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The Rector's Visions

A new year! Whew. I don't know about you, but these years these days are little like birthdays have become in my gathering dotage. Eh! Or even: Ugh! What new strange things will 2022 bring us? What hurdles will we get to jump this year? How often will we find ourselves not jumping high enough to clear the hurdle?

There are always new things God is doing, of course, in addition to the challenges and hurdles. Our God never rests. And new things are kind of God's main business. January is part of the season we call Epiphany – the season not of hurdles, but of God's light breaking through. Epiphany begins with God's light being so bright to some foreign wise ones that they journey from Persia to Bethlehem looking to see the light. But you need to have special glasses of wisdom and faith on to see this light. For most of the world, I guess, this light was not even noticed. After all, it was a poor baby born to a poor woman and a man who were not even married. God was doing a new thing. So it goes again and again in the stories of Epiphany. God breaks in with something new that many folks don't understand or welcome. Only people who take the time to put on their wisdom and faith glasses get to see that Jesus comes out of the baptismal waters to the voice of God and a mission like no other. Only people who are willing to do more than just party notice that the best wine at the wedding comes when Jesus changes the waters of purification into a celebration. Only the few who climb all the way up the mountain with Jesus get to see the light that surrounds him in white and the appearance of Elijah and Moses in the Transfiguration – God doing a new twist.

When I find myself in the fatigue about these days, I try to put on some wisdom and faith glasses to see just what God might be up to know to transfigure the darkness into light. God did this before – the scriptures are full of stories of God doing this. And God will do this again. Just because the scriptures end doesn't mean God has stopped acting. And it also doesn't mean we don't need to put on some hiking boots to climb the mountain with Jesus. The light is still breaking through.

As people of faith, God has graced us with eyes to see, glasses of wisdom and faith. And our world so desperately needs to know this is not just our world, but God's world where new things and great light are breaking in every moment. Some days, the light is like the glow of Jesus transfigured. But someday, it's a silent darkness that still speaks a whisper of God's new life. That poor baby sitting in the feeding trough with a dirty diaper and crying may not look like much, but there is light there like no other if we learn to see as God sees.

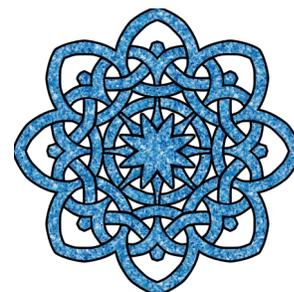
Whatever 2022 brings – the good and the bad – there will be one thing for sure: God will be bringing light. So put on your wisdom and faith glasses and let's see what we can find for a world that needs a new light still.

God's Peace,

Gary+

Celtic Service at Kingston Chapel

Join us on Sunday, January 9th at 5:30 p.m. for our next Celtic service. Nina Buzby's quartet, *Strings and Things*, will provide our music.



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!

Parish Directory

In addition to preparing the annual report, we also distribute paper copies of our updated directory of parishioners' contact information. If you have made any changes to your address, emails, phone numbers (still have your landline?) please send that information to the office, kingstonparish@verizon.net.

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.

Monday Afternoon Zoom Class: Hope

This Epiphany season, we are going to explore Christian Hope. What is hope? How do we find hope in all the turmoil and trouble we have in our lives and our world today? What does it mean that hope, faith and love all abide, and can the greatest, love, be without hope? We will explore these questions and more that pop up along the way or sit deep inside our hearts.

Our class will begin on Monday, January 17 at 4 PM. As always, invite your friends and enemies. We meet for about one hour; Gary sends out a page with ideas for discussion each week in advance of the class. We have a few members of our usual class who are not members of Kingston Parish, and that is a rich addition. Come as you are on zoom when you can.

