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## UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

### ◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

#### Monday to Friday

*Morning and Evening Prayer*  
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

#### Ember Wednesday

*Morning and Evening Prayer*  
*with Holy Communion*  
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.  
9:45 a.m. *Litany*  
10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

#### In addition, on Thursday

*Evening Prayer & Holy Communion*  
5:30 p.m.

#### Ember Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

#### ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE & MARTYR

*Morning and Evening Prayer*  
*With Holy Communion*  
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

#### Ember Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

10:30 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

#### Next Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

TRINITY 17

10:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*

Stewardship theme: "Seeking God's kingdom, for ourselves, our church, and our neighbor".

But what is "God's kingdom"? We may think of a "kingdom" as a territory ruled by a king, and of God's kingdom as a place in the clouds. But in the Bible a kingdom is not a place but a power; it is kingship in action: it's what a king does. He saves and defends his people from their enemies. He upholds justice by his judgments. He preserves their possession of the land that is their inheritance. So the kingdom of God is not a remote place in heaven, but a present activity of God here on earth. The good news of the gospel is that God's kingdom is coming, "on earth as it is in heaven", and is already come in the words, works, and person of Jesus. In his works of power ("miracles"), we see the power of God's kingdom to save an afflicted people from defilement, disease, demon-possession, and death. In his acts of judgment, we see the power of God's kingdom to establish justice among men, by forgiving sins, reconciling sinners, putting down the mighty from their seats and exalting the humble and meek. In bestowing on his people the Spirit, we see the power of his Kingdom to impart an inheritance better than land - the gift of God himself, who in taking his people as his possession, gives himself to be theirs: "My beloved is mine, and I am his".

## SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM (2)

The last two Sundays (Trinity 14 and 15) have set before us a choice - to live by the Flesh, in self-gratifying greed, or to live by the Spirit, in grateful service; to live by fear, in the service of Mammon, or by faith, in the service of God; in godless anxiety, or in godly ambition. When we live by faith in God's fatherly goodness, we are set free to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness", in the confidence that his providence will not fail us. That is our

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STANDING NOTICES

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary. Please call the Church Office to notify the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital or hospice.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

- 8:00 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 a.m. Mr. Holden T. Hayes

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. E. Brian Culver & Mr. Edwin H. Culver

ACOLYTES

- 8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne
10:30 a.m. Philip Inglesby Jack McClellan
Jacob Perkins Finn Repella William Taylor
Haddon Watson Whit Watson

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jacqueline Barden Whitfield.

And in loving memory loved ones by Mr. and Mrs. Warren L. Traver.

And in loving memory of Peter Meldrim Coy and Sally McAdoo Coy by Mr. and Mrs. Timothy E. Coy.

And in loving memory of Jo Francis Deal and Edward John Derst, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Derst III and family.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Helmken and loved ones, and in thanksgiving for St. John's Church by Mr. and Mrs. W. Howard Helmken, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Gary M. Schubert.

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Mrs. William T. Moore, Jr.

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH:

Cranmer Hall – 3rd Floor

Upper & Middle School – D. Svihel

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS:

Collects Study with Father O'Brien, Will & Mary

Helen Burdell – CH3-Reading Room

Father Dunbar's Class on 2 Kings – Chapel

The Gospel According to John with

Jack Wray – CH3-Room 309

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday- Jeremiah with Father Dunbar

7:00 a.m., Cranmer Hall – 3rd Floor

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday Book Study: T. H. White's "The Spire"

with Father O'Brien 9:15 a.m.,

CH3-Reading Room

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

All parishioners (16 and over) are encouraged to volunteer as a teacher's aide or Cranmer Hall building supervisor. For more information, please contact Melanie Finnegan at melaniefinnegan@gmail.com.

FOLLOW ON FACEBOOK

To see announcements, weekly lessons, and photos of our children throughout the year, join our Facebook page, St. John's Children.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

But who is this people that he saves and blesses? It is a community constituted by the faithful response to the gospel proclamation of the Kingdom. True, the gospel meets with rejection as well as reception; but in the cross and resurrection the Kingdom triumphs. For there the King takes upon himself the death our sins deserve, that he may give us the life that only his righteousness deserves, and so he wins to himself a people gathered out of all sorts and conditions of men, to be his witness among all nations. That witness is necessary, because the consummation of the Kingdom – when "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ" (Rev. 11:15) – is not yet. So the Kingdom is present, but hidden, proclaimed by the witness of our words and works, yet known by faith alone. Grounded in grateful memory of its first coming, we look with expectant hope for its final revelation. Until that day, grateful hope informs all that we do, and all that we suffer; for it is the coming of God's kingdom that everything we do or suffer is rescued from futility. It is the one thing - the "pearl of great price" - for whose sake all other things are worth doing or suffering. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, immoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord".

In summary, that is what we mean by God's kingdom. Like any summary it is both abstract and general, nebulous and vague. In the pages of the New Testament, however, we see it fleshed out in life. In this Sunday's gospel (Luke 7:11-17), we see what the Kingdom's coming means for a widow

on her way to bury her only son, and what it means for her friends and neighbours, and what it means for the people who hear the news of what happened. Such is the dynamism of God's Kingdom: it creates an ever-widening community of praise which cannot be contained, but overflows, until its glory fills the earth. Drawn into that community of praise, we too have been invited to *seek first God's kingdom*, and to flesh out what it means for ourselves, our church, and our neighbours is what we will be considering in the next few weeks.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SCIENCE & TRUTH

Is there room for God in our understanding of reality?

Five Talks by Jon Sprague  
Thursdays Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11  
at 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

- **Come to all, or come to one.** The first four talks can stand alone the fifth is where the themes are pulled together.
- **Free Admission**

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## CONNECTION SUNDAY

**This Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Staff and volunteers will be on hand after 8:00 a.m. service and before and after 10:30 a.m. service, to help parishioners "get connected with St. John's online/smartphone directory and have photos taken for it.

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## APRON ORDERS

The final order for personalized Holly Days Bazaar aprons will be placed today, September 16. The total cost of the apron is \$21.40. Please contact Nita Ann Klein at 912-927-4270 or nak618@gmail.com.

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 16, 2018

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE & GOSPEL..... Prayer Book, page 212

A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

Nursery for birth - age 3 (Cranmer Hall, 1st floor)
is available from 9:15 a.m. till 12:15 p.m.

9:30 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Cranmer Hall)

10:30 A.M. – SUNG EUCHARIST, SERMON & CHILDREN’S CHURCH

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Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service.
If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12:00 P.M. (Noon)—HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel - as at 8:00 a.m.)