

THE BANNER



St. George's Episcopal Church

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Season after Pentecost

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

Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:00 am Two-Way Prayer Grp
- 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
with KidsWord & YouthWord

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert
Rector

The Rev. Jim Enelow
Deacon

Mi-Young Kim
Music Minister

Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski
Office Administrator

Jerri Thompson
Day School Director

Josh Beckham
Bridgette Beinecke
Rob Blech

Melissa Brackin
Ed Crawford
Brad Dieringer
Hye Na Lucy
Stefan Schuster
Samantha Stevens
Vestry

Melissa Brackin
Senior Warden

Ed Crawford
Junior Warden

Samantha Stevens
Financial Secretary

Ashley Carrera
Treasurer

Brad Dieringer
Clerk

Ed Crawford
School Board Liaison

Mark Your Calendars

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| Wed 8/5 Wednesday Weavings | Sun 8/16 Kevin's Last Sunday
Comfort Bags Blessing |
| Sat 8/8 Women's Book Group | Mon 8/17 School Board Meeting |
| Mon 8/10 Vestry Meeting | Wed 8/19 Wednesday Weavings |
| Tue 8/11 Outreach Meeting | Sun 8/23 New School Yr Blessing |

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Feast Days

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| 3 Joanna, Mary, and Salome, Myrrh-bearing Women | 15 Saint Mary the Virgin, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ |
| 6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ | 20 Bernard of Clairvaux, Monastic and Theologian, 1153 |
| 7 John Mason Neale, Priest and Hymnographer, 1866 | 24 Saint Bartholomew the Apostle |
| 8 Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221 | 26 Thomas Gallaudet and Henry Winter Syle, Priests, 1902 and 1890 |
| 9 Edith Stein (Teresa Benedicta of the Cross), Philosopher, Monastic, and Martyr, 1942 | 27 Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387 |
| 10 Laurence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, 258 | 28 Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Theologian, 430 |
| 11 Clare of Assisi, Monastic, 1253 | 29 The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist |
| 13 Jeremy Taylor, Bishop and Theologian, 1667 | 30 Margaret Ward, Margaret Clitherow, and Anne Line, Martyrs, 1588, 1586, and 1601 |
| 14 Jonathan Myrick Daniels, Martyr, 1965 | 31 David Pendleton Oakerhater, Deacon, 1931 |

Rector's Corner

Dear St. George's Family:

When I accepted the call as the rector of St. George's in 2010, we began a journey to revitalize and strengthen the church and community. We have overcome many obstacles along the way, and together we have created a vibrant and healthy community centered around building up the Kingdom of God in our area of Austin. I write to share that I have recently accepted the call to serve as rector of St.

Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wimberley, TX. This has been a bittersweet decision for my family, as you are of vital importance to us. My love for St. George's runs deep, and I acknowledge the grief that I feel, and I'm sad to be leaving such a tremendous church. I am, at the same time, excited for our next adventure.

Our time at St. George's has afforded numerous occasions of joy that we will carry on to my next cure. You have taught me many things about myself, the church, and especially about God's love. Reflecting on the past ten years of being your rector, I recognize how much each and every one of you has provided for us. Not only have I witnessed the growth of this church, I have also seen my own growth as a priest, father, and follower of Christ. St. George's will always remain a place of blessing in my heart and soul.

The practice of being a follower of Christ is a journey in faith. I am extremely appreciative of the journey we have had over the years, and I look forward to seeing what is in store for St. George's in the future. Over the past ten years we have built upon a sure foundation of grace, justice, and love; and along the way we have overcome great obstacles. I believe that together we have stabilized our church both financially and communally. Having accomplished what I believe I was called to do at St. George's, it is now the occasion for a new person to be called to lead you to the next level of stability. I truly believe that St. George's is ripe with opportunity and is strongly grounded in the faith providing the opportunity for fruitful years to come.

I recognize that along the journey of faith God does not always call us to what is comfortable, safe, or easy. This is very apparent, especially during these trying times of a global pandemic. For several months (well before the pandemic began) I have been discerning with God what is best for myself, my family, and St. George's. Though our current context is difficult, I am filled with hope and peace with this decision. I pray that you may join with me in that hope.

