



THE WEEKLY WORD – SEPT 2ND, 2026
14TH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

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

Join us at St. George's on Sunday Sept 6th at 10:30am
For Holy Eucharist II

Servers for Sun. Sept 2nd

AV/Sound: David Adams

Greeter & Usher: Joan Jenkins

Lector 2: Lisa Adams

Open: Lisa Adams

Coffee Hour: Joan Jenkins

Lector 1: Juana Jones

Close:

A Year to Remember!

September 2 marks the first anniversary of Rev. Charlie's ministry with our three congregations. Over this past year, we have been blessed by Charlie's faithful preaching, meaningful worship, pastoral care, and willingness to share in both the joys and challenges of our churches. Serving the Peninsula Ministry Partnership requires flexibility, dedication, and a heart for people, and we are grateful for the way Rev. Charlie has embraced this calling.

We are also delighted to congratulate Rev. Charlie on becoming canonically resident in the Diocese of Southern Virginia. This is an important milestone in his journey of ministry, and we are grateful that his journey has brought him to the Peninsula Ministry Partnership.

And we cannot celebrate Charlie without also celebrating Christina. We have been blessed by her presence, warmth, friendship, and participation in the life of our congregations. It has been a joy to have Christina among us, and we are grateful that she has become such a welcome part of our church family.

As we celebrate these milestones, we give thanks for all that God has done through Charlie and Christina among us. We look forward with hope and joy to the years ahead and to all that God will continue to accomplish through the Peninsula Ministry Partnership.

Congratulations, Rev. Charlie and Christina! We are grateful to have you among us and pray that God will continue to bless and guide you both in the years ahead.



The Feast of St. Augustine

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church celebrated The Feast of Saint Augustine with members of the Peninsula Ministry Partnership (St. George's, Newport News and St. Mark's, Hampton), along with family and friends, this past Sunday. A significant part of the celebration was its biannual diaper drive, which was initially introduced to St. Augustine's by our late member, Valerie Scott Price. As you can see pictured below, the altar was heavy laden with diapers

of all sizes and quantities. All diapers were gifted to ECHO Family Care Partners. Director Randall Nichols and his family were on hand to receive our gifts. The annual church picnic followed the service.



"Many hands make light work." This means that a large task becomes easier and faster when people work together to share the load. This was the case Sunday when people grabbed boxes of diapers from the altar and loaded them into the vehicles pictured above. This was also the case for the Hospitality Committee, which coordinated Sunday's repast. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you all!!! It was a beautiful day. Rose Parler St Augustine's

25 Years Later, We Remember

September 11, 2026, marks the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, attacks.

The Newport News Police Department, Newport News Fire Department and Newport News Sheriff's Office will host the Annual Honor and Remembrance Ceremony to commemorate this solemn anniversary and honor the lives lost, the heroes who responded, and the sacrifices made that day and in the years that followed.

Please plan to join us for this meaningful ceremony.



Spend the Day in Denbigh

Celebrate one of Newport News' favorite traditions at the 66th Annual Denbigh Day Festival & Parade on Saturday, September 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The festivities begin with the Denbigh Day Parade at 10 a.m., starting at Denbigh High School, [259 Denbigh Boulevard](#). Expect a lively lineup of marching bands, decorated floats, dance teams, classic vehicles, community groups, youth organizations, local businesses, and civic leaders.

The celebration continues at the Denbigh Day Festival from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the grounds of Courthouse Way Community Center ([14302 Old Courthouse Way](#)). Festivalgoers can enjoy a food truck rally, line dancing, a DJ, arts and crafts, inflatables, games, educational displays, a petting zoo, face painting, community non-profit organizations and exhibits, including the Denbigh Lions Club, merchandise vendors, food vendors, and more.



Labor Day Closures and Schedule Changes

Newport News residents should be aware of the following schedule changes and closures for [Labor Day](#) on Monday, Sept. 7.

- City Offices: Closed
- Newport News Public Libraries: Closed
- Trash and Bulk Collection: Delayed one day throughout the week.

Monday collections will take place Tuesday, Tuesday collections on Wednesday, Wednesday collections on Thursday, and Thursday collections on Friday.

- Curbside Recycling: Delayed one day throughout the week.

18-gallon black-bin recycling will not be affected by the holiday delay.

- Recovery Operations Center: Closed Saturday, Sept. 5.

The facility will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 8 a.m.

Residents are encouraged to plan ahead and check their schedules before the holiday.

Help “Spread the Love” This September

Newport News residents can help neighbors experiencing food insecurity this September by participating in a community Peanut Butter and Jelly Collection Drive.

From Sept. 1 through Sept. 30, residents, businesses, schools, churches and community groups are encouraged to collect unopened jars of peanut butter and jelly to support local food banks and help provide meals for individuals and families facing food insecurity.

The collection is being held in recognition of [Hunger Action Month](#), a nationwide effort to raise awareness about hunger and encourage communities to take action. Peanut butter and jelly are simple pantry staples that can provide a convenient meal, making them a meaningful way for residents to make a difference through a small donation.

Getting involved is easy. Residents can pick up an extra jar of peanut butter or jelly during their next grocery trip, organize a collection with coworkers, friends or neighbors, or encourage their school, church or community group to participate. Every jar collected can help support local efforts to ensure families have access to food.

Newport News is also participating in a friendly Hampton Roads community challenge to see how much the region can collect throughout the month. Residents are encouraged to share photos and updates of their collections using [#HamptonRoadsPBJChallenge](#) and help spread the word.

Bring your unopened jars of peanut butter and jelly to the collection bins at Newport News City Hall, where two bins are available in the lobby and one is located on the 10th floor inside the City Manager’s Office, or drop off your donations at the collection bin in the lobby of City Center.



