

THE BANNER



**St. George's
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Office hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Sunday Schedule

- 10:30 am [Holy Eucharist Rite II](#)
Online/In-person
- 11:30 am Fellowship

The Rev. Ann McLemore
Interim Rector

Dia Park
Music Minister

Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski
Office Administrator

Jerri Thompson
Day School Director

Josh Beckham
Rob Blech
Ed Crawford
Dale Curry

Brad Dieringer
Hye Na Lucy
Belinda McGhee
Samantha Stevens
Vestry

Brad Dieringer
Senior Warden

Ed Crawford
Junior Warden

Samantha Stevens
Financial Secretary

Ashley Carrera
Treasurer

Belinda McGhee
Clerk

Bridgette Beinecke
School Board Liaison

Mark Your Calendars

- Mon 9/6** Labor Day (Office Closed) **Sun 9/19** Bishop Fisher's Visitation
- Wed 9/8** Wednesday Weavings **Mon 9/20** School Board Meeting
- Sat 9/11** Women's Book Group **Wed 9/22** Wednesday Weavings
- Mon 9/13** Vestry Meeting **Tue 9/28** Choir Meet-up
- Tue 9/14** Choir Meet-up

[St. George's Events Calendar](#)

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Feast Days

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| 2 | The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942 | 17 | Hildegard of Bingen, Mystic and Scholar, 1179 |
| 3 | Phoebe, Deacon | 18 | Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882 |
| 4 | Paul Jones, Bishop, 1941 | 21 | Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist |
| 5 | Katharina Zell, Church Reformer and Writer, 1562 | 23 | Thecla of Iconium, Proto-Martyr among Women, c.70 |
| 6 | Hannah More, Religious Writer and Philanthropist, 1833 | 24 | Anna Ellison Butler Alexander, Deaconess and Teacher, 1947 |
| 7 | Kassiani, Poet and Hymnographer, 865 | 25 | Euphrosyne/Smaragdus of Alexandria, Monastic, 5th century |
| 8 | The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 26 | Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop, 1626 |
| 9 | Constance, Thecla, Ruth, Frances, Charles Parsons, and Louis Schuyler, Martyrs, 1878 | 28 | Paula and Eustochium of Rome, Monastics and Scholars, 404 and c.419 |
| 10 | Alexander Crummell, Priest, 1898 | 29 | Saint Michael and All Angels |
| 12 | John Henry Hobart, Bishop, 1830 | 30 | Jerome, Priest and Scholar, 420 |
| 14 | Holy Cross Day | | |
| 15 | Catherine of Genoa, Mystic and Nurse, 1510 | | |

Interim Rector's Corner



Dear St. George's Family:

Hard to believe that seven months have passed in our transitional time together! The fact that this time has been completely during a pandemic adds a new level of stress. The good news is that we are making progress! Sometimes that means two steps forward and one step back, but sometimes we've managed to take three steps forward and only one back! For example, I am so proud of the work of the Parish Profile Team (Frances Rickard, Sarah Campbell, Mary Stewart Miller, and Brad Barcus), which has finished a 34-page Parish Profile of St. George's. At a special meeting held in late August, the Team presented the Profile to the vestry and the vestry approved it. This document has now moved on to the Diocesan Office of Transitional Ministry for their blessing. At that point, the status of St. George's changes from "Pre-Search" to "Active Search."

Active search. God calls us all to be actively searching in this time of our lives, of our church.

Another example of St. George's actively searching is the addition of a new member to the church staff. Sunday, August 29th, was the final Sunday for our Music Director Mi-Young Kim. It was a sad good-bye, but we are all so proud of Mi-Young and her acceptance into the Doctor of Musical Arts Program at the University of California in Santa Barbara. And we now have the opportunity to welcome Dia Park as our new Music Director! A colleague of Mi-Young's, Dia comes well-recommended, with a strong musical background and great enthusiasm about learning more about The Episcopal Church and its music, choir, and liturgy.

Active search for a new rector. We will now be moving from the development of the Parish Profile to the Search Committee and their work. The Search Committee will receive and read applications and then they will interview candidates and ultimately recommend one or two candidates to the vestry. The Search Committee has a few more open slots – please let me know if you are interested in serving on the committee or would like more information.

