



THE PENINSULA MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP

three churches – better together. Reaching out with God's love to serve our community

ST GEORGE'S WEEKLY WORD – NOVEMBER 4th, 2026

ALL SAINTS WEEK

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

Join us at St. George's on Sunday Nov 8th at 10:30am

For Morning Prayer Rite II

Servers for Sun. Nov 8th	**Open: Sarah Thurmond**
AV/Sound: Laura Stepp	**Coffee Hour:**
Greeter & Usher: Joan Jenkins	**Chalice 1:**
Lector 1: Bonnie Dodson	**Chalice 2:**
Lector 2: Sarah Thurmond	**Close: Lisa Adams**
Prayers of the People: Sarah Thurmond	



Stewardship Season: Plenty Good Room

October 4 – November 15th

Generosity is our grateful response to God's gifts. In the past few weeks, the stewardship witnesses have reflected on the hospitality and warm welcome of our parish, the importance of giving generously of ourselves to all of God's creation, and how our relationship with money is reflected in our walk with Jesus. Our commitments of time, talent, and treasure are offerings that sustain the life of this parish. Everyone should have received two items in the mail this month: (1) a letter from Rev. Charlie announcing this year's stewardship theme, *Plenty Good Room*, that invites us to recognize the abundance God has already entrusted to us, and (2) a letter and pledge card from Sr. Warden, Lisa Adams. As we approach the holiday focused on giving thanks, please pray about how to show your gratitude for all the gifts you have received and how you might share them joyfully in the year ahead. The ingathering and blessing of your pledges of time, talent and treasure will take place on Sunday, November 15th, so please return your signed pledge cards (in mail or in person) by this date. There is always *Plenty Good Room* in God's house and plenty good work for us to do!

Thanks, and blessings, Lisa

Making Space is an Invitation

A year ago, I started practicing yoga at a studio near my home. The instructor is a grounded, gifted practitioner who sets the tone for movement, relaxation, and growth. Her class has grown in popularity and sometimes we are packed a bit close in the space. If someone comes in a little late, we all adjust our mats and make space graciously- although in my heart I grumbled at the inconvenience of it. That is, until I was stuck in traffic and arrived the very minute class was starting and opened the studio door to find the room full. I closed the door and felt frustrated. Darn traffic! I stood outside alone in my disappointment when the door open and a fellow student waved me in, mouthing the words: "we made room for you."

I felt tears selling up in my eyes as I hurried to the open space and rolled out my mat. Another person smiled and waved at me. It almost felt like too much to bear- this grace-filled way that my fellow students offered plenty good room for me to enter and find the balance I craved.

Making space for one another, without judgement, creates a powerful connection in community. I no longer grumble in my heart as a latecomer arrives because I've been there. And, I hope they feel the acceptance I felt as we slide our mats to make more room.

There is plenty good room for us to accept one another, just as we are right now. I pray that in all aspects of our life in community, and especially in our faith community, we learn to wave one another in and with a gentle smile mouth the words: "we made room for you."

Questions for Reflection:

How might we shift a grumbling heart into a welcoming wave?



The Rev. Cn. Dina van Klaverenis Canon for Development at the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland and is a past-president and member of the Board of Directors for TENS.

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





One Faith, Three Congregations: Celebrating All Saints

What a joyful occasion it was as the three congregations of the Peninsula Ministry Partnership came together to celebrate All Saints' Day!

Our gathering was a wonderful opportunity to worship together, remember those saints who have gone before us, and give thanks for the many people whose faith, love, and witness continue to inspire us. We were reminded that sainthood is not limited to those whose names appear in history books. It is also reflected in the everyday lives of faithful people who share God's love with others.

Rev. Charlie asked us to think about what "saint" has helped us live life to the fullest. He shared a heartfelt tribute to his mother whose values were knowledge and kindness. But of those two virtues, she said it was better to be kind than to be right. Although all three churches have suffered the loss of dear parishioners and loved ones in the past year, Rev. Charlie reminded us that death will not crush us. Our hope lies in the power and promise of the resurrection.

Perhaps the greatest blessing of the day was simply being together. Joyful voices filled the sanctuary, led by Roscoe Redcross at the organ and David Adams on the guitar. The laughter, fellowship, prayers, shared worship and fellowship reminded us that we are more than three individual congregations. We are a growing community of faith, learning from one

another, supporting one another, and discovering the blessings that come when we come together in Christ.

All Saints Day was the perfect time to announce the mission statement that all three vestries approved last month: The Peninsula Ministry Partnership: **Three churches – better together. Reaching out with God's love to serve our community.**

AMEN! AMEN!

