



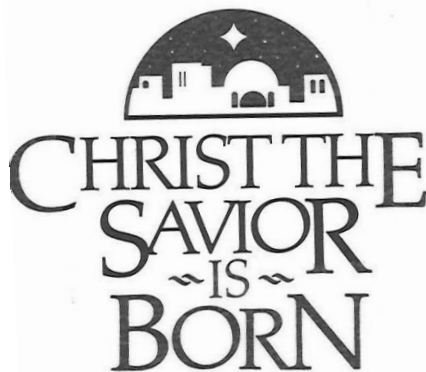
SAINT DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Visions

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



DECEMBER 2019



Christmas Eve Service
5:00 pm—Festival Holy Eucharist
Christmas Day Service 10:00 am
Sunday, December 29
10:00 am Service of Lessons and Carols

Celebrating 59 Years of Caring & Sharing

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From our Rector, The Rev. Jon M. Richardson



Dear Friends,

A couple of weeks ago, Bishop Hughes released a video message to the diocese in which she invited the people of the Diocese of Newark to join with her in dreaming about the future of the diocese. These messages that she releases every couple of weeks are always insightful and an interesting look into her own emerging vision of the ministry we share. If you haven't had a chance to watch them, check out St. David's Facebook page (where we regularly post them) or the YouTube channel for the Diocese of Newark.

As I've been readying my own mind and spirit (and worship booklets, and sermons...) for our observance of Advent this year, Bishop Hughes' message keeps sticking with me. How do we dream about the future of St. David's? How do we make ourselves ready for the realization of that dream?

Advent is about joyful and hopeful expectation. Like the time of expectation leading up to the birth of any child, it's a season filled with joy, hope, and yes, even dreams. It is so much truer, even, for the season of expectation leading up the coming of Christ.

We have dreams for what life will be like – for the one who is expected, but also for ourselves after the time has come. Of course we know that the hope and joy we imagine will be tempered by challenges and setbacks. That's the nature of life in the world. But even so, we remain hopeful.

As we journey through this Advent together, I encourage you to think about the season of expectation in that way – as a dream of how our ministry through St. David's Church might progress and grow in the coming year, with a renewed understanding of Christ in our lives and in the world around us. What sort of expectations and hopes spring to mind when you hear ministry spoken of this way?

Of course, like all of life, the lived experience will prove to be different in some ways from our dreams. But our dreams for the future can help us to build a map. Whatever we face, we know it will be with the love of Christ in our midst.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon M. Richardson'. The signature is stylized and cursive.



LAST CALL! Ingathering Sunday is December 8.

*PRISON MINISTRY—GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS. Remember to use gift bags and mark for boy/girl and age. This year basic clothing (pjs, slippers, hats, gloves) and for teens CVA or Target gift cards are also suggested.

We still need one or perhaps two volunteers (s) to deliver the bags. The two locations are either Grace Church in Nutley or St. James in Upper Montclair. Can you help? Please let Gill know if you're available the week of December 9. Thank you very much!

*NORTH PORCH—the cradle is ready and waiting for baby oil, powder, shampoo, infant clothing.

*SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE: -This year we are again receiving mittens, scarves, caps and sweaters for the Seamen's Church Institute program for merchant seamen. They've been knitted and crocheted by several of our nimble-fingered members. **Interested in helping Seaman's Church, but don't knit?** We will collect other requested items to make the seafarers lives a little easier. Those items are: unscented, colorless lip balm, unscented, hypoallergenic hand lotion (2-4 oz bottles), sealed packages of holiday sweets, books or activities like Sudoku, word searches, or playing cards, facial tissue, microwave popcorn, chewing gum, handmade Christmas cards. If you would like to donate in this way, just add your items to the box with the knitted items and we'll send them along!