Peninsula Ministry Partnership (St. Augustine's, St. George's, and St. Mark's)

Sharing our Ministry Together

Thursday Bible Study this Thursday, September 3rd

Held 7-8 pm; new attendees welcome! Material used is published on the Episcopal website written by church teachers, organized by liturgical occasion & church season. Join the Zoom:

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

Grace Expectations: What's God Been Up to Lately? – Introducing A New PMP Series

The Senior Wardens and I are excited to launch a new feature in our church communications – “Grace Expectations: What's God Been Up to Lately?” – our stories of encountering God in the everyday thrum of our lives. We know God's there with us now. Jesus said, “Remember I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Mt 28:20) With you on the journey, Charlie +

Please see the below “Grace Expectations: What's God Been Up to Lately?” by St. Mark's Kathy Quinley

The end of July brought sadness to our family, but also healing, forgiveness, new beginnings and joy!

As my oldest brother, David, passed on July 25th, we were tearful and sad. It is difficult to say goodbye. David's healing came when he joined Jesus.

There are seven of us, and no extended family members except our children and grandchildren. I am the oldest, David was next, and we are a close-knit family. We get together twice each year and have such fun. The day David died was to be our summer reunion day.

When our nephew Kevin told us the doctor said to call the family, no one was really surprised; Dave has been very ill for several years. Four of us dropped everything and went to David's bedside, another brother followed shortly. Our last brother was unable to come as his wife was just out of heart surgery, but he was on the phone as we conferred with the

Doctor and Kevin, David's only child. There was nothing to be done for David. Kevin was the one who had to make the decision if Dave was to be removed from life support. Kevin was not ready – so it was decided to wait 72 hours – and see if there were any changes. As we waited, we cried and laughed and enjoyed being together. We visited David and supported Kevin. God was in this.

Previously one of my brothers had little good to say about David, and just shut him out. Yet here he was praying with us at David's bedside! Several of our brothers did not feel a closeness with Dave, but all came together to be there for him, Kevin and each other. Forgiveness and healing.

We talked to Dave, we sang songs in his room, we prayed and we loved on him. We had a chance to say goodbye. Blessings for us all.

After 72 hours there was no change and Kevin took his dad off life support. Pain with love attached.

Dave lasted about 15 hours and when Kevin called me in the wee hours that he got the call that his dad had passed, he asked if we were still coming to get him so he could join us for reunion! This took me aback – that perhaps Kevin thought without his dad we would “drop” him! Shock and compassion.

Kevin is a mentally handicapped individual and somewhat stand-offish with his rambunctious family. In the past, Kevin has been unwilling to pray or have his dad see a pastor. But as we gathered at the hospital and around David, Kevin seemed alright with us praying and he was part of it! There is still so much unknown for Kevin, but he knows he is not alone, his family is here for him, and we keep telling him God is with him.

The day David died he and our Lord gave us the gift of being together, of having Kevin with us, of Father Charlie calling and praying with us and Kevin, of crying and laughing and enjoying our time together. This is God and His loving kindness at His best!

God bless you all,
Love Kathy

Signs of Life

Rev. Charlie has asked each of the churches within the PMP to share accomplishments, signs of new life, enthusiasm, and engagement. So, we're asking for your help - if you see something that we can all learn from and celebrate, please let one of us (Rev. Charlie, Lisa, Gerry or Dana) know. Successes - and they're coming - will breed more success and will encourage each of us on this journey together.

Invitation to Compline with St. Mark's

On Wednesday evenings at 7pm, St. Mark's hosts a service of healing prayers, followed by either traditional Compline or New Zealand Night Prayers. This usually takes no more than 20 minutes.

They would love to have other members of the PMP join them. It's presently hosted on the St. Mark's Zoom channel (info is below or click the Zoom icon at the bottom of www.smechampton.org).

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84430506697?pwd=bUlUNDZES1JscHFTcjdaQlptL2FEdz09>

Meeting ID: 844 3050 6697

Password: 5414

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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Congregations throughout the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia are invited to join in a new Weekly Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. It is Bishop Susan's prayer that this resource helps connect our diocese more closely together in prayer, service and community. Organized from July 2026 through June 2027, the cycle lifts up congregations, ministries, and communities, while also remembering particular

concerns and celebrations in the life of the Church and the world. Each week includes prayers for congregations across the Diocese alongside prayers for ministries and people who serve our communities. Last Sunday we started to include these petitions as part of the Prayers of the People. Through this shared rhythm of prayer, we are reminded that though separated by geography, we are united in Christ and bound together in common mission. The diocesan cycle of prayer and other prayer resources are available on the [diocesan website here](#).

Week of September 6th

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayers, we pray for Advent, Norfolk and Ascension, Norfolk; for Suicide Prevention and those who have lost a loved one to suicide; and for all workers and laborers.

St. George's Prayer List

*Deania, Teresa & Steve S., Davidsinia, Christina M., Richard, Linell, Henrietta, Lacy, Wil, David G, Skip J., Darlene M., Gale, Sandra, Serena, Gerald, Joan M., Carmen, Jennifer H., Bobby, Gwen, Candace, Urith, Janette, Phyllis M., Calvin, Richard and Ronda T., Mary S., Pamela E., Bill B., Leslie T., Brian M., Connie, Billy, Celestina, Thelma, Aimee S., Mark, Yvette, Connie H, Sarah and Alyscia. **And Our Military:** Eduardo, Joe, Ashley, Charles, Anthony, Nyla, and Dominique.*

Readings for September 6th

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we

live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalm 119:33-40

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Epistle

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."