

St. George's Episcopal Church, Milford

April 8, 2026 EBlast



The Flowers Keep Coming Up

It seems like the weather this year can't decide if it's Winter or Spring. Yet, there is something almost defiant about those early spring flowers. The crocuses and daffodils and hyacinths keep coming regardless of our wild swings in weather. Buried under frozen ground for months, pressed down by the weight of winter's long silence, nevertheless they keep their promise. Pushing up slowly sometimes in fits and starts, first green shoots, then buds then full-blown flowers. Still occasionally pelted by vicious snow, rain and wind, they continue upwards. Nobody told them to be brave, it's like they simply cannot help but rise.

Every spring, creation continues to reenact the resurrection even while we are still processing what happened Easter morning. The Christian tradition has always understood Easter in the context of the natural world. The tomb, after all, was a garden. Mary, weeping in grief, mistakes the risen Christ for a gardener. It is not a random detail. New life is announced by the one who tends the soil.

We too have just spent a season in the ground of sorts, in the wilderness, resting, waiting, preparing for what is to come and now Spring is upon us. What this new season of resurrection means — theologically, personally, communally — may look different for each of us. But the pattern the earth keeps showing us is consistent: what appears to be over is not always finished. What has gone dormant has not necessarily died. The ground holds more than we can see.

Spring invites us to pay attention to our own lives through this lens. Where have we been in winter — in grief, in exhaustion, in seasons of doubt or transition? What has been lying quietly underground, waiting for a shift in the weather? Easter does not demand that we perform joy we don't feel. Instead it asks something subtler: that we remain open to the possibility of new life in unexpected places. That we acknowledge the possibility that God is already bringing us back to life. That we not confuse dormancy with death.

Meanwhile, the flowers will not wait for us to have everything figured out. They follow their own clock, and they will bloom regardless, in their persistent, unbothered way. And maybe that is precisely the point. Resurrection, it turns out, has never required our permission.

See you (next) Sunday,
Rev. Michelle

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday April 12

8:30 am - Morning Prayer Rite I Officiant: Deb Sawyer
In the Church & livestreamed

10:15 am - Morning Prayer Rite II Officiant: Rev Graham
In the church

Tuesday April 14

11:00am - ECW Meeting

1:00pm - LOK Outing to DIA

Wednesday April 15

1:00pm - Crochet for a Cause

6:30pm - Men's Group

Sunday April 19

11:45am - Outdoor Worship Visioning Meeting

Monday April 20

7:00pm - Vestry Meeting

Wednesday April 29

6:30pm - Braver Angels

Scam alert:

Some members are getting texts from an unknown number pretending to be Rev Michelle. Rev. Michelle, Deb or anyone else from the church will never ask you for money, gift cards or personal info by text or email. If anything seems fishy at all please call Rev. Michelle or the person texting you directly using the number in the directory. Scammers are using AI to make these scams more believable and effective. Please stay safe and take care of each other.

ECW Meeting April 14

The April ECW will be at 11:00am on Tuesday April 14. Folks can carpool from the meeting to the DIA event if desired.

April LOK Outing to the DIA

The April LOK outing will be **Tuesday, April 14 at 1:00**. We will be having an hour guided tour at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Men are welcome too. No charge. We plan on lunch after the tour. See Joyce or the Facebook group for carpooling options.

Lenten Mite Box for the Church at Crossroads

If you are giving alms to Crossroads for Lent this year, it is time to return your mite boxes. Please return your alms to the fish in the sanctuary by Sunday April 19. We will bless them in worship that Sunday. PS. Ed and Margaret welcome you to convert your coins into a check or cash before you return them, but will take any offering you give :).

Outdoor Worship Visioning Meeting April 19

Do you have ideas or opinions about how we can improve our outdoor worship experience? Join us after church on April 19 on the front lawn (weather permitting) to see if we can reenvision our outdoor worship space and improve the experience for all our members and guests. Don't worry, we won't be worshipping outdoors until June, but we want to do some planning now. All experiences are welcome.

October LOK Outing

Deb Lesnew needs a count for the Dio dinner theatre show on October 4th. We are seeing the Crucible. We plan on the afternoon show at 12:15. The cost will be around \$50. It can be less depending on the group size. It is non refundable. I need a count by June 15. Please sign-up at church, on the Facebook Group or RSVP to Deb Lesnew.

Ongoing Outreach Activities

Below is a list of things we are currently collecting for our ongoing outreach ministries. Check back often to see what we are up to

Dress and other nice clothing - Grace Centers of Hope Resale Shop - Middle of Hallway - through Feb

Small Toiletries - FedUp - Hallway Closest to Office - Ongoing

Non-perishable food - Community Sharing - Green bin in Narthex - Ongoing

Used Grocery Bags - Crochet for a Cause - Bins outside by plastic box or in back classroom - Ongoing

Ongoing Ministries in Action:

-Braver Angels

Monthly meetings have now been moved to the last Wednesday of the month working on depolarization. All are welcome. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm, skills practice at 7:00, and planning at 7:30, finishing at 8:00 pm. **The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 29th in the fellowship hall. See you then.**

-Coffee Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship April Sign up is posted in the Fellowship Hall. **Please sign up to Host!** We also always need people to set-up & clean-up for Coffee Hour.

