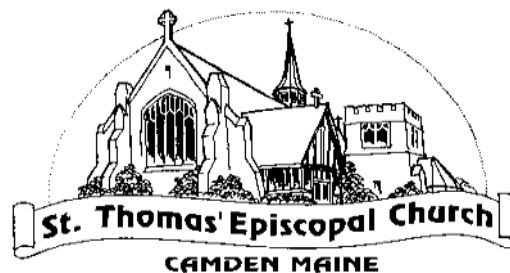


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 Tidings

Sunday, January 20, 2019

The Second Sunday after 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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### Helping During Government Shutdown

Sandy Lyle will be speaking after both services (weather permitting) about the government shutdown and how it is affecting the Coast Guard and other federal workers in Maine, and ways we can help. Please join him at either of the coffee hours, which will happen after each service. *Midcoast Interfaith Alliance*, of which Abby and I are members, has talked with the Coast Guard who suggest that one way to help the members of our local Coast Guard is to buy cash cards for \$25 - \$50 from Walmart, Hannaford or Maritime Energy. Please drop off cards at the Hampton Inn in Thomaston, or at our church office. Thank you, everyone! Lisa+

### Annual Meeting is NEXT WEEK!

Please come to the Parish Hall after the 10:00 service next week for the Annual Meeting. Hear State of the Church addresses, be brought up to date on Budget and *How It Is Accomplished*, elect the next class of Vestry members, and drink coffee, tea and EAT! What could be more fun?

### Quarry Hill Service Rescheduled

Due to the Annual Meeting, the Quarry Hill service is rescheduled from January 27 until February 3. Please join us on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30pm.

### Office Closed

The office will be closed Monday, January 21 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. national holiday.

### Treasurer's Notes

Last Tuesday the Vestry passed our 2019 Budget which will be presented at the Annual Meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Our budget for 2019 is very tight; we are currently \$16,000 below our pledges/donations goal. Thank you all who contribute to St. Thomas'; we could not do it without you. If an additional 40 people were able to give \$10 per week, we could have an additional \$20,000 to spend on our many ministries, activities and worship here at St. Thomas'. (\$5/week would raise an additional \$10,000.) If you have not regularly supported St. Thomas' in the past, please pray about making a financial commitment to God as we walk together into the future. *Everything is possible for him who believes.* (Mark 6:23)

Faithfully

Terry Mello, Treasurer

### Rector's Class

The Rector's class will begin again February 3.

Feb 3 & 10—*Angels in the Bible/ In our Midst*—Class/ discussion

Feb 17-March 3—*I AM video/ discussion*. The director of many Jim Carrey movies, Tom Shadyak, had a brush with death that changed his whole perspective. This is his documentary of what follows. You'll want to come to all the classes to see the whole movie.

*Our Lenten Series will be about the 7 Ways of Love*, developed as a discussion by the Presiding Bishop. Join Lisa and Abby as they take turns leading the discussion March 10- April 21.

### Christmas Fair Clean Up

There are a few remaining items from the Christmas Fair that need to be cleared out of the Parish Hall before the Annual Meeting next week. If you can help, please take items to the storage room in the basement under the parish hall. Put

items in the first room on left after you go down the old stairs and has painted murals on the wall

### Spring Training

Planning ahead? Save Saturday, April 27 for Spring Training

Report for Spring Training 2019 with Bishop Steve Lane and Episcopalians from all across Maine in Augusta on Saturday, April 27. With more than 20 new workshops to choose from, and about 150 people attending, this promises to be a day of sharing, learning and growth.

Let's field a whole team from St. Thomas'!

### Prayer for the Election of a Bishop:

*God of Grace, we give you thanks for all the blessings of our common life and ministries as the Episcopal Diocese of Maine. We thank you for the faithful work of the Discernment committee and for all who have offered themselves to your service in this season of change. May the holy spirit continue to bless the Transition committee, and to infuse this process with the gifts of faith, hope and love. We give thanks and pray for Anne, Janet, Ken, Rachel, and Thomas. May they be filled with vision, courage, patience and hope as our work of discernment continues. in Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

### Today's Music

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The lilting prelude is by C. Armstrong Gibbs (English, 1889-1960): it truly is a lullaby.

