



February, 2018

*St. Mary's Episcopal Church*

# The Bell Ringer

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## St. Mary's Calls the Rev. Thomas P.H. Warren to be its next Rector!

After prayerfully conducting a 10-month search process in accordance with the Diocese of East Carolina and your Vestry's charge, the St. Mary's

Rector Search Committee recommended Father Tom Warren to be our new Rector. In response to this recommendation, the Vestry voted to enthusiastically accept the Search Committee's recommendation and issued an official Call to Father Tom. Father Tom accepted that Call and will become the next Rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church!

On Sunday, January 28, his 2,372nd day of serving as the Assistant Rector at St. Mary's, Father Tom preached his 'farewell' sermon before transitioning into his new ministry as Rector. In his sermon, he jokingly referred to the next Rector, saying "I've heard some things about this guy. He's not perfect, (not by a long shot), he certainly doesn't know everything, but he loves you very much and, most importantly, he loves Jesus."

Usually, priests making a transition to a new call as Rector have to physically move to a new place of ministry. This relocation naturally offers them some time in between roles. Since the transition for Father Tom will entail much more than a simple move of office location, Father Tom will be taking some time away from the office and from Sunday morning worship at St. Mary's for reflection, prayer, and planning. You may see him around, but he will not have office hours during this time. Father Tom's first day in the Church Office as our Rector will be on Monday, February 12.

May God bless Father Tom, his wife Holly, their sons Jude & Mason, and our entire church family in this next exciting season of our ministry together!

## The Episcopal Church

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### In the Anglican Communion

A global community of 80 million Anglicans in 38 member provinces/churches.

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### In the United States

A community of 1.9 million members in 118 dioceses in the Americas and abroad.

Established in 1788.

Presiding Bishop

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry

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### In the Diocese of East Carolina

A community of more than 15,000 communicants in 70 churches.

Founded in 1883.

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### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A church of 362 baptized members whose mission is to worship and serve God joyfully, to nurture each other in faith and wholeness, to minister to others, and to manifest the "good news" of Christ.

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Minister of Music Mrs. Sharon Veitch

Mary's Kitchen Executive Director Mr. Jim Godfrey

Director of Children's Ministries Mrs. Shelly L. Yarbrough

Sr. Warden Mr. Jon Sargeant

Jr. Warden Mr. Walter R. Poole

## News at St. Mary's

### A Chili & Cornbread Cook-off

to raise funds for our Glory Ridge Mission Team!

Prizes for Best In Show, People's Choice, & Most Original...

Your generosity changes lives!

Wednesday, January 31; 6:00 pm  
Moseley Hall

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner



Join us on Tuesday, February 13th for a very special VALENTINE'S edition of our annual SHROVE TUESDAY celebration in Moseley Hall at 6:15pm.



Anne Lindley has lined up

an astounding menu consisting of mixed greens salad with homemade dressing, chicken piccata, vegetarian stuffed pasta shells, broccolini, garlic bread, Linzer Heart cookies, red velvet cake, wine, sparkling grape juice, and a special Shrove Tuesday PANCAKE surprise! **The cost is \$15 per person and reservations are required to be made through the Parish Office. The last day to make a reservation will be Friday, February 9.**

Proceeds from the dinner will be used for youth scholarships.

Shrove Tuesday is the last day before the beginning of Lent. Though "shrove" derives from the word *shrive* (i.e. to repent), Shrove Tuesday is actually a day for great celebrations that use up cooking ingredients which many will forgo during Lent. Come live it up at St. Mary's before Lent starts!

