

Striving to be disciples, in the Way of Jesus, by loving, serving and healing in the Name of God"

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 AM and 10 AM

10 AM service on YouTube

Wednesday **Healing Eucharist** 8:00 AM

Thursday Centering Prayer 11:30 AM

SPECIAL EVENTS

Blessing of the Animals Sun., Oct. 1st, 8 & 10 AM

> Newcomers' Café Oct. 1, 9:00 AM, March Room

Accelerated Episcopal 101 Sun., Oct. 1 & 8, 11:30 AM March Room

> **Beer and Hymns** Sun., Oct. 1, 4:30 PM,

Nelson Hall

Coffee with God Sat., Oct. 14, 10 AM, Kimber Chapel

Takeaway Meal/Paper **Pantry**

Wed., Oct 18, 1-3 p.m. Nelson Hall

Linton E. Taber Memorial Service

Sat., Oct. 21, 1 PM

FROM THE RECTOR OCTOBER 2023

₹RootedRooted Abundance

What a gift to be back with the good people of St. David's. Thank you for the opportunity to rekindle relationships with family and friends through a 3-month sabbatical. I am so grateful to this Lay-led congregation, and to David Angelica and Marilyn McMillan, who made the sabbatical time here fun and memorable. As I enjoyed my last week

at Holy Cross Monastery on the Hudson River, I kept wondering, "Why am I praying with monks, when I long to worship with the good people of St. David's?" I cannot think of any place I would rather be.



This month we welcome Bishop Carol Gallagher for our triennial visitation. Please join the festivities as she joins us for a Silent Auction Dinner on Sat. 10/14 and our combined worship service, Sunday 10/15 at 10:00 am. I am offering an Accelerated Episcopal 101 course, if you would like to be Confirmed, Received, or Reaffirm your commitment to God at the service with Bishop Gallagher. Please join me in the March Room at 11:30 am on Oct. 1 and Oct. 8.

Starting on October 22nd we will begin our pledge drive "Rooted in Abundance". You will receive a pledge packet and begin to hear rom fellow parishioners about their experiences of God's abundance. I have noticed throughout these past few months of wet weather, that trees and shrubs which seemed dormant in former summers, have sprung to life with more blossoms and fruit than I ever expected. Our roses never quit, and our neighbors' red apple tree is dripping with

fruit. It seems that the roots had been stretching and spreading to find water in past years and grown well established. When an abundance of rain fell, those roots could drink in God's good gift and reveal it in the glory of their branches.

What abundance of god have you experienced?

How have your roots grown in your knowledge and love of God at St. David's? How might you drink in God's good gifts and help reveal God's glory?

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WARDEN'S WINDOW - JUST THANKFUL!

Is it too early to think about giving thanks?

Never too early to Give thanks!

It's that time of the year when we tend to think more about being Thankful.

A time to think about Giving.

What to give and to whom? How much to give? Should I give more to here and less to there?

I think we at St David's try to live in a state of gratitude. We have so much to be thankful for. We as a parish never fail to answer the call for time, talent and treasure.

Warden



I personally am astonished and thankful for the quick response so many were able to give for the window/shingle project to date.

We have raised early \$40,000 so far with more to come.

As one of your wardens, I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve our church in this way and look forward to all the Blessings of our Season of Giving will reveal.

Thankfully,

Debbie McDevitt Hays

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS FROM SEPTEMBER 23RD MEETING

