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The Rector's Visions

For the next six weeks we will live in the church season of Epiphany, although I think we are always really in the season of Epiphany. An epiphany is an “aha!” – it’s making sense of something, seeing something truthful for the first time. This season after Christmas focuses on the “aha” stories of Jesus being shown to be King of Kings and Messiah in the arrival of Persian stargazers with gifts for a poor Jewish newborn, the Baptism of Jesus when the voice of God echoes: “listen to him!”, the wedding at Cana where Jesus changes water into wine, and others. The season always ends with the epiphany on Mount Tabor when Jesus is transfigured before Peter, John and James and show to be the heir of the Torah (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah).

These are special moments of revelation about who Jesus is. But the truth is the whole season of Epiphany points to a world full of epiphanies that reveal God as God and Jesus as savior of all.

What are the “aha” moments you have had about Jesus in your life? How have those moments changed who you are?

What “aha” do you need desperately to hear from God? (So many of the stories of Epiphany are stories when Christ is revealed in a way that is desperately needed by someone.)

What “aha” do you have in you to share with others? How can you reveal God to be God in the way you give of yourself, care for yourself, pray, love, live?

God is always present in all that is. Epiphany reveals that presence in everyday life for us all. In a world where we each and all too often imagine God is absent, how can we bring eyes to see for ourselves and others so that God’s omnipresence is known in our every moment?

God’s Peace,
Gary+

Epiphany Celebration for all Wabingstonians!

The Feast of the Epiphany (January 6) falls on a Saturday this year. The folks of Ware, Abingdon, and Kingston will gather together to celebrate this feast – one of the most ancient in the life of the church.

All these activities will take place at Abingdon Church near Ordinary in Gloucester.

- + 1-4 PM Epiphany Retreat lead by the Rev. Grant Ambrose
- + 4:30 PM Epiphany Eucharist
- + 5:30 PM Bonfire of Christmas Greens and simple soup dinner

We need two or three volunteers from Kingston willing to bring a crock pot of soup, but most of us can just come to celebrate and enjoy the company! We can also bring any greens we might wish to burn in the bonfire (greens for the evergreen and eternal life God gives us and fire for the warmth and light of Christ the light of the world). Come one and all and bring a friend!

The Cup of Our Life Class

Beginning January 22, our parish Monday afternoon class will use a book by Joyce Rupp, a great spiritual leader and teacher. The class will go on for 8 weeks. Our first class will be an introduction at which time Gary will take the names of all who would like to buy a book and he will put an order in for you. If you prefer to buy one on your own ahead of time, that’s fine, of course. The book is: The Cup of Our Life by Joyce Rupp. We will have a few extra books should anyone need one! If you do not know Joyce Rupp, this is your chance to get to know a very special person as you explore a way toward spiritual growth and depth! Questions can go to Fr. Gary.

Snack Pack Packing

We will be meeting in the Parish House on Thursday, January 4 at 9:30 to fill 250 more Snack Packs. Our final packing will then be sometime in the spring. Please come out to help. There are jobs for everyone!

Debbie Lambert and Tuggie Hutson

Retreats in the New Year

A Wabington Retreat will be offered for Epiphany by Grant Ambrose on January 6 at Abingdon from 1 to 4 pm.

Kingston will offer a Lenten retreat led by Gary Barker on February 17 from 10 until 2 pm with a simple lunch in the middle. The Lenten retreat will use a format that will use the baking of bread as a spiritual journey.

Goats For ERD

For those who have asked, ERD was contacted and confirmed that when we purchase a goat in the ERD Gifts for Life program, that money definitely goes to purchase a goat, which is sent to these countries: Ghana, Kenya, Burundi, India, Myanmar and Burma.

Eleanor Woollard



Annual Meeting January 21, 2018

In an effort to start our new vestry at the beginning of the year, our annual meeting will be held Sunday, January 21st. We will begin with a combined worship service at 10:30 AM in Kingston Chapel and follow that with our meeting and a simple luncheon. We will vote in three candidates for our 2018 vestry. Mac Butler will report on the financial state of the parish. Fr. Gary will also give his report on the spiritual state of Kingston Parish and recognize those who are leaving the vestry: Mary Chapman, Amy Christopher and Michael Hobert. Following the Annual Meeting we will enjoy a delicious luncheon.

