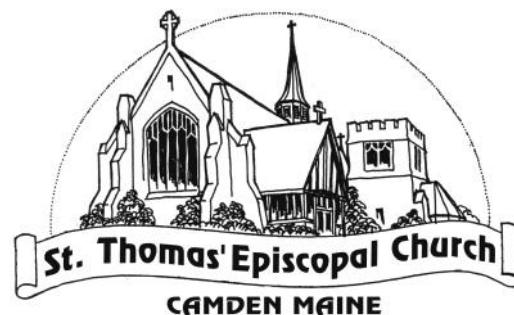


# ST. THOMAS' Tidings

Sunday, November 8, 2015

## The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

We welcome all who enter these doors, especially those who enter for the first time or after a long absence. May this place be like home to you! All are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine at this altar. People are available in the Chapel during Holy Communion to pray with you about any need or thanksgiving.



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### Prayer List

We celebrate those members who have birthdays this week: Sandy Lyle, Manette Pottle (November 10), Priscilla Granston, Carla Jewett (November 11), Jan Dolcater, Parker Laite, Sr. (November 14). Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: Marya Allen, Chris Pettee, Seana Roubinek, Ron, Andrew, Jean Harper, Nancy Mack, Jeremy Tucker, Bill Sharpe, and others who need our prayers.

### Pledge Cards

The Stewardship Committee is very grateful to those of you who have already made your stewardship pledge for 2016. On November 22 the pledge cards will be blessed by our supply priest Canon Michael Ambler. If you intend to pledge, but have misplaced your card, there are extras in the copy room, or ask George and he will be glad to send one to you. Thank you for your support of St. Thomas' Church!

### Christmas Fair Raffle

Don't let the warm weather on either side of this weekend fool you into thinking the Christmas Fair is a long way off. In just a few short weeks we will be filling the raffle baskets and offering tickets for sale. Please stop by the table in the sun room to sign up to help fill these great gift baskets.

— Thanks, Jan and Rebecca



## Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Thomas' Church Dinner and all the fixin's

Thursday, November 26 ♦ 2:00 pm  
Free and open to all!

Sign up sheet in the Sun Room

## Large Type Prayer Books

Over the past several weeks, some parishioners have asked if large type materials can be made available at Sunday services. This is an opportunity for members of the parish to participate in a ministry to make this possible by underwriting the cost. The cost of these books is \$30.00. They can be inscribed with the name or names of people to honor, or remember, just the way it is done with the "regular" hymnals. There are sign-up cards in the Narthex and Sun Room, or just let George know of your intent.

### Today's Music

We enter worship today singing the grand Welsh melody, *Cwm Rhondda*, composed by John Hughes for a 1903 singing festival. The words were written by Harry Emerson Fosdick while at his summer home in Boothbay Harbor and sung the following October 5, 1930 at the opening of Riverside Church, New York City. So, stand up straight, hold up your hymnals, take a deep breath and sing with gusto!

The sequence hymn, *Jesus came adored by angels*, has gentle music written by Gerald Near (American, b. 1942). The offertory hymn, *Come, thou fount of every blessing*, with text written by Robert Robinson (English, 1735-1790) has been paired with the early 19<sup>th</sup> century folk-hymn, *Nettleton*. During communion we sing William Cowper's (English, 1731-1800) text paired with another early American tune, *Light*, which first appeared in publication in 1831. Cowper was absolutely right on target when he stated *Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings(!)* (underscoring mine). Why are we singing an Advent hymn now? Our dismissal hymn with Charles Wesley's (English, 1707-1788) expansive text touches on all of today's lessons as well as pointing us towards approaching Advent. We sing it paired with the music of John Francis Wade (English, 1711-1786).

The Choir sings an anthem to encourage us in our season of stewardship: the text from the Book of Tobit

says volumes in just one sentence! Christopher Tye (English, 1505?-1573), composer, organist at Ely Cathedral wrote the music for this text. Tye later was ordained and returned to Ely Cathedral as priest.

May you be blessed with insightful surprises as you sing today!

—Jane Schroeder, Minister of Music

## Changes in the Flower Guild

JoAnne Ryan and Anne Ayers have agreed to Co-Chair the Flower Guild! I can't think of a more accomplished and creative team, and feel all of us at St. Thomas' Church are fortunate to have them add this responsibility to their many other .good works!

