

# THE BANNER



St. George's  
Episcopal Church

4301 NORTH IH-35 | Austin, TX | [www.sgchurch.org](http://www.sgchurch.org)

September 2016



Season after Pentecost

4301 North IH 35 • Austin, TX 78722  
Phone: 512.454.2523 • Fax: 512.454.2524

Website: [www.sgchurch.org](http://www.sgchurch.org)

E-mail: [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com)

Office hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

## Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:45 am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
with KidsWord &  
YouthWord  
5:00 pm Recovery Eucharist

**The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert**  
Rector

**The Rev. John Brewer**  
Deacon

**Anne Weaver**  
Music Minister

**Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski**  
Office Administrator

**Jerri Thompson**  
Day School Director

**August Dolan-Henderson**

**Brad Dieringer**

**Claire Irwin**

**Clayton Kelley**

**Denise Hope**

**Mark Casstevens**

**Mary Stewart Miller**

**Raul Carrera**

**Spencer Gordon**

*Vestry*

**Brad Dieringer**

*Senior Warden*

**Spencer Gordon**

*Junior Warden*

**Sandra Villalaz**

*Financial Secretary*

**Frances Rickard**

*Treasurer*

**Claire Irwin**

*Clerk*

## Mark Your Calendars

- |             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Mon, Sep 5  | Labor Day (church office closed)                  |
| Tue, Sep 6  | EfM First Meeting                                 |
| Wed, Sep 7  | Wednesday Weavings                                |
| Sat, Sep 10 | Women's Book Group                                |
| Sun, Sep 11 | Commitment Sunday<br>SafePlace Comfort Bag Sew-in |
| Mon, Sep 12 | Vestry Meeting                                    |
| Sun, Sep 18 | SafePlace Comfort Bag Assembly                    |
| Wed, Sep 21 | Wednesday Weavings                                |
| Sun, Sep 25 | Stewardship Sunday<br>Family Chapel               |



Click on the following links to find:

[September Lay Ministry Schedule](#)

[September Activities Calendar](#)

## Feast Days

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 David Pendleton Oakerhater, Deacon and Missionary, 1931 | 19 Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690                               |
| 2 The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942                         | 20 John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871 |
| 4 Paul Jones, 1941  | 21 <b>Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</b>                                    |
| 9 Constance, Nun, and Her Companions, 1878                | 22 Philander Chase, Bishop of Ohio, and of Illinois, 1852                          |
| 10 Alexander Crummell, 1898                               | 25 Sergius, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392                                    |
| 12 John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, 1830            | 26 Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626                                   |
| 13 Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr of Carthage, 258            | 29 <b>Saint Michael and All Angels</b>   |
| 14 <b>Holy Cross Day</b>                                  | 30 Jerome, Priest, and Monk of Bethlehem, 420                                      |
| 16 Ninian, Bishop in Galloway, c. 430                     |  |
| 17 Hildegard, 1179  |  |
| 18 Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882                    |  |



The deadline for news for the October issue of *The Banner* is Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please email news and articles you would like included in the next issue to [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com).

## Rector's Corner

Dear St. George's Family,

We are in the midst of our fall kick-off, with our Labor Day Liturgy this Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, and Commitment to Ministry Sunday coming up on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Both Sundays will be, as always, great celebrations! See the articles below for more information regarding each of these events. And what a spectacular Sunday we just had on August 28<sup>th</sup>, blessing backpacks, celebrating 50 years of the school, and welcoming Bishop Harrison as she confirmed and received three new members of St. George's!



It is a great pleasure to welcome our seminarians back to St. George's. All three of them, J., Richelle, and Abram, are eager to begin their ministry among us. You can read more about them in below. If you have not already met them, please introduce yourself and extend them a warm welcome.

I am very pleased to announce that St. George's has a new logo! Over the past year the vestry has worked hard with graphic designer and parishioner, Laura Cook, to imagine the new look. I am extremely grateful for all the hard work put into the new design, and am overjoyed by the outcome.

I pray that you continue to feel God's presence in your life at work, school, in your leisure, and especially here at St. George's. We are truly a vibrant community that seeks to reveal God in all we do. May God bless you and keep you this month and always.

May God be with you and bless you.

