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When I was elected Bishop of Springfield in 2010, my Letter of Agreement with the Standing Committee specified that I take a three-month sabbatical after five years of service. Believe it or not (and I, for one, have trouble believing it), five years have elapsed since my consecration as of this past March 19. So the time has arrived. Combining sabbatical time with my usual period of vacation, I will be away from my routine day to day and week to week duties between June 18 and October 15.

It is propitious that this sabbatical comes in the general neighborhood of the midpoint of my episcopate (still not thinking about pinning down a precise terminal year). So it will be an opportunity for me to a) get some mental and emotional rest, b) recharge my spiritual and intellectual batteries after five years of a rather relentless pace of work, and c) reflect on my role in what God has accomplished with us in the Diocese of Springfield over the last five years and listen intently for the voice of the Holy Spirit as to the sort of course we might chart for the next five. Know that I will continue to hold the diocese even more closely in my prayers during this time away, and I would hope that each of you hold me in yours.

The “big rock” in all of this is a plan to walk an ancient pilgrimage route that begins in France right across the border from Spain and then continues about 500 miles across northern Spain to the city of Compostela, where the cathedral church holds the mortal remains of St James the Apostle—hence, the Camino de

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Stepping Back to Refresh & Renew

Santiago de Compostela. I will begin this pilgrimage in St Jean de Pied, France on August 11 and conclude it in Compostela on September 18. (Significantly, I will turn 65 while on the Camino, so I’m doing it the “old man’s way” and arranging for a private room with a bath every night, and having my luggage moved for me from place to place, so I won’t have to carry a heavy pack.)

When I complete the Camino, the plan is to meet Brenda in Paris. We will then travel by train into Italy. The major destinations in Italy will be Venice and Rome. While in college, I became very enamored of the music of Giovanni Gabrieli, a 16th century composer who wrote works specifically for the cathedral in Venice, St Mark’s. I have also come to know that the Sunday liturgy at St Mark’s is exemplary on many levels, and I am eager to join it. So Venice will also be a bit of a pilgrimage for me. Then it’s off to Rome, perhaps picking up a look at Florence along the way; the details are not worked out yet. The allure of Rome is self-evident. The Anglican theological and spiritual and liturgical tradition is thoroughly grounded not only in our English heritage, but also drinks deeply from the broad stream of western Catholicism, and the source of that stream is Rome. While there, my plans include joining a retreat of some of the authors of the Covenant blog, of which I am one. We will be taking a fresh look together at the ecclesiology enunciated in the documents of the Second Vatican Council.

So I will be back in harness on Sunday, October 15, when I will make my annual visitation to Alton Parish, and back in the office the following Tuesday (just in time for the final run-up to Synod!). Archdeacon Denney will also be out of the country most of July and into August, so things will be quiet at the Diocesan Center. There’s no particular plan for “covering” my absence; all of my 2016 visitations to the Eucharistic Communities of the diocese are already squeezed into the available time, and others (Administrator Sue Spring, Archdeacon Denney, and Standing Committee president Fr Dave Halt should be able to handle such contingencies as might arise.) As we part ways for a season, I want you to know that I have seen multiple signs of the Holy Spirit’s movement in our midst, and expect to see many more. Perhaps, by my literally getting out of the way, we can have the disruptive manifestation of the power of the Spirit for which we have been praying!
PERSECUTION WATCH

The Very Reverend Kathryn Jeffrey

What is this unusual yellow symbol? It is the letter “ن” in Arabic. Persecutors of Christians in Iraq and elsewhere use it to mark the homes of “Nazarenes,” their pejorative term for Christians. When their homes are marked, it makes it easier to round up Christians for the latest round of hostilities: be it beheadings, rapes, kidnapping, or shake-downs. Coincidentally reminiscent of the yellow stars that Jews were forced to wear during the Holocaust, the symbol has been adopted by supporters to show our solidarity with those who are suffering so.

The purpose of this new column in “The Current” is to raise awareness for the steadily-increasing level of suffering inflicted upon our Christian brothers and sisters worldwide. As Paul wrote in the First Letter to the Corinthians, “If any member suffers, we all suffer.” Thanks go to Bishop Martins and the Current’s editor for their support of this endeavor.

Future columns will focus on the unique situations in the many countries where Christians are being persecuted. In the meanwhile, if you would like to receive a postcard-sized symbol like the one at the top of this column, please indicate how many cards you would like in an email (including your snail address) to: Tiffany Tergussen at tifftoft@yahoo.com, with “Nazarene” as the subject. There is no charge for the cards.

By placing the card in our car window or church bulletin board, we can help raise awareness of the plight of our faith’s newest martyrs. Please keep them in your prayers, that they will persevere, receive necessary provisions, and find protection.

OUTREACH ON THE RUN

The Illinois Marathon route passes right by Emmanuel Memorial Episcopal Church in Champaign, and parishioners took that opportunity to show God’s love in a practical way in their geographical parish. Despite pouring rain on Marathon day, about fifteen Emmanuelites ranging from Sunday School students to senior citizens set up camp in West Side Park to hand out energy-boosting jelly beans to the runners. Approximately 1200 cups of the sugary treats were given to the athletes as they ran past, along with lots of vocal encouragement. One runner passing by yelled, “Episcopalians are the best!” and another pronounced the jellybeans “almost as good as the Holy Spirit!”

Like grace, everything was given for
Free. This is the second year in a row that Emmanuel has had an outreach ministry during the Marathon.

**Father Kip Retires from Trinity Church**

On January 31, 2016, The Rev. Christopher L. Ashmore celebrated The Holy Eucharist for the final time as Rector of Trinity Church (Jacksonville). After the service, the Parish held a reception for him, presented him with a gift, and unveiled his portrait. It will join the portraits of other long-term Rectors in the hallway.