Reports from vestry and other chairs of committees are due in the office by **January 5th** so that we will have two weeks to review the reports and be prepared for the meeting. Remember that the yearbook assembled is a historical document that will give parishioners in the future a picture of the life and times of Kingston Episcopal Parish in 2017. So your submissions are important!

Three Vestry Members Needed For Election at 2018 Annual Meeting

We have three 3-year positions open for 2018. All confirmed communicant parishioners (16 years of age or older) in good standing and known to the treasurer are canonically eligible for vestry membership. Persons who are baptized members of the parish in good standing are qualified voters.

The Vestry is the visioning body of the parish and makes important, spiritually led decisions for its operation. Each vestry member will be asked to oversee some aspect of parish life in order to meet the needs of all our members. Please be in prayer that God will raise up three parishioners to ably lead us. As soon as we have at least three candidates we will send out their names and short bios so that you will be able to vote for them February 3rd.

Preschool News

Kingston Parish Preschool collected over 30 hats and over 40 pairs of gloves or mittens for the Socials Services Christmas store. The children were excited to place their contributions on the tree as they wondered who would wear the items they brought. We thank our parents and friends of the school for the generous donations and the opportunity to help those less fortunate than we. We appreciate your donations of bird seed for our feeders.

As we say goodbye to 2017 and welcome in 2018 may we remember the words of the immortal Dr. Seuss: "Today was good, today was fun, tomorrow is another one." A Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year from the staff of Kingston Parish Preschool.

Suzanne Moughon, Rachel Musick and Lily Poulson

So Thankful for Thanksgiving!

We had another wonderful year of giving thanks and feasting together as a community. We especially appreciate Antioch Baptist, Francis de Sales Catholic Church, Macedonia Baptist and Salem Methodist for their generous contributions of time, food and money towards the occasion.

Willie and MaryAnn Hubbard brought their family to the occasion and they served for the better part of the meal! In addition to serving 85 people in the parish hall we also distributed over 150 take out meals (45 of those are on the Meals on Wheels routes). We delivered meals to the Rescue Squad, the Sheriff's Office, and our local 7-Eleven.

Special thanks to Vicki Carter and her faithful crew who come early in the week and begin setting up tables, decorating (thanks to Flowers From the Heart for the free flower arrangements), peeling, chopping, and then serving and cleaning up.





Thanks to the Rev. Sven vanBaar for celebrating with us December 3rd at the 10:30 service.

Kingston Parish Women (KPW)

On Saturday, February 3rd we will have our annual meeting at Kingston Parish Hall (Kingston Chapel). If you are a woman who considers Kingston Parish your church home, you are invited!

Please come at 11:00 AM and be ready with your calendars to sign-up for our Lenten Soup with Love. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and this year that is Valentine's Day. At this important meeting, we will organize Soup with Love and decide where the SWL donations will be sent. We will also discuss needs of the Parish and how we can help. We do have money in our KPW account and in the kitchen account, so we are prepared financially and look forward to your ideas. There will be fellowship (will there be more 8 o'clockers than 10:30 o'clockers) and following our business meeting, a delicious lunch will be served. We ask that you just bring yourselves, and a friend from your service if she has never attended one of our KPW gatherings. We ask that you call the church office (725-2175) to let us know if you can attend....we do need numbers.

All good things must come to an end, and Sally and Suzy are ready to retire. If you would be interested in leading or helping with this luncheon, please call the church office.

Worship at the Labyrinth

About 35 Wabingston folk met at the Kingston Parish Labyrinth November 1st to celebrate All Saints' Day and share a simple meal of soup and bread. The three parish rectors joined together in leading the worship service and then everyone grouped up in circles to enjoy a hot meal outside on a beautiful, crisp day.



Vestry Notes

From the December 19 meeting

- We have two of the three candidates for the 2018 vestry so far.
- The proposed budget for 2018 was reviewed and approved.
- Our pledges are behind; hopefully those who haven't completed their pledge will do so before the end of the year.
- Our annual meeting will be held January 21st. We need reports from vestry and committee chairs by January 5th.
- February 10th is a tentative date for the vestry retreat.
- New kneelers for Christ Church will be dedicated in 2018.
- Wabingston is having a special Epiphany retreat and worship service on Saturday, January 6th at Abingdon.
- Fr. Gary has been asked to be a mentor in a Peace Builders program at Mathews High School, which will begin in January.
- The Outreach Committee's recommendation for distribution of Fall Fair Funds was approved.
- The next Celtic service will be held February 25th at 5:30 p.m.