Peace,

*The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert*



**St. George's  
Episcopal Church**

4301 NORTH IH-35 | Austin, TX | [www.sgchurch.org](http://www.sgchurch.org)

## St. George's Has a New Logo!

As you can see at the top of this newsletter – and to the left – St. George's has a new logo! The vestry has engaged in a year-long process and worked with a graphic designer to design a new logo that is fresh and engaging and, perhaps most importantly, incorporates St. George's famous dragon! We'll be rolling it out over the next month or so, updating our bulletins, letterhead, and other items that we produce to reflect this new look. We hope you like it!

## Welcome to our Seminarians!



SEMINARY OF THE  
**SOUTHWEST**

The school year has starting up again at the Seminary of the Southwest, which means that we are once again welcoming several seminarians to serve and worship with us for the next academic year.

August 28<sup>th</sup> was their first Sunday with us. J. Clarkson is returning for another year at St. George's, and Richelle Thompson and Abram Jones are also joining us. Be sure to say a word of welcome when you see them!

The seminarians serving at St. George's are participating in field education, part of their required curriculum at the seminary. Field education connects the classroom and the church, integrating academic learning with the practice of ministry. In supervised ministry settings students practice acts of ministry and reflect on those actions. They test their call, gain self-awareness, develop relationships, and acquire pastoral and leadership skills.

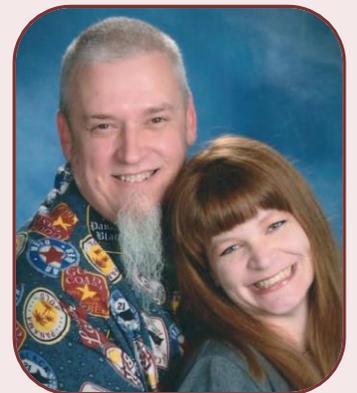
### **From J.:**

I'm excited to be back at St. George's for my senior year of field placement. This summer I spent three weeks in the Diocese of Panama learning about the Episcopal Church in Central America. My wife, Abigail, and our daughter, Louisa, and I then took a trip to visit family and friends in Tennessee and North Carolina. After so much time away, it is good to be back in Austin and with the good people of St. George's.



### **From Richelle:**

I am a Middler at the Seminary of the Southwest. I was born and raised in Southern Utah, and I earned a bachelor's degree in technical theatre from Southern Utah University. Following my first vocation, I was exported to Alabama in 2002, where I found the Episcopal Church and a calling to ordained ministry. I am now a postulant for holy orders with the Diocese of Alabama. I am married to Jeff Pridmore, and we've moved to Austin from Montgomery, AL, with a small herd of four-legged children (both cats and dogs). I'm looking forward to being a part of the life and ministry of St. George's, and I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve and worship with this welcoming community.



### **From Abram:**

I am a postulant from the Diocese of Mississippi. I came to Seminary of the Southwest with my wife Lucy Kay, and we had our first child, Magdalene, last October. I have a long history of youth ministry on the parish and diocesan level. Prior to coming to Texas, I served as the Camp Director of Camp Bratton-Green, an Episcopal church camp, for the past five years. Lucy Kay and I visited St. George's several times in the past few years and immediately fell in love with the strong sense of community felt throughout the parish. We're very excited to be joining the St. George's family, and we look forward to meeting everyone!



## Labor Day Liturgy



On the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, it is our tradition is to pause and remember the contributions that we all make to the building up of God's kingdom in the world and to renew our understanding of our particular vocations as a partnership with God. On **Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**, you are encouraged to bring a symbol of your labor to present at the altar at either the 8:00 am or 10:30 am service, and the offertory will include a special liturgy to sanctify these offerings of our time and talents that we make to God in our daily lives.

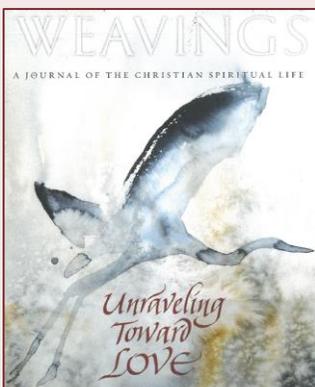
Not all of us have paid employment, and even if you do, your job may not be your primary vocation. Spend some time reflecting on what your vocation at this time of your life is, what God is calling you to do or be – it may be related to what you are paid to do, what you are studying or learning, what you do to care for others, or something else entirely.

