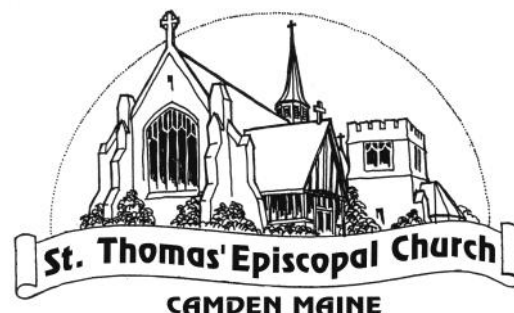


# S T . T H O M A S' Tidings

Sunday, November 22, 2015

## 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. May this place be like home to you! All are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine at this altar. People are available in the Chapel during Holy Communion to pray with you about any need or thanksgiving.



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### Prayer List

We celebrate those members who have birthdays this week: Jan Gilley (November 23), Susan Conrad (November 25), Edmund Hartt (November 27), Kay Lehr (November 28) Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: Marya Allen, Chris Pettee, Seana Roubinek, Ron, Andrew, Jean Harper, Nancy Mack, Jeremy Tucker, Bill Sharpe, Tiffany Andrews and others who need our prayers: Kamrie Hodgman, Debbi Stockwell, Georgiana, Meredith Peters, Michael Drons.

### This Morning

Please welcome The Rev. Canon Michael Ambler, from the Diocese of Maine, who will be our celebrant and preacher today. Canon Ambler will be on hand after both services to answer questions about the discernment process as St. Thomas' begins the process of recruiting a new rector.

### Help Heat Homes

Over the past four years St. Thomas' parishioners have generously supported the Help Heat Homes program that provides heating assistance for low income individuals and families in Knox County. We have been blessed to have raised over \$123,000 and all monies raised are turned into Penquis with zero administrative expense. Penquis acts as our fiscal agent and has a sound program that qualifies those truly need for this assistance. We have been informed that during this period, we have helped over 450 families and individuals. With last winter in mind, I humbly ask you to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider supporting this program again. Make your checks to St. Thomas Church with Help Heat Homes in the reference line. Thanks very much.

—Jan Dolcater

### Angel Tree

As in years past, we have partnered with the Salvation Army in their Knox County Christmas gift program. This year we will be participating in their Adopt a Family program. We again ask for your prayers and consideration in donating to this blessed opportunity. The Angel tree will be put up November 25, the and gifts should be purchased and returned to St Thomas, unwrapped, the week of December 7. You may include wrapping materials with your gift.

As always your generosity and spirit is greatly appreciated as we move into the Advent season and the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

—The Outreach Coalition

### Christmas Fair News

Attention all bakers and cooks. Start your ovens! I know it's a busy season, but we need you **all** to be planning what you will be making for Polly's Pantry at the Christmas Fair. We need pies, cakes, cookies, muffins, scones, yeast and quick breads, jams, preserves, soups, baked beans....

You did a great job, everyone, signing up for almost all the suggested items on the raffle basket lists. If you can think of things a Holiday Hostess or Christmas Dog might appreciate that we didn't think of, please add a line to the list and bring the items in. We need to get the baskets assembled now so please get your things to George in the office before Thanksgiving. Last call for cat lovers to contact us for equal time and suggestions for a Cat Basket!

—Jan Conrad and Rebecca Vogt

### Upcoming Events

**Thursday, November 26**  
2:00 pm

Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Thomas'  
**Please let us know you're coming!**

**Saturday, December 5**

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

St. Thomas' Christmas Fair

**Sunday, December 20**

Greening of the Church  
following the 9:30 service

**Thursday, December 24**  
**Christmas Eve**

4:00 pm - Holy Eucharist Rite II  
with Children's Christmas Pageant  
10:00 pm - Holy Eucharist Rite I

**Christmas Day**

9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

### Singing Opportunity for Children

Bonnie Achterhof will again be offering an opportunity for children to sing together after the services today. Children who would like to participate will follow her after Communion to the Green Room where they will sing for about 20 minutes.

### Today's Music

This morning we come full circle and bring the church year to a close; this means next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent!

