

# The Way

**The Newsletter of St. Matthew's  
Episcopal Church  
The Episcopal Church of Worcester**

## **St. Matthew's Church**

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### **Worship:**

Wednesday 10:00am  
(followed by Coffee Hour & Bible Study)  
Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am  
Church School 9:45 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month  
8:00 am

Our website address is:

[www.stmatthewsworcester.org](http://www.stmatthewsworcester.org)



<https://www.facebook.com/St-Matthews-Worcester>

*I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth,  
do you not perceive it?*

[Isaiah 43.19]

**November 2019  
Ordinary Time  
A Season of  
Thanksgiving**

**Thoughts from your  
Interim Priest**

*He is the image of the invisible God, the first born  
of all creation . . . in him all the fullness of God  
was pleased to dwell and through him God was  
pleased to reconcile to himself all things.*

[Colossians 1:15, 20]

November marks the final weeks of Ordinary Time. The month begins with the Feast of All Saints, one of the most solemn feasts of the church year, when we celebrate our relationships across time and space. In awe and joy, we recognize that in death our lives *are changed, not ended*, and that anyone whose life has touched ours continues to shape our view of

the world. The month—and the liturgical year--ends with our celebration of Christ the King, a day when we celebrate the dignity of every human being and we reaffirm our vocation as the Body of Christ. In confidence and humility we recognize that the kingship of the Body of Christ grants us the grace and light to transform the world. It does not place us above or outside the struggles of the world; on the contrary, it calls us to enter the center of conflict and darkness as the unwavering light and peace of Christ.

Surely there is no greater wonder than this! That we—flawed, well-meaning and wayward as we are—have been called to lead the world with an unquenchable love and hope.

This prayer by Terry Hinks expresses the wonder of our call to be the Body of Christ:

*Loving God*

*we rejoice in Your reckless and extravagant love  
scattered among us  
and found in the mud and thorns of life.*

*We rejoice*

*that Your will for us and for the world  
is not one of carefully apportioned judgment  
or neatly wrapped rewards.*

*Praise be!*

*Your aim and desire for all Your creation  
is a cup full and overflowing with good wine,  
a banquet for all to share  
a harvest of full and ripe grains,  
a growing tree in which all can make their nest.*

*Your gifts, freely offered,  
are life in all its fullness,  
hope in abundance,  
peace that passes understanding,  
love that none can measure  
from which nothing can separate us.*

Mother Judith

**From the Desk of Father  
Freeman  
“When one door closes, another  
opens!”**

Little did I know in 2004 when I reached out to St. Matthew’s Parish in Worcester to support my ministry in the Episcopal Church of Liberia (ECL), that my life would be forever changed. Mother Nancy Strong and St. Matthew’s responded directly and appealed to the diocese to join them in supporting my ministry. The Rev. Deacon Jane Griesbach, who was responsible for the diocesan global ministry, facilitated shipments of books, school and liturgical supplies to ECL. The diocese collected money to purchase two pickup trucks for ECL. Through the Liberian Covenant Committee, Dr. Deborah Harmon Hines, Bishop Gordon and Rebecca Scruton made numerous visits to Liberia. Bishop Edward and Louise Neufville (ECL) visited the diocese, hosted by the Scrutons. Though a companion diocese relationship did not materialize, many connections were made. One of the most important connections to me was made with Debbie Hines.

In 2016 the diocese established the Worcester African Community Ministry and named me the Missioner with funding from a Genesis Grant. This is the third and final year of the Genesis Grant. I thank the diocese for the opportunity to serve as Missioner for the life of the grant. I am grateful to St. Matthew’s Parish, Worcester, for housing the ministry, the Rev. Mother Nancy B. Strong, Rector (retired), Rev. Deacon Jane Griesbach and the Rev. Judith Lee, Interim Priest, for their encouragement and support. I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to St. Matthew’s Vestry and parishioners, who so warmly received me and the WAC Ministry and allowed me to be part of their

community. I would also like to thank the members of the WAC Advisory Committee for their participation and support.

As Missioner, my work was to find Anglicans in the Worcester African Diaspora Community and invite them to church. Many do not know that the Episcopal Church is a branch of the Anglican Communion. In my work, I visited barber shops, beauty salons, stores and restaurants and other gathering places, inviting people to church. Some have come to St. Matthew's and made it their church home. I also invited everyone that I encountered as I traveled around Worcester to come to church as well, Anglican or not!