THE SPECIAL ENVELOPES for contributions toward the Christmas decorations will be in the pews **December 1, 8 and 15.**

Both memorials and thank offerings are appropriate—just be sure to clearly write the first and last names on the envelopes. They will be printed in the Christmas bulletins. The deadline is Monday December 16.

Outreach

AGAIN THIS YEAR the offering collected through the special Christmas envelopes included with pledge envelopes has been designated for our various outreach programs. The Vestry is sending Christmas greetings to those on their lists and included will be a special envelope for those who do not have pledge ones so everyone will have the opportunity to make a special gift.

Don't Miss

* **Sunday, December 1**—The Annual budget forum will be held immediately following the 10:00 Service. You will receive the 2020 materials for study prior to the event, attached to This Week at St. David's.

* **Sunday, December 22**—The annual Greening of the Church, following the 10:00 service. Many hands make light work and will be much appreciated.

TO ENHANCE your observation of Advent and Christmas, there are seasonal pamphlets in the narthex tract rack. Help yourself!

CALLING ALL CAROLERS!

On **Sunday, December 15** following the 10:00 Service, we will be caroling at some of the local assisted-living facilities.



On Sunday, December 22, 4:00 pm—8:00 pm, Rev. Jon and Michael will host a **holiday get-together at the rectory.**

There are two sign-up sheets in the narthex, one for caroling and one for the open-house. Sign up for either one or both!

OFFICE CLOSURES DURING DECEMBER

The Parish Office will be closed from
Tuesday, December 24 through Friday, December 27.

It will be open December 30 and 31.

The office will also be closed on Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

Rev. Jon will be on vacation beginning December 26 until January 2.

If you have a pastoral emergency during this time,
please contact Rev. Jon on his cell phone.

No telephone or email messages will be answered during the office closure.

SAVE THE DATE!

JANUARY 25, 2020

FOOD AND WINE PAIRING



To the cleanup day crew! Mike and Deb Roehrer who organized it and workers Scott Ashton, Betty Campbell, Julie Dolci, Mary Harbinsky, Lee Moody, Bill and Cathy Speed, Dale Wilhelm and Irene Williams. You all are special indeed!

AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

November 2019 46

YTD 52

Vestry Meeting Highlights November 20, 2019

Mary-Esther Arther led the opening prayer and John Simonelli read a story called "The Radical Orthodox Rabbi" from Elizabeth Kaeton's blog site.

We discussed concerns from the congregation – the need for Vestry follow-up with those on their calling list if they don't see them in church for a while.

The Stewardship Commission reported that the net profit from the Beefsteak Dinner & Silent Auction was \$5,148.04 and that ticket sales for A Christmas Carol are moving along.

The Outreach Committee reported that all the various holiday outreach boxes are in the narthex and donations have already been received.

We reviewed the Christmas Outreach Letter

We gave thanks for Mary Harbinsky and her team members for their work on the silent auction; for Marty Stanton for serving as MC at the auction; for Roy Davidson for being a new choir member; for Michael Kidney for being a new chalice bearer; for Mike Roehrer and his clean-up crew; for Gill Otto for assuming new responsibilities; for Jane Jubilee for arranging the breakfast with the Bishop; and for the Budget & Finance Committee for their hard work preparing the 2020 budget.

We reviewed and accepted the October Quickbooks reports.

We finalized plans for the Vestry mutual ministry review which is being facilitated by the Rev. Canon Margo Clark on Saturday, November 23rd

We reviewed and voted to accept the 2020 parish budget.

The Property Committee reported that the clean-up of the basement storage room, memorial garden, walkway area, side lawn, and back yard was completed during Fall Clean-up Day, and that Adopt a Project 2 is planned for 2020.

We amended and approved the December calendar.

