

**PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND THANKGIVINGS**  
*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God  
and in memory of Michael J. Stevens.*

LET US PRAY for the special needs and concerns of:

Jeanne	Art	Jim	Debbi	Janet	Lee	Marie
John	Theresa	Eugene	Ben	Jane	Fran	Alice
Bob	Billy	Larry	Lisa	Amy	Haley	Cody
Brandon	Betty	Tom	Fred	Holly	Helen	Beverly
Richard	Julianne	Norma	Chelsea	Jeff	Ray	Raymond
Melinda	Jack	Cal	Matt	Paul	Susan	Ed
Zeb	Nicole	Sandra	Jason	Phil	Hope	Alison
LindaLee	Joan	Rupert	Gail	Bonnie	Todd	Maria
Carrie	Kelsey	Eileen	Ted	Don	Carolyn	Doug
Jessica- Nicole	Meaghan	Mickey	Jacquie			

LET US PRAY for peace to prevail on earth. We pray for an end to the violence in the Middle East and for safety and protection for our military, especially Richard Bailey and Rachel Bailey (both serving in Afghanistan), Morgan Brooks, Kurt Cheeseman, James DiDonna, Damian Felton, Devin Felton, Jenna Ferlacan, Brian Frasier Jr., Joshua Gagliastri, George, (4th tour in Iraq), Mario Guadron, Randall Hill (Iraq), James Les-sard, David McCoughlin, Arthur McCoy, Heather McCrea, Jimmy Monahan, Robert Piddock (in Afghanistan), Richard Rogers, Timothy Sasina, Dillon Spencer (in Afghani-stan), Kyle Wagoner (in Afghanistan) , and Matt Watson. Pray also for the families and friends who are waiting for the safe return of their loved ones.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER we pray for all parishes to become more welcoming in Christ's Name.

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER we pray for Toronto (Ontario, Canada) and The Rt Rev'd Colin Robert Johnson.

Let Us Pray for guidance for our Stephen Ministers and for healing for their care receivers.

***St. George's Episcopal Church***  
***Clifton Park, New York***  
**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 30, 2011**

**Welcome to St. George's!** We are delighted that you have come. If you are visit-ing, please sign our guest book. If you would like to join the parish or have a ques-tion, please fill out a Voice From The Pew and leave it in the Offertory plate or with an usher. We hope that all will feel welcomed and come regularly to our church and invite you to join us at coffee hour in Hatlee Hall after the 8:00 & 9:30 services.

***Disciples Making Disciples***

**Our Mission Statement:**

*St. George's is a family of disciples joyfully reaching out in love  
to nurture, teach and heal in Jesus' Name.*

**TODAY'S MUSIC**

Opening Hymn: 546

Psalm 43: 1-6 (Choir & Congregation reads together)

Before the Gospel Hymn: 574 vv. 1-2

After the Gospel Hymn: 574 vv. 3-4

Choral Offertory: Vaughan Williams: O Taste and See

Choral Communion: Billings: Africa

Congregation Communion Hymn: 552

Closing Hymn: 544

Services of Holy Eucharist are at 4:30pm Saturdays, 8 & 9:30am Sundays  
Healing & Holy Eucharist Service 9:30am Wednesdays

## INFORMATION THAT IS HELPFUL TO KNOW...

**Nursery Care** - 9:30 a.m. service - The nursery is next to the chapel.

**Sunday School** - Children leave for classes after communion. All classes (pre-school through high school) meet in the Randles Wing and are over at 11:30.

**Joyful Journey** is for children pre-school thru 3rd grade during the service –follow the banner to Hatlee Hall!

**Receiving Communion** - We invite all baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination, to share in Holy Communion.

You may receive the consecrated wine by taking a sip from the common cup or by holding the host in the palm of your hand for the chalice bearer to dip in the cup and then place on your tongue. If you have not been baptized, we invite you to come forward with the community for a blessing. Indicate that you seek this blessing to the ministers of communion by crossing your arms across your chest.

After the service, we invite you to speak to the clergy about the new work of faith begun in you and about the process of being baptized into the community of Christ's disciples and living out your faith.

**Prayers For Healing** - Individual prayers of healing and anointing are offered during Communion at all services at the Healing Stations (on either side of the sanctuary next to the columns with the crosses on them)

**Prayers of the People** - It is appropriate to add names for prayers ( just quietly say the name ) at the short silence after each section is read.

**Visually Impaired/Hearing Impaired** - Large-print copies of the Eucharist and equipment to assist the hearing impaired are available from the ushers.

**Bathrooms** - are located off the narthex, in Hatlee Hall, and at the end of the hall in the Randles Wing.

Ministers: The Congregation

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The Rev. Scott Underhill, The Rev. Al Harding (ret)

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**Let Us Pray** for those celebrating birthdays:

Sun: Alexandra Burgess, Jennifer Perry

Mon: Katie Payne, Alice Springer

Tues: Cheryl Barbour, Julia Weaver

Thurs: John Gilhooley, Kathy Harding, Sue Kuebler

Fri: Samantha Burgess, Jason Leone

**Let Us Pray** for those celebrating anniversaries:

Thurs: Tonya & Neil Manning

Fri: Alison & Chris Crocker

### **News from St. George's Pre-School and K-2 School**

Please start to collect your old books, both children and adult, for our St. George's School Holiday sale on November 17-20. We have put a Collection box under the book table in Hatlee Hall for your donations.

