

The Tablet

St. David's Episcopal Church
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Sunday Service

8 am Holy Eucharist II
10 am Holy Eucharist II

Wednesday Service

9:30 am Healing Service

Evening Prayer

Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday
5:30 pm (Zoom)

Rector

The Rev. Amy S. Cornell

Deacon

The Rev. Carol Patterson

Pastoral Care Associate

Chaplain Kate O'Connor,
MDiv, BCC

Director of Music

Dr. Brian Katona, DMA

Treasurer

John Patterson

Parish Administrator

Judy Henningsen

From the 2023 Annual Rector Report The Rev. Amy S. Cornell

"There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind." — C.S. Lewis

This quote from C.S. Lewis speaks quite powerfully of life here at St. David's. The past year has been filled with moments of incredible joy as we continue to grow in our faith together. The end of 2023 is a good place to sit and reflect on some of those times as we begin to plan for our upcoming year.

We have seen our children grow (literally). Our loving and talented Sunday School teachers build community and friendships with our youth of all ages. Deacon Carol's energetic Children's Talk on Sunday have let us learn as well. Our teens have connected in their J2A (Journey to Adulthood) gatherings and we now have eight of them prepared to make their commitment to being adults in our church while they continue their spiritual journeys amongst us.

We continue to welcome a variety of skilled preachers to join us at the services. A special thank you to Rev. Carol Patterson and Chaplain Kate O'Connor for sharing their voices from the pulpit. It has been truly a personal honor to work with these two women who have the most caring and pastoral hearts I've ever known. We've had members, new and old, join many of our ongoing ministries in the parish, from Vestry to Lectors, choir and ushers. The lay leadership at St. David's intentionally makes these activities welcoming and accessible to all who wish to give their gifts and talents to the parish.

We have continued to make our presence known in the larger community. The amount of support given to RISE and all our other outreach connections is astonishing. Making sandwiches and serving at Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, gathering items for the Seamen's Church Institute, products for the young people of Rwanda and Kenya just to name a few. St. David's focus will always be on those in need, both near and far.

We also support one another as individuals and families. For me personally, I was overwhelmed by the care and love expressed at the time of my father's death this past March. And I started the year with an eye toward improving my own health, setting an outrageous (for me) goal of running my first 5K in September. I would never have achieved it, or kept going on this journey of well-being, without the supportive cards, emails, texts, donations and face-to-face encouragement. Words could never begin to express the love I have for this community.

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We have taken on challenges together. The Vestry have led us forward in times of financial concern, focusing on our desire to be a safe and beautiful home in which everyone is welcomed to worship. A new roof, a fully functioning heating system and necessary attention to our grounds have continued to make our church available to all. Our fundraisers – which all seem to be more focused on the “fun” than just the “raising” – have seen the renewal of the Golf Outing, ongoing success of the Fantasy Auction, and best Rummage/Yard sale to date! The success of the Stewardship Campaign also speaks to the support we all give to the parish.

We engage in beautiful worship at St. David’s. This year has seen such growth in our Sunday morning services. Our Holy Week was created for moments of wonder, our Christmas services created for moments of joy. We have a new Nativity scene, hand-painted by several of the members. Our dear Kathy Herzog keeps working her magic to make the space inviting and pleasing to see. We all should give a huge “thank you!” to Dr. Brian Katona, one of the best Directors of Music the Church has ever known. His ability to use music to enhance the prayerful ambience of our liturgies is irreplaceable.

We should also thank my other two coworkers for their dedication to our parish. John Patterson, as our Treasurer, has such consistent attentiveness to our financial situation that we are able to make decisions that are best for the church. And, of course, to Judy Henningsen, our Parish Administrator, whose consistent attentiveness and hard work keeps our parish (and the rector) running smoothly.

No denying it, 2023 was a fantastic year. We’ve welcomed new members, hosted new church groups, participated in the diocese and shared our love of God with the world. It’s exciting to look to see what the next year has in store for us – especially when we realize that it will have “far, far better things” than last year contained.

May you continue to feel God’s blessing in your lives – Mother Amy+

Congratulations to:

★ Those Confirmed and Received by Bishop French on Sunday, January 28, 2024:

Bunmi B. Adebayo, Charlotte Pamela Crawford Clissold, Collin Rider Duck, Joseph Allen Eswine, Harrison Lawrence Katona, Madeline Emylia Katona, Madeleine Rose Peeters, Erica Lauren Spero, Jason Whitlock, Colleen A. Fitzgerald, Thomas Peter Reynolds, Raymond Torres, Karen Elizabeth Wade, Peter Chapman Wise, Kathleen Wise



St. David’s Church Annual Meeting February 4, 2024

Our Annual Meeting will take place on **Sunday, February 4, 2024**, at 11:30 am. At the Annual Meeting, we will elect a Sr. Warden, three Vestry members and three Delegates and two Alternate Delegates to represent us at our Diocesan Convention and Convocation. Parishioners who are 16 years of age or older, attend worship regularly, and are givers of record for six months prior to the elections are eligible to vote. It is hoped that you will attend this important meeting; it’s a wonderful way to find out more about life here at St. David’s!

