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ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RESURRECTION

FISH FRY

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP,
FOOD, AND OUR ANNUAL
CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT!

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE A DISH BASED ON
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APRIL 27

FOLLOWING THE
10:30 SERVICE

PLEASE RSVP BY TUESDAY, APRIL 22

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Capital Campaign

Highlights from the Capital Campaign Meeting on March 23, 2025

Father De addressed the parish on March 23 with an update on our Growing Faithfully Capital Campaign.

Below are some highlights from the meeting:

- The campaign has successfully garnered pledges of roughly \$5 million, with a little over \$2 million actually received at this point.
- The original building project total was \$8,255,480, which would have included new handicapped-accessible covered drop areas for the front and back areas of the church, an expansion of Green Hall, enclosure of the northern breezeway, a new music and choir room, 8 new classrooms, additional church meeting space, new administrative offices for the school, additional restrooms, and a large, multipurpose building area to be used for worship, sports, and larger church gatherings.
- Considering the numbers above, a loan in the amount of \$3,530,000 would be required. The Vestry has decided that the monthly payment on such a loan would put a financial strain on the church and inhibit our ability to honor our mission statement; specifically limiting our ability to help others.
- In light of this financial strain, the Vestry is now opting for a more limited building project costing roughly \$6,240,650. This would entail a loan of \$1,530,000 with a monthly payment of \$11,635, or \$139,620 annually. This adjusted plan will include a new driveway and parking area on the south end of the property, new handicapped-accessible covered drop areas in the front and rear of the church, new music/choir room, new school admin offices, new meeting area, 2 new classrooms, some new restrooms, a "shelled" second floor in the school that can be expanded in the future, an open air pavilion (in lieu of a multipurpose building) and not enclosing the north-facing breezeway.

A note from Junior Warden Bruce Stone

Our Growing Faithfully Capital Campaign building and renovation project is presently scheduled to begin in May with the addition of the covered entrance/driveway in front of the Church. As we get closer to commencing, you will see other changes and improvements to the Church campus as well. The Projects Committee has recently made the decision to remove all of the trees in the median between the upper and lower parking lots parallel to the front of the Church office. Unfortunately, one of those trees is dead, and another is dying. Due to the amount of shade provided by those trees, combined with their exposed roots, the grass has not grown there in many years and has become unsightly. At this time, our plans are to re-plant after the covered entrance construction is completed with two new live oaks anchoring each end of the median, with a sustainable and suitable ground cover, and possibly some low-lying evergreen type shrubs. It is presently our plans to salvage a live oak located on campus which will need to be removed for construction, and relocate to the median as one of the replacements. We don't expect any interruptions to parking, as the work will of course be done on weekdays.

In preparation for Easter, we have recently had all of the windows in the Sanctuary and Chapel cleaned, as well as those exteriors power-washed. We have also recently replaced the large Sacristy window and 2 small windows in the sanctuary which were approaching the end of their life!!

I will continue to provide updates on improvements to the Church grounds as we progress, and embark on our exciting building plans!

Parish News & Events

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

APRIL 12

Palm Cross Making - 9:00 AM in Green Hall

APRIL 13

Palm Sunday - Services at 7:30, 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Concert Series - Bob Chilcott's *St. John Passion*
presented by the St. James Choir. 4:00 PM in the church.

APRIL 17

Maundy Thursday - Service at 6:00 PM

APRIL 18

Good Friday - Service at 12:30 PM

Stations of the Cross - Begins in the chapel at 6:00 PM

APRIL 19

Easter Egg Hunt - 10:00 AM

Easter Vigil - Service at 6:00 PM

APRIL 20

Easter Sunday - Services at 7:30, 8:30 & 10:30 AM



2025 LENT PROGRAM

FINAL PROGRAM DATE & DINNER - APRIL 9

5:30 - 7:00 PM

**Dinner, followed by
performance
and discussion**

PLEASE RSVP to
INFO@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG OR 251-928-2912

*The
Screwtape
Letters*

PALM CROSS

Making



**SATURDAY, APRIL 12
AT 9:00 AM**

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
**PLEASE JOIN US ON THE SATURDAY
BEFORE PALM SUNDAY**
TO HELP MAKE PALM CROSSES FOR OUR
PALM SUNDAY SERVICES.
WE ESPECIALLY NEED THOSE WITH EXPERIENCE TO
HELP TEACH A NEW GENERATION!

Easter EGG HUNT

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19
10:00 AM**

PLEASE BRING FRESH FLOWERS
TO BE USED ON THE FLOWER CROSS FOR EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES!



