

“THE ILLUMINATION”

A New Kind of “Illumination”

This week’s newsletter will be a bit different than usual. Usually, it is a directory “illuminating” events that are happening at St. David’s in the week or weeks ahead.

Of course, everything is different now, isn’t it? As our new logo will say on our App, “The Church has left the building!” We, who are the church, are forced to remember that it is the people who are the church. And so, your staff and clergy are working hard to help us all refocus our attention on how to stay connected, and how to deepen our faith at home.

This newsletter, we hope, reflects this focusing of that mission. It is a tighter, more focused communication that centers more on spiritual guidance than simple calendar information.

As always, take care of yourselves, even as we take care of one another. Charles Kurault used to say, “See you on the radio.” May I update that to, “See you on Facebook!”

Grace and Peace,

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Sunday Worship, March 22
10:30a.m.

Wednesday Compline, April 1
7:00 p.m.

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INTEGRATION/INVITATION

The Integration/Invitation Ministry has been reaching out to check-in with many parishioners as I am sure many of you have done also. If you have found St. David's via our Facebook page, please contact Jan Georges and we will be happy to send you more information about our parish family.

We are also here if there is a need for assistance, please let me know at Jan@StDavidChurch.org or by calling the office at 770-993-6084, ext. 118.

During this difficult time we have been working to prepare a sanitized environment for your return to Jeffords Hall.

This includes:

- All dishes, flatware, pans in JFH kitchen have been washed.
- Work tables, oven, refrigerators have been sanitized.
- All tables/chairs have been sanitized.
- Workroom has been cleaned, sanitized and painted.
- All surfaces have been cleaned with clorox, especially door handles.
- This is in addition to our usual cleaning of floors, bathrooms, etc.

Hope to see you soon, St. David's will be ready to welcome you Home!!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Our Property Crew has been working very hard shampooing:

- The carpets in the nursery
- ALL of the Catacombs carpets.
- And will begin shampooing the preschool classrooms starting Tuesday.

We have also been sanitizing the furniture and the bathrooms and washing the remaining towels and table cloths.

The administration break room and copy room have also been cleaned and the walls have just been repainted. As soon as the weather breaks for more than one day the broken chairs (15) that are in Grace Parish Hall will be welded back together and cleaned. The remaining chairs have just been cleaned as well. Also, to be done during our hiatus, the chairs in the rear of the Nave along with the chairs in the choir room will be cleaned. Any other

Online Meetings

Many of our Covenant groups, Bible Studies and Ministry Groups have moved their meetings to virtual meeting platforms! Ministry Heads, and Leaders, please send Rebecca Cline, Parish Administrator, information about your meetings.

Please include Dates and times, which platform you will be using and the contact information of the coordinator. This way we can publish a calendar of events!

Please respond to ParishAdmin@StDavidChurch.org

FAMILY MINISTRIES

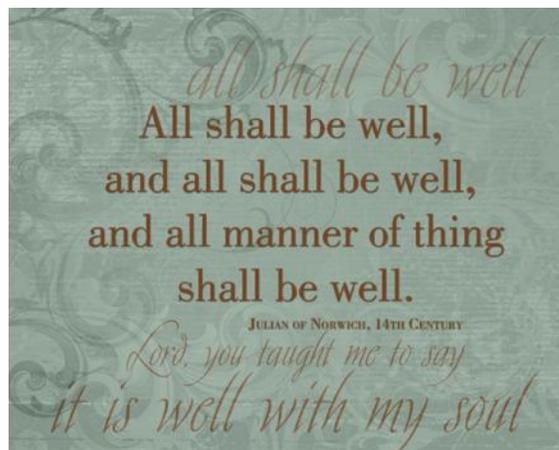
“All Shall Be Well and All Manor of Things Shall Be Well”

In this difficult time of physical distancing to slow the spread of a deadly virus, Julian of Norwich keeps coming to mind. Living a life set apart devoted to God she actually prayed to “suffer from an illness so great that she and those around her would think it mortal. By doing so, and coming through it, she felt that she would pass over and be able to devote herself entirely to the Glory of God.” This prayer, and others, were fulfilled and from them she shared her experience of those “*Showings*.”

I’m not praying for any of us to suffer from illness these days, but I am praying that through these challenges that our faith and connections will grow. Julian’s most famous quote is “All shall be well.” As people of faith, we put our hope and trust in God, because we know

that through Jesus all shall be well, even when things around us seem to be witnessing to the exact opposite. I hope that you can take a moment to remind yourself this day and this hour that indeed, All Shall Be Well.

Michelle+



YOUTH MINISTRIES

St. David’s Youth is staying active during this time of Social Distancing. On Sunday evenings, we are meeting via zoom at 5:30pm.



