



SAINT DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# *Visions*

Diverse People + Inquiring Minds + Open Hearts:  
Building Bridges of Hope with the Living Christ



## SEPTEMBER 2019



SAINT DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Diverse People + Inquiring Minds + Open Hearts:  
Building Bridges of Hope with the Living Christ

Join us for

### A Celebration of New Ministry

and the institution of our 6th Rector,

**The Rev. Jon M. Richardson**

on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Kaeton, preaching

The Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes, presiding

91 Kinnelon Road

A festive reception will follow

## Celebrating 59 Years of Caring & Sharing

973 838-6696 [www.stdavidskinnelon.org](http://www.stdavidskinnelon.org)

[parishadmin@stdavidskinnelon.org](mailto:parishadmin@stdavidskinnelon.org)

[jon@stdavidskinnelon.org](mailto:jon@stdavidskinnelon.org)



***From our Rector, The Rev. Jon M. Richardson***

Dear Friends,

One of the funny things to think about in a life in parish ministry is about "things they didn't teach us in seminary". You've probably heard some priest somewhere along the line say something like that. And it's true – the list is voluminous. There are so many aspects of parish ministry that we weren't taught about in our years of seminary training. Practical things like reading financial reports, supervising building emergencies... on and on!



But recently, I was remembering one conversation that did actually happen in seminary. When I think about it, it's almost laughable that this became a subject of great conversation and debate. It was around the question of when the bread and wine of the Eucharist becomes "real". What is the actual "moment of consecration"?

Different people had different ideas. Some suggested it's when the words of institution are spoken – the part that says, "This is my body..." and "This is my blood...". Some took a more spiritual approach – thinking that it happens when the Holy Spirit is invoked. In Prayer A it's the part that says, "sanctify these gifts..." and "sanctify us also...". My teacher, however, declared a different moment. She announced that it was the Great Amen – the moment when we all finish the prayer together by saying "Amen".

When considered against more pressing realities like caring for others and standing up against injustice and all the other things that define a Christian life, this hardly seems worth considering. But I did recently remember that conversation one Sunday during church.

It occurred to me that, for me at least, the essential moment of communion isn't during any of the words I say or we say. For me, the essence of communion is found in the moment of connection, when the elements are shared. It happens in the touch. It happens in the dialogue that we share and how our eyes meet, or don't. For me, true communion comes from our common experience and common connection. That's the part of my ministry that I most anticipate and cherish every week – that moment that each of us connects.

As you worship, think about the moments where you feel God's presence most closely. Where is it that you feel like we're coming closest to the ideal of God during worship? Perhaps that's the "moment of consecration" for you. Because I don't think it's just one moment. It's all the moments where we feel the presence of God together. That's how God blesses us and what we do in worship – by binding us together into one diverse communion.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon M. Richardson". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SUNDAY, September 22**  
**11:15 A.M.**



***"Protect this good thing  
that has been placed in  
your trust through the Holy  
Spirit who lives in us."  
2 Timothy 1-14***

The Launch of Our Financial Commitment Program Brunch  
provided and hosted by  
Stewardship Commission.

Commitment materials will be handed out.  
Sign up in the back of the church starting  
September 8.



## SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, October 26** is the date! Bidding and social hour start at 5:00 p.m.; dinner at 6:00; bidding ends at 7:30.

beefsteak dinner will be served!

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE September 29!

The cost is \$40 (\$42 credit card) for adults and \$5 (\$6 credit card) for children (10 and under).

BYOB. Soda and water will be provided.

You can purchase tickets on Sundays, online, or in the office Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

## **THIS IS OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR THE YEAR AND WE NEED EVERYONE'S SUPPORT!**

Things that could be "auctioned" off: items for a basket, a stand-alone item, or a week or weekend stay in your "vacation" home. You can also consider donating a service or experience such as a dinner party, a series of desserts or anything else your imagination can conjure up. Gift cards and baskets of cheer are very popular! Put on your thinking cap!

There will be a signup sheet in the narthex.

**All donations must be received no later than October 20!  
You can bring them to the office from now until October 20.**

When putting together baskets, please keep the following in mind:

Attractive baskets/items bring in the most money.

Please provide a description of the items in the basket, the total value, and don't forget to include your name!

If you aren't sure how to arrange the basket, just bring the supplies and one of our expert basket makers will put it together for you.

If you are donating something that is for pickup or use later, please be sure to include a detailed description and pictures!

Make sure the items are first quality, new or an antique.

Get creative—handmade items are always a plus!