A survey has gone out to the congregation asking for everyone's input into your favorite way for the Church to communicate with you. Examples are: phone, email, text, mail, Facebook, etc. The survey is online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NXZ5C5F> or you may pick up a paper copy in the Narthex. Please respond when you get the survey so the Church can best keep you informed



## News at St. Mary's

### New Lay Leadership at St. Mary's!

On Sunday, January 28, your 2018 Vestry Members and Officers, as well as the Episcopal Church Women Officers were commissioned. We are blessed to have the following lay leaders serving St. Mary's this year:



Senior Warden: Jon Sargeant (pictured left)

Junior Warden: Walter Poole (pictured right)

Treasurer: Stuart Lindley

Clerk of the Vestry: Becky Darst

Finance: P.C. Barwick, Jess Edwards

Worship: Jo Parrott

Administration: Dee Warner

Outreach: Becky Darst, Gerry Fox

Pastoral Care: Juliet Barrus, Becky Darst



Christian Formation (Youth/Children): Whitney Grady

Christian Formation (Adults): Jess Edwards

Fellowship: Jim Purnell, Clifton Carey

Episcopal Church Women Officers:

President: Sarah Warner

Vice President: Laurry Sargeant

Secretary: Dacie Edwards

Treasurer: Cathy Sale

A schedule of Committee and ECW meetings for 2018 will be published in the near future. These leaders are excited to share in these ministries with you! If you have questions, please contact the chair and pray about how God would use your gifts and talents to further the work of the Gospel through St. Mary's Episcopal Church!



## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

We are entering into a new season of ministry at St. Mary's in 2018 with the call of a new Rector. Throughout the Rector Search Process, many conversations were held about the vision for this next season. How is God calling THIS current generation of disciples to follow Jesus in THIS time and THIS place? Join Father Tom and members of our Christian Formation Committee on Wednesday Evenings this Lent, beginning on February 21, for a series of programs designed

to help us listen to God's call for our particular church family's mission in ministry to share the Good News of Jesus with each other and out into the world. A supper will be served for all participants of the program!

### YOU MAY NOTICE...

The church calendar helps us mark time and make spiritual preparations for significant times in our lives of faith. Lent is our time of preparation for the celebration of Christ's victory over death and the season of Easter. In anticipation of that season of exuberance and feasting, Christians in the Anglican tradition observe Lent by "self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." Our worship together changes during the season as well. Some things you may notice include our services beginning with "A Penitential Order," fewer candles, the more solemn purple color of vestments and paraments, our restraint from saying "Alleluia," the use of a special 'fraction anthem' at communion, and singing the Trisagion rather than the more festive "Gloria."



# WORSHIP

The Season of  
Lent begins  
February 14,  
2018



## ASH WEDNESDAY

The imposition of ashes is often a central part of Ash Wednesday worship. Ashes have a long history in biblical and church traditions. In scripture, ashes or dust symbolize frailty or death (Gen. 18:27), sadness or mourning (Esther 4:3), judgment (Lam. 3:16), and repentance (Jon. 3:6). Some traditions also have considered ash a purifying or cleansing agent. All these images are caught up in the church's use of ashes as a symbol appropriate for Lent. In Christ's passion we see God's judgment on evil; in our penitence we express sorrow and repentance for our sins; in our rededication we show that we are purified and renewed.

The ashes we use at St. Mary's on Ash Wednesday are the made by burning the previous year's palms from Palm Sunday. Worshippers at the Ash Wednesday liturgy are invited to come forward to have the priest make a cross on each person's forehead (the "imposition"), saying "*Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.*"

Ash Wednesday is one of only two fast days for Episcopalians on the church calendar and it is an obligation for all Episcopalians to make a proper beginning of Lent by attending an Ash Wednesday liturgy. St. Mary's will offer the Imposition of Ashes and celebrate the Holy Eucharist on **Wednesday, February 14th** at:

7:00 a.m. - Chapel

12:00 noon - St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 707 E. Lenoir Ave., Kinston

7:00 p.m. - Church (with music)



## The Way of the Cross

St. Mary's will be offering the Way of the Cross on Friday evenings at 5:45 p.m., beginning February 16th. Sometimes called the Stations of the Cross, this short devotional experience engages our whole bodies as worshipers move to each of the fourteen markers in the church, recalling a different event of Jesus' Passion.