During the week, we have blog entries bring posted that are written by youth, college students ,and some adults at: www.StDavidYouthroundtable.bloggers.com

Additionally, Wallace and his wife ,Sally, are hosting morning and evening payers which can be found on Instagram live @st_davids_youth. Please feel free to plug in!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES!

Hi Everyone!

Greetings! I'm thinking about you and your families and pray that you are well.

"In this time of social distancing, we need connection more than ever!" These good words from Laura Smith, St. David's ^{parishioner} and mom to 5-year-old Peter and toddler Mallory resonated with me.

It's important for me to stay connected to you, and us one with another! You are home caring for children of all ages, many of you are caring for your parents as well. You are tackling online learning in support of your kiddos and carrying on with work responsibilities. You are holding concern for your family, friends, and the world. That's just a portion of it and that's a lot!

Like you, I'm adapting, trying and learning new things to adjust and imagine anew one day at a time. Trusting God's presence, feeling most connected to God's love and strength when I name my own feelings of vulnerability, feelings that connect me in hopeful, life giving ways to my human beingness, to God, and to others.

Will you let me know how you are doing and what I can do to help and support you? My cell-404-272-3878; home email-jmh2344@gmail.com. :) This week and in the days ahead, I will continue to check in with you by text, phone call, email.

This Sunday morning at 10:30, St. David's will stream worship live through Face Book! I have included a recipe for Communion Bread below. Share your photos with us!

God Bless You! May the Peace of the Lord be with you!

Judy

Communion Bread

1 cup Bisquick
4 tbsp honey
1 cup whole wheat flour
1/4 cup milk

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees
- Mix all ingredients together adding more liquid if needed.
- Bake on a greased cookie sheet 14-16 minutes until bottom is slightly brown and the center is done



MUSIC NOTES:

Hymns are reservoirs of truth.

The Apostle Paul said in Colossians 3:16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”



When we look at our hymn book, we see that every hymn is related to at least one verse in the Bible, i.e. hymns amplify the teachings of Christ. As we know, the Bible teaches us how to be good stewards to our Master, our Lord Jesus Christ and also acts as a mirror – a of measurement of our faith and our actions. With the Bible, the hymnal is a great book of devotion. Hence, when we sing hymns, we are reminding ourselves of God’s teachings and evaluating whether we have been walking the path that God wants us to tread.

Hymns embed themselves in our minds and hearts since the words are matched with tunes and rhythms. Hymns, thus, are a holy version of “Turned on Phonics”. Jesus knew this and Martin Luther knew this. Jesus sang with his disciples and carried the original hymnal (Book of Psalms) in his mind and heart. (The seven last words Jesus spoke from the cross are direct quotes from Psalms.) Martin Luther wrote, “Next to the word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.”

Hymn singing is an act of THANKSGIVING to God. A Christian hymn is a lyric poem, reverently and devotionally conceived, which is designed to be read and sung – which expresses the worshipper’s attitude toward God or God’s purpose in human life. It should be simple and metrical in form, genuinely emotional, poetic and literary in style and spiritual in quality. Its ideas - so direct and so immediately apparent – unify a congregation while singing it. Hymns express praise, adoration, centering on God. Since hymns are addressed to God or sung about Him, we should read, sing and absorb the texts with reverence.

While we are worshipping online, please sing/hum along with our hymns and most importantly, read the texts. “It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High”.

Children’s Music, Basement Band

This new normal of isolation and connecting through online activities is a bit hard. The nature of the live music we do for a church service is a group activity that fosters a comradery and builds connections that are best accomplished in person. I miss that. I have recorded 2 preschool music classes that we are sharing through YouTube and on Facebook with our preschool families. This morning I recorded one and had pictures of the children’s faces taped to chairs to it felt more like we were together. I’m exploring ways to record ourselves singing and put together a composite group. The Zoom online meeting app has been very helpful, but is jerky, and the audio is not always clear. So we can’t have “virtual” rehearsals or sing-alongs through that. I hope to record some songs that can be used to enhance Morning Prayer or Compline that you can use to sing along with at home. If you have any song requests, let me know: susie@stdavidchurch.org. Planning for services, even though they are not in person, continues as Holy Week and Easter get closer. We are always trying to find ways to reach out, connect, and add community and a sense of the Holy Spirit to your home life. Blessings to you and prayers for your families.

Love you all and miss you!
Susie Clements: Music Assistant

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR AND SENIOR WARDEN

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. David's.