## Wednesday Eucharist

The Wednesday Eucharist and Healing Service has been on a hiatus over the summer, but we're ready to start it up again! Starting **Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**, we will once again have a service of Eucharist and Healing every Wednesday at **12:15 pm**, in the Church. If you have a bit of time mid-day on Wednesdays, and you'd like to create some space for prayer and worship in your day, please come join us. Please contact Kevin at [kevinlschubert@gmail.com](mailto:kevinlschubert@gmail.com) with any questions.



## Wednesday Weavings



The St. George's adult discussion group Wednesday Weavings gathers on **the first and third Wednesdays** of each month, from **6:30 to 8:00 pm**, in different locations. We share a simple meal, have a short time of centering prayer, and discuss a selected reading from the journal *Weavings: A Journal of the Christian Spiritual Life*. In September, our gatherings will be on **September 7<sup>th</sup>**, at the home of **Frances and John Rickard**, and on **September 21<sup>st</sup>**, at the home of **Sarah Campbell**.

In August, we began a new issue of *Weavings*, entitled "Unraveling toward Love." The articles in this issue, which we will read over the late summer and early fall, may serve as springboards for discussion about loving responses to the prevalent violence and suffering we have witnessed in our city streets and around the world this summer. Please join us if you can. Please bring a contribution for the salad bar meal (for example, fruit, vegetables, cheese, or crunchy toppings). More information and copies of the reading will be available in church on the Sunday before each Wednesday gathering. We hope to see you there! For more information, contact Frances Rickard at [fajrickard@gmail.com](mailto:fajrickard@gmail.com).

## Education for Ministry (EfM)

Education for Ministry is a powerful learning experience for any layperson who wants to have a better understanding of their faith tradition. Our journey of faith in this complex and confusing world can be difficult, and the task of interpreting the church's scriptures and theology can be overwhelming. EfM seeks to develop an informed and knowledgeable laity by offering a theological education which supports our faith and empowers us to live out that faith in day-to-day events.

But all baptized Christians are called to be active participants in the church's ministry, which is nothing less than continuing the ministry of Jesus. He reconciled the world to God, and we are called to incarnate that reconciliation in our own time and in our own place through worship, service to others, and by proclamation of God's Word to all people. It is this vocation for which we pray at the end of the Eucharist: "And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord."

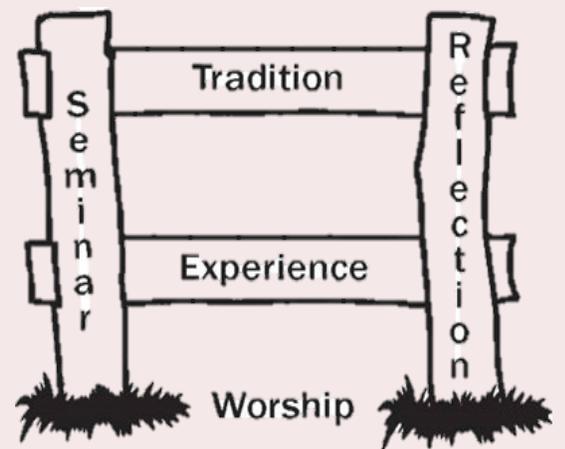
The seminar group is the nucleus of the EfM program. A group consists of six to twelve participants and a trained mentor who meet weekly over the course of a nine-month academic year. Through study, prayer, and reflection, the EfM group moves toward a new understanding of the fullness of God's kingdom. This process can be illustrated by a two-rail fence. One rail is the Christian tradition. The other is the collective experience of the group's members. The rails are linked by fence posts which represent the seminar sessions where life and study meet. The fence is grounded in the soil of regular worship which is vital to the life of the group.