The Way of the Cross is an especially poignant way "that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby [God] has given us life and immortality," to quote the Prayer Book's collect for Palm Sunday. May you be blessed by this powerful tradition of the Lenten season.



## CHORAL

EVENSONG will be held every Wednesday

evening during Lent at 5:45 pm prior to the evening program & meal. If you would like to participate in the choir or learn the music for pure enjoyment for Choral Evensong, please join in the rehearsals.

The rehearsal schedule begins Tuesday, February 6.

Tuesdays: 7 pm - Adults

Wednesdays: 4:30 pm - Youth and children

Sundays: after the 10:30 am liturgy - for those unable to attend rehearsals on Tuesday or Wednesday

All rehearsals will be in the choir room.

## Christian Formation

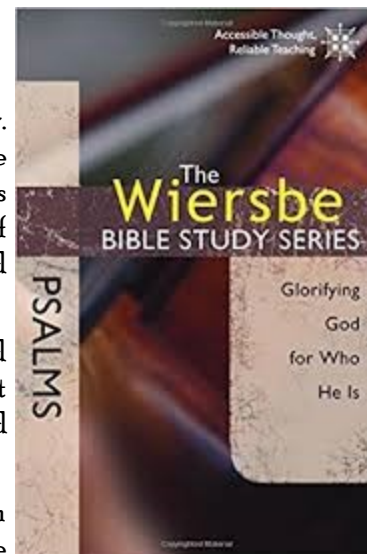
The Adult Christian Formation Class will be studying the Book of Psalms during the Spring. The class will be using a study guide from "The Wiersbe Bible Study Series."

**Rediscover the Psalms as a powerful collection of praise, prayer, and worship.**

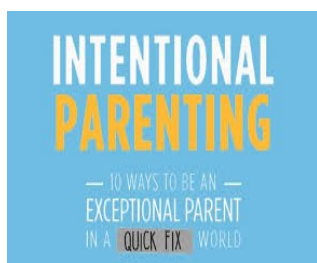
Our God is extraordinary. A loving Savior. A caring Comforter. A tenderhearted Father. The One who has pursued our hearts at any cost. The book of Psalms celebrates the love story between creation and its Creator. It's a story that shares the remarkable attributes of God, and our joyous response to all that He is. This study guide explores the book of Psalms, a collection that continues to be the definitive devotional, prayer book, and hymnal for every believer.

The Wiersbe Bible Studies Series explores timeless wisdom found in God's word. Based on Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe's popular "BE" series, each study provides topical, relevant insights from selected books of the Bible. This eight-week study features selected commentaries from BE Worshipful and BE Exultant!, engaging questions, and practical.

A free copy of the study guide is provided to every participating household. We meet in Moseley Hall Sundays beginning at 9:15am. Our Adult Christian Formation Team are the facilitators for this class.



### A NEW PARENTING CLASS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS



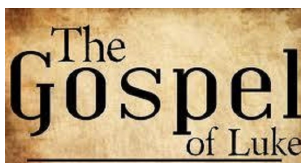
The "Young Adults" group has started a new series about Christian parenting. This class is ideal for any aged parent with kids of any age. This class meets in the Bookstore. Plus, the nursery is open and breakfast snacks are provided. Here are a few reviews of the course from previous students - "Once we stopped laughing, we realized how much we were learning." "Finally, a resource that engages Dads too!" "By far, the most practical parenting help we've received." A free workbook is provided to every household and videos may be viewed online on the St. Mary's channel of Right Now Media. If you've not already created an account for free access to the Right Now Media Christian education library, visit this website today:

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/StMarysEpiscopalChurch>



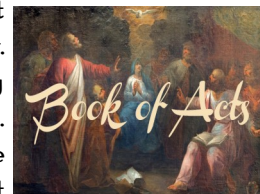
THE  
**GOOD BOOK**  
CLUB

The Good Book Club is an open invitation to the whole Episcopal church to read the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts together during Lent and Easter 2018. This is very similar to The Bible Challenge in that we will provide a reading schedule that folks can follow.



