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FROM THE RECTOR

FROM THE RECTOR: NOW WHAT?

Many of you know that I recently concluded serving as a grand juror in York County. This means that I spent a few days each month from January to April hearing cases and deciding whether or not there was “probable cause” to bring an indictment. As I learned, the grand jury acts as a check on the office of the District Attorney, to ensure that felony charges can’t be brought without evidence. Making these decisions alongside 19 other grand jurors was an eye-opening experience. Many of the cases we heard were related to the opioid epidemic; it was a stark reminder that these national issues are by no means only “out there;” they touch our lives and communities far more often than I’d thought. Serving on a grand jury reminded me that any judicial system cannot divide the world neatly into good and evil. The stories we heard were just tiny snippets of what was likely some of the worst moments of people’s lives: we didn’t and indeed couldn’t hear their whole story. This was important to remember, as a check against the very human tendency to pass judgement on others. At the same time, we had to respond to the evidence in front of us and fulfill our own responsibility.

All of this underscores the question I asked on the second Sunday of Easter: Jesus is risen, now what? That is, how does our faith affect how we live wherever we are, whether in a jury room or a boardroom? How do we balance the boundless love of God with the needs of an ordered and civil society? How does God’s justice get carried out through or in spite of human systems of justice? I’m not at all sure that these have one-size-fits-all answers. But wherever we find ourselves, we are faced with the question of how our faith in a crucified and risen Savior shapes our actions. This is why we gather, why we pray, why we live as a community of faith: to find the way forward, to encourage one another, to hold one another accountable. Jesus’ Resurrection changes the world: the Church’s purpose is to help us live that out. Ever grateful for the many ways we are being the Church, I am

Your brother in Christ,

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A NOTE FROM VESTRY

We met in February at our retreat and have had monthly meetings in March and April. Each time we have concluded our business, I leave St. David's with two strong feelings for which I am truly thankful. This group of people comes together joyfully to work and pray for the good of the church. Each member is dedicated to the job of being stewards of our parish and is part of meaningful discussion to understand what the mission of St. David's is and where we are headed as a parish of love, faith and service to each other and our neighbor.

As you may have read or heard about in March, the Vestry is hard at work to utilize the information given to us by you through the Stewardship program last Fall. With our current mission and ministries as our guide through the discussion, we have determined that there are three major initiatives to focus on for 2018. The first is the idea of a third service at St. David's. As we have conveyed earlier, this thought process has brought about more questions than answers. Thus we are left with how to begin this journey. The second initiative is Christian formation. This has been on our agenda in the past year. And now we are ready to seriously study the needs of our parish in this important area. The third initiative is welcoming. Again, we are faced with many different facets of telling our story to newcomers and welcoming all to our place of worship and faith community.

In the March meeting, we realized that these topics for discussion and formulation of plans could not happen in a timely manner when only on our monthly meeting agenda. Therefore, we have set up three separate working groups to meet separately from the Vestry to work on the initiatives and to make some real progress this year. The members of the third service work group are Gail Freeman, John Dulude, and Chris MacClinchy. Members of the Christian formation work group are Gail Chandler, Michelle Keniston, and Kate Keene. Members of the "welcoming" work group are Tom

Macisso, Jack Wilde, Deb Howard, and Ellen Tacy. These folks are just beginning to get organized and putting together a plan to move forward. Each group has looked at the data from the stewardship visits and has some of their own ideas to begin.

However, they and the rest of the Vestry as well, are looking for more information and ideas from our parishioners. Please consider joining in on the conversations that will move St. David's forward in these areas. We welcome anyone who would like to join the working groups. Or maybe you would like to share your thoughts with us in the form of a conversation with any one of us. If this is something that you are interested in, please contact the office and we will connect with you at your convenience.

Another area that is being given serious attention is the formulation of a Safety Plan for St. David's. In light of the times that we are now living, it is important to look at the safety of everyone while they are in our church. And we also need to formalize directions for all to follow in time of other emergencies such as personal health issues or in case of fire. Another committee has been formed and is already gathering important safety information from local emergency responders in our community.

Of course, this is not all that is on our agenda for the year. We have the routine, monthly business to review of which the church finances are first and foremost. Our new Treasurer, Craig MacDonald, has our business well in hand. March news from Craig included new ceiling fans that have been installed and new benches that have been put in the Celebration Garden.