February Outreach

Outreach Sunday—Feb. 11, 2024



Our February outreach collection will be for a donation to a local foundation in Hightstown called Be The Li9ht. This is a foundation established recently to help local young people with their mental health by providing a place to "just be". This youth drop-in center is in Hightstown. The foundation was started by the St. Phard family after the tragic loss of their son (and brother) Coby to suicide. The "9" in li9ht was his soccer jersey number. More details at <https://betheli9ht.org>

Women's Lunch and Learn Group



Our women's discussion group will be meeting this month on Wednesday, February 14, at 12:00 pm in the Library. All women of the parish are welcome. We meet each month on the second Wednesday and discuss a book, current event topic, or occasionally a video presentation. It is always a lively and interesting discussion. The group will be continuing to read *Dissolution* by C.J. Sanom.

This is a "brown bag" event—so please bring your own lunch. Please join us.



VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES FOR 2024

St. David's will once again ship Valentine's care packages to our college students. Please support this ministry--let the students who grew up at St. David's know we still think about them even though they are away!

The big collection box is located in the narthex and is ready to receive your donations of Stationery supplies (sticky notes, notepads, memo notebooks, envelopes, highlighters, sharpies, dry-erase markers, tape, fasteners, etc), Valentine novelty items, and snacks (individually-wrapped packages of chips, pretzels, microwave popcorn, dried fruit, cocoa, sugarless gum, and candy). These items may be donated until **Feb. 4th**.

Home-baked treats, such as cookies and brownies are especially desired. Please sign-up on the list by the water fountain and bring them wrapped in groups of 4-6 on **Sun., Feb. 4th**. Indicate on the packaging if they contain nuts. Questions? Contact Tara Dailey (tdailey474@gmail.com or 908-461-0160).

Souper Bowl Sunday



J2A Souper Bowl Sunday Sunday, February 11th

On February 11th, our J2A will be having their Annual Souper Bowl!
Soup will be available after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services.
Come early, as we usually sell out.

Soup donations are appreciated and can be delivered to the kitchen Sunday morning after 9:00 am!

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SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

TO GO _____ EAT IN _____

Please check one of the ABOVE

February 13, 2024

5-7 pm – Meirs Hall and Lobby

Included (single order)

*Pancakes (4 medium-large) * Gluten Free Upon REQUEST*

French Toast Sticks (2)

Sausage (2)

Bacon (3)

Applesauce

Syrup

Dessert

DONATION – Adults (12-up) \$12.00

Children (3-11) \$6.00 Under 3 – Free

RESERVATION/ORDER (submit by 2/11 – 3 pm)

NAME _____

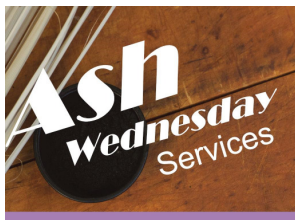
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of Kids 3 - under _____

Pick up time _____

\$ Amount Due _____ (check in envelope please)



Ash Wednesday Services Feb. 14, 2024

9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist w/ Imposition of Ashes
Noon	Imposition of Ashes
7:30 p.m.	Choral Eucharist w/Imposition of Ashes



A Lenten Evening Book Discussion

(Hosted by John and Deacon Carol Patterson)

You are cordially invited to our home for a Lenten discussion of the book *Who Moved the Stone*, written by Frank Morison, including a light supper (soup and crusty bread) with some time for social conversation.

Frank Morison writes that ‘the purpose of this book was to take the last phase (seven days) of the life of Jesus, with all its quick and pulsating drama, its sharp, clear-cut background of antiquity, and its tremendous psychological and human interest – to strip it of its overgrowth of primitive beliefs and dogmatic suppositions, and to see this supremely great person as He really was.’

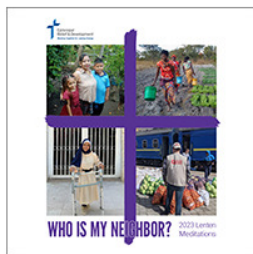
We will meet for 5 consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning on Wednesday, February 21 through March 20. We will begin at 6:30 with a light supper and some social time to chat and catch up with one another before we begin our discussion at 7:00 – 8:15.

The book is available on Amazon for \$ 10.00. It is an easy read with 194 pages. We will cover the first 42 pages at our first gathering. Then as a group, we can decide how much to read each week.

A sign-up sheet will be available on the bulletin board. We will be able to host the gathering at our home for 2 – to 25 or however many want to participate! If you can’t attend the discussion group, I urge you to read this book. I read it many years ago and it impacted my understanding and acceptance of why and what our Lord Jesus Christ went through during the last seven days.

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God,

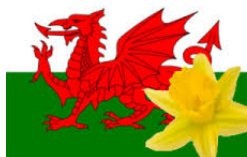
John and Deacon Carol Patterson



The Episcopal Relief & Development 2024 Lenten Meditations Booklet can be found online. To access, please visit their website.

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>

St David's Day



St. David's Day (March 1)

This year St. David's Day will be celebrated on **Sunday, March 3**. St. David's Day is celebrated in Wales, in honour of Dewi Sant or St. David, the patron saint of Wales.

