

THE ST PETER'S POST

Aug, 2023

St Peter's Episcopal Church, Port Royal, VA

The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks, Rector

August at St Peter's

- **Every Sunday, In person worship at St Peter's and online on YouTube.**
<https://www.youtube.com/@st.petersepiscopalchurchpo677/streams>
- **Sun., August 6 -Coffee Hour after Church in the pavilion.**
- **Every Wednesday, 10AM until Noon Bible Study in the Parish House—Study the upcoming Sunday's lectionary.**
- **Tues., August 8, 11AM Vestry Meeting in the Parish House**
- **Sun., August 13, 2-5PM Youth Pool Party at the Davis Pool**
- **Wed., August 16- Village Harvest, 3:00pm-5pm.** If you'd like to help, please contact Andrea Pogue, 540-847-9002.

Server Schedule, Aug, 2023



Sunday, August 6, 2023 The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ 11AM, Holy Eucharist

Lector: Cookie Davis

Chalice Bearer: Andrea Pogue

Altar Cleanup: Jan Saylor

Sunday, August 13 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, 11AM, Holy Eucharist

Lector: Johnny Davis

Chalice Bearer: Elizabeth Heimbach

Altar Cleanup: BJ Anderson

Sunday, August 20, 2023 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, 11AM, Holy Eucharist

Lector: Elizabeth Heimbach

Chalice Bearer: Johnny Davis

Altar Cleanup: Catherine Hicks

Sunday, August 27, The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 11AM, Morning Prayer

Lector: Ben Hicks

Altar Cleanup: Elizabeth Heimbach

Return to the Chalice, Part 2

Part 1 of this article is on Page 1 here:

<https://news.churchsp.org/newsletter-july-2023/>

Bishop Mark Stevenson has asked that all churches in the Diocese return to offering wine from the chalice only during Holy Communion. This request is based on our theology that we share one bread, and one cup as the one body of Christ. "We, who are many, are one body, for we share in one bread, and one cup."

As we continue to adapt our worship to the realities of our congregation and in an effort to follow the wishes of the Bishop, everyone is encouraged to receive wine from the chalice during communion. However, due to ongoing health concerns for our aging congregation, individual communion cups will continue to be available.

In his book, [Why did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road? Christian Identity in a Multi-faith World](#), Brian McLaren writes about the Eucharist. Regardless of the ways in which we receive the bread and wine each Sunday, the point is that "around the eucharistic table, then, we bond to a love story of mutual self-giving. We celebrate our identity as recipients of God's gracious self-

giving. And we respond in grateful self-giving by taking on a new identity as the ongoing embodiment of Christ—sent into the world to show the same love to the other that Jesus demonstrated—whether to leper or Pharisee, poor or rich, Zealot or tax collector, Samaritan or Roman or Syrophenician or fellow Jew. This table oriented eucharist does not minimize Jesus' death. Rather, in 'showing forth the Lord's death,' we identify with it, and we let our lives be reshaped by it into cruciformity so as to lay down our lives for others just as Jesus did for us all. In this way, we die with Jesus to the ways of this world—hostility, oppression, violence, hate. And we rise with Jesus as well, to 'walk in newness of life,' to live in the ways of love, liberation, reconciliation, and human-kindness. So the world for us is no longer a battleground, our identity is no longer as warriors fighting with 'us against 'them.' No: in the eucharist we bond to the good news that life is a table, a feast, a banquet, and we are a family, a circle of friends, being nourished together by God's bounty, the fruit of the vine and the grain of the field, all in a spirit of love, mutual service, and unity."

St Peter's Directory Updates

Thom Guthrie is now in a long term care facility. His new address is

Autumn Care of Norfolk
1401 Halstead Ave, Rm 500
Norfolk, VA 23502

Please update your online directories.

August Birthdays

Send an August birthday greeting to someone on this list. You can find address for most of these people in the St Peter's Directory. If you need an address, please contact Catherine.

Mike Newman 08/07
Keith Upshaw 08/09
Suzanne Wall 08/09
Bridgette Long 08/10
Samantha Pugh 8/10
Thom Guthrie 08/13

Scarlett Long 08/13
Salli Hartman 08/15
Boyd Wisdom 08/18
Linda Kramer 08/18
Sylvia Sellers 08/20
Jennifer Collins 08/21
John Faibisy 08/23
Fred and Crystal Pannell 08/29
Da'von Townsel 8/30 (Cornisha Howard's son)

Pool Party for St Peter's Youth



Sunday, August 13, 2-5PM, at the Davis Pool! Celebrate the beginning of the new school year at this festive event including an appearance by John the Baptist, a chance to experience an "old fashioned" baptism, time to swim with your friends, and plenty of ice cream before you return home.

Prayer Corner

Pray for all people and all parts of creation affected by the heat waves, flooding and other natural disasters that have occurred this summer.

