalene  
kneels on a carpet of grass and flowers, each  
petal and leaf distinct, in the Renaissance way.  
She is beautiful. Finding no body, only two angels,  
she fills with confusion and perhaps seeks,  
as I might, the nearest garden where she hopes  
to recover her natural sense of things.

*Oh grief in the green spring, how  
these little flowers defy my heart . . .*

The gardener calls her name. She stretches slender fingers  
toward him but he slips away saying *do not touch me*.  
Suddenly we understand. He has not come  
to the disciples first or to his mother, but to her.

What meditation the monks must have made  
of that, the outcast, her long hair flowing,  
her eyes filling with untroubled light.

## BIBLE STUDY

The small group will be taking several weeks off in order to contemplate future topics or particular books of the Bible. Stay tuned for future announcements. The Bible Study has been led by Rev. Greg. If you are interested in joining the group, please email him at [gperez@ststephenslynn.org](mailto:gperez@ststephenslynn.org) or call 781-599-4220, Ext. 2.

## FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Come share in the fellowship and mission of this important ministry! You can drop in to help out any week of the month except the first, when the Pantry is closed. On Thursdays, we meet at 11 AM to fill the bags with nutritious food for our neighbors in need. On Fridays, you can help with food distribution between 2 and 4 PM. The Food Pantry team especially needs help unloading the truck on the second Friday at 11 AM and on the third Thursday at 9 AM. We follow strict protocols to keep all our volunteers and clients safe. Thank you, Pam Alleyne and Joyce Wallace for chairing this important ministry AND Thank You to ALL of our volunteers.

## THE WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group is an opportunity for fellowship for women from St. Stephen's and St. Andrew's. We meet on the second Sunday of the month, from 12:30 to 2 PM. To get the Zoom invitation to join the meeting, please contact St. Stephen's office.

## CHASE THE CHILL UPDATE

Thank you to the entire parish for your support of Chase the Chill. The organization collects warm items for those in need. A small dedicated group has been meeting weekly via Zoom with Heather Collis Puro and Father Greg to share hospitality while we knit or crochet - it has been a wonderful way to connect, and being online has enabled us to meet a former parishioner of Father Greg's as well as Ginny Fuller's college roommate Penny who lives in Pennsylvania. Thank you to Charlotte Brown Breckenridge for organizing the fleece blanket project, and Marilyn Cloran who contacted a friend who donated 30 hand knit scarves to the cause. We have also been fortunate to get to know Kecia, the organizer of Chase the Chill in Lynn, who has joined us several times for our Tuesday meetings. Overall, we donated 70 items to Chase the Chill this winter – if you have any items to donate contact me at [heather@collispuro.net](mailto:heather@collispuro.net). Kecia collects items all year, so don't hesitate.

We are in hiatus for the time being, but stay tuned – we will continue to support this craft ministry.



## BELOVED COMMUNITY TEAM

Do you wonder what you can do about racism? Do you wonder where even to start? St. Stephen's has a wonderful ministry, the Beloved Community Team, which is a multiracial group of men and women from St. Stephen's and from St. Andrew's in Marblehead. Many members have been meeting together for five or six years; others came for the first time very recently. All want to learn from each other and support each other in actions, large and small, to personally unlearn racism and to work to change racist policies and structures. We meet once a month, on the 2nd Thursday of the month, from 7-9 PM. If you'd like to get on the email list for BCT, please email Pam Poppe at [pamelapoppe61@gmail.com](mailto:pamelapoppe61@gmail.com)

## KIDS IN COMMUNITY

For two hours each afternoon, Monday through Thursday, our KIC/MAP after-school program continues to meet virtually with a small group of children, offering them enriching activities such as check-in time, drumming, literacy support through wordplay, crafts, story time, and multicultural/racial identity learning. When and how KIC will be able to gather in person remains up in the air, as does the opening of summer camp. IF we can have summer camp, we will be looking for teens and young adults to hire as mentors. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact Shannon Morrissey at the church.