- · Parishioners continue to support DYECH, food pantry, TakeAway Meal and Paper Pantry programs financially and with their time.
- Regarding Buildings and Grounds: Our Ship's bell is in Quincy getting repaired. The mold in the basement will be addressed and we hope that what our insurance will pay regarding the water leak that caused the mold will cover the cost of addressing the mold. Windows will be here shortly so outside work on the church will continue. There is interest in donating plants and trees as memorials so Debbie Hays and Betty Logan will develop a list of suggestions before the spring.
- Our projected negative balance is a bit larger than anticipated.
- · Plans for the October 14-15 visit by Bishop Carol Gallagher were discussed. Parishioners are asked to support a dinner/silent auction Saturday evening.
- \cdot The theme for this year's pledge campaign will be Rooted in Abundance.
- The set-up for the Ministry Fair to be held after each service September 24 was discussed.
- · We hope to be able to help provide services for the immigrants from Haiti who are being housed at Harborside Inn which is close to us.
- Two Vestry members with 4 months left on their terms have informed Andi that they must resign. The Vestry will be seeking parishioners willing to serve through January 2024.
- In the next few months, the Vestry will consider the pros and cons of changing the by-law to reduce the number on the Vestry back to 9 (from 12). The motion to change would have to be approved at two annual meetings so it would not take effect until 2026.

Submitted by Janis Rennie for the Vestry

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY FAMILY

MSGT Allen Bachand, Jr. USAF LCPL Tyler Baker, USMC CAPT Carolyn Bockrath, US Army SGT Michael Bremer, USAF QM1 Spencer Calvin SGT Christopher Carlson, USAF LCPL Preston W. Hatch, USMC SGT Daron Hogan, USMC SGT Connor Grace-Linnehan, US Army LCPL Christopher Metner, USMC



SGT 1C James N. Miller, USANG LT Erika Papenfuss, USN Nurse Corps SGT Donovan Ramsay, USMC PFC Andrew Scherbarth Jonathan Spahr, USN CAPT Noah W. Taylor, US Army LT Kyle Treacy, USN

Endue them with courage and loyalty, and grant that they may serve without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ST. DAVID'S PRAYER LIST - Kathryn Anschutz, Richard Banks, Debra Barclay, Margaret Barros, Dorothy Carpinteri, Joe Gora, Barbara Hall, Mark Halvorsen, Nancy Hastings. Victoria Hunt, Linda Johnston, Jessica Johnston, Mackenzie Johnston, Elizabeth Keffer, Kathleen Martin-Estus, Sarah Maynard, Sally Michael, Cameron Monpoya, Natalie, Sean Parent, Mark Riendeau; Anne Smaglia, Lenore Tagan, Bill Veazie, Barbara Waas, Sally Walker; and all those who mourn the loss of a loved one, especially the Hurley, Jordan, and Taber families.

PRAYER CARDS

Prayer Cards are in the pews and on the table at the back of the church. After filling one in, please put it in the Prayer Box on the back table. The cards are picked up regularly and the requests, which are kept confidential, are passed on to the Prayer Group members. If you would like to become a "PRAYER", please contact Elizabeth Rixham at 508-385-7450 or at rixhamb@hotmail.com. Thank You.



DYECH CARING CARDS - Hello October! I'm still wondering where August and September went. I can tell you that from August 20 to Sept. 17 here at St. David's, we sold \$6,995.00 in Caring Cards. At 5 per cent of all sales going to Housing Assistance Corporation, that means we gave about \$350.00 for their Homeless Prevention Program. Remember, our goal is to keep folks housed so they do not become homeless! The "heavy shopping season" is upon us, so please consider gift cards as you try to think of new ideas for the folks you shop for. Many people will be happy....HAC for our donation, the folks who are helped with a short term bill and the recipient as they will enjoy spending their cards. Keep us in mind when shopping these next few months. Thank you so much for what you do for others. Claire Tyner, Sec., DYECH



THRIFT SHOP Open Thursdays and Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

ANNEX SALES

OCTOBER 14 -- Halloween and Thanksgiving (March Room)
NOVEMBER 11 -- in conjunction with the Holiday Fair (March Room) - Grandma's Attic/All things Christmas - Santa's, Angels, Snowmen, Nativities, Lights, Holiday Clothing, Shoes and Purses

<u>Please Note</u> - there are no Annex Sales in December and January - the shop will be closed November 23 and 25; and December 21 - January 4. No donations accepted when the shop is closed. Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE DEACON - INVITATION to Collaborative Myth-Busting!