I hosted monthly meetings of the Worcester Liberian Pastors at St. Matthew's. I was asked by the Pentecostal Pastors for assistance in planning funerals, weddings, and other special services. I gave them copies of Nelson's *Minister's Manual* and explained many of the sections to them. We called for an African community-wide three-day fast to pray for the number of sudden and unexplained deaths in the Liberian Community. In the Worcester African Community, I participated in a number of events: Wake Keepings and Funerals; prayers and blessings before travel; pastoral visits to the sick in hospitals and in their homes; and blessings of newborns.

In 2019 the WAC Ministry sponsored its Second Annual Bible Quiz in April, the Second Annual Essay Contest in June, and with St. Matthew's, the Annual Multicultural Festival in July. It is with some sadness, but tremendous gratitude to the diocese, that I recognize *this door is closing*.

From February through May (2019) I supplied at Trinity Church, Shrewsbury. The people of Trinity got to know me in a meaningful way. This led to my being called as their Priest-in-Charge in August: *another door opened*. My family and I have been generously embraced by

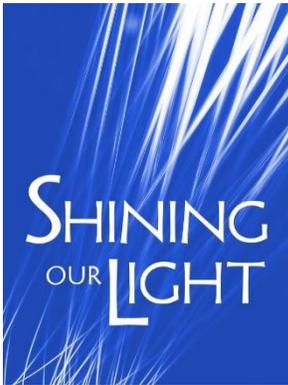
the people of Trinity. Answering my prayer that God give me a pulpit to preach from and an altar to celebrate communion, Trinity has given me a new spiritual home. I look forward to growing in God's grace together with my new church family.

It is a blessing to serve God, God's church and God's people in the name of Jesus Christ. *When one door closes, another opens*. God is good, all the time!

Blessings,  
Father Freeman +

## Stewardship

### *Shining Our Light*



*You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.*

[Matthew 5:14-16]

So...wait a minute! I'm supposed to "let my light shine before others"??? Won't others think I'm "a little too big for my britches"?? Won't others be saying to each other "Who does she think she is?"

A few years ago, I read the following in the Forward Movement Day by Day booklet: *...Many fear that their talent and success will be scorned. Just who do you think you are?...when I find myself being small in order for someone to feel big, I remember parts of a quote from Nelson Mandela's inaugural address in 1994. He said, 'There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that people won't feel insecure around you.*

*We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.' Jesus would agree with these words of Mandela's too. Your playing small does not serve the world. Shine. For the sake of the world, shine.*

As I've gotten older, I feel so blessed that every day I am discovering more and more about myself...my gifts, my talents, my level of acceptance, my attitude, realizing that I ALWAYS have choices...and that I CAN let my light shine!

YOU have been blessed with many gifts and talents too! God doesn't always give us what we want, but He always gives us what we need. So....don't be afraid to shine. *For the sake of the world, shine.*

Commitment Sunday is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hopefully you are praying and meditating on how you can give back to Saint Matthew's. Please bring your pledge card to whatever Service you attend or you can mail it to the Church Office. Don't forget to fill out both sides of the pledge card!

Thank you to all who help Saint Matthew's by heartily assisting this faith community in the way you pledge, serve, and share your gifts and talents!

~Charlotte Townsend

## Episcopal Church Men

The Episcopal Church Men meet on the second Saturday of every month for breakfast, reflection on Scripture, and discussion of ways to serve St. Matthew's and the wider community.

The next meeting will be on **Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 am** in the Parish Hall



## The Women of St. Matthew's

The Women of St. Matthew's will meet on **Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm** in the Parlor. We will be collecting money to buy Price Chopper gift cards so that the Patrons of SWNC can buy a turkey. We will also be making plans to fill Christmas stockings for our neighbors across the street. If you have any questions please see Linda Albinson, Pam Wilson or Millie Cummings.

We also plan to meet on **December 19<sup>th</sup> and January 16<sup>th</sup>** at our new time of **6:30 pm** in the Parlor. All women of the Parish are members and more than welcome to join us.