Father Kip served faithfully and well as twenty-eighth Rector and Chief Celebrant of Trinity Church for eighteen years, faithfully and diligently proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He was an engaging and thought-provoking teacher, both as a leader of scriptural study and discussion, and as an effective presenter of religious and theological topics. Also, during his tenure, he oversaw significant reconstruction and upgrading of the parish sanctuary and parish hall which will help carry the parish facilities forward into the future.

Trinity Church expresses its deep and abiding appreciation to him for his faithfulness, leadership, guidance, and work here which has helped carry this parish into its one hundred and eighty-fourth year.

**Mother Cindy Returns to Diocese**

The arrival of new rector Reverend Cynthia Sever at the Episcopal Parish of Alton has been a reunion for some and a new relationship for others. Though she moved from her former parish in Lockport, New York, to join the Episcopal Parish of Alton, celebrating her first mass with us on Easter Sunday, she and her husband, Byron, have deep roots in the Alton area and Illinois. While an undergraduate at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Reverend Sever attended services at both St. John the Divine in Champaign and St. Paul’s in Alton. She continues to look back on both as “instrumental in her formation as an Episcopalian.”

And now her experience at St. Paul’s in Alton moves into the present. With a strong background in youth ministries along with community outreach and evangelism, Reverend Cindy has plans for exploring new avenues for growing the parish while staying tied to local traditions. For the Pentecost service, she sent out a call for congregants who would read Psalms in as many different languages as possible.

Episcopal Parish of Alton welcomes Mother Cynthia Sever as rector

The parish of Alton has welcomed Reverend Sever with excitement, and she has an equal desire to become part of the community, calling her office open to all visitors and
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asking all parishioners to stop by (promising chocolate to those who do). Her warmth and enthusiasm is expressed in a vision for a deepening community of the church in Alton as well as a heartfelt hope to know each person in the parish. And of course this invitation extends beyond the parish of Alton. Everyone in the diocese is encouraged to stop by and share in the optimism and joy Mother Cindy’s arrival has brought.

RETHINKING THE RIGHT TO LIFE
The Very Rev. Kathryn Jeffrey

Few topics carry as strong a propensity for visceral response as the recent controversy over abortion and the selling of embryonic remains. How does a thoughtful Anglican navigate these hot issues? This is the first of a series of articles exploring the writings of Anglican theological luminaries. Edited for brevity, it was written in 2005 by then-Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams:

Most of those who voted for [the legalization of abortion in Britain] did so in the clear belief that they were making provision for extreme and tragic situations: conception as a result of rape, or fetal or perinatal complications threatening a mother’s life. [They] started from a strong sense of taking for granted the wrongness of ending an unborn life. What people might now call their ‘default position’ was still that abortion was a profoundly undesirable thing and that a universal presumption of care for the fetus from the moment of conception was the norm.

But the rapidly spiralling statistics - nearly 200,000 abortions a year in England and Wales - tell their own story. We are not now dealing with a relatively small number of extreme cases....When we hear, as in a recent survey reported in the Lancet, that one-third of pregnancies in Europe end in abortion, we may well ask what has happened.

Recent discussion on making it simpler for women to administer abortion-inducing drugs at home underlines the growing belief that abortion is essentially a matter of individual decision....And that necessarily means that certain presumptions have changed; there has been an obvious weakening of the feeling that abortion is a last resort....[Paradoxically, the] language of ‘foetal rights’ has strengthened over the last few decades, leading to a real tension with this growing normalisation of abortion. The pregnant woman who smokes or drinks heavily is widely regarded as guilty of infringing the rights of her unborn child; yet at the same time, with no apparent sense of incongruity, there is discussion of...the liberty of the pregnant woman herself to terminate a pregnancy.

We need some joining-up thinking here, even if it’s only in the recognition that the model of competing rights or liberties (the mother’s and the unborn child’s) is not the most useful vehicle for a coherent moral grasp of the question. But thinking about the processes by which we unconsciously shift what we take for granted does highlight questions about how we hold a steady moral focus in these matters of social and legal debate.

We begin with clear, perhaps absolute, principles and, as we honestly confront a hugely complex world, we recognise that clear principles don’t let you off the hook. There is no escaping the tough decisions where no answer will feel completely right and no option is without cost. But when do we get to the point where accepting the inevitability of tough decisions that may hurt the conscience has become so routine that we stop noticing that there ever was a strain on the conscience, let alone why that strain should be there at all?

The process is one that can be traced in other, more familiar, areas. You start with the presumption that abortion is unavoidably the ending of a life, but perhaps there are situations where it is the least awful outcome, and so you reluctantly conclude that some provision should be made for these situations. Or you start from the presumption that marriage is a lifelong union, but it is appallingly cruel to refuse relief to people who are being systematically damaged by deeply
unhappy marriages and you accept more rapid paths towards divorce. You take it for granted that marriage and family life are foundational things in a properly nurturing and stable society, but many mature and responsible people choose to live in partnerships other than marriage and because no one wants to see them suffer hardship or discrimination because of this, you accept the case for the benefits of civil partnership.

And it’s difficult to deny that because of all these reasons, something has happened to our assumptions about marriage and family, just as something has happened to our assumptions about the life of the unborn child.

The [implementation of Britain’s abortion laws] is an object lesson in how slippage can occur between thinking compassionately about exceptional cases and losing the sense of a normative position. I don’t think we’re yet at the point where such a sense has been entirely lost. Even if some of the language about foetal rights is uncertain and confused, it illustrates the half-articulated conviction that the unborn child does merit protection. And the [recent publicity] about abortion, with its vivid images of the unborn, shows that there remains an instinctive recognition of humanity in the foetus even at very early stages.

But the slippage is there. [This] is an argument for keeping our eyes open for the unintended consequences, without our noticing. It’s not a good habit for societies to get into....

