

KINGSTON CRIER

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Kingston Parish Advent and Christmas Schedule

The Advent Season:

November 28: Advent 1

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I at Christ Church
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II at Kingston Chapel

December 4: Advent Quiet Day

9:30 AM to Noon: Advent Quiet Day at Kingston Chapel

December 5: Advent 2

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I at Christ Church
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II at Kingston Chapel

December 12: Advent 3

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I at Christ Church
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II at Kingston Chapel

December 19: Advent 4

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I and Hanging of the Greens at Christ Church
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II and Hanging of the Greens at Kingston Chapel

The Christmas Season:

Friday, December 24: Christmas Eve

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II at Kingston Chapel
8:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite I at Christ Church

Saturday, December 25: Christmas Day

10:00 AM. Holy Eucharist Rite I at Christ Church

December 26: First Sunday after Christmas Day

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II at Kingston Chapel

Sunday, January 2: Second Sunday after Christmas Day

10:30 AM Lessons and Carols and Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church



The Rector's Visions

Advent is my favorite season of the year. All the waiting and wonder and expectation and hope are, well, wonderful. And to work and wait for a Light that is eternal and always beyond all my work during the season when so many are busy stringing temporary lights and decorations of a rather superficial happiness, helps me to remember what I am – what we as Christians are – about. The Light of the World is breaking in. And after pandemic, the Christmas decorations go up earlier and earlier still in hopes of standing against the darkness of this crazy world. They may help a bit – I love all the lights and decorations and many do point to the Light that never goes out. What do you do in Advent to reach beyond the temporary distractions of our lives to the ultimate Light of the world? In these days of winter darkness and chill, of all manner of political darkness in our country and in the world, in the darkness of a pandemic, where can you find and be the Light that never goes out? How can we give this Light to others who are struggling in the darkness? And where is your darkness? There are the darkneses of old age and loss, of economic challenge, of moral confusion, and of so many other sorts. How can you walk courageously through that darkness holding onto the Light of the World? And how can you help someone else along the way? These are a few of the joys and challenges of Advent. May you hope throughout these days. May you seek and search with expectation that God will bring the fullness of time, the Light of the World to our world.

God's Peace,

Gary+

Advent Quiet Day

Please join us on Saturday, December 4th from 9:30 AM to Noon as we prepare for the coming of our Lord. Fr. Gary will offer three brief meditations on the ways we can prepare for the birth of Christ which has everything to do with us being born more truly into ourselves as God made us to be. There will be time between the meditations for quiet prayer, writing, drawing or painting or whatever else you might do to engage the Spirit in your moving through Advent

Advent and Christmas Services

The schedule on the first page of the Crier lists our services through Advent and into Christmas. We hope you will make every effort to attend as many services as possible, as each service prepares us for the next one, to the birth of Jesus and culminating in the visit of the Magi at Epiphany.

After the Fourth Sunday of Advent we will have our "hanging of the greens" at both services. The Altar Guilds are preparing for this event even now with the purchase of wreaths, poinsettias and garlands. Once each worship space is decorated, we are ready for our Christmas services. Men, you are really needed to help us reach the high places with the greens and to hang the wreaths on each window at Christ Church.

Christmas Eve will be a bit different this year. We aren't sure how many children will actually attend the 5:00 service, so Fr. Gary will be working on a something new. If you plan to attend with your children or grands, please let us know at the office.

Christmas Day falls on Saturday this year, closely followed by the First Sunday after Christmas Day, December 26th. Usually we would have the Lessons and Carols service on that day, but because of its close proximity to our Christmas Eve and Day services we will postpone that service until January 2nd.

The Lessons and Carols service has many readings and many hymns that review the birth of Jesus from Genesis to the Gospel story. We need several volunteers to read those lessons. Please contact the office if you are willing to read, (804)725-2175.

Remembering Those in Need

Kingston is a very generous parish, contributing both your money and your time to so many organizations in our community. We have given to Hands Across Mathews through our outreach giving and our collection of food through the red box all the years since the organization began, as well as volunteering on food day and at the thrift store.

This year HAM has struggled to get the necessary dry goods from their distributor in Hampton, particularly canned goods. You may bring your purchases to the red box just inside the front doors of the Parish House and Nan Cross will make sure they are delivered to Hands. Thanks so much!

Bishop Goff's Advent Meditation

Brother Jesus,
we know the pressures of the season,
the push to shop and buy,
the rush to wrap and bake,
the urgency to decorate and celebrate.

