

# THE BANNER



**St. George's  
Episcopal Church**

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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

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Office Administrator

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Ed Crawford

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David Savage  
Stefan Schuster  
Samantha Stevens  
Vestry

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Senior Warden

**Raul Carrera**  
Junior Warden

**Ada Pewitt**  
Financial Secretary

**Ashley Carrera**  
Treasurer

**David Savage**  
Clerk

**Ed Crawford**  
School Board Liaison

## Mark Your Calendars

**Sat 1/4** Women's Book Group  
**Sun 1/5** Comfort Bag Sew-In  
**Mon 1/6** Epiphany  
**Wed 1/8** Wednesday Weavings  
**Sun 1/12** Comfort Bag Assembly

**Mon 1/13** Vestry Meeting  
**Mon 1/20** School Board Meeting  
**Wed 1/22** Wednesday Weavings  
**Sun 1/26** Annual Parish Meeting

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## Feast Days

1 <b>The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b>	18 <b>The Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle</b>
2 Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop and Theologian, 389	19 Richard Rolle, Walter Hilton, and Margery Kempe, Mystics, 1349, 1396, and c. 1440
4 Elizabeth Ann Seton, Monastic and Educator, 1821	21 Agnes and Cecilia of Rome, Martyrs, 304 and c.230
5 Sarah, Theodora, and Synclitica of Egypt, Desert Mothers, 4th-5th cent	22 Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon and Martyr, 304
6 <b>The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b>	24 Ordination of Florence Li Tim-Oi, First Woman Priest in the Anglican Communion, 1944
8 Harriet Bedell, Deaconess and Missionary, 1969	25 <b>The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle</b>
9 Julia Chester Emery, Lay Leader and Missionary, 1922	26 Titus and Timothy, Companions of Saint Paul
10 William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645	27 John Chrysostom, Bishop and Theologian, 407
12 Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot and Theologian, 1167	28 Thomas Aquinas, Friar and Theologian, 1274
14 Richard Meux Benson, Priest, and Charles Gore, Bishop, 1915 and 1932	31 Marcella of Rome, Monastic and Scholar, 410
17 Antony of Egypt, Monastic, 356	

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## Rector's Corner

Dear St. George's Family:

Happy New Year! I pray that you and your family are filled with the love and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and are blessed by God's presence in your lives. Our great congregation continues the Christmas season on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, and welcomes the season of Epiphany throughout this month. I hope you will join your church family at a special service for the Feast of the Epiphany on Monday January 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm, at Casa Marienella. For more information, please see the article on page 3.



Over the course of Christmas, we have witnessed the birth of the Holy God into our lives through the incarnation of Jesus Christ, and we are filled with the spirit moving within our parish. I am very thankful for all of you who provided your time and talents during the Christmas services: ushers, altar guild, acolytes, readers, choir, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, vestry – the list goes on and on!

A new year brings new beginnings for St. George's. On Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our Annual Parish Meeting, at which we will look back, remembering the many things we accomplished together in 2019, and look forward, learning about our plans and all the wonderful things in store for St. George's in 2020. At the Annual Meeting we will elect our new vestry members from the slate presented by the vestry. I encourage all members to be in attendance for this important meeting of our parish, so that we can move forward together into the new year.

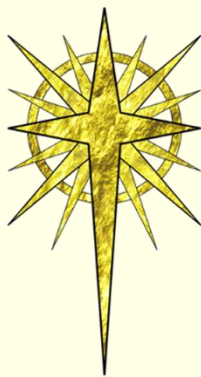
May God bless you in the new year and may you share God's love to the world around you!

Faithfully,

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert

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## February *Banner* Deadline



The deadline for news for the February issue of *The Banner* is **Monday, January 27<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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## Deacon's Corner

Dear St. George's Family:

I want to tell you a story. Recently, I was visiting patients at the state mental hospital here in Austin, and I happened to be on one of the units which houses the most acutely ill patients in the hospital. I was passing by a patient I knew, and she asked me: "Did the lights get fixed?" My first reaction was to wonder what she was talking about and, I must admit, to think she wasn't making sense. Suddenly, I remembered that at a Bible Study class the week before I had mentioned that some friends and I had been in the middle of Morning Prayer at All Saints' when the lights went out and we were forced to continue the service with the flashlights on our cell phones.



I was amazed that this patient had remembered my story from a week earlier and wanted to know whether the lights were fixed. To use John Wesley's language, my heart felt "strangely warmed." I knew that this woman had heard me; that she not only was listening but that she remembered what I had said. That she cared whether the problem was fixed. That she cared about me.

