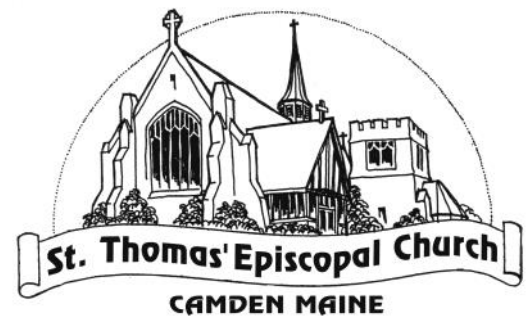


S T . T H O M A S ' Tidings

Sunday, November 5, 2017

All Saints Sunday

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. Members of our prayer ministry are available in the Chapel during Holy Communion to pray with you about any need or thanksgiving.



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Stewardship Forum Next Week

Next Sunday, November 12 after our 9:30 service, there will be a *Stewardship Forum* designed to look at our preliminary "narrative budget", hear information on patterns of giving both in Maine and nationally, and will end with time for fellowship, food, and time for questions. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Thanksgiving Dinner

St. Thomas' will be serving a complete Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 23 at 2:00 pm. Please use the signup sheet in the Sun Room. We're looking for volunteers to bake pies (on Wednesday, November 22), and prep food, set tables and clean up on Thanksgiving Day. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

Today's Music

I forgot to mention something important in last week's *Today's Music*: The Choir sang the lovely anthem, *The Servant Song*, which evolved from Richard Gillard to Betty Carr Pulkingham and then, Carlton T. Russell arranged it for us! The inscription states:

For the choir of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Camden, Maine, Jane Schroeder, Minister of Music. Pretty cool!

We enter worship singing the uplifting hymn, *Ye holy angels bright*, by Richard Baxter, published in *The Poor Man's*

Family Book (London, 1672). Christians have been singing this hymn for nearly 350 years! We sing this to the tune by The Rev. John Darwall which appeared in print in Tate and Brady's *New Version* (1783). The tune name, *Darwall's 148th* is due to Darwall composing tunes (with a bass line as well) to all 150 psalms. More hymns to help us commemorate all the saints are *I sing a song of the saints of God*, one of the hymns written by Lesbia Scott (1898-1986) for her own children. John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945) composed the tune *Grand Isle* (named for the place in Vermont where he had retired) specifically for this text. He died on All Saints' Day in 1945. Our sending forth hymn is the text by William W. How (1823-1897) *For all the saints, who from their labors rest*, and gives us the opportunity to sing with full voice on Ralph Vaughan Williams' soaring music written especially for this hymn.

During communion we sing Isaac Watts' (1674-1748) mystical hymn, *Give us the wings of faith to rise*. Read through the text: it is inspiring! Derek Williams (b. 1945) composed the uplifting music for Watts' text in 1968. For the sequence hymn, I chose the hymn, *Come and seek the ways of Wisdom* (see gray insert), to echo today's reading from Wisdom. Ruth C. Duck wrote this text in 1996. It is paired with David Hurd's (American, b. 1950) lilting tune, *Julion*. We have sung this tune before in our Hymnal #268 and #507 and it works well with this text.

The Choir sings the brief, but in no way simplistic, anthem by Ralph Vaughan Williams. It is based on a passage from today's psalm.

Böhm's prelude is based on a German chorale whose text is a paraphrase of The Beatitudes (today's Gospel). During communion I play Gerald Near's (American, b. 1942) exquisitely crafted piece based on the plainchant, *Requiem aeternam* (Grant them eternal rest, O God). Going forth into the world I play William Mathias' (Welsh, 1934-1992) triumphal piece, *Procession*. I envision all the saints streaming towards the throne of God!

—Jane Schroeder, Minister of Music

Prayer List

We celebrate those members who birthdays are this week: Joan Grey (November 5), Connie Bock, June Dolcater (November 6), Brian Rafter (November 9), Sandy Lyle (November 10), Priscilla Granston, Carla Jewett (November 11). Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: Marya Allen, Ron, Andrew, Jean Harper, Jane Hards, Joanne Scott, Nancy Soderberg, Missie Stone, Sallie Leighton, Tiffany Andrews, June Dolcater, Stormy Bok, Carolyn Morris, Roxanna, Meredith Peters, Brian Fitzpatrick, Cara, Risa, The Jackson family, Ann Gabrielsen, Chris.

Next Sunday

November 12, 2017

**The Twenty-second Sunday
after Pentecost**

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20

1 Thessalonians

Matthew 25:1-13

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Sandy Lyle; **Lectors:** Pat Ayers, Diane Kirkman; **Prayers of the People:** Paul Holman; **Usher:** Jan Lyle.

9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Jeff Conrad; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacqueline Recht; **Lectors:** Dean Jackson, Kate Jackson; **Prayers of the People:** Jane Schroeder; **Ushers:** Dean Jackson, Leamon Scott

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Calendar

Sunday, November 5

All Saints Day

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:45 am—Coffee Hour—Parish Hall
5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, November 6

5:00 pm—Outreach Coalition
—Conference Room
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Tuesday, November 7

9:00 am—Xi Gong class (Parish Hall)
6:30 pm—OA meeting —Library
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, November 8

**9:30 am—Holy Eucharist and
Healing Service—Chapel**
10:00 am—Fellowship Time
—Sun Room
10:30 am—Bible Study—Sun Room
6:00 pm—VoXX Rehearsal
—Parish Hall, Green Room
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Thursday, November 9

10:30 am—Pen Bay Dance Class
—Parish Hall
5:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal
—Green Room
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, November 10

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Parish Hall

Saturday, November 11

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Sunday, November 12

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