2018 Outreach Distribution List

KP Preschool Tuition Assistance	3000
Hands Across Mathews	3000
Social Services Christmas Store	500
Christmas Blessing Fund	1500
Rappahannock Community College Scholarship	1000
Mathews Volunteer Rescue Squad	1000
Mathews Volunteer Fire Department	1000
Avalon Center	1000
4-H Camp Scholarship	500
Gloucester-Mathews Care Clinic	1500
Habitat For Humanity	500
Rector's Discretionary Fund	5000
Mathews Meals on Wheels	1800
Mathews County TRIAD	300
MHS Robotics Team	800
Mathews Family YMCA	500
Episcopal Relief and Development	200
Mathews Boys and Girls Club	200
NIE (Newspapers In Education)	150
Continental Society	100
Unallocated Funds for unforeseen needs	1189
TOTAL	24,739



Wreath Making on the First Sunday of Advent December 3rd.

Thank You 10/20/17

Dear Reverend Barker:

The Board of Directors of Hands Across Mathews would like to thank you and your congregation for your generous donation of food items. We continue to receive many requests for assistance and we very much appreciate your continued support. We help between 80 and 100 families from our food pantry each week.

Sincerely,
 Joanna H. Nix
 HAM Corresponding Secretary

Parish Prayer List

Pray For Our Parishioners

Tom Bullen for treatment of a tumor in pancreas (by Donna Jemmison)
 Amy Chase for broken rib (office)
 Bill French learning to use his prosthesis (office)
 Zach Husband for knee surgery (by Jim and Janet Husband)
 Tom Ingram for pneumonia (office)
 Richard Jones for heart issues (office)
 Cindy Machen for infection in cyst (office)
 Clement McElroy for cancer (by Deirdre McElroy)
 Deirdre McElroy for leg/hip pain (office)
 Ginger Richards for recovery from orthopedic surgery (office)
 Carol Swartz for broken foot (office)
 Larry Treadwell for recovery from a fall (office)
 Mary Dabney Webster for shunt repair (office)

Pray For Our Family and Friends

Don Altman for lung cancer (by Bill Leary)
 Brenda Baker for return of cancer (by Peggy Hudgins)
 Pat Barnes for cysts in stomach and pancreas (by Jane Reed)
 Traci Beck for thyroid cancer (by Marilyn Overstreet)
 Darius Boles-7-yr.-old with Limb Girdle MD (by Doug Geddes+)
 Ann Brown for lung disease (by Suzy Jones)
 Cheryle Brown for lung cancer (by Sylvia Shinault)
 Keith Brown for knee surgery (by Ethel Brown)
 Clayton Bruce (by Jan Mohr)
 Alyssa Burton for leukemia (by Ethel Brown)
 Ross Carmine in auto accident (by Mary Kathryn Diggs)
 Nancy Chiafulio for two brain tumors (by Martha Knight)
 Larry Clerico for aggressive cancer (by Kathy Yent)
 Lauren Connors-17 yr. old with major health issues (by Sally Bridgforth)
 Joseph DeLeon for metastatic brain tumor (by Eleanor Woollard)
 Nancy Donnelly (by Kathy Yent)
 Krystal Elms for stage 4 lung cancer (by Mairi Furniss)
 Glenda Flippin for ovarian cyst (by Jay Black)
 Barbara Fumagalli for overall poor health (by Mary Kathryn Diggs)
 Taylor Wells Gearhart-for myaonic dystrophy (by Nina Guy)
 Suzanne West Guy for Parkinsons (by Nina Guy)
 Joan Marie Harper for breast cancer (by Steve and Julie Crabill)
 Joan Hooper for cancer (by Pat Neiger)
 Ron Hoover for cancer (by Lisa White)
 Charlie Johnson+ for heart (office)
 Susan Kensey (by Shannon Kirschbaum)
 Georg Kidd for a neuro-muscular disease (by Kathy Yent)
 Jen Kimball+ for breast cancer (office)
 Lori Kincade for blood cancer (by Shannon Kirschbaum)
 Terry King (by Mary Ann Carr)
 Donald Kosciusko for cancer (by Josie Thorpe)
 Harold Patrick Lair, Jr. for stroke (by Michael Lair)
 Louise LeBroun for tumors in brain (by Ginger Richards)
 Lynn Lewis for breast cancer (by Valerie Lewis)
 Artie Liles for recurring cancer (by Jim/Amanda Taylor)
 Jamie Lowman for cancer (by Josie Thorpe)
 Brian Lucy for a blood disorder (by Kathy/Donald Yent)
 Charlotte Martin - Multiple Systems Atrophy (by E. Brown)
 Elizabeth McIntyre for AML (by Eleanor Woollard)
 Lil Mercer for stroke (by Bill Leary)
 Jerry Mercer for staph infection (by Bill Leary)
 Rene Minshew for non-Hodgkins lymphoma (by Bowens)
 Bob Oberman for cancer (by Betty Salley)
 William Anne Pamplin for cancer (by Reed Lawson)
 David Parsons (by Mary Kathryn Diggs)
 Betsy Paul for cancer (by Valerie Lewis)
 Elizabeth Perkins for brain tumor (by Pat Elliot)