Participants are responsible for their own learning; mentors serve as guides and facilitators rather than teachers. Participants spend two to four hours in study and preparation each week. In the seminars, members have an opportunity to share their insights and discoveries as well as to discuss questions which the study materials raise for them. Participants in the EfM program study the entire sweep of the Christian tradition from the earliest period to the present, learning about the disciplines of biblical exegesis and interpretation, systematic theology, church history, ethics, liturgics, and more. Even more important than such study is the development of skills in theological reflection. By examining their own beliefs and their relationship to our culture and the tradition of our Christian faith, participants learn to think theologically, enabling them to be effective ministers in the world. As we come to see that everything we do has potential to manifest the love of Christ, we discover that our ministry is at hand wherever we turn.

Some thoughts from Toni Brewer, an EfM graduate and mentor of St. George's EfM group:

*EfM has been a life-changing experience for me. After a crisis of faith, I found that I could no longer accept the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church of my childhood, and I began a search for a new faith tradition. I became an Episcopalian in 2003 and joined an EfM group in 2006. The ability to ask questions and seek answers, and the discovery of new perspectives in an open and caring community, helped me understand how my life experiences and my journey of faith are intertwined. My faith journey is still a work in progress, and as a mentor of an EfM group, I can't wait to see what new insights I will experience with each new session.*

St. George's EfM group currently has openings, and the groups' mentors, John and Toni Brewer, invite you to join them at the first meeting of the year, **Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**, from **6:00-8:30 pm**. To learn more about this opportunity, or to register, please contact Toni at [tonib3522@gmail.com](mailto:tonib3522@gmail.com) or 850-384-3522.



## Women's Book Group



Please join us for the next meeting of the St. George's Women's Book Group, on **Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**, from **3:00 to 5:00 pm**, at the home of Sarah Campbell. We will discuss **Brooklyn**, by Colm Toibin. All the women of St. George's are welcome to attend; this group is open and welcoming of all. We hope you can join us for interesting conversation, delicious snacks, and our book discussion. If you are interested in the group, or even just a little curious, please contact Sandra Villalaz at **512-762-8349** or [sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com) to learn more. Happy reading!

## Commitment Sunday

Our mission at St. George's is to worship God and share our faith through word, action, and service. On **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate **Commitment Sunday**, an opportunity to be better acquainted with all the ways St. George's lives out our mission. A [Commitment to Ministry](#) form listing all the various ministries of St. George's can be downloaded here, and will also be available at both entrances to the church on Commitment Sunday. Please prayerfully reflect on how God is calling you to participate in the life of the parish and serve our community over the coming year. Check the boxes both of ministries in which you already serve and of those which interest you. Take a copy, and prayerfully reflect on the ways God may be calling you to serve. On Commitment Sunday, please bring your completed form to present at the altar as your offering of your time and talent over the coming year.



## Family Chapel



Join us at **5:00 pm on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** in Kleberg Hall for the first Family Chapel service and Parent Seminar of the new school year! The Family Service is designed to foster community-building and provide a space to participate in worship alongside young children.

We'll start with a brief (approximately 30-minute) service of prayers, readings, sermon, and songs oriented toward children and families. We'll then move into a special table liturgy – sharing communion alongside a pot-luck meal.

After the meal, Jerri Thompson, the Director of St. George's Episcopal School, will lead a parent seminar with the topic of Toilet Training versus Toilet Learning. Jerri will walk participants through a fool-proof method of toilet training.

## SafePlace Comfort Bags



Three or four times a year, St. George's creates and gives hand-crafted bags filled with both necessities and luxuries to SafePlace, to be given to women and men who are undergoing clinical exams for and official reports of sexual assault. And it's now time for us to create another 150 bags!

- Our next sew-in to create the bags will be on **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**, after the 10:30 service, with lunch provided. You can help greatly even if you can't sew, since we need cutters, pressers and ribbon stringers. We will also need sewing machines, irons, ironing boards, scissors, thread, seam rippers, and safety pins. Donations of fabric and ribbon are appreciated!
- We will stuff and assemble bags on **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**, after the 10:30 service. Please contact Sarah Campbell ([cowmarket2@gmail.com](mailto:cowmarket2@gmail.com)) to find out what items are still needed and sign up to donate some. Please leave donations in the closet in Kleberg on the table to the right of the door, or bring them with you on September 18<sup>th</sup>. We will need many hands to assemble that many bags, so please bring your willing hands.
- During the 10:30 service on **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**, we will present the bags we have created and filled at the altar to be blessed before we deliver them to SafePlace to distribute to survivors of sexual assault.