Thursday Bible Study this Thursday, November 5th

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:
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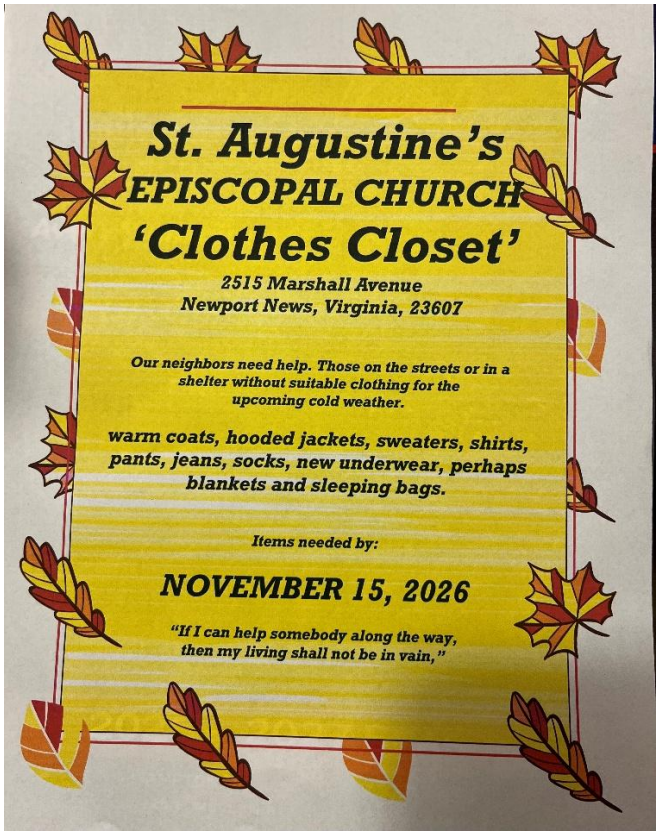
PMP Support for PORT at St. Stephens

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Hidenwood will be hosting People Offering Resources Together (PORT) from November 11-24. PORT is the ministry of LINK of Hampton Roads focused on providing food and shelter for those who are experiencing homelessness and/or food insecurity. Rev. Ryan Missal, priest-in-charge at St. Stephen's has reached out to the PMP to ask for our support. The Vestries of St. George's, St. Augustine's and St. Mark's agreed to assist with donations for the clothing closet. Neighbors can come to the closet room (a room in the Parish Hall building) to get shirts, pants, underwear/socks, jackets, sweaters, hats and mittens that are much needed for the winter months. If you are able to donate any gently used or new items from this list, please being them to church by NOVEMBER 15th, where they will be blessed along with our pledges of time, talent and treasure. There is a large laundry tote in the vestibule for collecting your donations. If you are not sure of what to donate, Rev. Missal has created an Amazon wish list which you can access using the following link:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2GLHMA6CZ1HBE

Thanksgiving Meal Help at St. Augustine's

Phyllis Mather from St. Augustine's has followed a tradition for many years to serve a Thanksgiving meal for the homeless. On **Thursday, November 19**, she will be at St. Augustine's preparing the feast and would like at least 2 volunteers to help. If you can support this outreach effort, please contact Phyllis at (757)871-8683.



Where Have You Encountered God?

As you read in Roscoe's encounter in Yosemite National Park, God meets us in all kinds of places: among giant Sequoias, on a mountaintop, beside the ocean, around a family table, in the quiet of a church sanctuary, or even in the middle of an ordinary weekday.

We invite you to share a photograph of a place where **you have encountered God**. It might be a beautiful place that awakened your sense of God's presence, a meaningful place connected to a special memory, or a simple, everyday place where you experienced grace, peace, love, or wonder.

Along with your photo, please include a brief sentence or two telling us **where the picture was taken and how you encountered God there**.

Ways to submit:

- Digital - Email your picture and description to the church email address: stgeorgess.nn@gmail.com
- Physical photo with a description – leave in church office or give it to Lisa Adams

Let's create a collection of images that reminds us that God is not confined to our church walls. Wherever we go, God is already there, waiting to be noticed. These will be shared in Weekly Word and on the St. George's website. Once we have a number of submission, we will also create a display for the Narthex.

Where have you encountered God? Share your picture and your story!.

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
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Meeting ID: 844 3050 6697
Password: 5414
One tap mobile
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+1 301 715 8592 US
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Meeting ID: 844 3050 6697

Week of November 8th

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayers, we pray for Christ, Smithfield and Glebe, Suffolk; and for all Veterans and Active Duty deployed and their families.

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, Alyscia, Audrey, Bionce, Rodrigo Matteo, the Caldera Family ***And Our Military:*** *Eduardo, Joe, Ashley, Anthony, Nyla, and Dominique.*

Readings for November 8th

The First Lesson

Wisdom 6:12–16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of her,
and love of her is the keeping of her laws,

and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,
and immortality brings one near to God;
so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

October Chanco Chatter

Upcoming Events

2026

November 6–8 Fall EYC Weekend
November 21 2026 Donor & Ambassador Celebration
December 4–5 Advent Retreat

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January 15–17 Winter Camp
Learn more & register at:
chanco.org/events

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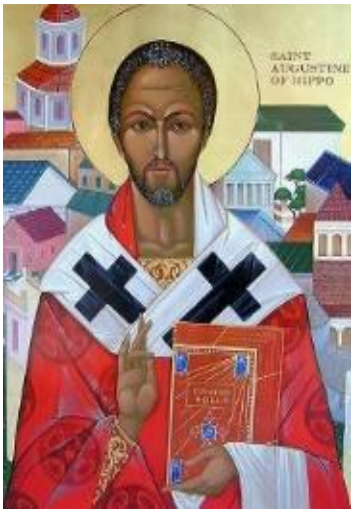
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