

# The Tablet

**St. David's Episcopal Church**  
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**Sunday Services:  
Summer Schedule**  
*(Through & Including  
Labor Day Weekend)*

**8 am Holy Eucharist II**  
**9:30 am Holy Eucharist II  
& Zoom**

**Beginning Sept. 7th  
Regular Schedule**

**8 am Holy Eucharist II**  
**10 am Holy Eucharist II  
& Zoom**

**Wednesday Service**

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

**Deacon**

**The Rev. Carol Patterson**

**Pastoral Care**

**Chaplain Kate O'Connor,  
M. Div., BCC**

**Director of Music**

**Dr. Brian Katona**

**Treasurer**

**John Patterson**

**Parish Administrator**

**Judy Henningsen**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Saint David's Search Committee has worked diligently this summer to meet the timelines for the paperwork due to the Diocese to begin the advertising process for our new Rector. Many, many thanks to each member of the Search Committee. It is a testament of their commitment to find the best candidate for St. David's. Now the next phase begins!

As this process may take many months, we will have supply priests for the 8 and 10 o'clock services each Sunday. If there is a Sunday without a priest, Deacon Carol or Chaplain Kate will celebrate Morning Prayer at each service. The schedule is posted in the tablet.

We have had a wonderful summer at St. David's. Our 9 AM service has been wonderfully attended. As we continue through our transition, please know that we are all dedicated to maintaining and supporting all of our ministries and programs.

September is an exciting time.

We will host our annual rummage sale, J2A car wash and sell our baked goodies during Cranbury Day.

Sunday School will start on September 7. We can't wait to see our children back at church. The backpacks will be blessed on this day.

Fall schedules will resume for the various programs and clubs that we have at St. David's. Days and times to follow.

I am so happy and proud to be a part of our St. David's family. Our journey together continues to be amazing.

Faithfully yours,

Tracy Smires  
Senior Warden

## Condolences to:

† The Cushman Family on the death of Helen Cushman. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 20, 11 am at St. David's Episcopal Church, Cranbury. Cards may be sent to her daughter, Cindy Tufts 2157 Terrace Place, Sea Girt, NJ 08750.



## St. David's Church Rummage Sale

**Saturday, September 6**  
**8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Rain or Shine**

**Volunteers needed! Please see sign up sheet on bulletin board if available any time on September 4, 5 or 6. Questions, please see Phyllis Robinson.**

## Cranbury Day



## Baked Goods Booth Downtown Cranbury

**Saturday, September 6**  
**9 am — 4 pm**

St. David's will be hosting a Baked Goods Booth for Cranbury Day, as has been our tradition for over 30 years. Please dust off your baking pans and contribute something delicious to sell, help work the booth, or just come out and support your church and community! Please place baked goods in separate bags. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help or see or email Kathy Herzog ([kathyherzog@princetonk12.org](mailto:kathyherzog@princetonk12.org)) for more information. This is an important time for us to show who we are to Cranbury!! Please come out and help greet our neighbors.

## J2A Car Wash



St. David's Community, please keep your cars dirty and while you are rummaging through the Rummage Sale, or walking down Main Street for Cranbury Day - J2A will make your cars spotless for just a small donation! We hope to see you all from **9 am – Noon on September 6<sup>th</sup>**.



## Board Game Day Returns!

Please join us for Game Day on **Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm!**

Either bring your favorite game with you, 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.



## Lunch and Learn

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, **September 10 from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM** in Fish Library. All women of the parish are welcome. We meet each month on the second Wednesday in the library 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. This month we are discussing *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.

# Back to Church School

## Sunday, September 7th



### St. David's Sunday School Enrollment Application 2025- 2026

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, hereby consent to my child participating in the Sunday School program at St. David's, and to the use of my child(ren)'s name(s), voice recording(s), and photograph(s) / likeness(es) in any and all videotapes, photographs, slides, audiotapes, or any other visual or audio reproduction in which my child may appear, alone or with others, for St. David's Episcopal Church. I understand that these materials may be used for various purposes, including but not limited to marketing, and providing information and/or updates on the website of the Life-long Christian Formation Program of St. David's which includes evangelism.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by St. David's masking and distancing guidelines, which may be updated from time to time.

