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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.

**In addition, Wednesday**

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

**In addition, on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST**

*Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer*

*with Holy Eucharist*

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

**Next Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Dedication Sunday**

**TRINITY 21 - 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer**

## SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM (6)

Why is living in community so hard? Why are relationships so difficult, even and especially with those to whom we are most close? The gospel invites us to a life in relationship with God and neighbour, in a community that is both reconciled and reconciling. And yet to our shame, and the reproach of the gospel, we Christians are not very good at community. (Of course, non-Christians are no better, though that does not stop them self-righteously denouncing our failings.) Why is this?

Let me suggest one way of thinking about this that I have found helpful. *We all have the virtues of our vices.* If someone is careful with money, he may be stingy; if he is generous, he may be extravagant. The courageous person is reckless, and the cautious person is timid. An optimist ignores problems, and a pessimist thinks everything is a problem. The organized person can never be

spontaneous, and the hard worker does not know how to relax. And so on.

Not only does every virtue, every personal strength, have its "shadow side", its limitation, but we are also often blind to them, and to some extent wilfully blind. We don't see them because we don't look for them, and we don't look for them because we don't *want* to see them. That would be too painful for our carefully-curated self-images. It is in conflicts with those who are in relationship with us, that we become aware of our limitations. That encounter with the reality we usually ignore can be a painful experience: we may react defensively and angrily. When we respond that way, however, we are missing the opportunity this painful experience gives - of seeing ourselves more fully, in our virtues and in our vices. If instead of trying to defend ourselves, we listened, we might learn something very important about ourselves - we might learn the limitations of our own selves to which we ourselves are blind.

Such self-knowledge, of course, is useless if it does not lead to positive change ('amendment of life'), and change is painful. To avoid the pain, we may walk away from the relationship in which the conflict takes place. But if the pain of losing the relationship is greater than the pain of change, then we will embrace change rather than lose the relationship. That's why community is the matrix of spiritual growth. Moreover, the same community where we discover the painful truth about ourselves, can also provide the forgiveness and loving encouragement we

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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. Mrs. Christian M. Arden-Joly (Susan)

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. G. Edward Warner

ACOLYTES

- 8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne
10:30 a.m. Philip Inglesby, Finn Repella,
Daniel Sills, William Sills, William Taylor,
Haddon Watson, Whit Watson

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in memory and honor of loved ones by the John Helmken family.

And in honor of Mrs. Jack E. Altman's birthday and Sarah Elizabeth Brigdon's birthday by Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr. and family.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

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Mrs. Mark. D. Stevens

ROAMING GREETER

Ms. Linda H. Pounds

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH:

Cranmer Hall - 3rd Floor

Children Sunday offering supports a little girl in Africa through Compassion International.

Middle School & High School (This week) -

Rick Wright & Martin Sullivan

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

Tuesday Breakfast and Philippians 3-4 with Father O'Brien, 6:45 a.m., Parish House

Thursday Jeremiah with Father Dunbar, 7:00 a.m. Cranmer Hall - Reading Room

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday A Glastonbury Romance by John

Cowper Powys with Father O'Brien

9:15 a.m., CH3-Reading Room

GOD AND THE GALAXY: Students and Families discussing faith in a scientific age with Kitty

Ferguson on Thursday, October 25th at 6:15 p.m. in Cranmer Hall. Free and open to the public.

YOUTH PAINTBALL: Sunday, Oct 21st from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Hoppers in Savannah

Join us in the action-thrill sport of paintball! Hopper's has a field based on the Call of Duty level "Nuketown". The cost is \$45 and includes: paintball gun, air, 500 paintballs, and a mask. Must have a signed parent consent form and Hopper's safety waiver to go. Bring a packed lunch. Wear several layers of clothes and long pants.

also need in order to change. Truth alone is harsh and judgmental; love alone is sentimental and enabling; positive change requires we "speak the truth in love" (Eph 4:15) - and hear it spoken to us. The Christian community - church, family, city, country, friendship, workplace - can be this outlook and perspective, because the gospel *is* the truth spoken in love - the painful truth of sin (that we are much worse than we like to believe), and the amazing truth of grace (that we are more loved that we dared hope for). If we have received this truth spoken in love with the gospel, then we shall be able to hear it, and speak it in our lives.

So what does that require of us? First, to be ready to hear the truth spoken about ourselves. For all this is important, but especially if we are prone to be touchy, irascible, or censorious, and find it all too easy to confront others about their faults. The policing of the behavior of our neighbours is a way of distracting attention from our own. Yet we must also be ready to speak up when others trespass against us. Unlike the touchy and censorious, agreeable persons find it hard to speak up, they avoid confrontation. They would rather 'let it pass', and sometimes this is reasonable. But there is a danger there too. If you don't speak up, and resentment emerges in your soul, one way or another it will harm the relationship and perhaps the whole community, emerging in a variety of forms: either passive aggression (e.g. the "silent treatment"), withdrawal, an explosion of anger, harsh accusations, or malicious gossip. If such resentment emerges in your soul, don't ignore it. It is a sign that you need to address the problem with the person concerned. Either he is in the wrong, and needs to know it, so he can make amends, and change; or you are. Either way, it must be done - with as much charity and civility as you can muster (always assume blindness rather than malevolence in the offender), but also with as much clarity as

is necessary to penetrate our defensiveness. Of course we must forgive each other - but the forgiveness that restores community requires truth as well as love; honesty, humility, and compassion.

GGD

**SCIENCE & TRUTH:** Is there room for God in our understanding of reality?

*Five Talks by Jon Sprague*

**Final Session this Thursday**

Oct. 18 at 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

- This fifth session is where the themes are pulled together.
- Free Admission

### **HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR**

**Holly Days Bazaar, November 7-8**

Donations of soup and chili are currently being accepted at Cranmer Hall. White Elephant and Treasures donations will be accepted beginning November 4<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers and additional support are needed before and during the Bazaar.

Please see the October update on our website [www.stjohnssav.org/serve/holly-days-bazaar/](http://www.stjohnssav.org/serve/holly-days-bazaar/) or contact Melanie Finnegan with questions or to volunteer at 912-856-6210 or [melanietfinnegan@gmail.com](mailto:melanietfinnegan@gmail.com)

### **ELEVENSES**

For Parish House Guides and Docents on Wednesday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. RSVP with either Jane Pressly or Martie Campbell Thomas.

### **VESTRY NOMINATIONS**

Submit written nominations by November 4<sup>th</sup> for four 3-year terms to the Nominating Committee or to the Church Office in a sealed envelope. Nominees must:

- 1.) Be members of St. John's 3+ years
- 2.) Support St. John's financially.
- 3.) Worship regularly at St. John's.

#### **2018 Vestry Nominating Committee**

- Dr. J. Davidson Carson
- Mr. Richard L. Wright
- Mr. Joseph R. Ross (Rusty)
- Mrs. Mark D. Stevens (Chambliss)
- Mrs. Neil H. Victor (Patti)

**Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday,  
November 18<sup>th</sup>**

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**8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION**

COLLECT, EPISTLE & GOSPEL..... *Prayer Book*, p. 217

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

**NURSERY** for birth - age 3 (Cranmer Hall, 1st floor) 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.)