

THE BANNER



St. George's Episcopal Church

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October 2022



Season after Pentecost

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Office hours: Monday – Thursday, TBA

Sunday Schedule

10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Online (www.facebook.com/StGeorgesEpiscopalChurch/live)

11:45 am Coffee Hour

The Rev. Dr. Matt Boulter
Rector

Dia Park
Music Minister

TBA
Office Administrator

Jerri Thompson
Day School Director

Josh Beckham
Brad Barcus
Mark Casstevens
Ramón Treviño
Dale Curry
Brad Dieringer
Spencer Gordon
Belinda McGhee
Sandra Villalaz
Vestry

Brad Dieringer
Senior Warden

Dale Curry
Junior Warden

Samantha Stevens
Financial Secretary

Frances Rickard
Treasurer

Bridgette Beinecke
School Board Liaison

Mark Your Calendars

Tue 10/4 Choir Meet-up

Wed 10/5 Wednesday Weavings

Sat 10/8 Women's Book Group

Mon 10/10 Vestry Meeting

Tue 10/11 Choir Meet-up

Mon 10/17 School Board Meeting

Tue 10/18 Choir Meet-up

Wed 10/19 Wednesday Weavings

Tue 10/25 Choir Meet-up

Tue 11/1 All Saints' Day

Sun 11/6 All Saints' Sunday

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Feast Days

1	Therese of Lisieux, Monastic, 1898	15	Teresa of Avila, Mystic and Monastic Reformer, 1582
3	John Raleigh Mott, Ecumenist and Missionary, 1955	17	Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, c.115
4	Francis of Assisi, Friar and Deacon, 1226	18	Saint Luke the Evangelist
6	William Tyndale, Priest, 1536	19	Henry Martyn, Priest and Missionary, 1812
7	Birgitta of Sweden, Mystic and Prophetic Witness, 1373	24	Saint James of Jerusalem, Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ
10	Vida Dutton Scudder, Educator, 1954	25	Tabitha (Dorcas) of Joppa
11	Philip, Deacon and Evangelist	26	Alfred, King, 899
12	Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1915	28	Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles
14	Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, Bishop and Missionary, 1906	29	James Hannington, Bishop, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1885
31	All Hallow's Eve		

Rector's Corner

Our Jubilee Journey into 2023 (together)!

Less than three weeks “on the ground” as your rector, the rector of this loving, radical, beautiful community called St. George’s, I am super stoked to announce our Jubilee Journey, 2023!

In Luke 4 (sidenote: we’ve been journeying through Luke’s Gospel for the last many weeks this liturgical year and will continue to do so for several more), Jesus “kicks off” his campaign: His campaign to implement, to bring about, the Kingdom of God among us. To implement, to bring about, justice and reconciliation. To implement, to bring about, the mystical reality that we are one with God. To implement, to bring about, release to the captives, allowing them (for the first time?) to rest. To implement, to bring about, the freedom whose only law is love.

There is a word for this campaign. It’s the word “Jubilee.” While Jesus does not specifically use this term in his campaign kickoff that day in the synagogue in Nazareth, what he does say is this:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
Because he has anointed me
To bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind
To let the oppressed go free,
To proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor. (Luke 4:18-19)*

In this first public act of Jesus’ ministry, he does not use the term “Jubilee.” But he clearly indicates it: “the year of the Lord’s favor.” This “year” is not a literal 365-day period; it is a new era, a new epoch, a new age in which justice, mercy, reconciliation, and agape love are real, actual and active in this world and in our lives. Rooted in Leviticus 25, jubilee is the principle that God’s people, that we, have full access to His abundance.

Doesn’t that sound like good news? (It’s too good to be true, but it is true!)

It’s out of *that*, this good news which produces joy, peace, love, and freedom ... it’s out of *that* that we will launch into 2023, beseeching the Lord of the Harvest to supply our every need!

I am so thankful to Jan Phillips and Hal Stevens for agreeing to serve with me as our co-chairs for our Jubilee Journey into 2023! over the coming weeks, leading up to “Jubilee Sunday” (November 8). Between now and then, you will (God willing) be seeing videos, hearing stories, and receiving invitations to imagine the future with us.

We are “turning over a new leaf” at St. George’s. This parish, this family in Christ, has endured so much over the last couple of years. The future will not be easy. But together, it will be good.

