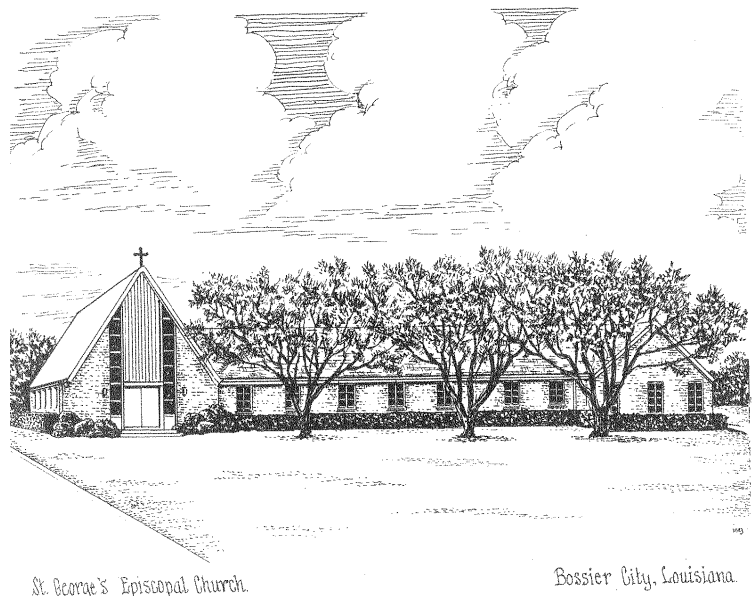


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Sundays :

**8:30A.M. -
Holy Eucharist**

**9:30A. M. -
Adult Study**

**10:30A.M. -
Holy Eucharist**

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The Good News
from St. George's



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Leave a Seat for Jesus
by Jason Kirk Bartley

We gathered over at Grandma's,
and boy, was the house filled,
With the smell of turkey roasting and joyful toasting,
everyone's drinks were spilled.
You could hear my cousins boasting
of everything they had done.
Then there was the Parkers who
talked about everyone.

No one was missing,
but an empty seat was all spread,
Grander than the others,
as we sat down to eat Grandma's fresh baked bread.
My uncle was perplexed at where the seat was sitting,
at the table's head.
But it didn't interrupt Aunt Sue who finished up her knitting,
and didn't finish what she said.

My little nephew exclaimed,
"Who is sitting there today?"
Grandma came over and draped her arm over his little shoulder
in such a loving way.
"This seat's for Jesus",
is all she had to say.
Everyone was whispering
as Grandma began to pray.

She invited Jesus to sit with them and
eat this marvelous Thanksgiving Day.
She went over and served Him as if He were
really there,
sitting in amongst them in that empty chair.
My cousins started chuckling,
for the antics were too great.
But we knew He'd come,
because Jesus is never late.



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November 2023


SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	211:00 Centering Prayer Noon/1:00 BBBS	3	4
58:30 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Adult Study 10:30 Holy Eucharist	6	7	8Vestry 5:30pm Adult Book Study Parish Hall 5:30	911:00 Centering Prayer Noon/1:00 BBBS	10	11 Yard Day
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That did not stop my nephew,
Jimmie, from giving as an offering to Jesus his last roll,
'Cause Jimmie knew that if he asked
Jesus would save his soul.
We could not see the Savior, but we knew He was there for real,

He was in each heart and in that empty chair.
We knew that Jesus had come and dined with us.
He was really there.

*“Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock
of our salvation!” - Psalm 95:1*

Happy Thanksgiving!
Mother Terry +



 Hello everyone!

As you may or may not know, we are reaching that time of year that we are looking for Vestry candidates. Come January, we will have two vacancies to fill. Both positions are standard non-titled positions on Vestry. The two people coming off are Barbara Moore and Carter Hamm. Thank y'all so very much for your service on our Vestry! Back to business, haha, we need a minimum of two people. If more than two candidates come forward, elections will be held at the annual meeting in January! Please, if you are interested in being a part of the Vestry, contact Mother Terry, myself, or proclaim your candidacy during the announcements part of service! Remember, ask not what your church can do for you, but what can you do for your church! I hope everyone has a wonderful month and good luck to all candidates.

Your Senior Warden, Jacob

November Dialogue with the Deacon

Along with the cool weather that has arrived, lots of fun outreach activities are in our future. By the time this was published we had a fun time with the kids at Lauve's as we celebrated at their Trunk or Treat. Thanks to all who helped and supplied the fun things in their St. George's pumpkin bags. The Food Box continues to be a much-needed resource for our neighbors. We always need canned food products, toilet paper, crackers, breakfast bars, macaroni and cheese, soups, and bottled water.

Tea and Time with a Friend was a refreshing break to catch up with friends and learn more about new acquaintances. How nice it is to slow down and share. I gave a brief talk about Prayer emphasizing how slowing down and having moments with God in Prayer is a revitalizing time to our spiritual life. There was a brief introduction to Daughters of the King and all were encouraged to reach out to a Daughter to consider joining our DOK chapter. Any one from the church is welcome to join.

With Christmas just around the corner, we will be having our Christmas parties at the Benton Head Starts and will be collecting toys appropriate for 3-5 year-olds that cost around \$10. We are also going to be stuffing shoe boxes. We will be providing them for children at Waller and Kerr Elementary Schools. We hope to fill 40 boxes. Please look for small toys, coloring books, snacks, and trinkets to put in the boxes. Mark your calendar for December 10 to have the toys for Head Start to the church and we will pack the shoe boxes that day after the 10:30 service. Many hands make quick work.

