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The Rector's Visions

I was recently with some friends who were talking about the things they learned through the pandemic. And I was surprised at how many good things everyone had learned. "I actually need to do less and enjoy more." "I discovered daily prayer and Bible reading, and I'm never going back." "I discovered I can say 'no' to things I don't find interesting or life-giving." The list went on and on. Not small stuff! Big discoveries that came only because we had time to not do all the things we thought we'd do if we had the time. What did you discover about yourself, or about God, or about "life" over the last two years?

I say I was surprised at how many beautiful and positive things came out of hardship and challenge. I have been trying to follow Christ for most of my life, so I shouldn't have been surprised, of course. It's in the storms on the lake that the disciples discover who Jesus really is. It's among the sick and the poor. It's among the hungry when there isn't enough food. So why was I surprised that the deepest life might be in the loneliness and uncertainties of these recent times? Of course, God redeems the darkest Good Friday and our own dark days.

As we look ahead to August, I am hearing rumblings of a roller coaster with some more masks and social distancing and, therefore, perhaps days without singing in worship or even in-person worship together again. I don't know where we're headed. And I dread the uncertainties and difficult possibilities. But I have learned what I have been taught by the Holy Spirit so many times before. Challenges in life are inevitable. But God is there and great good comes out of even the darkest storms.

I am so grateful to be with you all through these strange and dark days. I am grateful for the days we can gather together and hug and sing God's praise. And, while I have to work at it a little more, I am trying to be grateful for the darker days as well. It is a blessing to be with you and to know we all have God with us through all of this. May the worst storms be past, but if that is not the way it shall be, then may we weather the storms together and for others in need in the arms of one who walks on water and calms the storms; the one who dies a terrible death on a cross only to bring us all home through every storm life might offer us. How have you met Jesus in the storm and how will you be with him in the days of clearing and new beginnings?

God's Peace,
Gary+

Wabingston Worship Service August 1st

While several of our parishioners are at Shrine Mont with friends from Abingdon and Ware and worshipping Sunday at the Shrine, we will also have our own Wabingston experience at a combined worship service in Kingston Chapel on August 1st at 10 AM. The Rev. Sven vanBaars and the Rev. Scott Parnell will be here in Mathews with members of their congregations to join us in worship.

Please plan to join us Sunday, August 1st, for this special opportunity.



Our New Parish Musician: Daniel Corneliussen

Welcome to Danny! Although most of us won't see and hear him for another month (he begins his work and ministry with us on September 1), we are greatly blessed to have him among us! Many of us met Danny in our previous search for a parish musician when he directed the choir and played organ for us on a Sunday back in 2018. We actually offered him the job at that time, but he had found another position that he felt called to at that time – with, among other things, a better organ. Now that our organs (!) are much better, he is excited about coming to build our choir and share in our music ministry. Danny has a Doctor in Musical Arts from Stoney Brook University and has also studied at Indiana University and Virginia Tech. He has had a music ministry in many churches Episcopal, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, and Presbyterian. I experience Danny as an excellent keyboard and organ musician, choir director, and wise and gentle soul who will be able to do wonderful things with our parish worship in the realm of music. What are your hopes and dreams for Kingston's music and worship for the days ahead? And, more importantly, what are God's hopes and dreams for Kingston's music and worship in the days ahead? How can we reach out to our community and build a greater music ministry? And how can we support Danny as he comes among us?

Thank You

Dear Kingston Parish,

I am writing to give my greatest thanks for the Kingston Parish Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. Being a recipient of this award is an honor, and I am very appreciative of your generosity.

Going to a larger school like Virginia Tech means I have lower opportunities at receiving the scholarships they offer, so your kindness is a great help. I would like this award to be put towards tuition, where you are helping me reach for my dreams.

By awarding me with the Kingston Parish scholarship, you help fund not only my schooling, but my future endeavors. Local support of students, such as yours, makes me proud to be from Mathews, where I hope to repay the debt to future students.

Sincerely,
Austin Crocker

Celtic Service at Kingston Parish Chapel

Sunday, August 29, 2021
5:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars. For our next *Celtic Service* at Kingston Parish Chapel. It will be held on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. *Strings & Things Quartet* will perform traditional Celtic music throughout the service. Steeped in tradition, the service will fill your soul with its atmosphere of stillness and peace, inviting you into a place of meditative silence, prayer and reflection. People of all faiths are invited to come and enjoy the serenity of this beautiful service.

Veggie Sales

Vegetables are available for purchase at Christ Church and the Parish House each Sunday after the worship service. Monies collected will go toward buying goats through the Episcopal Relief and Development's Heifer Project to provide food and a possible income for people around the globe. Thanks to those who share their extra produce and to those who support this ministry.

Counters Needed

We need to reinstate our counter ministry at Kingston as the pandemic winds down. A counter is a person who works with one other person about once a month to count the donations (checks and cash) in our offering plates and then take the money to deposit at Chesapeake Bank. Most often this is done Monday mornings, but any time mutually agreed upon by the two counters (not family members) assigned to a particular week will do as long as it is early in the week after Sunday so the money gets in the bank fairly quickly and our bookkeeping can be done.

