

# THE BANNER



St. George's  
Episcopal Church

April 2022



Lent • Holy Week • Easter

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Office hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

## Sunday Schedule

10:30 am **Eucharist, Rite II**  
11:15 am Coffee Hour in Kleberg

**The Rev. Ann McLemore**  
*Interim Rector*

**Dia Park**  
*Music Minister*

**Mikail McIntosh-Doty**  
*Office Administrator*

**Jerri Thompson**  
*Day School Director*

**Josh Beckham**  
**Ramón Treviño**  
**Mark Casstevens**  
**Sandra Villalaz-Dickson**

**Dale Curry**  
**Brad Dieringer**  
**Spencer Gordon**  
**Belinda McGhee**  
**Brad Barcus**  
*Vestry*

**Brad Dieringer**  
*Senior Warden*

**Dale Curry**  
*Junior Warden*

**Samantha Stevens**  
*Financial Secretary*

**Ashley Carrera**  
*Treasurer*

**Bridgette Beinecke**  
*School Board Liaison*

## Mark Your Calendars

**Sun 4/10 Palm Sunday**

**Mon 4/11 Vestry Meeting**

**Tue 4/12 Choir Meet-up;**  
SGES: Family Picnic 5-7

**Thu 4/14 Maundy Thursday;**  
SGES: Easter Parties in Class

**Fri 4/15 Good Friday;**

**Sun 4/17 EASTER**

Reminder: Flowers & Eggs

**Mon 4/18 School Board Meeting;**  
OA Meeting in Kleberg

**Fri-Sun 4/22-24 Women's Retreat**

**Sun 4/24 SGES: A Knight for St.**  
George's

**Tue 4/26 Choir Meet-up**

## St. George's Events Calendar

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## Feast Days

1 Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, 1872	9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Pastor and Theologian, 1945
2 James Lloyd Breck, Priest, 1876	10 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
3 Mary of Egypt, Hermit and Penitent, c.421	14 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> – Service at 7 PM
4 Martin Luther King, Jr., Pastor and Martyr, 1968	15 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> – Service at Noon
5 Harriet Starr Cannon, Monastic, 1896	16 <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>
7 Tikhon, Bishop and Ecumenist, 1925	17 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> – 7 am <b>SUNRISE SERVICE</b> and 10:30 Service
8 William Augustus Muhlenberg, Priest, 1877	25 <b>Saint Mark the Evangelist</b>
	27 Zita of Tuscany, Worker of Charity, 1271
	29 Catherine of Siena, Mystic and Prophetic Witness, 1380

## Interim Rector's Corner

Dear St. George's Family:

As Lent comes to the final days, we know there will be the exuberance of Palm Sunday that is so quickly turned into the pain of The Passion. The Passion is read twice during Holy Week; on Palm Sunday and then, again, on Good Friday. Why? we may wonder. We are all strongly encouraged to attend all available services during Holy Week. Each service mounting more and more as we come to noon on Good Friday when Jesus is crucified. To go from Palm Sunday to the joy of Easter without the weekdays between, we miss the profound walk Jesus takes from the donkey to the supper to the cross to the tomb to resurrection.

Some parts will be a bit different; but, life, and the world are a bit different. Palm Sunday we will begin the service on the front porch of Wright-Giles House and process over to the church. Beginning with Palm Sunday, masks will be optional in church until announced differently. Maundy Thursday service will be at 7 pm and will include the agape meal; but, we will not have washing of the feet. The service will end in silence and pick up again, in silence on Good Friday at noon. At the Good Friday service, we will have an outdoor procession of the Stations of the Cross. Easter morning, we will have a sunrise service that will begin at 7 am in the Memorial Garden and our regular 10:30 am service. After the main service will be the Easter egg hunt and coffee hour.

This has been a busy spring at St. George's and I know that even though much of the work has been behind the scenes in interviews, meetings, construction, repair; just look around, there are signs of new life all over the campus. We are being "REFRESHED"! As the search committee moves along with their assigned part of the calling of a new rector; church life has kept its own time and calendar. When the Search Committee gives a name(s) to the Vestry to consider, vote on and then call; their work is finished. When a new rector is called and accepts, the transition team will begin their part of the process to help welcome and introduce the newly called priest and family to the life of the church. All this effort is just part of the rhythm of the church.

I remind you the Vestry is headed by the Rector. Be they an Interim Rector, a Vicar, a Priest-in-charge, or Rector—they are charged with leading the vestry. The Senior Warden leads the vestry in the absence of a priest or if the priest has asked the Senior Warden to lead a vestry meeting. Brad Dieringer has done an incredible job of being Senior Warden as did Melissa Eaton before him. This church should be very grateful for the service and expertise each has offered and continues to give in the life of this church. Not only has Brad taken on the responsibilities of Senior Warden without a priest and with one; but he has also been serving on the Search Committee. The Transition Officer of the diocese has even recognized what an asset he has been and is for St. George's.