Our Building and Grounds liaison, Jack Wilde, gave us an update on the latest activities of the Building & Grounds Committee. The ceiling is being painted in the Great Hall, there are plans being formulated to remove dangerous trees from

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the traffic circle in the front of the church and the latest plans to continue to repair our roadways and parking lots. Father Andrew gives us his latest news and activities for the church as well as what is happening in our greater community and how he is participating. Kris and Gail also give us news of their outreach work since the last time we met. And we hear from various established committees of the church to be kept up to date on their ongoing ministries.

The last item that is on our radar right now is the need for new leadership for:

1. the Harvest Fair
2. Christmas pageant

We are focusing on finding people among us who could give their gift of expertise in these well-loved activities of St. David's.

St. David's is blessed to have all of you, willing to give your time, talent and treasure to keep our faith community vibrant for all of us. Your Vestry recognizes everyone and what you are for our parish. We will remain faithful to you and continue to do all that is possible for our church so we can - -

Serve all God's children with the love, strength and wisdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faithfully,
Ellen Tacy, Warden

Have you made provisions for St. David's in your Will?

Spring is a time of renewal and appreciation for the many gifts which with we have been blessed.

Over the years, we have been grateful for the generosity of many parishioners who have made gifts to St. David's as part of their estate planning efforts. Planned giving is an expression of the wise use of the resources God has entrusted to us.

Your ongoing participation in our stewardship ministry helps to support our worship space, our spiritual leadership and our outreach activities. Planned giving provides us with the additional opportunity to extend our life of faith and support in ways that help sustain St. David's when our life ends.

If you haven't considered St. David's in your estate planning considerations, please consider how you might do so. More information is available on our website and through the Episcopal Diocese. You can also reach out to the church office for more information.



SIGN-UP SUNDAY - MAY 20, 2018

GREETERS

You're outgoing, love people and would make a wonderful greeter!

Please consider volunteering on Sundays to serve as a greeter at either the 8:00am or the 10:30 am services.

You'll need to get to church about 20 minutes before the service begins.

VALET PARKING ATTENDANTS

You love cars and have always dreamed of being a parking lot jockey!

Use your talents to serve as a valet parker for those in our parish who need to have ready access to our church entrance.

Plan to arrive at church about 20 minutes before either the 8:00am or 10:30am services and plan to stay about 20 minutes after each service or until coffee service is finished. Please note that you must be a licensed driver and at least 18 years old!

USHERS

If you've always wanted to 'pass the plate' and provide other helpful deeds during the service, considering volunteering as an usher. Very little training required!

COUNTERS

You love numbers and always dreamed of being an accountant. Seriously, we need counters at the end of each service to tally and record our offerings. There is some training involved and process takes up to 2 hours after the 10:30 service.

COFFEE HOSTS

If you love coffee and sweets, hosting coffee hour is made for you. You'll use your culinary skills to bake a few sweets and/or arrange some fruits in advance, then bring them to the church. You'll brew the coffee, set up the serving table and voila, people will line up after the service to enjoy your hospitality. You'll need to arrive about 15 minutes before each service and spend about 10 minutes tidying up after coffee is finished. Clear instructions are provided to help make the whole process a walk in the park.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

St. David's Building & Grounds is kicking off a Spring Fundraiser!! The money will be used for our outside projects such as paving repairs and sealing the parking lot. This will be a three year project. Other repairs include leveling the sidewalks, removing the 11 trees from the center circle in front of the Church, grinding the stumps and bringing it up to grade, installing a utility sink in the basement, painting more window trim on the outside of the building and removal of the tree branches that were damaged during the winter.

Our goal is to raise \$12,000, which will supplement our regular budget and enable us to complete these important projects. All donations are gratefully appreciated. Please make checks payable to St. David's, and note "Building and Grounds" in the memo line.

Thank you very much for your help!

Fred Madore, Building & Grounds

OUTREACH NEWS

HANDS ACROSS THE COMMUNITY

St. David's is well on its way to breaking last year's record food contribution to St. Martha's Pantry in Kennebunk. In the first 3 months of 2018, we collected the equivalent of 6,062 pounds of food! Thanks to everyone who regularly brings in food and donates money. It all adds up!

Do you know how your food donations get to St. Martha's? Susan and Walt Goettlich are the essential link for this important ministry; they pick up the donated groceries every week and bring them to St. Martha's. Thank you Goettlichs!

LAUNDRY LOVE BOOMS IN BIDDEFORD!

