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Alleluia! Christ is risen! Happy Easter!

What?! Easter is over. It came, it went, along with the wild flowers, three weeks ago, right? WRONG!

We are deep into the heart of a 50-day season, one which began on April 12th and which will continue for another month until we celebrate another great feast day of the Church - Pentecost. But in the meantime, we are surrounded by the joy and the mystery of resurrection. The Easter experience was not just a one day, one time occasion, although our secular culture tries to reduce it to nothing more than Easter egg hunts and lavish brunches. Rather, the on-going Easter event, the one we keep hearing about in the Gospels during this whole entire season, was for the disciples the continuing process of trying to grasp the unfathomable - the Beloved died and is alive, entombed but now freed of earthly bonds. How was that possible? How could this new and unimaginable thing have happened? And what does it mean for us?

And that last is the abiding question for us. What does resurrection mean for you? Does the extraordinary love of God in effecting this resurrection touch your life as well? Do Jesus' greetings of peace fill you with a new, profound sense of peace, knowing that despite all the fears and anxieties we may experience about our own short-comings, indeed share with the disciples, we are forgiven? Does all this give you a feeling of joy and elation, a feeling that perhaps even a kind of resurrection has occurred in your own life because you are freed of the burdens of guilt and insecurity and shame? And does this astounding event fill you with hope and anticipation for that last day when your own resurrection will occur?

Whatever the Easter event means to you, my hope is that it is more than a passing fancy, that it leaves you with a deep and abiding appreciation of the grace of God in your life today, tomorrow, every day.

**Blessings,
Julie+**

OUR LEAP OF FAITH

Our Position Profile was handed over to Canon Jenny Vervynck on March 23 '09 and will be forwarded to the National Church and its computer. The Profile represented culmination of much hard work by the Calling Committee working with the Vestry.

The basis for the Profile was spelled out in the congregation's January meeting with Canon Vervynck. Its various elements were refined by the Calling Committee and Vestry to reflect language acceptable to the computer.

The most difficult issue depended on what we thought we could afford. We had two choices: offer below the minimum and attract nobody or offer a minimum-maximum range that would be likely to draw in a candidate of worth.

Sounds like a simple proposition. It was far from that because, simply put, we do not have the immediate income to support the most obvious choice. But what if we offered only what we thought we could afford, based on current income?

Canon Vervynck cautioned that we would attract nobody and we would be playing with the life-line of the church. The church would decline and eventually die in the absence of a rector to meet the needs we have expressed.

The Vestry decision to go with a minimum-maximum range was consistent with earnings in prior years. But, also, it represents a leap of faith depending on the faithful of our St Barnabas community. Beyond that, it rests, as ever, on our faith in the grace of our benevolent God.

We are confident that—based on your previous generous efforts, and in light of the gradually improving economic situation—we are justified in assuming the best outcome from the congregation's united efforts to call a new rector to St Barnabas.

In the meantime, stay tuned, and be sure to check out the www.stbarnabasborrego.org website for current news and photos. Keep the Calling Committee and Vestry in your prayers and, by all means, do the same for the diocesan effort under the able direction of Canon Vervynck.

~Mary & Victor Levine

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Vestry Report

Your vestry is at work for you. Repairs and maintenance continue on the church and rectory. The amplification system should be in working order by summer making it easier to hear in the rear pews. More money was raised by the last stewardship letter, but we are still short of budget. The end of the season gathering at the rectory was a huge success, and get-togethers should continue through the summer. Cathy is planning for our summer supply clergy and Julie+ will fill in often. We wish all who are leaving a safe journey.

~Sue Salt

AN OWL'S BOX

I built an owls box three years ago because a friend told me it was fun to watch the owls enter and leave their box each night. One has to buy a 30 ft pole, a 15" X 12" enclosed box, put a big hole in one side of the box and put this box on the top of that 2" galvanized 30 ft pole. Then you wait for some owl to find this box, pay the going rent and have little owls inside.

Now the reason for all this is supposed to be in the name of fun and somehow environmentally correct.

First: The owls are supposed to keep the mice and other rodents away from your home.

Second: They are supposed to be cute.

Third: They are supposed to give you pleasure watching them fly at night looking for food to feed to their young.

Fourth: Somehow people led me to believe that when they speak one is supposed to enjoy their noise.

Fifth: Owls like to eat snakes and that is the main reason I pursued this experiment in the first place. I do not like snakes.

Now, Lets get honest.

