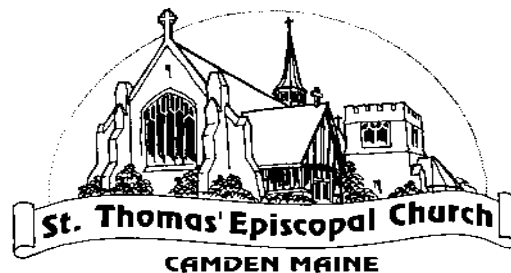


# St. Thomas' Tidings

Sunday, July 19, 2020  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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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## Outdoor Worship Space Soon to Be Installed

The Reopening Task Force and the Vestry have been thinking of ways to help people pray within the grounds of the church. We are developing a prayer garden in the lawn space behind the parish hall. It should accommodate up to four people who will be able to sit and pray. Brother Donovan Bowley is making meditation stations to go by all four seating areas in the prayer garden. People will be asked to wear masks while in this space, and to respect physical distancing at all times.

For those of you who relish a quiet spot to meditate, this will be right up your alley. We hope to have it up by the first week in August.



The garden space by the statue of Saint Thomas is always available for quiet prayer or a chat with a friend while socially distanced and masked. The weed whackers have been hard at work to make the front garden ready for visitors.

## Seeking Prayer Shawls For Graduating Seniors

On July 31, Maine Episcopal Youth will be honoring their outgoing high school seniors during an online Compline service. It has become a tradition to wrap the seniors in a prayer shawl and pray over them as they prepare to enter the world of young adulthood in the church. They are looking to collect eight prayer shawls to distribute on July 31. If you would like to donate a shawl, please email [Rev. Cn. Sara D'Angio White](mailto:Rev. Cn. Sara D'Angio White) or call Sara at (585) 749-9125.

**Camp Bishopswood Misses You!** Although [Camp Bishopswood](http://Camp Bishopswood) isn't hosting campers in person this summer, it is offering virtual camp activities! The schedule for Week #3 (July 20-24) appears below.

Want to get involved? Please email [campbishopswood2020@gmail.com](mailto:campbishopswood2020@gmail.com) for more information.

WEEK 3:				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
9:30 Mad Lits Camp Songs	9:30 Work out! w/ Liv and Kael	9:30 Send in photos of you in your color!!	9:30 Bingo	9:30
10:30 Tie Dye w/ Chibe Aerie - Devin	10:30 Singing Camp Songs w/ Phoebe	12:30 Color Challenge Hype Lunch	10:30 TAG! w/ The Gates!	10:30 OT Activity!
2:30 Swim Lessons w/ Devin and Liv	2:30 Counselor Tag	2:30	2:30	2:30
3:30 FUN! w/ Julian and Chloe	3:30 Hefalump Hunt w/ Leigh and Julian	ACTIVE DAY ACTIVITIES!	3:30 Friendship Bracelets w/ Leigh and Olivia	3:30 Loon Watching w/ Will and Julian Tour of Bishopswood

## Bird Calls in Church

Just a fun bit of news: while filming in the nave last week, the rector heard a loud chirp and commented on how loud the birds sounded outside the window. Then she saw the baby wren on the back of a pew in the middle of the church. Its mother was outside frantically calling, and the baby was answering.



Lisa and Gwen quickly opened both sets of the narthex double doors, and after a bit of fancy bird encouragement, the baby found the narthex—and finally left the building. It was only later that Lisa and Gwen realized they should have gotten it on FILM!

## Zoom Coffee Hour Needs a Host!

It would be nice for St. Thomas' to have coffee hour virtually, but we need someone to "host"—to go on Zoom and start it. It's very simple, doesn't require making coffee or bringing snacks, and if you have to the coffee hour early, make someone in the "room" a co-host to end the meeting. If you are interested, please let Susie or the Rector know. We can't have coffee hour without you!

## Bring Your Knitting

**K2together** is an interfaith knitting group in Midcoast Maine. They meet on Zoom twice a month (next date: July 22) to laugh, knit/crochet, and share stories. Currently, they are making blankets and baby hats to donate to a local hospital. Never knit before? They'd love to teach you! Please email Rabbi Lily Solochek ([rabi@adasyoshuron.org](mailto:rabi@adasyoshuron.org)) for the Zoom log-in or with any questions.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries During Our Time Apart

I will be saying a special prayer for those who have birthdays, and a special prayer for those with anniversaries, as we livestream services. Please let me know if you are having either one of those, or had one since March 15: [rector@stthomascamdenme.org](mailto:rector@stthomascamdenme.org). If you want your age, or number of years married, announced, let me know that, too. I'm looking forward to saying a special prayer just for you. — Lisa+

*Presiding Bishop Curry has asked that Episcopalians pray this prayer from Pentecost through September 1.*

### A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

God of all power and love,  
we give thanks for your unfailing  
presence  
and the hope you provide in times of  
uncertainty and loss  
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us  
your holy fire.  
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the  
world;  
a people who pray, worship, learn,  
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,  
bear good news, seek justice, rest and  
grow in the Spirit.  
Wherever and however we gather,  
unite us in common prayer and send us  
in common mission,  
that we and the whole creation might  
be restored and renewed,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need:

Short-term: *Jeff; Mary; Kevin; Edward; Jeremy Tucker; the Brooks family; Paula; Sandra A.; Robert Pearson; Dustin; Hunter Fierro; Tadd Lyman; Harry Hart; Ada Power; Larry Parker; Bayard Chanler; Carol; Marcie Vega; Vicky and Bill.*

Long-term: *Shirley; Arnie Joy; Maxine; Judith Shepherd; Ron; Andrew; Joanne Scott; Tiffany Andrews; Seana Roubinek; Carolyn Morris; Amy; Joan Pottle; Paul Whittaker; Anne; Sandy Lyle; Brian Fitzpatrick; Skip Groman; Lainie Vreeland; David Harper; Susan Conrad; Elaine.*

God of all, we pray for our departed, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.



### This Sunday July 19, 2020

#### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

*Genesis 28:10-19a*  
*Psalms 139:1-11, 22-23*  
*Romans 8:12-25*  
*Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

### Next Sunday July 26, 2020

#### Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

*Genesis 29:15-28*  
*Psalms 128*  
*Romans 8:26-39*  
*Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

Click [here](#) for *This Week's Virtual Services, lessons, and Facebook links.*

## Calendar

### Sunday, July 19

Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Facebook and YouTube—Available after 7:00 a.m.  
Sundays for your viewing

### Monday, July 20

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom  
12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live  
5:30 p.m.—Vestry meeting—Zoom

### Tuesday, July 21

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom  
12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live

### Wednesday, July 22

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom  
10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.—Bible Study—Zoom  
12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live  
*EfM is off for summer*

8:00 p.m.—Compline—Facebook Live

### Thursday, July 23

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom  
12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live

### Friday, July 24

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom  
12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live  
4:00 p.m.—Rector's Class—Zoom

### Saturday, July 25

*Youth Christian Education is off for summer*  
8:00 p.m.—Compline—Facebook Live

### Sunday, July 26

Diocese-wide Service—Facebook and YouTube. You can find the link on our website starting Saturday night.

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