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by the 10th of the month to  
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*The Rev. Caroline V. Hines*

## CREDO

I am fortunate to have the opportunity to attend a CREDO 2 conference May 7 – 14 in Loneranger, Louisiana. I attended my first CREDO conference in 2006, and found it both helpful and inspiring. CREDO is an eight-day conference that provides an opportunity to embrace wellness and to prayerfully discern the direction of our vocation. The conference focuses on four areas:

**Spiritual** — offers a sacred space where we can reflect on our interior lives and our relationship with God.

**Vocational** — provides opportunities for reflection, discernment, and planning in the areas of calling, career, and work.

**Health** — encourages reflection on physical and emotional health and well-being, stewardship of the body, and development of a plan to address our individual health needs.

**Financial** — explores all aspects of personal financial management and encourages reflection on God-given resources and how best to use them in response to God's call.

Over the course of the conference we will hear presentations, meet in small discussion groups, and have individual consultations with faculty members in the four focus areas. We will also have plenty of time for reflection and prayer.

The Latin word "credo" can be translated as "I believe," but it also has a much deeper meaning, "I give my heart." The focus of CREDO 2 is on living with integrity in all aspects of life. We will spend the week exploring what it means to live a life that is congruent with our core values, beliefs and faith – a life that is whole and holy. So though part of the work is intellectual, it goes much deeper than that, inviting us to engage our hearts and souls in the process of taking stock of where we are in these four areas and where God is calling us to be.

The end result of this discernment and visioning process is to create a comprehensive rule of life. I still have quite a bit of work to do in preparation for the conference, but am looking forward to the week and to discovering what it will bring.

When the conference ends, as I will be only a few hours away from where my mother and brother live, I'll spend a few days relaxing and visiting with both of them. ✠



*The Rev. David D. Holroyd*

## WALKING THE WALK IN COMMUNITY — A HUMAN BEING FULLY ALIVE!

I simply want to share how much it meant to me to be a part of our Lent, Holy Week, and Easter observances and celebrations during March and April. Although I missed Annie being a part of the planning process as well as the events themselves, it was a true joy to share the moments with Caroline and Bruce. The eight days from Palm Sunday through Easter Day were particularly meaningful to me. The drama of the Liturgy of the Palms so quickly followed by our Lord's passion is always poignant. But what

followed was made possible by some extraordinary organization by Caroline and Bruce. The events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, & the Saturday night Vigil of Easter were powerful to say the least...quite unforgettable.

I was truly impressed by the use of Harris Hall for Thursday and Saturday nights. As soon as I walked into the hall on Thursday, a mood was created for meaningful liturgy. The reading of the Passover story, the sharing of bread and wine at several tables, the reenactment of the foot washing, and then our moving into the church for the stripping of the altar seemed very real and special. The mood continued Friday in the church with the observance of our Lord's crucifixion in scripture, beautiful art, and extraordinary music. Entering Harris Hall in Saturday evening darkness prepared us for the lighting of the paschal candle for Easter services. We renewed our baptismal vows and were sprinkled with the waters of baptism before entering the dark church to hear the story of our Lord's resurrection and then experience instant light, organ fanfare, and the first Eucharist of Easter.

Easter Day could not have been more joyful. The children and youth choirs offered joyful song at 8:00 and the adult choir at 10:30. The community was full of joy and ready to celebrate the great Easter proclamation—  
"ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!"

As I look forward to what lies ahead, I can't help looking back to what we as a Christian community shared at Christ Church and how many people contributed. Caroline thanked us all on Easter Day, so I now proclaim our thanks to Caroline who blessed us with wonderful scripts for the Holy Week liturgies and wonderful checklists to remember all the details. Most of all, she did this with her genuine patience and calm presence.