The article can be read in its entirety at: http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2007/oct/21/comment.religion

Dynamic prayer was an important part of the Quiet Day held at Church of the Redeemer in Cairo on May 28. About thirty people gathered to hear Grace Como, an experienced retreat leader from North Carolina, speak about God’s grace. Pictured here relaxing in exuberant prayer during the Quiet Day is the youngest person to attend the Quiet Day, Reuben Muriuki, son of Father James and Jane Muriuki.
1. Considered Consent to the election of The Rev. Dr. Douglas Sparks as Bishop of the Diocese of Northern Indiana. Motion did not carry.
2. Considered Consent to the Election of The Rev. Patrick Wells as Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon. Motion carried.
3. Considered Consent for the Diocese of Los Angeles to hold an election for a Bishop Coadjutor. Motion carried.
4. Certified Matthew Dallman as a Candidate for Holy Orders.
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Via e-mail:
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The Rev. David J. A. Halt, President

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Lenten Retreat: “Why Episcopal? Telling Our Stories”: There were 29 attendees at the March 4-6 Retreat at Toddhall. We all told our stories of why we are in the Episcopal church now, we also had attendees from Catholic and Lutheran churches that told their stories. The main theme I heard was that the church we are in now feels like home. Rev. Mollie Ward, Rev. Sherry Black and Rev. Ann Tofani were the retreat leaders.

Outreach Project 2017: Southern Illinois Healthcare Services

Outreach Project 2016: Magdalene House in St. Louis. The home houses 8 women at a time that have been affected by human trafficking

Outreach Project 2015: Hostel for Girls in Tabora. $14,285.09 was sent. The building will start soon.

Annual Meeting: Thank you to Rev. Mollie Ward for being our hostess at the Annual Meeting on April 23rd at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center in Normal, IL. We had ten attendees. We learned how churches can work in conjunction with hospitals.

Province V ECW Conference and Annual Meeting - “Navigating Life’s Currents”, was held at the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island, May 13-15.

Jan Goossens, Chair
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St. Paul’s Church and
Trinity Chapel
The Episcopal Parish of Alton, IL

The Episcopal Parish of Alton continues to be a busy place since our last report in February. Thanks to Fr. Gary Nowlin we have been able to maintain our weekly Sunday schedule of an 8:15 a.m. Mass at Trinity Chapel and 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Paul’s. Thanks to Mother Jane Flaherty, our Tuesday Mass, prior to Bible Study, and Wednesday noon Eucharist and Healing Service have continued.

The ECM prepared a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday. Ash Wednesday was observed in noon and evening masses. Fr. Gary Nowlin led us through the Lenten season with Wednesday evening Eucharists followed by soup and cheese dinners and a program on Episcopal practices. We also had an instructed Eucharist during Lent. In preparation for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter, the Altar Guild polished all the silver and brass while palm crosses were prepared. A pre-Holy Week Lenten fish fry was provided by the ECM.

Our Holy Week observances consisted of masses at Trinity Chapel on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Maundy Thursday Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar and Watch over the Altar of Repose, and an evening service on Good Friday. Easter Sunday began with the Flowering of the Cross by our youth. Our wonderful celebration of the Resurrection was made even more joyful as Mother Cindy Sever celebrated her first masses with the EPA.

We observed Ascension Day at St. Andrews, Edwardsville with other churches from the Deanery. Joyful Eucharists celebrating Pentecost were held at Trinity Chapel and St. Paul’s.

Our regular Monday Morning Prayer Group and Tuesday Bible Study have continued as has our ministry to Rosewood Care Center. Support for Crisis Food Center continues with ongoing food collections and monetary donations. The Book club has met monthly and Amy Bohn, our Parish Nurse, continues to take good care of us.

The ECM was again successful with their yearly geranium sale. They honored Mother of the Year on Mother’s Day and hosted a breakfast to meet and greet Mother Cindy.

The ECW hosted a Paint and Pour in April with proceeds going to their Blankets for School Children in need and to our shut-ins. ECW continues to make sure that our shut-ins receive monthly greeting cards.

Our church school children organized a collection of cleaning and other home care supplies for use by the Severs as they moved into their new home in Alton.

On Saturday, April 30, we participated in the Alton City Clean Up by collecting litter in the areas around both churches.

The EPA has also shown support for the Bucket Brigade Program for many years and did so again this year on May 14 by painting the house of someone in need.

Many of our parishioners have volunteered to participate in an ecumenical ministry based at Main Street Methodist Church, known as SAK (Serving Area Kids). Free lunches will be provided to children Monday through Friday at various sites while school is out for the summer.

A collection of personal care items for women, infants and children was recently taken for the Oasis Women’s Shelter as it experiences cuts in funding.

On May 1 the parish participated in an Alton Little Theatre Preview Party as a fundraising event.

Our annual parish picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, June 12.

As of this writing we are excitedly preparing for the formal, official welcoming of the Rev. Cynthia Sever as the 26th Rector of the EPA at her Installation on Saturday, May 21, 2016. We are looking forward to all of us growing together as we continue to love and serve the Lord in and through this church.

Diane Martin, Deanery Representative

St. George’s Episcopal Church
Belleville, IL

Since the last report, St. George’s was immersed in Lenten season of preparation for the great news of our Lord’s Resurrection. The Spirituality Commission hosted five presentations...
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on the meaning of the Eucharist with Fr. Ralph McMichael, who provided talks of much depth on the meaning of this Sacrament for ourselves, our Church community, and entire world. We averaged 15-20 folks to listen to this fine theologian, a friend of mine going back to 1978 at Nashotah House, an author of many books Liturgical Theology, and one time Professor at Nashotah House. (Fr. Ralph’s father was a predecessor of mine as rector of St. Matthias’ Church, Shreveport, L.A.) Fr. Ralph’s philosophical as well as theological erudition held many of us spell bound.