After a solitary Advent last year,
the pressures are doubled
and the push is on, as if
to make up for lost time.

Slow down, you tell us when we feel the squeeze.
Be still for at least a few moments every day.

Do less for a while. Do less, you say,
and we want to,
not because the omicron variant
of the coronavirus threatens
a repeat of last year,

but because we desire you,
because we don't want to miss you,
because we need time to prepare
to mark again your birth in our world
two thousand years ago
to see the ways you come
into our world every day
to long for you to come again
and complete in the world
God's work of creation
and bring this
bitter
beautiful
broken world
to its perfection.

Help us, our Jesus,
not to numb our aching for your presence
with food and drink and heart-racing activity.
Help us, our Jesus, not to get so caught up in bustle
that we lose all sense of you.

If the gifts we order don't arrive in time,
we'll be ok.

If we don't get out to every party and parade,
we'll be just fine.

More than fine, in fact.

Because this is a time to slow down
to be still
to pray
to wait
and wonder
and watch for you.

Jesus who came,
Jesus who comes
Jesus who will come again,
help us to pay attention,
to keep breathing,
to sit still a while,
so that we will know you
when you're here.

Come, friend Jesus,
come now
and make us yours.

Congregational Annual Meeting January 30, 2022

Please mark your calendars for our annual meeting, hopefully in person this year. Some time around the middle of January we will announce nominations for new vestry and send out the reports of the ministries of our congregation for you all to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest. We will offer our appreciation to the outgoing vestry members and present the annual reports as well as the budget for 2022 prepared by our Treasurer and approved by the vestry.

If you have an area of responsibility in our parish, we would appreciate your report for the annual yearbook. Submissions are due January 20th.

We will have one worship service in Kingston Chapel at 10:30 AM and proceed directly into our meeting. It is unlikely that we will be able to share a meal. Hopefully next year!

Calendars Available for Purchase

Our region (Upper Tidewater) has created a 2022 calendar featuring the Episcopal churches and schools in our region. They are available at Christ Church and Kingston Chapel for \$20.00. Kingston is featured on the month of January. Proceeds will be given to our outreach committee for distribution.

Gifts for Seniors

Lynn May is asking for volunteers to purchase and wrap a Christmas gift for the seniors who attend the Active Lifestyle Center in Mathews. She will assign you a name and a clothing size and you will return the gift to the Parish House by December 19. Contact Lynn (804)824-1166 or by email: patricia.may@rivhs.com to volunteer.

Social Services Christmas Store

Remember that stockings for the Christmas store are due back to the Parish House by **Sunday, December 5th**. Thank you all for the lovely stockings that have been returned so far!

Berni LaCasse



Remembering Dick Pogue (September 12, 1936 - October 23, 2021)



Charles Richard "Dick" Pogue passed on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at age 85, surrounded by people who loved him and whom he loved. He is survived by his life partner and soul mate, Adele. Additionally, he leaves behind son John (Alexa) Pogue, daughter Stephanie (Todd) Baur and son Chris (Kristyn) Pogue and seven grandchildren - Tre, Luc, Jada, Mac, Katie, Danny and Natalie. Dick had an interesting career, including service as a U.S. Naval Officer, a member of the U.S. Diplomatic Corps, White House staffer under President Lyndon B. Johnson and a long association with the mutual fund industry at the Investment Company Institute. While living in Washington D.C., Dick contributed countless hours to nonprofit organizations including: For Love of Children, the Thurgood Marshall Center and Hope and a Home. He helped found MANNA Inc., a nonprofit developer of affordable housing. After retiring and moving to Susan, Virginia in 2001, Dick continued to pursue his desire to make a difference in the world. He was a board member of the

Gloucester Mathews Care Clinic and also served as a board member of the Mathews Community Foundation. He was an active member of Kingston Episcopal Parish, Mathews. Dick believed the secret to a good and meaningful life was LOVE and he practiced what he preached! He will be missed by all who loved him. A Celebration of Life service will be held 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 28, 2021 at Christ Church Episcopal, 320 Williams Wharf Road, Mathews, Virginia 23109. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Faulkner Funeral Homes, Foster-Faulkner Chapel, Mathews is assisting the family.

From Nina Guy:

Dick Pogue was a quintessential gentleman. We served together on the Free Clinic board and often rode together. He was an effective member of the Board, and everybody liked him.

From Paul Gibson:

Dick was one of the kindness gentlemen I have ever crossed paths with. Even during his illness, he would always check on me. Very much a Christian, Dick had a godly aura, and was masterful with the Word of God. Dick was a good friend, and I will miss him.