The counting part is basic math. The other part is twofold: safeguarding the money given to God and honoring the people who gave it by keeping track of pledge numbers. The trust we put in our counters is important, and while it is important that we keep track of pledges and gifts, we do not judge the givers of donations or speak of donations beyond the counting room. We have had a wonderful team of folks to do this in the past before pandemic. Would you be one who could do this now? Let us know in the office if you would, (804)725-2175.

Volunteers Needed for Fall Fair

We have three key positions needing volunteer booth leaders: Live Auction Coordinator, Live Auction Auctioneer and Pick Ups Coordinator or Team.

Live Auction: We will need to identify an auctioneer if we have a "live" auction this year as we have in the past. If we do not have an auctioneer, we can tag the items. We did "price" many of the items for the 2019 Fall Fair. The auctioneer focused on the larger and/or more valuable items--which Bert Cross (Lead and auctioneer) found to be a more productive use of his time and efforts. Shannon Kirschbaum let an able team moving product/negotiating on "priced" products under the tents.

Pick Ups: I led the Pick Ups in 2019 but need someone to volunteer this Fall Fair.

Thank you,
Tom Reed

Back-To-School Supplies Needed

Mathews Social Services is collecting school supplies to give children in our county who may lack the funds. You may send a check directly to MDSS, PO Box 925, Mathews VA 23109 or bring any of the items below to the Parish House and Karen will deliver August 12th:

One-inch 3-ring binders	loose leaf paper
Spiral notebooks	dry erase markers
Pencil pouches/boxes	Glue Sticks
pens (black, blue, red)	Highlighters
Colored markers/pencils	Dividers
pocket folders (w/prongs)	No. 2 pencils

Special Birthday

Sydney Diggs, a long-time member of Kingston, is turning 104 on September 13th. Please send her a card to acknowledge this achievement and to wish her a blessed birthday:

Sydney Diggs
PO Box 217
Topping VA 23169

Fr. Gary on Vacation

Fr. Gary will be on vacation August 2-15. For emergencies contact the office (725-2175) or Senior Warden Mary Chapman, 804-240-6370. Pray for a time of rest and refreshing for our rector.

Vestry Notes from July 19th

- Mary Ann Carr was thanked for her work live-streaming the Kingston Chapel services, and Tom Reed for his financial guidance.
- Repairs have been made to a roof leak in the rector's office, and handrails added in the handicapped bathroom. Work on the Parish House driveway and parking lot should start soon.
- The new teak benches have been installed at the Labyrinth and have been oiled twice.
- The new phone line and internet have been installed at Christ Church.
- A new music director has been hired and will begin in September. A music office will be installed in the Parish House using one section from the preschool room that is carpeted. A desk and all the music files and stands will be located there.
- Work needs to be done inside the rectory, hopefully before the Fall Fair.
- Bill Stearns will conduct the 2020 audit.
- Counters are needed to count offerings now that services have resumed.
- The Wabingston Retreat at Shrine Mont is July 30-August 1st. A 10 AM Wabingston worship service will be held at Kingston Chapel Aug. 1.
- Fr. Gary will be on vacation the August 2-15. Mary Ann Carr will lead Morning Prayer services August 8th and Ron Lambert will lead Morning Prayer Services August 15th. Music will be provided by Owen Peck and our choir.
- The Christ Church organ was regulated and voiced and sounds much better.
- Our efforts to live-stream the 10:30 service are getting more successful each week. We will need to purchase our own video camera.
- The next Celtic service will be August 29th.
- Fall Fair: most all of our booths have chairs ready to serve. Tom Reed volunteered to be the overall coordinator. We need volunteers to pick up large donations.
- The vestry voted to use money collected from veggie sales for the goat ministry, now that we no longer have a preschool.

Parish Prayer List

Pray For Our Parishioners

Ken Doyle for hand infection (by Jan Mohr)
 Hank Furniss for non-tremor Parkinsons (by Mairi Furniss)
 Paul Gibson for heart issues (by Jan Mohr)
 Neil Holmberg in hospice at Gloucester House (office)
 Peggy Hudgins for pulmonary fibrosis (office)
 Martha Knight for congestive heart failure (office)
 Allan May for precancerous growth in abdomen (office)
 Tom Neiger for cancer of esophagus and stomach (by Pat Neiger)
 Will Story for illness (by Martha Story)

