



VOICES OF WOMEN

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE OF LONG ISLAND
Summer 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear ECW Sisters

Welcome to Summer!

After 8 weeks of rainy weekends, we are all anxious to bask in warm beach days and balmy evenings.

This summer we are welcoming a visit from Bishop Rose Hudson Wilkin. She will be making the rounds to each of the boroughs, worshipping and speaking with us. An immigrant from Jamaica to the United Kingdom who rose to the position of Chaplain to Parliament, Bishop Rose has ties to the Diocese of Long Island and the Diocese of New York. Her itinerary will be circulated shortly and I hope you can make one time to attend one of her events.

This is the season of festivals and celebrations; graduations, confirmations, ordinations, strawberry festivals, ice cream socials, barbecues. Take this opportunity to meet and greet someone in your parish and invite them to one of these celebrations. It's a great way to introduce newcomers and those who are not active in parish life to the wonderful world of ECW.

Although many chapters take the summer off, it's an excellent time to recruit new members in time for the fall. Jumpstart your chapter with a membership drive or an introductory tea. It's a great time to meet and greet someone.

Have a great summer!

Debbie Richberg
Diocesan ECW President
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DIOCESAN SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations Ladies!

It is with great pleasure that the ECW Diocesan Board announces the winners of our annual scholarship grants.

The winners are:

Clarrissa Cox of St. Augustine's Brooklyn

She has been accepted by Medgar Evers College and wants to pursue a career in Psychology.

Olivia Farrell of Grace Church, Whitestone

She has been accepted by UNC, Chapel Hill and will pursue a career in Political Science.

Elisha Walker of Church of the Transfiguration, Freeport

She has been accepted by Farmingdale State College and plans to pursue a career in Nursing.

Olivia Colquhoun of Church of the Massiah, Central Islip

She is now a student at Howard University and is pursuing a career as a Forensic Psychiatrist/Neurologist.

Alexandria Goodman of St. David's, Cambria Hts.

She has been accepted by Brown University and plans to pursue a career in Neuroscience focusing on sleep studies.

All of the applicants were equally qualified for the scholarships having served both church and community.



Diocesan Scholarship Committee

Women's History Month – March 2025

St. David's Church
Cambria Heights, Queens



Left to right: Phyllis Taylor, Shirley Anderson, Lily Evering-Campbell, Iris Campbell, June Allison-Grey, Raqiyah Dixon, Josephine Hall & Yvonne Hall.

Absent : Dr. Betty Carrington and Ms. Myrna Corby

In Back: Rev. Canon Karen Davis-Lawson - Rector

There is a story to tell about these **10** phenomenal women who were honored by the Sunday School children on Rose Sunday – March 30, 2025. Their relentless service to St. David's Church over the years, started many years ago when St. David's was born, as a spinoff from St. Joseph's, in Queens Village. From the first Acolyte, the first teller, to the longest choir member.

I think our young ones learned a valuable lesson

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in various forms” – 1 Peter 4:10



Keisha and her proud Mom.

Pictured above is Alexandria Goodman as she received her Diocesan Scholarship Award.

Left: Meagan Cuffy-Netty (VP St. David's ECW), Phyllis Fibleuil (Queens ECW President), Alexandria, Keisha (mom), Valerie Philpotts (Treasurer St. David's ECW), and Irene Blackburn (Chaplain ECW), Mother Karen Davis- Rector (in back)

Submitted by
Vernese Smith

ECW OF BROOKLYN

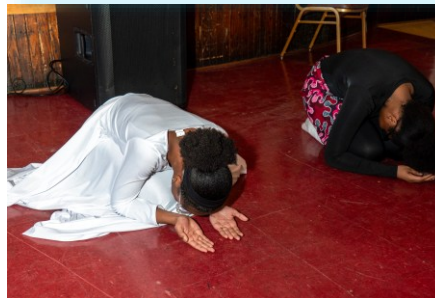
The ECW at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Brooklyn celebrated Mother's Day in great style. The parishioners enjoyed the fellowship with one another, the delicious food and an afternoon of jokes and dancing.



What an enjoyable time for all!



Entertained by the Liturgical Dancers



ECW OF BROOKLYN Cont'd*Pictures by Shyanne Spencer*

Submitted by
Cyralene Bishop

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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. What relationship was Ruth to Naomi?
2. Which Old Testament character showed his faith by being willing to offer his son on an altar to God?
3. What was inscribed above Jesus' cross?
4. What happened to Jonah after he was thrown over-board?
5. Which book of the Bible records many of the hymns David wrote?
6. What happened to Jesus forty days after his resurrection?
7. What animals did Jesus cause to run into the sea and drown?
8. What is the only sin that cannot be forgiven?
9. What was the name of Moses' brother?
10. "The Lord is my Shepherd," is the opening line to which Psalm?
11. What was David's occupation before he became king?
12. Whose prayer resulted in his being thrown into a den of lions?