The St Peter's prayer list appears on the last page of the bulletin each week. The people on the prayer list are not only parishioners, but also family members, friends, and others who will benefit by being remembered in your prayers.

St Peter's Endowment Fund to the Rescue

Christmas and Easter provide specific opportunities for donations to the St Peter's Endowment Fund. The Fund fills an important financial niche for our parish.

“The overall purpose of the Endowment Fund is to provide a general endowment fund which will ensure a firm financial foundation for the Parish and provide additional funds for Parish longer term expenses and outreach. It is not intended that this fund supplement the annual operating budget of the Parish for current expenses that are administrative or operational in nature. Any distribution of the principal of the trust may only be used for outreach ministries or longer term expenses of the Church (including capital acquisitions, improvements, renovations and replacements).”

Currently, Johnny Davis and Helmut Linne von Berg serve on the Board of Trustees of the fund. The Vestry has submitted a request to the Board of Trustees regarding the expenses incurred due to the termite damage that was recently discovered in the church building. The termites swarmed, alerting us to their presence. Unfortunately, by the time they were discovered, the termites had already done quite a bit of damage to the north side of the church, especially to one of the pews and to the woodwork along the north wall. The Trustees have notified the Vestry that the money for the termite repair can come from the Endowment Fund. Thank you to all who have contributed to the fund over the years! Thanks to you, money is available for this unexpected repair. Here's a link to the Endowment Fund document if you'd like to read more about the fund and how it operates. <https://news.churchsp.org/endowment-fund>

Summer Outreach Donations



Caroline's Promise – Thanks to everyone who worked together to contribute 95 packs of notebook paper to the Caroline's Promise school supply distribution, which was held at Caroline Middle School on Saturday, July 29th.



Jamaica - Thank you to Andrea Pogue for organizing this project, and thank you to everyone who donated school supplies for each student at the Victoria School in Linstead, Jamaica, These donations included 3,000+ items including drawstring backpacks, sharpeners, pencils, pens, toothpaste, toothbrushes, erasers, crayons, pencil cases, rulers, Also 6 tablets were contributed. Finally, St Peter's was able to donate seven used computers to the school, along with keyboards and monitors to use with each computer. We collected \$2,355 at the end of June for the computers and remaining school supplies. Annette Steele, the principal of the Victoria School, thanks us for our continued support of the school.

Summer Projects

In addition to painting and termite control, other projects, both large and small, have taken place this summer. Johnny Davis has cut up and cleared a large limb that fell from the sycamore tree earlier this summer. He has also cleaned the gravestones in the graveyard.



Jim Anderson has adjusted the pew doors on the south side of the church, and BJ Anderson continues to make the delicious gluten free bread that we use each Sunday.



Although the choir takes a summer break, Denise Gregory, Larry Saylor and Ken Pogue covered for Brad's unexpected absence one Sunday in July and provided music for our worship service that day.



Cookie Davis continues to provide flower arrangements for the church each Sunday, a labor of love that involves gathering what is blooming in the area and then artfully arranging the flowers for our altar.



Thanks to one and all for your support of St Peter's in an infinite variety of ways.

Parish House Painting

St Peter's received a \$5,000 grant from the Peter J. Lee Small Church Revitalization Grant in May. Jesse Clark and his crew have gotten a great deal of painting done during July.



Some repairs to the parish house siding and porch have been made during the process of painting.

Village Harvest - July Update

In July, 72 people benefited from the food distribution. These people received the second highest amount of food that has been distributed so far this year. We also provided a "Grab and Go" meals list plus a texting method of finding summer meals available for pickup in the area. Cookie bought can openers for clients who requested them earlier this year.

The Patawomeck Connection

In a previous newsletter, I wrote about the history of the Nantaughtacund. Although the Nantaughtacund were the first people who lived in and around the area known as Port Royal, the Patawomeck people also have deep connections to our area.

Around AD 1300, Patawomeck ancestors who had until then been more mobile as they hunted and trapped through a wide area, settled into small hamlets and larger villages

along the waterways of the area, specifically Potomac, Accokeek, and Aquia Creeks. Around 1550, they moved to a location at the juncture of Potomac and Accokeek Creeks, where John Smith visited them in 1608. The English at Jamestown depended on the Patawomecks as trading partners and allies during times when relationships with the core Powhatan groups were adversarial. However, as English colonizers made their way up the Potomac River and began to live among the Patawomecks, relationships with the English consistently deteriorated.