Great news! St. George's School has been nominated for a chance to win a \$50,000 grant from the Clorox Power a Bright Future program. We need your help! Each day, until December 9th, we need people to vote for our school. To vote:

Log onto <http://www.powerabrightfuture.com/> and go to view all nominees, enter Clifton Park, NY and our request will appear. Then complete a one time registration, then log in and vote. Or you can put the following link in and go directly to the site. <http://www.powerabrightfuture.com/gallery/detail/?nid=1718>

- or— text clorox8293 to 44144. \*\*Msg and Data Rates May Apply.

Anyone 13 years old or older can vote once each day per mechanism (logging on & texting). Please vote daily and help us spread the word. If you have a Facebook page feel free to post the voting info there. You can also send this email to friends and family.

**CWU 2011** World Community Day: Living Our Faith, Unlocking Action, here at St. George's on Friday Morning, November 4th. Continental Breakfast: 9:30, Ecumenical Program: 10:00 A free will offering will be received. Questions: Deacon Maureen Demler (399-9827) and Colette Odell (371-0634)

**Christ Community Reformed Church**, 1010 Route 146, invites the community to a Gift Market, Saturday, November 5 and Sunday, November 6 from 12noon – 3 pm both days, in the Fellowship Hall, (downstairs) at the church. Local and fairly traded goods will be available to purchase from the following: Mayan Hands (Guatemalan woven goods), Bead For Life (recycled paper jewelry), Stoney Meadows Farm, (mittens, beeswax candles, honey, etc.) plus much more. Invite friends and neighbors to find meaning while gift shopping. Warm cider and home-baked cookies will be served at no charge. Hope to see you there.

### **Finances at St. George's...**

Many people are unsure of the meanings of some of the words used in stewardship appeals. The following illustrations are provided to better understand these words.

**Percentage giving:** This is a way of making a solid commitment to the work of the church by setting aside a percentage of your income. This is a disciplined way of support. It illustrates graphically the desire to put God first in life. Many people find that they are below returning 1% of their income to God for the work of the Gospel. Consult the chart enclosed to see where you fit in now, in your current giving. You'll probably be surprised. The national Episcopal average is close to \$30.00 per week. A practical reason for making and keeping this kind of pledge is that once neglected, it becomes a burden to fulfill. Once regularized, it truly becomes a joy to offer!

**The Tithe:** This is the Biblical standard of giving. It means that 10% of the gross earnings (before taxes) are pledged and faithfully rendered to the church for the work of the Gospel. The 1982 General Convention of the Episcopal Church affirmed that the tithe is the minimum standard of giving for Episcopalians. If we truly believe that 100% of what we have and enjoy is from God, is it too much for God to command (not ask) for 10% from our first fruits? The real problem lies in the fact that people, Christians, don't believe that all they have and enjoy truly comes from God. Ultimately, that is a spiritual issue for the individual to come to grips with.

**Red Cross Blood Drive** will be here on Thursday, November 10th from 1 to 6. And where will you be? It only takes about an hour. Only 5 out of every 100 people take the time to donate blood. Call the parish office to sign up at 371-6351.

**Shoobox Time is Coming!** Once again, our Daughters of the King, will coordinate the collection of gifts for Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse. For those unfamiliar with the project, shoeboxes are filled with toys and other small items. We've made it even easier, by preparing plenty of boxes in readiness. Just take one (or two) from our display and fill. It's fun to do, makes you feel good, and the whole family can join in. To find out more and to read stories from recipients and volunteers, visit the Samaritan Purse website at [www.Samaritanspurse.org](http://www.Samaritanspurse.org) Thank you for your generosity.

**Christmas Wreaths** The Pre School will once again be selling wreaths for \$25.00. The ornament this year had a birdhouse & a cardinal. Order forms will be out soon.

**Empty Stocking Project** will also be starting soon. In November we will have a display with the wishes of children in this area who are less fortunate.

Welcome to St. George's Episcopal Church. Today's readings deal with those who minister to God's people. The harsh words about the Pharisees and scribes in the Gospel reading are at least partly due to the situation in Matthew's community during a time of difficulty between Jewish Christians and other Jews. The point for the church today is that those called to lead in the church, both clergy and lay leaders, must avoid lording it over their brothers and sisters.

The first reading is a prophecy against false prophets who lead the people of God astray. The problem here was that the people preferred the false prophets with their easy and undemanding religion to the true prophets who called people to obey their God.

In the second reading, Paul describes his own ministry to the church in Thessalonica. Central to this is his love for them and that they are together brothers and sisters in the faith.

The church gathers in liturgy, and here as well as in other parts of its life there are leaders of its actions. But the leaders of the Christian community are above all to be the servants of the community. This model from our worship is given to all the members of the church. We are called to serve all people in the name of Jesus. This is the kind of greatness we are to aspire to.

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**Confirmation Class** - and anyone interested in attending to listen & learn Class is at 10:45 in the side chapel of the sanctuary.

On Oct. 30th, Fr. Henry will be offering a practicum on Learning to Pray. These classes follow the Sunday School Calendar. There will not be a class on November 27th.

**Joyful Journey** Reminder for parents that next week at the 9:30 service, the children will be singing some songs they have learned at Joyful Journey, so be sure to be here!

**Entertainment Books are back!!** That's right, once again our youth group will be selling Entertainment Books. They are \$30.00 and checks can be made out to St. George's Youth Group. They can be purchased by asking a member of our youth group, or at a table in the hall during coffee hour, or you can stop by the parish office and buy one (or two).