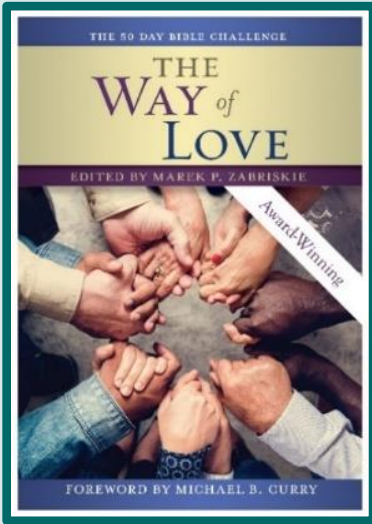
Yours in Christ,

Matt+

The Rev. Dr. Matt Boulter



Wednesday Weavings



St. George's adult discussion group continues to meet every other Wednesday. In September, we will meet from **6:30 to 8:00 pm** on **October 5th** (at Sarah's home, see more details about this meeting below) and **October 19th**: for a salad-bar meal, a discussion on the selected reading for the evening, 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 the reading and the Zoom link before each meeting 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.

New Opportunity through Wednesday Weavings – OCTOBER 5th

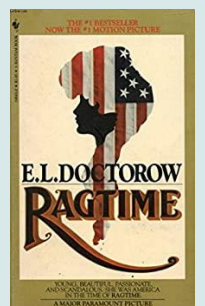
Learn more about the opportunities presented by the new Health and Justice Advocacy Network and the chance to participate in the diocesan-wide voting challenge. We will have a special presentation at the Wednesday Weavings time on **October 5** at Sarah Campbell's home from 6:30-8. Tissie Elliott, a member of the HJAN Leadership Team will present information and answer questions. This could be an opportunity for St. George's to participate in a diocesan-wide program and learn more about opportunities to "live in to our baptismal covenant" as the site flier describes it.

We will start with our communal salad bar meal. All members of our community are invited to this special event, even if you don't regularly participate in this bi-monthly gathering. Please note, that the front door of Sarah's home is on 46th Street. Call, text or email Sarah with questions: Sarah Campbell, 512.569.3081, cowmarket2@gmail.com.

Women's Book Group

There is a change of hostess for the October meeting. Hollie Gordon has sweetly agreed to step in for Bridgette who will be traveling that day. Hollie's home is at 3301 Spaniel (78759) and you can contact her at 512.922.2190 or gordonhollie3@gmail.com. We will meet Saturday, **October 8 from 3-5 pm**, and the book is *Ragtime* by **EL Doctorow**. We hope to see many of you there!

If you have a book to recommend to the group, use our new **[Book Recommendation Form](#)**. It is a good time to start thinking about titles for 2023! Check out the books we've recommended in the past at **[Compiled Book Recommendations](#)**. ***All St. George's women are welcome to attend all Book Group meetings*** – even if you haven't read the book! We hope you can join



us for interesting conversation and our book discussion. An email 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 Sarah Campbell at cowmarket2@gmail.com. Happy reading!

Jubilee Thinking !

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above.
(James 1:17a)

In **September and continuing into October**, we will begin our annual season of stewardship at St. George's, culminating on Gratitude Sunday on November 6th. This year's theme of Jubilee highlights all the ways in which we have been blessed by God and how that inspires us to give back to our neighbors, our church, the world in all the ways we are moved by the Spirit to do so.

During this season, we prayerfully consider our financial commitment to St. George's in the year ahead. An insert in the bulletin each week will address a different way that we as individuals and as a community can more fully acknowledge the gifts we both give and receive. We will also hear from some parishioners about their personal approaches to giving. Pledge cards will be mailed out and sent by email. You can submit your pledge by placing your pledge cards in the offering basket, by mailing your card to the church office, or online (the online pledge form will be available soon). For more information or to pledge online, visit our website at www.sgchurch.org/stewardship.



All Saints' Day / Día de Los Muertos



Rituals around the certainty of death and the care of the dead are universal. The many Christian traditions around the observation of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day are related to other customs of veneration for one's ancestors practiced worldwide, through events such as the Roman custom of the Lemuria, the Celtic Samhain, the Chinese Ghost Festival, and the Japanese Bon Festival.

All Saints' Day – November 1st, but often celebrated on the closest Sunday – is the day the Church honors all Holy Ones, known and unknown. Our English word “saint” literally means “holy.” At St. George's we will celebrate All Saints' Day on Tuesday, November 1st (for those who can attend) and then a simplified All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 6th. In the broad sense, all we who are baptized

are included in this category, but from the beginning of the Christian tradition, certain of the faithful whose lives were exemplary have been held before us as our models and guides. While we have information about many Saints, and we honor them on specific days, there are many unknown or unsung Saints, whom we celebrate on All Saints' Day. The Commemoration of All Faithful Departed, more commonly known as All Souls' Day, falls on November 2nd. This day is set aside to remember those who have died to whom we have a

more personal connection – not necessarily those whose lives are held up as models for all Christians, but those whose lives, and deaths, have personally affected us.