Owls do in fact keep the mice and snake population down but they leave their remains all over my yard and usually on my train track. That cute noise is actually a horrible scream that continues all night, every night. The baby owls scream like they are starving and we have to listen to these screaming owls beg for food from 10:00 pm to 5:00 am each night. My dog has presented me with too many remains (mice, snake and whatever) that she thinks are making me happy. I have to clean up the yard most every day (especially my train area). It is fun to watch them fly around looking for their meals but they are not the cleanest animals on this earth. Owls do not like train noises so I get to annoy them a little when I finally have had enough of their screaming.

I waited three years for this female owl to visit my penthouse and now all I want to do is evict her ASAP. She is late with the rent and continues to harass me about the lack of mice and snakes in my yard. She is no longer cute and her babies are getting too big for the amount of food our yard can provide. I need to move her on but that's another problem with having an owl box in your back yard.

Enjoy your summer and let's return to a better Borrego Springs next year, owl free.

~Garrett Westover

GOOD-BYE, SNOWBIRD(S?)

On Saturday night, April 18, thirty-some parishioners and friends gathered at the rectory to bid farewell to our snowbirds for the summer. Although a random sample of about half the guests yielded only one who was actually leaving for the entire summer, others were in our thoughts and prayers and perhaps were not included in the "poll." Ann Nourse will be spending the next six months in Washington State and will certainly be missed.

Julie+ did her usual outstanding job of hosting the party. We were entertained by Dave Otis on the piano and Haddon Salt on the violin as we enjoyed wine and good company. After a group prayer for everyone's happiness, health and safe travel, we lined up and dug into the scrumptious potluck buffet. Centered around Julie's beautiful baked ham, there was an array of vegetables, salads and muffins, all delicious. Tables were set on the patio with spring colors, and the weather was ideal. The tables of six or eight were perfect for conversation and lots of laughter.

Of course no potluck would be complete without a dessert table, and most of us still had room to sample the wonderful selection of pies, cakes and pastries. The trifle was especially popular! As we said good-bye to our friends for the evening or for the summer, all agreed it was a beautiful evening. We will probably need another in the fall to welcome everyone back! Thanks to Julie+ and everyone who contributed.

~Wendy Quinn

"NEW" TO THE CHURCH LIBRARY

"SUM—Forty Tales from the Afterlives" by David Eagleman has been added to our library by Joya Granbery Hoyt. Check it out!

A FASCINATING—sometimes disturbing—sometimes hilarious look at the afterlife written by a neuro scientist.

WHAT IF.... in the afterlife you relive all your experiences but were regrouped as shared qualities? If you spend 6 days clipping your nails, 18 months waiting in line, 200 days in the shower, 2 days lying, 14 minutes experiencing pure joy?

WHAT IF.... you have to wait, possibly for decades, in a fluorescent lit lobby—only to be released the last time your name is ever spoken on earth?

~Joya Granbery Hoyt

OF SPECIAL NOTE

EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

Three workshops to help your congregation tell its faith story will be held:

May 2 at All Saints', Vista

May 23 at St. David's, San Diego

June 6 at Church of the Good Shepherd, Bonita

Each workshop is \$15 per person, includes lunch, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm and is open to all.

If you have questions or to make reservations, please contact the Rev. Canon Steve Wendfeldt:

steve@edsd.org or 619-291-5947 ext. 305.

WELCOMING ABUNDANCE STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE

May 15-16, 2009 in San Diego

The Stewardship folks have done it again! Come make YOUR house ready for the Lord by attending Welcoming Abundance, the 3rd Annual Province VIII Conference on Stewardship, Evangelism, and Congregational Development. We'll have 18 round table discussions available during three sessions. Choose one discussion group from each session when you pre-register for the conference.

Register today and save \$45.

Questions? Contact JoAnna Shreve at jrshreve@aol.com.

VESTRY TRAINING !!!

All the things you thought you knew and didn't!!

New to your vestry? Just elected to serve on the Bishop's Committee? Not sure what to do?

Come to our Vestry and Bishop's Committee Training on Saturday, May 9 at St. Bartholomew's, Poway.

You will learn the roles and responsibilities of a vestry or bishop's committee, and much more.

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

\$25 includes lunch and materials

Deadline to register: May 5

Questions and reservations? Contact the Rev. Canon Jenny Vervynck: vervynck@edsd.org.

TREASURERS AND ADMINISTRATORS WORKSHOP

All treasurers and parish administrators are encouraged to attend this important one-day training on Saturday, May 9 at St. Bartholomew's, Poway. Topics covered include: effective communication, parochial reports, budget management, health insurance, lay and clergy benefits and more!

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

\$25 includes lunch and materials

Deadline to register: May 5

Questions and reservations? Contact Canon Smith: canon-smith@edsd.org

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

The wind blew hard on Good Friday as eight women followed the priest from the church to the palapa where we stopped for a reading at the

First Station JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH as the palm branches whipped against us.

