

# THE QUILL

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## Presiding Bishop's Easter Message:

"I join many in this church who continue to work and pray for an end to the war in Iraq and in Afghanistan. We pray for our soldiers and their families, for the people of both countries, and for the refugees searching for protection from the violence surrounding them. I have spent this week in the land we call holy and been reminded in countless ways that achieving a two state solution for Palestinians and Israelis is essential for the future stability of the Middle East and Afghanistan. We seek a society of peace with justice, for all peoples of this world. None of us will enjoy security until all do."

The Most Rev.  
Katharine Jefferts Schori+

## Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Easter is called "the Queen of Seasons" both in poetry and hymnology. Easter was the Church's earliest feast and the dating was determined after a long and divisive discussion in the early church. It is still a matter of disagreement and various groups still celebrate it at different times. This year, the Orthodox Churches celebrate Easter on April 27.

Easter is the great celebration that celebrates Christ's resurrection. It is such a celebration that the 1st Ecumenical Council of the Church in Nicaea (325 c.e.) decreed that no penitential acts were permitted -- not confession, no kneeling, etc. We eliminate the corporate confession and put away the kneelers. The colors for the Easter Season are white or gold and a spirit of joyfulness and celebration is felt in the music and the lessons.

The lectionary -- the Sunday readings -- changes a bit in Eastertide. Instead of a reading from the Shared Scriptures (i.e., the Old Testament), we have a reading from the Acts of the Apostles, telling us something about the early Church. The second reading in Year A is from the 1st Epistle of Peter, a late 1st or early 2nd century letter about how to live as a follower of Jesus. The Gospels after Easter Day are more resurrection appearances. Later in the season, they are from the sections of John's Gospel that talk of Jesus and his flock (us) or about the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Great Fifty Days end with the Day of Pentecost -- the commemoration of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the gathered disciples in Jerusalem.

Recently, Tom Ledsam shared a message being passed around the Internet that "this year is the earliest Easter any of us will see the rest of our lives...only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early (95 and above)... none of us have ever or will ever see it a day earlier". Its true, look on pp. 880-883 of the Book of Common Prayer to see the dates of Easter 1900-2089. While Easter can fall as early as March 22, it has not landed on that date since 1818 and will not again till 2285. March 23rd (this year's date) was last an Easter in 1913 and will next be on 2228.

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### THIS MONTH

Rector's Column

March, April, and May  
Birthdays & Anniversaries

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# CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

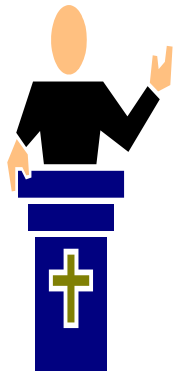
When I set up a calendar, it looks a lot better than when I have to live that same calendar. Jesus may have said the same thing 2000 years ago, but there are times I think that a slower moving world without cell phones, computers, etc. might not be a good thing. It is good to have to ponder things, to take one's time and reflect on the schedule etched on one's "Palm Tablet".

In Jesus' time, the time was set by the rising and setting of the sun. Literally, very little happened in the dark. Night time was REALLY dark unless there was a bright moon (remember, all of the action on Maundy Thursday in the Garden of Gethsemane happened in the full moon of Passover). Night time was a time for study (by candle-light) or sleep. In the northern hemisphere, one was probably more rested (or studied more) in the winter than in the summer because of the longer nights.

Our lives work well when they are a mixture of work, study, reflection and rest. We need to have that balance. People whose workday goes for too long or whose "billable hours" seem almost inhuman are slighting the part of them that needs to be in relationship with their home and family or their mind or with their Creator. Eastertide gives us 50 days of increasing light. Eastertide gives us 50 days to ponder the Risen Christ in our lives. Eastertide gives us 50 days to reflect on what our Lenten disciplines have brought to the surface in our lives.