Día de los Muertos, the traditional Mexican celebration of these two days, can actually be traced further back than the arrival of Christianity in Mexico. The Aztecs celebrated a festival for the goddess of the underworld, Mictecacihuatl, and many indigenous cultures of Mexico honor the Lady of the Dead, sometimes portrayed today as La Catrina, a skeleton woman wearing a fancy hat. When the Spanish arrived in Mexico, bringing Catholicism with them, the traditional Mexican celebrations of Mictecacihuatl and the Lady of the Dead, through which ancestors were honored, merged with the Catholic observances of All Saints' and All Souls' Days. Celebrations often feature altars honoring those who have died with marigolds, sugar skulls, favorite foods or beverages, and other mementos of the dead. Families often visit the gravesites of deceased family members, where they bring offerings, or *ofrendas*, hold vigils, and even have picnics and parades as a way of celebrating the life of those who have gone on before them.



These celebrations of All Saints', All Souls', and Día de los Muertos are tied in with the belief in the Communion of Saints, that all of God's people, in this earthly life and in the various states of the larger life, are connected in one communion. The Saints are not divine, nor omnipresent or omniscient. However, because of our common communion with and through Jesus Christ, our prayers are joined with the heavenly community of Christians. At St. George's, as at many other churches, we observe this sacred time with a special altar. Denise Hope and Mark Casstevens will help us **decorate the ofrenda** after services on **Sunday, October 30th, from noon to 1:30 or so**. All are welcome to come for any portion of that time to help with the decorating. So bring your pictures and/or mementos of loved ones who have died, to be placed on the *ofrenda* that Sunday (10/30), but save them for after the service. A sign-up sheet will also be available if you would like your loved one's name added to the list of those remembered when we read the "necrology" both during the week to celebrate both All Saints' Day on Tuesday, 11/1 and on Sunday, November 6th as we celebrate All Saints' Day and Jubilee Sunday (to end our Stewardship drive). Hallelujah!

Father Matt's Schedule

For those of you wanting to get a sense of what Fr. Matt is up to during the week, we are providing the following general schedule (with the potential for lots of TBD options now and later, so subject to change as needed):

Monday (in SGEC offices sometime between 8-5) – sermon prep; non-emergency pastoral visits (on and off the SGEC campus)

Tuesday and Thursday (in SGEC offices sometime between 8-5) – processing of meetings, email follow up, phone call follow up, supporting the administrative needs of the parish

Wednesday (in SGEC offices sometime between 8-5) – available for in-person office visits, confessions, and maybe mid-week services (like All Saints' and All Souls' Day observations).

Friday is Fr. Matt's days off, but he's always available via his cell **737-600-2579** for emergencies. **Saturdays** are TBD full of diocesan and other obligations, but again reach out if you need him. And **Sundays** he's here with us from early morning to afternoon.

Portrait Gallery

A grace-full moment at Goldie Tipps' Christening last month.



The blessing of the bags for SAFE was beautiful and meaningful, and 200 handmade bags filled with over a dozen comfort items each, are



on their way to the SAFE headquarters. This huge project was possible because of the loving, willing hands of so many of you. Thank you to all of you from all of us! What a joy to get to work together on such a vital project. [See Thank you note from the SAFE staff later in this newsletter. Our work on these bags matters.]

2022 Altar Flowers/Candles Calendar



If you'd like to donate altar flowers or altar candles in 2022, it's not too late! Visit the [2022 Altar Flowers/Candles 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 place them in the offertory basket or mail them to the church office.

Coffee Hour Hosts

We need hosts! We're asking that two or three households make a commitment to host Coffee Hour each week. That responsibility will include set-up and clean-up, as well as providing some sweet and savory munchies. A sign-up sheet is available each week during coffee hour, so please be generous with your time and find a Sunday on which you can help out. Instructions about Coffee Hour hosting duties can be found on the inside the cupboard door where the coffee is stored, or by contacting Alice Nelson or the church office. We've dropped the ball on hosting with all the other things happening in our parish, but let's try to pick it back up. It is a fun and fulfilling ministry.