\* \* \* \* \*

Cash, checks, Visa, Mastercard, Amex, Discover will be accepted.

Purchases by credit card will incur an additional 5% fee.

\* \* \* \* \*

Can you donate extra empty baskets; large or medium-sized containers; medium/large bows?

Is your donation ready? Bring them in this month, on Sunday or during the week.

Any questions—call Mary Harbinsky 201-650-9348 or maryharbinsky@optonline.net.

## **PEOPLE ARE NEEDED!**

To help make baskets; prepare bid sheets; help the day of the event; help clean up!

Sign up in the narthex!

*October 26 will be here before we know it!*

## **LAST CALL!**

For tickets to The Thrill of the Grill on Saturday, September 7 at 5:00 pm. Deadline is September 1! Can you help with this fun event? Sign up in the narthex.

## **ATTENTION**

Coffee Hour following the 10:00 Service resumes on Sunday September 8. The up-to-date parish directory and the 2019-2020 activities calendar will be available in the parish hall. Be sure to pick up your family's copy!

and

Calling all coffee hosts! Instead of being scheduled for this important ministry, you are invited to sign up in the narthex for the Sunday of your choice.

Questions? Contact coordinator Dale Wilhelm.

## *Welcome*

On Sunday, September 15, we will have the pleasure of welcoming The Rev. Sharon Sheridan Hausman, who will preach at both services about the prison ministry program we are supporting.

She is a lifelong Episcopalian and is priest associate at Christ Church in Bloomfield and Glen Ridge. She is a volunteer chaplain at Northern State maximum-security men's prison in Newark, where she preaches and assists in leading the Protestant Choir, worship services and Bible studies; and at the Mountainview prison in Annandale, where she teaches a creative-writing class to young adult men.

She also is a member of our diocesan Prison Ministry and coordinates a monthly Saturday arts and science enrichment program in Newark for children of incarcerated parents. Previously, she has volunteered in the state women's prison in Clinton as a student at Drew Theological School and in the Essex County and Morris County jails. She has worked for many years as a reporter and editor for both church and secular publications.



Volunteers are needed for our participation in the Kin-nelton Fall Festival a.k.a. K-Fest! Check the sign-up sheet in the narthex for the particulars—help spread what makes St. David's special!

On Saturday, September 28, Nancy Moody will be participating in a "Celebrate Life 5K Walk," for the benefit of the Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Center. The Center, located in Augusta, NJ, is an arm of Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice. The Center provides grief education and emotional support to all persons who have suffered a loss by death, including pet loss. No one is turned away because of inability to pay. Nancy is a bereavement counselor employed by the agency. If you would like to be a monetary sponsor of Nancy as she walks that day, please see her at coffee hour.



### **FOYER GROUPS**

THERE IS STILL TIME to join this special fellowship program! The 2019-2020 sign up sheet is in the narthex. The meal can be dinner, brunch, cocktail party—your choice. If you can't commit to being a regular participant, which includes hosting or co-hosting one event, then sign on the 'Guest' list and one of our hosts will invite you for a specific date. If you have further questions about this enjoyable fellowship event, please contact Nancy Ward [nancy\\_ward@anserve.com](mailto:nancy_ward@anserve.com).



- The St. David's "saints" who met our commitment to St. Paul's Shelter on August 20—cooks Jeanne Grieshaber, Mary Harbinsky, Kathy Kent, John Simonelli and Dale Wilhelm; drivers and servers Steve and Jeanne Grieshaber and John Simonelli
- Everyone who provided us with iced tea, lemonade and delicious "nibbles" following the 10:00 Service during the summer.
- Nancy Moody for serving as guest music director.
- Catherine Speed for her countless hours of trimming and weeding around the church.



Are you interested in knitting or crocheting mittens, scarves, caps and sweaters for the Seamen's Church Institute program for merchant seamen?  
Michael Kidney will be happy to provide you all the info!

### **Save the Date**

GARAGE SALE OCTOBER 5, 9:00—4:00 - Read 'This Week at St. David's' for details  
Blessing of the Animals October 6, 10:00 service

### **Parish Register**

Baptisms—SIENNA RAE GRIESHABER and ALEXANDER DAVID MOTTLEY  
August 24, 2019

## **Vestry Meeting Highlights August 21, 2019**

Mike Roehrer led the opening prayer and Kathy Kent spoke of different forms of spirituality she's encountered in her travels and had everyone make mandalas while we were meditating.