But we did not just observe and reenact. Somehow as I walked this walk from Palm Sunday through Easter Day, I came to appreciate that I truly was created in the image of God and that I still need to "repent and return." Most of all, however, I came to renew with a deeper understanding how much God loves me unconditionally, not as someone who is perfect but as someone who is good enough to make a difference in this world. One of New Hampshire's nominees for Bishop quoted the great early church father, Irenaeus, who once suggested that "the best evidence for the resurrection is a human being fully alive."

After walking the walk in the wonderful community of faith that you and I call Christ Church, Snookie and I returned to Manchester on Easter Day feeling fully alive! ✠

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## *{ parish news – may 2012 }*

### **PLAY BALL!!**

#### **FISHERCATS GAME - SAVE THE DATE!**

*Our 2nd annual trip to a Fishercats baseball game will be on August 5. As an added bonus, our own Parish Choir will sing the National Anthem before the game! We'll have a tailgate party following the 9:30 service, and board the bus around noon. The cost is \$20 per person (with a discount for families).*

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Do you enjoy the beauty of a  
well-tended garden?

Do you have a little free time to help keep our  
Christ Church garden beds  
looking their best?

The garden team welcomes new members to join us in maintaining our lovely plantings. We care for the gardens as needed with weeding, trimming, and encouraging our plant "friends" to flourish as God's gifts for all to appreciate! We also enjoy some great conversation and hope some of you will join us. Currently, we plan to meet on Thursday mornings for a few hours, but that schedule can be flexible if needed.

If you feel the call to get your hands dirty with us, contact:

Judy Blaisdell at 772-6262 or [cbsblais@comcast.net](mailto:cbsblais@comcast.net), Carol Allard at 772-4498, or Judy Wainwright at 362-6589 or [judyw@myfairpoint.net](mailto:judyw@myfairpoint.net).

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## *Holy Baptism*

Holy Baptism will next be administered on Sunday, May 27th during the 9:30 celebration of the Holy Eucharist. On this Sunday, we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. As we remember the Holy Spirit's descent onto the disciples, we will welcome to the font those who desire to place their whole trust in Jesus' grace and love. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child, please contact the Interim Rector by May 15 at 772-3332, ext. 12 or [chines@christchurchexeter.org](mailto:chines@christchurchexeter.org).

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## **Save the Date:**

**Saturday, June 2, 2012**  
**Safe Church Training**

If you work with children or youth in our parish, volunteer with Seacoast Family Promise/IHN as hosts, or make pastoral visits to parishioners, then you are required to take this course.

Safe church training provides education for the prevention of child abuse, exploitation, and harassment. This class is offered to those who need "initial training," but also to anyone needing a "refresher" program.



Details on how to enroll will appear soon in the Sunday bulletins, but please mark your calendars for June 2.

Additional questions can be answered by Steve Armstrong, Safe Church Minister  
at 603.772.3082 or email at: [sandba@comcast.net](mailto:sandba@comcast.net)

# RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS UPDATE



*CAROL ALLARD, CO-CHAIR OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE  
& DAVID MICHAUD, CO-CHAIR OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE*

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In last month's article on the Search Committee's progress, we were looking forward to hearing from The Rev Tim Rich, Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of New Hampshire, after he returned from the Transitional Ministry Conference in Florida where he presented Christ Church to other diocesan deployment officers.

David and Carol met with Tim on April 5th. He gave us names of potential candidates for rector of Christ Church. These names are a combination of those received from the conference and locally from the Diocese.

The committee's next step is to practice a Skype interview with a clergy person who is not a candidate. We hope this will help us improve our interviewing skills and smooth out any technology problems.

Before our meeting on April 18th we all will have reviewed the resumes of the candidates. The next step is for the whole committee to discuss all the resumes and decide whom we wish to interview via Skype.

Obviously, this will be a lengthy discussion and may take a couple of meetings. However, we plan to begin interviewing the outstanding candidates as soon as possible.

This phase of the search is important and time consuming for all the members. It is also the beginning of our "radio silence"! We will be working hard, but not at liberty to discuss our progress.

