

# 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,  
M.Div., BCC

### Director of Music

Dr. Brian Katona, DMA

### Treasurer

John Patterson

### Parish Administrator

Judy Henningsen

### From the 2024 Annual Report

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. *Jeremiah 29:11*

**I** believe we can state, with much confidence, that God's plan for St. David's is filled with hope.

The past year has been one that can be described as a balanced mix of returning to the old normal with a new sense of purpose. We continued to see activities grow that had been paused during the pandemic. New faces and ideas have been added in to give the community a renewed vitalization and energy for God's work. Some of the notable things that have happened during 2024:

We welcomed two new interns, Tiffany Campbell and Greg Geehern, both postulants in the Diocese of New Jersey. Tiff is with us to complete her educational training, serving in congregations that will help her to fine tune her gifts and skills for ministry. Greg is with us for his first placement from Princeton Theological Seminary, taking the opportunity to minister in a parish different from his home parish of Trinity, Princeton. They have both become integral parts of our community, giving of themselves to help with liturgy, Christian formation, pastoral care and outreach. Although their futures will take them away from St. David's they have become part of the family, and will always know that they have our love, support, and appreciation for all their time with us.

Our Christian formation program was expanded this year in some new and creative ways. Deacon Carol and John Patterson led our Lenten program, based on the book "Who Moved the Stone?" by Frank Morrison. Our Advent program, led by Tiff and Greg, was crafted from Amy-Jill Levine's series on "The Light of the World." We started a Wednesday evening learning discussion in the summer and have gone through such topics as Acts of the Apostles and The Screwtape Letters. Another discussion group has grown on Tuesday afternoons, officially named "Shall I Ask A Question?" Our Sunday School classes continue to thrive, as do our J2A activities. The engagement in church activities on the part of our teenagers is joyful and promising. When our bishop visited on January 28th, nine of our young adults were confirmed in the church, and 9 others were received into the Episcopal Church. There is much to be learned and lots of opportunities to gather and have these fascinating conversations.

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Worship services this summer operated under a trial period. We wanted to have a combined service on some of the weeks and strove to make them truly “combined.” On alternate weeks, we had one service at 9:30 am using Rite 1 in July. We tried a few services with no music, and even had one held outdoors on the grounds. Feedback was positive and this was a good experience of how we can bring the whole of the community together for worship in styles that are comfortable to all. Our music program has expanded as well, adding several organizations to a concert series, like the Princeton Brass Band and the NJ Gay Men’s Chorus.

Outreach also thrives here in our parish. In 2024 we brought on new charitable organizations to support with our monthly financial contributions, several of which were suggested by our parishioners. And our deacon has brought new opportunities for us to lend support in additional ways – bringing sandwiches to TASK, gathering coats for kids, just to name a few of them. As events occur in our world, the community never hesitates to find ways to help, through Episcopal Relief and Development on the large scale, and donations to families who have lost their homes on a local scale.

Stewardship was incredible as well! Brijette Aris led the way to spiritually consider our commitment to one another and this place. The response was amazing. Many of our pledgers have increased their commitment, and several people have expressed thanks for their abundance by making a new pledge. We have seen several new faces serving on Vestry and the subcommittees, in liturgy, and in the activities that go on in our space.

As always, I could not possibly perform my duties as your Rector without the help of an incredible group of volunteers and staff. My gratitude is unending for Deacon Carol Patterson, John Patterson, Dr. Brian Katona, Judy Henningsen. (And special recognition needs to be given to Arlis and Auria Astudillo whose tireless work around the church fills a big gap left by the absence of a sexton.) Chaplain Kate O’Connor continues her ministry of pastoral care for so many of our congregation, from personal visits (homes and hospitals) to the Grief Group where she has nurtured those of us burdened by deep grief. Br. John still actively prays for us, and Deacon Barbara Jensen keeps those prayer lines open with her ministry of prayer in the corner station of our sanctuary. For Wardens Tracy Smires (who carries joy into every action) and Kathy Herzog (who still seems to magically make everything happen) we all give thanks. The success of our reach into the larger community through livestream and social media led faithfully by Todd White. Of course, this list is not exhaustive – everyone who steps up and takes the lead on activities and ministries at St. David’s helps to keep our parish thriving.