Once a candidate is selected, called to be our new rector, and accepts the call, then the Transition Team goes into action. This group will help the new rector, and potentially their spouse and children, take care of the details and issues that arise in any such transition. Whether they are from out of town or local, the Transition Team will help with their transition both at church and with any other needs that come up. Please let me know if you are interested in serving in this way!

In addition, we have many other opportunities to offer your time at St. George's. Consider serving on the St. George's School Board, the St. George's Court Board, the Liturgy and Worship Committee, the Labyrinth Guild, the Grounds and Building Gang (GBG), all of which are open to those actively searching for ways to support our church and demonstrate a desire to give back. Speaking of "giving back," we also need a Stewardship Team to launch our 2021 Stewardship Campaign! As our reading from the Letter of James on Sunday, August 29th reminded us, we are called to be "doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves..., being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing."

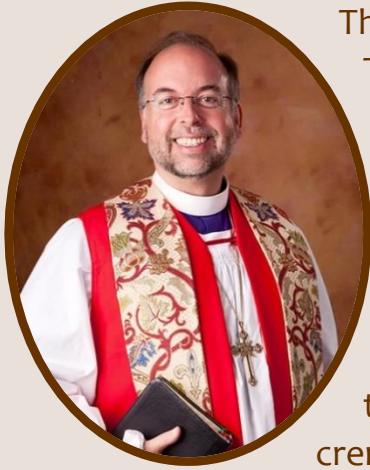
May we each find our call, our point of entry into the service of the world that God has so graciously gifted us, and may we all be blessed in our doing.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ann R. McLemore" with a small cross symbol at the end.

The Rev. Ann McLemore

The Bishop Is Coming!



The Right Reverend Jeff Fisher, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Texas, will be with us at St. George's on **Sunday, September 19th**. All four bishops in our diocese spend much of their time with congregations throughout the diocese in order to provide whatever support and guidance the parishioners and clergy need, and to maintain connections between the various parishes of our far-flung diocese. While here, the bishop will preside and preach at the Eucharist, as well as administer the sacrament of Baptism. After the service, Bishop Fisher will also preside over the interment of the remains of our former rector, the Rev. John Price.

Welcome, Dia!

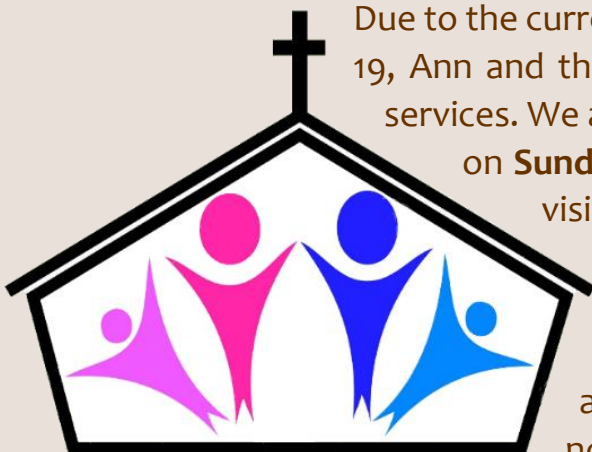
We are thrilled to welcome our new Music Minister, Dia Park! Her first official Sunday with us will be September 5th. If you come to church in person at any point in the upcoming weeks, please be sure to say hello and welcome her to St. George's!

A message from Dia:

Hello to everyone at St. George's! My name is Dia Sohyun Park, and I am your new Music Minister. I am from South Korea and am a Doctoral student in the Collaborative Piano program at UT Austin, Butler School of Music. I did my master's degree at Indiana University, Jacobs School of Music, in Bloomington, Indiana. I moved to Austin last year. I enjoy living in Austin, and I am delighted to have an even better time in Austin with beautiful people at St. George's Church. I grew up in the church from an early age and have been accompanying worship services since I was ten years old. I am looking forward to meeting everyone at the church!