Your giving spirit touches so many lives around St. George's and spreads God's love to all.

Happy to serve with you, Deacon Lois

Crafters are needed for the Christmas Market. Please contact Barbara Moore at 318-230-0804.

Volunteers to provide casseroles for the Christmas Market are also needed. Please contact Deacon Lois at 318-286-5414.



2 Barry and Trelvis Dunford
29 Mike and Sue Anderson

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

2 Dennis Willingham	22 Nancy May
10 Lynn Holmes	23 Ande Arnold
16 Kate Kerney	29 Trelvis Dunford
17 Robin Loucke	
18 Donna Page	
19 Kevin McPhearson	
Rowan Williams	

Journeying the Way of Love: Four-session Advent Curriculum

For the season of Advent, both our Sunday and Wednesday Study Groups will explore the Episcopal Church's curriculum of "Journeying the Way of Love." This curriculum offers four sessions to be explored as we await the coming of Christ by moving through the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke. Luke's Gospel provides a pattern for understanding how we can live the Way of Love as individuals, as families and friends, as a community, and out in the world. The four sessions are:

Advent One: The Annunciation: Saying "Yes" to the Journey

Advent Two: Mary and Elizabeth: Journeying with Family and Friends

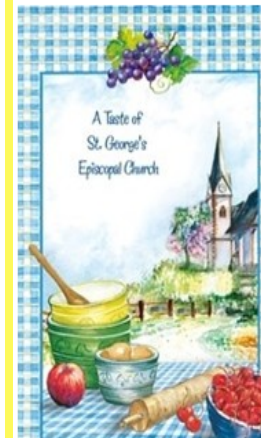
Advent Three: The Birth of John the Baptist: Journeying with Community

Advent Four: The Birth of Jesus: Journeying with the World

The Sunday Advent Study will begin December 3 in the Parish Hall between services at approximately 9:30 am. The Wednesday evening Study will begin December 6 at 5:30 pm, also in the Parish Hall. Study materials will be provided by the parish.

Mother Terry+

A Taste of St. George's



Publisher Morris Cookbooks compiled and printed 226 copies of our latest cookbook: *A Taste of St. George's Episcopal Church*. The cookbooks were received the first week of October, and within the first 18 days, sales reached a total of 65 books, which is almost 29% of the stock. The cost of each cookbook is only \$20. They make great gifts for Christmas, weddings, birthdays, bridal showers or "just because." Simple recipes for those just starting to cook are included, as well as many slowcooker/crockpot recipes for those with busy lifestyles.

Cookbooks can be purchased Sunday before or after each service, between the two services, or at the upcoming Christmas Market on November 18. If you need to purchase cookbooks at any other time, please call or text: Debbie Nechvatal at (817)372-0917, or Dianne Cook at (318)517-4004. Proceeds from the sale are dedicated to fund much needed improvements to our church campus, and your support is deeply appreciated.

BON APPETIT!



Scripture for the Month of November

<u>November 5, All Saints’ Day (White)</u>	Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22 Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12
<u>November 12, The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost</u>	Lesson: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 Psalm: Psalm 70 Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
<u>November 19, The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost</u>	Lesson: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Psalm: Psalms 123 Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30
<u>November 26, The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King</u>	Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

You Are Invited

Please Join Us for A FREE Seminar on Practical Tips for
SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS
When your heart is heavy with grief.



Monday, November 6
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Garden Room at St. Mark’s Cathedral
908 Rutherford St., Shreveport, LA 71104

The evening starts with a video presentation, followed by an opportunity to participate in a small group facilitated by a STEPHEN MINISTER.

Please call now to reserve your booklet “Holiday Survival Guide,” which has been helpful to many!

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Friends and family members welcome!
Please Call to Let Us Know How Many to Expect!

Date	8:30	10:30	Contributions
October 1	26	24	\$ 5,162.00
October 8	18	31	\$ 1,276.00
October 15	16	41	\$ 2,782.00
October 22	16	31	\$ 7,722.00
Total			\$16,942.00
Monthly Expenses			\$16,000.00

What is Happening at St. George's

Weekly:

Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist

Thursday-11:00 Centering Prayer

12:00 Brown Bag Bible Study

Monthly:

2nd Saturday — Second Saturday Gathering (Yard Cleanup)

2nd Sunday– Parish Breakfast at 9:30

3rd Tuesday Hope House lunch

3rd Sunday at 11:30 Daughters of the King

ECW

On **December 2nd the annual ECW Christmas Party** will be held in the Parish Hall at 11:00 am. Please bring a brunch dish to share. We will also be having our annual gift exchange so bring a "Silly Santa" gift.

This is also when we collect gifts for the Benton Head Starts. Bring a \$10 unwrapped gift that will be appropriate for a boy or girl, 3 to 5 years old.

ECW voted at the September meeting to allocate \$368 to weeding of the church flower beds. Deacon Lois is coordinating with our Hope House friends to hire workers to help with this project.



Steve Arnold, Beth Ann Arnold's brother, attended a weeklong session at Camp Summit in Paradise, TX, during September. He has attended this camp for the past fifteen years. Along with making new friends and seeing old friends, Steve gets to participate in several activities and just have a great time.



St. George's Happenings

We have.....

children attending Godly Play on Sundays

babies being baptized

babies having 1st birthdays

new babies being revealed

a young man joining the Navy

ladies having tea

pets being blessed

Fall flowers and pumpkins sitting pretty.