It's official! Opening Night was April 17 at Booms Laundry in Biddeford, a bright, clean space on Elm St, which welcomed a team of 14 enthusiastic volunteers from St. David's and Seeds of Hope. During the event which lasted over 3 hours, volunteers offered free loads of laundry to 18 guests, some of whom knew about Laundry Love beforehand, and others who just happened to be doing their laundry at Booms and were happy to be included. Our next Laundry Love night will be on Tuesday May 15 when we anticipate helping even more guests. New volunteers are always welcome. Please sign up at the Outreach table in the Great Hall.

COMMUNITY SOUP LUNCH:

A NOTE OF THANKS AND A LOOK AHEAD

On Tuesday April 24, St. David's held its sixth monthly soup lunch! Thanks go out to each and all who helped launch this new ministry in our community: Jim Andrews, Donna Bacon, Barbara Bowen, Karen Caprio, Dick Clinton, Sue Cryer, Gail Freeman, Karen and Bill Gagnon, Lee Hardgrove, Deb Howard, Priscilla Madore, Gale Mazzei, Mark Monson Alley, Betsy Mihan, Diane Pagano, Suzanne Robinson, Andy Tomlinson, Rick Wells, Cathy Zub and many others who stopped by to share a meal with our neighbors.

Since our first lunch in November, there was an unwavering commitment that carried us through snow and ice storms, and a couple of lunches when we fed more helpers than guests. But the vision prevailed and six months later, together we served up another comforting free meal with lots of friendly conversation and good will to over 40 diners.

Our sixth community lunch was held on a bright spring day in Kennebunk with welcoming warmth both outside and within the Great Hall. As we approach the summer months we'll be changing our menu accordingly, and we invite new helpers to fill in during the tourist season. Be part of the team by cooking, baking or serving or just come for lunch! You'll find a sign-up sheet on the Outreach Table in the Great Hall.

BIDDEFORD FIRE RELIEF

In response to the tragic fire in Biddeford this month, which claimed one life and left 37 homeless, St. David's Outreach Committee contributed \$400 to a special Victims' Fund. In addition, parishioners donated \$400 in Hannaford food cards. The City Clerk's Office of Biddeford expressed its gratitude for our generous monetary support which enabled the city to provide victims with immediate relief.

SPECIAL DATES

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jim Thompson
- 5 Gordon Kershaw
- 6 Earle Patterson
- 7 Deanna Gamache
- 7 Hannah Eastman
- 8 Robert Gunter
- 9 Peter Fuller
- 9 RJ Keene
- 9 Hunter McDonnell
- 9 Joan Baldwin
- 10 Hurst Burnett
- 12 Ed Bellegarde
- 13 Carolyn Kershaw
- 17 Nancy Hopkins
- 17 Ed Baker
- 22 Andrew D'Angio White
- 23 Lorae Boisvert
- 23 David Banks
- 24 John Keniston
- 24 Wayne Adams
- 27 Olivia Milley
- 28 Fred Madore

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

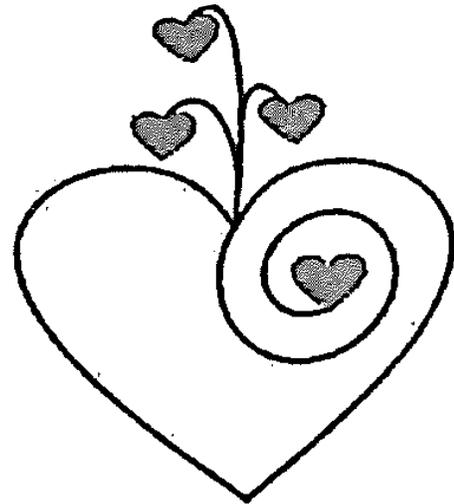
- 17 Andy & Allison Tomlinson
- 22 John Soper & Lorae Boisvert
- 29 Jim & Sue Andrews

KENNEBUNK MAY DAY FESTIVAL

Plans are well underway for the 20th Annual Festival on Saturday, May 5. For the first time, St David's will offer several children's activities, including temporary tattoos, bottles of bubbles, coloring books and crayons to round out our Booth. We'll also hand out St. David's book markers, candy, and free raffle tickets to win a basket of Stonewall Kitchen specialties. We hope you'll join us at the Kennebunk Free Library on Main Street anytime between 8 and 3. Please let us know when you'll be coming by signing up at the Outreach Table in the Great Hall.

