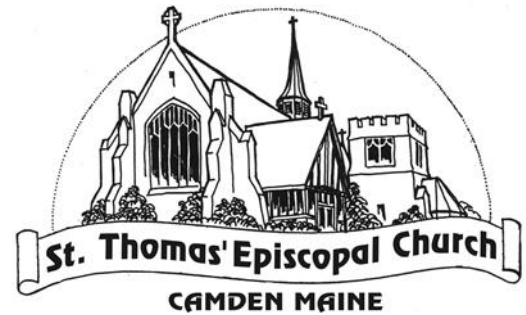


S T . T H O M A S ' Tidings

Sunday, November 25, 2018

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

We welcome all who enter these doors, especially those who enter for the first time or after a long absence. Everyone is welcome! 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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Christmas is Coming and So is the Fair!!

Yes, it really is that time of year and St. Thomas' elves are busy planning our annual Christmas Fair for Saturday, December 1 from 9 AM to 1 PM. Joining the community on Christmas by the Sea weekend, St. Thomas will offer all sorts of treasures, treats, and tasty things. Once again tables of fine treasures, stunning jewelry, yummy baked goods, holiday decorations, colorful crafts and a Children's raffle basket as well as one containing Maine gifts.

New this year will be a Cocoa Bar with all sorts of toppings. Holiday music will add to the festivities, so please join us.

Donations of gently used items for the fine treasures and jewelry tables are being accepted **now**. Also it is not too soon to be planning what you will make for the baked food table. If you would like to join the fun of planning the fair please come to our "short" meetings on Fridays at 11 AM or contact Pat Ayers (236-3192) or Elizabeth Moran (789-5967).

Raffle Baskets

Please help us fill the Children's Raffle Basket and the Maine Made Raffle Basket. Donations for these baskets can be left in the office with Raylene during office hours. Thank you in advance for your generous help in this part of our Christmas Fair.

Fine Treasures Table

The Fine Treasures Table for the Christmas Fair needs your help! We are looking for gently used (nothing broken or chipped) items. Suggestions include: Christmas ornaments and decorations, new candles, glassware, placemats and decorative household items. Please bring items to the church the week of November 25th. For questions please contact Shirley Fierro at zamar15063@yahoo.com or Lucy Ebbert at lbebbert@gmail.com. Many thanks.

Baked Goods Table

It's time to get out your recipe file and consider what you will make for the fair. One of our best sellers is cookies sold individually or by the dozen. We try to have 10 or more different varieties. If you want to help by baking a batch, let me know so we don't all make oatmeal! Other ideas: muffins, scones, squares or brownies for snacking with cocoa or tea from Andrew's cocoa bar. We will have tables set up so shoppers can rest and renew. How about making a batch of fudge, a cake, pie, some rolls or jam, jelly, flavored vinegar or pickles for gift giving (yes, you can give yourself a gift). Thank you all for making time in your busy schedules to help make the fair a success!

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Calling all Angels

Our St. Thomas' Community is once again partnering with the Knox County Homeless Coalition/Hospitality House to provide Christmas gifts for our neighbors in need.

The Angel Tree is up in the Sunroom. This year we have included several adults, hoping that the gift of giving will be extended to all our neighbors, young and old alike.

In the Spirit of Christ's exhortation to "Love your neighbor as yourself," we can open our hearts and be an Angel to a family in need,

All gifts should be returned to St. Thomas', wrapped with their Angel attached identifying which family member they are for by Friday, December 7.

Blessings,
St. Thomas' Outreach Coalition

Anne Edmonds Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life for Anne Edmonds will be held at St. Thomas' on Thursday, November 29 at 11:00 am. There will be a reception following in the Guild and Sun Rooms.

Today's Music Christ the King November 25, 2018

The Choir sings the hope-filled text from Revelation 22 (also in today's Epistle reading from Revelation 1).

It is so very meet and right to do since this is the culmination of the liturgical year as we look to Advent next Sunday. **Paul O. Manz** (American, 1919-2009) was the consummate church musician, organist, choir director, teacher and composer (I play many of his organ pieces too).

We enter worship singing Edward Perronet's (English, 1726-1792) very popular hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!" published in 1780. We have two musical settings of this hymn: today we sing the tune first paired with the text, *Miles Lane*, by William Shrubsole (English, 1759-1806). The name, *Miles Lane*, is a centuries-old simplification of *Michael*. Both Perronet and Shrubsole were associated with the Methodists and the dissenters. This hymn text and tune first appeared in our 1916 *Hymnal*. "Jesus came, adored by angels" is the sweet, but not cloying, text by The Rev. Godfrey Thring (English, 1823-1903). It is paired with the gentle tune by **Gerald Near** (American, b. 1942). Near is a prolific composer of church music. I play a great deal of his organ compositions based on plainchant or hymn tunes. His work is well-crafted and expressive.

The familiar tune we sing during communion, *St. Peter*, is by the string-player and organist, **Alexander R. Reinagle** (England, 1799-1877). It is named for the Oxford church where Reinagle played from 1822-1856.