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

**The church office will be closed
April 21-25.**

Parish News & Events

Cookbook Report - A Report from Andy Burton, Chair

The first order of 1,017 books was received in October, 2023.

A 565 book reorder was received in January 2024.

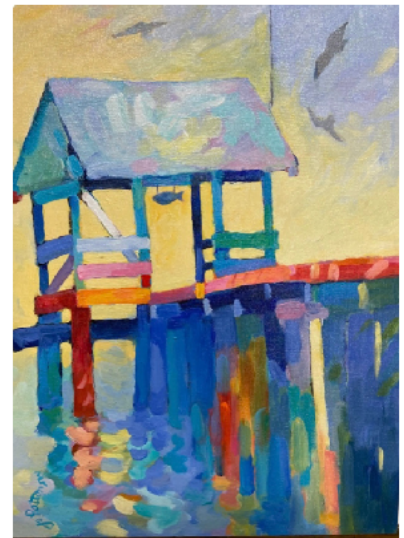
All 1582 books have been sold!

Gross Sales	\$28,054
Total Cost	\$10,148
Net to St. James	\$17,905

Thank you to everyone who worked on the cookbook committee, contributed recipes, and purchased the books. Special thanks to Jo Patton for donating the beautiful cover art.

Fairhope Favorites is a huge success!

FAIRHOPE *Favorites*



RECIPES FROM PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF

St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Cookbook Committee:

Margaret Cadden	Lyn Fogarty	Rockland Osgood
Deanna Dalrymple	Beth Moore	Anne Pearson
Nancy Dennis	Nickie Olson	Sheila Rowe



This form can be filled out online at <https://www.stjamesfairhope.org/events/easter-flower-dedications>.

E A S T E R F L O W E R D E D I C A T I O N

Remember or honor a loved one with flowers on the altar at Easter. Please **print** your dedication neatly on the form below. Flower dedications received by **Monday, April 14** will be included in the bulletins at all Easter services. The cost is \$30.00 *per dedication*. Please use a separate form for each dedication. Completed order form and check payable to **St. James Flower Fund** may be mailed to the church, returned to the parish office, placed in the "Drop Box" or placed in the Sunday offering. *Please turn in your check and your form at the same time. (Alternate payment options available online)*

*** PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION ***

Given by: _____

Email: _____ phone: _____

Circle **ONE**: In memory of In honor of In thanksgiving for
Name(s): _____

Mailing address: St. James Episcopal Church, 860 North Section Street, Fairhope, AL 36532.

Children & Youth News



VBS IS COMING

JUNE 23-26

9:00-11:30 AM

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 14

St. James 
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MISSION TRIP

to Charleston, South Carolina

JULY 21-25

CONTACT NATALIE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

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Important Dates for Children & Youth

April 6 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC

April 6 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC

April 9 4pm-5:15pm 5th-12th grade
Postcard Ministry

April 13 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC

April 13 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC

April 16 5pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC
Prodisee Pantry and Dinner

April 19 Easter Egg Hunt 10am, Youth
Group arrives at 9am

April 27 Senior Recognition during the
10:30am service

April 27 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC

April 27 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC

April 30 5pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC
Prodisee Pantry and Dinner

May 4 Youth Sunday (please contact Natalie if your
youth would like to participate)

Music News

Lenten Concert Series - Rebekah Atkinson, harp

April 8 at 12:05 PM

Bob Chilcott's *St. John Passion*

Palm Sunday, April 13 at 4:00pm

The St. James Adult choir will present Bob Chilcott's setting of the Passion in an hour-long work telling the story of Christ's trial and Crucifixion using the text from St John's Gospel. It was written specially for Matthew Owens and the Choir of Wells Cathedral for performance within a Cathedral Service on Palm Sunday, 23 March 2013. It is the austerity, the agony, and ultimately the grace of this story that inspired Chilcott to write this piece.

As in the great Passion settings by J. S. Bach, the story is narrated by a tenor Evangelist. Chilcott designed the narrative to be sung in an arioso style that gains momentum as the drama unfolds. The role of the choir within the narrative is to play the part of the crowd or a group of soldiers who comment from time to time in short outbursts. The larger role for the choir is the singing of four meditations that punctuate various points in the drama. These meditations are written in a simple and melodic way. The texts are taken from English poems from the thirteenth to the early seventeenth centuries that express deeply human responses to death, to life, and to man's relationship with the world and with God. Two of these meditations are sung by the choir with soprano solo, the last of which ('Jesus, my Leman') expresses most poignantly the human response to seeing Christ crucified on the Cross. There are also five well-known Passiontide hymn texts ('It is a thing most wonderful', 'Drop, drop, slow tears', 'Jesu, grant me this, I pray', 'There is a green hill far away', and 'When I survey the Wondrous Cross'), which are designed to be sung by the choir and congregation together.

