

The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, February 21st** after the 10am Holy Eucharist Service. The **snow date** will be Monday, **February 28th**. All **reports** should be sent to the Office by **February 5th**.

Church calendars are now available in the Entry. Cost is **\$8.00**

Offering envelopes for 2021 are now ready. Please pick up your box at the main entry to the church. **If you're not currently registered with offering envelopes** and would like envelopes for 2021 please contact Judy Kendall

Vestry meeting is **Monday, January 11th at 7pm** in the Church Hall.

The **Tai Chi group** on **Tuesday morning** has a couple spots open. If you are interested, please call the Office. There is no cost.

The **Evening Bible Study** will be on **Mondays** starting on **January 18th**.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume on **January 13th**.

A **drive-in Service** is being planned for next **Sunday afternoon at 3:30pm**. Location to be determined, please stay tuned for more details!

Daily Bible Readings

A modified schedule from the Prayer Book's Table of Lessons

Sunday	Isaiah 56:1-8	Matthew 13: 1-23
Monday	Isaiah 57:15-end	Matthew 13: 24-43
Tuesday	Isaiah 59	Matthew 13: 44-end
Wednesday	Isaiah 60:1-7	Matthew 14
Thursday	Isaiah 60:8-end	Matthew 15:1-28
Friday	Isaiah 61	Matthew 15:29-16:12
Saturday	Isaiah 62	Matthew 16:13-end



St. George's Church is a downtown spiritual center where traditional Anglican liturgy, parishioners and the needs of our community are valued.



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Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever

First Sunday After Epiphany January 10, 2021



Parish Prayer Chain: To pass a message on to the Parish Prayer Chain, from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. please the Office. After Office Hours, please contact Cathie @ 855-7969 or cdingwell@gmail.com.

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8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 100	p. 457
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
Collects of the Day	pp. 123, 117
The Epistle	p. 123
Gradual Psalm: 84: 1-4	p. 437
The Holy Gospel	p. 123

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 66	
First Lesson: Isaiah 49 : 13-23	(Pew Bible page 599)
Second Lesson: Matthew 17: 1-13	(Pew Bible page 786)

10:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm – sung *On a throne exalted I beheld, and lo, a man sitting, whom a legion of angels worship, singing together: behold, his rule and governance endureth to all ages. O be joyful in God, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness. Glory be...*

Children’s Talk	
The Collect for Purity	p. 67
Collects for the Day	pp. 123, 117
The Epistle	p. 123
Gradual Psalm: 84:1-4	p. 437
The Nicene Creed	p. 71
The Holy Gospel	p. 123
The Homily	
Offertory Hymn:	
The Intercession	p. 77
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving and Consecration	p. 78
The Lord’s Prayer	p. 85
The Gloria in Excelsis	p. 86

5:00- P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm 119, parts 1 & 2	
First Lesson: Isaiah 61	(Pew Bible page 607)
Second Lesson: Matthew 2	(Pew Bible page 771)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in loving Memory of Ernest Bartlett, Delbert Spinney, Pauline Emery, John & Gladys Gavell, Doug & Isabel Matheson, Florence Alexander

“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”

Bob Rideout, Joan Robinson

This Week in the Parish

The Daily Offices of **Morning and Evening Prayer** will be prayed in the Chapel at **8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday – Saturday**, respectively. In addition:

Today	Community Dinner	3:30 p.m.
	Holy Communion	5:00 p.m.
Monday	Vestry	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Grief-Share	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	“Imitation of Christ”	7:00 a.m.
	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Saturday	Community Breakfast	9:00 a.m.

Being back in the Orange Phase means that we are limited to 50 people per Service.

Bev Boutilier would like to say “thank you” to everyone for their support and kindness during such a difficult time. Your generosity and kindness is truly appreciated!

“Follow Me, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. Without the Way there is no going. Without the Truth there is no knowing. Without the Life, there is no Living. I am the Way which you must follow, the Truth which you must believe, the Life for which you must hope. The inviolable Way, the infallible Truth, the unending Life. I am the Way that is straight, the supreme Truth, the Life that is true. The blessed uncreated Life. If you abide in My Way, you shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free and you shall attain life everlasting.”

The Imitation of Christ

The Rector's Corner

More than any other year, I am challenged by Melchior, Gaspar and Balthazar. Why? Because of their faith and persistence, and their desire to pay serious homage. In his poem, "The Journey of the Magi", T.S. Eliot imagined them saying some years later:

"A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter."

His point is simply that they never gave up on finding the Child King. Their mission was to worship Him, and they did. They did not arrive in Bethlehem empty-handed either. Even though they must have had some doubts, having never met Jesus, Mary or Joseph, they came ready to pay Him homage. How all of it went together in their minds and hearts -- deciding to follow the star; persisting on the long and dangerous journey; taking the sacred gifts of mystic meaning; and bowing down as grown men to worship the Child -- it all was an act of faith in response to Divine inspiration and revelation.

George Herbert captured how their actions were in response to God's manifestation:

"The stable and the manger hide
His glory from his own: but these,
Though strangers, His resplendent rays
Of majesty divine have spied

Gold, frankincense, and myrrh, they give:
And worshipping Him plainly show
That unto Him they all things owe
By whose free gift it is they live."

I wonder if the Magi would have set out if there had been a pandemic -- that's the thing that challenges me this year. Of course we cannot know; but we do know their journey was risky and costly. And that's what has struck me -- the risk and the cost. They completely left their comfort zone and offered their lives in service of the Christ.

At the end of his poem, Eliot beautifully describes the change and the new life that followed their devotion to the Lord Jesus:

"All this was a long time ago, I remember, and I would do it again,
But set down -- this set down --
this: were we led all that way for Birth or Death?"

There was a Birth, certainly
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death."

Through their encounter with the living God in Christ, the Magi experienced a death to their old ways. They were born again.

Our Bethlehem is not far, it is here in the House of Bread which is the Church. Nevertheless, we have our challenges in coming. The gifts we can bring are expensive: the obedience of our will; the devotion of our heart; and submission of our intellect. These do not come cheap. Without them, however, there will be no death and no birth and no hope.

The journey to Bethlehem, the House of Bread, requires my undivided attention and it will cost me. I will have to leave my comfort zone and confront my fears. Accepting God's invitation and following His star is serious and there are so many obstacles: physical and spiritual. But with Him there is new life.

So, don't give up! As we move into the New Year and the pandemic goes on, it is time for us to dig deep spiritually. Why not renew your resolve to make your journey to worship and adore the King of Kings? If you cannot come personally to Church on Sundays, here are some options:

- Attend Morning or Evening Prayer through the week;
- Attend the Holy Communion on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM;
- Set up 'Bethlehem' in your home: designate a corner for Bible reading and prayer, and keep regular, daily worship times;
- Attend one of the Bible Studies in person or by ZOOM;
- Turn off the telephone and the T.V. and live-stream one of the 15 Church Services offered each week; and
- Call the Church and arrange to pick up a Prayer Book and Hymn Book, if you need one.

"When they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." (St. Matthew 2. 11)