Lay Participation Schedule for February 2024— 10 am

	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Eucharist Ministers	Corinne Peters Tricia Metzger	Kate O'Connor Leslie Terhune	Kim Elaine Neighbor Edmund Abramovitz	Steve Channon Corinne Peters
Lector 1st Lesson	Tricia Metzger	Ray Torres	Collin Duck	Tom Pearson
Lector 2nd Lesson	Brennan Clissold	Leslie Terhune	Edmund Abramovitz	Corinne Peters
Intercessor	Zach Duck	Kate O'Connor	Deacon Barbara Jensen	Steve Channon
Acolytes	Zach Duck Tracy Smires Joseph Eswine	Leslie Terhune Joseph Eswine Zach Duck	Collin Duck Zach Duck Leslie Terhune	Joseph Eswine Leslie Terhune Arleen Astudillo
Presenters	Marna & Gene McDermott	Bernadette Bruce Deanna Emerson	Joyce Hiscock Penny Stout	Phyllis Robinson Jean Hegedus
Ushers	Deanna Emerson Jackie Asafu-Adjaye	Penny Stout Ed Miller	John Patterson Obafemi Sonubi	Richard Bailey Dan Smires
Verger	Maria Eswine	TBD	TBD	Tena Achen
Counters	Mary Ann White David Thomsson	Jennie Herbert Tena Achen	Penny Stout Joyce Hiscock	John Patterson Jackie Asafu-Adjaye



The **February Game Days** are scheduled to be **Tuesday, February 6 & Tuesday, February 20** at 2 pm in the Fish Library. All who enjoy board games, card games, electronic games are welcome to join. Either bring your favorite game or just join in with the ones that are there! Card games like Uno, Phase 10, Cribbage. Board games like Aggravation, Scrabble and Checkers. There will be plenty to play and a great time spent in the company of the community of St. David's. Please join us!



RAISING FUNDS FOR ST. DAVID'S BY PURCHASING PREPAID GIFT CARDS

Don't forget! You can contribute to St. David's ministries – in the parish and in the community at-large – by purchasing pre-paid gift cards through UnitedScrip. Use the paper form found on the bulletin board by the water fountain, or use the Internet (www.scripzone.com). You receive the full face value of the card and St. David's receives a percentage of the face value of the card – depending upon the issuer of the card. If you use the Internet to place an order, remember to use 609655SDE when you first sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Harry Ruhl, at 609-443-5863 or at hjr29@verizon.net.

February

Birthdays



3	Kate O'Connor	16	Ashley Boyle
4	Arlis D. Astudillo, Sr. Bill Guardino	19	Dan Smires
5	Thomas Reynolds	26	Fallon Walker
7	Devin Emerson Genny Kasziba	27	Gene McDermott
9	Madeline Clissold	28	Sandra Paul
12	Winsome Bailey Auria G. Valverde		



Anniversaries

2	Ernie & Joanne Cornell	22	Rich & Heather Giske
12	Stephen & Jean Krupa	24	Clifton & Sandra Paul
20	Tom & Susan Coulter		



Altar Guild Flowers & Candle ORDER FORM 2024

Your Name (Given By)

(Daytime Phone Number)

Sanctuary Flowers (\$40 Donation)

Date: _____

In Loving Memory / In Honor Of

Sanctuary Candle (\$20 Donation)

Date: _____

In Loving Memory / In Honor Of

Check Total = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "St. David's Church"
Attn: Penny Stout

Sunday Services *
 8 am — Holy Eucharist II
 10 am — Holy Eucharist II, Church School

February 2024

Room Legend
 s—Sanctuary
 mh—Meirs Hall / fl—Fish Library
 dc—Double Classroom / bc-J2A Classroom

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Holy Eucharist II (s) 10am Bishop Visitation 10am Church School 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:30pm AA (mh) 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) 7pm NJGMC Rehearsal (s) 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) 10am Tai Chi (mh) 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) 12:30pm AA (mh) 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) 2 more 	Feb 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Jazzercise (mh) 11am Women's AA (mh) 12:30pm AA (mh) 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) 3 more 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Jazzercise (mh) 10am Office Closed 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) 12:30pm AA (mh) 7:30pm AA (mh) 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am New Life SDA Church (s) 9am Jazzercise (mh) 10am History Group Meeting (fl) 1pm Knitters Group (fl) 7pm Pentecostal (s)
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Save the Date

**Feb. 13— Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper**

Feb. 14— Ash Wednesday

Mar 3 — St. David's Day

**St. David's Church welcomes all in the loving Spirit of Christ, through
Faith, Worship, Nurture and Community**

St. David's Vestry Members — 2023

Patricia Kraft, Senior Warden

Kathy Herzog, Junior Warden

John Patterson, Treasurer

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Tena Achen, Finance

Marcus Aris, Fundraising

Renee Christiansen, Evangelism

Maria Eswine, Building & Grounds

Jon Harding, Outreach

AJ Polanco, Building & Grounds

Leslie Terhune, Liturgy

Ellen Torres, Christian Formation