-Crochet for a Cause

Making mats for those in need out of plastic grocery bags. 1st 3rd & 5th Wednesdays from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. We have a great time! **Next Meetings are April 15 & 29.**

- Cookie Ministry - Supporting the AA groups that meet at our church

All four weeks of cookie donations each month continue to be covered by the Darcys, Mike Fanfair Sr., Vestry and Linda Gillepsie. Thank you for your ongoing support! Should one of these volunteers need a break, they will let Dot know and she will specifically reach out for additional help, if needed.

-ECW (Episcopal Church Women)

ECW will continue to meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. **The next Meeting is Tuesday April 14 at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.**

St. George's ECW is a small group of women committed to supporting the many activities of this church. All women members of the church are members of ECW and are encouraged to attend the meetings. Do come along and join us.

- Healing Prayer

Provides laying on of hands and anointing for healing after worship at 8:30 & during communion at 10:15 service. The next Healing Prayers will be on **April 19**. Healing Prayer can be offered at all other services by request.

- LOK - Ladies of the Knight

2026 Tentative Schedule. Keeping check throughout the year for updates and more info.

April 14 - Judith Jambor, Joyce Spletzer & Sandy Scott - Tour of DIA - see above

May 16 at 8:00pm - Joyce Spletzer - Farmington Players "Hello Dolly"

June - Laura Frost & Deb Shomoch - Detroit River Cruise

Deb Lesnew & Beck Sheridan - Recycled Rockettes

July 18 - Ann Gatland - Summer Party

Sandy Scott - St Sabba's Orthodox Monastery

August 25-26 - Joyce Spletzer - Stratford Trip - see info above

September - Caroline Liebau - Mariners Church

October 4 - Deb Lesnew - Dio Dinner Theatre - see above for more info

November - Dot Vangel - Ford Rouge Tour

December 5 - Joyce Spletzer - Annual Christmas Party

- Mens' Group

The Men's Group normally meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. All Men are invited to attend. The **next meeting** is on **Wednesday April 15 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall**. Please see Mike F. Sr's upcoming email for more information.

Keeping Your Faith Strong

-Those in Our Prayers

It is time for our periodic review of our prayer list, those who have been on the list for a long time will automatically come off, if you would like someone added back on, please let Rev. Michelle know or add it to the prayer request sheet in the Narthex.

Please pray for our members, community members and friends in search of health, healing, wholeness and solace: *Annie F., Art, Barry, Brett & Megan & Joshua, Carol R., Caroline, Cheryl, Dean R., Denise, Dot V., Eric, Fred K., Helen, Janine C., Jeanne, Jim, Joan B., John E., Judi V., Katie M., Karen S., Kim, Leon, Lisa D., Lisa S., MaryLou, Mary Sue Lutz & Family, Matt, Michael B., Michelle M., Michelle R., Nancy B., Olivia S., Randy H., Rebecca, Rick & Debbie, Rick, the Sera Family, Sharon A., Sue H., Theresa A., Tara* Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers, and to those who seek healing, grant the power of your grace, that the weak may be strengthened, sickness turned to health, the dying made whole, and sorrow turned into joy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.* (Book of Occasional Services pg217)

- Online Daily Office Schedule

Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. Morning Prayer

Fridays, 4 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sundays, 7 p.m. Compline

Do you join our Sunday worship online? A reliable and quick way to find our YouTube services (live or recorded) is from our website's "Watch" page, accessed from the top of the home page by clicking the word "Watch." [Here's a direct link.](#) Want to participate in our Daily Office online? Those are on Facebook. [Here's the link.](#)

The **Daily Office Team** is taking a **Spring Rest and Refreshment break from Friday 3rd April 2026 through Friday 11th April** hence the last Morning Prayer will be delivered on Thursday 2nd April.

There will be no Evening Prayer, Compline or Morning Prayer from Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) through Friday, 10th April 2026 incl.

The **Daily Office will restart on Sunday, 12th April 2026 with Compline at 7pm** when we look forward to worshipping together again. 🐝

-Sermon Blog

Ever hear something in worship and think, I wish I could look at that again or send it to a friend? Well now you can. Now St George's has a Sermon Blog. Weekly sermons and reflections will be posted here from now on. Rev. Michelle's sermons will appear on Sunday morning, Morning Prayer reflections will usually be up within a couple of days. Feel free to share! [St George's Sermon Blog](#)


When to contact the Priest:

Please be in touch. I can only pray, help or connect you with resources if I know what is happening. Examples of when to contact the Priest: Birth, Death, Illness, Hospitalization, Difficulty in the Family, You would like to receive sacraments or a Pastoral visit, You have an idea or ministry you would like to discuss. I am usually in the office Wed and either Tues or Thurs 9:30-3. If you see my car in the

lot, feel free to pop in. If I don't answer the phone make sure to leave a message or send a text and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

How to contact Rev. Michelle: **Phone/Text:** (734) 646-4064 or **Email:** priest@stgmilford.com

-Forward Day by Day Devotions

The May-July Booklets are available now to pick up in the Narthex. Let us know if you need one mailed/delivered to your house. The cost is \$2.00 for each booklet. Please reimburse us as you are able in the donation box nearby. I recommend a read! 

Community Events