Online and In-Person Worship



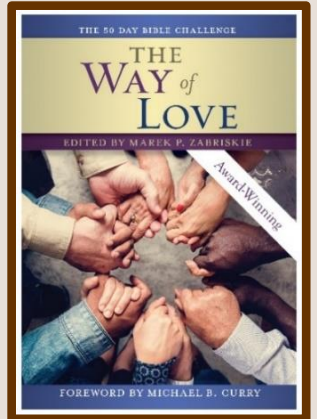
Due to the current rates of infection and hospitalizations from COVID-19, Ann and the vestry decided to go back to livestreamed Sunday services. We are tentatively planning to return to in-person worship on **Sunday, September 12th**, in preparation for Bishop Fisher's visit on the 19th. When we do return, masks and social distancing will be required. We will continue to monitor the situation and make changes to our policies and plans as necessary. The 10:30 service is accessible via both Zoom and [Facebook Live](#). If you are not on the parish email list, please contact Jennifer in

the church office at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

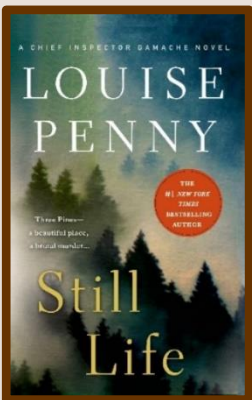
Wednesday Weavings

St. George's adult discussion group continues to meet every other Wednesday. In September, we will again have both meetings via Zoom, as Austin is still in Stage 5. We will meet from **7:00 to 8:00 pm** on **September 8th** and **September 22nd**, for a discussion on the selected reading for the evening, and Compline service.

We are continuing our study of *The Way of Love*, a Forward Movement publication edited by Marek Zabriskie. The book offers 50 meditations, each consisting of a Scripture reading, reflection, discussion questions, and prayer. The meditations are divided into seven sections based on seven spiritual practices for a Jesus-centered life: Turn, Learn Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, and Rest. Frances Rickard will send out the reading and Zoom invitation to the group's email list before each meeting. If you are not on the list and would like to receive the email, or if you have any questions, please contact Frances at fajrickard@gmail.com.



Women's Book Group



Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, September 11th**, from **3:00 to 5:00 pm, via Zoom**. We will discuss *Still Life*, by **Louise Penny**. (Due to rising COVID numbers and updated advice from the CDC and the Austin Public Health Department, we have decided to continue meeting online for the time being.) All St. George's women are welcome to attend – even if you haven't read the book! We hope you can join us for interesting conversation and our book discussion. The Zoom invitation will be sent out to the group's email list prior to the meeting. To be added to the list, or with any questions, please contact Sandra Villalaz at **512-762-8349** or sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com with any questions. Happy reading!

Christopher House Bags

Delivery people needed! St. George's has a long-standing ministry of delivering hospitality baskets to the families of patients at Christopher House. As with everything else, the logistics of this have changed with the pandemic, but we continue to deliver baskets (except now they are bags with handles), and we need more delivery people! To be a part of this ministry, sign up for one or more weeks between now and December on the [Online Christopher House Basket Calendar](#). A \$10 donation is requested per basket, and you can also add a note and other goodies (nothing perishable). You can make the donation online via the [St. George's Donation Page](#) under Outreach, or by placing a check in the offertory basket (or mailing it to the church office) made out to "St. George's Episcopal Church," with "Christopher House Baskets" in the memo line. Then, contact Alice Nelson at mzlsnlsn@gmail.com to make arrangements to get a basket before your delivery week. Delivery includes no patient contact, and only brief outdoor and masked contact with a staff member.



Nineteen Steps to Calling a New Rector

Just as there are 19 steps in the Wright House up to the Rector's Office, there are 19 steps for the congregation going through the process of preparing for and calling a new rector. The whole congregation is invited to be part of the process of each of these 19 steps, the ultimate goal being the arrival of a newly called rector on Step 19! The steps are:



- 1. The Rector announces that s/he is leaving.
- 2. Supply clergy lead worship; work out interim priest arrangement.
- 3. The Interim priest arrives; work out Interim Rector arrangement.
- 4. The Interim Rector arrives and begins transition work.
- 5. The congregation completes a survey provided by the diocese.
- 6. The results of the survey are shared with the congregation.
- 7. The Parish Profile Committee is formed and generates a Parish Profile.
- 8. When the profile is ready, the diocese approves it.
- 9. The Profile is circulated locally and nationally for six to eight weeks.
- 10. The Search Committee is formed and prepares for interviews.
- 11. The Search Committee reviews applications and holds interviews.
- 12. Zoom visits or (if safe and possible) in-person visits are held with the candidates.
- 13. The Search Committee narrows list to one or two finalists and presents them to the Vestry.
- 14. Throughout the work of the Parish Profile and Search Committees, transition and interim work are taking place.
- 15. The Vestry reviews the name(s) from the Search Committee.
- 16. The Vestry votes to extend a call to one candidate.
- 17. A call goes out to the new Rector.
- 18. A Transition Team is formed to welcome the new Rector and his/her family.
- 19. The new Rector arrives.



