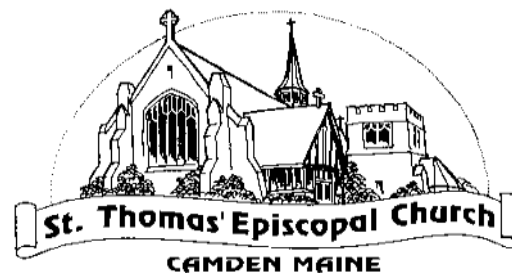


ST. THOMAS' Tidings

Sunday, January 6, 2019

The Feast of Epiphany

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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Coffee Hour

There is coffee hour this morning following both the 7:30 am and the 10:00 am services. Won't you join us?!

2018 Parish Survey

If you have not already done so, please complete this year's survey to help us assess where we are, where we are going and what our priorities should be for 2019. This anonymous and confidential survey is anticipated to take less than 10 minutes and can be completed by either:

*Via Survey Monkey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PNS39SQ>

*Printing a copy from the website and completing it at your leisure

*Picking up a copy of the survey in the narthex, sun room or parish office (if you choose to complete the survey by printed copy or PDF, please return the survey to the Parish Office)

Please have all responses completed by no later than January 11. We would like to share the survey results at our Parish Annual Meeting on January 27, 2019.

Please contact Carlos Mello at SrWarden.stthomascamden@gmail.com if you have any comments, questions or concerns.

Bishop Nominees

Read about the new Bishop nominees! Information and pictures are on the table in the sunroom. Walkabouts are scheduled in Bangor, Augusta and Portland on January 18-20. Information is on the announcement boards and online through the Diocesan website. Please share your thoughts with the Rector and the delegates to the Electing Convention: Donovan Bowley, Susan Fockler, Jan Lyle and Suzanne Scott.

Stewardship Update

A big "Thank You" to our members and friends of St. Thomas' Church who have submitted their 2019 Stewardship cards which help to support the mission and

ministry of our parish. We are currently \$30,000 below our targeted pledge income for 2019. If you have not sent in a Stewardship card, please consider supporting St. Thomas; your support, regardless of what you are able to give, is truly appreciated. If you need a Stewardship Brochure, you can find them in the Sun Room, Narthex or the Parish Office. Thanks to everyone who supports St. Thomas'. *Everything is possible for him who believes. (Mark 6:23)*

Wishing all a Happy New Year!

Terry Mello
Treasurer

Rector's Day Off

The Rector's new day off will move from Monday's to Friday's beginning this week. If you need to get into the office to see Mother Lisa on a Monday, let her know. She does pastoral and other church related work that happens outside the office, so she will be in and out on Mondays. St Thomas' won't be changing our office hours officially since Raylene works Tuesday- Friday from 9-3. Some parishioners have requested that the Rector make this change, so she's trying it out for a trial period.

Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting is coming up January 27th where our budget will be presented, parish survey results announced, and new vestry and diocesan convention delegates selected. If anyone is interested in running for Vestry (a 3 year commitment), or running for our Maine Convention delegation, please let a current member of the vestry or the rector know as soon as possible.

Annual Meeting Booklet

Deadline

All leaders of active ministries at St. Thomas', please remember to get your reports for the Annual Meeting Booklet to Raylene no later than January 18th.

Today's Music

The Feast of the Epiphany January 6, 2019

How delightful when Epiphany falls on a Sunday and we can celebrate this feast royally! (All puns intended). Today's prelude was written in 1961 based on chants for Epiphany by the French composer, organist and teacher Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986). Although thought of as an 'ancient' carol, our entrance hymn, *We three kings of Orient are*, has both words and music written in 1857 by the American music teacher (he taught at our General Theological Seminary in NYC) John Henry Hopkins, Jr. Our sequence hymn, *How bright appears the Morning Star*, is considered the "Queen of Chorales" alongside the "King of Chorales," *Wake, awake, for night is flying* (#61 in our hymnal). Both were written by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) and bookend Advent and Epiphany.

The Choir sings Benjamin Britten's (English, 1913-1976) setting of the anonymous text *A New Year Carol*. Walter de la Mare (English, 1873-1956) found the text: and yet we still do not know the origins! *Levy-Dew* is possibly a British folk song of Welsh origin meaning 'a cry to God;' possibly Middle English 'Lady' or possibly French 'raise to God.' There is an ancient tradition of taking 'new' water from a well and sprinkling it on doorways for a fresh start (we use *asperges* to sprinkle holy water on the altar and on people...) I leave you to draw your own conclusions.

Sam Batt Owens (American, 1928-1998) was organist, choir director, college professor as well as composer of well-crafted sacred music. Today's communion voluntary by him is based on the chant we will then sing during communion, *Of the Father's Love begotten* (chant name: *Divinum mysterium*). The text was written in the Fourth Century and the chant is from the Middle Ages: Christians have been singing this a very long time, so let us join the throng!

Reginald Heber (English, 1783-1826) wrote the stirring hymn we go forth into the world singing, *Brightest and best of the stars of the morning*, as part of his efforts to improve congregational singing in his parish(!) The tune was written by James Proctor Harding (1850-1911) as a choir anthem, and has been adapted as a congregational hymn. Then I play Dietrich Buxtehude's chorale prelude on the chant *Puer nobis* by Michael Praetorius' (see Hymn #124). Not enough room to sing it today!

We have sung much about the star: go forth with its guiding light!

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, Jan, Millie.

This Sunday January 6, 2019 The Feast of Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

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

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

Next Sunday

January 13, 2019 First Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** JoAnne Ryan; **Lectors:** JoAnne Ryan, Terry Mello; **Prayers of the People:** Edmund Hartt; **Usher:** Carlos Mello

10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Lily Robbins; **Eucharistic Minister:** Roy Gilley; **Lectors:** Dean Jackson, Kate Jackson; **Prayers of the People:** Br. Donovan Bowley; **Acolytes:** Will Robbins, Olivia Robbins; **Ushers:** Dean Jackson, Phil Groman

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.

Calendar

Sunday, January 6

The Feast of Epiphany

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I
(Coffee Hour follows)

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, January 7

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Parish Hall

Tuesday, January 8

9:00 am—Xi-Gong Class on Vacation
until the end of January

2:00 pm—Staff Meeting

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

7:00 pm—VoXX Extra Practice

Wednesday, January 9

9:30 am—Eucharist Service with Healing—Chapel

10:15 am—Fellowship—Conference Room

11:00 am—Bible Study—Conference Room

4:00 pm—EFM—Conference Room

5:30 pm—Watershed School Project Fair—Parish Hall

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

7:00 pm—No VoXX

Thursday, January 10

5:00 pm—Choir

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, January 11

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Saturday, January 12

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Sunday, January 13

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