



~ **St. John's Church** ~
Weekly News
December 6, 2023

Readings for Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023
The Second Sunday in Advent
Morning Prayer

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 1:1-8

Loose Plate Offering
AFRI

Mark Your Calendars

St. John's Church and the Essex Community Church will have Lessons and Carols at 4 PM on Dec. 16th at St. John's.

Sunday, December 17th. Worship and Eucharist at 10am. The Very Reverend Diane Nancekivell, officiant. Following the service, we will decorate the church and the outdoor Christmas tree.

Christmas Eve Service will be at 4 PM on Sunday, Dec. 24th. Christmas Eve is also the 4th Sunday in Advent. The officiant will be Rev. Lyn Burns. A supper will follow the service. You may indicate a contribution to the meal on the sign up sheet in Persell Hall.

Sunday, Dec. 31st St. John's will have a service of Lessons and Carols in the Anglican tradition along with the 10 AM Holy Eucharist. The officiant will be The Very Reverend Diane Nancekivell.

Sunday, Jan. 28 Bishop-Elect Jeremiah Williamson will be the officiant at Holy Eucharist. This is a huge honor for St. John's!

Prayers For Those in Need or Any Kind of Distress

Lois, Bobby, Art, Joyce, Nancy, Abra, Mike, Beverly, Noa, Lillian, Chris, Rae, Olivia, Cheryl, Larry, Steven, Tom, Karen, Sally, Chris, Lynne, Eve and Anne.

Search Prayer

Dear Lord, grant us your wisdom and guidance as we embark upon our search process. Help us to humbly discern and accomplish your will for St. John's. We know this will be a challenging journey for all of us, but we pray that it will strengthen our faith and our respect and love for each other. Help us to share more deeply our faith in you as we learn to listen to each other with open hearts and minds and to hear your voice in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

History Tidbit Part 5

Sept. 22, 1865

Rev. Cooper once again told the vestry that he could not remain as rector despite their pleas for him to reconsider and they finally relented.

[Their response is yet another perfect example of the florid form of writing

[This response is yet another perfect example of the formal form of writing that was usual at this time and worthy of transcription. It was as follows:

“Dear Sir,

Your communication on the 16th tendering to the Vestry of this Parish your resignation on account of ill health, has-, although we have for a long time been apprised of, & watched with much solicitude the state of your health-, given us both sorrow & disappointment; sorrow that you must be taken even for a time from the work for which you are so admirably fitted, & especially that you must go from us who loved and esteemed you so much; disappointment that you cannot allow us to supply your place during your sojourn on the continent and resume your change here immediately on your return.

Again, assuring you of our profound regard and esteem – Thanking you for your successful labors for us, & praying that you may speedily recover your health and trusting that ere long in the Providence of God you may be ours again & asking & claiming an interest in your most earnest prayers we remain sincerely & affectionately.”]

Sept. 1, 2065

The vestry called Mr. Husband of Burlington and he accepted the call and officiated as rector on the first Sunday of Nov. 1865.

March 13, 1866

Services were resumed in Essex on the first and third Sundays of each month and on the second and fourth Sundays each month in Whallonsburgh. [Once again, we hear about a chapel in Whallonsburgh but we have no idea where it might have been.]

Sept. 8, 1866

The Vestry met this afternoon to take action upon Mr Husband's resignation – on motion Mr. Husband's resignation was accepted – whereupon the following persons were chosen committee to secure the services of another rector with instructions to pay a salary of \$700.

Sept.22, 1866

Rev. E.D. Cooper was recalled as rector and once again he declined.

Feb. 12, 1867

At a meeting at the Chapel in Essex persons were chosen to be part of a committee to purchase a suitable dwelling for a parsonage situated in Essex Village for the use of the rector of said Parish.

First Sunday in April, 1867

The Rev Charles C Fiske of N.Y. City accepted the Rectorship of this Parish. His salary was \$650.00 and a parsonage was included.

The Jesse Tree in Persell Hall

The Jesse Tree tradition originated in the medieval church in the form of stained glass windows, carvings and illuminated manuscripts. Its name comes from Jesse of the tribe of Judah, grandson of Obed and Ruth, who was a farmer and sheep breeder in Bethlehem.

The Prophet Samuel was sent by God to anoint a king from among one of Jesse's 8 sons. David, a shepherd, was the youngest of Jesse's sons and the one chosen by Samuel to replace Saul, the present king.