Because of our current context, our departure may be more difficult than normal. I would give anything to see you all in person to say goodbye, but unfortunately this is not possible. My last Sunday at St. George's will be on August 16th. I hope that between now and then I can have numerous phone conversations with you to exchange our goodbyes. If you would like to reach out to me, please do. My email address is kevinljschubert@gmail.com and my phone number is **512-417-0910**. I also ask for your prayers for all involved in this transition. And, please know that you will remain in my prayers as well.

With much love and sincere thanks,



The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert



Deacon's Corner

Dear St. George's Family:

As I write you, I have only just heard from Kevin that he is leaving St. George's and that August 16th will be his last Sunday with us. I am still reacting to this news and expect to continue reacting for some time.



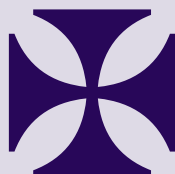
When I first met Kevin, I was looking for a parish in which to do diaconal fieldwork as I prepared for ordination. Kevin was very receptive, and I immediately felt welcomed by him. I could see that he very much wanted a deacon for St. George's, and that he supported my passion for helping the homeless. My coming to St. George's is due to Kevin.

Over the two years I have been at St. George's, first as an intern and then as your deacon, Kevin has always supported my ministry to our neighbors underneath I-35. He has faced some harsh opposition from the neighborhood association, but he has never flinched. He has never told me to back off from my activities, and he has supported me without fail. I am grateful for that support.

From the time I first came to St. George's, I have been impressed with Kevin's dedication to our parish. He knows us well, and he cares about us at a personal level. He is truly relational and is our priest but also our friend. He exemplifies the Cursillo teaching to make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ. We will all miss him.

Peace and Blessings,

The Rev. Jim Enelow



September Banner Deadline



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

From the Senior Warden

As Father Kevin has announced to the congregation and explains in his Rector's Corner above, he will be ending his time as the Rector of St. George's this month. Being in transition can be a frightening position for a church, but the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Texas have procedures in place to help guide us through it. I am already in conversation with the Canon to the Ordinary about this process.



First, in consultation with the vestry, the Diocese will assign an Interim Rector to St. George's. The Interim Rector should be in place with us by the end of the month. They will cover all the duties of a rector, probably on a full-time basis.

Next, the vestry will create a Search Committee. The Search Committee will begin their work by conducting a parish self-study and creating a parish profile. This profile will look inward at who St. George's is – our history, our mission, our current ministries, our finances, our strengths and weaknesses, our needs, our hopes and goals. The purpose of creating a parish profile is to help us see our life as a community more clearly, so that we can clarify our goals and clearly identify what we need in a new rector. The self-study process is designed to invite the whole parish into the process.

Once the parish profile has been completed and submitted to the diocese, the Search Committee will work with the diocesan Office of Transition Ministry to identify potential candidates. The profile will also be made public, so that clergy throughout the Episcopal Church can read and share it.

Once appropriate candidates have been identified, they will be interviewed by the Search Committee. This process will include phone and in-person interviews, as well as (if practical) visiting candidates in their current parish or other place of ministry to hear them preach and see them in that context. The Search Committee will use the information gathered about various candidates to make a recommendation to the vestry for approval.

This process, in its entirety, can take anywhere from six months to a year. It is purposefully designed to help us slow down and look as clearly as we can at ourselves as a community and determine our needs, so that we can make a careful decision that will best serve St. George's for many years to come. Our Interim Rector will provide the stability and the day-to-day oversight we need to take the time to fully engage the process. It can feel overwhelming, but it is also an exciting place to be, and I am looking forward to participating in this process as your Senior Warden.

In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to me at MelissaAEason@gmail.com or 512-415-7721 with any questions. Please join me in gratitude for Kevin's outstanding service to St. George's and in appreciation for the short time that we have left with Kevin and his family.

Peace,

Melissa Brackin

Senior Warden

Wednesday Weavings

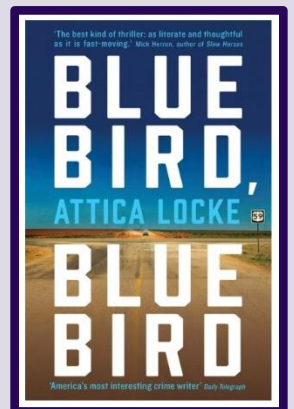


St. George's adult discussion group continues to meet via Zoom, from **7:00 to 8:00 pm** every other Wednesday. All are welcome to join the group for discussion and a closing service of Compline.

