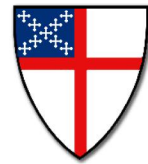


# CHRIST CHURCH

EXETER, N. H.



March 25, 2012

8:00 AM

*The Fifth Sunday in Lent*



*Worship & Announcements*

## Welcome

*I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent,  
by self-examination and repentance;  
by prayer, fasting, and self-denial;  
and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. - BCP, p. 265*

**Welcome, Guests!** We invite you to fill out one of the welcome cards in the pew rack in front of you. You may give it to one of the clergy or place it in the offering plate. After worship, we invite you to join us for fellowship in our parish hall.

**Welcome, Children!** At Christ Church children are invited to be themselves and to participate fully in our community. Sunday School for all ages follows the 8:00 liturgy (beginning at 9:15 downstairs in Harris House).

**A Restroom** is located outside the doors in the corner of the church that lead directly to the parish house. You will find one in a hallway immediately to the right after exiting the church. This restroom is handicapped accessible. Restrooms are also available in the parish house. After exiting the church, go up the stairs, turn left, and walk all the way around toward the office.

**Hard of Hearing?** If you need help hearing the service, we have devices for you to use. See a member of the Hospitality Team for assistance.

**Accessibility:** The church is completely accessible. If you wish to go to the parish house, you will find a lift outside the door leading toward the parish house. This lift will take you to the parish hall and the classroom level.

## *The Liturgy in Lent – Meditative Prayer*

According to the Rule of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, “meditation opens our minds and hearts, and our response to God’s gift and disclosure is kindled by the Spirit within us. God may touch us through icons, images, and symbols, impregnating our hearts with grace and furthering our transformation ‘from one degree of glory to another.’”

At the beginning of the liturgy and following the sermon a singing bowl will be rung to invite us into a time of silent meditation. You may use this time of silence however you wish. For example, you might focus on the icon of Christ near the altar, meditating on this image. Or you might use a method of prayer called the Breath Prayer.

To use this method, follow these simple steps:

- ❖ Close your eyes and take regular, deep breaths.
- ❖ Once you’ve established a regular rhythm, pray one sentence continually that means something for you (for example, “Lord, fill me with your peace” or “Christ, surround me with your presence” or choose a favorite phrase from Scripture or the Prayer Book)
- ❖ As you inhale, imagine the Holy Spirit filling you.
- ❖ As you exhale, imagine all the cares, concerns, and activities that fill your life being breathed away.

“In the radical simplicity of contemplative prayer we surrender ourselves to the mystery beyond words of Christ’s abiding in us, and our abiding in him close to the Father’s heart. Meditative prayer is the receptive and responsive prayer of our whole selves.”

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Please participate with us in worship. This booklet contains most of the liturgy.

The texts for this liturgy are taken from *The Book of Common Prayer, Enriching Our Worship, A New Zealand Prayer Book*, and the *New Revised Standard Version of the Bible*.

Although there are customary postures (such as standing and kneeling) in Episcopal worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.

✠ *As the singing bowl is rung, the congregation kneels for silent prayer (please sit if you are unable to kneel). The singing bowl will be rung a second time to mark the end of this time of meditation.*

✠ *The liturgy continues with the Penitential Order; the congregation remains kneeling, as they are able.*

## *A Penitential Order*

*Celebrant*            Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People*                God's mercy endures for ever.

*The Celebrant says*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*The Assisting Priest then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.

✠ *The Celebrant pronounces the absolution.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
*Amen.*

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*People* Christ, have mercy upon us.  
*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

## *The Word of God*

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners:  
Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that,  
among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

✠ *The people sit.*

### **The First Reading**

### **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 119:9-16** (*read responsively*)

- 9 How shall I cleanse my way? ★  
By keeping to your words.
- 10 With my whole heart I seek you; ★  
let me not stray from your commandments.
- 11 I treasure your promise in my heart, ★  
that I may not sin against you.
- 12 Blessed are you, O LORD; ★  
instruct me in your statutes.
- 13 With my lips will I recite ★  
all the judgments of your mouth.

- 14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees ★  
than in all manner of riches.
- 15 I will meditate on your commandments ★  
and give attention to your ways.
- 16 My delight is in your statutes; ★  
I will not forget your word.