May 2025 be as fruitful and joyous as the past year has been for the parish here at St. David’s!

Rev. Amy S. Cornell, Rector



## **Paint Party Fundraiser**

**Saturday, February 8, 2025**

**3:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Cost: \$40**

**Sign up Sheet is posted**

**Create your own Work of Art!**

**Appetizers, snacks, a variety of drinks**

**all the instructions and art supplies**

**is all you need to complete an 8x10 acrylic painting!!!**

**Lot’s of fun included! Questions, please see Jo Cornell**

## February Outreach

### Outreach Sunday—Feb. 9, 2025



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 12, 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.

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



### VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES FOR 2025

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!

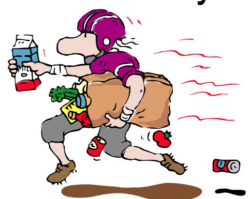
The big collection box is located in the narthex to receive your donations of Stationery supplies (sticky notes, notepads, memo notebooks, envelopes, highlighters, sharpies, dry-erase markers, tape, fasteners, etc), Valentine novelty items, and snacks (individually-wrapped packages of chips, pretzels, microwave popcorn, dried fruit, cocoa, sugarless gum, and candy). These items may be donated until Feb. 2nd.

Home-baked treats, such as cookies and brownies are especially desired. Please sign-up on the list on the bulletin board and bring them wrapped in groups of 4-6 on Sun., Feb. 2nd. Indicate on the packaging if they contain nuts.

Questions? Contact Tara Dailey ([tdailey474@gmail.com](mailto:tdailey474@gmail.com) or 908-461-0160).

### J2A Souper Bowl Sunday Sunday, February 9th

#### Souper Bowl Sunday



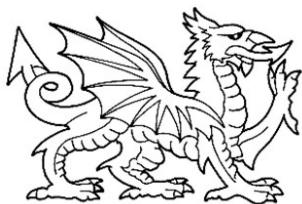
On February 9th, our J2A will be having their Annual Souper Bowl!  
 Soup will be available after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services.  
 Come early, as we usually sell out.  
 Soup donations are appreciated and can be delivered to the kitchen Sunday morning!

## St David's Day



## St. David's Day (March 1)

This year St. David's Day will be celebrated on **Sunday, March 2**. St. David's Day is celebrated in Wales, in honour of Dewi Sant or St. David, the patron saint of Wales.



### Who was St. David?

### Why is he so important to the Welsh! And just how is St. David's Day celebrated in Wales today!

St. David's Day is celebrated in Wales on 1 March, in honour of Dewi Sant or St. David, the patron saint of Wales. Little is known about him for certain. What little information we have is based on an account of his life written by Rhigyfarch towards the end of the 11th century.

According to this Latin manuscript, Dewi died in the year 589. His mother was called Non, and his father, Sant, was the son of Ceredig, King of Ceredigion. After being educated in Cardiganshire, he went on pilgrimage through south Wales and the west of England, where it is said that he founded religious centres such as Glastonbury and Croyland. He even went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, where he was made Archbishop.

He eventually settled at Glyn Rhosyn (St. David's), in south-west Wales where he established a very strict ascetic religious community. Many miracles have been attributed to him the most incredible of which was performed when he was preaching at the Synod of Llanddewibrefi—he caused the ground to rise underneath him so that he could be seen and heard by all. How much truth is in this account of his life by Rhigyfarch is hard to tell. It much be considered that Rhigyfarch was the son of the Bishop fo St. David's, and that the Life was written as propaganda to established Dewi's superiority ad defend the bishopric from being taken over by Canterbury and the Normans.

From the 12th century onwards, Dewi's fame spread throughout South Wales and as far as Ireland and Brittany. St. David's Cathedral became a popular centre of pilgrimage, particularly after Dewi was officially recognized as a Catholic saint in 1120. from this period on, he was frequently referred to in the work of medieval Welsh poets such as Iolo Gonch and Lewys Glyn Cothi In 1398, it was ordained that his feast-day was to be kept by every church in the Province of Canterbury. Though the feast of Dewi as a religious festival came to an end with the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century, the day of his birth became a national festival during the 18th century.

