

St. Thomas' Tidings

August 16, 2020, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

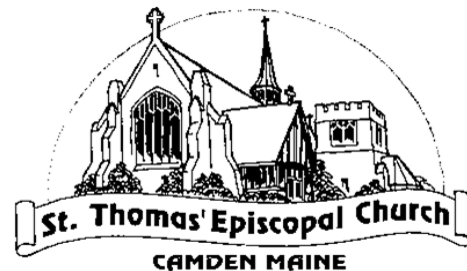
We are followers of Jesus who:

Worship in beauty

Question in faith

Serve in love

During the COVID-19 Pandemic our services, meetings, and classes are all online until further notice. Everyone is welcome at all offerings.



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What Comes To Mind When You Hear The Word 'Steward'? Stewardship?

- One who administers anything as the agent of another or others?
- An employee who has charge of the table, wine, in a club, restaurant, or the like?
- Someone on a ship who helps passengers?
- Church giving programs?

All of those may be true, but where did the word "steward" originate? From the word "stigweard": "stig" referred to a house or part of a house or building; "weard" referred to a warden or keeper. And here's an even more telling clue: the earliest version of the word is "sty-weard"

which refers to the manager of the pig sty, a keeper of pigs.

After you finish

laughing, think about this: pigkeepers had to be good at what they did, they had to like the pigs. Pig-keeping was an elevated profession in ancient times, one of responsibility—because pigs were important: they were a key food source for many communities. They had to be guarded, protected, and kept healthy.

And that's what stewards of all kinds do now: they guard, protect and keep healthy those things they are responsible for, be it for people on a ship, as an estate agent, or as a part of humankind, tasked by God as a steward of all creation.

Sty-weard. Stigweard. Stewardship. To love, protect, guard, keep healthy. May we be good stewards of all that has been given us by God.—Lisa+

Mystery Heart

Look at this sweet thing under our St. Thomas' signboard,



observed whilst weeding Joanne Vangel's also sweet flowers. Who put it there, do you think?

—Sarah Groman



The Prayer Garden Is OPEN!

The St. Thomas' Prayer Garden is now fully installed in the back garden with room for four people at a time. Enjoy the peace and quiet as you have a chance to be on the holy grounds of the church again in prayer. Don't forget that masks are required if anyone else is present, and please respect six-foot physical distancing at all times.

Each Prayer Station has its own "theme"—*The Great Song of God, Trust, Reverence* (not what you might think), and *Loss*. Brother Donovan Bowley built the stations, and the Prayers, Meditations, and Benedictions were developed by the rector. You can enjoy them or ignore them! **Your prayer time is yours to savor.**



Birthdays & Anniversaries

During Our Time Apart

I will be saying a special prayer for those who have birthdays, and one for those with anniversaries, as we stream services. Please email me if you are having one of those, or had one since March 15. 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+

A Prayer List Reminder

Please remember to let Lisa or Susie know when a name you have asked to be put on the prayer list can come off. Names on the short-term list for over two months will automatically move to the long-term list. For now, the short-term list is read weekdays at Noonday Prayer and on Sunday, long-term is read Wednesday at Compline and may also be read Sunday. Thank you!

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: *Lucy Ebbert; Millie; Shirley; Paul Whittaker; Jeff; Aaron Dowd; Megan Nowak; Eric Jensen; Mary; Edward; Jeremy Tucker; the Brooks family; Paula; Sandra A.; Robert Pearson; Dustin; Hunter Fierro; Tadd Lyman; Harry Hart; Ada Power;*

Long-term: *Larry Parker; Bayard Chanler; Carol; Marcie Vega; Vicky and Bill; Arnie Joy; Maxine; Judith Shepherd; Ron; Andrew; Joanne Scott; Tiffany Andrews; Seana Roubinek; Carolyn Morris; Amy; Joan Pottle; 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
August 16, 2020**

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*Isaiah 56:1,6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a,29-32
Matthew 15:10-20,21-28*

**Next Sunday
August 23, 2020**

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

*Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20*

Click [here](#) for This Week's Virtual Services, the bulletin, and links to services on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

Calendar

Sunday, August 16

Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Facebook, YouTube.
Available to view after 7:30 a.m. Sunday.

Monday, August 17

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

Tuesday, August 18

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

Wednesday, August 19

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—off for summer
8:00 p.m.—Compline—Facebook Live

Thursday, August 20

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

Friday, August 21

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

Saturday, August 22

Youth Christian Education—off for summer

Sunday, August 23

Diocese-wide Service—YouTube anytime
and premiere on Facebook at 10:00 a.m.

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