We discussed concerns from the congregation – the need to replace the worn outdoor Episcopal Flag; too much noise in the narthex before the 10:00 AM service; the possibility of having more familiar hymns in summer when the choir isn't leading the congregation.

The Stewardship Commission reported that we netted \$218 from the wine and cheese pairing; that the Thrill of The Grill on September 7<sup>th</sup> is coming along well and publicity has been sent out; that Stewardship will coordinate the reception following the Celebration of New Ministry which Julie Dolci and Bonnie Hook have offered to 'host'; that Stewardship will host the brunch on September 22<sup>nd</sup> which kicks off the financial stewardship campaign; that St. David's will be participating in K-Fest on September 28<sup>th</sup> and the Town Wide Garage Sale on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Outreach Committee reported that year to date we have distributed \$4,800 in outreach vouchers, that as part of their outreach speakers program the Rev. Sharon Hausman will be speaking about her prison ministry on September 15<sup>th</sup>, and that Gill Otto will take gently used coats to the YMCA for their annual coat collection. They recommended that this year's holiday Vestry letter names Willing Hands, the Interfaith Coalition for Morris County, and Episcopal Relief and Development as recipients of our holiday outreach. All were in favor.

The Budget & Finance Committee reported that they had met and reviewed the Quickbooks reports through July and were pleased with where we stand and that they reviewed the key dates for the financial stewardship campaign. They would like us to send out 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter pledge statements if feasible because these serve as a reminder for folks who may have inadvertently fallen behind.

We gave thanks for the Rev. George Wong for covering for Jon while he was away; for Marty Stanton and John Simonelli for their additional work during Jon's vacation; for Julie Dolci and Mike Roehrer for their expert handling of the tree emergency; for Michael Kidney, for serving as chalice bearer and on altar guild for the DeVincenzo wedding; for Guy Baskinger for cleaning and repairing all our grills; for Nancy Moody for filling in as substitute musician during Sal's vacation; for Jon and Michael for opening their home for the parish barbeque; for Ed Horton and Bonnie Hook for all their hard work fine-tuning the financial reports; and for Mike Roehrer for his diligence chairing the Property Committee.

We reviewed and accepted the July Quickbooks reports.

We approved the 2020 Financial Stewardship materials – cover letter, amended tri-fold, and pledge form.

Contd/



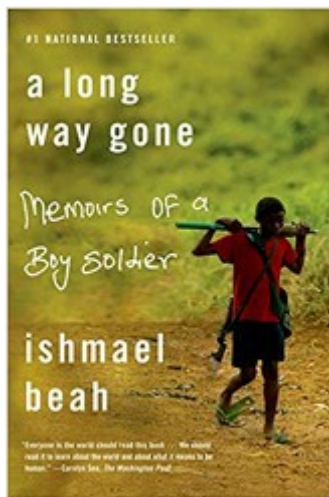
The Property Committee reported that the fallen limb has been removed from the rectory lawn and that the rest of the tree will be removed shortly; that all flat roofs, drains and gutters have been cleaned and cleared; that the driveway visibility issue has been successfully addressed; and that short term and long term problems of the buildings and grounds are being assessed and prioritized.

We approved the removal cost for the remaining part of the tree on the rectory lawn.

We amended and approved the September and Church Year calendars.

Respectfully submitted,

John Simonelli, Senior Warden



**ST. DAVID'S READERS CIRCLE BOOK GROUP 2019 -2020**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019**

**SKYLIGHT ROOM, 7:00 PM**

**A LONG WAY GONE; MEMOIRS OF A BOY SOLDIER,**

Ishmael Beah

**DISCUSSION LEADER:** Mary Harbinsky

What is war like through the eyes of a child soldier? How does one become a killer? How does one stop? This is how wars are fought now: by children, hopped-up on drugs and wielding AK-47s. Children have become soldiers of choice. In the more than fifty conflicts going on worldwide, it is estimated that there are some 300,000 child soldiers. Ishmael Beah used to be one of them, and at age twenty-five wrote a riveting first-person account of someone who survived. At the age of twelve, he fled attacking rebels and wandered a land rendered unrecognizable by violence. By thirteen, he'd been picked up by the government army, and Beah, at heart a gentle boy, found that he was capable of truly terrible acts.

St. David's Readers Circle meets each month at 7:00 PM on the first Monday of the month. Each year we read eight books; fiction, non-fiction, sci-fi and occasionally, memoirs. Newcomers are welcome to join the Readers Circle at any time. For more information about The Readers Circle please contact Sondra Odian.