During Lent, I had the opportunity to attend a family wedding in North Carolina. That trip also allowed us to visit with Jim & Anita Baxter and their children outside of Greensboro, N.C. I also attended an intense theological conference in Northern California which gave me the chance to listen to and engage in discussions at a deeper level than parish ministry often allows. It was especially good to hear some speakers who have strongly influenced my theology such as Marcus Borg, Bp. Jack Spong and Amy-Jill Levine. I also had the opportunity to spend some time at the seminary in Berkeley, CA, talking with our Los Angeles seminarians about the Church's disciplinary canons (laws) as part of a pre-ordination requirement. (I will be doing the same thing for local seminarians in mid-April).

In Eastertide, I will be engaging in two experiences designed to focus on "Where are you going?" both in my life and ministry and as a parish in our work together. After services on March 30, I will travel to Vancouver, B.C. to participate on "Start Up! Start Over! : A Congregational Development Seminar" sponsored by the Episcopal Church Center and led by Dr. Charles Fulton, a national leader in this field. I have wanted to work with him in one of these for a long time and this is an opportunity to do that without having to fly across the entire continent. At the end of April, following services on April 20, I will be flying to Richmond,



VA to participate in a conference entitled CREDO II. CREDO is a seminar designed to promote clergy health and wellness. I attended one about a decade ago and was invited to attend this follow-up. As I verge on entering my 60's, this will help me look at this decade of my ministry and how I might remain busy and active while transitioning from full-time parish ministry to whatever the Holy Spirit may have in store for me [note: I probably WILL retire sometime in the next decade ... but NOTHING has been set or decided upon!]. As I return from this conference, I will have the chance to briefly see former parishioners Jeff Manley & Jusak Bernhard in their new environment.

Where have we been and where are we going? Those are the ongoing questions. This has been an exciting time in the life of the parish. The Church School is "booming" -- Vicki and the teachers certainly have had their hands full. Adelaide has moved her growing "flock" to a larger room and there is more activity and growth at all levels. Your Vestry and I will be looking at the future of these programs and the staffing necessary to maintain that. Vicki Mouradian is with us on an interim appointment which runs through June or July. Should the Bishop allow her to be assigned here, we would need to see what we would have to raise to continue that ministry. I am hopeful that my work with Dr. Fulton after Easter will help me to clarify my thoughts and goals.

Finally, we have ongoing transitions. One of our founders died in March. Ray Atwood was active here since we were the Church of the Good Shepherd in Venice. He married the minister's daughter (!) and then was active for the next 60 years. He was a founding Vestry member of St. Bede's and active at Church and Bible & Breakfast until he was hospitalized this winter. Mike Olsen will graduate from CDSP on May 23 and be ordained on June 7. At some point, Mike & Sandy will become part of another congregation where his ministry and their lives will grow and flourish. Amy Cox completes her academic assignment with us on Sunday, May 4. We have been enriched by her many talents and with the presence of Amy, Lisa and their family and pray for both an ongoing relationship and continued growth in her ministry as she looks forward to ordination in 2009.

Elsewhere, I will reflect on Easter and its liturgical implications. Let me say here that I hope and pray that YOUR Eastertide is full of growth in the Spirit of the Resurrected Christ in each and every life.

In Christ,

*Jim Newman+*

Rector

## Birthdays in March, April, and May—

03/08 Alice Short	03/10 Christoph Dugré
03/11 Eva Dugré	03/12 Wyatt Pace
03/13 Angus Mackay	03/14 Daniel Mohler
03/17 Sharon Arthur	03/18 Kelly Zullo
03/21 Diane Gandara	03/23 Barbara Sands
03/24 Holly Thomas	03/24 Jack Thomas
03/27 Mark Scott	03/27 Zane Householder
03/28 John Thomas	03/29 Harold Eaton
03/29 Robert Casillas	04/01 Nathan Mohler
04/02 Eugenia Eaton	04/05 Meg Russell
04/06 Harriet Haddad	04/10 Carl Townsend
04/11 Kathy Hartley	04/12 Karen Earle
04/12 Jo Ledsam	04/15 Nancy Holly
05/15 Peter (Sam) Samaranayake	04/17 Connor Winston
04/18 Amanda Duval	04/20 Samira Tamer



## Anniversaries in March, April & May:

03/16 Dennis & Connor Winston
03/24 David & Evlynn Householder
04/11 Kathy & Joe Hartley
04/17 Seth and Diana Neilson
04/27 Wendy & Steve Butts
04/28 Jerry Hornof & Karen Scharre
04/29 Angus & Val Mackay

### VITAL STATISTICS

**Please Pray for:**

Mary, Fr. Giles, Lois, Jean, James, Eugenia, Dulcie, Diane, Nabila, Harriet, Fr. John, Elsie, Daniel, Joe, Wes, Kim, Frances, Rita, Jeff, Kelly, Caleb.