My takeaway from this small event is that we should always be mindful of our effect on others. People do listen to what we say and remember what we do. In even the briefest interactions, we can plant the seeds of love or the seeds of discord. We can plant the seeds of hope or the seeds of despair. What we say and what we do, even in a casual encounter, can help further God's plan of salvation or it might not. In the rush of everyday life, it is easy to lose sight of our role in God's plan to restore the original goodness of the created order. Though it's a tall order, we should always be mindful of Paul's words in his letter to the Philippians, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

Peace and Blessings,

The Rev. Jim Enelow

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## Epiphany at Casa Marianella

St. George's traditionally celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany with the residents of Casa Marianella. Please join us on **Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm, at Casa Marianella** (821 Gunter Street) for the Epiphany service of Eucharist, and then for refreshments and fellowship afterwards.

**Casa Marianella** is a community that provides much-needed services to adult immigrants. If you are interested in finding out how to volunteer or donate, please visit their website or contact their office at 512-385-5571 or [info@casamarianella.org](mailto:info@casamarianella.org).



## The Feast of the Epiphany

With the Feast of the Epiphany, on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, the 12-day season of Christmas draws to a close, and the church moves into the season of Epiphany. The word *epiphany* comes from the Greek word *epiphaneia*, which means “appearing” or “revealing.” The season of Epiphany focuses on God’s self-revelation in Christ.

Christian tradition pays special attention to the gradual revelation of Christ’s nature as shown in three events: the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the Wedding at Cana where he performed his

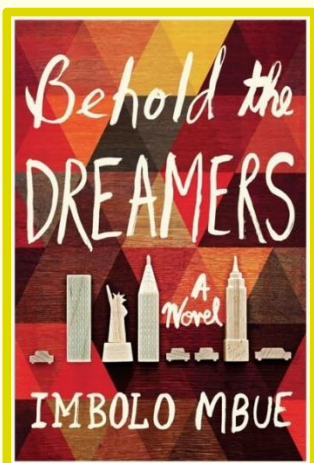
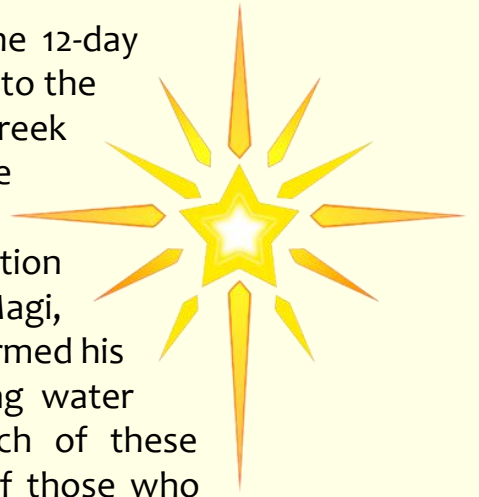
first miracle, changing water into wine. With each of these events, the circle of those who

see and recognize Jesus for who he is –

God with us – grows larger. And with this

revelation, the promise of Christmas begins to be fulfilled, as the light of Christ

enters the world: “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you” (*Isaiah 60:1*). God is always making God’s-self known to us.

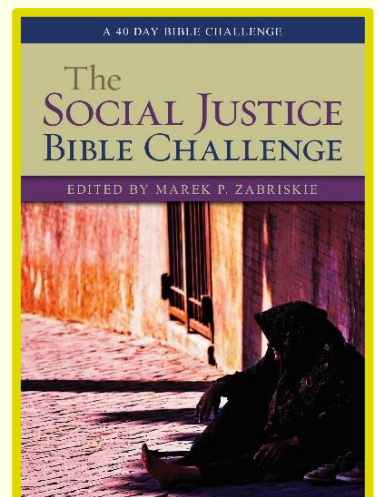


## Women’s Book Group

Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**, from **3:00 to 5:00 pm**, at the **home of Carolyn Moreau**. We will discuss ***Where the Crawdads Sing***, by **Delia Owens**. All St. George’s women 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. Please contact Sandra Villalaz at **512-762-8349** or [sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com) with any questions, or if you want to join the fun. Happy reading!

## Wednesday Weavings

St. George’s Wednesday night adult discussion group, Wednesday Weavings, resumes in January after our break for Advent. Because the first Wednesday of January is New Year’s Day, we will be holding our meetings on the **second** and **fourth** Wednesdays of January. All are welcome to join the group for a simple meal, a short time of centering prayer, and discussion of a reading from the Forward Movement publication, *The Social Justice Bible Challenge*. This month we will meet on **January 8<sup>th</sup>**, at the **home of Sarah Campbell**, and on **January 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at the **home of Gayle & James Wall**, from **6:30 to 8:00 pm**. If you come, please bring a contribution for the salad bar meal (for example, fruit, vegetable, or crunchy toppings). We hope to see you there! For more information or for a copy of the book, contact Frances Rickard at [fajrickard@gmail.com](mailto:fajrickard@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.