Submitted by
Vernese Smith

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ECW OF QUEENS



The Episcopal Church of St. Alban the Martyr in St. Alban's, Queens, has been recognized for its outstanding service to the St. John's ICARE Foundation in a recent article by The Wave.

"We truly appreciate Rev. Keith A. Voets and the entire congregation at The Episcopal Church of St. Alban the Martyr," said Nancy Leghart, Executive Director of the St. John's ICARE Foundation. "They are strong proponents of the St. John's Episcopal Hospital Auxiliary, along with many other congregations in Queens and Long Island, and we wouldn't be successful without them. Their support is invaluable, and we are eternally grateful."

Submitted by
Sharon Tucker



SEAMENS'S CHURCH INSTITUTE (SCI)



The members of the Knittin' Gang, Karein Reed, left, Lisa Kaplan, Angela Hodges, Marlene Tapley, Pam Dye, and Corinne Smolizza, took part in a 12-hour knit-a-thon on April 5.

The 12-hour knit-a-thon raises money and awareness for food insecurity. The money raised from donations made during the event are split equally and donated to Feeding America, World Central Kitchen, No Kid Hungry and Meals on Wheels. During the knit-a-thon, members of the Knittin' Gang crafted hats, scarves, blankets, and more. Products they create are donated to babies in the NICU and nursing homes, but creations from Lakeview's knit-a-thon are going to the Seamen's Church Institute's "Christmas at Sea" program, which provides handmade gifts to mariners during the holidays.

Angie Morris
SCI Liaison

ECW OF SUFFOLK**HAIL TO THE GRADUATES!**

On June 8, 2025, Church of The Messiah's ECW and Scholarship Committee members held a special service and congratulatory celebration for our graduates and the 2025 ECW Scholarship Recipient, Olivia Colquhoun,.

Graduating were: - Ejiofo Oji (Associate's Degree), Ritchelle Exavier (Bachelor's Degree), Zora Garcia (Bachelor's Degree), Zaynah Garcia (Bachelor's Degree).

We also thank Deborah Richberg, Episcopal Diocese of Long Island ECW President, for joining our celebration.



**Olivia Colquhoun – Howard University Junior
ECW Scholarship Recipient**

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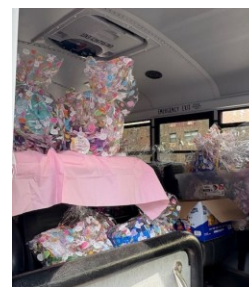
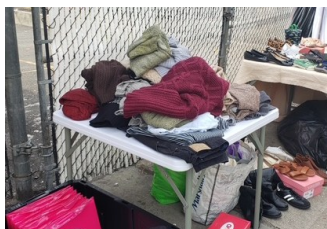
Sandra Townsend
President

Neighbors Being Neighbors received a Trust Grant 2024

All monies were used to serve the community. On Holy Saturday, 146 Breakfasts and 100 Easter Baskets were served at Jackson Street, Hempstead.



Green shirt = Deacon Denise Galloway
Blue shirt – coffee = Christine (Chris) Scott
Neighbors Being Neighbors



Pictures by **Christine Scott**
Neighbors Being Neighbors

Submitted by
Sheryl Edwards
Finance Chair



Answers to Bible Trivia

1. Daughter-in-law (Ruth 1:4)
2. Abraham (James 2:21-22)
3. "INRI", meaning "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." (Mark 15:26)
4. He was swallowed by a great fish (Jonah 1:17)
5. Psalms (Psalms 1:1-150:6)
6. He ascended into Heaven (Acts 1:3-11)
7. Pigs (Matthew 8:32)
8. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (Mark 3:29)
9. Aaron (Exodus 7:1)
10. Psalm 23 (Psalms 23:1)
11. Shepherd (1 Samuel 17:15)
12. Daniel (Daniel 6:7)



Team Barbara and Vernese

This newsletter will be published once every quarter for distribution in the months of April, July, October, and January. We welcome any questions regarding the role of the Episcopal Church Women in the Church. In order to research and answer your questions in a timely manner, questions must be received by the **15th day** of the month after publications. We will certainly do our best to address all questions received. You may also send us suggestions on things you would like to see or comments on the helpfulness of this newsletter. We certainly hope you have enjoyed reading the newsletter, and may God bless you as you continue your ministry in the world.

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