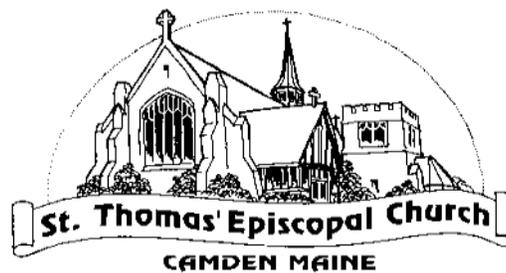


# ST. THOMAS' Tidings

Sunday, February 17, 2019

*The Sixth 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.



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## Rector's Class

Please join us for the class in the conference room this Sunday at 9:00. This week's discussion will center around the *I AM*- a video by Tom Shadyak (director of many Jim Carrey movies) about what he discovered after a life threatening accident. This film will be shown in 3 parts as we journey with Tom into a fascinating new look at God's world. Don't miss it!

## Vestry Commissioning February 24

We will have a short commissioning liturgy at the announcement time during both services on Sunday, February 24 to welcome our new Vestry and officers. Please come and share in prayers for the lay leaders of our church.

## Vestry Doings

If you are interested in the work your church leaders on the Vestry do every third Tuesday of the month, the minutes of each Vestry meeting are available to the parish after they are approved. The process of reading, correcting and approving the minutes takes some time after each meeting, and the finalized minutes are then approved at the next Vestry meeting. That means that January's minutes won't be approved until the February meeting, after which they will be posted. Minutes will be posted on the website, as well as posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Vestry meetings are open to all.

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## Lenten Sermon and Teaching Series is coming!

**Lenten Sermon and Discussion Series is coming!**

During the 7 weeks of Lent, Rev. Lisa and Rev. Abby will be team teaching and doing a preaching series using Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's new project: *The Way of Love*, as a discussion starter. Here's a link: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love>

Lisa and Abby's sermons and open discussions each week will follow one of the practices of **Rest- Turn - Learn - Pray - Worship - Bless - Go!** curriculum, focusing on one aspect each week. Enjoy the sermons at 7:30 and 10:00, and join them at 9am each Sunday in the Conference Room from March 10-April 21 for a discussion about how these 5 practices impact your daily life.

## Confession is good for the soul!

Sometimes people need to confess, especially if they can't stop thinking about something in their past. Sometimes we need to hear we are forgiven, no matter what.

Long before Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) we had Shrove Tuesday. The expression "Shrove Tuesday" comes from the word shrive, which means "absolve". Beginning in the early church, Christians would confess their sins to their priest the day before Lent began. They were then absolved in the name of God. Many continue this tradition.

I will offer The Reconciliation of a Penitent (sometimes referred to as 'confession') by appointment on Shrove Tuesday, March 5.

## The Great Litany

**If you want to see our church at its ritually best, come and participate in the Great Litany.** This liturgical rite has been used by Christians since the fifth century. The Great Litany is done on the first Sunday in Lent - March 10 this year. It is sometimes chanted in a procession, which many choirs call the "holy pretzel. This Litany includes various petitions that are led by the priest, with responses sung or said by the congregation. The Great Litany invokes the Trinity and includes prayers for deliverance from evil, spiritual harm, and natural calamities; and concludes with prayers of general intercession. The Great Litany replaces the Prayers of the People and the Confession on Lent 1.

## Upcoming Zumba Dance!

Volunteers are needed for the March 30th (7:30—9:30 pm) Zumba Dance Party Benefit (Proceeds to go to Knox County Homeless Coalition, and Habitat for Humanity) Help is needed for....

- 1) Childcare from 7:30—9:30 pm
- 2) Kitchen Help/Refreshments
- 3) Snacks and Baked Goods Donations
- 4) Decoration ideas and set up
- 5) Advertising (Freepress/Online, etc.)

**Please contact Pam Bardon 236-2421.**

## Plant whisperer

We have many lovely plants in the sun room area and corridor. These have always been watered by dedicated volunteers, but our current volunteer can no longer do it.

Does anyone consider themselves good at watering and would you like to take on this ministry? This is a good ministry for anyone: singles, couples, married with or without children. This is a good ministry for people who don't have much time to offer, or need a very flexible schedule.

If we can't find another volunteer we will no longer be able to have plants in the corridor or sunroom, so if you are a plant whisperer, we'd love to hear from you!

## Today's Music February 17, 2019 Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Hallelujah! The organ tuners will be here on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> to chase the bagpipe- playing gremlins out of the organ chamber! (*And* to tune the organ.) What a relief!

We enter worship singing the rousing hymn "O for a thousand tongues to sing" by **Charles Wesley** (1707-1788), published as the opening hymn in his brother **John Wesley's** (1703-1791) *A Collection of Hymns for the Use of the People called Methodists* (London, 1780). The original text had eighteen stanzas! Here is an example of one of the omitted stanzas:

*Harlots, and publicans, and thieves in holy triumph join;*

*Saved is the sinner that believes from crimes as great as mine.*

We sing the tune, *Azmon*, originally written by **Carl Gläser** (1784-1829) in 4/4 time; it was arranged by **Lowell Mason** (1792-1872) in 3/2 time and given a tune named after an Old Testament geographical reference in Numbers and Joshua.

At the sequence we sing one of my favorite hymns, "If thou but trust in God to guide thee" with both the text and the melody written by **Georg Neumark** (1621-1681) in the winter of 1640-41. Here we are 378 years later with a hymn which still applies to our lives and uplifts us. **Johann Sebastian Bach** used this tune in eight of his sacred cantatas.

During communion we sing **John Keble's** (1792-1866) text which echoes today's reading from Luke. **William H. Havergal** (1793-1870) very skillfully reworked the original tune by **Johann B. König** (1691-1758). Going forth into the world we sing another stirring text, "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun," this one by **Isaac Watts** (1674-1748). The tune, *Duke Street*, has quite a few composers names associated with it: **John Hatton** (d.1797), the last one linked with the music, lived on Duke Street.

The prelude is from a collection for organ or harpsichord (or in our case, piano!). **William Boyce** (1710-1779) studied with **Maurice Greene** (1695-1755). Greene served as Master of the King's Music and Organist at the Chapel Royal. After Greene's death, Boyce succeeded him. In his final years, Boyce completed the work started by Greene, *Cathedral Music*. It is therefore difficult to discern which music was composed by Boyce and which by Greene!

The choir sabbatical ends this week. Thank you choir members for helping to lead the singing from the pews!

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, Paul Whittaker, Sandy Lyle, Kevin Jackson, Peggy.

## This Sunday February 17, 2019 Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

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

**10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Kavan Kibbler; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacqueline Recht; **Lectors:** Dean Jackson, Kate Jackson; **Prayers of the People:** Bill Freeman; **Acolytes:** Kingston Kibbler, Tom Colburn; **Ushers:** Bill Freeman, Roy Gilley

## Next Sunday February 24, 2019 Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalms 37:1-12, 41-32

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

**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:** Paul Holman

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

### 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 Parishioners of St. Thomas' who would like us to help.

USE THIS SPACE!

### 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, February 17**  
**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
8:30 am—No 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, February 18**  
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Parish Hall

**Tuesday, February 19**  
9:00 am—Xi-Gong Dance Class  
2:00 pm—Staff Meeting  
5:00 pm—Vestry Meeting—Conference Room  
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

**Wednesday, February 20**  
**9:30 am—Holy Eucharist with Healing—Chapel**  
10:15 am—Coffee and Conversation—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, February 21**  
5:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

**Friday, February 22**  
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

**Saturday, February 23**  
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

**Sunday, February 24**  
**Seventh 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

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