This month we will meet on **August 5th** and **August 19th**. We will continue our conversation on race with selected readings and videos to inform our discussion. Frances Rickard will send out the Zoom invitation along with the reading and/or video 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. The Zoom screen has plenty of room for all who want to join us!

Women's Book Group

Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, August 8th**, from **3:00 to 5:00 pm**, via **Zoom**. We will discuss *Bluebird, Bluebird*, by **Attica Locke**. 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 sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com or 512-762-8349. Happy reading!



Outreach Meeting



The Outreach Committee will have a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, August 11th**, at **10:30 am**. We will discuss our current projects and regroup about the pandemic and our possible responses to community needs. We will see a current financial statement, which will help us make decisions about what we are able to do. Kevin also plans to participate, so this will be a meaningful chance to share outreach ideas with him for the last time. Sarah Campbell will send out the Zoom invitation prior to the meeting to the Outreach email list. To be added to the list, or with other questions, contact Sarah at

cowmarket2@gmail.com or Alice Nelson at mzlsnlsn@gmail.com.

Farewell to Kevin

Kevin's last day at St. George's will be **Sunday, August 16th**. We would love to have a reception after for him, Heather, Holden, and Harper, at which we could wish them all a fond farewell and best of luck in Wimberley. Since we can't do that, we'll do the next best thing. Be sure to join us at our Zoom Coffee Hour after church that week, where we will have a chance to say goodbye to Kevin and his family. (The Zoom link will be emailed to the parish mailing list prior to the service; if you are not on the parish mailing list and would like to be added, please contact Jennifer at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com.)



SAFE Alliance Comfort Bags



Three or four times a year, St. George's creates and gives hand-crafted bags filled with both necessities and luxuries to the SAFE Alliance (Stop Abuse for Everyone – formerly SafePlace), to be given to women and men who are undergoing clinical exams for and official reports of sexual assault. We usually gather as a community to make and fill the bags, but we are obviously not able to do so now. But as we know, the pandemic has not reduced the need, and SAFE has let us know that they could use more bags. Fortunately, we had a number of bags already stockpiled, and numerous members of the Outreach Committee have been able to pitch in and make an emergency delivery happen. Many thanks to Gayle Wall, who has sewn 50 bags (!) on her own; to Herb and Sandra Dickson, who have collected 75 note cards from various parishioners (and to the parishioners who wrote them); to Frances Rickard, who has coordinated collection of all the needed items for the bags (and to everyone who contributed items); and to Alice Nelson and Sarah Campbell, who (wearing masks and using copious amounts of hand sanitizer) met to stuff the bags.

On **Sunday, August 16th**, during our Zoom “coffee hour” after the service, Father Kevin will bless the bags in preparation for their delivery to SAFE. Although we weren't able to gather for our traditional community sew-in, this ministry still comes from the heart of our community, and your support of it has been and continues to be important!

New School Year Blessing



The beginning of the school year brings with it even more anxieties than usual this year. Whether and when students, teachers, and staff will be going back to school in person is still an open question, but one way or another, school will start. All those involved in making school happen need our prayers more than ever – not only that school will be an enriching experience for everyone involved, but also that they will be able to work together to protect everyone’s safety, especially those who are most vulnerable. We won’t be able to have our children bring forward their backpacks for a blessing as in previous years, but our liturgy on **Sunday, August 23rd** will include a blessing for a healthy, educational, enjoyable, and safe new school year.

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 each of our particular vocations as a partnership with God. On **Sunday, September 6th**, the offertory will include a special liturgy to sanctify the 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.

Welcome, Benjamin!



Congratulations to Scott and Hye Na Lucy, who welcome a new son to the world, and to Jackson, who welcomes a new brother! Benjamin David Sun Lucy was born on Wednesday, July 8th, at 2:22 pm, weighing 8 pounds 13 ounces, and measuring 21 inches long.

We give thanks for the blessing you have bestowed upon this family in giving them a child. 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.

