



*St. Stephen's Episcopal Church*  
**Newsletter**

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# Day of Discovery 3/11/2018

SUNDAY MARCH 11TH

**10:15 (AFTER CHURCH) until 12:30PM**

There will be only one church service at 9:00 on Sunday

**and Holy Eucharist on Saturday, March 10 at 5 PM**

**THIS IS THE FIRST STEP IN DETERMINING  
OUR PARISH PROFILE TO BE USED IN THE  
SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR!**

Your input is essential to help figure out where we

are and where we wish to go as a parish.



## FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR

Do you ever wonder why we say some of the things we say in an Episcopalian service? For example, what is the Collect of the Day? Isn't "collect" a verb, and why does a particular day need to collect something? And if we're really paying attention, we notice that every Sunday has a different one of these things. What's up with that?

The noun "collect," pronounced with the accent on the first syllable, is the same word as the verb used in the sentence, "I'm going to collect my things and leave now." It comes from Latin and means "gather together." At the beginning of most Episcopal services, it can be hard for some worshipers to quiet down. Others may be praying their own personal prayers. The initial prayer "collects" both the noisy and the quiet people and their prayers, and offers them up to God all collected together – hence the prayer came to be called the collect. As time went on, prayers to end any series of prayers, such as the prayers of the people, were called collects.

Collects have a typical structure. Although books on church liturgy provide detailed descriptions of the structure, I like my liturgy professor's definition best:

- First, let God know you think he's wonderful
- Second, ask God for something important
- Third, remind God how great you think he is

Proper 19 (what's a Proper? Wait until next month!) is a good example:

- O God, because without you we are not able to please you (= you're wonderful, God)
- Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts (= request)
- Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever
- (= aren't you great!)

Collects have been written since the 600s. The collects for Lent all date from around 800, except for the collect on the fourth Sunday in Lent, which was written in 1952! Many congregations write their own prayers of the people with closing collects. Perhaps we could do the same at St Stephen's?

Faithfully,

Julie+

**A NOTE  
FROM THE  
EDITOR:**



**OUR  
NEWSLETTER**

Dear St. Stephen's Parishioners,

It is the hope of the Vestry that the St. Stephen's Newsletter will become an important voice in our church and serve to connect those in our church community and the wider community of the area. We need your contributions to make this happen and invite those interested to send articles, reflections, stories, poems, photos and drawings (as an attachment) to the newsletter editor: [cstocek@gmail.com](mailto:cstocek@gmail.com). We look forward to including contributions from the St. Stephen's community and others in our monthly newsletters.

Sincerely,  
Charlotte H. Stocck  
Editor

**A Message from Carol Dockter, Our Senior Warden:**

An important stepping stone in our search for a new rector is the opportunity for the entire congregation to gather together to share our thoughts and ideas. This event will be held on Sunday March 11th after a 9:00 a.m. service. Rev. Megan Traquair will be the facilitator. I am truly looking forward to this event to learn from all of you the direction you think we should take as we serve Christ, our Church and our Community.

*Search committees are not in the hiring business. They are in the church transformation business. --Loren Mead*

**Eucharistic Ministers Needed**

We are short on Eucharistic Ministers for the Sunday 7:30AM and 10:30AM services. We could also use a few more Lectors for 5PM Saturdays and 7:30AM Sundays. Anyone who would like to join this ministry, please contact Dottie Gutwein at [dotscp4170@gmail.com](mailto:dotscp4170@gmail.com) or 515-0679.

**Announcement**

**Matthew Whitehouse**

**Organ Recital**

at Christ the King  
Episcopal Church  
2800 W. Ina Rd., Tucson, AZ  
Friday March 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Matthew was the Organist  
at St. Stephen's Episcopal  
Church from 2006-2010.



**The Bishop of Arizona Search**

March 1, 2018 - This morning, the diocesan profile and application form were posted to the [diocesan website](#).

**Family**

A poem by Cecilia McKinley, age 9

Families, relatives,  
cousins and friends.

We all need them

but what you need the most  
is support and a Father to give you  
support.

**St. Stephen's Vestry**

Carol Dockter, Rector's Warden  
Bill Brunell, People's Warden  
Lyle Anderson, Treasurer

Peggy Brown, Clerk

**Vestry Members**

Sivey Anderson  
Thomas Bennett  
Gloria Brunell  
Sharon Douglas  
Jill Holsonback  
Valla Miller  
Nancy Rae  
Sherry Simon  
Charlotte Stocck