A blessed Holy Week, Easter, and Easter season to all!

Faithfully,

*Ann +*

The Rev. Ann McLemore



# Holy Week and Easter at St. George's

## Good Friday Offering



From our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry:

On Good Friday 2022 (April 15) we not only venerate the love that was “so amazing, so divine,” but also commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary – the centenary – of acts of unselfish generosity and kindness by Episcopalians in our Good Friday Offering. The Good Friday Offering offers us the opportunity to celebrate and rejoice in the hope and opportunity for the very young and the very old, for needy families, students, and many others in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. For 20 decades we have provided an opportunity for every parish throughout our church to connect with the ministry of love and compassion carried out by our Anglican sisters and brothers throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. ... The self-giving way of love and generosity makes a difference. That is what becoming a church that looks and acts like Jesus does. ... I am encouraging the people of every parish and institution of our Episcopal Church to participate in this centennial offering.

For more information or to donate, visit the [Good Friday Offering](#) page of the national church's website.

## Holy Week & Easter Services

All Holy Week services will be available in the church and via [Facebook Live](#) and Zoom, unless otherwise noted. (The Zoom link will be sent in an email to parishioners; for more information, contact [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com).) Visit the St. George's Online Worship page at [www.sgchurch.org/online-worship](http://www.sgchurch.org/online-worship) before each service for the Facebook link and to download the bulletin. *For those attending in person, masks are now optional.*

### PALM SUNDAY, April 10 10:30 am

- Palms and the reading of the passion
- Meet at the front porch of the Wright-Giles House



### Monday-Friday of HOLY WEEK

- SGEK is offering a do-it-yourself **STATIONS of the CROSS** with stations hung on the fences and with booklets about walking the stations with Christ (a continuation of our Lenten Discipline theme of Walking with Christ daily for Lent). The stations will be up from Palm Sunday afternoon through early evening on Good Friday.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 14 7:00 pm

- No washing of the feet, but we will do the Agape Meal, followed by the stripping of the altar

### GOOD FRIDAY, April 15

- **12:00 pm** – Good Friday service, with reading of the Passion; a brief “Gethsemane” period of silence from 11 am to the beginning of the noon service.

## EASTER SUNDAY, April 17

- **7:00 am** – Outdoor Sunrise Service at the south entrance to the church with Eucharist in the church to follow. This service will be in person only.
- **10:30 am** – Our traditional Easter Service with flowering of the cross, Easter lilies from Down Home Ranch, and an Easter egg hunt for the children after. Coffee hour on the Wright-Giles House porch so that everyone can enjoy and support the activities of the children.



**Easter Lilies** – St. George’s will be adored with Easter Lilies from Down Home Ranch on Easter Sunday. Donations can be made to honor a loved one or in thanksgiving for a person or other blessing. See green insert in today’s bulletin. Or go to the online link at [St. George's 2022 Easter Lily Donations](#) and then pay via the options listed on today’s insert OR online: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z3VN/campaign/C-1241N>. Please use the online link (or green card) to leave a message about your preferred statements of honoring or thanksgiving, as the “optional” field on the payment page is too brief to leave detailed information. Check your email for notices and reminders as well.



## Rainwater Grant: Korean Art Song Night Performance by Dia Park and Friends March 9, 2022

Dia Parks, our St. George’s Music Minister, invited a few of us to a performance of Korean Art Songs by a variety of her colleagues as part of her Rainwater Innovation Grant at UT’s Butler School of Music in the College of Fine Arts. Dia Sohyun Park applied for this competitive grant in the fall and recruited several Korean and non-Korean students (some from America, others from China or Colombia, SA) to help her bring these Korean love songs to life. The Rev. Ann McLemore, our interim rector, Elaine Hosage, from the choir, and Mikail McIntosh-Doty, from the office were all able to attend. Even the English translations (most by Dia’s friend Katherine Jeoung or Prof Youngok Lee) show some of the beauty of the songs we heard that night as Dia directed and accompanied her friends.

**On the way to you:** “If the love is too far for you, I will go. Face-to-face, sitting in the evening, where I long for your voice, I listen to your dream tenderly and I express my love for you.... In the days I long for you, I will run first and stand as a flower.”