The Choir sings Gustav Holst's (English, 1874-1934) expansive anthem setting of *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*. The text was part of the 5th century Liturgy of St. James, used at the presentation of the sacred elements at the time of the offertory. Ralph Vaughan Williams (English, 1872-1958) had another of his strokes of genius when he matched this

text with the 17th century French folk tune, *Picardy*. (See it in our hymnal #324). Holst originally scored this for reeds, horns, timpani, organ and strings. We will do our best to fill out the parts and sing it with vigor!

I play two very different organ pieces based on the lovely 16th century German chorale, *Lord, thee I love with all my heart*. Sigfrid Karg-Elert (German, 1877-1933) wrote the luxuriant prelude based on this tune and Paul Manz (American, 1919-2009) composed the lovely setting I play during communion. Emma Lou Diemer (American, b. 1927) composed the exultant postlude based on the hymn we sing as we enter worship.

The sequence hymn, *King of glory, King of peace* has the exquisite 17th century text by the priest/poet George Herbert with music written by 20th century priest/musician, David Charles Walker (American, b. 1938). At the offertory hymn, we have the pairing of Isaac Watts' (English, 1674-1748) text, *Come, we that love the Lord*, with Dr. Richard Wayne Dirksen's stirring tune, *Vineyard Haven*, composed for the 1974 installation of the new Presiding Bishop at Washington Cathedral (where Dirksen was Organist & Choirmaster). During communion we sing the medieval Irish hymn, *Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord* sung to the tune, *Song 46* by Orlando Gibbons (English, 1583-1625).

Going forth into the world we sing *All hail the power of Jesus' Name!* has both a text which appeared (and then evolved greatly!) in the late 18th century and has been paired with Oliver Holden's tune, *Coronation*, since 1793.

Sing with gusto!

—Jane Schroeder, Minister of Music

## Next Sunday

**November 29**

*The First Sunday of Advent*

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 15:1-9

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

**7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. John Van Sicken; **Deacon:** The Rev. Rosalee Glass/The Rev. Abby Pettee; **Eucharistic Minister:** JoAnne Ryan; **Lectors:** Pam Bardon, Pat Ayers; **Prayers of the People:** Paul Holman; **Usher:** Parker Laite

**9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. John Van Sicken; **Deacon:** The Rev. Rosalee Glass/The Rev. Abby Pettee; **Crucifer:** David Manning; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacqueline Recht; **Lectors:** Olivia Vega, Jade Hazzard; **Prayers of the People:** Jeff Conrad; **Acolytes:** Kavan Kibler, Will Robbins; **Usher:** Bill Freeman, Jade Hazzard

# Calendar

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.

## Sunday, November 22

**7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
8:15 am Q&A with Canon Michael Ambler  
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
9:15 am Sunday School  
**9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
10:30 am Q&A with Canon Michael Ambler  
11:00 am Crèche Raising—Front lawn  
11:15 am Children's Music—Green Room  
5:00 pm Centering Prayer—Chapel  
6:30 pm AA meeting—Basement

## Monday, November 23

6:30 pm AA meeting—Parish Hall

## Tuesday, November 24

9:00 am Xi-Gong Group—Green Room  
6:30 pm AA meeting—Basement  
6:30 pm OA meeting—Conference Room

## Wednesday, November 25

**9:30 am Liturgy of the Word and Healing Service—Chapel**  
10:15 am Coffee and Conversation—Sun Room  
10:45 am Staff Meeting—Library  
4:00 pm Education for Ministry—Conference Room  
6:30 pm AA meeting—Basement

## Thursday, November 26

2:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner—Parish Hall  
6:30 pm AA meeting—Basement

## Friday, November 27

Building Closed  
6:30 pm AA meeting—Basement

## Saturday, November 28

6:30 pm AA meeting—Basement

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## Library Corner

Trinity

Joseph Girzone

Retired priest Joseph Girzone elucidates the mysterious ways the Trinity works in the world and especially, in the Church, as an extension of Jesus' presence in history. Writing with passion and insight, he helps readers understand how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit work within individuals as well, guiding them as they struggle along the pathways of life on Earth.

Our Church Office is open Tuesday - Friday

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

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