



*St. George's Mission  
Committed Christians  
providing hope, help, and hospitality  
in Northern Newport News*

## **THE WEEKLY WORD – May 1, 2024**

### **St. George's News**

**Servers for May 5<sup>th</sup> – Morning Prayer – Officiant: Jeff Brunt**

**(Note for lectors: Please be early to have time to get your lavalier on and checked)!**

**Altar Guild: Ellie Marsteller & Tamie Brunt**

**Open: Jeff Brunt**

**AV/Sound: Laura Stepp**

**Greeter/Usher: Tamie Brunt**

**Lector 1 & Psalm: Juana Jones**

**Lector 2 & Prayers: Sarah Thurmond**

**Close: Bill Englert**

### **Property Update by Lisa Adams**

Dear St. George's family;

You may have seen or heard about some of the recent issues with our church property, so I want to give you an update on what is happening since you might see several contractor vehicles on our grounds in the next few months.

### **Leak in Gravelly Hall Utility Room Ceiling**

Deterioration of a pipe that was originally intended to feed a washer hook up in Gravelly Hall caused water to leak down the pipe, resulting in damage to the drywall and floor in the utility room as well as the carpet in the adjacent room. The leak has been fixed, and a claim submitted to our church insurance agency. We received a check from our insurance to repair the damage to the two rooms. We have entered into a contract with Hall Restoration, and they will begin the demolition of the damaged areas sometime in the coming week.

### **Star Energy Efficiency Service**

Star Energy is a certified contractor in Dominion Energy's & Energy Conservation Program. They help make buildings more energy efficient at no cost to them. I have met with a representative of Star Energy, and have tentatively set a date for late June or early July to have them perform their service, which includes identifying and sealing all leaks in the ductwork of a building's HVAC system. This will be done just in time to save us some money on our summer A/C costs!

## **New Day by Day**

The May/Jun/Jul edition of Day by Day is available in the Sanctuary for you to pick up.

## **Leroy Watson Scholarship**

St. George's is pleased again to announce the availability of a College Scholarship of up to \$2,000.00. The scholarship offer is limited to qualified graduating high school seniors or can be considered if an undergraduate, who is interested in pursuing a career in "the fields of ministry, social work, or other worthy occupations", and also needs to be a member of an Episcopal Church in the Jamestown Convocation. Any questions can be directed to Joan Jenkins or Gerry Belden, Co-Chairs for the Scholarship, call the church office at 757-877-0088 and leave a message.

## **Zoom Bible Study**

The Bible Study facilitators are using new material published on the Episcopal Church website. The lesson plans are written by experienced church teachers and organized by season of church year. All are welcome to join the Zoom session every Thurs., 7-8 pm a lively discussion will be guaranteed. Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84370729616?pwd=M2JoVGw1bVpEMFBFTk55QWphN2RPdz09>

## **ZOOM LINK FOR 10:30 am SERVICE**

<https://zoom.us/j/117414681?pwd=Mk1Da29jRk9Wb3V2N1hEY2V6M1I3dz09>

**Meeting ID: 117 414 681 - Password: 016023**

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### **An important announcement**

**for all who join us for Sunday Worship on Zoom: During the service, remember to:  
mute your home microphone - it will look like this →**



**and**

**turn off your computer camera - it will look like this →**



**If left on, your image appears & comments heard on broadcast and that's a distraction.**

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## **Upcoming Services at St. George's**

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Morning Prayer – Jeff Brunt

May 12<sup>th</sup> – Morning Prayer – John Herbst

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Morning Prayer (if we don't get a Priest)

May 26<sup>th</sup> – Joint Service at St. Augustine's

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## **City's News**

### **NN Spring Carnival**

Returning in the Old Kmart site (401 Oriana Rd.) and on site from May 2<sup>nd</sup>–12<sup>th</sup>. Amusements of America is one of the nation's premier carnival operators. This traveling carnival is in the Guinness Book of Records for largest traveling amusements in the world since 1939.