I hereby release and hold harmless St. David's and its staff, representatives, and teachers, from any and all claims, liabilities, expenses and damages that may be connected, directly or indirectly, with: (a) my child(ren) attending Sunday School at St. David's, and (b) the use of my child(ren)'s name(s), photograph(s)/likeness(es), and/or voice recording(s) hereunder.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian of the child[ren] printed below

Please bring completed forms on Sept. 7 or you can leave them in Sunday School mailbox in the church office.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade as of Sept. 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Special Instructions:

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade as of Sept. 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

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DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade as of Sept. 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Special Instructions:

#### Calendar of Events 2025-2026)

Sept: 7,14,21,28

Oct: 5,12,19,26 (costumes)

Nov: 2,9,16,23

Dec: 7,14,21

Jan: 4,11,18,25

Feb: 1,8,15,22

March: 1,8,15,22,29

Apr: 12,19,26

May: 3,10,17,31

June: 7

## St. David's Episcopal Church Rector Search Committee

### A Note of Thanks from the Rector Search Committee

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Rector Search Committee wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks for your prayers, encouragement, and trust throughout this important journey. The completion of our Parish Profile and the launch of our Rector Search presence online would not have been possible without the faithful support of this parish family.

Your voices, reflections, and hopes have shaped the story we now share with prospective candidates. We believe the materials truly capture who we are as a community of faith and the vibrant ministry to which God continues to call us.

As we move into the next stage of our search process, we ask for your continued prayers that God may guide us in wisdom, unity, and joy as we seek the shepherd who will walk alongside us in the next chapter of St. David's life.

With Gratitude,  
The Rector Search Committee

Deanna Emerson/Chairperson, Brijette Aris, Kimberly Duck, Tom Pearson, Todd White

### Supply Priest Schedule

#### September

September 7, 2025	Rev. Alistair So-Schoos, 8:00 and 10:00
September 14, 2025	Rev. Shawn Armington, 8:00 and 10:00
September 21, 2025	Rev. Allen Wakabayashi, 8:00 and 10:00
September 28, 2025	Rev. Allen Wakabayashi, 8:00 and 10:00

#### October

October 5, 2025	Rev. Allen Wakabayashi, 8:00 and 10:00
October 12, 2025	Rev. Shawn Armington, 8:00 and 10:00
October 19, 2025	Rev. Allen Wakabayashi, 8:00 and 10:00
October 26, 2025	Rev. Alistair So-Schoos, 8:00 and 10:00

#### November

November 2, 2025	Rev. Allen Wakabayashi, 8:00 and 10:00
November 9, 2025	Rev. Alistair So-Schoos, 8:00 and 10:00
November 16, 2025	Rev. David Snyder, 8:00 and 10:00
November 23, 2025	Rev. Allen Wakabayashi, 8:00 and 10:00
November 30, 2025	Rev. Alistair So-Schoos, 8:00 and 10:00



## St. David's Church Fantasy Auction

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our annual Fantasy Auction is just around the corner, and we need your help to make it another joyful and successful event. This is not only our biggest fundraiser of the year, but also a time of laughter, fellowship, and community spirit.

The auction helps fund our church's operating expenses, keeping our doors open so we can continue to do God's work both within our parish and throughout the wider community. Your generosity helps to ensure that St. David's remains a place of worship, service, and welcome for all.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how you might support this important event:

### **Ways You Can Help:**

Donate an item or experience: a gift basket, a service, a handmade craft, or something unique you can offer. Reach out to friends, family, or local businesses for donations. We are grateful for every contribution. Volunteer your time to help with planning, set-up, or clean-up. Every hand makes a difference! And, of course, please mark your calendars and join us at the auction. You'll enjoy delicious food, festive holiday shopping opportunities, and the lively entertainment of our auctioneer, Suzanne, who always keeps the evening fun.