From Ron Lambert:

Every so often people come into your life that change yours. That is my feelings about my friend and spiritual mentor, Dick Pogue. He just didn't pretend to be a Christian but often challenged himself and others to reflect on where he/they were in their walk with Christ but not in a demanding way at all. He would say things and ask profound questions in our Bible Class that would make everyone look deep inside themselves. I marveled at his personal devotional time he took every day to study and pray. Dick was a deep thinker and never responded to a question quickly. As the leader, I would ask a question and invoke some discussion and just as I was moving on to the next subject, Dick would say, "before we leave this subject, here is my take on this". That comment usually created even deeper discussions. I miss him and wish that he was still here with us but know that he was very tired and needed to rest. Dick, thanks for your friendship and gentle, wise guidance and thanks be to God for promising that we will be together again. Rest in peace, my friend!

Pledge Cards

If you haven't returned your pledge card but plan to do so, please send them in immediately so the vestry can approve an accurate budget for 2022. We appreciate your faithfulness to Kingston Parish.



The Cemetery Committee wishes to thank the many able parishioners who helped pick-up, prune, pull weeds and unwanted shrubs and others who grabbed paint brushes and rollers to tackle the shed. Thank you to: Jan Mohr, Bert and Nan Cross, Woody and Ron James, Tom and Trish Reed, Ron and Debbie Lambert and Reed Lawson.

We three thank you as well as the cemetery itself. Keep us posted, if you feel there is something that we should be doing please let us know.

Thanks again. We are truly Blessed to have such a supportive congregation.

All our best throughout the year,
Alan Biddison, Hunt Thompson and Josie Thorpe

Dear Kingston Friends,

Thank you all for the healing prayers sent to me after my recent surgeries. Your kindness has helped with my healing. The beautiful blue prayer shawl has made me feel connected and protected by the Kingston family.

Your cards have brought smiles and your phone calls and emails have helped me stay connected. The dinners have been comforting and delicious. Thank you all so much, your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Fondly, Martha Ellen Trabant

Thank you to those who remembered Hank in the November **Crier**. Your words meant so much to me. I am doing well and getting on with living. I no longer need our handicapped equipped van, so am selling it, and I'm about to buy a new car that would have Hank saying, "A red car with white leather upholstery. You are crazy. Buy something more boring!"

Mairi Furniss

Brunswick Stew and BBQ

We have quarts of stew and a few quarts of barbecue available for purchase. The BBQ is \$14 per quart. Stew is one quart for \$10 or three for \$27. You can make checks out to Kingston Parish and put "Stew" or "BBQ" on the memo line.

Vestry Notes

(From the November 17th Zoom Meeting)

- Personal thank you notes will be sent to everyone who pledges.
- Possible candidates for the vestry were discussed.
- Improvements continue to be discussed and made to Christ Church and the Parish House.
- Tom Reed will work with Vicki Carter and Wendy Super to prepare the 2022 operating budget for approval at our January 30th annual meeting.
- \$200 Christmas bonuses were approved for Vicki Carter, Carolyn Cox, Danny Corneliussen and Karen Jones
- Fr. Gary listed Advent and Christmas services.
- The vestry elected Wendy Super as our new treasurer effective January 1, 2022.
- St. Thomas Rescue Mission has closed. Trinity Church is now available for use.
- Christ Church will be a site on the 2022 Virginia Garden Tour April 23rd.
- Kingston has been invited to participate in the Rotary Club's Chili Cook-off on Saturday, February 12th as a fund raiser.
- An organ dedicatory recital for our new organs is scheduled for Sunday, April 24th.
- Trish and Tom Reed have been moving furniture and preparing for our spring "Fall Fair."
- Lisa McCann reported on the virtual diocesan annual convention. Delegates voted to elect a new Bishop in November and an assistant Bishop to replace Bishop Porter when he retires.
- Fr. Gary's class ends this month and will resume with a new topic in January.
- Advent packets are being prepared to send to our children.
- The next Celtic Service will be January 9, 2022.
- The vestry voted to approve the institution of the Endowment for the Liturgical Arts at Kingston Parish using a gift from the James family and also possibly funds from the Lamport Educational Endowment.
- A Music Scholars program is being planned with the Scholarship Committee to involve high school students in our choir.