October is the month when the US officially celebrates the anniversary of Columbus's arrival in the Americas. It's a relatively new federal holiday, established by President FDR in 1934. As the twentieth century progressed, though, historians began questioning the merits of honoring Columbus. A recent story by Alice Bennet in US News, "Why Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day Are the Same Day?" reports on this shift. You can find it HERE (https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/why-columbus-day-and-indigenous-peoples-day-are-the-same-day/ar-AA1hhmwi#image=AA1hhSNn|1).



Columbus's own writings, for instance, show that on his initial encounter with indigenous people, "his first thoughts revolved around conquest, assimilation, and servitude. ... Columbus [wrote] of these people as though they were chattel ... For many, Columbus's landing marks the beginning of the genocide and enslavement of indigenous people." In 1989, the push began for adopting a new same-day holiday: Indigenous People's Day, "replacing Columbus' dark legacy of colonialism with a celebration of the often marginalized Native Americans." In 2021 the first Presidential Proclamation marked the new holiday: "For generations, Federal policies systematically sought to assimilate and displace Native people and eradicate Native cultures. ... Today we recognize indigenous peoples' resilience and strength as well as the immeasurably positive impact that they have made on every aspect of American society."

Similarly, our familiar story of the First Thanksgiving perpetuates myths that misrepresent what really happened between the indigenous peoples and the English colonists. A 2021 article by Barbara Clark Smith, "Does Thanksgiving have room for thankfulness and mourning?" can be found HERE (https://americanhistory.si.edu/blog/thanksgiving-thankfulness-and-mourning). Smith curated an exhibit at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, entitled "Upending 1620: Where Do We Begin?." She writes: "Freezing history at a moment of harmony and reciprocity, the Pilgrim story has carried great appeal. Yet the shared joint feast of gratitude was never repeated, and within a few decades the influx of English immigrants created intense pressure on Wampanoag lands. English incursions resulted in fierce conflict and left severely weakened Wampanoag societies. The victorious English even sent some captives of war into enslavement in the British West Indies."

My own personal response to Smith's question is fiercely YES! This apparent "either/or" dichotomy is a classic opportunity for BOTH/AND thinking. It is appropriate and necessary for all of us to gather in gratitude, nationwide, one day every year. "What a beautiful thing, God, to give thanks, to sing an anthem to you, the High God! To announce your love each daybreak, sing your faithful presence all through the night." (Psalm 92:1-3, The Message). AND, as Jesus' disciples committed to building Beloved Community, we must eliminate inaccurate myths from our thanksgivings. We must learn accurate history. We must mourn and do our part to repair the damaging impacts on indigenous peoples.

Our Spiritual Formation Committee at St. David's invites EVERYONE to join in a parish-wide initiative to LEARN the facts that BUST these damaging, disparaging MYTHS. YOU are invited to:

1. Choose one of three books to read on your own over the coming weeks.

This Land is Their Land: The Wampanoag Indians, Plymouth Colony, and the Troubled History of Thanksgiving by David J. Silverman (2019, Bloomsbury Publishing);

The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery by Sarah Augustine (2021, Herald Press);

The Gatherings: Reimagining Indigenous-Settler Relations, by Shirley Hager and Mawopiyane (2022, University of Toronto Press, imprint: Aevo UPT).

- 2. Suggest other related readings on our flip chart in the Common Room.
- 3. Attend our "Collaborative Myth-Busting Lunch" on Sunday, Nov 19, 11:15am-1pm in Nelson Hall.

The Committee will host round table discussions. ALL perspectives are welcome and encouraged!

To paraphrase the late Georgia Congressman and civil rights activist John Lewis: "Our ancestors may have come here in different vessels at different points in history, but we are all in the same boat now."

MESSAGE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR ...