We continue to rely on your support and prayers in the process. We are blessed to have a dedicated and talented committee working on your behalf.

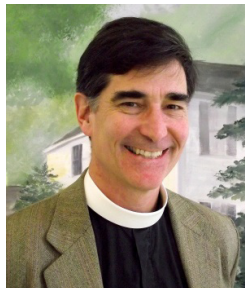
If you have comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact either Carol Allard at 772-4498 or David Michaud at 778-8597.

*{ features }*

*May 1, 2012  
6:30 pm at Christ Church  
(Registration from 5:45 - 6:15 pm)  
Meet the Nominees for  
tenth Bishop of New Hampshire*



*The Rev. Penelope Maud Bridges,  
St. Francis Episcopal Church  
Great Falls, Virginia*



*The Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld  
Grace Episcopal Church  
Amherst, Massachusetts*



*The Rev. Dr. William Warwick Rich  
Trinity Church  
Boston, Massachusetts*



Volunteers are needed to welcome Episcopalians from around the Seacoast to Christ Church and to guide them to registration, meeting rooms, restrooms, etc.

## Quiet Time "God is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence."

~~~~~ You may have noticed this phrase in our bulletins in the last several weeks. It's there as a reminder that many people come into the church a few minutes before the service begins in order to pray and prepare themselves for worship. Others come to listen to the Prelude. We don't have much silence in our culture these days. We're busy and adept at multi-tasking. Our electronic devices allow us to stay connected to our friends, our family, our work, our music, our news sources and whatever else we choose, wherever we are. We have fewer and fewer moments of silence in our lives, and some prefer it this way.

But for others, silence is an opportunity to slow down and take stock, a needed break from the busyness and noise of life, particularly just before worship. Therefore, we ask that everyone finish conversations before entering the church, and give those who desire it the opportunity for prayer and meditation and to listen to the Prelude.

## { children & youth }

COMING SOON...  
\$10 PROM

MAY 11 • 6-9PM

Mark your calendars and invite your friends!



### Middle School Mission Trip JULY 8 - 14, 2012 TO BRANDON, VT WITH WORKCAMPNE!

COST: \$300 — DEADLINE TO REGISTER: APRIL 1, 2012 WITH A \$50 DEPOSIT, FINAL BALANCE DUE JUNE 1, 2012!

### High School Mission Trip JULY 22 - 28, 2012 TO HOPKINTON, NH WITH WORKCAMPNE!

COST: \$325 — DEADLINE TO REGISTER: APRIL 1, 2012 WITH A \$50 DEPOSIT, FINAL BALANCE DUE JUNE 1, 2012!

ATTENTION ADULTS: WE NEED CHAPERONES!!!

PLEASE [WWW.WORKCAMPNE.COM](http://WWW.WORKCAMPNE.COM) TO FIND THE REGISTRATION FORM



## { adult formation }

### **The Format**

#### **9:15 AM - Fellowship and Conversation**

Drop your child off at Sunday School or the Toddler Room, come to Harris Hall, and get some coffee. Take a few minutes to enjoy catching up with or getting to know others in the community.

#### **9:30 AM - Presentation & Discussion**

The format will depend upon the topic of the day and the facilitator.

#### **May 6**

This will be a special opportunity to talk about the 3 nominees for Bishop and to express our views based on our interactions with them. Our delegates to convention will be in attendance in order to hear our opinions and views on this important selection process. We elect our convention delegates to make decisions in a way that they feel are most appropriate for our parish. This is your opportunity to provide input to them as they discern the best candidate for Christ Church and the Diocese of New Hampshire.



#### **May 13**

Conversations with God:  
Is it Ever Right to do  
What is Wrong?

#### **May 20**

Healing: A Conversation with  
Anna Marie Sheffield of the  
Christ Church Healing Center in  
San Antonio, Texas

#### **May 27**

No formation - Summer  
schedule begins



# "Connecting to the Healing Power of God"

## Inter-Denominational Conference on Healing



Friday, May 18th & Saturday, May 19th, 2012  
at Christ Church Exeter

If you've ever wondered if miracles and healing can really happen through prayer, join us on Friday, May 18, and Saturday, May 19, 2012 for a weekend conference sponsored by the Christ Church Exeter Healing Ministry Team.

Special guest, The Rev. Dr. Jack Sheffield, an Episcopal priest and internationally recognized speaker from the Christ Healing Center in San Antonio, Texas, will lead us in worship and six workshops to explore and realize a deeper understanding of the fundamentals and advanced practices of Christian healing and deliverance.