### **The Second Reading**

### **Hebrews 5:5-10**

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

✘ *The people stand, as they are able.*

## **The Holy Gospel**

**John 12:20-33**

*Assisting Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say-- `Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*Assisting Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

✘ *The people sit.*

## **Sermon**

The Rev. Caroline V. Hines

✘ *A period of silent meditation is observed following the sermon. The singing bowl will be rung to mark both the beginning and end of this time of meditation.*



✠ *The people stand, as they are able.*

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*Celebrant and People*

You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
Good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
Who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.

## **Prayers of the People**

The hour has come; now is the time to glorify God's name. Let us intercede for the church and for all God's creation, turning to God and saying: Hear our prayer.

You are our God: may those who are poor and those who are rich, those who are near and those who are far, welcome your covenant of peace.

*Hear the intercessor prays for those in authority, those in our armed forces, and for peacemakers.*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We are your people: be with us as we anticipate the celebration of new life at Easter.

*Here the intercessor prays for those listed on the Anglican and Diocesan cycles of prayer.*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

You draw all people to yourself: bring us out of our slavery to possessions and away from the desire for wealth.

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We know that we must die so that we may truly live: strengthen all who suffer in mind or body.

*Here the intercessor prays for parishioners on our prayer list; please add your own prayers, also.*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We anticipate the eternal life you promise through Jesus; be with all who have died, that they may be at peace.

*Here the intercessor prays for those, if any, in whose memory greens have been given; please add your own prayers, also.*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

*The celebrant concludes with a collect.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            And also with you.

✠ *The people greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please greet each other by name. If you do not know the name of the person near you, please introduce yourself.*

## *The Holy Communion*

### **The Presentation of the Gifts**

✠ *As the gifts are presented, the people stand, as they are able.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*            It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

✠ *The people kneel or stand, as they are able.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name;

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

✘ *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

✘ *A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

*People* have mercy on us.

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

*People* have mercy on us.

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

*People* grant us peace.

## **An Invitation to Communion and Healing: Instructions Concerning our Customs**

✘ *All are invited to receive Holy Communion. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). You may also receive by intinction, dipping the bread into the wine. Please be careful not to put your fingers in the wine. If you do not wish to receive from the chalice at all, please cross your arms over your chest. Even if not receiving the wine, please do not leave the altar rail until the chalice passes you.*

✘ *Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

✘ *Healing Prayer is offered during the Communion portion of worship. You are invited to come to the healing station before or after you receive Communion. At the healing station you can tell the healing minister of some concern for which you want prayer; however you don't have to say anything. You can be an intercessor and ask for prayers for others. You can stand or use the kneelers. The healing ministers normally put oil on your forehead but sometimes a person's hands can be anointed. People who come for healing have a variety of experiences. Some feel a warming or tingling sensation or some other physical sensation; some hear the minister speak in a (prayer) language; some have no physical sensations, but experience a deep peace. You may feel that something has happened or you may not. Healing, in whatever form, often occurs later. Healing is a sacramental act, an outward and visible sign of the interior work of the Holy Spirit. This means that you can be assured that God will do what's best for you.*

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

✠ *The people kneel or stand, as they are able.*

*Celebrant and People*  
Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **Prayer over the People**

*Assisting Priest*  
Bow down before the Lord.

✠ *The people kneel, as they are able, for the concluding prayer. At the conclusion of the prayer the people respond, "Amen."*

## **Dismissal**

*Assisting Priest*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*                      Thanks be to God.

✠ *The people stand, as they are able.*

*The worship is over. ✠ The service begins.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*  
*Psalm 51:11*

**The Altar Greens** today are given to the glory of God.

## ASSISTING IN THE LITURGY THIS MORNING

<b>Reader</b>	Pat Izzo
<b>Intercessor</b>	Ken Jones
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Cindy Nottage, Paul Wainwright
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pat Izzo, Judy Blaisdell, Maureen Hunter

### *Prayer Concerns*

*Please feel free to use this intercessory list, either verbally or silently, during the Prayers of the People, as well as offering up your own concerns and thanksgivings.*

**Parishioners:** Kathy Austin, Barbara Beardsley, Esther Chandler, Rita and Mark Corke, Karen Foote, Chris Gurshin, Ralph Herzog, Maryellen Izzo, Pat Izzo, Jack Jette, Joanne LePage, Jim McAllister, Debbie McKenna, Alison McMahan, Jeane Meserve, Cooper Mosher, Cindy Nottage, Don Palmer, Isabella Postle, George Radford, Alan Rollins, Paul Sadler, Debbie Valcich, and Cindy Vega.

