

Visions



Mission Statement

Building Bridges of Hope with the Living Christ

FEBRUARY 2018



**Join us on February 11
at 9:30 AM
for a hearty St. David's Welcome
to our Priest-in-Charge
The Rev. Jon M. Richardson**

Celebrating 58 Years of Caring & Sharing

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Dear Friends,

I am so happy to be called to serve as your priest, and very eager to begin our work together!

We'll have plenty of opportunities to get to know one another soon, but let me give you a very brief introduction to get us started. I'm originally from Louisiana, and am a graduate of LSU with a degree in Religious Studies, History, and Psychology. I first moved to New Jersey a little more than 13 years ago to study at the Theological School at Drew University. Since being ordained in the Diocese of Newark, I have served parishes in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York. I have also been an active leader in justice ministries in the Episcopal Church and around the world. That focus has highlighted and shaped my ministry to be one of concern for outcast and forgotten people among us.



Additionally, I am engaged to be married to Michael Kidney. By the time we arrive in Kinnelon, Michael and I will be newlyweds! Michael was born and raised in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. Please be extra kind to him in this transition, as this will be his first time living among trees and beyond the noises of the city! Michael graduated from Queens College with a degree in dance, and one of his greatest passions is directing and choreographing musical theatre. In addition to our shared love of theatre, we enjoy cooking together, and spending time with our three silly and energetic dogs.

When Michael and I first began exploring the possibility of coming to St. David's, the idea seemed to all come together very naturally. And I really do believe that that's part of how God's callings to us should work. As Frederick Buechner said, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." As I've gotten to know a bit about you through your parish profile and congregational listening report, and through conversations with the transition team and the vestry, and numerous emails and phone calls with John Simonelli – through all of that, I've learned a bit about the deep gladness that is to be found at St. David's, and also a bit about the deep hunger you share for service to God and each other. I've become convinced that my own deep gladness and my own deep hunger fits well with yours. I know that, together, we will be a great team, meeting the hunger we find in the world.

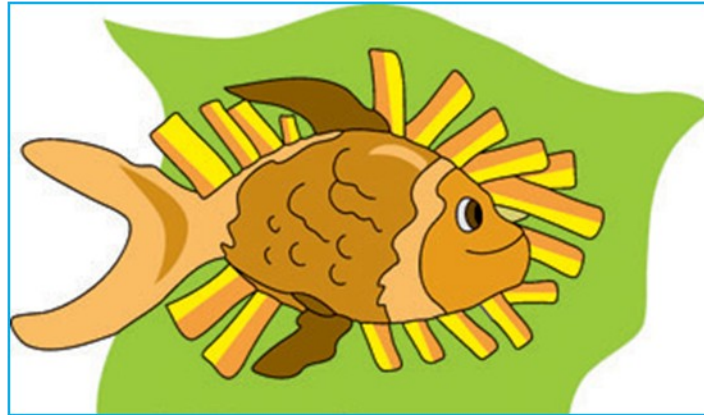
We are delighted to be called to live and serve among you, and we can't wait to continue getting to know each of you!

Peace,

The Rev. Jon M. Richardson

St. David's Episcopal Church

91 Kinnelon Road, Kinnelon



FISH AND CHIPS SUPPER

Join the Lenten Tradition!

Catered by Argyle Catering in Kearny

Friday, March 16

5:30—6:00 Take-out only

6:00—7:30 Sit-down only

\$25 per PERSON RESERVATIONS A MUST !!

BYOB

COMPLIMENTARY SOFT DRINKS, DESSERT,

COFFEE, AND TEA

INFORMATION — 973-838-6696

Tickets on sale starting February 18

Sundays after services or Parish Office, Monday-Friday, 9:00—1:00

DON'T FORGET DATES
ALL February Services at 9:30 am

*2/4 Morning Prayer with Steve Kent and homilist
Last chance to buy tickets for -

*2/10 Mardi Gras Party and Food/Wine Pairing Event

*2/11 The Rev. Jon's first service with us!

ASH WEDNESDAY

*2/14 Ash Wednesday Services with Imposition of Ashes at 10:00 am and 7:30 pm
A selection of Lenten devotional booklets is available in the narthex tract rack.

*2/15 The Holy Eucharist resumes at the Healing Service.