On the evening of Wednesday, September 20, we choir people spent our designated practice time at the bedside of Nancy Hastings at her Orleans home. Nancy was in and out of the choir a few times, and always a pleasure to have around. We treasured her for her positive attitude, her strong tenor voice and her ability to tell a great story. Knowing Nancy was soon to meet with her Lord,

we asked her husband Jud if it would be all right for the choir to come and sing to her. Jud agreed without hesitation. Of course we had no idea of what to expect. We prepared ourselves to find Nancy in quiet slumber, possibly uttering a few words here and there. To our surprise, she was alert and as ready for us as she always was at choir practice. Rather than our singing to Nancy, she requested hymns and sang right along with us. I had brought our regular 1982 Hymnal, yet some of what we sang was from LEVAS and other sources. We found the words to those selections online from our phones and just sang our hearts out. "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" and "How Can I Keep From Singing?" were among Nancy's requested favorites. Along the way we told stories about a few of the hymns, while Nancy regaled us with remembrances of growing up in church choirs as so few young people do these days. And we laughed. Some quietly wiped their eyes a few times, but joy and laughter were the order of the day. Why? It was clear to all present that Nancy was totally ready for the transition that was ahead for her. We were basking in the glowing presence of a strong woman of faith. Hence, the rhetorical question: How could we -- in all good conscience -- keep from singing?

FALL COAT DRIVE --Help us benefit the attendees of the TakeAway Meal and Paper Pantry Programs. If you are going through your winter coats, please set aside those slightly used and clean items for us to distribute later this year. Dates for the collection will be announced soon. Thank you - Richard Banks and Katie Bearse



October 9, 2023 - Indigenous Peoples' Day Right Relationships and Allyship with Indigenous Peoples by Becky Alden

I have been requested to give a short update on a Diocesan Committee that was created after our Diocesan Convention held last October. I attended the first Indigenous Day sponsored by both dioceses in Massachusetts (held at Christ Church, Plymouth) and this got me an invitation to join a Diocesan committee in response to one of the resolutions passed at last year's Diocesan Convention: Developing Right Relationships and Allyships with Indigenous Peoples. Our report will be included in the Diocesan Convention reports under the Racial Justice Commission.

During this past year, our small committee reached out to several tribes located in eastern Massachusetts and tried to attend as many activities as possible. I made a point of attending the Mashpee Powwow. Others attended a Naming Ceremony on the land of the Pocasset Wampanoags, the Chaubunagungamaug Nipmuc Powwow, and a presentation of a recently published book, The Nashabah Praying Indians.

I have also joined the Province 1 Committee and their Book Club. This month we discussed The Gatherings: Reimagining Indigenous-Settler Relations, Shirley N. Hager and Mawapiyane (A Wampanoag word meaning many other people). In November, we will be discussing This Land is Their Land: The Wampanoag Indians, Plymouth Colony, and the Troubled History of Thanksgiving, by David J. Silverman. These two books may be recommended for us to read and discuss – more about that from the Spiritual Formation Committee.

On October 9th, I hope to attend the second Indigenous Day in Worcester. This time the Western Massachusetts Diocese is the sponsor. As an Alden descendant (You know... John and Priscilla Alden – the Mayflower?), I am finding this "work" very interesting and humbling. I have learned that it is important to listen to and be with our Indigenous neighbors, especially here on Cape Cod. The Mashpee Wampanoags are very active, and I hope to take part in as many of their open presentations/activities that I can. If you would like to join me in this "work" please contact me. Perhaps you would like to join the Province 1 Book Group, which is by ZOOM about every other month. If so, you can find out more information on the Diocesan web site – or ask me, Becky Alden.