#### **Hours of Operation:**

Thurs., May 2<sup>nd</sup> & Fri., May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5 pm-9:30 pm

Sat., May 4<sup>th</sup> & Sun., May 5<sup>th</sup> – 1 pm-9:30 pm

Mon., - Fri., May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup> – 5 pm-9:30 pm

Sat., May 11<sup>th</sup> & Sun., May 12<sup>th</sup> - 1 pm-9:30 pm

### **Annual Hampton-NN Mental Health Expo**

The Health Expo will be held Sat., May 4<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - 2 pm at Brittingham-Midtown Community Center, 570 McLawhorne Dr. This event is designed to promote and effectively address mental health for all. For more information contact Antone Green at 757-788-0012 or email [preventionservices@hnnncsb.org](mailto:preventionservices@hnnncsb.org).

### **Festival of Friends**

Come to NN Park Sat., May 4<sup>th</sup> and help celebrate with the Children's Festival of Friends! Bounce into excitement on inflatables; meet characters from a galaxy away, explore the enchanting butterfly exhibit and enjoy some music. Fun for everyone. Admission is free AND in honor of Kids-to-Parks Month, parking is also FREE.

#### **Stage Schedule**

John Kingry: 10 - 11 am

Lane Rice and Band: 11:15 - 11:40 am

The High Joy Love Experience – The Power of Play: 11:50 am - 12:20 pm

The Percussionist (Dorian Black and Band): 12:30 - 1:10 pm

Denise Battle + Musicians: 1:20 - 1:50pm

Tyrone – Comedian/Vant: 1:55 - 2:25 pm

Fortresses: 2:35 - 3:05 pm

City Arts: 3:15 - 4:30 pm

### **City Center**

Sun., May 5<sup>th</sup>: 12 – 6 pm, Cinco de Mayo Block Party - free event with fun activities for all.

Jun. 7<sup>th</sup>: First Friday of the month - Summer Block Party! Join us for live music, food & drink specials, vendors, kid's activities, and more!

## **Diocesan News**

### **Music Director Position**

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church NN is looking for a part-time Music Director. Familiarity with worship & liturgy for Episcopal Church, instrumental skills: organ, piano, handbells, and choir direction. [Click here](#) for full position description. Email [ststephens372@gmail.com](mailto:ststephens372@gmail.com) with "Music Director Application" in subject line to apply.

### **Book Study on Zoom – "The Misunderstood Jew"**

Beginning Mon., May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, Canons Willis Foster and Lynn Farlin are once again leading a diocesan book study via Zoom. They'll be exploring Amy-Jill Levine's book "*The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus*." There will be four sessions (5/6, 5/20, 6/3, 6/17). Registration required to get the Zoom login. [Register here](#). The Zoom link will be email to you after registering.

### **Chanco's Big Day of Giving**

Join us on May 8<sup>th</sup> in celebrating a day dedicated to sharing incredible stories of transformation that have unfolded because of Chanco. Your contribution—whether it's sharing your story or making a donation—ensures that Chanco continues to be a place where lives are changed and spirits lifted. Share your story [development@chanco.org](mailto:development@chanco.org)! And if you can **PLEASE HELP MEET THE GOAL!**

If you would like to send your story and/or donation: The Camp & Retreat Center of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia - 394 Floods Drive, Spring Grove, VA 23881.

### **Creation Care Team**

This team is committed to developing and maintaining a model of creation care that articulates and implements an action plan advancing our stewardship of Diocesan resources, but of the earth and all its resources. You're invited to the Pollinators Program at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens with Alex Cantwell on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 10–11:30 am.

## **Days to Remember**

Today is Nat'l Mother Goose Day and Internat'l Doodle Day!  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> is Nat'l Day of Prayer and Harry Potter Day!  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> is Nat'l Space Day and Nat'l Chocolate Custard Day!  
May 4<sup>th</sup> is Star Wars Day (May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you) and Nat'l Fitness Day!  
May 5<sup>th</sup> is Nat'l Museum Lover's Day and Nat'l Astronaut Day!  
May 6<sup>th</sup> is Nat'l Nurses Day and Nat'l Tourists Day!  
May 7<sup>th</sup> is Nat'l Teacher Day and Nat'l Leg of Lamb Day!