- Our first 2020 sew-in to create the bags will be on **Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**, after the 10:30 service, along with a **potluck lunch**. This is a wonderful community event and a lot of fun for all participants, even if we are working. Please join us – it's more fun if you're there!
- We will stuff and assemble bags on **Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**, after the 10:30 service. Please contact Frances Rickard ([fajrickard@gmail.com](mailto:fajrickard@gmail.com)) to find out what items are still needed and sign up to donate some.
- During the 10:30 service on **Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**, we will present the bags that we have created and filled to be blessed before we deliver them to the SAFE Alliance to distribute to survivors of sexual assault, and we hope to welcome visitors from SAFE for the blessing of the bags.

Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry! Please contact Sarah Campbell ([cowmarket2@gmail.com](mailto:cowmarket2@gmail.com)) with any questions.



## Annual Parish Meeting and Potluck

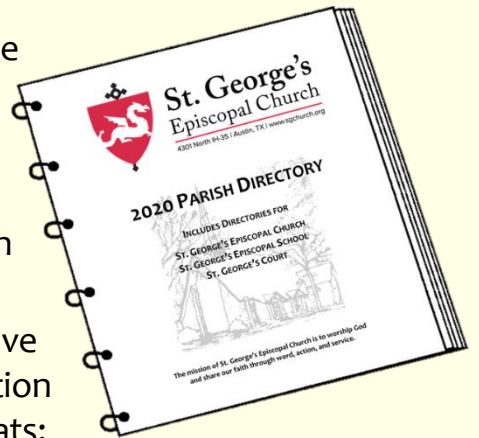


St. George's Annual Parish Meeting is coming up on **Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**. We will share a potluck meal, so please bring something to share (but come anyway even if you can't bring something!). The annual parish meeting is our opportunity to elect members of the Vestry, hear reports on various parish activities, and discuss other church business.

If you lead a St. George's ministry of any kind, please submit a report outlining your ministry's activities throughout the past year, by **Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**, to Jennifer in the church office ([stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com)). These reports will be compiled into a parish report to give us all a larger picture of the life of St. George's.

## 2020 Parish Directory

It's time to prepare our 2020 Parish Directory! In order to make sure that you and your family are listed correctly, please do the following:



- If you were listed in last year's directory, **CAREFULLY** review your listing. Copies of the 2019 Directory can be found in both entrances to the church.
- Complete a 2020 Directory Information Form – **EVEN** if you have no changes from last year's listing (the form includes the option to indicate “no changes”). This form is available in two formats:
  - online, available at this link: [2020 Directory Information Form](#)
  - paper, available on the tables at both entrances to the church

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer in the church office, at 512-454-2523 or [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com). Please complete your form no later than **Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**.

## Advent Angels Thank You

Thank you to all of the participants in the Advent Angels project this year. We were able to gift each resident of St. George's Court with a stocking and a \$20 HEB gift card, as well as provide extra gift cards to incoming residents or those in need throughout the year.

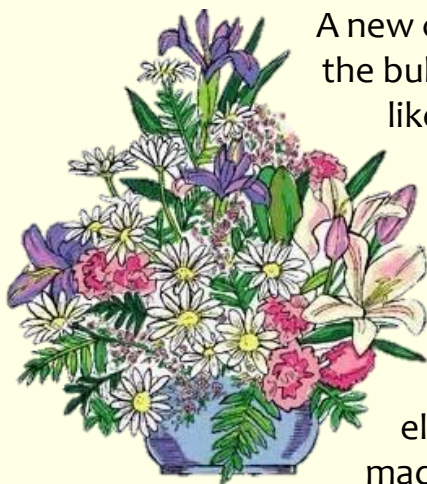
We also collected \$280 for Casa Marianella, enabling them to purchase both HEB gift cards and phone cards for current and future residents, helping them stay in touch with far-away family during the holidays.



Thank you particularly to the Dieringer family for helping out with the project. And I am once again so grateful for all the helpful and giving hearts that make this project a success. We have so many gifts we can share whether it be time or money, and St. George's always amazes me in its ability to serve others so well.