Together, we can make this year's Fantasy Auction a true celebration of generosity and community. Thank you for the many ways you give of your time, talent, and treasure.

With Gratitude,

The Fantasy Auction Committee

### **Questions or inquiries:**

Please contact Deanna Emerson: [deanna.g.emerson@icloud.com](mailto:deanna.g.emerson@icloud.com)

# DONATE. BID. MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

## St. David's Church Annual Fantasy Auction


 **November 8, 2025**  **3:00 - 7:30 pm**


We're looking for exciting auction items to help raise funds for St. David's Outreach & Community Programs. Your generosity will help us make a meaningful difference in the lives of many.

### GREAT DONATION IDEAS:

- Gift Baskets – Date Night, Family Game Night, Wine & Cheese, Coffee Lovers
- Services – Handyman, Landscaping, Tutoring, Music Lessons
- Gift Cards – Restaurants, Grocery, Department Stores
- Experiences – Theatre, Theme Parks, Concerts, Winery Tours
- Your own unique idea!

 **DONATION DEADLINE:** October 19, 2025

 **DROP-OFF LOCATION:** St. David's Church, 90 South Main Street, Cranbury, NJ 08512

 **CONTACT:** Deanna Emerson – 609-655-7331 (St. David's Church)

Every donation brings hope and helps to our community. Thank you!

### AUCTION DONATION RESPONSE SLIP

Please complete this form and return it with your donated item by October 19, 2025.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information (Phone/Email): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your generous support of St. David's Annual Fantasy Auction!

## Lay Participation Schedule for September 2025

**10 am**

	<b>Sept 7</b>	<b>Sept 14</b>	<b>Sept 21</b>	<b>Sept 28</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Kim Elaine Neighbor	Edmund Abramovitz	Leslie Terhune	Tricia Metzger
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Corinne Peters	Tricia Metzger	Todd White	Corinne Peters
<b>Intercessor</b>	Kim Elaine Neighbor	Tricia Metzger	Leslie Terhune	Tom Pearson
<b>Lector-1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Corinne Peters	Kathy Herzog	Brennan Clissold	Kate O'Connor
<b>Lector-2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	Kate O'Connor	Deacon Barbara Jensen	Mike Duck	Kathy Herzog
<b>Ushers</b>	Deanna Emerson Carol Hartmaier	Jackie Asafu-Adjaye Ed Miller	Dan Smires Richard Bailey	Richard Bennett Penny Stout
<b>Acolytes</b>	Collin Duck Arleen Astudillo Joseph Eswine	Jessie Smires Leslie Terhune Tracy Smires	Ashley Astudillo Arleen Astudillo Leslie Terhune	Leslie Terhune Patty Thomsson Tracy Smires
<b>Presenters</b>				
<b>Verger</b>				
<b>Counters</b>	David Thomsson Bernadette Bruce	Jackie Asafu-Adjaye Mary Ann White	Joyce Hiscock John Patterson	Winsome Bailey Pat Kraft



### September Outreach September 14, 2025

Better Beginnings Center’s mission is “to provide high quality affordable childcare and programs that contribute to the educational, physical, social and character development of individual children in a safe and healthy environment.” Their programs support 2 ½ to 13 year old youths and give their parents the ability to remain employed or attend a full-time training/education program and, therefore, be self-supporting and contributing members of the community. The Hightstown Center is located on North Main Street. Please consider giving generously to this September Outreach.



Thank you for your generous donation of backpacks and school supplies for the RISE kids. We collected over 50 backpacks and a ton of supplies. This will certainly assist RISE with the huge challenge they have to support over 600 kids in their summer programs.