January Birthdays

Reed Lawson	2
Nancy Powell	2
Sarah Renner	7
Nicholas Hobert	7
Nancy Hunley	8
Susan Greene	9
Judy Busby	10
Leland Machen	10
Jan Jordan	12
Gay Butler	16
Pat Bateman	16
Joe Lamport	19
Janice Rae Lawson	22
Janet Husband	26
Ken Brown, Jr.	27
Frank Roy	31

Serving in the Military or Diplomatic Corps

Jody Bridgforth
 Colin Bucknor
 Jesse Carlos
 BJ Cavazos
 Shawn Davis
 Yvette Gaither
 Megan Kraynak
 Hib McNeilly
 Tait Michaud
 Joey Plotino
 Jennifer Schmidt
 Zach Schmidt
 George Truscott
 William Truscott

Deborah Phillips+ for Crohn's Disease (by Betty Salley)
 Dick Phillips for pancreatic cancer (by Reed Lawson)
 Brandy Proctor for breast cancer (by Lori Black)
 Erin Robertson AA neuropathy (Warrens)
 Jay Rowe for a stroke (by Pat Williams)
 Gary Wayne Sadler (by Josie Thorpe)
 Walt Sampson for cancer (by Reed Lawson)
 Peter Schenk for complications from lymphoma (by Robert Petersen)
 Rosie Small for cervical/uterine cancer (by Gay Pfister)
 Brooke Spotswood for pancreatic cancer (by Gay Butler)
 Shirley Stanley for bone cancer (by Richard/Joe)
 Elizabeth Stoaks (by Jeanne Johanson)
 Gwendolyn Tennant, preemie (by Judy Sowden)
 Fred Ward for cancer (by Pat Williams)
 Harry Ward for brain tumor (by Jay Black)
 Jennie Whittle for return of cancer (by Mary Chapman)
 Sally Williams for return of cancer (by Mary Dabney Webster)
 George Wood for bone cancer (by Joe and Richard)
 Nancy Wood for uterine cancer (by Joe and Richard)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>December 31</i> 9:15 am Sunday School-PH 10:30 am Lessons and Carols and HE II-KC	<i>1 New Year's Day</i> Office Closed	2 8 am Counters-L	3 12 pm Healing Service and HE-MC 3 pm Daisy Scouts-PH	4 9:30 am Snack Pack Packing-PH 3:45 Choir Practice-CC 7 pm AA-PH	5 6 pm Cub Scouts-PH	6 <i>Epiphany</i> 1-4 pm Epiphany Retreat at Abingdon 4:30 pm Epiphany Eucharist at Abingdon 5:30 pm Bonfire and Simple Supper at Abingdon
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7 pm Boy Scouts-PH	6 pm YMCA-PH	6 pm Cub Scouts-PH	24 12 pm Healing Service and HE-MC 3 pm Daisy Scouts-PH	25 3:45 Choir Practice-CC 7 pm AA-PH	26 6 pm Cub Scouts-PH	27
<i>21 3 Epiphany</i> 9:15 am SS-PH 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II-KC 11:30-ish Annual Mtg. and Luncheon-KC 2:30 Region Meeting at Christ Church, Saluda	22 8 am Counters-L 1 pm The Cup of Our Life-KC 6 pm YMCA-PH	23 4:30 pm Vestry-L	24 12 pm Healing Service and HE-MC 3 pm Daisy Scouts-PH	25 3:45 Choir Practice-CC 7 pm AA-PH	26 6 pm Cub Scouts-PH	27
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I at Christ Church
9:15 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish House
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Kingston Chapel

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist each Wednesday
in the Meditation Chapel - Healing Ser-
vices the first Wednesday of the month