During Lent, we used Rite I at all our services, following our joint worship with St. Mark Lutheran Church on Ash Wednesday. We prayed the Great Litany on the first Sunday. The use of Rite I is always welcomed by the congregation and many request its use more often. It is also a time for singing Healey Willan’s Mass music. Our music director Nancy Ypma is greatly skilled at making a shift like this, which inspires confidence in our worshipers. On Fridays in Lent, several of us from the parish joined with clergy and laity of St. Luke’s Catholic Church and St. Mark Lutheran for noon day Stations of the Cross, this year at St. Luke’s. In addition to our daily services during Holy Week, we joined with our two sister churches to pray the stations through the streets of our neighborhood on Good Friday. This year, we were delighted to have Fr. Ian Wetmore and several of his parishioners from St. Michael’s O’Fallon join us. Our Easter Vigil took place at St. Michael’s for the third straight year.

As many of our parishioners are getting older, much of my own time is spent on pastoral care. Several of our longtime folks were hospitalized, or newly homebound, and for many weeks I made hospital and home calls seeing 2-3 folks every day. Some days when traveling to Collinsville, Glen Carbon, Columbia, or many points west in hospitals around St. Louis, it will take 3-5 hours in an afternoon to see those in need. St. George’s folks are accustomed to alert me to people missing, information which I count on. In addition, a handful of people, including a couple friends of parishioners, experienced crises in their lives, and the clergy and a couple parishioners took care of such people for many days on end. One was a young woman needing alternative housing due to physical abuse, another needed financial help, two others in great distress over deaths in their families; all from outside the parish community.

A young man in his forties, who turned out to be an ordained Methodist minister, began attending church. I met with this gentleman five times, and helped prepare him for confirmation on Pentecost when our bishop would make his visitation. Will Campbell is a delightful man, who believes he is called to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church.

Both our Vestry and Toddall Board are carrying on their ministries of oversight. At Toddall, we have taken care to have any and all requests for worship to be approved by the Rector of St. George’s, since there have been several occurrences of Episcopal worship leaders overstepping their bounds. Any worship is now routinely requested through St. George’s office, as Bishop Salmon, the rector, and vestry agreed. The Toddall Chapel is now arranged for traditional Catholic worship. It seats 80 comfortably, with the Sacrament reserved. The chapel has four new fans for air circulation, and a new entrance ramp for accessibility. The Vestry has approved four scholarships for our college-aged youth, and they have reviewed all church policies and job descriptions.

We are pleased to report that our Food Pantry is operating with a regular meeting for the Board. This is a cooperative ministry with St. Mark ELCA. We recently were able to stock our shelves with food donated by the local scouts and the letter carriers.

Our Sunday School year has been one of growth with 20-25 children part of the Godly Play led by Mae Scott and other adults. The Sunday School Breakfast for the entire parish is coming up May 22. The two adult classes went very well. The rector taught the entire Gospel of Mark over the school year. Betsy Rogers led a Lectio Divina study in the conference room.

We are hosts for a Cub Scout Pack made up of 60+ boys, along with leaders and parents. They take over the classrooms and parish hall on Monday evenings.

Our music program under Nancy Ypma’s direction, provided glorious music to the Glory of God, and was especially notable during Holy Week and Easter. It is a joy to have this ministry with such skilled leadership at St. George’s. Eight choristers also sang twice monthly, and put on a musical about Jonah and the Whale during the
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sermon time on May 1. I got more compliments for that sermon than at any other Sunday during the year.

Our Bishop’s Visitation occurred this past Sunday, on the Feast of Pentecost. The Bishop and Brenda are always joyful and positive about the people of St. George’s, and our parish responds in kind. The Martins were hosted by the Vestry at a dinner at Bella Milanos Saturday night, and the Bishop celebrated, preached and taught on Sunday. His presentation on prayer at the Rector’s Forum was especially fine and much needed. St. George’s participated in the Novena for prayer called by the Bishop, and Jody Coleman drafted a schedule for prayer twice daily in the chapel, including morning, evening, and/ or noon day prayers, as well as utilizing our present schedule of Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays. The Bishop led Evening Prayer prior to the dinner with the Vestry as part of this Novena of prayer for the Diocese.

The ECW will have a White Elephant sale on September 12 from 8:00 a.m.-noon.

Bill Paddock is our new editor for our newsletter, The Link.

The ECW’s February Soup and Salad luncheon was cancelled due to snow, so they had it on April 18 with success.

We thank Fr. Arnold Hoffman and Fr. Gene Stormer for supplying while Fr. Tony Clavier was visiting his family in Wales.

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ST. GEORGE’S EPISCOPAL 
CHURCH Glen Carbon, IL

St. Thomas’ joined St. Bartholomew’s, Granite City for Wednesday Lenten “Stations of the Cross” with a soup supper following. St. Thomas’ had the Maundy Thursday Service with feet washing and stripping of the altar. St. Bartholomew’s had the Good Friday service.

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The Rev. Canon Dale Coleman, Rector

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St. John’s
Albion, IL
Subsequent to our Diocesan
A high point in our life together was the marriage of one of long time, faithful members. We gathered together in a work day to prepare St. John’s for the service, and then gathered as a church family with the families and friends of the happy couple at the wedding celebration. It was a most joyful occasion, enhanced by a completely full church.

The Rev. Bill Howard, Vicar

**ST. MARY’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** Robinson, IL

Things are moving at what has come to be a rather normal pace for our small family congregation. We were blessed during Holy Week and Easter to have a full agenda of services where we could celebrate the presence of God and His saving grace. Easter dawned and the church was filled as the family of Sue Thomas gathered for what would be the final time of sharing God’s love and their love for Sue with her. Sue received communion, as she had done every Sunday during her illness, sat for a family photo following the Eucharist and peacefully went to meet her Lord and Savior on Monday at 8:30 a.m. As a church family we miss and mourn the loss of Sue, but we also rejoice at her homecoming. Her life and faith were a great witness for us all.

Two of our parishioners have moved into a supportive living facility in Robinson. They are visited regularly by several in the congregation and although their attendance is irregular they are communed and prayed for and remembered each week.

The spring winds and rains took a minor toll on our church roof. Shingles have been replaced and thus far we no major repairs have been necessary. We continue, however, to know that there is much that needs to be done with an aging facility.