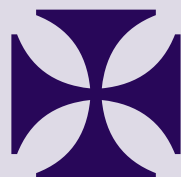


Altar Flowers



There are just a few spaces left on St. George's [Online Flower Donation Calendar](#), if you would like to sponsor the altar flowers this year. The remaining dates are **August 23, October 18, November 1, and November 8**. To donate flowers, please type your name in one of the vacant spots on the [Online Calendar](#), and indicate any memorial or thanksgiving you'd like to make (optional). (To be sure that your donation is listed in the bulletin, please sign up at least two weeks in advance.) **A donation of \$35** is requested. To give electronically, visit the [St. George's Donation page](#), scroll down to "Designated Gifts" / "Altar Guild," and enter the amount of your donation and "Altar Flowers" in the notes section. You can also mail a check to the church office, made payable to St. George's, with "Altar Flowers" in the memo line. If you have trouble accessing the calendar, please contact Jennifer at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com.

Thank you so much to our parishioners who have become part of the newly emergent Flower Guild at St. George's: Mary Stewart Miller, Alice Nelson, the Pewitt Family, and Sandra Villalaz. Their arrangements of the altar flowers have been truly stunning. If you would like to offer your talents through this ministry (no experience required!), we would love you to join. Please contact Frances Rickard, facilitator, at fajrickard@gmail.org.



Bryan Callen's Ordination

Our former seminarian, Bryan Callen, will be ordained to the priesthood in August! The ordination will be held on Saturday, August 29th, at 4:00 pm, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Bryan, Texas. Bryan would love to be able to invite everyone to attend in person, but due to COVID-19, in-person attendance will be strictly limited. But all who wish are invited to participate via St. Andrew's [Facebook page](#) or [YouTube channel](#). Your prayers for Bryan, his family, and his new ministry are appreciated.



News from the School



The school is completing the last two weeks of summer camp this month. The summer program has operated smoothly and has served as a model for us to continue serving our families this fall. We will begin our school year on Monday, August 24th, with 78 children. For the past few years, we have had 110 children. This virus is still making an impact on the school, but we will get through this.

The families tell us they will be back as soon as they feel it is safe, many of them pointing to the first of next year. The school will do their best to welcome them back as quickly as we can. The school has just enough staff to operate under current conditions and would need to hire more teachers with the addition of more students.

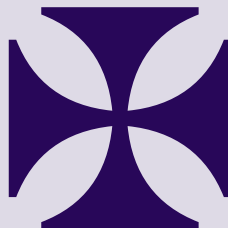
During the month of August, the school has an onboarding process for the families enrolled. We will continue this process via Zoom gatherings. In lieu of Blessing of the Backpacks the teachers will use Zoom for the children and parents to greet each other and begin making new connections or reconnect with families they have not seen over the summer months.

And finally, the school families and school board members have been notified of Father Kevin's new assignment to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wimberley. While this is sad news for us, I am thrilled for him and his beautiful family. Father Kevin has been wonderful to collaborate with and an inspiration to me. His gentle way of guiding me personally, and improving the school, is something I will cherish. Peace be with you, Father Kevin!

Respectfully,

Terri Thompson

Head of School



August Birthdays & Anniversaries



We wish the following parishioners a happy birthday:

Rob Blech (Aug 2)
 Ruth Crawford (Aug 3)
 Noah Savage (Aug 3)
 James Cormier (Aug 4)
 David McGhee (Aug 4)
 Trey Kerrigan (Aug 6)
 John Rickard (Aug 6)
 David Stuart (Aug 7)
 Elzy Cogswell (Aug 9)
 Dewey Brackin (Aug 12)
 Ada Pewitt (Aug 12)
 Loretta Wall (Aug 13)

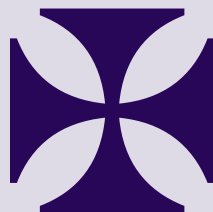
Carole Wall (Aug 13)
 Susan Highfield (Aug 14)
 Eric Bandholz (Aug 15)
 Ronn Worcester (Aug 17)
 Royce Blech (Aug 19)
 Max McAlister (Aug 19)
 Alma Vera (Aug 19)
 Sarah Campbell (Aug 23)
 Polly Littrell (Aug 24)
 Sue Worcester (Aug 27)
 Dale Curry (Aug 29)
 William Beckham (Aug 31)

And a happy anniversary to:

Ronn & Sue Worcester (Aug 18)
 Carolyn & Scott Powe (Aug 27)



Congratulations and Best Wishes!



Links for Further Information

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