The conference begins Friday evening with registration at 6:00 PM and continues Saturday at 8:30 AM with a full day of worship, workshops, and healing prayer. The registration fee is \$25 per person and includes lunch and refreshments. Payments can be made via PayPal or personal check made payable to: *Christ Church Exeter Healing Conference*.

For conference details, view the Christ Church Exeter website at [www.christchurchexeter.org](http://www.christchurchexeter.org), contact the Christ Church office at 603-772-3332 or Mike Woodworth of the Christ Church Exeter Healing Team at 603-580-5083, or email us at [ccexhealingconference@gmail.com](mailto:ccexhealingconference@gmail.com).

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## Connecting to the Healing Power of God

*Christ Church Exeter, Conference on Healing*

*Registration Form*

Attendee Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help on:     *Saturday*     \_\_\_\_\_     *Sunday*     \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make check for \$25 payable to: Christ Church Exeter, Conference on Healing*



## Don't Miss this Opportunity!

The members of the Healing Team are organizing their first conference on healing at Christ Church entitled "Connecting to the Healing Power of God."

To finance the conference, which will be held on Friday, May 18 & Saturday, May 19, a special program will be published with advertisements for local businesses and prayers from, and for, our community.

Program ad costs have been kept low to include anyone who would like to make a donation and can be purchased at a cost of:

\$20.00 for a ¼ page  
\$35.00 for a ½ page  
\$50.00 for a full page  
\$75.00 for inside covers  
\$100.00 for the back cover

Payments can be made via PayPal, or personal check made payable to *Christ Church Exeter, Healing Conference*. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, donations would also be appreciated and can be sent to the church office. Thank you for your support.

For further information and conference details, contact:

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## A Very Special Thank You!

As David has written elsewhere, our Holy Week and Easter services were wonderfully rich and meaningful, allowing us to walk with Jesus and his disciples through the events from Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem though his Passion and finally his Resurrection. Each service is completely different from the others, and none of them could have happened without the help of so many. It is always difficult to remember everyone who contributed so much, but I'm going to try! I am abundantly grateful to all who made the services so beautiful. It truly takes a community. — Caroline

- Bill "Scott" Scott & David Michaud for visioning and setting up Harris Hall for Maundy Thursday and David for his help running bulletins.
- Bruce Adami and the Parish Choir and Juliette Gavin, Cathy Hammon and the Youth and Jr. Choirs – what glorious music!
- Wendy Gladstone, Matthew Radford & Bill "Scott" Scott for your beautiful musical offerings on Good Friday.
- Melissa Poirier and all the Altar Guild members – no one knows how much you do behind the scenes during Holy Week!
- All the readers – from the Passion Gospel on Palm Sunday to Easter morning, you read with feeling and helped set the tone of the services.
- Judy Mikami & the Hospitality Team – especially for your patience and oversight on Easter morning!

- All the Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers.
- Joe DiPalermo for all your help with set up for each of the services (including climbing the ladder to drape the cross in the church) and Diane DiPalermo for your help.
- Bob Prescott, our Sexton, for his help and willingness to "go with the flow."
- Pat Izzo and Sue Pepper for being here before each service and always asking what you could do to help.
- Carol Allard, Joe DiPalermo, Randy Helm, Pat Izzo, Cindy Nottage, David Michaud, Sue Pepper and Bill "Scott" Scott for staying to clean up and wash dishes after Maundy Thursday service.
- Linda Carey for all her work and support.
- Bruce Adami and David Holroyd for their faith and dedication.

