



The Tablet

St. David's Episcopal Church

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Sunday Services:

8 am Holy Eucharist I

**10 am Holy Eucharist II
(live-streamed on Zoom)**

Wednesday Service

**9:30 am Holy Eucharist and
Healing**

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

Treasurer

John Patterson

Parish Administrator

Judy Henningsen

"It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan."

Eleanor Roosevelt

We are fully immersed in our season of stewardship, centering our contemplations around the theme "Be The Bridge." (Hats off to Brijette Aris and her committee for creating great spaces for us to have conversations around how we can use our talents and treasures to support all our ministries here at St. David's.) Part of our reality, however, is that our financial health has become more challenging as the overall economy is impacted. Last year, the vestry brainstormed to come up with some ideas of how we can effectively juggle our budget to meet these needs. And the realization that the best way for St. David's to continue to be a beacon to the world around us is to get everyone involved in our well being.

I have been focusing on one particular bridge – our past and our future, with the bridge being the here and now. We have an amazing legacy in this parish, from the initial gatherings at the Peddie School chapel to the building of our current space. Through the leadership of Father Fish and Mother Karin, who helped us to envision a future that is our reality today. Now we stand on the bridge, looking behind and ahead, and our leadership is looking for the best way forward.

As you consider the stewardship season this year, I ask you to include time for these questions:

Do I pledge? Many of us have grown up in denominations that do not have the same structure as the Episcopal Church, where the generosity of the parishioners is the main support of ministry and mission. So what does pledging mean to me? Do I understand how the commitment works and how it helps in planning the future?

Am I pledging all that I can give, or am I holding back? In a society where independence is honored, we can fall into the idea of taking care of ourselves and sharing only what is left over. If I'm offering less than I might be able, can I make a small increase to stretch in my commitment?

How can I give more of myself to the community from the abundance of my heart? We all have gifts that can be given freely to the church, but sometimes we hesitate to offer. There are so many activities currently going on that need time and volunteers. There are also lots of opportunities to create new ministries to fit the gifts of the congregation. How can I do more?

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Finally, and most importantly, where is God calling me to be? Seeing ourselves as God's beautiful creation helps us to realize that what we have to offer is perfect and appreciated. Take some time to simply listen to where God is leading you, and what obstacles stand in the way of that path.

There are challenges that we as a community will take on and overcome, but only if we all pitch in to help. Over the next few months, our vestry will be bringing the parish up to date with those challenges and looking for creative ways for us to deal with them. Let us see how we can support our parish in the year ahead, so that St. David's will continue to care for our surrounding community and be a constant presence in the lives of all who gather in this sacred place in Cranbury.

Mother Amy

BE THE BRIDGE!!



Stewardship

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. 2 Peter 3:18

May we grow in faith as God continues to expand our mission into the greater community. Our prayer is that this Stewardship season brings about growth individually and collectively. That our faith multiplies as we lean on Christ for strength, understanding, patience, and love.

Thank you for faithfully considering your 2024 pledge to St. David's.

Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/6SYY6SVeJt7bFACG6>

A note from our Treasurer

Perhaps like yours, the Church's 2024 financial picture is quite challenging. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have lost several significant pledging families. In addition, as you may know, we receive rental income from several outside groups. Unfortunately, in 2024 that steady source of income is decreasing.

If your home is more than 40 years old, you know that you must make significant repairs. That is exactly where we find ourselves. We need to have the roof of the main building replaced along with much of the carpet which was installed when the building was built. These repairs will be financed by an additional mortgage. This will increase our mortgage payment by about 20%. In addition, we expect more small repairs will need to be made. The utilities bills have continued to climb. Our projected utility expense for 2024 will be double what it was in 2021 and in general, all of our expenses continue to rise.

In recent years our pledge income has paid slightly more 70% of our expenses. The remaining 30% is made up of Building Use, Gifts, Fundraising and other small income sources. Therefore, it is essential that the increase in pledges keep up with our increasing expenses so that we can continue our mission and support our ministry in the community. In order to balance the budget our pledge levels need to increase from 2023 levels by about 12%. Through a combination of increased pledges and new pledges this target can be met.

Please prayerfully consider the pledge you can make.

John Patterson, Treasurer



Join us for an afternoon of fun, food and fundraising.
 Gift Cards, Holiday Baskets, Wine Baskets, Items Large & Small
 for all Budgets. Door Prizes & a few surprises are planned!

