

# THE BANNER

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Dear St. George's Family,

It has been a pleasure to be with you so far! I look forward to getting to know each of you better as time progresses. I am currently settling into the office and in the process of becoming more familiar with this great community. I look forward to meeting each of you on a more personal level. If you have not already set up a time for us to meet, please do so by either calling the church office or e-mailing me at [kevinLJschubert@gmail.com](mailto:kevinLJschubert@gmail.com).

I am extremely excited about the future of St. George's! In my short time so far as your rector I recognize a multitude of blessings within the community. I am thrilled to see how involved the parish has been in support of outreach opportunities in the Austin area and beyond. The care and dedication of St. George's members to the well being of each other has been encouraging to see as well. My hope is that we can build upon these and other blessings of the church, initiating more and more avenues for communal involvement both inside and outside of our church family.

It has been very encouraging to see the welcoming atmosphere that you exude. I have witnessed this personally as well as through your interaction with visitors. One of my favorite stories in the Bible is that of the road to Emmaus from the Gospel of Luke. The two disciples in the story are walking along a familiar path and encounter a stranger who reveals the truth of the scriptures to them. They welcome the stranger into their home and through the breaking of bread their eyes are open to recognize Jesus. Often our encounters with the strangers around us reveal Christ in our lives. Let us give thanks for our ongoing relationships with one another, and continue to open our doors to those we do not know as we welcome the stranger into our midst. Through our welcoming of the stranger we can come to a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Peace,

*The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert*

*Worshiping God together, sharing the gospel and serving God's children*

✝ 'TIS THE SEASON...for graduation ceremonies and new beginnings.  
Congratulations to the following members of St. George's and those in our extended family for your accomplishments.

**High School graduates:**

Rachel Long - McCallum High School  
Nicole Miller - Round Rock ISD  
Anna Henderson - Round Rock ISD

**Other graduates:**

Ashley Carrera - Williams College  
Will Wolfe - University of Texas  
Deblina Moulik - University of Texas  
Warren Linam-Church - Juris Doctor, Chicago-Kent College of Law  
Deborah Hughes-Habel - Master of Divinity, Seminary of the Southwest  
Nancy Ricketts - Iona School for Ministry

✝ **WE REJOICE** with St. George's parishioner Nancy Ricketts as she is ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church on June 19, 2010, at Christ Church Cathedral in Houston. The service begins at 10:00 a.m. Nancy will be joining the staff of St. Michael's, Austin, beginning September 1.

✝ **OUTREACH UPDATE** ✝ A word from Gayle Wall, Outreach Committee chair. The June Outreach meeting will be Sunday, **June 13**, in the library at noon and, yes, we really are meeting this month. This has been a very busy year and we need to fine-tune our plans for the remainder of this year.

**Trinity Streets** - We will be serving our downtown neighbors a hot meal on **June 13**, the same day as our Outreach meeting. Trinity Center, a faith-based organization housed on the property of St. David's Episcopal Church, meets the needs of our downtown homeless neighbors. The **Streets** program partners with other congregations and organizations to offer a warm meal each Sunday evening. We meet at St. David's Episcopal Church about 2:00 p.m. at the front desk. Our quarterly commitment requires only 6 volunteers for about 3 hours. Parking is free. Contact Terry O'Donnell at [t.odonnell@usa.net](mailto:t.odonnell@usa.net) or 833-0127 if you can help with this ministry or have any questions.

**The Foster Girls** Back-to-School Drive will begin **July 11**. Can you believe the kids are just getting out of school and here we are trying to get them ready to begin again! The summer will go by quickly and many will be travelling so I want to get the word out early. Monetary donations will be used for the foster girls to buy clothes on the tax-free weekend (August 6-8). The State of Texas provides backpacks and school supplies but there are no funds available for clothes. The girls are very grateful for their gift cards! We appreciate Roberta Tisdale for leading the drive again this year and she will be letting you know soon how you can help.

We are very proud of Nicole and Anna for completing their high school requirements for graduation. It was a blessing to have them join us on May 30 to recognize their accomplishment. This is an enormous milestone for them and we wish them both Godspeed as they continue upon the pathway of their life.

