



THE WEEKLY WORD – JUNE 3RD, 2026
SECOND WEEK OF PENTECOST

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

Join us at St. George's on Sunday June 7th at 10:30am
for Holy Eucharist Rite II

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| Servers for Sun. June 7th | Open: Sarah Thurmond |
| AV/Sound: David Adams | Coffee Hour: |
| Greeter & Usher: | Lector 1: Sarah Thurmond |
| Lector 2: Juana Jones | Close: Sarah Thurmond |

Back in the USA!

Dear Parish family;

David and I have safely returned from our amazing adventures in the British Isles and Norway. We have so many wonderful memories of ancient castles, cathedrals, wildlife, colorful landscapes, snow-capped mountains, fiords, passionate tour guides sharing stories of ancient traditions and mysteries, and the hospitable locals who were eager to share their customs, crafts and culinary treats. Below are just a few of the hundreds of pictures that documented each day of our unforgettable journey. Pictures can't fully capture the breathtaking scenery we encountered, but we will be happy to share others once we sort through them to find the ones that best reflect the

most awe-inspiring moments of our journey. We thanked God multiple times a day for the beauty of His creation and His generosity that allowed us to have this unforgettable experience.

Many thanks to all who handled the business of the church while we were away, especially Dana, the vestry (Gerry, Sarah and Joan), and Laura. We were sorry that we could not be there to support the Marstellars and the Reeds as they mourned the loss of two of our most beloved parishioners. I know that the parish family gave generously of their time to show their appreciation for all that Clyde and Peggy meant to our community. We mourn their absence here on earth, but celebrate their transition to their heavenly home.

Your grateful Senior Warden, Lisa



St. Augustine's Next Fund Raiser

July 11 – The next major fundraising event is the International Food and Drink Festival with a Flare! Mark your calendars for July 11, 2026.

Phyllis will be at St. George's this Sunday, 7th, selling tickets to the event

St. Augustine's Church Presents

INTERNATIONAL FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL

With a FLARE

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026
2:00PM – 5:00PM
2515 MARSHALL AVENUE, NEWPORT NEWS, VA

INTERNATIONAL FOOD & DRINK AVAILABLE!

COME AND JOIN US
for an afternoon of International Foods & Drinks with a Flare!

WEAR YOUR FINEST HOMELAND ATTIRE!
(Prizes for Best Dressed)

PLAY INTERNATIONAL BINGO & WIN CASH PRIZES
(\$3.00 per card)

SIP & PAINT
With Creative Painting Session for Adults
All Supplies and Instruction Are Provided
Reservations Needed
1st Come - 1st Served!

ADMISSION TICKETS
★ **\$15.00** ★
PER PERSON

50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS
\$5.00 EACH
Maximum Prize is \$1000

CONTACTS FOR ALL TICKET/RESERVATIONS
Call or Text
Phyllis Mather (757) 871-8683
Forest Black (757) 778-0100

EVENT SPONSORS
Larry Barfoot
Federal Savings Bank, Newport News, VA
★ Forest Black
★ Dave Jenkins
★ Louis Johnson

Good Food, Great Drinks, Amazing Culture, ONE COMMUNITY!

Bishop Susan on sabbatical

Beginning June 6, immediately following a diaconal ordination in Norfolk, Bishop Susan will leave for a three-month sabbatical. Please hold her in your prayers as she takes this time away to refresh and recharge.



Chanco on the James has been named a 2026 Best of Virginia winner for Sleepover Summer Camp!

This honor reflects the vibrant community that makes Chanco such a special place — campers, families, staff, alumni, and supporters whose enthusiasm and dedication continue to shape unforgettable summers along the James River.

At Chanco, camp is more than a summer experience. It is a place where young people grow in confidence, build lasting friendships, and encounter joy, faith, and community in meaningful ways.

Registration for Summer 2026 is open, and sessions are filling quickly. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of the camp community that earned this statewide recognition.

The countdown to summer memories has begun — reserve your camper's spot today!

To register, visit <https://chanco.org/camps/camp-info/>

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

Sharing our Ministry Together

Thursday Bible Study this Thursday, June 4th

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>

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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Meeting ID: 844 3050 6697



Newport News Sheriff's Office
Drive-Thru
SHRED DAY

Saturday Todd Stadium
June 13, 2026 12465 Warwick Blvd.
8 am - 11 am Newport News, VA 23606

Free to the public
Paper Only
No businesses please

St Andrews Episcopal Church, 45 Main Street, Newport News, VA 23601

Invites you to Organ and piano duet concert on June 14

You are invited to a very special musical program at 4:00 PM on June 14. Thom Robertson, pianist, and Marty Bartstow, organist, will present a duet concert of familiar hymns ranging from gospel to contemporary, including a piece drawn from contemporary organ literature. Please plan to join us for an afternoon of inspiring music!