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\$18 advance sale, \$20 at the door
Credit cards accepted!



Advent Wreath-Making at St. David's Sunday, November 27



The annual Advent Wreath-Making event will be held during coffee hour on Sunday, November 26th after the 10:00 am service. Please join us for fun and fellowship while you make an advent wreath to take home. All supplies will be provided, but if you would like to **bring in greens from your yard to share that day**, it would be appreciated. This has been a great event in the past - please plan to stay! Questions, please contact Abbi Clissold or Kathy Herzog.



November Outreach of the Month The Seamen's Church Institute



SCI is “deeply committed to mariner wellness and pastoral care, maritime training and education, and advocacy for the men and women in their essential...role in the transportation industry.”

SCI was founded in 1834 and is affiliated with the Episcopal Church, but nondenominational in terms of their spiritual and practical services. Annually, their chaplains visit thousands of vessels, offering pastoral counseling, support and social welfare services. Their maritime education centers provide navigational training. The Center for Maritime Advocacy provides legal services free of charge and speaks out for mariners' rights. Their Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) program offers interactive workshops in suicide first aid to help recognize when someone contemplates suicide and how to work with them to support their immediate safety.

For years our St. David's knitting group has donated knitted hats, cowls, and slippers to the Christmas at Sea (CAS) program which delivers only hand-made knitted gifts to both international and US mariners at work aboard ships.

As a non-profit, SCI's work is only made possible through the support of their donors. Please give generously to help them to continue to tend to the spiritual and practical needs of mariners of all faiths in their working environment.



Thank you for your continued generous support of the Seamen's Church Institute Christmas at Sea Outreach Program. Please continue to bring in toiletry items until Sunday, November 12th. All items will be delivered to the Seamen's Church Institute, in Port Newark, on Friday, November 17th.

Renee Christiansen



It's that time of year again - only different! RISE will again be holding a Virtual Toy Drive this year. To sponsor a child please, go to the RISE website <https://nprise.org/risetoydrive/>. You can choose to sponsor a child or choose an amount to give a gift to one, two, three or more children. And, if you want, you can check the 'write a comment' box and add that the gift is from St. David's Cranbury. Let's keep St. David's always outstanding generous response going!

Lay Participation Schedule for November 2023

10 am

	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
Eucharistic Minister	Tracy Smires	Corinne Peters	Kim Neighbor	Edmund Abramovitz
Eucharistic Minister	Tricia Metzger	Todd White	Leslie Terhune	Steve Channon
Intercessor	Collin Duck	Tom Pearson	Kim Neighbor	Edmund Abramovitz
Lector-1st Lesson	Tricia Metzger	Corinne Peters	Tom Reynolds	Steve Channon
Lector-2nd Lesson	Deacon Barbara Jensen	Kathy Herzog	Brennan Clissold	Ray Torres
Ushers	Larry Kraft Rich Bennett	Carol Hartmaier Ed Miller	Penny Stout Jackie Asafu-Adjaye	John Patterson Obafemi Sonubi
Presenters	Phyllis Robinson Carol Hartmaier	Joyce Hiscock Penny Stout	Bernadette Bruce Deanna Emerson	Virginia R. Davis Virginia K. Davis
Acolytes	Leslie Terhune Arleen Astudillo Harrison Katona	Joseph Eswine Patty Thomsson Zach Duck	Collin Duck Harrison Katona Arleen Astudillo	Joesph Eswine Kaylyn Eswine Leslie Terhune
Verger	Pat Kraft	Tena Achen	Renee Christiansen	Maria Eswine
Counters	Mary Ann White David Thomsson	Jackie Asafu-Adjaye Tena Achen	Bernadette Bruce Jennie Herbert	John Patterson Penny Stout



On All Saints Sunday, November 5th, we honor our loved ones who have died. We need your assistance in compiling a current and accurate listing of these Saints who have gone to be with our Lord. If you would like to add a **NEW NAME** to our current listing, please call the office ASAP.



Nominating Committee 2024

Our Nominating Committee will begin its work shortly. If you are interested in being considered for a position on our vestry or as a convocation delegate, please speak to Pat Kraft.