Megan, a staff member at SafePlace, sent us this note after our last delivery: "I so appreciate this beautiful ministry that you have created! More importantly, it's awesome to see the smiles that come to survivors' faces when they receive these bags and realize that someone in the community cares for them."

Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry! Please contact Sarah Campbell or Hollie Gordon with any questions.

## Blessings!

Congratulations to those who were confirmed and received by Bishop Dena Harrison at St. George's on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>: Mae Stevens (confirmed), Jeanie Cook (received), and Eileen Cook (received)!

*Almighty God, send them forth in the power of the Holy Spirit to perform the service you set before them, that they may serve you in this life and dwell with you in the life to come. Amen.*

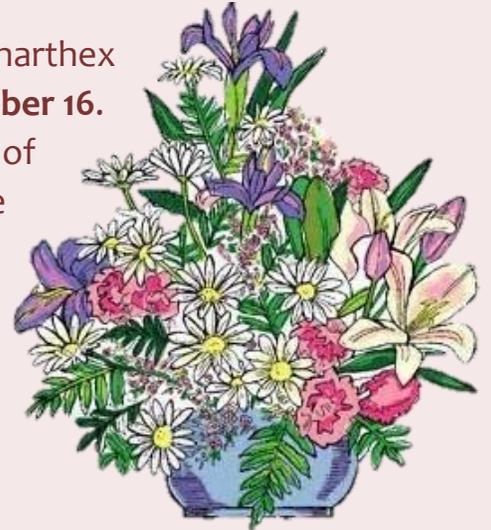
We also send love and best wishes to Andrew and Casie Ellison, who welcomed Alena Lauren Ellison into the world on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:55 am. All are healthy and happy. Andrew was our seminarian at St. George's for two years and will be ordained to the priesthood at Trinity, Marshall, on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Confirm their joy by a lively sense of your presence among them, O God, and give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they seek to bring this child to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, lovable and gracious, excellent and admirable, following the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*



## Altar Flowers

There are still a few open dates on the flower calendar in the narthex of the church, namely **September 18, September 25, and October 16**. If you would like to provide funds for the altar flowers on any of those dates, please print clearly on the calendar so you can be recognized in the worship bulletin. Be sure to note if you are giving the flowers in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for some blessing in your life (both of which are optional). A donation of \$35 is requested; make your check payable to St. George's (note "Altar Flowers" in the memo line) and place it in the alms basin on Sundays or mail it to the church office.



## Neighborhood Meeting about I-35



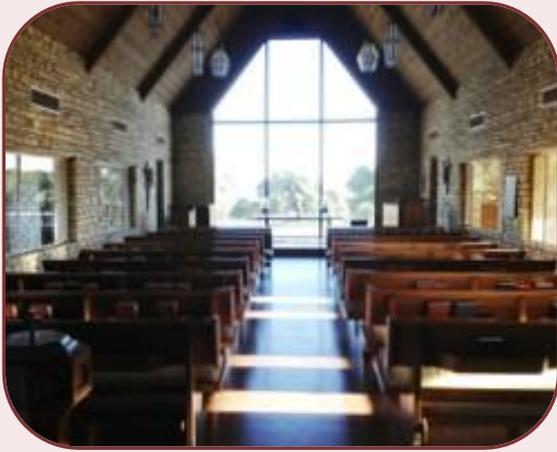
On **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**, at **4:00 PM**, in **Kleberg Hall**, the Dellwood II Neighborhood Association will be hosting a meeting with the Texas Department of Transportation, along with other area neighborhood associations, to discuss proposed changes to I-35. Proposed changes include significant alterations to the Airport Boulevard interchange, and thus will directly affect St. George's, as well as many of the surrounding neighborhoods. The meeting will include an in-depth presentation by TxDOT, along with questions and discussion. All parishioners of St. George's are invited to attend.