We celebrated Ascension Day with a service on Thursday and kicked off the nine days of praying for revival and a radical movement of the Holy Spirit in all of God’s churches in the diocese and elsewhere. We prayed for healing of body, mind and spirit for ourselves, for our country and the world. We remember God’s grace and goodness towards us and gave thanks for His many blessings. We may be few in number, but a few faithful disciples, with the power of the Holy Spirit radically changed the world.

We are looking forward to celebrating with the bishop on June 4 as he comes to Robinson for his annual homecoming before he begins his sabbatical. We have much to be thankful for as blessings abound.

The Very Reverend Ann Tofani, Vicar

**ST. THOMAS’, SALEM AND ST. JOHN’S** Centralia, IL

St. John’s has gained seven new members in the past two years. Morale and participation are very good. Just about everybody comes to everything unless they’re sick or out of town. We celebrated the Great Vigil of Easter with good attendance, and my own newborn daughter was baptized.

Deacon Sylvia Howard is a faithful and wonderful colleague at St. John’s, and a delight to work with. She is much loved by the people. She is currently recovering from shoulder-replacement surgery.

I have taken my confirmation curriculum, a 25-week course refined over forty years, and adapted it to the Sunday lectionary and am delivering it in a sermon series. This is shared with St. Thomas’ too.

St. John’s quarterly Evensongs for the community with guest preachers from local churches have been very successful. Our relationship with the Bible Based Community Church across the street has been a great blessing to both congregations; we have had a couple of joint worship events already, including the Great Vigil of Easter. This has certainly opened St. John’s up to new things, a richer experience of the Faith, and a deeper appreciation of our own tradition.

St. John’s will be offering a cooking class for teenagers later this spring, and on the Sundays in Eastertide St. John’s hosted a public lecture series for the community in a boiled-down version of the confirmation class lectures. This was put together at the request of people at St. John’s after I began the sermon series on Sundays. Although we only had one person from the community who attended, the people of St. John’s themselves attended regularly.

At St. Thomas’, there are similar signs of growth. The people are
dedicated to doing good work and are friendly. Overall, morale is good, and St. Thomas’ has gained eight new members in the past two years, with two baptisms, one confirmation, and three more confirmations that may happen later this year.

A book sale for the community raised more than $700 for outreach. At the time of this writing, the annual formal English tea is scheduled for the afternoon of Pentecost, and shows every sign of being the success and joyful experience it always is.

Father Jim Fackler assists at St. Thomas’ and, when necessary, fills in at St. John’s as well. He is a delight, with a gentle humor and a mark of devotion that shows in his daily life.

St. Thomas’ hosted an Ascension Day Mass for the Eastern Deanery, with a good attendance representing three of the closest churches. Bishop Martins presided and preached at this “kick-off” event for the novena which is being prayed throughout the diocese in this season.

The Very Rev. Canon David M. Baumann

TRINITY
Mt. Vernon, IL

As the school year winds down, Trinity is looking ahead. On Trinity Sunday, May 22, we will celebrate our namesake with a cookout and summer kickoff. This celebration, begun last year, is a time for food and fellowship as we offer praise and thanksgiving for the life and ministry of the parish and its members.

This summer Trinity will send off at least one member to the St. Michael’s Youth Conference, June 12-17. This great program is a wonderful opportunity for our youth as they engage in communal worship, in-depth teaching, and a lot of fun. In addition to St. Michael’s, we look forward to the shared ministry of Episcopal Church Camp a little later into the summer, July 3-9. Reaching youth from elementary through high school, ECC is truly a family ministry as campers, counselors, and staff live and learn together in the knowledge and love of God. Plus it’s just a great time for friends, young and old, new and long-time, to have fun.

As of this writing, there are a few new things going on at Trinity as well. The Parish Hall is in the midst of getting a new roof. The midweek service schedule has undergone some changes with a potential new ministry opportunity arising in conjunction with Good Samaritan Hospital here in Mt. Vernon.

And last of all, Trinity is entering into a new season of shared ministry as it has named a new rector. After two years as priest in charge, Fr. Ben Hankinson is going to be sticking around for a while longer as the rector. Please join us in praying for a season of providence and discernment as we seek to faithfully pursue the ministry to which we have been called here at Trinity.

The Rev. Ben Hankinson, Rector

HALE DEANERY

Can technology enable communal worship when physical distances would otherwise preclude it? If Hale Deanery’s experience is an indicator, the answer is yes, for those willing to give it a try. To pray the Diocesan Novena together, we “gathered” each mid-day between Ascension and Pentecost. Lead most frequently by Father Tim Goodman on a free conference line established by Father James Muriuki, as many as seven people prayed together at once. Perhaps we will find other ways through technology to support each other in our special devotions.

Father Muriuki reports from Church of the Redeemer in Cairo that nine people were confirmed, two people were received, and two people reaffirmed their baptismal vows during the Bishop’s visitation on May 1. “We continue to do what God want us to do and to reach out into the community through the city clean-up activities. We will have a retreat on Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday, May 28, from 10-2pm.” All are welcome. Reservations are appreciated but not required.

During Lent at Saint Andrew’s Parish in Carbondale and Marion, parishioners joined the Life and Lectionary Group that has been meeting weekly since Advent. On Good Friday, we revived the parish’s tradition of a three-hour liturgy beginning at noon. Three other churches participated enthusiastically with seven different pastors and lay leaders sharing their reflections on one of Jesus’ words from the cross.
Highlights of our Easter celebrations include an elegant reception after the vigil, a hearty brunch after the morning service, and the flowering of the cross by our youngest parishioners. A profoundly moving Seder dinner was observed at Trish Guyon’s house, raising nearly $200 for our campus ministry, while deepening our understanding of our Jewish roots. A state-of-the-art digital piano was donated and installed at St. James, and a festive concert to explore its versatility was held on Pentecost. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is spreading from Carbondale to Marion, with an atrium started in St. James’ parish house.