Having sent in my resignation last June 18th, to take effect September 1st (now extended to December) I want to thank all the members of the Guild for all they do to make our church more beautiful. I also want to announce a new member of the team. Kate Jackson, who also already spends hours for St. Thomas creating works of art for the Summer and Christmas Fairs. Actually, everyone on the Flower Guild already does several jobs, whether the Choir, the Altar Guild, the Fairs, or all of the above.

I can't pass up this opportunity to ask for your help. The Flower Guild plan is to have two members work together once a month, to purchase and arrange flowers for the Altar, the Chapel, and the Narthex or entryway. This works in the summer but when the snow birds fly south we usually have one person work every three weeks. Please consider helping us — we are very friendly and doing the flowers on Friday is really fun — no experience necessary — and takes only about an hour! Please see me or one of our members: Sarah Akin, .Anne Ayers, Jeff Conrad, Kate Jackson, Carol Miller, Corallie Murray, JoAnne Ryan, and Ed Shindle.

—Corallie Murray

# Calendar

*Meetings and Events are subject to change. St. Thomas' welcomes the use of its facilities for meetings and events. Please contact the Parish Office before scheduling any event. A detailed building calendar can be viewed in the office copier room.*

### Sunday, November 8

**7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
9:15 am Sunday School  
**9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
5:00 pm Centering Prayer—Chapel  
6:30 pm AA meeting—Basement

### Monday, November 9

6:30 pm AA meeting—Parish Hall

### Tuesday, November 10

9:00 am Xi-Gong Group—Green Room  
5:00 pm Altar Guild dinner—Sun Room  
6:30 pm AA meeting—Basement  
6:30 pm OA meeting—Conference Room

### Wednesday, November 11

**9:30 am Liturgy of the Word and Healing Service—Chapel**  
10:15 am Coffee and Conversation—Sun Room  
10:45 am Staff Meeting—Library  
4:00 pm Education for Ministry—Conference Room  
5:30 pm VoXX Rehearsal—Parish Hall, Green Room  
6:30 pm AA meeting—Basement

### Thursday, November 12

5:00pm Choir Rehearsal—Green Room  
6:00 pm Eastern Orthodox Vespers and Bible Study—Chapel, Sun Room, Kitchen  
6:00 pm All Addictions Step Study—Conference Room  
6:30 pm AA meeting—Basement

### Friday, November 13

4:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal—Church  
6:30 pm AA meeting—Basement

### Saturday, November 14

1:00 pm Harris/Gauvin wedding—Church  
6:30 pm AA meeting—Basement

### Sunday, November 15

**7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
9:15 am Sunday School  
**9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
5:00 pm Centering Prayer—Green Room  
6:30 pm AA meeting—Basement

## Sunday School News

Bonnie Achterhof will be offering an opportunity for children to sing together after the services on November 8, 15, and 22. Children who would like to participate will follow her after Communion to the Green Room where they will sing for 20 minutes.

## Food Drives Are Back

Please remember to bring in canned or dry goods for the Camden Area Christian Food Pantry on every FIRST Sunday of the month. As the need to help others is a continuous effort, we will have baskets in the front of the church and at the back door area ALL the time to accept your donations. Thank you.

—Tom Crowley and Max Black,  
CACFP Board of Directors

## Next Sunday

**November 15**

*The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-14; 15-18; 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

**7:30 am: Celebrant:** The Rev. Ted Kanellakis; **Preacher:** The Rev. Rosalee Glass; **Deacon:** The Rev. Abby Pettee; **Chalice Bearer:** Terry Mello; **Lectors:** Paul Holman, Terry Mello; **Prayers of the People:** Jane Schroeder; **Usher:** Jean Cox.

**9:30 am: Celebrant:** The Rev. Ted Kanellakis; **Preacher:** The Rev. Rosalee Glass; **Deacon:** The Rev. Abby Pettee; **Crucifer:** Joshua Shea; **Chalice Bearer:** Roy Gilley; **Lectors:** Mary Wheelwright, Sarah Akin; **Prayers of the People:** Chris Glass; **Acolytes:** Kristina Kibler, Thor Gabrielsen.