Now March 1st is celebrated by schools and cultural sociaeties throughout Wales. It is the custom on that day to wear either a leek or a daffodil—two of our national emblems—and for young girls to wear the national costume.



# SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

TO GO \_\_\_\_\_ EAT IN \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check one of the ABOVE*

*March 4, 2025*

*5-7 pm – Meirs Hall and Lobby*

*Included (single order)*

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

*French Toast Sticks (2)*

*Sausage (3)*

*Bacon (2)*

*Applesauce*

*Syrup*

*Dessert*

***DONATION – Adults (12-up) \$12.00***

***Children (3-11) \$6.00 Under 3 – Free***

***RESERVATION/ORDER (submit by Sunday, Feb 23)***

***NAME \_\_\_\_\_***

***# of Adult Orders \_\_\_\_\_***

***# of Child Orders \_\_\_\_\_***

***# of Kids 3 - under \_\_\_\_\_***

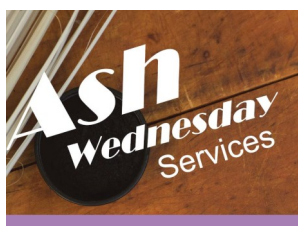
***Pick up time \_\_\_\_\_***

***\$ Amount Due \_\_\_\_\_ (check in envelope please)***

## Lay Participation Schedule for February 2025— 10 am

	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	Steve Channon Corinne Peters	Tricia Metzger Todd White	Tracy Smires Leslie Terhune	Kate O'Connor Corinne Peters
<b>Lector 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Steve Channon	Tom Reynolds	Leslie Terhune	Kathy Herzog
<b>Lector 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	Corinne Peters	Ray Torres	Tom Pearson	Kate O'Connor
<b>Intercessor</b>	Deacon Barbara Jensen	Tricia Metzger	Mike Duck	Edmund Abramovitz
<b>Acolytes</b>	Joseph Eswine Kaylyn Eswine Collin Duck	Ashley Astudillo Arleen Astudillo Leslie Terhune	Jessie Smires Leslie Terhune Tracy Smires	Collin Duck Kaylyn Eswine Joseph Eswine
<b>Presenters</b>	Joyce Hiscock JoAnne Cornell	Bernadette Bruce Virginia Davis	Marna McDermott Gene McDermott	Phyllis Robinson Jean Hegedus
<b>Ushers</b>	Deanna Emerson Richard Bailey	Jackie Asafu-Adjaye Bernadette Bruce	Larry Kraft Pat Kraft	David Thomsson Ed Miller
<b>Verger</b>	Kathy Herzog	Kathy Herzog	Leslie Terhune	TBA
<b>Counters</b>	Mary Ann White Jackie Asafu-Adjaye	Joyce Hiscock John Patterson	Winsome Bailey Tena Achen	Penny Stout David Thomsson

### Ash Wednesday Services March 5, 2025



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



The Episcopal Relief & Development 2025 Lenten Meditations Booklet can be found online. To access, please visit their website.

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

# February

## Birthdays



- |    |  |    |                |
|----|--|----|----------------|
| 3  | Kate O'Connor                            | 16 | Ashley Boyle   |
| 4  | Arlis D. Astudillo, Sr.<br>Bill Guardino | 19 | Dan Smires     |
| 5  | Thomas Reynolds                          | 27 | Gene McDermott |
| 7  | Devin Emerson<br>Genny Kasziba           | 21 | Sandra Paul    |
| 9  | Madeline Clissold                        |    |                |
| 12 | Winsome Bailey<br>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 2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
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

\_\_\_\_\_

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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 2025

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1
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**Save the Date**

**Mar 1 — St. David's Day**  
**Mar. 4 — Shrove Tuesday**  
**Pancake Supper**  
**Mar. 5 — Ash Wednesday**

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

**St. David's Vestry Members — 2025**

**Tracy Smires, Senior Warden**  
**Kathy Herzog, Junior Warden**  
**Edmund Abramovitz, Liturgy**  
**Tena Achen, Finance**  
**Jo Cornell, Fundraising**  
**Tom Pearson, Christian Formation**

**Deanna Emerson, Evangelism**  
**Jon Harding, Outreach**  
**Maria Eswine, Building & Grounds**  
**Leslie Terhune, Liturgy**  
**Todd White, Communications**