St. David's Day

*2/25 Eucharist from the Welsh prayer book followed by a potluck brunch welcoming Jon and Michael. Bring your favorite Welsh and non-Welsh goodies!

*3/4 It's ba-a-a-ck! The 8:00 Service resumes!
The 10:15 Eucharist will now be at 10:00 am.



*THE UNITED THANK OFFERING this year totaled \$194.10. Why not take a box and fill it for next year?

*EVERYONE who helped fill the North Porch cradle and special box with much-needed baby supplies. Thanks also to Pat Hodde and Julie Dolci for delivering them. This is a year-round outreach program.



*We've been so blessed here at St. David's to have these two guest clergy with us during the transition time. They've enriched our worship services and shared our fellowship time.
God bless you both!*

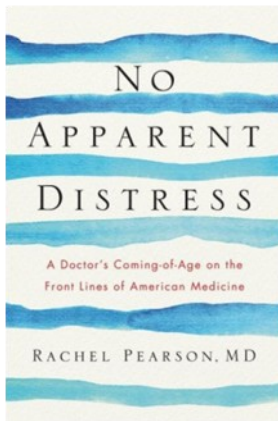
Special Note of Thanks



THE READERS CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018

SKYLIGHT ROOM, 7:00 PM



NO APPARENT DISTRESS: A DOCTOR'S COMING-OF-AGE ON THE FRONT LINES OF AMERICAN MEDICINE

BY RACHEL PEARSON

DISCUSSION LEADER: DORIS SNYDER

A brutally frank memoir about doctors and patients in a health care system that puts the poor at risk. In medical charts, the term “N.A.D.” (No Apparent Distress) is used for patients who appear stable. The phrase also aptly describes America’s medical system when it comes to treating the underprivileged. Medical students learn on the bodies of the poor—and the poor suffer from their mistakes. Rachel Pearson confronted these harsh realities when she started medical school in Galveston, Texas. Pearson, herself from a working-class background, remains haunted by the suicide of a close friend, experiences firsthand the heartbreak of her own errors in a patient’s care, and witnesses the ruinous effects of a hurricane on a Texas town’s medical system. In a free clinic where the motto is “All Are Welcome Here,” she learns how to practice medicine with love and tenacity amidst the raging injustices of a system that favors the rich and the white. No Apparent Distress is at once an indictment of American health care and a deeply moving tale of one doctor’s coming-of-age.

(Barnes & Noble)

St. David’s Readers Circle meets each month at 7:00 PM on the first Monday of the month. Newcomers are welcome to join the Readers Circle at any time. For more information about The Readers Circle please contact Sondra Odian.



Our prayers and condolences are extended to Jeanne Grieshaber and her family on the death of her mother, Doris Schilling.

Attendance

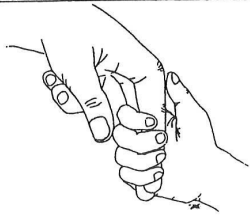
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Have you remembered St. David’s in your estate planning?

WILLING HANDS



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December 31, 2017

St. David's Episcopal Church

91 Kinnelon Road

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Dear Members of St David's Episcopal Church,

Thank you for your very generous donation of \$450.00 to Willing Hands as part of your Christmas Outreach. Your support of Willing Hands will help provide a greater opportunity to build and enhance all aspects of our program that serve the adult disabled population.

We deeply appreciate your belief in our purpose.

Sincerely,

Eve Perini

Director, Willing Hands

My wishes to all of you for a healthy & joyous 2018!

A Work Activity Training Center for Developmentally Disabled Adults

With Our Deepest Thanks For Your
CHRISTMAS OUTREACH DONATION
(Clients + staff at willing hands)

STELLA, Lily Kennedy, Andy

Kristin, Alyssa,
Sammy, Tisonis

Shelley, Wee

Matthew, Tracy, Linda
Carrie, Lauren

Linda Leifer

Donors of Life,
Thank You!

12/31/17

Your thoughtfulness

and generosity meant

so very much...

You truly added

a wonderful touch!

WITH MUCH APPRECIATION!

- Best Wishes -
Gretchen

Vestry Meeting Highlights January 17, 2018

John Simonelli led the opening prayer and Kathy Kent spoke of how her encounter with a proselytizing RC nun reaffirmed her own Episcopalian beliefs. .