Here's the Zoom link:

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Meeting ID: 869 0627 2015

Passcode: 773285

Tuesday Evening Class: Introduction to the Bible

Our Tuesday evening crew has asked to learn more about the Holy Scriptures, so that's what we'll do! Join us in person at the parish house from 7 to 8:30 PM each Tuesday for 7 weeks as we romp our way from Genesis to Revelation. We will focus on learning about the basic groups of books (the Torah, the prophets, the epistles, the Gospels, the histories, the apocrypha ...). And we will spend some time trying to get to know some of the wonderful characters in Scripture who grapple with God in this life. All are welcome! Come join us, beginning January 18, 2022.



Thank You!

Dear Kingston Parish Scholarship Donors,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in providing the Kingston Parish Scholarship! I am currently finishing up my first semester of the AND Nursing Program at Rappahannock Community College. I wanted to wait and send my thank you letter after I finished my first semester so I could sincerely thank you all for helping me financially in furthering my education. Without your generosity I would not have been able to pursue my career. For that reason, I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart!

After completion of the AND Nursing Program at Rappahannock Community College, I plan to take the NCLEX-RN exam and become a Registered Nurse, RN. Following, I plan to obtain a job in a Labor and Delivery Unit at Riverside Regional Medical Center or VCU Medical Center. I plan to begin working towards my Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and continue on to a Master of Science degree in Nursing. Once I complete that I plan on working towards obtaining my Nurse Practitioner's License My ultimate goal is to be an OB/GYN, known as an obstetrician-gynecologist, and start my own practice after many years of experience.

Thanks so much, Brittany Ottarson

From Nancy James:

My dear friends, Thank you for the lovely poinsettia you gave me. We will enjoy it all season. And will forever hold the love which prompted it close to our hearts!

From Martha Ellen Traland:

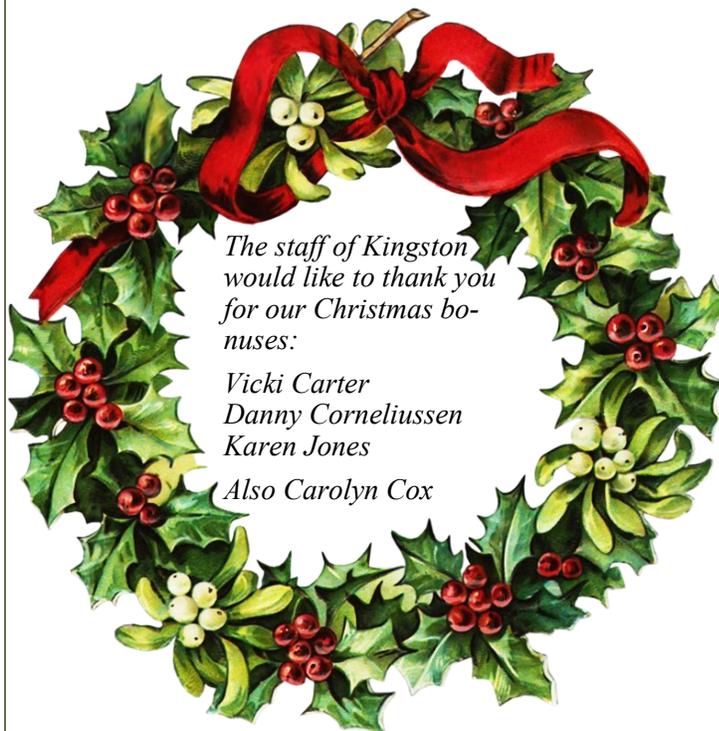
Dear Kingston family, thank you so much for the exquisite poinsettia plant delivered to my home. I'm not doing a great deal of decorating this year and the lovely red leaves will be so festive during the holidays.

From Karen Jones:

This year my husband reached his required age to retire and begin the adventure with Medicare and its supplemental plans. The vestry approved my request to join the Episcopal Church's health care plan and agreed to pay a good portion of the monthly cost for the next five years. I don't think I can convey what a huge blessing that is to me and my family. Thank you all for loving me in many and varied ways!

