

## Parish Picnic and Worship Service

On June 9th at 10:30 AM we will have our annual worship service and picnic at the home of Mary Chapman, 315 Pepper Creek Road in Susan. The church will provide hamburgers and hotdogs cooked on the grill as well as the ice and drinks. Each family is asked to bring one side dish appropriate for an outside picnic (suggested items: other main dishes, salads, baked beans, deviled eggs, desserts).

Dress for a picnic and bring your own refrigeration if your side dish needs to stay cold. Optional items to bring would be blankets, sunglasses, bug spray and sunscreen. We'll have some chairs, but bring lawn chairs if you have them. Some games will be provided, but bring your own lawn games to share. We hope to have beautiful weather and plenty of time to fellowship together as a church family.

June 9th is Pentecost Sunday, so **WEAR RED!!!** We will also recognize our graduating seniors: Alexa Husband, Tyler Jackson, Jon Lewis, Thomas Lewis, Jonny McCann, and Noah Smith. Our Children's Sunday school class will present their production of Noah and the Ark. It's going to be a wonderful day!



Directions:

From the Parish House go east on Route 14 toward Port Haywood. Go 1.7 miles past Port Haywood Post Office and turn right onto Bellevue Rd (603). Go .7 of a mile and turn left on Pepper Creek Rd. Go .3 of a mile around curve and take first driveway on left (after fence and between two pine trees) to 315 Pepper Creek Rd. Mary's home is at the end of the driveway. Questions/lost? Cell # 804-240-6370.

# **Rector's Visions**

When you are a member of a church you may indeed be a person that is part of a larger institution, but you are -- far more importantly -- a member of the Body of Christ, a part of the communion with all the saints (people made holy by our God) in heaven and on earth. What does it mean for you to be in a family that extends across every boundary on earth and beyond the earth -- political, geographic, linguistic, temporal, spiritual?

Your Wabingston pilgrim crew of twelve just back from Scotland and the north of England spent much time with people who lived 1500 years ago in early Christian communities on Britain. We visited buildings and ruins of buildings that are 1000 years old. We stood before and prayed at stone crosses carved so many lifetimes ago that they might seem unconnected to us, yet they became a very real part of us. And the stones speak, as Jesus once said they would when the people grew silent. The stones speak of communities of faith in churches, monasteries, and villages long ago and new communities that continue in those places today. The stones speak of people doing simple things for the care of others and building the finest for God in stone and in their lives. Aidan freed the slaves and walked among the people listening to them even though he was a great bishop. Columba braved the Irish Sea in a little coracle, a bathtub-sized boat made of animal skins, in order to bring Christ Jesus to Scotland and beyond. The great abbess Hilda mothered a monastery of men and women through all the challenges and changes of a confusing time in history. And at a Durham Cathedral evensong, we sang with a choir of young people who are the church of today and tomorrow. It is dizzying to feel the power of the faith through the years in these places, to hear the stones speak, to walk where these holy men and women walked and live still.

When we were on Lindesfarne Island, a small group of us would sometimes go to the shore near where St. Cuthbert had slogged across to a small island now called St. Cuthbert's Island so that he could be alone for prayer. There, in the tidal rocks and sludge, God's Spirit soared with us, and we knew that Cuthbert had never really been alone on that island. We could hear the grey seals sing their own psalms to our Creator from this place. We are indeed a part of a great family of God that includes all of nature and humankind and the realm of heaven beyond. The vastness of all that is life in God seems so much grander to me right now on my return to Mathews. And I am reminded of the words of Bede, the great 9<sup>th</sup> century British historian, that glow over the stones where he is buried in Durham Cathedral: "Christ is the morning star who when the night of this world is past brings to his saints the promise of the light of life and opens everlasting day."

May each of you hear in creation the song of eternity this summer and you find the love of a boundless family made by none other than our great and loving God.

God's Peace, Gary+

Lindesfarne Abbey ruins with castle in background where we worshipped.



Life's Benchmarks: Thresholds of the Holy

The Christian Formation Class for Monday afternoons and Tuesday evenings will begin next week, June 3 and 4. The Monday afternoon class goes from 1:00 until 2:30 and the Tuesday evening course goes from 7 to 8:30. This season we will spend about 12 weeks looking at the ways transitions and major events of our lives are times of sacred challenge and blessing. As always, anyone is invited to attend and especially in the summer we will not be surprised if you disappear for a week or two and reappear! Hope to see many all summer long! Questions? Call or email Gary+.

