



# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

AUGUST 24, 2025

### WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

Connection Card in the pew rack so that we might connect with you further. More information about our parish is available online at [www.stmaryofthehills.org](http://www.stmaryofthehills.org). Members of our Vestry (*elected lay leadership*) are identified by name tags with yellow lanyards. Seek them out for details about our congregation's life and ministry.

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Labor Day - Office Closed** – The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 1, in observance of the Labor Day holiday, and will re-open on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:00AM.

**Celebrating our Ushers** – Calling all current and future church ushers! A Celebration of Ushers takes place today, Sunday, August 31st following the 10:10 Eucharist. If greeting and hospitality are your superpower- please consider joining us for a light lunch and brief presentation.

**A Weekend with Westminster Abbey** – Canon Theologian of Westminster Abbey, the Rev. Canon Dr. James Hawkey, and Mr. Martin Castledine, Dean's Verger at Westminster Abbey, will be joining us for worship and special programming September 6-8.

- The Ministry of a Verger with Mr. Martin Castledine - Saturday, September 6, 10:00AM, Parish Hall
- The Anglican Communion: What is it and Why it Matters - Sunday, September 7, 9:00AM, Parish Hall
- The Rev'd Canon Dr. Hawkey to preach -Sunday, September 7, 10:10AM, Church
- An Evening With Westminster Abbey Monday, September 8, 6:00PM, Blowing Rock Conference Center

At the Blowing Rock Conference Center on Monday evening September 8 at 6:00PM our distinguished guests will share about their unique experiences as clergy and staff in a royal peculiar and in one of the world's most highly recognized houses of Christian worship. In conjunction with the Abbey's Press Office, our speakers have prepared a special multimedia presentation to share. Royal watchers, history buffs, and fans of architecture won't want to miss this unique opportunity to learn more about Westminster Abbey.

**Christian Formation** – Regular Sunday morning Christian Formation offerings return next Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Join the Rev'd Canon Dr. James Hawkey, Canon Theologian at Westminster Abbey for a conversation about the Worldwide Anglican Communion in the Parish Hall at 9:00AM. Upstairs, in the newly redesigned St. John Room, a new study for youth in grades 5-12 begins.

**Worship During the Week** – Morning Prayer is offered each weekday morning at 8:30AM; this service lasts 15-20 minutes and includes readings from scripture and prayers. Holy Eucharist is also offered each Wednesday at 12:00PM.

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

**For the Church:** Sean our Presiding Bishop, José our Bishop, Andrew, Sam and Gary our clergy, for our Vestry and staff, and for all the people of this parish

**In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week:**

8/31 Jon & Bryan Commander  
9/1 Dayne and Lindsey Cook, Mack  
9/2 Chris Cooley & Brendan Housler  
9/3 Jim & Sue Corcoran  
9/4 Mike Coston  
9/5 Lynn Coulthard  
9/6 Bill & Owene Courtney

**For our nation and those in positions of public trust:** Donald, our President, Josh, our Governor, all those who hold elected office

**For all who suffer from war throughout the world** and especially for the people of Ukraine and Russia, the Korean peninsula, Yemen, Ethiopia, the Sudan, Israel and Gaza.

**For all affected by natural disaster throughout the world.**

**For healing:** Luba; Mike & Sarah; Dale; Bill & Jorgann Rogers; Jeff Hedden; Christine; Ann Greene; Bob Barham; Clare; Kaye; Kay McCloskey; Evie; Susan; Lynn Turnbow; Leigh; Pat B.; Myra; Susie Brown Wright; Darlene; Lucy; Chris M.; Mary M.; Renada; Will; Sandi; Renee; Wanda; Margaret; Van; Carolyn; Betty; Nioucha; Larry; Garris Haynes; John V.; Barbara; Krystal H., Robert, Jan, Kerry, Todd

*\*\*\*Please note that the names on this list will remain for four weeks,  
unless the office is notified that the person(s) needs to remain on the list for a longer period of time.\*\*\**

**For those who have died:** Polly, Al, James, Tim, Archie, Belinda

**For those with other concerns:** Richard, Liv; David & Aarti; Josh; Corinne; Raquel, Savannah and Delilah; Lamar

**For those traveling this week:** Helene, The Hayes Family, William Sudderth

**For safe pregnancy and delivery:** Caitlyn, Katherine, Kelley, Anna, Hanna, Lauren, Jennifer, Corinne, Amy, Dani

**For those celebrating a birthday:**

8/31 Robert Wright  
9/1 Lee Rocamora; Josh Van Dyke; Hayden Van Dyke  
9/2 Diana Doswell  
9/3 Oliver Sudderth  
9/4 Tina Barrett  
9/5 Toby Cone

**For those celebrating an anniversary:**

9/2 Doug & Mary Galke; Pete & Sally Page  
9/6 Paul & Loy McGill