Parish Prayer List

Pray For Our Parishioners

Jay Black for bladder issues (office)
 Clement Dickey in hospice (by Pat Dickey)
 Rosemary Eaton for broken clavicle (by Jimmy Eaton)
 Paul Gibson for heart issues (by Jan Mohr)
 Peggy Hudgins for pulmonary fibrosis (office)
 Nancy James for medical procedures (by Josie Thorpe)
 Martha Knight for heart issues, possible Afib (office)
 Allan May for precancerous growth in abdomen (office)
 Deirdre McElroy for treatment of cancer (office)
 Tom Neiger for cancer of esophagus and stomach (by Pat Neiger)
 Pat Neiger recovering from a back procedure (Nan Cross)
 Will Story for illness (by Martha Story)
 Martha Ellen Traband recovering from surgery (office)

Pray For Our Family and Friends

Becky for strokes/heart attack and Walter/Amanda (caregivers) by K. Yent
 Keith Brown for 12th knee surgery (by Ethel Brown)
 Duncan Campbell for colon cancer (by Mary Kathryn Diggs)
 The Carter Family (by Vicki Carter)
 Gary Collins for chronic pancreatitis (by Jay Black)
 Frank Comme - young man who had a stroke (by Signe Langschultz)
 Yolanda Conaway (by Kathy Yent)
 Virginia Cooke for guidance (by Mary Dabney Webster)
 Heth Curtis for leukemia (by Vince and Judy Lassiter)
 Everett Digges (by Berni LaCasse)
 Mary Doyle for hydrocephalus (by Valerie Lewis)
 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)
 Linda Gordon for failing health (by Signe Langschultz)
 Helen Graves for congestive heart failure (by P. Gibson)
 Linda Hawkins for return of cancer (by Rosemary Eaton)
 Cathy Heach for breast cancer (by Shannon Kirschbaum)
 Carole Hirose for anxiety (office)
 Dan Holler for prostate cancer (by Peggy Hudgins)
 Emily Holler for accident (by Peggy Hudgins)
 David Hunter for a hit and run incident (by Kathy Yent)
 Jerry Johnson for Huntington's Disease (by M Bowen)
 Michael Johnson for throat cancer (by S. Langschultz)
 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)
 William Leary III for Parkinson's (by Bill Leary)
 William "Ben" Leigh (by Jan Mohr)
 Skip Lewis (by Valerie Lewis)
 Joy Long (by Jan Mohr)
 Don Loving for multiple illnesses (by Jan Mohr)
 Crystal Mann for cancer (by Lynn May)
 Stacey McCarty for kidney disease (by Duffy Crowe)

December Birthdays

Jim Husband	2
Clement Dickey	4
Lisa McCann	4
Jack Kloke	10
Jackie Ingram	13
Nancy Linn Allison	16
Gary Barker+	17
Sylvia Shinault	20
Angie Miller	21
Alice Truscott	21
Heather Gregg	22
Barbara Van Over	22
Dylan White	22
Taffy Barringer	30
Reagan Jackson	30

Serving in the Military First Responders or Diplomatic Corps

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

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)
 Judy Moughon (by Martha Ellen Traband)
 Kathy Nelson for pulmonary fibrosis (by Kathy Yent)
 Lisa O'Connors for lung cancer (by Kathy Yent)
 Mark O'Neil recovery from surgery (by Cathy Hinson)
 Elizabeth Perkins for brain tumor (by Pat Elliot)
 Maggie Rawlings for pancreatic/liver cancer (Yent)
 Jean Rhines for future care (by Frances Hudgins)
 Kerin/Dan Schwartz for aging parents (by K. Yent)
 Ginger Shackelford for Hodgkins lymphoma (K Yent)
 Tracy Shackelford for lymphoma (by Kathy Yent)
 Charlie Szeglin for heart surgery and memory (by Sig)
 Wes Taylor for heart issues (by Kathy Yent)
 Richard Wahl for metastasized cancer (by MK Diggs)
 Kate Warfel for auto-immune disorder (Jen Kimball+)
 Catherine Worley for breast cancer (by Gay Butler)

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December

<p>5 2 Advent 8 am HE I-CC 10:30 am HE II-KC</p>	<p>6 8 AM Counters-L</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1 12 pm Healing/HE-MC 3 pm Choir-CC</p>	<p>2 7 pm AA-PH</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 9:30 am Advent Quiet Day-KC</p>
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<p>26 1 Christmas 10:30 am HE II-KC</p>	<p>27 8 AM Counters-L</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 7 pm AA-PH</p>	<p>31</p>	
		<p>Fr. Gary on Vacation December 27 to January 1</p>		<p>7 pm AA-PH</p>		

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STAFF

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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
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