Gibbs came to composing late in his thirties, eventually studied with Charles Wood and Ralph Vaughan Williams and collaborated with the poet, Walter de la Mare. During communion I play another lullaby-like piece by Gordon Phillips (English, 1908-1991).

Phillips compiled the seven volume *Tallis to Wesley Series*, which gave

organists around the world the opportunity to access and play Early English Organ music. Gibbs' piece is based on the 15<sup>th</sup> century English carol, a.k.a. *Coventry Carol*. Phillips' piece is based on a tune dated between 1460-1490. The tune name, *This Endrys Nyght* means "the other night." (You can find this hymn with an 1865 American text in our hymnal #116.)

We enter worship singing **Charles Wesley's** (1707-1788) beloved text, first published in 1740. The tune, *Ratisbon*, started life as a 16<sup>th</sup> century German hymn to Mary, and through the adaptation of many (including William H. Havergal) morphed into the tune we sing today! I love the fascinating paths the hymn texts and tunes take! During communion we sing the favorite hymn of many people: *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*. The text is ancient: fifth-century. The tune, *Picardy*, is thought to be a French folk tune dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century. **Ralph Vaughan Williams** had one of his many strokes of genius when he put this text and tune together and gave it a plainsong-like simple accompaniment. Brilliant! We go forth into the world singing the rousing hymn for mission by **George Wallace Briggs** (English, 1875-1959). The tune, *St. Joan* (named for the composer's wife) was written by **Percy E.B. Collier** (English, 1895-?) specifically for this text. As with our entrance hymn we sing of Christ as *the world's true light* and *day-star clear and bright*.

The Choir sings a chant based on the writings of **Hildegard von Bingen** (German, 1098-1179). This hymn to the Holy Spirit ends with the Latin text *Laus tibi spiritus* which means *Praise to you, O Spirit*. **Mary Louise Bringle** compiled the text and the tune beautifully. **Barry Rose** (English, b. 1934) arranged this setting. This anthem points us to today's reading from 1 Corinthians. We then go forth into the world while I play a piece by **Johann Heinrich Buttstedt** (German, 1666-1727) who is not exactly a household word! Buttstedt was a student of **Johann Pachelbel**. This piece is based on the Epiphany hymn (see #131 in the hymnal) *From heaven came the angel bright*. It is a fitting finish to today's worship.

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, Joan Pottle, Arnie Joy, Norval Johanson.

### This Sunday January 20, 2019 Second Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

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

**10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Kavan Kibler; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacqueline Recht; **Lectors:** Jane Schroeder, Sydney Hall; **Prayers of the People:** Bill Freeman; **Acolytes:** Kingston Kibler, Tom Colburn; **Ushers:** Joan Bennett, Bill Freeman

### Next Sunday January 27, 2019 Third Sunday After Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

**7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry ; **Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon; **Lectors:** Pam Bardon, Diane Kirkman; **Prayers of the People:** JoAnne Ryan; **Usher:** Marilyn Smith

**10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** George Bickham; **Eucharistic Minister:** Roy Gilley; **Lectors:** Roy Gilley, Kathryn DesMarderosian; **Prayers of the People:** Chris Glass; **Acolytes:** Charlotte Watkins, Poppy Johanson; **Ushers:**

### Needs in the Area

It has come to my attention that our members occasionally run across specific and finite needs among our area families and individuals. I would like to open up this space to those who would like members of St. Thomas' to know when they can help. I consider this part of our Outreach to the area. Lisa+

### 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 20**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
**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, January 21**  
**Office Closed—Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Parish Hall

**Tuesday, January 22**  
9:00 am—Xi-Gong Class on Vacation until the end of January  
2:00 pm—Staff Meeting  
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

**Wednesday, January 23**  
**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  
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement  
7:00 pm—VoXX

**Thursday, January 24**  
5:00 pm—Choir  
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

**Friday, January 25**  
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

**Saturday, January 26**  
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

**Sunday, January 27**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
**7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
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