Outreach

Many thanks to the people who attended our Zoom Outreach meeting on August 29th!

Updates for ongoing projects:

- We have a new contact at SAFE – Katherine Kummerer – who looks forward to working with us. We will need to prepare a delivery before too long, so bag makers, shoppers and note-writers, get on your marks!
- Carolyn Moreau will again lead our Thanksgiving effort for Hands for Hope through El Buen Samaritano.
- Andrea Sparks has agreed to coordinate Christmas outreach (thank you!) and is looking for volunteers.



Potential new projects:

- Attendees expressed a lot of interest in regular contact with St. George's Court. Dale Curry proposed a quarterly game time or some other regularly scheduled activity. He will work with the court to coordinate this.
- Attendees also expressed considerable interest in working with the homeless. An interest group to work with the homeless seems like a good idea as a starting point. To volunteer, please contact Alice or Sarah.

Other:

- Bridgette Beineke is interested in working on deepening our connection to the school, mostly through the worship service. This is not strictly an outreach program, but is something dear to our hearts. Contact Bridgette at bridgettebeinecke@gmail.com if you would like to work on this.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for any Outreach projects, please contact Alice Nelson at mzlsnlsn@gmail.com or Sarah Campbell at cowmarket2@gmail.com. Thank you for your commitment to and support of Outreach!

News from the School



And we're off! Monday, August 30th was our first day of school, and all went off well. Parents even stopped by the office to share their gratitude that we are open and operating intelligently. The School Board training has also been completed. Thank you to Mary Stewart Miller for joining the board! I have two more openings for church members and will reach out soon to see if those positions can be filled. We currently we have only four church members serving along with seven school parents.

At this time things are quiet, but I will continue to keep you posted as we navigate the building process. We are now waiting on Austin Energy and Austin Water to complete their tasks. The modular building is completed, and we are waiting on Bartlett Cocke to finish preparing the foundation, at which point the building can be brought in.

I hope and pray everyone is safe and healthy as we navigate this semester of school.

Respectfully,

Jerri Thompson
Head of School



September Birthdays & Anniversaries

We wish the following parishioners a happy birthday:

Michele Blood (Sep 6)
 Spencer Gordon (Sep 6)
 Kosmos Ibsen (Sep 6)
 Gladys Dykes (Sep 10)
 Jennifer Long (Sep 15)
 Anna Rae Rozell (Sep 15)
 Suzette Puckett (Sep 16)

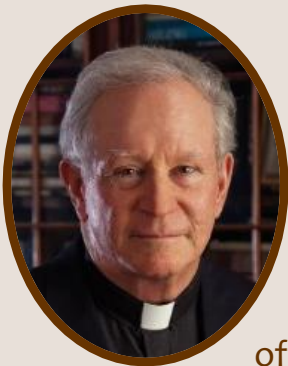
Divesh Manohar (Sep 20)
 Colin O'Donnell (Sep 23)
 Ramón Treviño (Sep 24)
 Kent Ibsen (Sep 25)
 Pia Ibsen (Sep 26)
 Kirk Hoffman (Sep 28)
 Hollie Gordon (Sep 30)

And a happy anniversary to:

Jennifer & Walter Long (Sep 21)
 David & Stephanie Savage (Sep 23)



Congratulations and Best Wishes!



The Rev. John W. Price

Rector of St. George's 1968-1988
 November 24, 1938 – August 5, 2021

His cremains will be interred on Sunday, September 19th, immediately following the 10:30 am service, with the Right Reverend Jeff Fisher officiating.

October *Banner* Deadline



The deadline for news for the October issue of *The Banner* is Monday, September 27th. Please email news and articles you would like included in the next issue to stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com.

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](#)