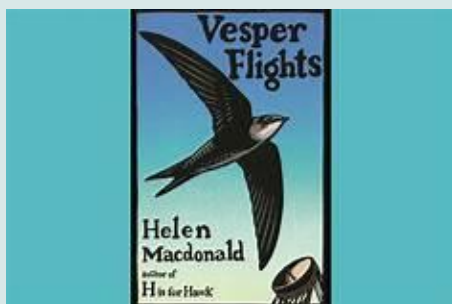
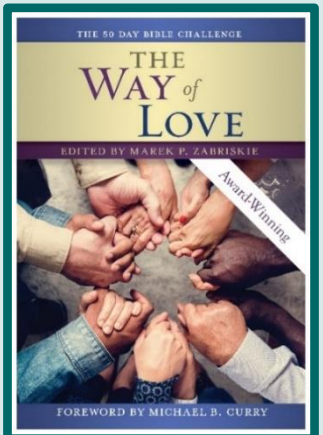
**Stylish dress of antique passion:** “You dance lightly as if a butterfly, a butterfly reciting an ancient tale of some country. You lower your arched eyebrows; I close my eyes to living as we did long ago.”





## Wednesday Weavings

After a break for Lent, St. George's Wednesday night adult discussion group, Wednesday Weavings, will resume soon. All are welcome to join the group for discussion and a closing service of Compline. 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 details about the date and time of the next meeting and whether it will resume online or transition into an in-person meeting, along other information to the group's email list.** 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](mailto:fajrickard@gmail.com).



## Women's Book Group

Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Women's Retreat this month.** We will discuss *Vesper Flights* by Helen Macdonald. 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. **For more information on the Women's Retreat, see below.** To be added to the email list for the Book Group, or with any questions, please contact Sandra Villalaz at **512-762-8349** or [sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com). Happy reading!

## Women's Retreat



This year's Women's Retreat, will begin the Friday after Easter from **Friday, April 22 to Sunday, April 24**, at **Well Spring Retreat Center** at Wessendorff Ranch in Blanco, Texas. This is your chance to join other energetic, talented women of St. George's for a relaxing, rejuvenating – and safe! – weekend.

The cost for the weekend, which covers all meals and the facility fees, is \$50.00. If cost is an issue, please don't let it be – alternate arrangements can be made, and we don't want anyone to stay away! Payment can be made online at the [St. George's Donation page](#), scroll down to the Women's Retreat tile, or by check mailed to the church, made out to St. George's with "Women's Retreat" on the memo line, or via a check in the donations offering at church.

The deadline for registration and payment is **Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**. To register, or with any questions, please contact Sandra Villalaz at **512-762-8349** or [sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com).

## KidsWord and YouthWord Families

This year for Lent we have offered a Lenten series on family prayer. Each week we sent an email with an idea/activity related to praying together as a family. We hope you've found this beneficial and that you've written back, sharing some examples of family prayer time with us as well. For questions or to get on the KidsWord/YouthWord email list if you are not receiving the emails, contact Suzette Pucket or Jan Phillips (email links below).

### Reminders for those coming to the 10:30 am Service on Easter on 4/17 –

- **Flowering of the Cross on Easter Sunday** -- This is an Easter tradition at many churches, including St. George's. In it, a bare cross is gradually decorated, often by children, with multiple flowers, until it is largely or entirely covered. When completed, the beautifully flowered cross is a reminder of spring, and it symbolizes the new beginning heralded by the risen Christ. This year **children (of all ages) are invited to bring flowers with them to the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday** to help us decorate the cross as a Gospel response (some extra flowers will be available for those who might forget). Contact Jan Phillips ([janphillips62@gmail.com](mailto:janphillips62@gmail.com)) for details.
- **Egg Hunt** -- Please bring a **dozen plastic eggs** filled with stickers, candy, small toys, etc. to be gathered by children after the service. Let us know by labeling the bag if some eggs are for those under 3 and others for those above 3. Leave your eggs inside the front door of the Wright-Giles House. **Those attending the sunrise service are free to leave plastic eggs for the later service in one of the boxes near the entrance doors of the church.** Extra eggs that are not found by the children will be gathered up and delivered in small bags to our friends at St. George's Court during the next week or used in Coffee Hour during the Easter season. All children are invited to hunt after church that morning, and "coffee hour" will be on the Wright-Giles House porch so that all can watch and enjoy the event. Contact Suzette Puckett ([cshpuckett@austin.rr.com](mailto:cshpuckett@austin.rr.com)) with questions.

### PIPE ORGAN UPDATE



As you may have noticed if you came to church last week, we are removing parts of our organ in order to make space and add a new electronic version (the sound promises to be amazing). What is to be done with the removed parts and pieces is yet to be determined.

