

## Cluster Calendar of Events February—April, 2009

### February

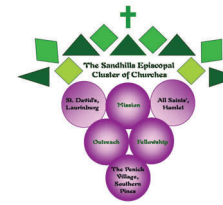
16	Cluster Exec. Council	7 pm	Penick
23	All Saints' Vestry	5 pm	Parish Hall
24	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	5 pm	Both Churches
25	All Saints' Ash Wednesday	5 pm	All Saints'
25	St. David's Ash Wednesday	7 pm	St. David's

### March

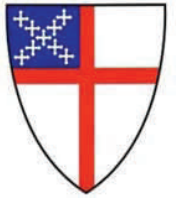
4	All Saints' Healing Service	12:15 pm	All Saints'
4	Lenten Series	6 pm	St. David's
8	<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>		
11	All Saints' Healing Service	12:15 pm	All Saints'
11	Lenten Series	6 pm	All Saints'
12	St. David's Vestry	6:30 pm	Christian Ed
16	Cluster Council Meeting	7 pm	Penick
17	<i>St. Patrick's Day</i>		
18	All Saints' Healing Service	12:15 pm	All Saints'
18	Lenten Series	6 pm	St. David's
20	<i>Beginning of Spring</i>		
23	All Saints' Vestry	5 pm	Parish Hall
25	All Saints' Healing Service	12:15 pm	All Saints'
25	Lenten Series	6 pm	All Saints'
29	Cluster Evensong	4 pm	Penick

### April

1	All Saints' Healing Service	12:15 pm	All Saints'
1	Lenten Series	6 pm	St. David's
4	Lenten Quiet Day with Bishop Gregg	all day	St. David's
5	Palm Sunday	8:45 am	All Saints'
5	Palm Sunday	11:00 am	St. David's
9	<i>Passover</i>		
9	Maundy Thursday	5 pm	All Saints'
11	Cluster Easter Vigil	7 pm	St. David's
12	Easter Sunday service	9 am	All Saints'
12	Easter Sunday service	11 am	St. David's



*The Cluster Grapevine*  
February 16—March 15, 2009



*Begins Ash Wednesday,*  
*February 25, 2009*

## Lenten Thoughts

Embrace each day with joy  
Give thanks for gift of life;  
Living in borrowed time  
In simple joy, delight.

Beauty is everywhere  
If we but dare to look  
Within ourselves, others  
Or sound of nature's brook.

Blooming flowers, bird's songs  
In warmth of sun-filled day,  
Kind words and warm smile  
Laughter in children's play.

We are all sojourners  
And life is but fleeting,  
Long after we are gone  
Bad or good deeds remain.

For we are truly dust  
To dust we shall return,  
Power, riches, and fame  
We leave after sojourn.

So resurrected Lord  
In Your divine wisdom,  
Guide us simple mortals  
Right path to Your kingdom.

by [Victor P. Gendrano](#)

## Anti-Racism Workshop

*Nancy Neal*

<sup>28</sup>*There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.* <sup>29</sup>*If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.* —Galatians 3:28-36

*Report on the Diocesan Anti-Racism Program  
at St. David's, November 7, 2008  
by Nancy Neal*

The workshop opened with a call to worship from the Episcopal Manual for Anti-Racism Committee Training, followed by individual prayers from the Anti-Racism Executive Committee. There were 32 people in attendance, including the four facilitators, who led the small group work following the prayers. The small groups help identify misconceptions and led to direct confrontations in groups of two. There is where most of the long-needed healing occurred.

I left feeling uplifted and hopeful. Relationships, after all, are changing every day. Here is one of the prayers we used:

*God, creator of a multi-colored world and people, we are here because we want to learn more about the sinful combination of prejudice and power that produces racism. We are uneasy.*

*We know the stirrings of prejudice and fear within ourselves; we know the desire to protect what we have by keeping different people at the margins of our society. Help us to be honest about our experience, honest about our own feelings and fears. Help us begin the work of recognizing racism, repenting and reconciling with each other that we might stand with persons demanding justice.*

*We pray in the name of Jesus, whose mission was changed by an encounter with a foreign woman. She was outside his ethnic group and his religion. She had no claim on his energy or talents, yet with her wit and determination she broke through the boundaries of Jesus' mission to his own Jewish people and opened up the possibility of salvation for us.*

*Amen*

Sample Prayer from: "Racism and Roots." From Exploring Racism c 10189, The United Church of Canada, Division of Mission in Canada, Toronto, Canada, p. 19.

our vision is gradually emerging in different forms and becoming a living spirit upon the campus. Lively examples are oyster roasts, crepe suzettes, stir fry stations, Happy Hours, monthly cooked-to-order sunrise breakfasts for the nursing residents, walking clubs, Tai Chi, yoga classes, Bible studies, dinners out, adult continuing education classes, volunteer opportunities, Café La Penick and Wii gaming tournaments to name a few. No detail is too small. We liked our new license plate for our bus which states "PV CRUZN" so much that we now have this on all our courtesy cars on campus too, more proof that we are moving away from institutional and into real life.

Our transformation continues with the exciting Penick Woodlands campus expansion well underway. This new development will feature 10 new cottages constructed on the northeastern section of our campus. Future plans include an additional apartment building with 72 apartments and a Village House that will centralize our campus and provide all the amenities necessary in a retirement community of today and tomorrow. The neighborhood is beginning to flourish, with five cottages built and a sixth one under construction. The new residents are a welcome addition to the Penick Village Family. We've also accepted 27 deposits for the new Penick Woodlands apartment building too.