Mother Sherry Black from St. Mark’s, West Frankfort, reports that the “last Sunday of Epiphany we rejoiced in the baptism of an 8 year old girl -- she was so very excited! And then we had a Mixed Up Lent. Our Lenten Sunday services included a Rite 1 Eucharist (rare at St Mark’s), an Instructed Eucharist, a service where the children did the lessons and had a skit for the sermon, and a Contemplative Eucharist, with a form of Lectio Divina in lieu of sermon. Overall comments were positive and we will continue to include some of these in the life of the Church. We also continue to have a strong children’s program led by the most capable, caring, and creative Nancy Summers.”

Father Goodman from St. Stephen’s, Harrisburg reports that “we held our annual Italian dinner this quarter. It was sold out, with live music and five courses, and lest we forget, both red and white wine. This was the 15th year we have held this dinner. We took in some $1,750, of which more than half of this money will go to our local charities.

Mother Kathryn Jeffrey, Dean

NORTHEASTERN DEANERY

ST. CHRISTOPHER
Rantoul, IL

For our Lenten program this year we viewed the excellent video series Final Words from the Cross with Adam Hamilton. Hamilton examined Christ’s dying hours and his final words as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross.

Our Maundy Thursday service included foot washing, and was very meaningful to all who attended. The service was followed by a soup supper, and The Watch.

During April we conducted a four-week session on “Exploring Prayer.” We held an Ascension Day Service and participated in the Diocesan “Wave of Prayer” from Ascension through Pentecost.

We have a rummage/garage sale planned for June.

The Rev. Ann Alley

TRINITY
Mattoon, IL

This year during Lent, Trinity continued its tradition of offering the Anglican rosary before Sunday worship. The church learned how the Anglican rosary is different from the Roman Catholic rosary, and some members enjoyed how the Anglican rosary changed every week. In April, we enjoyed a Seder Meal with the Mattoon Jewish Community. Jewish Lay Leader, Marjorie Hanft, and Fr. Jeff co-celebrated the meal at Trinity which was well attended by both communities. On Pentecost, we baptized Isaiah Barth, the son of Trevor and Dani Barth, and we welcomed him into the Church. His baptism was originally scheduled in January, but it had to be postponed due to a winter storm.

Alan Webner, Trinity’s organist, is busy planning a series of concerts at Trinity to celebrate Trinity church organ’s 100th birthday.

Our book study sessions offered on Tuesday evenings have concluded for this semester. It will resume after Labor Day. Dr. David Knox’s discernment committee is still on schedule and is well attended.

Fr. Jeff Kozuszek

EMMANUEL MEMORIAL
Champaign, IL

The early Easter and the fact that Holy Week coincided with Spring Break have made this semester at Emmanuel somewhat unusual. With many people out of town, we had a quieter but perhaps more liturgically cohesive Holy Week and Easter. With Pentecost on May 15, we wrapped up some programs a bit early as well.
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Taking into account a generally-identified need for Christian formation, we chose to create a multi-faceted program on Anglican basics as our main pre-Easter focus: a four-week sermon series, two video courses on the Creeds and Scripture from Bexley Seabury faculty, four Lenten guest speakers on “famous Anglicans,” and an instructed Eucharist narrated by a team of laity. While everyone active at Emmanuel encountered some part of this program, it also served as Confirmation preparation for a smaller group at the Bishop’s Visitation in April.

Continuing our efforts to pay attention to our changing demographics and to build connections within our geographical parish, we celebrated the visitation with a BBQ supper designed by a mixed team of newer and longer-term parishioners, including donated beer from a local microbrewery (owned by the parents of a Baptismal candidate) and a teaching on discipleship from Bishop Martins. An outreach in connection with the Illinois Marathon took place in West Side Park April 30, as a team of about 15 parishioners handed out jellybeans to runners from a tent flying the Episcopal flag. We also built community connections by hosting the vocal ensemble ecco for a Mother’s Day concert and a “Say Yes to the Prom Dress” fundraiser for Courage Connection. In addition, we had one of the more successful Easter Egg sales in recent years, with some pop culture-themed eggs generating sellout-level interest.

A highlight of the Spring was our formal kickoff of our outreach partnership with empty tomb, the local Christian social service organization our outreach discernment process identified. About 25-30 Emmanuelites took part in the Mega Work-a-Thon, packing boxes of food staples and personally delivering them to hungry families in Champaign County. We continue to work towards building more ministry opportunities with empty tomb.

A final main event was the offering of a 1662 Book of Common Prayer Choral Evensong. This model of an historical “period piece” Evensong is new to our area, but has been growing dramatically in popularity in the UK and elsewhere in the US, connecting spiritually with people that would not likely seek out a Sunday Mass. We thought it might fit well with both Emmanuel’s particular ethos and the culture of Champaign-Urbana. Our hypothesis was proved right when both newspaper and radio were intrigued enough by the notion to give it an extraordinary amount of free publicity, and when a responsive crowd beyond the capacity of our nave showed up. We feel that we found an authentic ministry niche for our parish and had an experience of riding the coattails of something God is doing; we plan to make 1662 Evensongs a more regular occurrence next year.

As always, however, summarizing program highlights only throws into relief that the real life of a parish is not made of highlights, but of the day in and day out conversations, hospital visits, Daily Offices and Masses, meals, staff meetings, acolyte rehearsals, property workdays, coffee hours, funerals, home visits, and other moments that various ones of us share at various times. The presence of Jesus Christ in our daily life is genuine, and our prayer is that we be able to honor it fittingly and share it widely.