Road Closure Scheduled at Old Lucas Creek Road in Newport News for Construction Activity

Motorists are advised that [Hampton Roads Sanitation District \(HRSD\)](#) crews will install and test sewer pipe for the new Lucas Creek Pump Station which will be followed by roadway restoration work. **This work will begin at the end of May and require weekday closures of Old Lucas Creek Road between Debbie Lane and Lucas Creek Road and a closure of the right northbound lane of Lucas Creek Road, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., through mid-July.**

All vehicles, including school buses and emergency responders, will follow the detour using Lucas Creek Rd. and Denbigh Blvd.

This work is part of the Lucas Creek Station Replacement project and is subject to change.

Visit the HRSD [website](#) for more information.

Environmental Stewardship – by Lisa Adams

What are those strange boxes in the Narthex and Community Focus? These boxes are in support of a DIOSOVA Creation Care Team project that involves a partnership between the Creation Care Team, Church of the Ascension in Norfolk (who is hosting the collection), a company called Terra Cycle and hopefully the good stewards at St. George's.

Terra Cycle Zero-Waste Boxes are used to collect hard-to-recycle items that would typically end up in landfills. The Creation Care Team has identified eleven categories of hard-to-recycle items that individuals or churches can collect. Those items include bottle caps (like the ones on the small water bottles we use), pens, pencils & markers, oral care waste & packaging, contact lenses & packaging, synthetic corks, water filters, coffee bags, beauty products & packaging, plastic straws, glue sticks & glue bottles and disposable cups & lids. See below for the one-page summary of the acceptable and unacceptable items.

There are 2 Terra Cycle boxes – one in the narthex and one in Community Focus - which have a comprehensive list of items attached to each box. There is also a box for regular recyclables such as the plastic water bottles from coffee hour, that would typically be recycled by Newport News. Please do NOT use these for trash!

I will take responsibility to take the items from these boxes to the appropriate drop off locations. Thanks for supporting this worthwhile effort to help save God's amazing creation!

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CAN BE RECYCLED

- **BEAUTY PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING** - Empty Cosmetic, Hair & Skin Care Packaging including Aluminized Tubes, Cosmetic Cases & Sticks, Plastic Packaging
Unacceptable Items: Aerosol & Pressurized Cans, Cardboard, Electronic Items, Nail Polish Bottles & Removers, Partially Full & Full Packaging, Perfume Bottles, Wood & Bamboo, Wooden Eyeliner Pencils
- **PENS, PENCILS & MARKERS** - Pens, Pencils (non-wood), Highlighters, Markers & Caps, Mechanical Pencils, Pen & Pen Caps, Permanent Markers & Caps.
Unacceptable Items: Paint Brushes, Wooden Pencils
- **BOTTLE CAPS** – Metal & Plastic Drink Bottle Caps **Unacceptable Items: Bottles, Packaging, Liquids**
- **WATER FILTERS** - Any Brand & Any Size Water Filters **Unacceptable Items: Air Filters, Oil Filters**
- **CONTACT LENSES & PACKAGING** - Contact Lenses, Plastic Film, Pods, And Cardboard Packaging **Unacceptable Items: Contact Lens Solution, Bottles**
- **ORAL CARE WASTE & PACKAGING** - Floss Containers, Toothbrush & Toothpaste Outer Packaging, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste Tubes & Caps **Unacceptable Items: Floss, Other Oral Waste Care Items**
- **COFFEE BAGS** – Empty Coffee Bags **Unacceptable Items: Capsules, Coffee Grounds, Discs, Filters, Coffee Electronics, Other Coffee Packaging**
- **CORKS** – Synthetic Beverage Corks **Unacceptable Items: Natural Corks, Aluminum Champagne Twists, Bottle Caps, Bottles, Foil, Screw Tops**
- **STRAWS** – Any Size Plastic Straws **Unacceptable Items: Paper Straws, Biodegradable Straws**

- **DISPOSABLE CUPS & LIDS** – Paper Coated Cups, Plastic Cups, Plastic Lids
Disposable Cups & Lids that have been rinsed and dried **Unacceptable Items: Biodegradable Plastic Cups & Lids, Juice Boxes & Pouches. Other Rigid Plastic Containers**
- **GLUE STICKS & BOTTLES** – Empty Craft Glue Stick Containers & Empty Glue Bottles **Unacceptable Items: Industrial Adhesive Containers**



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

Readings for June 7th

The First Lesson

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Thus says the LORD: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he

will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

The Psalm

Psalm 50:7-15

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.

9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, *
nor he-goats out of your pens;

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, *
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

11 I know every bird in the sky, *
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, *
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and make good your vows to the Most High.

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; *
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."

The Epistle

Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.”

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this

means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.