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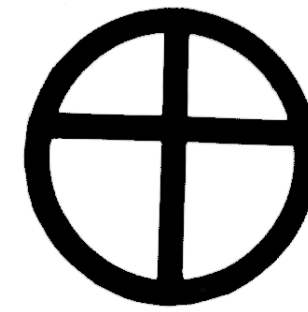
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Photo Album

Below is a "parish family portrait" taken just before the annual meeting on 2 May.



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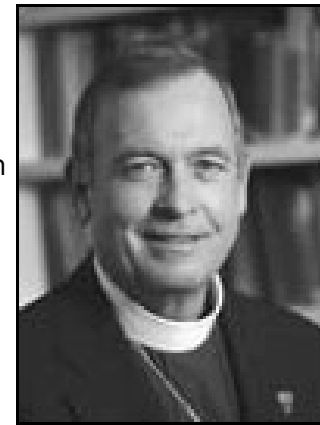
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Bishop Chane to Visit St. George's

The Bishop of Washington will make an official visitation to St. George's on Sunday, June 27, when he will preside at the Sunday Eucharist—which will include Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation by eight St. Georgians.



The visitation actually begins on Wednesday, June 23, when the Bishop will preside at an Evensong Vigil for those renewing their baptismal covenant at 7 pm (replacing the usual Wednesday 7 pm Eucharist). All are welcome at this Service. He will then have dinner and conversation with the confirmands, their sponsors, and members of the parish Vestry.

On Sunday, June 27, there will be no 8 am Service. The Bishop will arrive at 9 am for an open forum for adults until 9:45 am, at which time he will spend 15 minutes with the children of the parish, the 10 am Service thus beginning a bit late ("officially," for once!). An activity for children is planned for 9 am so parents can attend the forum.

A reception for the Bishop and his wife, Karen, will occur after the Service, and they will then have lunch with the Vestry to discuss the present state and future of the parish.

This is Bishop Chane's first official visitation since taking office in June 2002. The bishop of every diocese is required to make an official visitation of each parish at least once every three years.

Keep Confirmands & Sponsors in Your Prayers

The following persons are preparing for Confirmation, Reaffirmation, or Reception by Bishop Chane on June 27. Their sponsor is indicated in parentheses:

- Deb Boda (Anne Marie Willis)
- Rick Boda (John Rebstock)
- Patrick Hardy (Martha Horn)
- Regina Lanning (Terry Doyle)
- Joan Marionni (Sue Geiger)
- Anne Package (Linda Sanches)
- Steven Scott (Julia Jackson)
- Serena Wyckoff (Thyra Packett)

Vestry Organizes

The Glenn Dale Parish Vestry has organized after the election of new members at the Annual Meeting on May 2, and officially begins its work on June 1.

The Vestry has elected the following officers:

- Martha Horn, Senior Warden
- Susan Geiger, Junior Warden
- Jeanette Davis, Treasurer
- Deborah Nebel, Clerk

Officer terms are for one year. In addition, members of the Vestry chose areas of responsibility (see related article on our vision for the functioning of committees at St. George's):

- Martha Horn: Clergy & Staff Relations
- Susan Geiger: Pastoral Care
- Steven Pigott: Finance
- Rowland Hoke: Stewardship
- Linda Sanches: Social Action
- Audrey Profitt-Henry: Christian Formation
- Kin Newman: Buildings & Grounds
- Rick Boda: Buildings & Grounds
- Jeanette Greaney: Evangelism

Committee Functioning at St. George's: A Vision

Background

For several years we have talked about the formation of effective committees and the role of Vestry persons on them—working from a model of “Vestry person overseeing an area of congregational life” to “Vestry person as liaison to a committee which oversees an area of congregational life.” One result of this movement would be enabling the Vestry to function more as a policy-setting body, focused on long-range planning (visioning). Our success has been, frankly, limited.

Perhaps one reason it has been limited is that we have not been as clear as we might be about just what the vision for committee functioning is. Certainly another significant reason is that this is a part of the size transition we continue to undergo and resistance to changing decision-making structure is natural.

The Vision

- Committees would exist for the following areas: Buildings & Grounds, Evangelism, Finance, Formation, Pastoral Care, Social Action, and Stewardship. Each would have a liaison from the Vestry (Buildings & Grounds would normally have two, as it is a very large area). That takes up eight of the nine Vestry members, the other being the Senior Warden.
- The liaison would not be the chairperson of the Committee, although he or she would certainly be a key person on the Committee and might involve themselves in significant nuts and bolts aspects of the ministry. Their primary responsibility would be to keep the Vestry informed of Committee work and the Committee informed of Vestry work.
- Committees would have the authority to make decisions that did not involve major policy changes (when in doubt, the Rector and Wardens should be consulted to get a read on whether or not this is true),

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- Karen Horrocks, Convention Delegate
- Jeffrey Williams, Alternate Convention Delegate

Mission Statement

The mission of St. George's is to build a Christian community of love and support that actively seeks and includes all people.

We commit ourselves to spiritual growth through worship and education that empowers us to follow Christ's example in the world.

and spend within the budget for line items assigned to them. Event scheduling would have to be cleared through the Parish Office, and major individual expense items (over \$200) not considered at the time of yearly budget-making would also need Vestry approval. Committees should also consult other committees when something they want to do affects another area (a frequent occurrence). *This Vision will be discussed and refined at the next Vestry meeting on June 15, 2004.*

Congratulations, St. George's Graduates!

Congratulations to St. Georgians who have recently graduated from academic programs:

- High School: Gabrielle Moskey & Rachel Palmer
- Education for Ministry: Germaine Stodart & Jeffrey Williams
- College: Jennifer Rapp (Hofstra University) & CariLyn Palmer (Gallaudet University)



EFM graduates Jeffrey Williams & Germaine Stodart

Recent Special Offerings at St. George's

Three of our traditional special offerings occur during Lent and Eastertide: the Good Friday offering for the Diocese of Jerusalem of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East; Heifer Project International, and the United Thank Offering on Mother's Day. The amounts received are:

- Good Friday: \$843
- Heifer Project: \$1,159
- UTO: \$511

At this point all these offerings have been sent out. Thanks for those who have been so generous! We have been able to assist many persons throughout the world with these gifts.

Our Father's Day special offering on June 20 will be for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Like the Mother's Day UTO offering, if you indicate your name and the name of someone for whom you are giving thanks with your offering, they will receive a letter from the Rector the week after it has been made. Special envelopes will be available on June 20.

From the Parish Register

Baptisms:

- May 30, 2004—Kevin Charles Patterson

Next Dates for Holy Baptism:

- Bishop's Visitation, June 27, 2004
- All Saints' Sunday, November 7, 2004

Average Sunday Attendance (Jan-May)