# September



## Birthdays

## Anniversaries

- |                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| 2 Terry Bennett      | 22 Todd Kovacs                             |
| 8 Todd White         | 24 Madelyn McCarthy                        |
| 10 Brian Katona      | 25 Kevin Mani<br>John Peters               |
| 13 Janice Winne      | 26 Chris Cenci<br>Beau Sawyer              |
| 15 Jennifer McKay    | 27 Thomas Peters<br>Deacon Carol Patterson |
| 17 Lillian Lea       | 28 Janice Carroll                          |
| 20 Patricia Thomsson |  |

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| 1  | Chris & Kathleen Cenci                                   |
| 9  | Chris & Tena Achen                                       |
| 12 | David & Patricia Thomsson                                |
| 14 | Michael & Kim Duck<br>Larry & Pat Kraft                  |
| 15 | AJ & Jenifer Polanco<br>Peter & Kathleen Wise            |
| 16 | Steve & Elizabeth Channon                                |
| 20 | Jon & Julie Harding                                      |
| 22 | Christopher & Susan Palmer<br>Thomas & Jennifer Reynolds |
| 30 | Keith & Renee Spero                                      |



## Altar Guild Flowers & Candle ORDER FORM 2025

Please mail the form to the office or pay online from the parish website.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Name (Given By)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Daytime Phone Number)

Sanctuary Flowers (\$40 Donation)

Date:

In Loving Memory / In Honor Of

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sanctuary Candle (\$20 Donation)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Check Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sunday Services \*

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

# September 2025

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 9am Morning Prayer (s) & Zoom	Sep 1 7am AA (mh) 9:30am & 10:30 am Jazzercise (mh) 10am Office Closed 12:30pm AA (mh) 2 more	2 7am AA (mh) 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) 10am Tai Chi (mh) 12pm ACA (fl) 2 more	3 7am AA (mh) 9am Jazzercise (mh) 9:30am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) 12:30pm AA (mh) 3 more	4 7am AA (mh) 9am Jazzercise (mh) 11am Women's AA (mh) 12:30pm AA (mh) 2 more	5 7am AA (mh) 10am Office Closed 12:30pm AA (mh) 7:30pm AA(mh) 7pm Pentecostal (s)	6 <b>Cranbury Day</b> 8am Rummage Sale 8am J2A Car Wash 9am 9am DOWNTOWN Booth 7pm Pentecostal (s)
7 8am Holy Eucharist II 10am Backpack Blessing 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom 10am Sunday School	8 7am AA (mh) 9:30am & 10:30 am Jazzercise (mh) 12:30pm AA (mh) 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) 7pm NJGMC Rehearsal (s)	9 7am AA (mh) 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) 2pm Game Day (fl) 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) 7pm Vestry (fl)	10 7am AA (mh) 9:30am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) 12pm Lunch & Learn (fl) 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) 2 more	11 7am AA (mh) 9am Jazzercise (mh) 11am Women's AA (mh) 12:30pm AA (mh) 3 more	12 7am AA (mh) 9am Jazzercise (mh) 10am Office Closed 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) 2 more	13 9am New Life SDA Church (s) 9am Jazzercise (mh) 7pm Pentecostal (s)
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# 2025

- Sept. 6 8 am Cranbury Day  
Rummage Sale @ St. David's  
Cranbury Day Baked Goods  
Booth (downtown Cranbury)  
J2A Car Wash
- Sept. 7 Regular Services and  
Sunday School Resumes  
8 am & 10 am Holy Eucharist II  
10 am Blessing of the Backpacks

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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 Spires, Senior Warden**  
**Kathy Herzog, Junior Warden**  
**Edmund Abramovitz, Liturgy**  
**Tena Achen, Finance**  
**Jo Cornell, Fundraising**  
**Deanna Emerson, Evangelism**

**Maria Eswine, Building & Grounds**  
**Jon Harding, Outreach**  
**Tom Pearson, Christian Formation**  
**Leslie Terhune, Liturgy**  
**Todd White, Communications**