Suggestions from the congregation were to have an additional financial appeal to cover the 2018 deficit, to save money by doing away with printed worship leaflets, and to have a plan in place to bring our new priest up to speed.

Stewardship reported that the Mardi Gras pairing event is moving along, that we will have a welcoming potluck brunch for Jon and Michael on February 25 (St. David's Day), that there will be a separate take-out time at the March 16th Fish & Chips Supper and the supper will include dessert, that we're considering a Time & Talent Fair in May, and that we will be considering cutting back the worship teams to three.

Outreach reported that a new committee has been formed with Dale Wilhelm as chair and is meeting regularly and that the new changes to the outreach program have been well received by the congregation.

We gave thanks for the Worship Team Leaders and Vestry Leadership

We reviewed and approved the December Treasurer's Reports and reviewed the Quickbooks reports for the same period.

We reaffirmed that parish financial records be kept at the church and voted to keep the parish checkbook at the church as well.

We voted to donate the \$1,000 still in the RISE Mission Trip Fund directly to RISE for use where the need is greatest.

We voted to ratify our previous email votes approving Jon Richardson's moving expense and the replacement of some rectory flooring.

We voted to have two annual meeting booklets beginning next year – one for the prior year and one for the present year – to avoid confusion and make the reports easier to follow.

The Property Committee reported that they will get a time-frame for the repair work in the large skylight room which is being done as an Eagle Scout project. The condition of our folding chairs and some of our tables was noted, and it was suggested that we consider creating a table and chair adopt-a-project.

The Search Committee reported that Jon and Michael will be moving in the week of February 5th and that Jon's first Sunday celebrating Eucharist will be a single service at 9:30 AM on February 11th.

We amended and approved the February calendar.

Respectfully submitted,

John Simonelli, Senior Warden

FEBRUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI-DAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:30 am Healing Prayer Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	2	3
4 Fifth Sunday/Epiphany 8:45 am Choir Warm Up 9:30 am Morning Prayer 10:45 am Coffee Hour 11:00 am Joyful Noise	5 7:00 pm Readers' Circle	6 7pm AA meeting	7 1 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 8:00 pm AA Wednesday Group	8 9:30 am Healing Prayer service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	9	10 6:00 pm Mardi Gras party & Wine and Food Pairing Event
11 Last Sunday/Epiphany 8:45 am Choir Warm Up 9:30 am Holy Eucharist/Healing* 10:45 am Coffee Hour 11:00 am Joyful Noise *With Birthday and Anniversary Prayers	12	13 7 pm AA meeting	14 Ash Wednesday 10:00 am Service 1 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 7:30 pm Service 8:00 pm AA Wednesday Group	15 9:30 Healing Eucharist 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	16	17 9 am—12 Noon Vestry Retreat
18 1 Lent 8:45 am Choir Warm Up 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 am Coffee Hour 11:00 am Joyful Noise 11:00 am Dream Group	19 OFFICE CLOSED Presidents' Day 7:15 pm Stewardship Commission	20 10:00 am Outreach Comm. 5 pm St. Paul's Shelter Meal 7pm AA meeting	21 1 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 7:00 pm Vestry 8:00 pm AA Wednesday Group	22 9:30 Healing Eucharist 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	23	24 Parish Hall Rental during day
25 St. David's Day Sunday 8:45 am Choir Warm Up 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 am Welcome Potluck Brunch for Jon and Michael 11:00 am Merry Heart, Boonton 11:30 am Joyful Noise	26	27				

St. David's Leadership Team

Empowering all our members to build bridges of hope with the living Christ through worship, spiritual formation, hospitality and outreach.

Bishop: *The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith*
Priest-in-Charge *The Rev. Jon M. Richardson—from 2-11-2018*

Senior Warden: *John Simonelli*
Junior Warden: *Jennifer Trevisan*

Vestry: *Mary-Esther Arther (Treasurer, non-voting)*
Mary Harbinsky (Clerk, non-voting)
Pat Hodde
Kathy Kent
Lee Moody
Mike Roehrer
Dale Pappas-Wilhelm
Marty Stanton
Irene Williams

Staff:	<i>Mary-Esther Arther</i>	<i>Newsletter Editor</i>
	<i>Salvatore Mallimo</i>	<i>Music Director</i>
	<i>Gill Otto</i>	<i>Parish Administrator</i>
	<i>Guy Baskinger</i>	<i>Sexton</i>