The Very Rev. Beth Maynard, Rector

The Church of the Holy Trinity
Danville, IL

The following information reflects activities at the Church of the Holy Trinity:

Continue outreach relationship with Downtown Neighborhood Association and The Vermilion County War Museum

As part of our strategic plan for the parish, we are addressing several building maintenance issues and prioritizing improvements to be made on the gym and office areas

Father Geoffrey Scanlon, priest emeritus, continues to visit shut-ins and those hospitalized and oversees parish sacramental life

Father Dave Halt of Bloomington continues to celebrate a Saturday Vigil Mass for us once a month, hears confessions, and sees to our sacramental needs along with Father Scanlon

Bishop Martins celebrated Mass and the Liturgy for the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday

Observed Lent with weekly devotions, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Morning Prayer, and Evening Prayer

Father Scanlon celebrated the Liturgies for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Transferal of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose,
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Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Mass of the Resurrection
Joined with the Diocese in making the Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost and added Choral Evensong, Holy Hour, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament to the daily reading of Morning and Evening Prayer during the nine days.

Richard Lewis

THE CHAPEL OF SAINT JOHN THE DIVINE
Champaign, IL

The Chapel of Saint John the Divine continues to share God’s love on the campus of the University of Illinois, and in the Champaign Urbana community.

Canterbury University students hosted our third annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We were pleased to see over 100 in attendance.

Other worship highlights over the past few months have included: Ash Wednesday services. The Ash Wednesday rite from the Book of Common Prayer was offered twice on that day. Over 130 attended these two services. The Fourth Sunday of Easter. Bishop Martins visited the Chapel. Five were confirmed. The Great Vigil of Easter was observed in the evening. 105 attended the Great Vigil.

Easter Day. One service of Holy Eucharist was observed on Easter Day and the flowering of the cross by our children was introduced to the parish. Easter attendance was 153.

Confirmation classes were held in March and April in preparation for the bishop’s annual visit.

A parish wide brunch was held after the Easter Eucharist. Over 100 were in attendance at brunch. At the conclusion of the brunch, an Easter Egg hunt was held for the children of the parish.

The spring academic term saw the ongoing reinvigoration of our Canterbury program for college students. Matthew Cross and Ben Norton are our peer ministry interns. They helped immeasurably with our Wednesday evening services of Holy Eucharist and our meal together in Canterbury House. Wednesday attendance has ranged from 12-17. We have welcomed both new undergrad and graduate students in this new academic term. Chapel parishioners have graciously provided home cooked meals for our services this spring, and this has been used to strengthen the outreach of the parish to the campus community. Students Will Dickinson and Julia Cater graduated with Masters degrees in Library Science.

It has been quite a joyous spring at the Chapel. We invite you to stop by any time you find yourself in the area and experience the Episcopal Church’s presence on the University of Illinois campus.

The Very Reverend Sean Ferrell, Rector and Chaplain

NORTHERN DEANERY

TRINITY
Lincoln, IL

Calendar 2016 began with a great deal of activity at Trinity; Bishop Martins’ visitation and our Annual Meeting were on consecutive weekends in January. Bishop Martins returned to Trinity during Lent when he led our Lenten study group on the subject of prayer. The classes were well attended with both long-time and some newer members participating. Holy Week and Easter were glorious due to the efforts of our dedicated parishioners, many of whom put in long hours that week.

Trinity hosted the graduation for Jobs for Life again; seven students received their certificates of completion and two of our members served as mentors in the classes. It is always gratifying to see the change in attitude and demeanor among the students as they are equipped to improve their employment opportunities.

Fr. Mark participated in CREDO training in February and helped lead a conference in April. CREDO offers a way for him to stay connected to the wider Church.

Fr. Mark joined with other pastors in the Lincoln area to offer prayers in the courthouse rotunda on the National Day of Prayer.

On Trinity Sunday, we will celebrate our festal day by hosting a luncheon where we will make out outreach contributions. Community Action Partners, the Pregnancy Resource Center, our companion diocese and Nashotah House are the...
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recipients of our outreach this year and checks will be presented to representatives of these organizations.

Trinity is sending one student to the St. Michael’s Conference this summer.

Fr. Mark Evans, Rector

ST. MATTHEW’S
Bloomington, IL

St. Matthew’s continues to experience the ups and downs associated with being a church in the mainline tradition. We have said goodbye to good friends who have retired or moved, and are trying to witness to our ever increasing secular world without losing our core catholic identity.

This spring, we began exploring a joint ministry with Christ the King in order to begin the process of living out Bishop Martins’ vision of the geographic Parish of McLean County. At the end of the small group sessions, it was determined that a need in our area was significant marriage support work. The Vestry of St. Matthew’s has signed off on the proposal, and once we have heard from our partners, we will begin the process to offer PREP to our wider community.

St. Matthew’s and Christ the King also shared services on Ascension and the Vigil of Pentecost. Each service was well attended, we enjoyed a time of good fellowship after the Vigil.

St. Matthew’s continues to recover from event of last October. The hole caused by the entrance of the van has been rebuilt using the original stone, and it looks better than before. The interior stairs have been rebuilt with new steel supports. We are still waiting for the installation of a new door, new exterior steps, a full cleaning of the organ pipes, and the reinstallation of our priceless Emil Frei company stained glass.

This summer, six members of St. Matthew’s will attend the St. Michael’s Conference. We will also have four members traveling to St. Vincent on mission. So far, we have raised over $5,000 to put a roof on St. John’s Church in Ohio, and $500 for school supplies to take with us. We are partnering with St. John’s Church, Lancaster, Ohio and will meet six members of that parish in St. Vincent.

Fr. David Halt, Rector

NORTHWEST DEANERY

TRINITY CHURCH
Jacksonville, IL

Trinity and St. Luke’s-Springfield had a joint Celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Ascension Day, at 6 p.m. in Jacksonville. Members from both churches participated in the Ministry and Choir. Trinity Church hosted a light supper following the service. Since this was such a successful, rewarding experience, we hope to do something like this again.

Our search for a new rector continues following the retirement of Fr. Ashmore.

Jo Ann Nelson, Secretary

ST. JOHN’S
Decatur

Bishop Martins made his annual visitation on Sunday, February 14. Megan Jordan was Confirmed.

Our Lenten study series began on Wednesday, February 17 following the weekday Eucharist. This year we had five sessions looking at the Book of Common Prayer. Stations of the Cross continued every Friday at 6:00 p.m. through Lent.