By the 1660's, English colonizers, including Giles Brent and George Mason, were actively trying to displace the Patawomecks from their homeland, going so far as to falsely accuse the Patawomeck weroance (chief) of murder. These actions by the English served to break several treaties between the Patawomecks and the English Crown, including the 1662 Act Concerning Indians that acknowledged Patawomeck sovereignty and provided the Patawomeck weroance a silver badge that is now held by the Virginia Museum of History and Culture. English encroachment culminated with a 1666 act by the Virginia colonial government that states that "the whole nation of the Doegs and Potomacks be forthwith prosecuted with war to their utter destruction if possible."

Despite the best efforts of the colonial government, the Patawomecks were able to survive and maintain their Indigenous community. Beginning in the 1600s, the Patawomecks combined with other Indian communities, like the Dogues, and those living in places such as Nanzemun Neck, Portobago, Nazatico, and Camden, in addition to marrying and living within the households of English colonizers. Soon, they began to adapt to the new cultural and social landscape brought about by colonization while continuing to pass down traditional practices and indigenous knowledge of the landscape to their children.

The isolated and rural nature of the Patawomeck community around Potomac Creek aided in its persistence by allowing social boundaries to be maintained and

ancient subsistence practices to continue. Fishing, farming, and forestry were the most common occupations of Patawomeck people well into the 1900s, as had been the case for countless centuries, and served to reinforce community bonds and Indigenous knowledge of the lands and waters. Starting in the early 1900s and continuing to today, scholars from institutions such as the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, The Smithsonian Institution, the College of William and Mary and American University have recorded and published articles on aspects of Patawomeck life and culture.

The Patawomeck Tribe was formally recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2010 and is one of Virginia's eleven recognized tribes. The vibrant and thriving Patawomeck community is centered in White Oak in southern Stafford County and Passapatanzy in King George County and the Tribe's museum and cultural center is located at Little Falls, just across the Rappahannock River from Fredericksburg. Most tribal citizens still live within ten miles of their ancestral villages on Potomac Creek. (This information is quoted from a handout from the Patawomecks at the Historic Port Royal July 4 celebration on July 4th.)

Gospel in August

Get the lectionary readings here
<http://lectionarypage.net/#august>

Aug 6 - The Transfiguration - Luke 9:28-36

The Transfiguration has a designated Feast Day on the Church calendar, which is August 6th. When August 6th falls on a Sunday, the Transfiguration is observed. In 1457, Pope Callistus III fixed the date on the Latin church calendar.

Luke's account of the transfiguration points back to Old Testament parallels and forward to Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension. Moses and Elijah speak with Jesus "of his departure," literally his exodus, the new exodus he will lead through his death. The new exodus is accomplished through Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension. For Luke, the

mission of Jesus is a type of exodus. As Moses led the people from slavery into freedom, so Jesus would do likewise. This "exodus" would be "made full" in Jerusalem. Jesus would be killed in Jerusalem, but he would be resurrected there also.

Peter, James and John encounter Jesus in a new way on that mountain, and that experience changes their understanding of Jesus and their relationship with him. Their experience so far has been of Jesus the teacher, the healer, the miracle-worker. Now they are seeing a new vision of Jesus, a new understanding of him as the Christ, but they are unsure about the meaning of what has happened.

Aug 13 Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus demonstrates his mastery over wind and sea (which, in the Old Testament, symbolized the powers of chaos and death) and is near to rescue the disciples when they desperately need help. "Take heart; it is I; do not be afraid." "It is I," will echo God's own self-description that became the proper name for God in the Old Testament (Exodus 3:14; Isaiah 43:10-13).

The disciples by now know Jesus and trust him, even if their faith remains incomplete. Dietrich Bonhoeffer has written that If Peter had not taken the risk of walking on the water, he would never have learned the meaning of faith. The road to faith passes through obedience to the call of Jesus.

Aug 20 - Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Jesus ventures to Tyre and Sidon and encounters a Canaanite woman who complains to Jesus that her daughter is dealing with a demon. Jesus doesn't answer her, then frames his mission only in terms of ministry to the Jews. The woman persists in asking for healing for her daughter, and eventually Jesus relents, apparently impressed by the depth of her faith and her willingness to experience humiliation for the love of her daughter. Jesus cures the woman's daughter from a distance; his energy transcends the boundaries of space. The story points toward Jesus' inclusion of non-Jewish people into his ministry.

Aug 27 Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus has been teaching the crowds about God's kingdom in the face of growing hostility from the scribes and Pharisees. Jesus now withdraws with the disciples to begin forming them into his 'church.'

Two important symbols In Christian life appear in this gospel. "The rock" is the symbolic anchor for the church. Jesus gives Peter "the keys", the ability to unlock the mysteries of the Kingdom. The keys may also be a symbol of authority over the Church. Originally, when one came to seek the king's help or counsel, the servant's job was to open the door to the king's house and assist him in reaching the king. As the servants of Jesus, we have a similar responsibility to assist those God is calling in to get to their king, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

How to Live Your Life

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby

There are two ways to live life.