**Homebound Parishioners:** Helen Hobbs, Delma Judkins, Burt MacArthur, Claire Mixer, Ethel Petroski, and Shirley Thivierge.

**Friends & Relatives of the Parish:** Aaron, Laurie Adami, Victoria Arlen, Stephen Bassett, Robert Beeman, Jr., Joan Bilharz, Tim Bohan, Barbara Churchill, Deb Cohen, Robert Comeau, Jim Conrad, Goff Corke, May Corke, David Corson, Jane Cutting, Mark Dangora, Lizzie Daschbach, Keri Degen, Antonio Delgadillo, Jean Donato, Michael Evans, Bill Farnham, Sukey Farmer, Jeannie Feld, Shirley Felice, Fran, Nathan Geisser, Lois Genis, Nancy Grimard, Trudi Guth, Bill Hahn, Susan Hunter, Beth Janeski, Dwight Lawing, Thomas Louderback, Nancy MacCallum, Maia MacDonnell, Deanna Makinen, Adam Marlatt, Elaine Martin, Lynn Maxwell, Jan McAllister, Bonnie McGowan, Peter Melanson, Melissa, Meredith, Rosa Maria Miller, Mother Diane, Bob Nelson, Wendy Nicoles, Jared Parker, Patrick, Brian Pesce, David Plumer, Provencher family, Chuck Rice, Shirley Rollins, Sandra Rosen, Sherry Sacramone, Sarah and baby, Jessica Savage, Paul Sawyer, Kyle Scoggins, Heather Sherman, Elisabeth Shumoski, David Simon, Kathy Smith, Meredith Smith, Haden Steiner, Jan Streelman, Jacob Tracy, Mark Travis, Martin Wallen, Margaret Whitney, Beverly Williams, and Diane Williamson.



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH 25, 2012

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH:

Today	Mar. 25	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Atrium in the Chapel Education for all ages Holy Eucharist <i>Nursery care for infants and toddlers provided</i>
Tuesday	Mar. 27	6:30 PM	EFM
Wednesday	Mar. 28	3:15 PM 3:15 PM 3:15 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Youth Choir Junior Choir WHAM Contemplative Prayer Senior High Compline and Community Search Committee
Thursday	Mar. 29	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	“We the People” (see announcement) Christ Church Choir

## PARISH NEWS

**PARISH CHOIR OPPORTUNITY FOR EASTER:** The Parish Choir has openings and now is the perfect opportunity. Join us just for Easter Sunday. On Thursday evening, March 29, at 7:30, anyone who would like to sing with us for Easter should meet in the lower level of the Parish House for fifteen minutes to rehearse the Easter anthem, which is *Christ the Lord is risen* again by John Rutter. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Bruce Adami at [bruce@christchurchexeter.org](mailto:bruce@christchurchexeter.org).

## **Holy Week and Easter at Christ Church**

### ***Sunday, April 1 – The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday***

8:00 and 10:30 AM

*Holy Eucharist, the Liturgy of the Palms, and the Reading of the Passion*

### ***Thursday, April 5 – Maundy Thursday – 7:00 PM***

*An interactive liturgy that commemorates the events of the Last Supper, washing of the disciples' feet, and then the stripping of the altar. The liturgy begins in Harris Hall and concludes in the church.*

### ***Friday, April 6 – Good Friday – Noon-1:00 PM***

*The church will be open for silent prayer.*

*Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Chapel (by appointment)*

7:00 PM

*Solemn Stations of the Cross in Art and Music*

### ***Saturday, April 7 – Holy Saturday – 8:00 PM***

*The Vigil of Easter: In this ancient liturgy we gather in Harris Hall and wait in darkness for the new fire to be kindled; we hear Old Testament stories of God's saving acts and renew our baptismal vows; then we move into the church and bells begin to ring; light shines forth, and we celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter.*