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## **Time for a little Humor**

*What's a bee called that's born in May?.....May-bee!*  
*When's a car not a car?.....When it turns into a parking lot!*  
*What do you call an anxious fly?.....a Jitterbug!*  
*What's worse than when it's raining cats and dogs?.....Hailing taxis!*

## **Things that make you go hmmm.....**

*The Fax Machine was invented the same year the first wagon crossed the Oregon Trail (1843).*

*Harvard didn't offer calculus the first few years, because calculus hadn't been discovered yet!*

*Charlie Chaplin died the same year Apple was incorporated - 1977!*

*Abraham Lincoln was assassinated a few months before the Secret Service was created!*

## **Did you know this week.....**

*In 1626, Manhattan Island is sold; the Native American Indians agree to the deal for \$24 in cloth & buttons.*

*In 1840, England releases the first adhesive postage stamp.*

*In 1934, World's largest pearl-6.4kg. was discovered in the Philippines.*

*In 1978, Digital Equipment Corp. sends the first bulk unsolicited commercial email.....spam was born!*

## **Sunday Holy Eucharist**

On Facebook and Zoom at 10:30 am

### **Face Book LIVE:**

You don't need an account! Just go to St. George's web page: <http://www.stgeorgesnn.org>  
You can access FaceBook Live during the Service time and anytime after it takes place - it's recorded.

### **St. George's Prayer List**

*Sharon and Larry M., Deania, Teresa and Steve S., Davidsinia, Christina M., Robetta, Dean, Ross, Sally, Lillian, Conrad, Carlyle, Richard, Susie, Vincent, Linell, Henrietta, Lacy, Wil, Elizabeth W., Clyde, David G., Peggy, Jackie, Connie, Gerard, Skip Johnson, Darlene Mays-Tittman, Gale, Roy, Sandra, Serena, Jim T., Donovan, Gerald, Joan M., Richard, Sharon Y., Carmen, Neysa, John M., Jennifer H., Bobby, Gwen, Wendy, Candace, Adelita, Urith, Janette, Steven, Ryan & Miyana B., Jerry B. & Family.*

***And Our Military:*** Eduardo, Joe, Jayson, Ashley, Charles, Anthony, Nyla, and Dominique.

### **Readings for Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Psalm 93**

**Reader: Juana Jones**

The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; \*  
The Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.  
He has made the whole world so sure \*  
that it cannot be moved;  
Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \*  
you are from everlasting.  
The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.  
Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.  
Your testimonies are very sure, \*  
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

#### **Psalm 96**

**Reader: Juana Jones**

Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.  
Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! \*  
he has made the world firm; it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

### **Lesson One: Leviticus 25:1-17**

**Reader: Sarah Thurmond**

The Lord spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying: Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you, the land shall observe a sabbath for the Lord. Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in their yield; but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of complete rest for the land, a sabbath for the Lord: you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. You shall not reap the aftergrowth of your harvest or gather the grapes of your unpruned vine: it shall be a year of complete rest for the land. You may eat what the land yields during its sabbath-- you, your male and female slaves, your hired and bound laborers who live with you; your livestock also, and for the wild animals in your land all its yield shall be for food. You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years.

Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month; the day of atonement, you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property.



That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you: you shall not sow, or reap the aftergrowth, or harvest the unpruned vines. For it's a jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces. In this year of jubilee you shall return, every one of you, to your property. When you make a sale to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor, you shall not cheat one another. When you buy from your neighbor, you shall pay only for the number of years since the jubilee; the seller shall charge you only for the remaining crop years. If the years are more, you shall increase the price, and if the years are fewer, you shall diminish the price; for it's a certain number of harvests that are being sold. You shall not cheat one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am the Lord your God.

**Second Lesson: Luke 12:13-21**

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Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So, it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."