Along the same line, we offer heartfelt gratitude that Laura was adopted and our prayers go with her as she settles in with her new family.

We try to plan a monthly outing for the foster girls. If you have any ideas for an inexpensive outing the girls would enjoy or are interested in joining us on an outing, contact Katie Carnes at [katie.carnes@bakerbotts.com](mailto:katie.carnes@bakerbotts.com), 847-8789 or Hollie Gordon, [hlemond@austin.rr.com](mailto:hlemond@austin.rr.com), 922-2190.

**The African Fundraiser** was a resounding success thanks to the service of many hands and the offering of many talents, monetary and otherwise. I am grateful to Stephanie Savage and Sarah Campbell for heading this effort and appreciate everybody's hard work. What a joy it was to have everyone's involvement – from the day school, the EYC, and KidsWord to mention just a few. I would like to share a letter Sarah sent before leaving for Scotland.

*Dear Friends,*

*Many thanks to everyone who pitched in so cheerfully to make this fundraiser a success! The morning was beautiful and our worship service was so vibrant. The lunch went splendidly with plenty of delicious food. Many thanks to Frances for attentive worship planning, to Jan, Paul and Suzette for rousing music, to the cooks, Carolyn, Jan, Christina, Kathryn, Roberta, Alice, Chuck and Andrea, and to our faithful setters up and cleaners up, Mark, Hal, Mary Stewart. Martha and members of EYC and friendly parents--your efforts were so tasty, and the sale raised over \$65!! Laura, it was so good to have the school kids with us and enjoy their music; please convey thanks to the teachers and parents for making this effort. Awad brought his wonderful tea, enjoyed sharing slides with several of our members, and ended the day by giving away the rest of the boxes of hibiscus tea.*

*The fundraiser was a success in every way, and ties us ever closer together. Having read a lengthy story on P1 of the NYT this am about the Times Square bomber and angry Muslims, it was even more meaningful today to know that Christians and Muslims can work together in peace and love on a meaningful project and with mutual respect. Some stories just don't get the headlines.... Stephanie will be coming up with a final count on the money raised, and we will be getting this info out to the parish. My heart is full this afternoon, and I just wanted to let you know how much you and your efforts mean to us all. We'll be back from Scotland on the 31st and look forward to seeing you then. **Love, Sarah***

Thank you to all who helped make this year's fundraiser for the Sudan Clinic Project a resounding success! We exceeded our goal and raised **\$2,257.25** for a washing station to be used by villagers entering and leaving the clinic. This should help to reduce dramatically the spread of disease. I hope everyone enjoyed the wonderful music provided by the children from our congregation as well as from the Day School and the delicious luncheon that followed. A special thanks to Laura Colangelo, Suzette Puckett and Sarah Campbell. The Mother Maryam Foundation for Humanitarian Development so appreciates your generosity and support for the work they do to improve the lives of villagers in Northern Sudan.  
*Stephanie Savage*

**SafePlace** collection bins at the church entryways await the arrival of unopened packages of underwear for women and children, diapers and pull-ups, shoes and socks, infant and children's clothing, new or gently used towels, pillows and twin-size sheets. SafePlace, nationally recognized as a secure environment, shelters victims of abuse who must flee with nothing more than the clothes of their backs. Please contact Pat Ford at [pat@patfordassociates.com](mailto:pat@patfordassociates.com) or 497-2264 for more information.

**Christopher House** – As you travel this summer keep in mind that collection baskets are on the entry tables to the church to collect travel size containers of lotion, soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes (no razors or dental floss please) for families at Christopher House who do not receive a basket.

Mary Stewart Miller will be contacting you the week before to remind you about your scheduled hospitality basket delivery. If you have any questions or concerns about your delivery, contact Mary Stewart at [millers@grandecom.net](mailto:millers@grandecom.net) or 220-5821.