TAKEAWAY MEAL/PAPER PANTRY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

On August 16, 2023, we held Takeaway Meal number 79. We are blessed to be able to provide for the needy of Cape Cod and are thankful for the support we have received over the years from St. David's and the organizations and people of Cape Cod. We planned for 240 meals and served 240. Thank you to all who made sure that we had plenty of homemade/style brownies! Last month, there was a problem ensuring that the food being served was safe for consumption and decided to dispose of 60 cooked chickens. This month we picked up 25 chickens which were used for families of 4 or more. The hams for meals of one or two servings, were bone in and not all spiral cut. As a result, we purchased additional hams at BIs, and also more chickens and cookies. We did have enough brownies! We replenished the backup inventory of canned goods and will be planning on 240 meals per month going forward. In addition, the attendees took home bags of personal hygiene items for themselves and family members. Items distributed included 100 bars of personal soap, 60 tubes of toothpaste, 60 bottles of shampoo, 100 rolls of paper towels and 160 rolls of toilet paper. Donations are always welcome as are volunteers to help assemble these bags at 12:30 on the Tuesday before the event. The meals and personal care items go out in approximately 125 bags and went to 82 family units of various sizes; The Fishermen's Alliance provided several cases of haddock chowder; Stop and Shop provided many loaves of bread; fresh vegetables from St. David's garden and mashed potatoes from the local tennis club were distributed; Covid test kits were given out free of charge; the Public Health Nurse and County Nutritionist were present and the attendees appreciated the information, samples and consults provided.

We have received financial donations from parishioners, The United Way, The Hunger Food Network (also supports The Paper Pantry), The Episcopal City Mission, and a friend of St. David's. We received several gift cards from The Major Crisis Relief Fund to purchase food items from Stop and Shop. We recently received a grant from The Aid to The Homeless Fund and John B Tew Family Fund of The Cape Cod Foundation. The Retired Men's Club of Cape Cod and The Yarmouth Rotary also donated funds. The Family Pantry in Harwich regularly donates food items, We give special thanks to the Special Ministries Committee of St. David's for their ongoing financial support of the program. Paper bags were generously provided by the members of St. David's. PLEASE NOTE: Donations of large brown paper bags are being accepted again! Members and friends of the parish packaged and distributed all items.

An announcement about the programs was placed in The Cape Cod Times and sent to the COAs in surrounding communities. An announcement was also placed on the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce outdoor sign. The next meal will be on Wednesday, October 18th. Helpers are needed to prepare and pack food on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, starting at 9:00 AM and to distribute meals Wednesday afternoon, starting at 12:45 PM. Once again, we need cookies and brownies (NO NUTS), preferably home baked/style. Items from the grocery store are also welcome. Please note they should be dropped by 9:00 AM Tuesday morning in either Nelson Hall or The Common Room. "Thank You" again, to everyone who makes this event happen! If you have questions, please contact Richard or Kathleen Banks, Meredith Krueger or Chris Morassi.

FOOD BASKET REPORT - Our total for September was 547 items for The Hands of Hope Food Pantry. Another good month! The current WISH LIST posted on the bulletin board at church and has lots of choices. You may leave your contributions on the pew at the back of the church. Thank you everyone who enables St. David's to respond to the needs of The Food Pantry! Elizabeth Rixham, 508-385-7450.

MINISTRY FAIR APPRECIATION & NEXT STEPS

Many thanks to ALL who participated in our Ministry Fair, Sunday, Sep. 24th.

35 Ministries were on hand. 25 Yellow Sheets were received with requests to learn about over 50 Parish Ministry opportunities and 14 Ministries Beyond our Parish. IF you turned in an unnamed form, requesting BOTH Greeters AND Ushers, please ID yourself to Rev. Marilyn! We need YOU!

If you haven't completed a Yellow MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES Sheet, please do so at the Common Room table.



2023 HOLIDAY FAIR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 9 A.M. - 3 P.M. It's that time of the year again ... St David's Holiday Fair!

We are looking for, Baked Goodies (see Nora); Handmade Crafts (see Tammy Blackwell, Jean and Ken Blake); Holiday Decorations - Christmas Wreaths, Fall Wreaths, Spring Wreaths; Raffle Baskets and more. We have also contacted Ben J. McLaughlin, <u>www.ben.n.ink.capecod.com</u> to sell some of his pen and ink art work—he will have Christmas Cards for sale also.

Kent and I will let everyone know when we will be having a workshop day for making wreaths and for mixing the dry ingredients for the dry soups and or other Mason Jar items.