## Blandy Lecture

On **Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:00 pm**, at the **LBJ Auditorium** at UT, the Seminary of the Southwest will present its annual Blandy Lecture, which is open to the public. This year's speaker is **Bryan Stevenson**. Mr. Stevenson is a public-interest lawyer who has dedicated his career to helping the poor, the incarcerated and the condemned; professor at New York University School of Law; speaker at [TED 2012](#) and author of critically acclaimed New York Times bestseller, [Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption](#). He is the founder and executive director of the [Equal Justice Initiative](#), an Alabama-based group that has won major legal challenges eliminating excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating innocent prisoners on death row, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill, and aiding children prosecuted as adults. Mr. Stevenson's work fighting poverty and challenging racial discrimination in the criminal justice system has won him numerous awards including the MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Grant. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School and the Harvard School of Government, and has been awarded 16 honorary doctorate degrees.



## Parish Retreat



Each fall, St. George's gathers for a time of rest, relaxation, and community-building at the beautiful Well Spring Retreat Center in the Texas Hill Country. This year's retreat will be held from **Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**. (You can also come just for the day on Saturday.) The retreat is dedicated to enriching our communal bonds as we enjoy times of worship, recreation, social activities, fellowship, and great food! We'll have plenty of free time to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Texas Hill

Country. The Ranch offers a tranquil atmosphere with incredible views of the surrounding hill country, comfortable accommodations, a lovely chapel on the highest point, and a gorgeous and inspiring Umlauf sculpture of Jesus. It also provides easy access to view a remarkable geological phenomenon called the Narrows, created by the Blanco River rushing through a narrow limestone canyon.

### Accommodations:

Motel-style rooms (preference given to families with children) and dormitory-style rooms. (There are no single occupancy rooms.) All participants are asked to bring their own bedding.



### Cost:

The cost of the retreat includes accommodations, all Saturday meals, and Sunday breakfast and lunch (meals are not provided on Friday, so please plan to eat before you arrive or bring your own dinner). Scholarships are available; please don't let cost keep you from coming! Contact Kevin Schubert for more information.

	Adults	Children
Friday-Sunday	\$45.00	\$25.00
Saturday only	\$15.00	\$10.00
Maximum cost per family	\$125.00	

Both paper and online registration will be available soon. Join us for a relaxing weekend in a beautiful setting, with our wonderful community!



## News from the School

On Sunday, August 28th, we officially kicked off our 50th Anniversary Celebration with a beautiful Blessing of the Backpacks during the 10:30 service, followed by families, parishioners, alumni, and staff enjoying food and festivities. Our school is so blessed to have such wonderful people who support and love what we do. Keep an eye out for more fun 50th anniversary celebrations as we play through this year.



Some upcoming events sponsored by the school are:

- Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-9:30 am – Grandparents Day. Grandparents are invited to attend an hour of school with their grandchildren.
- Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-6:30 pm – Family Chapel and Parent Seminar. Join us in Kleberg Hall and find out the best way to Toilet Train your child. The topic is Toilet Learning vs. Toilet Training. The Head of School will walk you through a fool-proof method of toilet training.



## September Birthdays and Anniversaries

*We wish the following parishioners a happy birthday:*

Spencer Gordon (Sep 6)

Beverly Williams-Hawkins (Sep 9)

Gladys Dykes (Sep 10)

Jennifer Long (Sep 15)

Suzette Puckett (Sep 16)

Saint John Naftel (Sep 18)

Divesh Manohar (Sep 20)

Emily Carol Carder (Sep 21)

Gregg Miller (Sep 22)

Colin O'Donnell (Sep 23)

Donna Johnson (Sep 24)

Ramón Treviño (Sep 24)

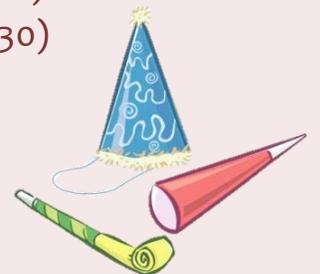
Sandy Welles (Sep 28)

Hollie Gordon (Sep 30)

*And a happy anniversary to:*

David & Stephanie Savage (Sep 23)

**Congratulations and Best Wishes!**



## Links for Further Information

[St. George's Church website](#)  
[St. George's Episcopal School](#)  
[The Episcopal Diocese of Texas](#)  
[The Episcopal Church, USA](#)

[The Lectionary](#)  
[Camp Allen](#)  
[St. George's Court](#)  
[Episcopal Relief and Development](#)