Vestry Notes (from December 15 meeting)

- Whispering Tree Service is working to support a large old cedar tree at the entrance to the Parish House.
- A replacement kerosene tank will be installed at the Old Rectory.
- The Endowment Committee made recommendations that were approved by the vestry.
- Organ donations were used to pay the remaining balance on Kingston Chapel organ pipes installation.
- Trinity Church is now unoccupied.
- Projected pledge income is basically in line with our current year.
- A Music Scholars program is in formation to bring in singers from our local high schools to sing in the choir in exchange for a scholarship of \$1,000 per semester. We hope this will increase the strength of our choir.
- We continue to tweak our live-streaming systems at both Christ Church and Kingston Chapel. Several volunteers are being trained to live-stream our worship services.
- Celtic service January 9
- Annual Meeting January 30th.
- Next Vestry Meeting January 19th at 6 PM.



The staff of Kingston would like to thank you for our Christmas bonuses:

*Vicki Carter
Danny Corneliusen
Karen Jones*

Also Carolyn Cox

Parish Prayer List

Pray For Our Parishioners

Jay Black for bladder issues (office)
 Mary Ann Carr for pneumonia (office)
 Clement Dickey in hospice care (by Pat Dickey)
 Paul Gibson for heart issues (by Jan Mohr)
 Pete Guy for heart blockage (by Nina Guy)
 Bev Holmberg for knee replacement (office)
 Peggy Hudgins for pulmonary fibrosis (office)
 Nancy James for medical procedures (by Josie Thorpe)
 Cindy Kloke recovering from surgery (by Josie Thorpe)
 Martha Knight for 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)
 David Richardson in hospital with pneumonia (office)
 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)
 Tom Brown for edema (by Shannon Kirschbaum)
 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)

January Birthdays

Reed Lawson	2
Sarah Renner	7
Pat Bateman	16
Gay Butler	16
Nina Allen	17
Allen Barringer	19
Janice Rae Lawson	22
Janet Husband	26
Kelsey Desmond	28

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

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)
 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)
 Jean Rhines for future care (by Frances Hudgins)
 Ginger Shackelford for Hodgkins lymphoma (K Yent)
 Tracy Shackelford for lymphoma (by Kathy Yent)
 Justin Super recovering from Covid (by Wendy Super)
 Charlie Szeglin for heart surgery and memory (by Sig)
 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
<p>2 <i>Christmas</i></p> <p>10:30 am Lessons and Carols and HE II-CC</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8 am Counters-L</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12 pm Healing/HE-MC</p> <p>3 pm Choir-CC</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7 pm AA-PH</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 <i>1 Epiphany</i></p> <p>8 am HE I-CC</p> <p>9:15 Men's SS</p> <p>10:30 HE II-KC</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8 am Counters-L</p> <p>Fr. Gary at Roslyn through Wednesday morning</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12 pm Healing/HE-MC</p> <p>3 pm Choir-CC</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7 pm AA-PH</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 <i>2 Epiphany</i></p> <p>8 am HE I-CC</p> <p>9:15 Men's SS</p> <p>10:30 HE II-KC</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8 am Counters-L</p> <p>4 pm Monday Class</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7 pm Tuesday Class-KC</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12 pm Healing/HE-MC</p> <p>2 pm Fr. Gary Clericus Mtg. online</p> <p>3 pm Choir-CC</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10 am Gary's Dean's Mtg. online</p> <p>4 pm Fr. Gary's Col-leagues Mtg. online</p> <p>Crier and Annual Reports Deadline</p> <p>7 pm AA-PH</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 <i>3 Epiphany</i></p> <p>8 am HE I-CC</p> <p>9:15 Men's SS</p> <p>10:30 HE II-KC</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8 am Counters-L</p> <p>4 pm Monday Class</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7 pm Tuesday Class-KC</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12 pm Healing/HE-MC</p> <p>3 pm Choir-CC</p>	<p>27</p> <p>11 am Ministerial Assn. Mtg.-PH</p> <p>7 pm AA-PH</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 <i>4 Epiphany</i></p> <p>10:30 am HE II-KC</p> <p>12-ish Annual Meeting</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8 am Counters-L</p> <p>10 am Lay Visitors-L</p> <p>4 pm Monday Class</p>					

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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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