



~ **St. John's Church** ~  
**Weekly News**  
**March 13, 2024**

**Morning Prayer**

**Lee & Heather Maxey, Leaders**

**Readings for Sunday, March 17, 2024**  
**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**John 12:20-33**

**Psalm 119:9-16**

**Loose Plate Offering**  
**Food Shelves**

## **FOOD SHELF NEEDS**

**This is a very important mission of St. John's and clearly they need our generous participation. We have just received a list of their current needs. Please bring any of these items to church with you and put them in the basket just inside the Persell Hall door. They will be so appreciated. Thank you.**

**Flour, canned milk, sugar and sugar subs, canned peaches, fruit cocktail, applesauce and mandarin oranges; canned salmon and chicken, cat and dog food, chicken and beef stock, any fresh veggies like carrots, potatoes and onions or fruit such as apples( items with lasting quality).**

## **Fourth Lenten Study March 13th, 2024; 7pm – 8:15**

**Zoom Link for today's time together :**

**New Zoom Link:**

Lee Maxey is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mindmax.zoom.us/j/83298563882>

Meeting ID: 832 9856 3882

Fourth Lenten Study

Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

7 – 8:15 pm

### **Readings and Questions for this Week**

**1/ Domineering Virtues: “Addiction would not be too strong a word to describe the need of many of us to be constantly productive and active.”**

**2/ Weep with those who weep: “The tears that pour from people making their first sacramental confession are seldom tears of shame. They are usually tears of lament, mourning over hurt, their own hurt and the hurting they did out of their own hurt... the story about the Yiddish woman who cried because of the mother with her “idiot son” – ‘I cry tonight now this mother vit her idiot what is so beautiful, what is life, tomorrow she vill cry less.’**

**3/ The Burden Bearer: “Unless we ourselves hand over to Christ through**

prayer our own guilt and preoccupations, unless we confide in our sisters and brothers and accept their help as fellow-members of his Body, our hearts will become congested.”

4/ The Burden Bearer: “the clutter of a life’s confusions – but they hold on to them as dark riches.” (guilty secrets, family lies, hatreds, dreads...)

**Note:**

We are in the fourth week of our Lenten Study. This starts on page 75 and ends of page 99 of *A Season For The Spirit*. If you would like to join us you will be welcomed. It is not too late. Please email Heather Maxey at [heathermaxey@gmail.com](mailto:heathermaxey@gmail.com) so that she can see that you will be a participant in one of the break-out groups. Thank you.

### **Kudos to Nancy Sherman**

The Sunday Bulletin has a whole new look. Nancy has vastly upgraded the formatting and Jennifer is thrilled that the music is included. She and Diane work together closely and improvements will continue to be made as they are applicable. Thank you Nancy and Diane!

### **The Meal Train for Lee and Heather**

If you can help us over the March 31st finish line with evening meals for them it will be wonderful. We know how much this has meant to them since they live in their barn while their house is being finished. (It is not a barn inhabited with their alpacas but it has been their surrogate home for many, many months.) Preparing meals on a hot plate, a microwave and a toaster oven is not easy. I know from experience.

If you can help contact Norma Goff at [normagoff13@gmail.com](mailto:normagoff13@gmail.com).

### **Prayers For Those in Need or Any Kind of Distress**

O compassionate One, hold us in your mercy: heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the refugee, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle: we pray especially for Carolyn, Billie, Geoffrey, Lois, Abra, Mike, Beverly, Noa, Lillian, Rae, Olivia, Cheryl, Larry, Steven, Tom, Karen, Chris, Lynne, Eve, Ella, Louis, John, Arnold, Lee, Alicia, and Charles.

Hear us when we pray to you.