~ Jennifer Bigbee

## 2020 Flower/Candle Donation Calendar



A new calendar for donations for flowers and altar candles is hanging on the bulletin board inside the north entrance of the church. If you would like to give altar flowers for one or more Sundays in 2020, or altar candles for one or more months, please print your name clearly on the calendar so that you can be recognized in the Sunday bulletin. Be sure to note if you are giving the flowers or candles in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for a blessing in your life. A **donation of \$35** (for either flowers or candles) is requested. You can make your donation by check or electronically through our online giving program. Make checks made payable to St. George's and note on the memo line that the check is for altar flowers/candles. To give electronically, visit the [St. George's Donation page](#) and indicate the amount of your gift in the appropriate section (*Other Designated Gifts, Altar Guild, "Altar Flowers" or "Altar Candles" in the notes section*).

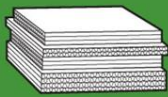
## Recycling

Please be aware that recycling at St. George's is somewhat different from residential recycling. Unfortunately, we can NOT recycle **glass** here. The large recycling bin in the parking lot also can NOT take any kind of **plastic bag**, or anything contaminated with **food waste** (even if it would otherwise be recyclable).

Waste Management, the company that handles our trash and recycling, has let us know that our recycling has often been contaminated with non-recyclable material in recent months, and we are charged an additional fee when that is the case. Thank you for your help!



## Single Stream Recycling



Flattened  
Cardboard



Magazines



Office Paper



Brown  
Paper Bags



Newspapers



Paperboard



Paper Cardboard,  
Dairy, and Juice  
Containers



Junk Mail



Phone Books



Plastic Bottles and  
Containers #1-7



Aluminum Cans,  
Aluminum Foil,  
and Pie Tins



Tin or Steel Cans

### NO GLASS!

Do not include food waste, films, plastic bags, plastic wrap,  
or foam cups and containers.

[No incluye residuos de alimentos; películas; bolsas o envolturas de plástico;  
vasos o recipientes de unicel (poliestireno)]



## Camp Allen

Next summer may seem far away, but it's not too early to start planning! Registration for summer camp 2020 at Camp Allen is now open.

One-week sessions are available all summer long for rising 3<sup>rd</sup>-graders through rising high school

seniors. Camp Allen's summer camp is one of the largest summer camp programs in the Episcopal Church. Each summer, over 1900 campers from across Texas come to refocus, relax, and have a blast – and your child can be one of them!

If you have a primary camper (rising 3<sup>rd</sup>- and 4<sup>th</sup>-graders), they'll have the opportunity to attend the session that Father Kevin is directing! He will be the director for Session P, July 19-25. Spots can fill quickly, so if you'd like to have your child attend that week, be sure to register soon. [Register here!](#)

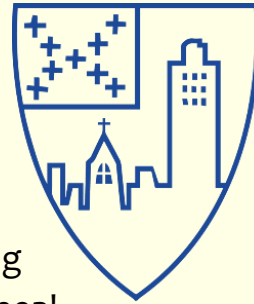


## Camp Allen

AWAKEN YOUR SPIRIT IN THE PINEY WOODS

## Austin Canterbury Ministry

Grace and peace from your ministry partners in the Austin Canterbury! Are you interested in supporting college ministry? At 6:30 pm each Sunday of the school year, our student community gathers for a service of Holy Communion in All Saints' parish church, on the north end of the UT campus. Following the service, we offer students a home-cooked meal,



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which is lovingly prepared by volunteers. We are presently looking to engage more volunteers for this ministry, and we invite you to consider supporting us in this ministry. We would love to welcome any groups or individuals to sign-up to cook and serve dinner, and if possible, join us for worship. Volunteering involves preparing and serving food for approximately 40 students, and it can be a great way for small groups to connect with students growing in their faith. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, please contact our Austin Convocation Campus Missioner, the Rev. Travis Helms ([travis@utepiscopal.org](mailto:travis@utepiscopal.org)), or our Missioner Associate, Caleb Parker ([caleb@utepiscopal.org](mailto:caleb@utepiscopal.org)). Thank you!

## January Birthdays & Anniversaries



*We wish the following parishioners a happy birthday:*

Ashley Carrera (Jan 2)	Lisa Wagner (Jan 18)
Mark Corcoran (Jan 3)	Cyrus Cormier (Jan 20)
Jenny Sahs (Jan 4)	Nora Kadas (Jan 20)
Jackson Lucy (Jan 6)	Vanamala Manohar (Jan 22)
Andrea Sparks (Jan 8)	Madison Smiser (Jan 22)
Rebecca Brackin (Jan 11)	Periwinkle Schuster (Jan 23)
Randy Parker (Jan 11)	Stefan Schuster (Jan 24)
Jan Phillips (Jan 13)	George Stuart (Jan 25)
Madeleine Landry (Jan 15)	Mary Parker (Jan 29)
Hye Na Lucy (Jan 17)	Bonita Snyder-Jones (Jan 30)



**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](#)