As was said in Sunday's sermon, "there is much in our future that we do not know. However, there are those certainties that we absolutely know—that you and I are still the Church, even if we are not physically together! The Love of God in Jesus Christ will always bind us together, no matter what"

During this time of uncertainty, St. David's, like you, has ongoing financial obligations and commitments, even though we are not holding formal church services or other events. With this in mind, we offer you the following ways to continue your financial support of St. David's. We would encourage those who are able to give ahead of schedule as there maybe those who may be unable to give during this period.

LOW TECH Method – mail you check or money order...do not send cash, to St. David's
St. David's Episcopal Church
1015 Old Roswell Rd.
Roswell, GA 30076

HI TECH Methods – if you have difficulty using the HI TECH options, please contact Cathy Cheatwood at St. David's 770-993-6084. cathy@stdavidchurch.org

On St. David's Website, An email was sent to all Parishioners, Wednesday, March 25th with a link to directions. Should you still need help, please contact the office. If you have not received the email, please check your junk folder. If it is not there, please call the office for assistance.

On St. David's App: If you have set-up your account, tap on the Giving icon at the bottom of the Home page. If you have not set-up your account, follow the instructions above for St. David's Website.

On-Line Banking... go to your bank's online banking system and set-up St. David's as payee.

OTHER Methods - Donations via personal investments.

Stock donations. Although your investments are being impacted by the current market conditions, you may still be able to donate appreciated stock. Contact your financial institution / advisor for assistance and Cathy Cheatwood at the church office cathy@stdavidchurch.org

Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) – If you are 70½ years old, you may want to make a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** from your IRA. A QCD may be used to meet your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and lower your taxable income. You should again contact your financial institution / advisor for assistance and Cathy Cheatwood at the church office

If you are having financial difficulties, please let us know how we can help.

This is a time to remember that we are "Family"—the Family of God, and the Body of Christ. Let us pray for one another, even as we find new and creative ways to support one another in this uncertain time. We thank you for your continued financial support of St. David's!

Grace and Peace to you all,

Fr. Dean Taylor Leonard Ferrand
Interim Rector Senior Warden

SENIOR WARDEN

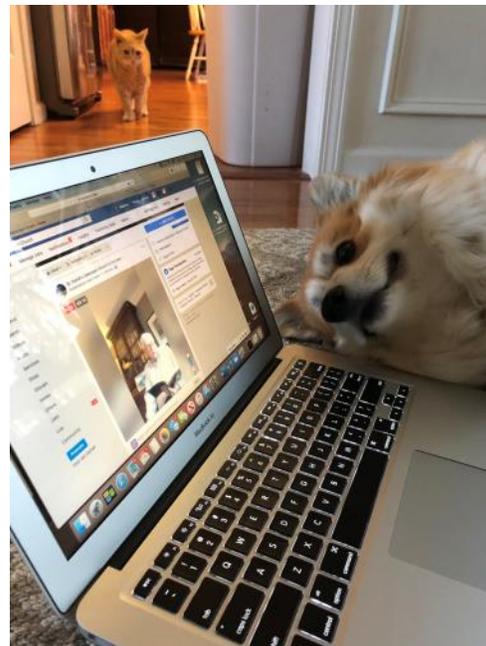
I am writing this in response to a request that Father Dean made of me at this week's Vestry Meeting. The question was, "How are you changing your devotional and worship life in this new reality?"

The "virtual" activity I was involved in addition to the Sunday service and Compline on Facebook was the Vestry held its meeting this past Tuesday via the online teleconferencing software Zoom. Scott Lawrence, the Vestry scribe, coordinated a Zoom conference call.

Our men's small group, which normally meets Monday night at church, held its meeting this week also with a video teleconference call. Chris Couch coordinated the meeting with the software Zoom which is accessible by computers and smart phones. The same was the case for the men's bible study group which normally meets at IHOP Tuesday mornings at 6:30 AM. Ron Felder organized the call with a Skype conference call.

WE WANT YOUR PICTURES!

Have you followed St. David's on Facebook? Have you created a sacred space in your home as was suggested by Mother Michelle in her video that was posted last week? How are you engaging with St. David's online? If so, we would love to see your pictures!! Please send them Rebecca Cline, Parish Administrator at





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Holy Week and Easter Services

All Services will be available Online

- SUNDAY, April 5** Palm Sunday, 10:30a.m.
- MONDAY, April 6** 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- TUESDAY, April 7** 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- WEDNESDAY, April 8** "Your Home Service"
Resources will be mailed to you for your own family service)
- THURSDAY, April 9** 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
Sanctuary, Cleansing of the Altar, & Foot washing
(Resources will be emailed to you for Children's Service and footwashing
(Note: All night vigil at home)
- FRIDAY, April 10** 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy
- SUNDAY, April 12** 10:30 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist
(Family activities encouraged at home)