



***BISHOP AHRENS TO VISIT ON
SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018***

As you know, we are a part of *the Episcopal Church*. The word “Episcopal” means ruled by Bishops. In Connecticut, we now have two Bishops, the Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, our Bishop Diocesan, and the Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens, our Bishop Suffragan.

As a part of their ministry, the Bishops visit each parish in the Diocese about once every two years. The purpose of the visit is to “catch up” on what is happening in the Parish, to bring news of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT), and to Confirm, Receive, and Baptize.

We are very pleased that our former Rector, Bp. Ahrens, will be with us on Sunday, March 11. At the least she will be at the 10 AM Service. It is her prerogative to attend the 8 AM Service, but she always has! (We’ll let you know via the Sunday bulletin and ePistles if she will attend both.)

CONFIRMATION is the reaffirmation of your Baptismal Vows as an adult with the inclusion of the laying on of hands by a Bishop. This year we have no young people being Confirmed. There will be at least one adult Confirmation, however.

If you have never been Confirmed by a Bishop, this is your opportunity to do so. Please speak with the Rector as soon as possible to discuss education which will include the Bible Study on Monday evenings led by Deacon Carolyn.

RECEPTION is for those who have been Confirmed by a Bishop in another denomination and want to “officially” become Episcopalians. Again, it involves the laying on of hands by a bishop. The education for Reception is the same as Confirmation. Again, please speak with the Rector as soon as possible.