## **Easter Flowers**

**If you would like to donate Easter flowers in memory or in honor of someone, please fill out a yellow form which will be available on the counter in Persell Hall during the next two weeks and place it, with your donation, in the offering plate. Next week's newsletter will also have the form for you to complete and return to St. John's with your contribution. If you are not in the area we would love to have you participate. Simply call Nancy Sherman at the church office (518-963-7775) and she will fill out a form for you. You can then send a check in that amount to the church. Please clearly note on the check that it is for Easter flowers.**

**Thank you so much for helping to make our sanctuary a place of beauty and celebration on Easter.**

## **Alicia Kelly**

**Alicia sincerely thanks all those who have been preparing dinners for her. She is up and walking, but is battling an infection with antibiotics. If anyone would like to contribute a meal please call Bobbi Perez at 518-837-1015. Food can be left in the Persell Hall refrigerator and will be taken to Alicia and Donny, her caregiver, or it can be dropped off at 325 Daniels Rd. in Essex.**

## **Being There for Those in Memory Care at Champlain Valley Community Center**

**Valentine cards and decorations from St. John's were greatly appreciated by the residents. Following up on this outreach, the same is planned for St. Patrick's Day. Anyone who would like to write cards and /or create eye-catching shamrocks, please call Bobbi at 518-837-1015.**

## **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**

## **Meditation**

There will be meditation as usual this Wednesday at 4 PM. However, there will be no meditation on March 20th and March 27th.

### **History Tidbit Part 18**

#### **Essex N.Y. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1909**

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. John's Church held this date at the Rectory. Rev. H. B. Whitney presiding:  
H. H. Knapp & W. H. Cruikshank were appointed a committee on soliciting funds and making arrangements with Town Board for securing a Cement Sidewalk from Chapel to main street.

#### **Essex N.Y. April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1910**

At the annual meeting of the Vestrymen of St. John's Church held this date at the Rectory, for the purpose of organizing committees and usual work. Rev'd H.B. Whitney presiding  
Moved and seconded Treasurer be instructed at his discretion to draw from current account funds to meet deficit of Rector's Salary.  
Moved and seconded the sexton's stipend be increased from two dollars to three dollars per month.  
Moved and accepted the report from Committee on cement walk be accepted with thanks and they be continued on same Committee.

#### **Essex N.Y. Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 1910**

At a meeting of the Vestrymen of St. John's Church held this date at the store of Cruikshank  
Moved by H. H. Noble seconded by J. B. Burnham that the service of summons in the case of Edmond P. Sheldon et al VS. Martha J. Meader et al St. John's Church of Essex N.Y. et al be acknowledged in due form – carried.  
[What does this mean? Intriguing tidbit.]  
Moved & seconded the Repair Committee be requested to have the chimney on the Rectory repaired at once – Carried –  
The services of summons in the will of Jane M. Havens and will of Palmer E. Havens was duly signed and acknowledged before C. H. Stafford – Notary Public – and returned to Messrs. Smith & Wicks Attorneys for Plaintiffs, Elizabethtown N.Y. by the Rector H. B. Whitney – Meeting Adjourned.

#### **St. John's Church Rectory, Essex, N.Y., Dec. 13, 1911.**

*To the Wardens and Vestry of St. John's Parish, Essex,*

*Mr. John F. ...*

*my dear friends,*

*I hereby tender to you my resignation of the Rectorship of the parish; in order to accept a call to the charge of Trinity Church, Athens, N.Y., to take effect December 31<sup>st</sup>.*

*It gives me much distress to part from our dear friends here, and to sever the pleasant relations which have subsisted between us for nearly fifteen years. The roots strike deep during so long a rectorship, and it is painful to pull them up, and to destroy the feeling of home which has been established by living so long among you.*

*But the present situation of the Church in Essex and vicinity demands a kind of work, in caring for our scattered remnants over so large a territory, which required the efforts of a stronger and younger man. [It appears that there may have been some internal problem within St. John's that had caused the loss of a number parishioners. Hopefully we can get further insights into this in some of our files.]*

*I hope that it will not be long before you can secure the services of such an one, to minister effectively to all for whom the Church is responsible in this locality; and that the necessary means may be provided to enable him to do so without cramping his living resources.*