There's no programmed meeting for it at this time, though the possibility of a group discussion among participants can happen, if there is interest. Reading schedules will be placed in the Narthex. You can also find the reading schedule, an introduction from Bishop Curry, and much more at

<http://www.goodbookclub.org> Episcopalians around the world will be participating.



JOURNEY IN  
**FAITH**

**Confirmation Classes** - Bishop Skirving will be at St. Mary's on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018. Youth participating in *Sealed & Sent Forth* on Sunday mornings and adults participating in *Journey in Faith* will be able to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church at that time. Baptism and affirmations of faith will also be possible that day. *Journey in Faith* is a series of classes that presents the fundamentals of the Christian faith along with the

particular ways of being a Christian in the Anglican/Episcopal tradition and locally here at St. Mary's. The class is for anyone, regardless of intention to be confirmed. *Journey in Faith* would be a wonderful class for anyone desiring to explore the Christian faith, interested in confirmation, as well as any newcomer curious about life at St. Mary's.

# Youth Community News

## Mark Your Calendars!!

**Wednesday Jan. 31, 6pm**

Glory Ridge Chili & Cornbread Cook Off!!!

3:00pm Homework Hangout, and EYC to help set up for the Chili Cook Off!

**Sunday, Feb. 4**

9:15am THE STORY for Middle School in the Parlor and SEALED & SENT FORTH for High School in the Youth Room

**Wednesday, Feb 7**

3:00pm Homework Hangout

4:30pm Youth Choir

5:30pm EYC!!!

6:15pm Parish Family Night

**Sunday, Feb 11**

Same schedule as February 4

**Wednesday, Feb 14**

Ash Wednesday liturgies at 7am (chapel), Noon (St. Augustine's), or 7pm (Church)

**Pilgrimage to Washington, DC (Feb 16-19)**

**Sunday, Feb 18**

Same schedule as February 4

**Wednesday, Feb. 21**

3:00pm Homework Hangout

4:30pm Youth Choir

5:45pm Evensong

6:15pm Supper & Lenten Program

**Sunday, Feb 25**

Same schedule as February 4

**Wednesday, Feb 28**

Same schedule as February 21

Please come and bring a friend!!!!

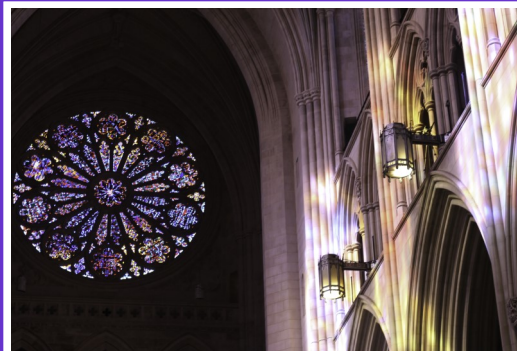
This Lent, the youth are again invited into a special group of singers who will offer their joyful praise in a choir during the Choral Evensong services on Wednesday Evenings from February 21 through March 21. Youth Choir practices will be on Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 in the Choir Room. God bless you!



All High Schoolers are invited to experience Happening in 2018! Happening is a joyful weekend of sharing life and Christian faith at Trinity Center that is led by High Schoolers for High Schoolers. In fact, Happening #71 (March 2-4) will be led by our own Will Sargeant as its "Rector!"

If you haven't already, please register by or before February 3, at this link:

<http://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org/Ministry%20&%20Education%20Opportunities/happening.html%20>



**The Pilgrimage to Washington DC** will be February 16-19 (Presidents' Day weekend). This is a joint trip with Christ Church (New Bern) and St. Paul's (Beaufort). St. Mary's will have 9 youth pilgrims participating along with chaperons Tom Hengel and Susanne Ballard. They will leave the St. Mary's parking lot at 4pm on Friday, the 16th. During this pilgrimage, they will visit many sites and "find God" throughout our nation's capitol. They will also experience a rich variety of liturgical experiences from the "Welcome Table" ministry alongside a largely homeless population, to Holy Eucharist at the National Cathedral, to Solemn Evensong & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Paul's K Street. Please keep this group in your prayers during this time that they would be blessed by this experience and be a blessing to those whom they encounter along the way.