We welcome new members to the Outreach Committee. If you feel called to participate in one of our ministries or would like to sit in on a meeting, please contact me at [gwall9407@austin.rr.com](mailto:gwall9407@austin.rr.com) or 837-0644 or just simply show up. *Peace, Gayle Wall*

#### ✝ NEWS FROM ST. GEORGES'S DAY SCHOOL - Laura Colangelo

##### **Ms. Rosemary Russell-Vines Retiring**

Ms. Rosemary has been at St. George's Episcopal School for 40 years, and is retiring at the end of June. Hundreds of three-year-olds have blossomed under her care. She is best known for making up songs to fit any occasion and always caving in to "just *one* more story". Her passion for early childhood education has kept her going strong all these years and we will miss seeing her every day. She has promised to come back to the school when Tilly the Witch (aka Ms. Rosemary) makes her annual visits on Halloween!

Plans are in the works for a retirement party on Friday, July 2 in Kleberg Hall. Please contact Ms. Cindy for more details and offers to help with this important celebration. Her email is [cindy.stgeorges@gmail.com](mailto:cindy.stgeorges@gmail.com).

##### **A Night for St. George's**

A Night for St. George's was HUGE success. Thank you so much for attending and honoring the school with your generosity. We made \$7,000 that night, which was the push that we needed to start building the outdoor bathroom!

##### **Summer Construction**

The school board is in negotiations with a contractor to begin construction in June on the new outdoor bathroom and storage space to replace the old shed. During construction, a fence will be erected around the site and every measure will be taken to ensure that our children are kept safe, yet thoroughly entertained by the construction process! Some toys will have to be kept outside on the playground during this time. Please excuse the messier appearance and help us keep the toys safe and secure while we make these improvements.

✝ **THE CHOIR IS TAKING** a break from Tuesday evening rehearsals for the summer months. However, they'll continue to sing at the 10:30 a.m. service, rehearsing an easy anthem each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. If you've been thinking about joining the choir -- or like to sing but don't have time during the week to rehearse -- this would be a great time to come and sing on Sunday mornings whenever you can!

✠ **A PARTING NOTE OF THANKS FROM FR. HOSTER** – A letter Fr. Hoster sent to our Senior Warden, Rob Blech to share with the St. George's community.

*Dear Rob,*

*Please give the community at St. George's my heartfelt best wishes and deepest thanks as they prepare to move forward after my retirement. Having given the majority of my years in the ministry to St. George's, I will never stop thinking and praying for the wonderful congregation God has called together in that sacred space next to the freeway. May God bless you all as you move into your future. Neither will Terrie and I ever forget the spirit of our final day together last on our last Sunday. The many expressions of gratitude and affection, the deeply meaningful gifts, the wonderful personal notes left in the album, as well as the incredibly generous cash gift that will help us so much in our near future – all of these things overwhelm my ability to express gratitude. If the Christian life together is about living life down deep where the spirit of God stirs, I can say with confidence that we came to that place with one another and with God on our last Sunday. That was a rare and precious moment. The celebration of the end of a ministry is not about one person, but about us all, including those who have traveled with us only for part of the journey. Many people have expressed gratitude to me for things I have done for them, but equally, I am moved to express profound gratitude for the blessings of wisdom, growth, challenge and love that have made me a far better person for having journeyed with you at St. George's. Ultimately, the only way we can really thank one another for such profound gifts is to live lives worthy of a trust so deep that it must have been rooted in God. I will do my best to live that life worthy of St. George's, rejoicing for the time Terrie and I have spent with you. God bless you all, always! You will always be in our hearts. May God fill your future with all the joy and grace of heaven itself.*

*Faithfully, David*

✠ **CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS** to proud parents Cari and Scott Metcalf and grandparents, Gayle and James Wall on the birth of # 10 grandbaby, Chloe Elizabeth Metcalf born on May 13, 2010. *Confirm their joy by a lively sense of your presence among them, O God, and give calm strength and patient wisdom as they seek to bring this child to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, loveable and gracious, excellent and admirable, following the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen*