# Vestry Notes (from April 29 Vestry Meeting)

- An agreement has been signed between Kingston Parish and St. Thomas Anglican Mission to lease Trinity Church for three years. Middle Peninsula Contracting Company has been hired to prepare Trinity for habitation.
- Nine Kingston parishioners are leaving May 12th on a Celtic Pilgrimage with Fr. Gary and three from Abingdon. The Rev. Scott Krejci will be our supply May 12 and 19.
- The cemetery at Trinity Church has suffered damage from neighboring pigs. Ambrose Lawn Care will repair the damage and we hope to be compensated by the neighbors.
- The annual parish picnic will be held at the home of Mary Chapman on June 9th.
- Eleanor Woollard announced her retirement as our choir director and keyboardist effective June 1st. We will have a reception for her Sunday, May 26th after the 10:30 service.
- The goat ministry so ably led by Eleanor Woollard will be passed to the Outreach Ministry.
- The preschool graduation is June 7th in Kingston Chapel.
- Reed Lawson was elected our Lay Delegate to the Diocesan Convention and Upper Tidewater Region; Mary Chapman, Alternate.

# **Altar Guild Invitation**

Donna and Frank Jemmison, our new Kingston Chapel altar guild leaders, invite all current members, and any new men and women interested in serving on our altar guild, to a potluck supper and meeting at 6 PM on Wednesday, June 12th at the Parish House. Bring a dish to share. If you cannot attend but are still interested, please contact Frank or Donna (804-505-1263 at <u>djjemm09@yahoo.com</u>).

# **Confirmation Class**

Bishop Susan Goff will be with us Sunday, August 18th. So far we have one being Confirmed that day. If you are interested in being either Confirmed, Reaffirmed or Received that day, please see Fr. Gary or contact the office, 725-2175 or kingstonparish@verizon.net.

# Mass On The Grass

On June 30th we will celebrate Independence Day at both services. We will have our regular 8:00 AM service at Christ Church.

At 10:30 AM the "Mass on the Grass" will be held on the grounds of Abingdon Church in White Marsh. Attendees are encouraged to wear red, white and blue and bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Following the service, there will be a luncheon. Abingdon will provide the main course (probably fried chicken) and drinks. Attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic type side dish or dessert.



## Thank You!

Kingston Parish,

Thank you for believing in me! I will be completing my freshman year in a week. I can't believe how fast time has gone! So I want to thank you for allowing and blessing me to achieve this journey.

Sincerely and Feeling Blessed, Kierra Billups, Class of 2019



# Thank You

Dear Congregation,

Thank you so much for the very generous departing gift. I was surprised and delighted. Thank you for all you have been to me over the past 17 years. I'm excited to see what happens next with music at Kingston Parish. God bless you all!

Eleanor

## **Easter Lilies**

Christ Church Easter lilies cost of \$18 is due. Send checks made out to Kingston Parish to the church, PO Box 471, Mathews, 23109. In the memo write "Easter Lily."

## **Parish Prayer List**

Pray For Our Parishioners
Mary Ann Carr for back pain (office)
Paul Gibson for heart issues (by Jan Mohr)
Willie Hubbard for sciatica (office)
Peggy Hudgins for pulmonary fibrosis (office)
Tom Ingram for recovery from surgery on esophagus (office)
Martha Anne King for cancer (by Mary Chapman)
Martha Knight for stomach cancer (office)
John Page Rawlings for prostate cancer (by Becky Mayfield)
Susan Rawlings for cracked pelvis from severe fall (by Becky Mayfield)
Mary Ellen Stimson for back pain (office)
Will Story for congestive heart failure (by Pat Dickey
Pray For Our Family and Friends
Don Altman for lung cancer (by Bill Leary)