## MEMORIAL DAY MEMORY

On Memorial Day, 1963, we left three children at home to watch the parade and went to the hospital to have our fourth child. Following a long labor I was delivered a full term stillborn boy. Death was due to Rh blood incompatibility. Due to medical practices of the times, I did not see or hold him. I was still in the hospital when the graveside service was held and never felt any sense of resolution, only the devastating loss. I became a donor for a vaccine to prevent such losses, and five years later had another son, thanks to new intrauterine transfusions. He is 44 today and father of his own child. I wrote this poem two years ago out of a need for closure.

by Carol Sandin Woodruff • May, 2010

*O son, I never held you  
nor saw your tiny face.  
Your life slipped silently away  
before that first embrace.*

*The little child I never knew  
these forty-seven years  
The memory of that pain endures  
and brings forgotten tears.*

*Your breathing stopped mere days before  
that bright Memorial morn.  
Our hopes and dreams were shattered  
on the day that you were born.*

*There should have been a moment  
we could hold our baby boy  
to tell him he was loved and safe  
And promise life and joy.*

*I must believe his spirit lives  
in some peaceful loving place.  
I hope he knows I loved him,  
though I never saw his face.*

# {may 2012}

**Summer Schedule begins on Sunday, May 27.  
Eucharist services at 8:00 am and 9:30 am.**

**Congratulations to:**

Alice and Gerry Hill on the birth of their grandson, Joseph.



| <i>Sunday</i>                                                                                                                                              | <i>Monday</i>                               | <i>Tuesday</i>                      | <i>Wednesday</i>                                                                                                            | <i>Thursday</i>                               | <i>Friday</i>                              | <i>Saturday</i>                                                                                    |
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| 8 & 10:30 Eucharist<br>9:15 am Education                                                                                                                   |                                             | 1<br>6:00 pm<br>Bishop Meet & Greet | 2<br>3:30 pm Youth Choir, Junior Choir, and W.H.A.M<br>7pm-9pm Search Committee<br>7pm-8pm Senior High Compline & Community | 3<br>1 pm Staff Meeting                       | 4                                          | 5<br>8:30 am<br>Altar Guild                                                                        |
| 6<br>8 & 10:30 Eucharist<br>9:15 am Education                                                                                                              | 7                                           | 8<br>6:30 pm EFM                    | 9<br>3:30 pm Youth Choir, Junior Choir, and W.H.A.M<br>7pm-9pm Search Committee<br>7pm-8pm Senior High Compline & Comm.     | 10<br>7 pm Choir                              | 11<br>4:30 - 10 pm Youth Group Prom (\$10) | 12<br>8:30 am<br>Altar Guild<br>12 - 6pm Young Organists Collaborative                             |
| 13<br>8 & 10:30 Eucharist<br>9:15 am Education                                                                                                             | 14                                          | 15<br>6:30 pm EFM                   | 16<br>3:30 pm Youth Choir, Junior Choir and W.H.A.M<br>7pm-9pm Search Committee<br>7pm-8pm Senior High Compline & Community | 17<br>1pm Ministry Staff Meeting<br>7pm Choir | 18<br>5-10 pm Healing Conference           | 19<br>8:30 am<br>Altar Guild<br>10 am Diocesan Electing Convention<br>All Day - Healing Conference |
| 20<br>8 & 10:30 Eucharist **<br>9:15 am : Education<br>**Recognition of Sunday School Teachers, Acolytes, Choir Members<br>2 pm Eucharist at Langdon Place | 21<br>7:00 pm Vestry                        | 22<br>6:30 pm EFM                   | 23<br>7pm-9pm Search Committee                                                                                              | 24                                            | 25                                         | 26<br>8:30 am<br>Altar Guild                                                                       |
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