✠ **EYC MISSION TRIP** ✘ St. George's EYC is again partnering with All Saints' EYC to go on a mission trip to New Orleans to help renovate St. Anna's Episcopal Church, a mission church in the Ninth Ward. Luke Stevens, Ellen Scarborough, and Adam and Gabriel Moreau, along with chaperone Martha Paull will be joining about 15 other teenagers and chaperones, led by Matt Puckett. They will be painting fences, gardening, cooking and helping run the church's summer vacation Bible school for area children. They will be gone from July 11 to July 16. Please keep them in your prayers during this time.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 30	Graduation Sunday and potluck luncheon
June 13	Outreach meeting, noon in the church library
June 13	Outreach to serve at Trinity Center
June 19	Nancy Ricketts to be ordained as a deacon in Houston
July 11-18	EYC mission trip to New Orleans
July 11	Foster girls back-to-school fundraiser begins

✘ BIRTHDAYS IN THE MONTH OF JUNE ✘

Nancy Carrera - 03    Anna Doty - 04    Johnnie C. McLane - 06    Herb Dickson - 06  
Denise Hope - 14    Martha Paull - 14    Gayle Wall - 16    Lynn Cowick - 17  
Walter Long, Jr. - 20    Herb Long - 21    Lee Edwards - 26    Mae Stevens - 26  
Kathryn Pew - 27

✘ CHRISTOPHER HOUSE BASKET DELIVERIES FOR JUNE ✘

David & Belinda McGhee - 06-12    David & Terrie Hoster - 13-19  
Mary Stewart Miller - 20-26    Ronn Worcester - 27 - July 3



✘ NEW COFFEE HOUR HOST LINE UP ✘ Anyone wishing to help and who is not directly involved with one of these organizations is more than welcome to bring snacks at any time.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday - **Outreach Committee - Contact: Gayle Wall - June 6, Aug. 1, Sept. 5, Nov. 7**

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers - Contact: Jan Phillips - July 4, Oct. 3, Dec. 5**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - **Altar Guild - Contact: Gayle Wall - June 13, Aug. 8, Oct. 10**

**Choir - Contact: Paul Pew - July 11, Sept. 12, Nov. 14**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - **Women's Book Club - Contact: Carolyn Moreau - June 20, Aug 15, Oct 17, Dec 19**

**Lectors and Intercessors - Contact: Suzie Keith - July 18, Sept. 19, Nov.21**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - **Vestry - Contact: Martha Paull - June 27, Sept 26, Dec. 26**

**Kids Word & EYC - Contact: Martha Paull - July 25, Oct. 24, Dec 12\***

**\* Pink Candle Party**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - **Parish Wide Potluck - May 30, Aug. 29, Oct. 31**

**Links to:**

<http://www.sgchurch.org/worship4.asp> Lay ministry schedule

<http://www.sgchurch.org/events3.asp> The Banner including past electronic issues

[www.stgeorges-austin.org](http://www.stgeorges-austin.org) St. George's Day School

<http://www.io.com/~kellywp/> The Lectionary - a calendar of current scripture readings

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/index.htm> Episcopal Life Online

<http://www.epicenter.org/edot/Calendar24.asp?SnID=309494341> EDOT calendar year

<http://www.foundcom.org/> Foundation Communities

[www.campallen.org/html/summer.htm](http://www.campallen.org/html/summer.htm) Camp Allen registration for multiple programs

[www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org) Recycling and other earth friendly information

[www.elbuen.org](http://www.elbuen.org) El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert  
*Acting Rector*

Paul Pew *Music Minister*  
James Thomas *Parish Secretary*  
Laura Colangelo  
*Day School Director*

Vestry

Rob Blech *Senior Warden*  
Hollie Gordon *Junior Warden*  
Andrea Sparks *Clerk*  
Ralph Hausser Martha Paull  
Jan Phillips Frances Rickard  
Hal Stevens Ramon Trevino

***Sunday Morning Schedule***

8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
(with Morning Prayer on  
first Sundays)

8:00a.m. Contemplative prayer

9:45a.m. Choir rehearsal

10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
with Kids Word  
(Nursery available)

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You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*Psalm 16:11*

The next issue of ***The Banner*** will go out on **July 1**. Deadline for news is **Sunday, June 20**.  
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