## PARISH BBQ August 9



THANK YOU!  
Hosts Jon and Michael  
Photographer Nancy Moody  
All the 'Grillers'



### **AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE**

For July:

Monthly – 45, Year to date – 54

For August:

Monthly – 44, Year to date - 53

**PARISH BBQ August 9**





**YOUR OUTREACH VOUCHERS AT WORK IN THE COMMUNITY**

Church of  
**St. Anthony of Padua**



May the Lord bless you and keep you.



May the  
Lord  
reward  
your  
Kindness

Dear St. Davids,  
Thank you so much for  
your generous donation  
to St. Anthony Food Pantry.  
We are so grateful for  
your continued support.

PEACE & ALL GOOD

Fr. Joe Jacobson

*With gratitude, we acknowledge  
your generous donation.*

*May the Lord bless you  
and keep you in His care.*

*As a special Thank You,  
your intentions will be  
remembered in our prayers.*

Thank you for  
your kindness  
to our food  
pantry  
God Bless  
Our Lady Queen of  
Peace

## YOUR OUTREACH VOUCHERS AT WORK IN THE COMMUNITY



*Helping to provide critical supplies  
for babies and toddlers in need.*

August 15, 2019

St. David's Episcopal Church  
91 Kinnelon Road  
Kinnelon, NJ 07405

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your check donation of \$200.00 to North Porch, dated August 1, 2019. We are so grateful for your generosity in support of this valuable ministry. For the past 35 years, gifts such as yours have enabled us to assist hundreds of needy families each year.

Your donations help to make it all possible. As a small, not-for-profit organization, we rely heavily on both financial and in-kind donations from individuals, organizations and parishes. Thanks to the generosity of so many, we are able to serve increasing numbers of children each year. We look forward to working with you in the future to continue our work with those in need.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lindsay J. McHugh".

Lindsay J. McHugh  
Secretary,  
Board of Trustees  
North Porch Women and Infants' Centers

*This letter serves as your receipt for tax purposes. We certify that no goods or services were received in exchange for your donation.*

## SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>Pentecost 12: Red Team</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist/Healing 10:00 am Holy Eucharist/Healing 11:15 am Iced Tea & Lemonade	<b>2</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b> Office closed	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm AA	<b>4</b> 1:00 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 8:00 pm AA	<b>5</b> 9:30 am Healing Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> office closed Rector's Sabbath	<b>7</b> 5:00 pm Thrill of the Grill Beer & Food pairing event
<b>8</b> <b>Pentecost 13: White Team</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist* 9:15 am Choir Warm Up 10:00 am Holy Eucharist* 11:15 am Coffee Hour *With Birthday & Anniversary Prayers	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm AA	<b>11</b> 1:00 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 8:00 pm AA	<b>12</b> 9:30 am Healing Eucharist Service 7:00 pm Celebration of New Ministry & Reception	<b>13</b> office closed Rector's Sabbath	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Pentecost 14: Green Team</b> Guest Preacher: The Rev. S. Hausman 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Choir Warm Up 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 am Coffee Hour	<b>16</b> 7:15 pm Stewardship Commission	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm AA	<b>18</b> 1:00 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 7:00 pm Vestry 8:00 pm AA	<b>19</b> 9:30 am Healing Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b> office closed Rector's Sabbath	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Pentecost 15: Gold Team</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Choir Warm Up 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 am Stewardship Brunch & Launch of 2020 Stewardship Campaign	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 pm AA	<b>25</b> 1:00 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 8:00 pm AA	<b>26</b> 9:30 am Healing Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b> office closed Rector's Sabbath	<b>28</b> Kinnelon Fall Festival & Car Show
<b>29</b> <b>Pentecost 16: Red Team</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Choir Warm Up 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 am Coffee Hour	<b>30</b>					

- Tuesday AA is an open meeting; Wednesday AA is not an open meeting.

## **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. Carlye J. Hughes*  
Rector                    *The Rev. Jon M. Richardson*

Senior Warden: *John Simonelli*  
Junior Warden: *Marty Stanton*

*Mary-Esther Arther (Treasurer)*  
*Bonnie Hook (Assistant Treasurer)*  
*Mary Harbinsky (Clerk)*

Vestry:                    2019  
                              *Pat Hodde*  
                              *Kathy Kent*  
                              *Mike Roehrer*  
                              2020  
                              *Mary-Esther Arther*  
                              *Mary Harbinsky*  
                              2021  
                              *Nancy Moody*  
                              *Bonnie Hook*