Second Station JESUS TAKES UP THIS CROSS, the wind sent blossoms flying by us. We read the

Third Station JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME as sand whirled by. As little Mary read the

Fourth Station, JESUS MEETS HIS AFFLICTED MOTHER, the wind almost blew her over. The gale howled down the mountain as we read the

Fifth Station THE CROSS IS LAID ON SIMON OF CYRENE. At the sign of the

Sixth Station A WOMAN WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS, the reader's tears were blown away by the wind. We could hardly hear the words of the

Seventh Station JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME because of a noisy gust. A dark cloud blew over the sun at the

Eighth Station JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM. At the

Ninth Station JESUS FALLS A THIRD TIME our priest fell to her knees to hold the sign for us to see. We had to brace the sign of the

Tenth Station JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS, against a rock to prevent it blowing away. Chills came over us at the

Eleventh Station JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS as the wind blew colder—the message became so real. The trees bent in the wind toward the

Twelfth Station JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS. We were tossed as if tumbleweeds as we read at the

Thirteenth Station THE BODY OF JESUS IS PLACED IN THE ARMS OF HIS MOTHER. All of us were mothers.

At the palapa, we feared it would blow away as we read the *Fourteenth Station* JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB.

**We reflected on the power of God
as we remembered the day his son died for us.**

~Faye Dorsey

PALM SUNDAY



Photos by Faye Dorsey



EASTER SUNRISE



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Choir Update

We are nearing the end of the season here in Borrego Springs and as we wind down, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the members of the choir for their hard work and enthusiasm. Also a big thanks to those who make it all possible - Bonnie who provides us with great flexible accompaniment, Frisbee who puts heart and soul into providing great trumpet music and Haddon who is ready at a moments notice to provide beautiful violin music. I would also like to thank the choir and our leader Joanne for the opportunity to lead them in Joanne's absence. Thankfully, Joanne is feeling much better now and has returned as choir leader.

As we celebrated the end of Lent and Holy week with the Great Easter Vigil, the Choir provided beautiful music and Joanne did an exceptional job presenting the Exultet. Unfortunately, attendance was less than stellar and many missed out on a beautiful service. It was a wonderfully intimate experience for those of us that were there. Easter Sunday the Choir presented two beautiful Easter pieces. Frisbee provided fantastic trumpet accompaniment for the congregation and the Choir.

Bonnie's last day as accompanist will be May 17th. Thanks for all your hard work Bonnie and have a great summer. Cathy will take over for the summer.

~Trent C. Kleinkopf



LETTERS..... WE GET LETTERS

The Carillon staff received a wonderful letter from Jean Smith thanking us for sending her the Carillon each month. "I look forward to receiving it every month!" She says, "I miss all my wonderful Borrego friends!!!"

Thank you Jean for your wonderful comments, and for the stamps you included to help with the mailing, we so appreciate them.

~The Carillon Staff

WHITE ELEPHANT

WANTED

Laptop computer, Mac or PC

Cassette tape-deck

Victor: 760/767-7746 or ravok@nethere.com

FOR SALE

5-Disk Auto CD Player

Victor: 760/767-7746 or ravok@nethere.com

For inclusion, or suggestions, call Lynniss or drop her a line at lynnisw@yahoo.com

**WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS—
THANK YOU!**

Thank you TO Irene and Faye for their lovely Easter pastries and to Sue Salt for many, delicious deviled eggs. John Visser was a gracious host at the champagne and orange juice table. And so, our Easter Sunday Holy Happy Hour was just that.

Thank you TO the pre-dawn efforts of the guys to get our bake sale set up. Our cheerful workers and marvelous customers put us over \$1000 so we will be able to make the donations we tentatively announced in the last issue. A special **THANK YOU** to Mary Levine for taking on the job of cashier.

Thank you FROM Ernie Loza for the help we give his Slab City needy, and from Pearl German. We helped to fund her LPN training and so far she has made all A's. Wonderful!

Next meeting

May 6, Wednesday, noon

In our Parish Room

Please email me if you will be there

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~Nancy Bye



Mark Your Calendar

MAY



SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30 AM

6:00 PM Sundays-Discussion Group & Potluck
May 5, 12, 19, 26 Tuesday at 7:30 am

The Men of St. Barnabas @ Kendall's
May 6- Noon Women of St. Barnabas @ Parish Room
May 20-6:00 PM Men's Group
May 14-3:00 PM Finance Committee meeting
May 18-8:00 AM Vestry

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