We have heard through the St David's grapevine, that there are numerous Raffle Baskets that are ready to be raffled off. Remember, when you make your Raffle Basket, or Raffle Tote, we need the list of items that are included. Need ideas - how about baskets for the Cat, the Dog; how about Word Search Books/Crossword Books of course Wine, or a K-Cup Coffee Tree?

Things that we need for soup jars:

- Quart or Pint size Mason Jars with lids for the Dried Soups. (Split Pea, Farm House Vegetable and 5 Bean.)
- Yellow or Green Dried Split Peas, Quick Cook Barley, Dry Rice, Dry Lentils, Alphabet Pasta, Spiral Pasta (tricolored), Pinto Beans dried, Northern Beans dried, Black Beans dried, Kidney Beans dried.
- Spices needed: onion powder, garlic powder, thyme leave powder, black pepper, minced onion, dried parsley flakes, lemon powder, salt, oregano, rosemary, onion flakes. bay Leaves, Vegetable low sodium bouillon powder and beef bouillon powder.
- Small zip lock 'pill' or snack bags and or Plastic wrap (for the spices) Things we need for Mason Mugs:
- Jars with lids for the Hot Chocolate Mix. Cocoa Mix, Granulated Sugar (box), bag size of small mini chocolate chips, bag of mini marshmallows.

There will be a tote as well as a basket for collection of all the supplies in the Common Room. We will notify everyone of the assembly date(s). Thank You and Bless All, Robin and Kent, Holiday Fair Co-Chairs



NOVEMBER 4th - HOLIDAY FAIR PIE MAKING DAY!

Pie making will take place on Saturday November 4th in Nelson Hall. We will be needing flour and APPLES, lots of APPLES. We are all set with the other ingredients. We need people to peel, make crust and make the pies. We will be starting at 9 am and hopefully will be done by noon. Come and help for as long as you can. Hope to see you there. Thank you, Tammy Blackwell

Blood Drive at St. David's - October 3, 2023, 11 AM - 5:30 PM, Nelson Hall



The Red Cross Blood national supply has fallen by about 25% since early August. Right now, blood product support distributions to hospitals are outpacing the number of blood donations coming in. So please consider donating this month. Register for an appointment at www.RedCrossBlood.org Thank you! Becky Alden



Is your Spiritual gas tank running on **Empty?**

Refill your soul at the Episcopal Cursillo Weekend Nov. 16-19, 2023 at LaSalette Shrine, Attleboro https://masscursillo.org/events.html



Register or donate in memory of a beautiful and Saturday 10 AM Baker School

second grader who suddenly passed away on November, 27, 1990. Proceeds support CALMER CHOICE programs.

Coffee with God October 14th 10:00 - 11:30 am

Join us in the Kimber Chapel for coffee and conversation about our spiritual journeys.



Please bring your own coffee.

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED

Are you interested in becoming one of the volunteers whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, linens and helping with the decorations of the sanctuary? If so, please speak with Altar Guild Directress Katie Bearse. She can be reached at 508-681-5574 or by email at kproct@yahoo.com Altar Guild Teams serve once per month and for special holidays/services.

Training will be provided. God Bless our

COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED

For 10:00 AM service on the 4th Sunday of the month. Do you like sharing baked goods with others, making coffee and meeting members of the St. David's and guests, then this the ministry for you! You can do this solo or you can team up with someone to share the duties and responsibilities. We will show you how to make the coffee and where supplies are kept. Stop by the coffee area during a coffee hour and speak with one of the Hosts or give Richard or Kathleen Banks a call at 508 619 7977 to learn more about this ministry.

SOCKS FOR TOTS OCT. 15th - DEC. 3rd

Please look for the box in the Common Room labeled **SOCKS FOR TOTS.**

Jean Blake will be collecting socks for kids ages newborn to children's size 12 for the ABC Baby Center in Hyannis. Your donations will help keep may little feet warm this winter. Thank you.



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