Evangelist: Rockland Osgood

Jesus: Austin Young

Pilate: Joseph O'Shea

Soprano Soloist: Kathryn Hedlund



About the Composer:

Bob Chilcott (b.1955) is a British composer who is hailed by The Observer as 'a contemporary hero of British choral music', composer and conductor Bob Chilcott has enjoyed a lifelong connection with singing and choirs. He sang in the choir of King's College, Cambridge as a chorister and choral scholar, and in the vocal group The King's Singers. He is Principal Guest Conductor of the BBC Singers and is conductor of the Birmingham University Singers. As a composer he has a large catalogue of music published by Oxford University Press that reflects his broad view of musical styles and genres. He has collaborated with several writers, principally the poet Charles Bennett, with whom he wrote *The Angry Planet*, composed in 2012 for the BBC Proms, and *The Voyage*, commissioned by Age UK, and nominated for a Royal Philharmonic Society Award. Chilcott's works are widely recorded by many groups including The Sixteen, Tenebrae, The King's Singers, The Choir of King's College, Cambridge, Westminster Abbey Choir, Wells Cathedral Choir, Ora, Commotio, and the Houston Chamber Choir. In 2016 he collaborated with the celebrated singer songwriter Katie Melua and the Gori Women's Choir on the album *In Winter*, and his most recent recording collaborations are with The Choir of Merton College, Oxford with *Christmas Oratorio* on Delphian, and St Martin's Voices on Resonus.

School News

Dear Friends,

We are welcoming the warm days of Spring with open arms! We are so very blessed to have such a beautiful campus to enjoy this time of year. Our students have completed their study of insects and farm animals. We concluded our farm animal unit with an onsite field trip visit from Uncle Joe's Rolling Zoo.

We welcomed our Dads on campus with a "Hot Dogs with Dad" lunch. It was a beautiful day to celebrate our dads. Thanks to all the mom and grandparent volunteers for making this day so special! The children also enjoyed celebrating St. Patrick's Day with the anticipation of capturing a leprechaun with creative traps and wearing green, but no luck catching a leprechaun!

Please help us by purchasing a Honey Baked Ham Gift Card. We receive 20% of sales and all the money raised goes back into the school to provide more fun activities for our students.

This year our **ART Showcase will be held on April 11th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm.** This year's special feature will be an "under the sea glow gallery". This is a wonderful event where our children share their creative art work. The evening includes art, drinks, music and a silent auction with class collaborative art work. Please come out and see our future artists.

I am so excited about all the wonderful things that are happening at our school. Thanks again for all of your continued support of our parish school!

Blessings,
Shelley Miller, Director



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MARCH 1 - APRIL 18**

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Rev. De Freeman,
Rector



Rev. Amanda Doshier,
Associate Rector

OUR VESTRY

Margaret Cadden, *Senior Warden*
Bruce Stone, *Junior Warden*
Mary Mullins Redditt, *Clerk*
Amanda Montz, *Treasurer*

Class of 2025

Tracy Corte
Jim Daniell
Dee Gambill

Class of 2026

Dan Campbell
Bill Dowdle
Jennifer Lambert
Misty Whitehead

Class of 2027

Bettie Norton
Bruce Stone
Cappi Sully
Ken Talbert

Weekly Recurring Schedule

SUNDAYS:

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
8:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
10:30 AM* Holy Eucharist in the Church **also online*
Children's Chapel at 10:30 AM
Nursery available at both services

MONDAYS:

9:30-10:30 AM Gentle Yoga, Green Hall
1:30-2:30 PM Chair Yoga, Green Hall
6:30-8:00 PM, Women's Bible Study, Vestry Room

TUESDAYS:

7:00-8:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast
6:00-7:30 PM - Adult Bible Study every other Tuesday

WEDNESDAYS:

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel
9:00-11:00 AM Adult Bible Study, Vestry Room
12:30 PM Centering Prayer
7:00 Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAYS:

12:00 PM Healing Service
5:45 PM Yoga, Green Hall
7:00 PM Chess, Green Hall

3rd SUNDAY of the Month:*

Parish Breakfast - Following the 7:30 service, and
between the 8:30 and 10:30 services.
7:00 PM Taizé or Compline

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