The well-loved text is by **John Newton** (London, 1725-1807). Yes, this is the same Newton who was a slave-ship captain; who converted during a storm at sea (greatly influenced by reading *Imitation of Christ* by Thomas á Kempis); who studied and was finally ordained in 1864; who befriended the poet **William Cowper** and collaborated on *Olney Hymns* (London, 1779. Newton was active in the anti-slavery movement where he collaborated with **William Wilberforce**. Newton lived to see the abolition of the British slave trade in 1807. **Healey Willan** (English, 1880-1968) composed the pensive piece based on this tune.

We go forth into the world singing the “combo-text” of **Matthew Bridges** and **Godfrey Thring**: “Crown him with many crowns.” **Sir George J. Elvey** (Canterbury, 1816-1893) composed the tune, *Diademata*, specifically for this text in 1868 and we have been singing this successful marriage ever since. Elvey, at age 19, was appointed organist at St. George’s Chapel, Windsor Castle (winning out over Samuel Sebastian Wesley) and remained in that post for forty-seven years. He was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1871. **Alec Rowley** (English, 1892-1958) composed the lively postlude based on Elvey’s tune.

I chose to play the exquisite organ piece, *Master Tallis’ Testament*, as prelude for two reasons: **Herbert Howells** (English, 1892-1983) was organist, teacher as well as a master composer for many instruments, voice, choirs, organ, clavichord, chamber music and who taught at the Royal College of Music until the late 1970’s. This composition is in homage to **Thomas Tallis** (Kent, c. 1505-1585). Tallis was another prolific composer of Latin church music, music for the reformed Church of England, songs, music for strings and for keyboard. Perhaps his greatest achievement is having served under four Tudor monarchs, and quite literally keeping his head and suffering no hardships for being a Roman Catholic. In 1575 Queen Elizabeth granted Tallis and his pupil, **William Byrd** (1543-1623), also a Roman Catholic, a 21-year monopoly for printing music. The Episcopal Church added Tallis and Byrd (along with John Merbecke) to its commemoration of saints in *Holy Women, Holy Men* (Church Publishing, 2010) on November 21. Thank you, gentlemen.

Jane Schroeder
Minister of Music

Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: Marya Allen, Ron, Andrew, Joanne Scott, Tiffany Andrews, Seana Roubinek, Pat Olds, Carolyn Morris, Janan Vaughn, Rosalind Clarke, Amy, Gordon Gushee, Susan, Martha, Jean Harper, Abby Neal, Mary, Jeremiah Swett, Dustin, Maxine.

This Sunday November 25, 2018

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2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-13 (14-19)
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry ; **Eucharistic Minister:** JoAnne Ryan; **Lectors:** Edmund Hartt, Pam Bardon; **Prayers of the People:** Paul Holman; **Usher:** Anne Ayers

10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** George Bickham; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacqueline Recht; **Lectors:** Sarah Groman, Millie Crocker; **Prayers of the People:** Brother Donovan Bowley; **Acolytes:** Charlotte Watkins, Poppy Johanson; **Ushers:** Leamon Scott, Roy Gilley

Next Sunday December 2, 2018 First Sunday of Advent

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry ; **Eucharistic Minister:** Sandy Lyle; **Lectors:** Sandy Lyle, Jan Lyle; **Prayers of the People:** Pat Ayers; **Usher:** Jan Lyle

10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Freya Johanson; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacqueline Recht; **Lectors:** Youth Readers; **Prayers of the People:** Youth; **Acolytes:** Hettie Bickham, Lola Black; **Ushers:** Jim Ebbert, Lucy Ebbert

Calendar

Sunday, November 25

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7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am—Christian Education Classes
10:00 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II
(Coffee Hour follows)
5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, November 26

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Parish Hall

Tuesday, November 27

9:00 am—Xi Gong—Green Room
2:00 pm—Staff Meeting
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, November 28

9:30 am—Eucharist Service with Healing—Chapel

10:15 am—Fellowship—Conference Room
11:00 am—Bible Study—Conference Room
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement
7:00 pm—VoXX

Thursday, November 29

11:00 am—Anne Edmonds Funeral
5:00 pm—Choir
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, November 30

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Saturday, December 1

9:00 am—Christmas Fair
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Sunday, December 2 First Sunday of Advent

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I
(Coffee Hour follows)
8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am—Christian Education Classes
**10:00 am—Family Friendly
Eucharist, Rite II**
(Coffee Hour follows)
5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

What’s Where

Our Sunday School and Nursery rooms are located past the sun room. Turn right. The *Blue Room* is the Nursery & *Godly Play*; the *Yellow Room* is the *God, the Bible and Me* classroom. Restrooms are located down the right aisle, past the Chapel, at the end of the corridor on the left side. Additional rest rooms are located in the basement (down the same corridor, via the stairway on your left). The Conference Room is past the sunroom, take the right corridor to the end and turn left.

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.