Traci Beck for thyroid cancer (by Marilyn Overstreet) Cheryle Brown for lung cancer (by Sylvia Shinault) JiRee Burrell (by Kathy Yent) Duncan Campbell for colon cancer (by Mary Kathryn Diggs) Peggy Carr for breast cancer (by Gay Butler) Nancy Chiafulio for two brain tumors (by Martha Knight) Larry Clerico for aggressive cancer (by Kathy Yent) Terry Dobson for brain surgery (by Lynn May) Nancy Donnelly (by Kathy Yent) Mary Doyle for hydrocephalus (by Valerie Lewis) Krystal Elms for stage 4 lung cancer (by Mairi Furniss) Glenda Flippin for ovarian cyst (by Jay Black) Nan Fooks for breast cancer (by Sally Bridgforth) Walker Linden Ford for Sturge-Weber Syndrome (by Kathy Yent) Barbara Fumagalli for overall poor health (by Mary Kathryn Diggs) Taylor Wells Gearhart-for myaconic dystrophy (by Nina Guy) Doris Gibson for complications from shingles (by Paul Gibson) Kendell Gleason for ALS (by Jim Husband) Pat Graveline for colon/liver cancer (by Joe Mereness and Richard Scott) Janet Griffin for cancer (by Valerie Lewis) Suzanne West Guy for Parkinsons (by Nina Guy) David Hawkins for complications from diabetes (by Rosemary Eaton) Linda Hawkins for mass on spine (by Rosemary Eaton) Ken Heckle for a blockage (by Kathy Yent) Ron Hoover for cancer (by Lisa White) Charlie Johnson+ for Congestive Heart Failure (office) Susan Kensey (by Shannon Kirschbaum) Georg Kidd for a neuro-muscular disease (by Kathy Yent) Lori Kincade for blood cancer (by Shannon Kirschbaum) Terry King (by Mary Ann Carr) Andrea Krause for breast cancer (by Gay Pfister) Brian Lucy for a blood disorder (by Kathy Yent) Melissa McCarter for Parkinson's (by Eleanor Woollard) Elizabeth McIntyre for AML (by Eleanor Woollard) Margaret Minuth for knee replacement (by Anita Minuth) Linda Monk for metastatic lung cancer (by Kathy Yent) Jack Mullen for lung cancer (by Bill Mullen) Kathy Nelson for pulmonary fibrosis (by Kathy Yent) Kay Nissen for brain tumor (by Jan Mohr) Bob Oberman for cancer (by Betty Salley) Elizabeth Perkins for brain tumor (by Pat Elliot)

## **June Birthdays**

Rachel Morris	4
Valerie Lewis	6
Gloria Diggs	7
Peggy Wintzer	7
Brent Morris	8
Mary Dabney Webster	10
Mary Kathryn Diggs	12
John Lee Machen	13
Harrison Fuller	14
Bill Crowe	15
Ray Stubblebine	16
Jonny McCann	20
Mike Reed	21
Karen Johnston	21
Dorothy Jeffress	23
Phillip Machen	23
Karen Geddes	24
Ryan White	28
Bill Stearns	29
Ronald Greene	29

## Serving in the Military or Diplomatic Corps

Jody Bridgforth Colin Bucknor BJ Cavazos Shawn Davis Yvette Gaither Joe Kraynak Megan Kraynak Hib McNeilly Joey Plotino Jennifer Schmidt Zach Schmidt George Truscott William Truscott

Deborah Phillips+ for Crohn's Disease (by Betty Salley) Stefanie Powers (by Lisa McCann) Norris Richardson for Parkinsons (by the Warrens) Erin Robertson for AA neuropathy (Warrens) Mark Robins for brain cancer (by Tom Ingram) Gary Wayne Sadler (by Josie Thorpe) Ginger Shackelford for Hodgkins lymphoma (Kathy Yent) Rosie Small for cervical/uterine cancer (by Gay Pfister) Marsha Threlkeld for breast cancer (by Debbie Lambert) Joe Tomlinson (by Josie Thorpe) Harry Ward for brain tumor (by Jay Black) Jennie Whittle for return of cancer (by Mary Chapman) Catherine Worley for breast cancer (by Gay Butler)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 pm Baccalaureate	1 pm Monday Class-KC	4 pm Preschool BdL	12 pm Healing/HE-MC		10 am Preschool Gradu- ation-PH	10 am Concerts By the Bay MtgL
7 pm Boy Scouts-PH	7 pm Vestry-L	7 pm Tuesday Class-KC		7 pm AA-PH		m
9 Day of Pentecost	10 8 am Counters-L	11	12	13	14	15
10:30 am Annual Parish Picnic and Worship at	1 pm Monday Class-KC		12 pm Healing/HE-MC			CVII.
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<ul> <li>30 3 Pentecost</li> <li>8 am HE I-CC</li> <li>10:30 Mass on the Grass at Abingdon Church</li> </ul>						

## The Kingston Crier, June 2019

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#### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I at Christ Church 9:15 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish House 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Kingston Chapel

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist with Healing each Wednesday in the Meditation Chapel