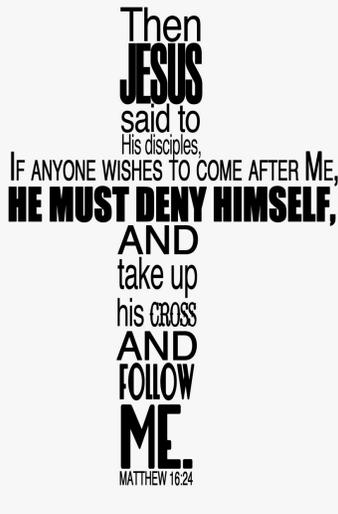


Christ Church

The Episcopal Church in Gardiner
Parish News

Sunday, August 30, 2020

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Weekly Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 30

- 8:00 AM - Outdoor Worship in the Churchyard
- 9:00 AM - Outdoor Worship and Streamed on Facebook Live
- 5:00 to 5:30 PM - Community Supper To-Go at Christ Church



Malicious Phishing Attempt

It has come to my attention that at least one person in our congregation has received an email from someone, impersonating me, and asking for help. The email address looked very much like mine, but was slightly different. When you respond to these impersonated emails, you may get asked for gift cards or money. **Please do not respond to an email from me that seems unusual.** And please know that I will never send an email asking for money or gift cards. If you get an email that you suspect is a malicious phishing attempt, please send an email to my *actual* address: kerry@christchurchgardiner.org. We can report the fraudulent email to Google so that the sender gets shut down.

--Kerry

The Parish Hall Is Getting a New Roof!

While we have been worshipping outdoors this summer in an effort to keep our community safe, attention to our beautiful and historic building has not diminished. Over the past couple of years, we have observed roof leaks in a few locations in the newer building—the Parish Hall and other rooms that connect with the historic church. In order to prevent further damage and greater repair costs down the road, it is time to replace the roof. The Vestry has agreed to a contract with G & E Roofing to replace the two flat roofs in late October or early November. As you can imagine, this will be an expensive project. The projected cost for replacing the roofs and repairing any damage from moisture is about \$60,000.

The Christ Church leadership sent a mailing out last week to parishioners with information about the roof replacement and a request for pledges to the Building Fund. If you are financially able to contribute to the new roof, please consider making a donation. More information is in the letter. Thank you!

Wedding Photos and Interest in Christ Church History?

Christ Church has an account with Forever.com that has information about the history of our church, as well as all of our worship services that have been streamed online, current Vestry information, and so much more. The Archives Committee is looking for wedding photos. If you, or someone in your family, were married at Christ Church, please send us a photo!

And as we look forward to the celebration of two hundred years of worship at Christ Church in October, this site is a great resource for looking back at our history. Check it out! <https://www.forever.com/app/users/christ-church-episcopal>

Community Supper Help Needed in September

Help is needed to prepare and pass out the Community Supper To-Go Meals for September 13. Please be in touch with Becky, parish@christchurchgardiner.org if you can help. This is a growing ministry at Christ Church. Some weeks we are handing out 50 meals. Christ Church is responsible for preparing the meals and distributing them on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month. We could use your help!



Help local students get a great start to the school year!

You can bring donations of notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, art supplies, and more to our outdoor worship on Sundays.

Or you can drop off donations in the bin by the office door at the back of the church.

Deadline is August 30.



Healing Prayers and Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Committee is available to offer healing prayers upon request through phone calls or Zoom. If you would like to arrange healing prayers in this way, please contact Ellen Ellis, ellenbobellis@aol.com, or Kerry, kerrymansir@christchurchgardiner.org, and they will schedule a convenient time with one of the Committee members.

Pastoral Care conversations are still possible, as well, over the phone or outdoors. Just contact Kerry to schedule.

Wednesday Morning Prayer and Study of Exodus Starting after Labor Day

This Fall, we'll bring back Wednesday worship either outdoors or on Zoom, and we will read and discuss the Book of Exodus for our next Bible Study. More details to come next week.