**Guests:**

Greg & Susi Boone and Family; Matthew & Charlene Boone and Family; James & JoAnn Newton; Erin Shanks; Ashkan Sobhe; Victor Dominguez; Jim Bauer; Jack Bolling; Terri, Jared & Megan Wolfe; Michelle Dicks; Karen Martin

**Burials and Memorial Services:**

Theodore Gene Hulbert (2/8), Mary Ellen Clemons (2/15), Raymond Edward Atwood (3/9)

## LESSONS IN THE EASTER SEASON

### SUNDAYS

**3/23 Easter Day (Canon Newman):**

*The Great Vigil* Genesis 1.1-2.4a; Genesis 7.1-5,11-18; 8.6-18; 9.8-13; Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21; Ezekiel 37.1-14; Zephaniah 3.14-20; Romans 6.3-11; Matthew 28.1-10

*Easter Day* Acts 10:34-43; Ps. 118:1-2,14-17,22-24; Colossians 3.1-4; Matthew 28.1-10

**3/30 Easter 2 (Canon Graw):** Acts 2.14a,22-32; Ps. 16; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-31

**4/6 Easter 3 (Ms Cox):** Acts 2.14a,36-41; Ps. 116.1-3,10-17; 1 Peter 1.17-23; Luke 24.13-35

**4/13 Easter 4 (Canon Newman):** Acts 2.42-47; Ps. 23; 1 Peter 2.19-25; John 10.1-10

**4/20 Easter 5 (Canon Newman):** Acts 7.55-60; Ps. 31.1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14

**4/27 Easter 6 (Fr. Cox):** Acts 17.22-31; Ps. 66.7-18; 1 Peter 3.13-22; John 14.15-21

**5/4 Easter 7 (Ms Cox):** Acts 1.6-14; Ps. 68.1-10,33-36; 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11; John 17.1-11

**5/11 Day of Pentecost (Canon Newman):** Acts 2.1-21; Ps. 104.25-35,37b; 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13; John 20.19-23 or John 7.37-39

### WEDNESDAYS

**3/26 Wednesday in Easter Week (Ms Cox):** Acts 3.1-10; Ps. 105.1-8; Luke 24.13-35

**4/2 The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ (tr.) (Ms Mouradian):** Isaiah 7.10-14; Ps. 40.5-10; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.26-38

**4/9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Canon Newman):** Proverbs 3.1-7; Ps. 119.89-96; Matthew 6.1-6,16-21

**4/16 Wednesday of Easter 4 (Canon Newman):** Acts 12.24-13.5a; Ps. 67; John 12.44-50

**4/23 St. Mark (tr.) (Ms Cox):** Isaiah 52.7-10; Ps. 2.7-10; Ephesians 4.7-8,11-16; Mark 1.1-15

**4/30 Ascension Day (eve) (Ms Mouradian):** Acts 1.1-11; Ps. 47; Eph. 1.15-23; Luke 24.44-53

**5/7 Wednesday of Easter 7 (Canon Newman):** Acts 20.28-38; Ps. 68.28-36; John 17.11b-19

## The Rev. Dr. Marilyn Adams Coming to Los Angeles in April

The Rev. Dr. Marilyn McCord Adams, Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford University and Episcopal priest from the Diocese of Los Angeles will be in Los Angeles for a number of events:

**Sunday, April 6, 10:00 am**

Guest preacher at St. Alban's Westwood.

**Sunday, April 6, 4:00 pm**

Barrett Lecture at St. Alban's Westwood, on "The Relation of the US Episcopal Church to the Anglican Communion." (Reception to follow.)