Pray For Our Family and Friends

Steve Buis for cancer (by Debbie Lambert)
 Mickey Burchell for lung cancer (by Valerie Lewis)
 Duncan Campbell for colon cancer (by Mary Kathryn Diggs)
 The Carter Family (by Vicki Carter)
 Frank Comme - young man who had a stroke (by Signe Langschultz)
 Yolanda Conaway (by Kathy Yent)
 Virginia Cooke for guidance (by Mary Dabney Webster)
 Linda Crowe for lung cancer (by Duffy Crowe)
 Everett Digges (by Berni LaCasse)
 Mary Doyle for hydrocephalus (by Valerie Lewis)
 Tommy Dutton for hip repair (by Becca Brown)
 Nancy Emory for medical tests (by Martha McCartney)
 Glenda Flippin for ovarian cancer (by Jay Black)
 Walker Linden Ford for Sturge-Weber Syndrome (by Kathy Yent)
 Lori Fuller for cancer in lymph nodes (by Joe Mereness)
 Drew Furniss for depression (by Mairi Furniss)
 Peter Furniss for return of Lymphoma (by Mairi Furniss)
 Helen Graves for congestive heart failure (by Paul Gibson)
 Linda Hawkins for return of cancer (by Rosemary Eaton)
 Cathy Heach for breast cancer (by Shannon Kirschbaum)
 Robin Hellier for stroke (by Kathy Yent)
 Carole Hirose for anxiety (office)
 Daniel Howlett for a bad fall (by Jan Mohr)
 Jerry Johnson for Huntington's Disease (by M Bowen)
 Michael Johnson for throat cancer (by S. Langschultz)
 Van Johnson for shoulder surgery (by ME Traband)
 Carolyn Jones (by Josie Thorpe)
 John Michael Jones (by Shannon Kirschbaum)
 Bill King for lymphoma of CNS (by Mairi Furniss)
 Morgan Leary for health issues (by Bill Leary)
 Skip Lewis (by Valerie Lewis)
 Joy Long (by Jan Mohr)
 Don Loving for multiple illnesses (by Jan Mohr)
 Robert McCreary for cancer (by Willie Hubbard)
 Janet Mikionis for cancer pain (by Kathy Yent)
 Kristen Moran for breast cancer (by Jan Mohr)
 Keith Morgan for prostate cancer (by Josie Thorpe)
 Rachel Musick recovery from auto accident (office)
 Kathy Nelson for pulmonary fibrosis (by Kathy Yent)
 Lisa O'Connors for lung cancer (by Kathy Yent)
 Elizabeth Perkins for brain tumor (by Pat Elliot)
 Stefanie Powers (by Lisa McCann)

August Birthdays

Scooter Ransone	4
Marti Bowen	5
Cooper LaCasse	6
Richard Jones	7
Jon Lewis	10
Thomas Lewis	10
Tuggie Hutson	11
Cindy Machen	13
Libby Boyer	15
Tom Neiger	15
Marilyn Overstreet	15
Frances Hudgins	16
Carol Swartz	18
Chris Malise	19
Pete Guy	20
Betty Salley	23
Pat Dickey	25
Martha McCartney	25
George Truscott	28
Jim Taylor	30

Serving in the Military Diplomatic Corps First Responders

Colin Bucknor
 BJ Cavazos
 Yvette Gaither
 Chris Ivy
 Joe Kraynak
 Megan Kraynak
 Joey Plotino
 Christopher Richardson
 William Story Scarlett
 Zach Schmidt
 George Truscott
 William Truscott
 Dawson Turner
 Nicholas Webster

Josiah Raub for heart issues (by Hank Furniss)
 Maggie Rawlings for pancreatic/liver cancer (K Yent)
 Jean Rhines for future care (by Frances Hudgins)
 Ginger Shackelford for Hodgkins lymphoma (K Yent)
 Tracy Shackelford for lymphoma (by Kathy Yent)
 The Studer family for daughter's suicide (by Neigers)
 Charlie Szeglin for heart surgery and memory (by Sig)
 Marsha Threlkeld for terminal cancer (by D. Lambert)
 Richard Wahl for metastasized cancer (by MK Diggs)
 Kate Warfel for auto-immune disorder (Jen Kimball+)
 Catherine Worley for breast cancer (by Gay Butler)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 am Wabington Worship Service-KC	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 8 am HE I-CC 9:15 Men's SS 10:30 HE II-KC	9 10 am Lay Visitors-L	10	11	12	13	14
15 8 am HE I-CC 9:15 Men's SS 10:30 HE II-KC	16 <i>Fr. Gary back to work</i>	17	18 12 pm Healing Service and HE-MC	19 7 pm AA-PH	20	21
22 8 am HE I-CC 9:15 Men's SS 10:30 HE II-KC	23	24	25 12 pm Healing Service and HE-MC	26 7 pm AA-PH	27	28
29 8 am HE I-CC 9:15 Men's SS 10:30 HE II-KC 5:30 pm Celtic Service- KC	30	31 9 am Fr. Gary at Pod- cast with Abingdon and Ware				



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Lisa McCann, Lay Delegate

STAFF

Karen Jones Parish Secretary
Vicki Carter Bookkeeper

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I at Christ Church
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Kingston Chapel

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Midweek Eucharist in Meditation Chapel
in the Parish House