### ***Sunday, April 8 – Easter Day***

8:00 AM

*Festival Eucharist with music by the Junior Choir and Youth Choir*

9:15 AM

*Parish Breakfast*

10:30 AM

*Festival Eucharist with music by the Christ Church Choir*

**EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** Easter brings us the hope of the Resurrection, life after death and the promise of creation's renewal in the bursting shoots of spring. Both themes are given visible expression in the tradition of decorating churches on Easter Day with flowers given in memory of family and friends who now rest in the eternal peace of God's loving embrace. Please send your contribution toward the cost of flowers, together with the name(s) of those whom you would like remembered, to the church office no later than March 28th. You may also call Linda and give her your names at 772-3332. Please address the envelope to Linda Carey, c/o Christ Church, 43 Pine Street, Exeter, N.H. 03833. Checks should be made payable to Christ Church, and in the memo section, please put "Easter Flowers". Checks can be for any amount you wish.

**INVITATION TO THE ATRIUM IN THE CHAPEL:** Join us in the Atrium in the Chapel on Sunday mornings for a contemplative journey at a selection of stations for "Meditations on Who We Are in Christ." Bring your pen and journal (or make use of some provided) to pray through meditation questions, art projects, music, and personalized scripture.

The Atrium will be set up from 9am until the 10:30 service for about 12 people at a time. You may come in at any time we have room. The Atrium will be offered this Sunday, through Palm Sunday (April 1).

If anyone is interested in helping with this work, either by assisting on Sunday mornings, or by helping make additional materials, please contact Patti Andrews at [worship@light-side.net](mailto:worship@light-side.net).

**SPRING CLEAN UP DAY** at Christ Church has been scheduled for Saturday, April 21st, (with a rain date of the 28th) from 9AM to about 4PM. Please come for as much or as little time as you're able, and help spruce up the church grounds. Pat Izzo is again coordinating lunch for all of us. Please contact Pat if you would like to participate by helping with lunch. (Pat Izzo: [pizzo@ehr.org](mailto:pizzo@ehr.org)). Please bring rakes, tarps, pickup trucks for carting stuff, or anything else that might help. The Fall and Spring clean ups have been a great opportunity for folks to get to know each other a bit better, meet new people, and contribute to the beauty of the church grounds. We're hoping for a big turnout, and hope to see you there! Any questions please contact Judy Wainwright 362-6589 [judy@wainwright.mv.com](mailto:judy@wainwright.mv.com).

**DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE HEALING POWER OF PRAYER?-** If you've ever wondered if miracles and healing can really happen through prayer join us here at Christ Church on **Friday, May 18, and Saturday, May 19, 2012** for a weekend conference sponsored by our Healing Ministry Team entitled, "*Connecting to the Healing Power of*

**God.”** Our special guest will be **The Rev. Dr. Jack Sheffield**, an Episcopal priest and internationally recognized speaker from the Christ Healing Center in San Antonio, Texas who will lead us in worship and exploration of the fundamentals of Christian healing and deliverance.

The conference begins on Friday evening at 6:30PM and continues on Saturday at 8:30AM with a full day of worship, workshops and healing prayer. The registration fee of \$25 will include lunch and refreshments. For further information and details contact Linda in the office at 603-772-3332, Mike Woodworth at 603-580-5083 or any members of the Healing Team.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK**, and volunteers are needed! We are planning on having VBS either the week of June 18-22 or July 16-20. If you are willing and able to volunteer please let Anne Plumer-Fisher ([aplumfish@gmail.com](mailto:aplumfish@gmail.com)) or Anne Sorber ([anne@sorber.us](mailto:anne@sorber.us)) know which of these weeks would work for you. Thanks.

**SAFE CHURCH TRAINING:** Education for the prevention of child abuse, exploitation and harassment will take place in Concord at St. Paul’s Church on the following dates:

**Initial Training** 9AM-3PM, Sat. April 14, 2012, Sat. Sept. 15, 2012 and Sat. Oct. 13, 2012.

**Refresher Training** Sat. May 5, 2012 and Sat. Nov. 3, 2012.

Anyone who works with children, youth, or the elderly in our parish, volunteers with Seacoast Family Promise (IHN) as evening or overnight hosts or makes pastoral visits to parishioners is required to have this training.