**Monday, April 7, 4:00 pm**

Lecture on "God and Evil" at UCLA.

**Tuesday, April 8, 4:00 pm**

Rev. McCord Adams and her husband, Prof. Bob Adams (former UCLA Professor of Philosophy and Presbyterian minister) will lead a colloquium on "The Relationship between Abrahamic Faiths." (By invitation only.)

**Wednesday, April 9, 4:00 pm**

Lecture by Prof. Bob Adams on "Religions and Virtues." (Reception to follow, hosted by the UCLA Center for the Study of Religion).

The Barrett Lecture, in honor of the Right Rev. George Barrett, is an annual event hosted by St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Westwood. The remaining events of the Adams' UCLA Tour are co-sponsored by St. Alban's, the Episcopal Campus Ministry @ UCLA (Canterbury Westwood), the University Religious Conference (UCLA), the Center for the Study of Religion (UCLA), the UCLA Department of Philosophy, and the University Presbyterian Church.

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### Sisters of Bede Parties:

The Sisters of Bede again thank all the parishioners who have hosted parties so far this year. A great time was had by all who have attended! There is still plenty of space at three of our Spring Parties. If you would like to sign up for any of the events below, please e-mail Daphne at: moote@ca.rr.com

Mexican Fiesta Dinner, April 12th, Hosted by Annette Graw & Phyllis Morrison

Tea in the Garden with the Nancy's, Saturday, May 3rd, Hosted by Nancy Holly & Nancy Mills

Indian Dinner, May 17, Hosted by Samira & Ergun Tamer (2 spaces left)

Details on all the parties are available on line. Click on the Sisters of Bede link!

## AMY COX TO COMPLETE FIELD WORK IN MAY

It may seem like just yesterday, but Seminarian Amy Cox will complete her field work assignment at St. Bede's on Sunday, May 4. This parish practicum is a required part of her studies at the School of Theology at Claremont. Unlike the several Ministry Study Year interns who have served at St. Bede's, Amy is actually getting academic credit for this work. Currently, Amy is planning to graduate and be ordained a Deacon in the spring of 2009.

Amy has worked in all possible areas of Church life. She has learned about the work of the Sacristans, led adult classes, taught youth classes, sung with the choir, assisted and led worship, preached (she will preach again on April 6 and May 4), and met with the Rector about a variety of parish administration issues.

The Vestry will sponsor a special coffee-hour on May 4 to celebrate Amy's ministry at St. Bede's.

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### "Surf Report"

By Rea Crane

**Annoyances:** Do you ever try to make a quick call and find yourself stuck in a nightmare automated loop and you can't access the service you called for? Here are two services that might help. "Get Human" (gethuman.com) is a company-specific database of phone numbers that will bypass the robots and get you directly to a human customer service rep. Sometimes they provide a direct number, and in other cases they give you the magic formula code numbers that will get you through. I've used this service a few times and it works. Someone also recently pointed me to an alternative service along the same lines, except it will do most of the work for you. "Bring!" (nophonetrees.com) allows you to choose a company that you'd like to call from a list; you enter your number, and Bring! will call you back and connect you after they get through the phone tree and reach a human.

**Travel:** If you travel a lot, "Flight Stats (flightstat.com) might be a lifesaver. The site allows you to track flights in real time, check on airport delays and wait time, and find links to a variety of other flight-related tools.

**Search:** Google has more search tools and web tools than you probably realized, some tucked away in various corners of Google that you may not have occasion to visit. [Simply Google](http://SimplyGoogle.com) (lloyd.com/blog/simplygoogleoriginal.htm) lets you access all Google's tools from one page without having to poke around to find them. A few new ones I found were "Maps"-you can get driving directions, "Froogle" for shopping searches, and "Movies" which provides start times and locations of movies showing in your area. There are lots more though, so have a look.



## Quill Schedule Changed

The *Quill* is now being published on a new schedule that is in line with the Church Year, not the Calendar Year. The current issue is the "Easter, 2008" issue covering the period from March 23 through May 11 (Pentecost). The new schedule will allow articles to focus on both the Church's worship life during a specific time of the year, and to recognize that many of our activities are, in fact, organized on that basis.