As the Penick Village ministry grows, we always remember our roots and Bishop Penick's vision; that no one be turned out for lack of resources. This year, Penick Village will provide approximately \$1,015,000 in Benevolent Assistance to care for residents whose resources are exhausted. Soon we hope to replace our assisted living and nursing home with four Garden Cottages, a small-home model of elder care that creates an environment that is less institutional and more considerate of each person's emotional and physiological needs. Construction on our first Garden Cottage for assisted living is anticipated to begin this winter and fund raising for the other three is currently underway with the help of our Capital Campaign.

*Cluster News from Jeanne Morse*

The next Cluster Evensong is scheduled for Sunday, March 29 at 4:00 p.m. at Penick Village. The choir usually starts rehearsing at 2:30. If you want to sing, but don't have time for weekly choir rehearsals, this is your chance! We always have an appreciative congregation.

The cluster will be having another "Stop Hunger Now" meal packaging event later this year. We don't yet have a date for the event. There will be more information in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

Lent starts February 25. There will be an Ash Wednesday service at St. David's at 5:00 p.m. The Lenten series will alternate between All Saints' and St. David's according to this schedule.

March 4	6:00 p.m. St. David's
March 11	6:00 p.m. All Saints'
March 18	6:00 p.m. St. David's
March 25	6:00 p.m. All Saints'
April 1	6:00 p.m. St. David's

*FIFTEEN BY THE 15th!*

*Hudson Taylor, missionary to China, once said, "God's work, done in God's way, will not lack God's supply." I am pleased to share that several of you have already acted to support my new ministry in Rwanda! In fact, including pledges, I am halfway towards my goal of raising \$50,000! I am grateful to you. God willing, I hope to raise an additional \$15,000 by March 15th.*

*I ask you to please help me make "FIFTEEN BY THE 15th!" Several of you have shared that you plan to make a contribution or that you plan to give on a monthly basis, but I have not yet heard back from you. And some of you – in the midst of the Christmas hustle and bustle - may simply have forgotten about supporting "The Fig Tree," which is my new work on behalf of the poor in Rwanda. I ask you to prayerfully consider making a donation on behalf of this ministry.*

*If you would like more information, please write or call, and I will be happy to send you a newsletter about "The Fig Tree". And if you have already decided to partner with me in this ministry, please write checks to the "National Christian Foundation" and designate them "For Martha Vetter, #11448." Please send your checks to Mrs. John Windsor, 527 Tiffany Drive, Hastings, MN 55033, and she will forward them to the NCF office near Atlanta, GA. Thank you!*

*Love, Martha (828-773-5352).*

ALL SAINTS' HAPPENINGS  
*Gary S. Ballard and B.J. Lowry*

This month, All Saints' dedicated its newly renovated kitchen. Plans are underway for church suppers, community outreach, and brainstorming for creative uses of this beautifully refurbished facility.

Two new Vestry members, Ann Martin and Ralph Stamey, have been installed. Our delegates to Convention, Ann Martin and Sharon Davis, have also been installed.

Special services for Lent and Holy Week have been planned.

Later in the spring we are looking forward to seeing our latest project, the Memorial Garden, come to fruition.

We are enjoying our newly and fully renovated kitchen and we finally learned to operate all our new appliances.

We have had two baptisms and look forward to the wedding of Catherine Jenkins and Ricky Shelley on May 30<sup>th</sup> and all the showering of gifts and of love for the bride to be.

All Saints' ECW has been busy doing monthly dinners for the congregation and guests and will be planning our spring yard and plant sale.

Our Garden Committee met with a representative of North Carolina Small Town Main Street Program to help us with a design for the memorial garden.

We are soon to have the Nave freshly painted and hopefully two new stained glass windows will be installed before Easter.

Lastly we at All Saints' lost one of our beloved saints, Mildred Cooper, who was the past President of ECW and a very active member of All Saints.'

Yes, we have been very busy at All Saints.'

**PENICK VILLAGE**

**2009 Penick Village 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show & Sale**

Penick Village is having its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show & Sale the weekend of February 28 through March 1, 2009. Proceeds will benefit the Penick Village Benevolent Assistance Fund to provide assistance to residents in financial need to continue to live at Penick Village. All are invited!

**Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Preview Party to the Art Show & Sale at Penick Village**

Located in the North Building at Penick Village, Southern Pines from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$45 per person and includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction providing all those present with the opportunity to have first view and purchase the artwork prior to general admission of the public. Admission to the event may be purchased online by visiting [www.penickvillagefoundation.org](http://www.penickvillagefoundation.org).

**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Art Show & Sale at Penick Village**

Located in the North Building at Penick Village, Southern Pines on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from noon to 3:00 p.m. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. The show will feature artwork from a variety of talented area artists for purchase.

*For more information, or to purchase admission to the Preview Party, visit us at [www.penickvillagefoundation.org](http://www.penickvillagefoundation.org) or contact the Penick Village Development Office at (910) 692-0381.*

**On the Road to Deinstitutionalization**

Penick Village continues to work diligently on its vision of having an uncompromising commitment to deinstitutionalizing the aging experience. This vision is of great importance to our organization and influences each and every decision that is made. Our vision not only includes our residents, their families, and our co-workers, it also encompasses all elders in our community. This vision has begun with the enhancement of our services to the wonderful people who live at Penick Village. By implementing a relationship-based service model we are better able to support them in living their lives to the fullest. As a result,