Respectfully submitted,

John Simonelli, Senior Warden

Breaking Bread with the Bishop, November 2nd

Earlier this year, St. David's was asked to host one of the "Breaking Bread with the Bishop" events this Fall. Bishop Hughes and members of her staff gathered with parishioners and clergy from around the diocese on Saturday morning, November 2nd. The Bishop led us in Bible study and conversations about the future of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. Several members of St. David's were present and actively engaged. Thank you to all who came and all who helped. Be on the lookout for future events like this to get to know our Bishop better!



Vestry Mutual Ministry Review



On Saturday, November 23rd the rector, wardens and vestry gathered with the Rev. Canon Margo Clark as facilitator for our Mutual Ministry Review, which is the way we ask ourselves how we are doing. It was a time to celebrate what we have done well over the past year and to understand what might be done better. We began with a series of exercises, one of which – using photographs of parish life as icons for meditation – was particularly meaningful. We discussed what a mutual ministry review is and what it is not, and looked back on our accomplishments for 2019. We then established some “guideposts” for 2020:

Outreach – focus & refine. Keep finding our heart and refining our priorities.

Hospitality – work at listening better as a system – to hear needs AND recognize gifts

Discipleship – offer lay preaching instructions, continue bible study, offer confirmation class

Worship – fix or refigure worship teams; Joyful Noise – do it or not? Is something else needed or growing musically or otherwise?

Stewardship – Invite Cynthia McChesney, diocesan advisor for stewardship, to speak with the Stewardship Commission and Vestry – Do “Gifts Inventory” with the Vestry, and perhaps with the congregation as well.

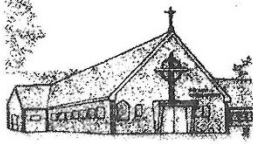
All agreed that it was a very meaningful experience and came away with a renewed sense of optimism for the upcoming year.

John Simonelli, Senior Warden

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE—November 24th



YOUR OUTREACH VOUCHERS AT WORK



Our Lady Queen of Peace

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Oct 23, 2019

Dear Mary and the Outreach
Committee

Thank you for your continued
generosity towards our
food pantry. As we approach
Thanksgiving we run short
on general supplies in
preparation of baskets for the
needy. We do 80 families for
Thanksgiving

Dear St. Davids,

Thank you so much for
your constant support
of St. Anthony's Food Pantry.
We are so fortunate and
grateful for the help!

PEACE & ALL GOOD

L. J. Jacobson

Church of
St. Anthony of Padua





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

October 29, 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 October 17, 2019. We are so grateful for your continued 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,

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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.

DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Advent 1: White Team 8:00 am Holy Eucharist/Healing 9:15 am Choir Warm Up 10:00 am Holy Eucharist/Healing 11:15 am Coffee Hour/ Parish Budget Forum	2 7:00 pm Readers Circle Book Group	3 7:00 pm AA	4 1:00 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 8:00 pm AA	5 9:30 am Healing Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	6 office closed Rector's Sabbath	7 6:00 pm 'A Christmas Carol' one-man show with reception
8 Advent 2: Green Team <i>Outreach Ingathering</i> 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	9	10 10:30 am Outreach Committee 7:00 pm AA	11 1:00 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 8:00 pm AA	12 9:30 am Healing Prayer Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 office closed Rector's Sabbath	14
15 Advent 3: Gold Team 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Choir Warm Up 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 am Coffee Hour Christmas caroling	16	17 5:00 pm St. Paul's Shelter meal 7:00 pm AA	18 1:00 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 7:00 pm Vestry 8:00 pm AA	19 9:30 am Healing Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	20 office closed Rector's Sabbath	21
22 Advent 4: Red Team 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Choir Warm Up 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 am Coffee Hour 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm Rectory Open House	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE office closed 5:00 pm Service 7:00 pm AA	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 am Service 8:00 pm AA	26 Office closed 9:30 am Healing Prayer Service	27 office closed	28
29 1 Christmas: White Team No 8:00 am service 10:00 am Christmas Lessons & Carols	30	31 7:00 pm AA	Rev. Jon vacation until 1/2/2020			

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- 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