Elsewhere in the *Quill*, the Rector has written about the importance and uniqueness of this season. The lessons cover the whole cycle of "The Great Fifty Days of Easter". This month, the birthdays & anniversaries listed include all of those in the months of March, April & May. March is covered because there was no March *Quill*. April & May are covered because we will be praying for people on the first Sundays in each of those months.

While the Newsletter will be on this new schedule, the Calendar will continued to be printed and issued on a calendar month basis. It is available in the Narthex and online.

The new schedule for the Quill is:

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>COVERING</u>	<u>ITEMS DUE</u>
Easter	March 23 - May 11	March 16
Pentecost 1	May 11 - June 29	May 4
Pentecost 2 (Petertide)	June 29- Sept. 14	June 22
Pentecost 3 (Homecoming)	Sept. 14 -Nov. 1	September 7
All Saints'/Advent	November 1 - January 6	October 26
Epiphany	January 6 - Feb. 24	December 28
Lent	Feb. 25 - April 11	Feb. 15

## St. Bede's Turning Point Ministry Schedule

About once a month, St. Bede's members serve dinner and prepare lunches for the residents of Turning Point Transitional Housing, one of the many programs provided by OPCC (Ocean Park Community Center). OPCC is one of the largest and most comprehensive provider of services on the Westside to low income and homeless youth, adults and families, battered women and their children, and people living with mental illness.

On the following dates, we will gather in Luther Hall at 4:15 to Transport food and supplies to Turning Point, located at 1453 16th St. in Santa Monica. Dinner service begins at 6, and usually ends around 7 p.m. An informational flyer with more specific information about how you can participate (by donating food items, helping to prepare food, and/or helping to serve) will be available in the narthex before each date

Established in 1983, Turning Point Transitional Housing is a 55-bed shelter for homeless men and women that offers housing and supportive services for up to 9 months. The project seeks to break the cycle of homelessness and to integrate homeless individuals back into the community by providing comprehensive, individualized services designed to address their physical and emotional needs.

### 2008 Schedule:

**Saturday, May 3      Sunday, June 15      Saturday, July 5**  
**Saturday, August 23      Saturday, October 4      Sunday, November 9**  
**Saturday, December 6**

## A Letter from Bishop Bruno—

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The Diocese of Los Angeles is honored to host the 76 th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Anaheim, July 8-17, 2009. As host Diocese, we will be providing volunteer staffing at General Convention. This will be an exciting experience and we want to assure participation from the whole diocese.

We need to recruit 40 members to serve as volunteer supervisors. Please provide me with at least three names and contact information from your congregation who have the time and talent to serve in a supervisory position. It requires the ability to work at least 5 shifts during Convention and attend a meeting on July 12, 2008 in Anaheim.

Please forward these names and contact information by April 7, 2008 to:

Lynn Headley  
 Volunteer Coordinator  
 General Convention  
 lynnheadleygc@earthlink.net  
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I appreciate your assistance in making this an outstanding General Convention. Be assured of my continued prayers for you and your congregation.

Your brother in Christ,

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 Bishop of Los Angeles



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10 am, Church School & Nursery  
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)  
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer

**TUESDAYS** 10 am, Morning Prayer & Bible Study

**WEDNESDAYS:** 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing  
7:45 pm, Adult Class

**TUESDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE  
Hosts (and back-up):**

3/25: J. Newman (I. Klem); 4/1: I. Klem (R. Jayne); 4/8: R. Jayne (J. Young); 4/15: J. Young (R. Miller); 4/22: R. Miller (N. Holly); 4/29: N. Holly (J. Dahler); 5/6: J. Dahler (D. Smith)

**WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:**

"Lost Christianities": Christian Scriptures & the Battles over Authentication"

Mar. 26: Early Gnostic Christianity – Our Sources

Apr. 2: Early Christian Gnosticism – An Overview

Apr. 9: The Gnostic Gospel of Truth

Apr. 16: Gnostics Explain Themselves

Apr. 23: The Coptic Gospel of Thomas

Apr. 30: Thomas' Gnostic Teachings

May 7: Infancy Gospels

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