

WILDERNESS WORDS

Editors

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This Sunday:

Leading: Beth
Preaching: Carolyn
Presiding: Mary Ellen

Readings this week:

**Trinity Sunday,
 22 May, 2016**

First Reading:
 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm:
 Psalm 8
Epistle:
 Romans 5:1-5
Gospel:
 John 16:12-15

(Click on citation to link directly to the reading.)

Reflections:

From your vicar:

I'm glad to be back (again) after a splendid England tour. You'll see from the comments of the pilgrims that it was a spiritually enriching experience, putting us in touch with our tradition, as well as the breadth of Anglicanism.



*Inviting Mystery, Embracing
 Compassion, Encountering Christ.*

Summer is on the way, and with it some great opportunities. Please let me know if you'd like to be involved with any of these:

- Marcella Gillis (an MDiv student at Yale and an Episcopal ordinand) will be arriving around June 6th, and be with us as **intern** until the end of July. She will be experiencing the life of a ministry-centered church, and I would like to encourage you to **welcome her for a meal** sometime during her stay. She will be preaching one Sunday, helping to work on some ideas for involvement in the Art Fair, and making some contacts with International workers. If you have other thoughts for ways she could be involved, please let me know.
- A friend and fellow priest who has started a ministry in her east London parish called the **Prayer House** will be in church on May 29th, and I've asked her to present on this ministry at a **Forum** after the service.

As a follow up to the **Lilly renewal grant**, I will need to get your feedback in the next couple months. The questions we need to answer were in the newsletter two weeks ago. Here's how we will do this: I would love to sit down with any of you and chat. Please email or phone me if you'd like to do this. If your schedule doesn't allow, then please jot down some ideas in response to the questions and we'll find a way to share them at our **welcome back social**—look out for more on this soon.

- In my Pentecost sermon, I mentioned **The Episcopal Church Foundation's** program called **VITAL TEAMS**. Here's the link: www.episcopalfoundation.org/programs/vital-teams
- A **Deepening Roots class** I've been in teaching in the Twin Cities decided they wanted another year, to spend more time in scripture. I've agreed to do this with them, and we're going to focus on one book of the Bible per month for nine months. If anyone from Spirit of the Wilderness would like to do the same, I'd be happy to run this, one Saturday morning or weeknight evening per month. (Cost would

Save these Dates

May 24th: Ruby's Pantry Volunteer Appreciation Party at Bethlehem.

May 29th: Forum after Church about Prayer House by the Rev. Jill Mowbray.

June 8: Bishop's Committee

July 3rd: SOTW at the Care Center.

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be minimal. Let me know if you're interested: if there's a quorum we will schedule a time, beginning in October.)

It's great to be back! *MEA*

A Request:

While on sabbatical I visited Lamula School with my friend Anne. She volunteers there in the Molweni township, teaching math, and reading and leading an extra curricular program at the end of the day on Tuesdays.

We worked with two classes—second and fourth graders, each with around sixty Zulu kids in one class. For the extra curricular time, half of the kids left and the others played educational games—did puzzles, junior scrabble, checkers, chess, opposites, etc. The kids loved it and you could see them learning.....but the games were in short supply and were dog eared, with missing pieces,

I plan to mail a box of educational games and puzzles to Anne for use at Lamula school, and would invite you to dig out one from your basement or buy one to send. The kids are 6-9 years old and learning English.

We'll collect these at church and I'll plan to mail them in late May. Karen Kobey has decorated a box for games for kids to be put at the back of the church until end of May at which point they will be mailed. Thanks! *Mary Ellen*



Reflections! It was great to hear 'many voices' during Mary Ellen's sabbatical. So we will continue from time to time. If you are willing to author an occasional Reflections for our Newsletter please let Mary Ellen know. We will again take over coordinating this after our return in early July.