ST. IGNATIUS SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

St. Ignatius Spiritual Exercises will hold an information night on Wednesday, May 30, at 7:00 PM at St. Martha's Church in Kennebunk for anyone interested in knowing more about the spiritual exercises, a 30 week retreat that meets weekly beginning in September and ending in mid-May. For more information contact Maureen Fulford at 468-4070, or Ellie Flavin at 985-2971, or Gail Chandler at 229-9983.



CALLING ALL ST. DAVID'S ARTISTS

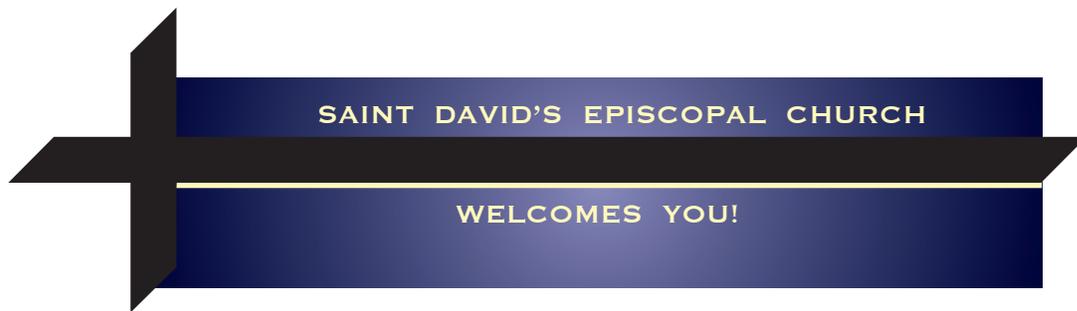
St. David's is planning to create some note cards that feature pictures of the church. At a recent vestry meeting it was agreed that pictures could come from anyone and from all ages, but needed to be suitable for a note card. Drawings could include views of both the church's exterior and interior. If you are interested let your creative juices flow and leave your drawings in the church office. It may be that the note cards feature only one drawing or several depending in how many drawings are submitted. Thank you in advance for your creative effort showing your pride in this wonderful place, St. David's!

MAY 2018 CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Centering Prayer 9:30-11:15 AM NAMI 6:30 AA 7 PM	2 HS 9-9:30 AM BS 9:30-10:30 AM EfM 1-4 PM AA 7 PM	3 Piano Lessons 2-4 PM CPSG 5 PM Choir 7 PM AA 7 PM	4 AA 10 AM	5 May Day Festival 8am-3pm AA 7:30 PM
6 HE 8/10:30 AM AA 7 PM	7 Music Together 10 AM Needlers 9-11AM NA 7 PM	8 Centering Prayer 9:30-11:15 AM Vestry 7 PM AA 7 PM	9 HS 9-9:30 AM BS 9:30-10:30 AM EfM 1-4 PM AA 7 PM	10 Piano Lessons 2-4 PM Choir 7 PM AA 7 PM	11 AA 10 AM	12 Book Fair 9am – 12noon AA 7:30 PM
13 HE 8/10:30 AM Mother's Day AA 7 PM	14 Music Together 10 AM Needlers 9-11AM NA 7 PM	15 NAMI 6:30 PM AA 7 PM	16 HS 9-9:30 AM BS 9:30-10:30 AM EfM 1-4 PM AA 7 PM Outreach 4:30	17 Piano Lessons 2-4 PM CPSG 5 PM Choir 7 PM (FS)	18 AA 10 AM	19 Spring Work Day 8:00-12noon AA 7:30 PM
20 HE 8/10:30 AM Sign Up Sunday Following both services AA 7 PM	21 Music Together 10 AM Needlers 9-11AM NA 7 PM	22 Community Lunch CSFP 11-12:15 AA 7 PM	23 HS 9-9:30 AM BS 9:30-10:30 AM EfM 1-4 PM AA 7 PM	24 Piano Lessons 2-4 PM Choir 7 PM AA 7 PM	25 AA 10 AM	26 AA 7:30 PM

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Saturday, May 12, 9 AM to 12 NOON

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND,
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- "All things Bookish"
- "Gift Certificate Basket"
- "Kindle Basket"

Time to stock up on some new books to read. Saint David's Gently-Used Book Sale is well established as having a diverse and eclectic selection of books. Don't miss it!