Ornaments decorating the Jesse Tree are based on Old and New Testament Scripture passages to highlight Christ's heritage. Some of these symbols include a crown and scepter, showing the kingship of Jesus; the Star of David represents David's royal house; and the town of Bethlehem, where Christ was born, means House of Bread.

Heifer Project

Jesus in our Kids (down to one at a time presently) have made animal ornaments again decorating the Jesse Tree along with scripture sayings and illustrations relating to the birth of Jesus. Annola Provost made the Jesse Tree ornaments and Lauren Pero made the Heifer Project ones along with Rinda Foster. It was Lauren's idea to make the red balloon stress balls for those who would like to donate \$5 dollars so other families around the world could make their lives better with a flock of chickens, a pig, a hive of bees, maybe a goat or lamb. Thank you! There will be a basket under the Jesse Tree in Persell Hall for donations.

Blue Ribbons on Door Wreaths

"In an effort to distinguish between Advent and Lent, some denominations have changed the color of Advent to various shades of blue...Now many Christian churches are shifting the emphasis of Advent from a penitential season such as Lent to a celebration of hope and anticipation.

The Sarum Rite was the original basis for the liturgy of the Anglican Book of Common Prayer and blue was used for Advent. It was often specified that it be indigo to represent the darkness before the birth. Early art shows church leaders in ornately blue robes. Shades of blue symbolize royalty, the coming of the King, hope, the night sky before the dawn, the sea before creation and Mary."

Citation: Webmaster@stpaulscambria.org (Cambria is in CA and St. Paul's is an Episcopal Church)



News From Val Glass, Laura Glass and Camryn teRiele

As you can see from this picture of them with their friend Calvin Coddington, they are very happily settled in their new home in North Carolina although they all say that they really miss all of us at St. John's. They look forward to hearing from all of us and keeping up with what we are doing. Last Sunday, Lois Coonrod's granddaughter, Annola, suggested to Bobbi that they send a card to them that had been signed by everyone in coffee hour. That was such a sweet thought!

Meditation

Wednesday meditation begins at 4 p.m. in Persell Hall and by Zoom. We will be reflecting on the Gospel for this coming Sunday, Mark 1:1-8.

The Visio Divina we will use is taken from the St. John's version of the Bible, by illuminator Donald Jackson, who was the Artistic Director of the first bible to be copied and illuminated by hand in centuries. It was commissioned in 1998 by St. John's Benedictine Abbey and University and took 7 years to complete.

All are welcomed to meditate with us. No experience is needed. Please call ,

email or text Bobbi Perez for further information, (518-837-1015)
perezgonehome@ gmail.com



Birthday Girl

Annola Provost, granddaughter of Lois Coonrod, celebrated her 12th birthday last Sunday and she came to St. John's with her grandmother to receive her birthday blessing. She lit the first Advent candle on the wreath, received a prayer from parishioners and a special blessing from Diane, and attended Jesus in Our Kids Sunday School with Bobbi. We loved having her with us and hope that she will come again soon

AFRI ANNOUNCEMENT

Because of bad weather, AFRI's Global Potluck in Elizabethtown at the Social Center was postponed to Sunday, Dec. 17

St. John's Zoom Passcodes

St. John's Sunday Service
<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/worshipmeet>

Morning Prayer

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/morning-prayer>

Vestry Meetings

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/vestrymeet>

Finance Committee

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/financemeet>

Contemporary Bible Study

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/biblestudy>

Meditation

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/meditationmeet>

Sunday Service Zoom Recording

stjohnsessexnyzoom@gmail.com

Passcode: +W2t+Fwu

AA 12-Step Meeting

Zoom Meeting ID: 817 7797 4233

Passcode: 123456

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday Contemporary Bible Study (Zoom) 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Tuesday Community Potluck Supper 6 PM

Wednesday Meditation (Zoom/In Person) 5 PM

Thursday Morning Prayer (Zoom) 10 AM

Sunday Holy Eucharist 10 AM (Zoom/in person)

Sunday AA Meeting (Zoom/In Person) 7 PM

Your Vestry

Scottie Emery-Ginn and Bill Tribou (Wardens)

Louise Baietto, Bruce Hale, Diana Lawrence, Jon McBride

Bruce Stephan, and Julie Wever (Members)

Darcey Hale (Clerk)

Antonia Bullard (Treasurer)

St. John's Episcopal Church | 4 Church Street, Essex, NY 12936

Unsubscribe_yourmactutor@gmail.com