Worship at Christ Church--Outdoors and Facebook Live

On Sunday mornings, we are offering two outdoor worship services at 8am and 9am. Please plan on arriving a few minutes early in order to find an area of the churchyard where you can participate in worship at a safe distance from others. Masks are required when you cannot maintain physical distance. We will have some extra

masks available. If you are able, please bring your own chair. It will likely be more comfortable than the metal folding chairs that we have available!

If you find it difficult to navigate the church lawn, there will be some seating available on the paved driveway. If you do not have accessibility limitations, please park in the back parking lot, allowing those who are less mobile to park along Dresden Avenue.

If we need to cancel Sunday morning worship *outdoors*, a message will be posted on our Facebook Page, website, and office voicemail. If weather does not permit outdoor worship, a service will still be streamed at 9am on Facebook Live.

If you are worshiping with us online, here's a tip about sound, using earbuds or headphones can really increase the volume!

Bulletins are emailed out on Saturdays and available on our website under the Worship tab.

Remember, you DO NOT need a Facebook account to access these live services. Here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/Christ-Episcopal-Church-Gardiner-Maine-185946885872/>

Local Episcopal Churches Collaborating to Start *Sacred Ground* Groups

(from the Episcopal Church website) *Sacred Ground* is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

The 10-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.

Sacred Ground is part of *Becoming Beloved Community*, The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. This series is open to all, and especially designed to help white people talk with other white people. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love.

More information to come about registration. Zoom gatherings of the group will begin in late October.

Click here for an introduction to *Sacred Ground* by Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry.

<https://episcopalchurch.org/library/video/introducing-sacred-ground>

Online Giving - Thank you!

Our online donations have increased greatly - it always helps us to have a steady flow of income as we continue to carry out our mission, but especially during this time.

Thanks to those who have taken the leap!.

As you consider what method of online giving to use, you may wish to know that there are no extra fees when your contributions are taken from your savings or checking accounts. All credit/debit cards charge us an additional fee ranging from 2% to 3%. This is not subtracted from your giving but is billed to the church. If you are able, you may add a bit in the box titled "help offset the processing fees."

If you would like to know more about giving electronically, email or call Becky in the office and she will be glad to answer questions.

Christ Church - A Community of Prayer

Parish Prayer List: Please pray for Liz Hall, Dan Stevens, Martha Tyler, Millie Foster, Carrie Stevens, Pat Larson, Pam Proctor, Carol Hedgpeth, Ashley, Shasta Beane, Patty Harvey, Dick Rines, Norma Layne, Matt Bear-Fowler, Diana Lathrop, Charles Hicks, Jim Gill, Jeannie and Millie, Candy Avery, and Pat Evers (knee surgery).

Church Family and Friends on the Long-Term Parish Prayer List: Edie Weymouth, Jody & Ralph Clark, Marge Alexander, Joan Lane, Dorna Tracy, Jen Lagasse, Mary Fowler, Betty Walls, Vicky, Barbara Lamphire, Jeannie and David Douglass, Edna Brown, Jim and Anne Schmidt, Jack White, Christine Landes, Sarah, Jeff, Bob, George, Father Luckner, Lyndon Morgan, Dave Choate (friend of the Ellises), Kim Dunn (Rohnnie's daughter), and Mary Vasquez. Please pray also for Gordon and Sue Smith's dog Lilley.

For Those Who Have Died: *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

For Those Who Mourn: *Most merciful God, surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come.*

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the summer chapel congregations of Church of the Redeemer, Sorrento; St. Christopher's By-the-Sea, Winter Harbor; and for all who labor and work, for parents who labor to care for their families, and for all who seek the dignity of meaningful employment.

Scripture Readings for This Sunday

The Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and

bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
Therefore, thus says the Lord:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Response

Psalm 26:1-8

1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

The Epistle

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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