**SPECIAL FREE SCREENING OF “A RECKONING IN BOSTON” FOR THE NORTH SHORE DEANERY**

**Saturday, April 24, 9-12 via Zoom (with Q&A with the Director)**

The North Shore Deanery is excited to announce that they have arranged for a special screening of the powerful new documentary “A Reckoning in Boston.” The film was directed, written and edited by award winning filmmaker James Rutenbeck, a member of St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in the South End. He recently spoke about his experience making the film as part of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul’s Lenten Preaching Series. The film, which documents the history and perpetuation of racism in Boston, has not yet been released. **James’s Lenten Sermon (10 minutes):** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71LMqICDu\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71LMqICDu_A)

**About the film:** <https://www.areckoninginboston.com>

**Trailer:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cYXiqVIAYw4>

*FREE and open to members of all parishes in the North Shore Deanery, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts*

**REGISTER HERE:** <https://watch.showandtell.film/watch/north-shore-deanery>

**SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10:00 AM**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/86093922921>

Phone in for audio only dial 1-929-205-6099 — Meeting ID: 860 9392 2921

Recording of Our Sunday services can be found on our website <https://www.ststephenslynn.org/> and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ststephenslynn>

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS A CALL FROM THE CHURCH?**

If you know someone who’s feeling the loss of community and connection with St. Stephen’s, please contact the office to let Rev. Greg or Brandi Walker know.

**GET THE NEWSLETTER FASTER, AND SAVE POSTAGE AND PAPER...**

Email or call Brandi to update your email address and ask for newsletter to be emailed to you each month!  
Brandi can be reached at (781) 599-4220 Ext. 5 or [ststephens@ststephenslynn.org](mailto:ststephens@ststephenslynn.org)

**ST. STEPHEN’S PHONE SYSTEM**

The phones at St. Stephen’s have been updated! When calling the main number, you will immediately hear an introductory message, followed by a directory. You can now leave private messages for Rev. Greg, Brandi, Shannon, the Treasurer and a general mailbox.

*EASTER LILIES FOR 2021 GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF*

The Rev. & Mrs. Robert H. Anderson, Jr. Albert Allen Gray	Gladys L. & Arnold C. Haywood Clarence, Julia, Thomas & Dorothy Callaway George & Christalia Jackson & Family	Carl & Albertina Fischer Carl A. Fischer Matthew Clifton Alan Sward Marvin Wilkes
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <b>Maudy Thursday</b> Food Pantry Drop off 10:30 am 6:30 pm Holy Eucharist	<b>2</b> <b>Good Friday</b> Good Friday Liturgy 6:30 pm	<b>3</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b> The Great Vigil of Easter 12:00 pm Holy Prayer
<b>4</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> Holy Eucharist - English	<b>5</b> <b>Office Closed</b> Easter Monday Monday in Easter Week Sabbath Rest (PIC)	<b>6</b> <b>Tuesday in Easter Week</b> 11:00 am 6:00 pm staff meeting Grief Support Group	<b>7</b> <b>Wednesday in Easter Week</b> 11:00 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm Bruce Music Meeting Fundraiser Meeting Virtual Fundraising Meeting	<b>8</b> <b>Thursday in Easter Week</b> 10:30 am 7:00 pm Food Pantry Drop off Beloved Community Team	<b>9</b> <b>Friday in Easter Week</b> 2:00 pm Food Pantry	<b>10</b> <b>Saturday in Easter Week</b>
<b>11</b> <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> Holy Eucharist - English	<b>12</b> <b>Sabbath Rest (PIC)</b>	<b>13</b> 11:00 am 6:00 pm staff meeting Grief Support Group	<b>14</b> 11:00 am 4:30 pm Bruce Music Meeting KIC Board Meeting	<b>15</b> 10:30 am 12:30 pm 1:00 pm 6:30 pm Food Pantry Drop off ECCO Clergy Meeting COVID Clergy Meeting Re-opening Committee Meeting	<b>16</b> 2:00 pm Food Pantry	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> Holy Eucharist - English Warden's Meeting 10:00 am 11:30 am	<b>19</b> <b>Sabbath Rest (PIC)</b>	<b>20</b> 11:00 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm staff meeting National Grid Inspection Executive Committee Meeting Grief Support Group	<b>21</b> 11:00 am Bruce Music Meeting	<b>22</b> <b>Earth Day!</b> 10:30 am Food Pantry Drop off	<b>23</b> 2:00 pm Food Pantry	<b>24</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am A RECKONING IN BOSTON Altar Guild Virtual Annual Meeting
<b>25</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Holy Eucharist - English Vestry Meeting 10:00 am 12:00 pm	<b>26</b> <b>Saint Mark Sabbath Rest (PIC)</b>	<b>27</b> 11:00 am 6:00 pm staff meeting Grief Support Group	<b>28</b> 11:00 am Bruce Music Meeting	<b>29</b> 10:30 am Food Pantry Drop off	<b>30</b> 2:00 pm Food Pantry	