Hands for Hope

El Buen Samaritano's annual **Hands for Hope** meal drive will once again take place this year, beginning in mid-October and culminating in a grocery-bagging event in early November and meal delivery before Thanksgiving week. El Buen Samaritano's annual Hands for Hope event

HANDS FOR HOPE utilizes volunteers to distribute a holiday meal kit containing a frozen turkey and sides to 1,000 families a few days before Thanksgiving day. Anyone fully vaccinated is welcome to apply to volunteer! Sign up should open up soon on El Buen's website (<https://elbuen.org/handsforhope/>) to help with traffic control, hospitality, organizing and running meal kits as well as loading the meals into client vehicles on **November 19th**. We will also be helping to raise funds for the meals. Watch the Sunday banner section of the service bulletin and the November *Banner* for details from Carolyn Moreau (moreaucarolyn@gmail.com) on how to participate.

Christopher House Bags

Delivery people needed! St. George's continues to deliver hospitality baskets to the families of patients at Christopher House (except now they are bags with handles). The staff has asked that we deliver two a week 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 bit.ly/CHbagsfromSGEC link. \$10 donation is requested per basket/bag (two bags a visit), and you can also add a note and other goodies (including perishable items!). You can make the donation online via the **St. George's Donation Page** under Outreach (look for the CH Basket tile), 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/bag before your delivery week.



Blandy Lecture: Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock



On The Southwest Alumni Association and Blandy Lecture Steering Committee are proud to announce **Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock** as the speaker at the 54th Blandy Lecture. The event will be held on **November 16, 2022, in Knapp Auditorium on the campus of Seminary of the Southwest**. In addition to the lecture, there will be opportunities for fellowship throughout the day.

There will be a reception and book signing in the Howell Dining Hall beginning at 6:45 p.m. and the lecture will start in the Knapp Auditorium at 7:15 p.m. A Q&A led by Dr. Scott Bader-Saye will follow. The lecture will be livestreamed to the [Southwest website](#) and [Facebook page](#). This year's Blandy Lecture is presented free of charge and is supported by donations to the Annual Fund.

A noted theologian, Dr. Brock was the Founding Director of the Soul Repair Center at Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, where she also was a Research Professor of Theology and Culture. She is co-author of *Soul Repair: Recovering from Moral Injury after War*, and *Proverbs of Ashes: Violence, Redemptive Suffering and the Search for What Saves Us*. She is a leading national expert on moral injury in combat veterans and has offered trainings for VA mental health providers, for professional chaplains, and for veterans and their families.

Dr. Brock is currently the Senior Vice President and Director of the Shay Moral Injury Center at Volunteers of America. She leads the organization's efforts to deepen understanding about moral injury in the many populations who experience it. The center builds on Volunteers of America's work, spanning more than a century, of helping veterans and others who live with this emotional trauma. [To learn more and register, click here.](#)

A Thank you note from the staff at SAFE:

you all are amazing! we appreciate you so much. XOXOX, KATIE

Thank you for this much needed kindness through the year! *[Signature]*

It's such a wonderful surprise! Thank you! *[Signature]*

Thank you so much for your continued support! The comfort bags mean so much! ~ Katherine

Thank you so much! *[Signature]*

Thank you for all the support and care you show! Your kindness touches lives everyday! *[Signature]*

THIS REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR SURVIVORS. THANK YOU! *[Signature]*

Thank you for always supporting our survivors! *[Signature]*

Thank you for the love some bags. *[Signature]*

Thank you for your good thoughts for our survivors! *[Signature]*

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity! *[Signature]*

Thank you so much for the beautiful bags! *[Signature]*

I worked with a survivor who began to cry when she chose a comfort bag and said it was a reminder, that even after experiencing violence, there are more good people than bad. Your work is so important & meaningful to survivors! *[Signature]*

St. George's Episcopal Church,

We are so thankful for all the love and support you give to our community.

Love,
Eloise House Advocates & Nurses

News from the School

I can't believe that 6 weeks of school is behind us. We had our first chapel with Father Matt -- it felt wonderful to see the church-school connection again. I look forward to the many more opportunities for us to come together and build a rich, vibrant, ministry here in this community. Did you know that out of our 93 families enrolled, 73 live in the 78722 or 78723 zip code? The other 20 families are as far west as 78703, as far north as 78728, as far South as 78752, and as far East as 78753. I would say we are reaching every corner of Austin. How exciting!!



The two new baby rooms are up and running too, and oh how cute they all are. It's adorable to see them in the 6 seater buggy strolling around the campus. We are thoroughly enjoying the Beinecke Building. It is completely paid off and we are debt free - Hallelujah!!

