

Vestry will meet on **Monday**, January 10th at 7pm.

St. George's Outbound: Cross-country skiing January 15th at 1pm, please contact the **Office** for more information. Ski rentals possible.

2022 Envelopes – The envelopes are available for pick up in the **Entry**. If you don't have offering envelopes and would like some, or would like to enrol in P.A.R. please contact the Church Office.

The **Annual Meeting** will be the end of February,. **Annual Reports** are due by **February 11th**. Thank you.

Looking for a place to park on Sundays? Why not try the city parking garage? It's free and it is just 100 steps to St. George's! Enter on Church Street. Keep your windshield clear from snow!

Join us online for a St. George's reading of **Augustine's Confessions** beginning on **February 15th, from 7pm-8:30pm**. An ancient text of Augustine's journey into God, we will strive to know more deeply its opening line, "our heart is restless until it rests in you." **To order a book, please speak to the Rector**. Also you can contact **Justin Wollf** at wollfjustin@gmail.com for further details.



Operation Sunny day is back! If you would like to send some cheer to a St. George's Shut-In, please contact the Office. Let's send cards to every shut-in for:

- **Valentine's Day (February 14th)**
- **St. Patrick's Day (March 17th)**
- **Mothering Sunday (March 27th)**
- **Easter Sunday (April 17th)**
- **St. George's Day (April 23rd)**



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 9, 2022



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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	Kelly VanBuskirk	
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First Sunday After Epiphany – January 9, 2022

8:00 AM - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 100	p. 457
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
Collect	p. 123
Collect for Epiphany	p. 117
The Epistle	p. 123
Gradual Psalm: 84: 1-4	p. 437
The Holy Gospel	p. 123

9:15 AM – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 66	p. 408
First Lesson: Isaiah 42. 1-12	(Pew Bible page 593)
Second Lesson: John 4. 1-26 (27-42)	(Pew Bible page 856)

10:00 AM – HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 100	p. 457
Children’s Talk	
The Collect for Purity	p. 67
Collect	p. 123
Collect for Epiphany	p. 117
The Epistle	p. 123
Gradual Psalm: 84:1-4	p. 437
The Holy Gospel	p. 123
The Nicene Creed	p. 71
The Homily	
The Intercession	p. 77
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving and Consecration	p. 78
Music during Communion:	
The Lord’s Prayer	p. 85
The Gloria in Excelsis and Blessing	p. 86

5:00- PM EVENING PRAYER

Psalm 119, parts 1 & 2	p. 485
First Lesson: Isaiah 43. 1-13	(Pew Bible page 594)
Second Lesson: John 12. 20-36a	(Pew Bible page 867)

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

*“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”
Marg Smith, Chris Ford*

This Week in the Parish

The Daily Offices of **Morning and Evening Prayer** will be prayed at **8:30 AM and 5:00 PM Monday – Saturday**, respectively. In addition:

Monday	Vestry	7:00 p.m.
	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Grief-Share	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Thursday	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
	ReConnect Meeting	2:00 p.m.
Saturday	Community Breakfast	9:00 a.m.



Happy belated Birthday to Greg VanBuskirk (Jan 2nd), Audrey Lotherington (Jan. 4th) and Barb MacDonald (Jan. 8th)

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year have been received for our Congregation from Marthe Gradon’s parents, **Balley and Pascal** in Guinea.

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	Isaiah 56:1-8	Matthew 7
Monday	Isaiah 57:15-end	Matthew 8:1-17
Tuesday	Isaiah 59	Matthew 8:18-end
Wednesday	Isaiah 60:1-7	Matthew 9:1-17
Thursday	Isaiah 60:8-end	Matthew 9:18-34
Friday	Isaiah 61	Matthew 9:35-10:23
Saturday	Isaiah 62	Matthew 10:24-end

The Rector's Corner

A star – really? Yes. But weren't they grown men – *wise* men, so-called? Yes. And when they found Him, didn't they fall down and worship Him, even though He was just a Child? Yes. I know, none of it makes sense from a purely human perspective. They did not have a business plan, and there wasn't anything to gain politically.

T.S. Eliot described the situation well: “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. And the camels galled (chafed), sore-footed, refractory (stubborn), lying down in the melting snow....Then the camel men cursing and grumbling and running away, and wanting their liquor and women, and the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters, and the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly and the villages dirty and charging high prices: a hard time (they) had of it.”

Another thing: for wise men, they seemed to be very naïve. When they arrived in Jerusalem, they simply asked Herod, “*Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east and are come to worship Him*”. It was as if they thought that everyone in Israel was tracking this Birth.

Nevertheless, they followed the star. It led them from their eastern homes to Jerusalem, and then on to Bethlehem, the House of Bread, until “it stood over where the young Child was”. Their wisdom was in believing that God was using that star to lead them. Their wisdom was in trusting that the One Who created all things could use the natural world to manifest His glory and reveal Himself. Their wisdom was their faith, and their faith was their wisdom. Following the star, and coming to Christ was their best and wisest move.

And what about us? As Bishop Andrewes said, “In the old ritual of the Church we find on the cover of the canister wherein was the sacrament of His Body, there was a star engraven, to show us that now the star leads us thither, to His Body there. (So) let them that are disposed come, and let whosoever will take of the Bread of Life which came down from heaven to Bethlehem, the house of bread. Of which Bread

the Church is this day the house, the true Bethlehem, and all the Bethlehem we have now left to come to for the Bread of Life.”

At Bethlehem, we shall find a Birth, as the Wise Men did. But, as Eliot wrote, we will also find death – “our death”. If we honestly make the journey, and give our all, including our treasures, we shall “no longer be at ease here, in the old dispensation, with an alien people clutching their gods”. We will find ourselves more and more at odds with our material culture, and we “should be glad of another death” – a death to this world.

Old candles of all shapes and sizes, please: On **February 2nd** the Church Calendar marks ‘The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary’ as a red letter, holy day. In obedience to Jewish law, the Blessed Virgin Mary went to the Temple in Jerusalem to be purified 40 days after the birth of her son, and to present him to God as her firstborn (Luke 2:22–38). Once inside, the Christ Child was recognized by Simeon, who called JESUS ‘A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel’. From his words, the Church, for centuries, has distributed candles on Feb. 2nd for use in homes, and as a reminder of Jesus, the Light of the world. With all that in mind, **we would gladly receive your old candles and bits of candles, please, before Tuesday, January 25th**. We plan to melt them, and make new candles from the wax. If you are interested in helping, please let us know! Old candles may be dropped off at the Church between 7:30am and 12:30pm, Monday to Friday. There will also be a box in the Church Entry for Sunday drop offs.

“Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: That the Gentiles would be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the Gospel.” Ephesians 3. 5,6