On Sunday, March 6 we held our Lenten (Rite I) Evensong. On March 13 we had our bi-monthly Cursillo Ultreya. On the evening of March 20 (Palm Sunday) we came together as a group to watch the live broadcast of “The Passion: Musical from New Orleans. We enjoyed fellowship and snacks while watching the production. During Holy Week we had Tenebrae on Wednesday evening, Maundy Thursday Service and there was a continuous vigil at the Altar of Repose. On Good Friday we had a final Stations of the Cross at 11:30 a.m. with Good Friday services at noon and at 6:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter was celebrated at 9:00 p.m. on Holy Saturday. Sunday Easter Services were well attended. Our Festive Choral Evensong for Easter was held on April 17. From April 18-22, St. John’s volunteers helped cover routes for Meals on Wheels. The Eucumenical Clergy alliance met at St. John’s for their monthly meeting on April 19. We scheduled picture taking for our new Pictorial Directory on April 23 & 24. The Methodist Women’s Bible Study, from First Methodist Church,
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visited St. John's on April 26 to learn about Anglicanism and the Episcopal Church. On April 30 we closed a busy month with an evening of chili and games in the Parish Hall.

St. John's hosted an Organ Recital for Peter K. Miller, a Doctoral Candidate at U of I. On May 4, we had our Ascension Eve Mass in the Nave with the Choir. Afterwards twenty-four of us went to a local restaurant as a group to complete the celebration. On Friday, May 6, several members went to support two of our Millikin students at their Senior Vocal Recitals. On Mother's Day, the children's Sunday School class gave each lady a handmade clay ornament. Each Mother also received a long stemmed white carnation. From May 10-12 we brought St. John's phone system into the 21st Century. On Saturday, May 14, we held our Road Rally Scavenger Hunt. On May 15, we honored five College level graduates at Coffee Fellowship Hour.

(The Rev.) Richard A. Swan, Rector

ST. LUKE'S
Springfield

We have had a busy winter and spring at St. Luke's.

The Bishop's Committee held a retreat day in December, facilitated by Fr. Bruce DeGooyer. We had a very productive day beginning discussion on a variety of items. We are looking forward to a follow-up gathering during which we can begin to flesh out several ideas.

One idea suggested was that we seek to partner with the Christian Student Fellowship at the University of Illinois-Springfield. Several from St. Luke's attended the group's annual fundraiser. Our own Professor Keenan Dungey, who is the faculty advisor/sponsor for the group, received an award in the course of the evening. A need pointed out at the time was provision of refreshments for the group's weekly meetings, as well as snacks for the final exam period. The women of St. Luke's took up the challenge and provided 60 snack bags that were distributed this week to students preparing for exams.

We had a busy Lent, Holy Week and Easter. In addition to a full schedule of services at St. Luke's, Fr. Denney traveled to Jacksonville to celebrate on Maundy Thursday and on Good Friday. The Great Vigil of Easter was celebrated at St. Peter's and Easter Day services were held at St. Paul's. The Sunday School class at St. Paul's completed a study of the Holy Spirit (if in fact you can ever actually complete a study of the Holy Spirit).

Our choir at St. Paul's has one more week before they begin their summer break. We will miss their powerful ministry. Our organ has been repaired and upgraded through the service of Mr. Robert Dial.

John R. Henry, Rector

St. Paul's + St. Peter's
Carlinville, IL & Chesterfield, IL

We have had a busy spring inside and out in the Parish of Macoupin County. St. Peter's has been power washed and St. Paul's was received new coats of paint inside and outside. Attendance figures in both churches are running ahead of last year.

Holy Week services were celebrated in both churches on Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. The Great Vigil of Easter was celebrated at St. Peter's and Easter Day services were held at St. Paul's.

The clergy from both congregations participated in the service, with Fr. Denney celebrating. Trinity provided a meal after the service, so there was good opportunity for fellowship. Resources provided by the Bishop have been used throughout the week, and the opportunity for intentional prayer invoking the Holy Spirit has strengthened all participants.

We are looking forward to the Ordination of David Wells, our Deacon, to the Priesthood (Saturday, May 14). Though held at St. Paul's for space reasons, the service is being largely staffed and prepared for by parishioners from St. Luke's.

We look forward to sending several participants to summer camp.

Shawn W. Denney+, Vicar

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- 02 | Trustees Meeting, Diocesan Center, Springfield (10 a.m.)
- 04 | Bishop w/ St. Mary’s, Robinson
- 05 | Bishop w/ St. John’s, Albion
- 05 | Bishop w/ St. John the Baptist, Mt. Carmel
- 12-17 | St. Michael’s Conference, Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville
- 23-26 | Cursillo Weekend #34, Toddhall, Columbia

#### JULY 2016
- 03-09 | Episcopal Church Camp, East Bay Camp, Hudson

#### AUGUST 2016
- 11 | Finance Department, Diocesan Center, Springfield (10 a.m.)
- 27 | Diocesan Council, Diocesan Center, Springfield (10 a.m.)

#### SEPTEMBER 2016
- 10 | Hale Deanery Meeting, St. James’ Chapel, Marion (4 p.m.)
- 11 | Northern Deanery Meeting, Trinity, Lincoln (2 p.m.)
- 18 | Darrow Deanery Meeting, St. Thomas’, Glen Carbon (2 p.m.)
- 18 | Northeastern Deanery Meeting, Emmanuel Memorial, Champaign (4 p.m.)
- 18 | Northwestern Deanery Meeting, St. Paul’s, Carlinville (2:30 p.m.)
- 25 | Eastern Deanery Meeting, Trinity, Mt. Vernon (2 p.m.)

#### OCTOBER 2016
- 16 | Bishop w/ Episcopal Parish of Alton
- 21-22 | 139th Synod, St. Andrew’s, Edwardsville
- 23 | Bishop w/ St. Andrew’s, Edwardsville
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