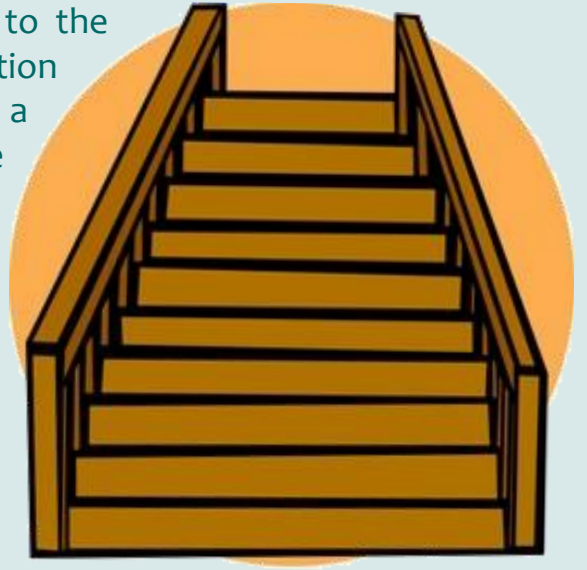
### Pollen, Bluebonnets, and Irises

Please check out our lovely Memorial Garden, despite the buckets of Oak pollen above, the white Irises and bluebonnets that Dale and Elaine replanted are happily exploding with Joy.



## 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 reviewing 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.



## Christopher House Baskets/Bags

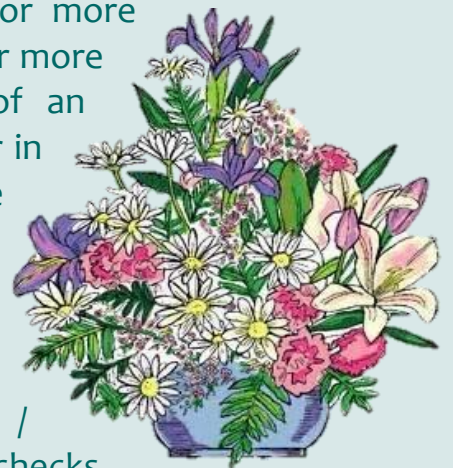


**Delivery people needed!** St. George's has a long-standing ministry of delivering hospitality baskets to the families of patients at Christopher House. As with everything else, the logistics of this have changed with the pandemic, but we continue to deliver bags of goodies, and we need more delivery people! To be a part of this ministry, sign up for one or more weeks between now and June on the [Online Christopher House Basket Calendar](#) or

sign up on the sign up sheet for this ministry in Kleberg. 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](#) scroll down the Christopher House tile, or by mailing a check 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](mailto:mzlsnlsn@gmail.com) to make arrangements to get a bag before your delivery week. Extra bags are available in Kleberg for pick up. Delivery includes no patient contact, and only brief outdoor and masked contact with a staff member.

## 2022 Flower/Candle Donation Calendar

After Easter are invited to donate altar flowers for one or more Sundays in 2021, or donate the cost of altar candles for one or more months, perhaps in honor of someone, in celebration of an important event, in thanksgiving for a blessing in your life, or in memory of loved one. To give flowers or candles, visit the [2022 Online Flower/Candle Donation Calendar](#) and enter your name and dedication next to the week or month of your choice. A donation of \$35 is requested. You can make your donation online or by check. To give electronically, visit the [St. George's Donation page](#), scroll down to "Designated Gifts" / "Altar Guild," and enter the amount of your donation. Make checks payable to St. George's, with "Altar Flowers/Candles" in the memo line, and mail them to the church office.



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## News from the School

The school has some fun things coming up this month and we'd love to see you there.

**April 12** - Family Picnic 5:00-7:00 PM on the Big Playground. Kona Ice and the Hot Dog King will be on site for food and treats. You can choose the food truck or bring your own picnic and blanket.

**April 14** - Classroom Easter Parties

**April 22** - Slaying of the Dragon - 9:00-9:30 AM - Kleberg Hall and then the Big Playground



April 24 - Our annual event is back and in person - [A Knight for St. George's Tickets.](#)



I have also been busy creating some parent educational videos. Please pass along if you find them helpful.

[Toilet Learning vs. Toilet Training](#) and [School Readiness](#)

Here's to a Happy Spring,

*Jerri*

Ms. Jerri Thompson, M.Ed.  
Head of School

## April Birthdays & Anniversaries



*We wish the following parishioners a happy birthday:*

Caroline Braun (Apr 1)  
Rylee Worcester (Apr 4)  
Anne Bandholz (Apr 10)  
Walter Long (Apr 13)

Ariane Corcoran (Apr 24)  
Ole Ibsen (Apr 25)  
Chloe Carrera (Apr 28)  
Claire Jones (Apr 29)

*And a happy anniversary to:*

Kelly & Suzette Puckett (Apr 1)  
Laura Henkel & Susan Highfield (Apr 2)  
Belinda & David McGhee (Apr 17)  
Caroline & Justin Braun (Apr 24)  
Carolyn Porter & David Stuart (Apr 30)



**Congratulations and Best Wishes!**

## May *Banner* Deadline



The deadline for news for the May issue of *The Banner* is Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

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