One way is to live as if we're owed it all, that we deserve everything good that comes our way, and that anything bad we receive is an unfair mistake. The other way is to see it all as a gift.

Everything around us seems to hardwire us to believe we deserve it. All of it: education, fun times, money, respect, friendship, love. But deep down, we know it's a lie. We know we don't deserve it any more than anyone else.

Thankfully, God doesn't work in terms of 'deserve'. He doesn't give people what they've earned.

Instead, he gives gifts. It's all an utter gift. Your health. Your friends. Your family. Your future. His love for you. Everything. Gift. Gift. Gift. And knowing that, the response from us shouldn't be living like we deserve it, but being thankful.

How might today be different if you chose to see all these gifts for what they are, and be thankful? From . St Johns Church Donisthorpe, UK

St. Bartholomew—August 24 on the church calendar

Bartholomew was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus and is usually identified as Nathaniel. He was a friend of Philip, another of the twelve apostles in the Gospel according to John, where the name Nathaniel first appears. In the other Gospels he is mentioned as Bartholomew. In Mark 3:18 he is one of the twelve people Jesus calls as disciples.

He was characterized by Jesus on the first meeting as a man "in whom there was no guile." When Nathanael asked how Jesus knew him, Jesus said, "I saw you under the fig tree" (John 1:48b). Whatever amazing revelation this involved, it brought Nathanael to exclaim, "Rabbi, you are the Son



of God; you are the King of Israel" (John 1:49b). But Jesus countered with, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this" (John 1:50b). Bartholomew is also mentioned as "Nathaniel of Cana in Galilee" in (John 21:2). His symbol is a knife and he is the saint of plasterers today.

After the Resurrection, he was one of the disciples who witnessed the appearance of the risen Savior on the Sea of Galilee (John 21:2).

From Eusebius' history, Bartholomew went on a missionary tour to India. Other traditions record him as serving as a missionary in Ethiopia, Mesopotamia, Parthia, and Lycaonia.

Some depictions of Bartholomew show a scroll which is common among apostles and represents his preaching to many nations.

Along with his fellow apostle Jude, Bartholomew is reputed to have brought Christianity to Armenia in the 1st century.

Bartholomew is said to have been martyred in Armenia after converting the king of Armenia to Christianity. The 13th century Saint Bartholomew Monastery was a prominent Armenian monastery constructed at the site of

the martyrdom of Apostle Bartholomew in what is today southeastern Turkey.

The Post Communion Prayer

"Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen." (page 365, BCP)

After Constantine's conversion to Christianity in the 4th century, the large numbers of people joining the Church led to a need to develop a post communion thanksgiving prayer. The 1549 Book provides one fixed post communion prayer which is equal in length to several of the Sarum post communion prayers (from the Middle Ages) joined together. The following quote from Thomas Aquinas also may have been a source – "You have fed me with the Precious Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ."

Massey H. Shepherd, Jr., writes that the post communion text "is one of the most remarkable summaries of doctrine to be found in all the formularies of the Prayer Book. It gathers up all the varied meanings of the Holy Communion; thanksgiving, mystery, grace, incorporation into Christ, fellowship in the Church, anticipation of the Kingdom of God."

The prayer on Page 365 Rite II was written by the Rev. Dr. Leo Malania, coordinator of the Prayer Book Revision, for the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. The emphasis of this prayer is not on the benefits of communion but on the work God calls us to do as we go out into the world. In Rite I we ask God to "assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;" and in Rite II we ask for "strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart."

August, 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Bible Study 10am	3	4	5
6 The Transfiguration 11:00AM, Holy Eucharist 12pm Coffee Hour	7 HBD Mike Newman	8 Vestry, 11AM Parish House	9 HBD Suzanna Wall HBD Keith Upshaw Bible Study 10am	10 HBD Brigette Long, Samantha Pugh	11	12
13 HBD - Scarlett Long, Thom Guthrie Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 11:00AM, Holy Eucharist Youth Pool Party 2- 5PM	14	15 HBD Sally Hartman Feast Day of St. Mary	16 Bible Study 10am Village Harvest 3pm- 5pm	17 Happy anniv. Boyd, Barbara Wisdom	18 HBD - Linda Kramer, Boyd Wisdom	19
20 HBD Sylvia Sellers Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 11:00AM, Holy Eucharist	21 HBD - Jennifer Collins	22 Happy Anniv., Alex , Elizabeth Long; Dominic, Kelly Paterino	23 Anniversary - Woody, Cherry Everett; Justin, Karen Long HBD John Faibisy Bible Study 10am Parish	24 Happy anniv. David, Carolyn Duke Feast Day of St. Bartholomew	25	26
27 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 11:00AM, Morning Prayer	28	29 HBD - Fred, Crystal Pannell	30 HBD - Ann Upshaw, Da'von Townsel Bible Study 10am	31		