*I am cheered by the knowledge that I leave the parish in excellent financial condition, in the current funds and in the subscription list, both at St. John's Essex and St. Mary's Willsborough; and also that all the loyal and faithful Church people in both these Missions are our sincere and affectionate friends.*

*Commending you to God's care and favour, and invoking for the Parish peace, prosperity, and steadfastness in the Faith Once Delivered for our Salvation,*

*I am Very faithfully yours,  
Hobart B. Whitney*

Essex N.Y. Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1911

H. H. Noble was duly appointed Chairman. The meeting was called to act upon the Resignation of Rev'd H. B. Whitney.

Moved & seconded Joh Noble be elected Vestryman to fill vacancy caused by non-acceptance of D. C. Clark.

Moved the Clerk notify Rev'd Mr. Whitney of the acceptance of his resignation.

Copy of letter sent Mr. Whitney

Rev'd H. B. Whitney – Your communication of Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> to the Vestry of St. John's Church tendering your resignation of the Rectorship of the Parish was received and acted on at a meeting of the Vestry held Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at the residence of Mr. A. J. Tucker – Needless to say while granting your request it was with feelings of regret that the ties and associations of so...long a period were about to be broken on accepting your new charge. You may rest assured you have the heartfelt best wishes of the Vestry of St. John's Church Essex N.Y.

## Very Encouraging News Flash from Bp. Jeremiah

March 12, 2024

Ministry is a team sport. Jesus established this model when he sent his followers out in pairs. In the Book of Acts, the Holy Spirit fell on a gathered community. The Apostle Paul spread the Gospel alongside companions.

In the same way the work of the Bishop can, and should, never be done alone. I can better support the ministries of our diocese when I have good support. And so, it is my great pleasure to announce the appointment of two Canons to the Ordinary (the "Ordinary" being the Bishop because I am granted the authority to ordain).

I am proud to introduce the Rev. Canon Meaghan Keegan, Canon to the Ordinary for Spiritual Development, and the Rev. Canon Neal Longe, Canon to the Ordinary for Resource Development.

Canon Meaghan will plan and organize opportunities for spiritual development and formation for our clergy and lay leaders and for our churches. She will coordinate diocesan events and gatherings, including Diocesan Convention and the liturgical events that shape our diocesan life. She will ensure that the Episcopal Diocese of Albany continues to be a center of spiritual growth and vibrant worship.

One of the ways Canon Meaghan will achieve this is as the Executive Director of the Christ the King center. She has been ably directing Christ the King as the Interim Director. She will now become the permanent director. I have no doubt Christ the King will continue to thrive thanks to her vision and guidance.

Canon Neal will ensure that Episcopal Diocese of Albany is well-resourced to continue living into the future God is placing before us. He will work with churches and church leaders to discern the best possible decisions around properties and finances. He will develop documents to assist our churches in their business dealings. He will assist our excellent accounting staff with their duties.

Both of our Canons will also occasionally visit our churches and spend time supporting you. They will represent me and my ministry in the diocese. Having such skilled Canons on my staff allows my office to better support you and your ministries. Our shared goal is to spread the Gospel of Jesus in ways that are meaningful and sustainable.

Please join me in enthusiastically welcoming Canon Meaghan and Canon Neal to the team.

Your companion,

**+Jeremiah**

The Rt. Rev. Jeremiah D. Williamson

X Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany

## 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>

### Buildings & Grounds Committee

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

### Contemporary Bible Study

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

### Meditation

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

### Sunday Service Zoom Recording

[stjohnsessexnyzoom@gmail.com](mailto: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

Wednesday Meditation (Zoom/In Person) 4 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 Anne Zilch(Members)  
Darcey Hale (Clerk)  
Antonia Bullard (Treasurer)  
Dick Perez (Chair, Search Committee)**

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



[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by info@stjohnsessexny.ccsend.com powered by