I am now turning my attention to security and beautification. The parents have asked that we evaluate the classroom door locks. Currently the teachers have to step outside of their classrooms in order to lock their classroom doors in case of an intruder, and then jump back. We are investigating changing those out for a type of lock that will remain unlocked until the teacher locks from inside, but the door can still open from the inside even though it's locked from the outside. We hope to have this resolved within the month; providing a safer and more secure environment for the children and staff.

We are continuing to beautify our playgrounds. This time our attention is on the Toddler Playground, so expect to see some fun additions happening there soon.

Have a wonderful and blessed October.

Respectfully,

Jerri

Jerri Thompson, M.Ed.

Head of School



FRONT PORCH NEWS FROM ST. GEORGE'S COURT (via Pete Sebert):

FRONT PORCH VIEWS OCTOBER 2022

New Leaders at St George's Court

LaTara Monroe, manager; David McGhee, president of board; Matt Boulter, priest St. George's Episcopal Church. This church built the Court in 1984 opened it that summer. The church partnered with HUD, it had its roots in FHA in 1934 to give employment to two million unemployed construction workers in the depression. HUD's 1965 mission to *create inclusive communities with affordable housing*. St George's compatible mission built this Court, for Seniors and others who deserved and needed protection in their later vulnerable years.



The Rev. Dr. Matt Boulter, (on the left), new rector of St. George's Episcopal Church, a former Presbyterian minister with a PhD from the University of Dallas (Irving, TX) and the University of Ireland, is married to Bouquet (here on the right). They have two children: Bella, a daughter in college, and Eli age 14 in middle school here in Austin.



They know Austin by previously living here and owning a home in Austin. Bouquet is a multi-talented person with professional experience as a financial planner, floral designer and serving as a senior officer at a bank. She came from Laos in her youth.

We welcome the Boulter family and add them to our prayers, invite them for coffee, celebrations and pastoral counsel. We invite Bouquet to share her gardening and floral design skills. As we work with LaTara, Jenni and Gabriel to beautify even more this hillside. We have passionate gardeners here with colorful spots all over campus, but a few spots suffer from Texas heat.

The first time Father Matt came for coffee, Kim made four pots of coffee as Father Matt was delayed and we stayed together waiting. Eli wasn't feeling well and needed his dad. Our time turned into a bilingual event as he refreshed his Spanish to English and English to Spanish by translating for Teresa, Julio and Patsy to Kim, Daniel, Buford and Pete. It was a fun exercise as we had already spent an hour introducing ourselves. Buford told of going to school just a few blocks away. Kim shared of her graduation from Austin High. Memories came out of trips to Mexico. Together the reason we came to St George's and the mission of the church in building it came alive. We felt the Presence and the tie that binds all humane beings. We laughed, asked him questions about his family as we shared our pride in grand kids and our children, some as old or older than our new chaplain/leader. He told us he would offer times of prayer and invite their ministers or priest to come for coffee and offer pastoral care in coordination with property manager Latara and Jenni Sol, our social worker.

After a couple tries to go, we reluctantly left our unforgettable morning. Several of us even missed "The Price is Right." Our sacraments, coffee & donuts fueled a renewed hope for ourselves, for St George's Court, while grateful for past leaders, board members and Alpha Barnes managers who served St George's Court along with Family Eldercare for decades...

October Birthdays & Anniversaries



We wish the following parishioners a happy birthday:

Matthew Jones (Oct 5)	Madison McGonigle (Oct 22)
Carolyn Moreau (Oct 12)	Adam Moreau (Oct 23)
Sandra Villalaz-Dickson (Oct 14)	Mark Casstevens (Oct 24)
Mikail McIntosh-Doty (Oct 16)	Leo Maki (Oct 26)
Nella Ibsen (Oct 17)	Samantha Stevens (Oct 27)
Dylan Kadas (Oct 17)	

And a happy anniversary to:

Terry O'Donnell & Ramón Treviño (Oct 12)
 Jeff Maki & Jen Spencer (Oct 15)
 Margaret & Bailey Tipps (Oct 18)
 Susan & August Dolan-Henderson (Oct 27)
 Madeleine & Kyle Landry (Oct 27)



Congratulations and Best Wishes!

November *Banner* Deadline



The deadline for news for the November issue of *The Banner* is Wednesday, October 26th. Please email news and articles you would like included in the next issue to stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com.

Links for Further Information

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St. George's Episcopal School
www.stgeorges-austin.com

The Episcopal Diocese of Texas
www.epicenter.org

The Episcopal Church, USA
www.episcopalchurch.org

The Lectionary
www.lectionarypage.net

Camp Allen
www.campallen.org

St. George's Court
www.stgeorgescourt.org

Episcopal Relief and Development
www.er-d.org