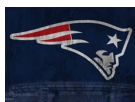


## Other News



Who do you think will win the Super Bowl this year??

On Sunday, February 4, St. Mary's will celebrate not only the football game, but also the **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** through which ministries that address hunger in our community will be supported. Simply come to church that morning and put a donation of any amount in the soup pot for the team that you believe will win that night's big game. St. Mary's has a pretty good track record of predicting the victors over the years! The best part is that all of the proceeds will be split evenly and given to **Mary's Kitchen** and **Common Ground of Eastern NC**. So please, let's tackle hunger and play in the SOUPER BOWL!



**PATRIOTS OR EAGLES??!**



### ST. MARY'S CHORAL MINISTRY

The choral ministry at St. Mary's welcomes Bryan and Lorraine Spader to the choir! It is a delight to have them singing in the choir as they share their wonderful talents.

We are always looking for others to join the choir. Please join us on Tuesday evenings at 5:30pm for rehearsal. It is always a great time of enjoyment working on anthems and hymns in preparation for the liturgy.



The offering of our music is focused on lifting our voices to God so that He will be pleased. Our work and preparation is designed to join together with the congregation in the liturgy as a corporate body of believers.

Through the use of hymns, anthems, and psalms we are sustained in our daily lives, instructed in our faith, express our feelings and ideas and become bound in closer fellowship. Please talk to any choir member about the blessings they receive by serving Christ and His church in this ministry of music. Sharon Veitch is our Minister of Music and would be glad to answer any questions you have. She may be contacted at [sveitch@stmaryskinston.com](mailto:sveitch@stmaryskinston.com).

**I SING PSALMS**  
WITH WENDELL K

### SAVE THE DATE!!

Award-winning composer and church musician, Wendell Kimbrough, returns to Kinston to lead us in an evening of joy and praise. Clear your calendars on Tuesday, March 6 for this special night. More details will be announced soon! Learn more about Wendell and listen to his music at [www.wendellk.com](http://www.wendellk.com).

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### From the Parish Register

#### **Baptisms:**

Gordon Randolph Kelley, IV  
 January 7, 2018

Easton Hayes Lewis on  
 January 21, 2018

#### **Transfers In:**

Marylindley Wilson from  
 St. James Episcopal (Wilmington, DE)

Stella Posey from

Yorkshire United Methodist (York, PA)

#### **Transfers Out:**

Ashe Exum, Sr. to

St. Andrew's Episcopal (Morehead City)

Teresa Singer to

St. Paul's Episcopal (Wilmington)

Giles Stroud to

Smith's New Home OFWB (Kinston)

Donna Wideman to

Queen St United Methodist (Kinston)

### ***Cherished Member Luncheon***

Remember to mark your calendar for **February 1st**, at 11:30 a.m., as that date marks February's Cherished Members and Friends Luncheon. Please invite a friend. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex, or simply call the Lori at 523-6146 to sign up. Hope to see you there! Please RSVP by January 30th.

#### **SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sundays 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist: Rite I

9:15 a.m. – Christian Formation for all ages

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

Wednesdays in Lent: Evensong at 5:45 p.m.

Fridays in Lent: Way of the Cross at 5:45 p.m.

#### **ST. MARY'S VESTRY**

2018	2019	2020
P.C. Barwick	Juliet Barrus	Jess Edwards
Clifton Carey	Walter Poole	Gerry Fox
Becky Darst	Jim Purnell	Whitney Grady
Milton "Dee" Warner	Jonathan Sargeant	Jo Parrott
	Senior Warden – Jon Sargeant	
	Junior Warden – Walter Poole	
	Clerk – Becky Darst	
	Treasurer – D. Stuart Lindley	