**Don't forget to change your clocks.
Daylight savings time ends November 5.**

November



BIRTHDAYS

1 Christian Herzog	9 Ava Lombardo	28 Alexander Perritt
2 Chris Achen	10 Sarah Smires	Harrison Katona
Jon Harding	13 Christopher Sgalambro	29 Anne Benedict
Michael Miller	14 Kenneth Robinson	Larry Kraft
4 Martin Lindemann	16 Brijette Aris	
Stephanie Maloney	17 Dawn Reiss	
6 Caitlyn Nagle		
7 Allison Whitlock		

Wedding Anniversaries



4 Robert & Jennifer McKay	18 Carol Pepe & Carmen Arias
10 Tom & Judy Evans	19 Emmanuel Apau & Jaqueline Asafu-Adjaye
14 Kenneth & Phyllis Robinson	26 David & Anne Holmes John & Carol Patterson



Thanksgiving Day Worship Service Thursday, November 23

Please join us on Thursday, November 23rd at 9 am for a service of thankfulness and joy.



Christmas Services at St. David's

12/24	5:00 pm	Family Christmas Eve Service
	10:30 pm	Choral Christmas Eve Service
12/25	9:00 am	Christmas Day Service

Sunday Services *

8:00 am — Holy Eucharist I
10 am — Holy Eucharist II, Choir, Church School

November 2023



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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>29</p> <p>Newcomer Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Holy Eucharist I (s) 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom 11:30am J2A Meeting 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:30pm AA (mh) 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) 7pm NJGMC Rehearsal (s) 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) 10am Tai Chi (mh) 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) 	<p>Nov 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) 12:30pm AA (mh) 2:30pm Elms 3 more 	<p>2</p> <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 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Office Closed 12:30pm AA (mh) 7:30pm P/AG Rehearsal (s) 7:30pm AA (mh) <p>Fantasy Auction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Jazzercise (mh) 10am History Group Meeting (fl) 1pm Knitters Group (fl) 7pm Pentecostal (s) 	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Holy Eucharist I (s) 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:30pm AA (mh) 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) 7pm NJGMC Rehearsal (s) 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) 10am Tai Chi (mh) 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) 12pm Lunch & Learn (fl) 12:30pm AA (mh) 3 more 	<p>9</p> <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 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Jazzercise (mh) 10am Office Closed 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) 12:30pm AA (mh) 2 more 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Jazzercise (mh) 7pm Pentecostal (s)
<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Holy Eucharist I (s) 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:30pm AA (mh) 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) 7pm NJGMC Rehearsal (s) 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) 10am Tai Chi (mh) 2pm Board Game Event (fl) 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) 7pm Vestry (fl) 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) 12:30pm AA (mh) 2:30pm Elms 3 more 	<p>16</p> <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 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Jazzercise (mh) 10am Office Closed 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) 12:30pm AA (mh) 2 more 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Jazzercise (mh) 10am Lions Group (mh) 10am History Group Meeting (fl) 1pm Knitters Group (fl) 7pm Pentecostal (s)
<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Holy Eucharist I (s) 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:30pm AA (mh) 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) 7pm NJGMC Rehearsal (s) 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) 10am Tai Chi (mh) 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) 	<p>22</p> <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 	<p>23</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Service (s) 11am Women's AA (mh) 12:30pm AA (mh) 7:30pm NA (mh) 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Jazzercise (mh) 10am Office Closed 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) 12:30pm AA (mh) 2 more 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Jazzercise (mh) 2pm Trinity Church Wedding 7pm Pentecostal (s)
<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Holy Eucharist I (s) 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:30pm AA (mh) 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) 7pm NJGMC Rehearsal (s) 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) 10am Tai Chi (mh) 2pm Board Game Event (fl) 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) 	<p>29</p> <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 	<p>30</p> <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 	<p>Dec 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Jazzercise (mh) 10am Office Closed 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) 12pm Christmas Service 3 more 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Jazzercise (mh) 10am History Group Meeting (fl) 1pm Knitters Group (fl) 2pm Women's Tea 7pm Pentecostal (s)

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Save the Date

Nov. 4 3 pm Fantasy Auction

Nov 24 9 am
Thanksgiving Service
at St. David's

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

St. David's Vestry Members — 2023

Pat Kraft, Senior Warden

Kathy Herzog, Junior Warden

John Patterson, Treasurer

Edmund Abramovitz, Liturgy

Marcus Aris, Fundraising

Tena Achen, Finance

Renee Christiansen, Evangelism

Maria Eswine, Building & Grounds

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Jon Harding, Outreach

Leslie Terhune, Liturgy

Ellen Torres, Christian Formation