*We are very happy to announce that a **SPECIAL TRAINING SESSION WILL BE HELD AT CHRIST CHURCH, EXETER, ON JUNE 2, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** This training will meet requirements for both initial and refresher training. Anyone attending this session must submit an application via the Diocesan website no later than the Monday preceding the Saturday session.*

Anyone needing help with this process or anyone having questions may contact Steve Armstrong, Safe Church Minister, at 603 772-3082, or at [sandba@comcast.net](mailto:sandba@comcast.net).

## ***YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS***

### **Middle School Mission Trip to Brandon, VT with WorkcampNE!**

**July 8 - 14, 2012**

**Please visit their website: [www.workcampne.com](http://www.workcampne.com) to find the registration form**

**Cost: \$300**

**Deadline to Register: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 with a \$50 deposit**

**Final Balance due June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012!**

**Attention Adults: WE NEED CHAPERONES!**

### **High School Mission Trip to Hopkinton, NH with WorkcampNE!**

**July 22-28, 2012**

**Please visit their website: [www.workcampne.com](http://www.workcampne.com) to find the registration form**

**Cost: \$325**

**Deadline to Register: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 with a \$50 deposit**

**Final Balance due June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012!**

**Attention Adults: WE NEED CHAPERONES!**

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**“WE THE PEOPLE COMES” TO CHRIST CHURCH: On Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 pm,** “We the People” presents Dr. Warren Farrell at Christ Church. Dr. Farrell states, “For the first time in American history, young men will have less education than their dads. But that is just one symptom of the crisis leaving boys and men today about where girls and women were a half century ago.” How deep is the crisis? What are the causes and solutions? Join us on March 29 to hear his thoughts. “We the People” lecture and film series is sponsored by the congregational, Episcopal and Unitarian churches of Exeter, in cooperation with Phillips Exeter Academy.

**AMARE CANTARE:** On April 14, 15, and 18, Amare Cantare presents a concert of music for double chorus, including Ralph Vaughan Williams' unaccompanied Mass in G Minor, *Singet dem Herrn ein Neues Lied* (Sing to the Lord a New Song) by J. S. Bach, and three works by Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo: *Unicornis captivator* (The Unicorn is Captured), *Tota pulchra es*, and *Prelude*. The concerts will take place on Saturday, April 14, 2012, 7:30 p.m. at Saint George's Episcopal Church in Durham, Sunday, April 15, 3:00 p.m. at the Stratham Community Church in Stratham, Wednesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m. at the Middle Street Baptist Church in Portsmouth. For more information visit our website at [www.amarecantare.com](http://www.amarecantare.com).

**THE EXETER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH INVITES MEMBERS OF CHRIST CHURCH** to participate with them in their Third Annual Plant Sale to benefit Interfaith Hospitality Network/Seacoast Family Promise.

This year's sale will be the Saturday before Mother's Day (May 12th) on the front lawn of the Congregational Church, from 9 - 12. They sell mostly perennials, but also some annuals, vegetables, and even some house plants. They receive donations from many individuals, area garden clubs, nurseries and an herb farm.

Seacoast Family Promise will have a table next to the checkout, answering questions about the organization and passing out brochures. The day of the sale is fun, with gardeners on hand to help people select plants, give advice, and show references & pictures, about the plants they are selling.

The majority of the plants sold come from individual gardens and we would like to invite gardeners and everyone interested to lend a hand with any aspect of the sale!

Please contact Gabriele Lieberg, email [w.wingate@comcast.net](mailto:w.wingate@comcast.net) or phone 775-7412.

## *EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION*



Please join us for our annual Easter Day Breakfast between the 8:00 and 10:30 services, Sunday, April 8th.

We need your help to make this celebration of the Resurrection a special gathering. Please fill out and detach the lower part of the form and leave it in the church office or in a basket in the back of the Church. You can also send the reservation to Linda via email: [office@christchurchexeter.org](mailto:office@christchurchexeter.org).

For more information, please call or email Linda at the church office. Please return no later than Sunday, April 1st.

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### **EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION RESERVATION**

I/We will bring a coffee cake or sweet rolls or muffins or something delicious.

I/We will bring ½ gallon of orange juice.

I/We are not able to bring something, but will contribute to the cost of juices or for something delicious.

I/We will help set up.

I/We will help serve.

I/We will help clean up.

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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