I would like to thank the following ladies for giving up their Tuesday morning on October 22<sup>nd</sup> to make 14 apple pies for the Fair: Doreen Herbert, Lynn Ryan, Robin Chenerak, Audrey Brown, Pam Wilson and Linda Albinson.

Thank you. Millie Cummings



## MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

St. Matthew's donated school supplies to Jacob Hiatt Magnet School during the month of September.

St. Matthew's donated 98 pounds of food to the Worcester County Food Bank during the month of October.

**St. Matthew's Parish  
2020 Meritorious Service  
Award**

It's always nice to get a "pat on the back" or positive reinforcement for a job well done! There are so many lay members, living and deceased, of St. Matthew's, who have given unwavering, consistent, outstanding service and dedication to St. Matthew's Church over the years. The Vestry wants to acknowledge their devotion in a concrete manner.

With that in mind, the Vestry voted to present the St. Matthew's Church Meritorious Service Award every year at our Annual Meeting. The award is in the form of a plaque with the inscription, "In recognition of outstanding dedication and service to St. Matthew's Church." Small plates with the name(s) of the recipient(s) and the year the recipient(s) is honored are engraved on each plate. The plaque hangs on the wall in the Parish Hall.

The guidelines for the St. Matthew's Church Meritorious Service Award are as follows:

*"The St. Matthew's Church Meritorious Service Award will be presented annually by the Senior Warden or Junior Warden at the Annual Meeting of the church. A nominee for the St. Matthew's Meritorious Service Award must be a lay person, age 60 or over, who has maintained a minimum of ten years of service to St. Matthew's and is or has been a member in good standing of St. Matthew's Church.*

*Letters of nomination shall be mailed and/or presented to the Clerk of the Vestry no later than the December Vestry Meeting. The Vestry may choose to present two Meritorious Service Awards concurrently with one of the awards presented posthumously."*

This year, the Vestry will hold a special meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup> to make this decision. So, put on your "thinking cap" and send us your nominations in writing **no later than Sunday,**

**November 24, 2019.** Nominations may be given to the Parish Secretary, mailed to the Parish Office, or sent by email to [stmatthewsworcester@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewsworcester@gmail.com) or to me ([charleysag@aol.com](mailto:charleysag@aol.com)). The Vestry is eager to continue the tradition of honoring our dedicated lay members with the St. Matthew's Church Meritorious Service Award.

~Charlotte L. Townsend  
Corresponding Secretary

**Previous Recipients of  
The Meritorious Service Award**

- 2009 – Ben Cooper, Ben Gordon
- 2010 – Alice Prince, Harry Coley
- 2011 – Millie Cummings, Isabelle Price
- 2012 – Audrey Brown, Thomas Wilson
- 2013 – David Wilson, Betsey Wetherbee
- 2014 – Bengt Albinson, Muriel Townsend
- 2015 – Linda Albinson, Arthur Whitaker
- 2016 – Chet Ireland, Kenneth Berg
- 2017 – Pamela Wilson, Beatrice Mills
- 2018 – Dennis Wilson, Sherm Wetherbee
- 2019 – Joseph Chilton, Nancy LaFlash

**The South Worcester  
Neighborhood Center**

**WE HAVE AN ADDITIONAL REQUEST!**

Thank you for your weekly donations of cereal. It is greatly appreciated. In addition to this, they have a new request. At the present time, they are still in need of cereal, but are also in need of personal hygiene items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, and shampoo. Just like the cereal, placing these items into the Food Basket will insure that they are delivered weekly to the Center. Thank you!



## RenewalWorks



**St. Matthew's Parish Bible Bowl**  
**November 17th Coffee Hour:**  
**11:30pm -1:00 pm**  
**4 Teams will compete**



### **Topic: The Gospel of Luke**

All questions in the competition will be drawn from the 7 Study Guides that are available at the church in hard copy and on our website.

#### **4 Teams will compete:**

1. Rob Ermanski, Millie Cummings, Bengt Albinson, Festus Konneh
2. George Gailor, Stephen Smith, Paris Gailor, Jaiden Shekoni
3. Emmanuel Ndebeh, Marsayde Berry, Esther Konneh, Siedee Doe,
4. Rebecca Kasenge, Lauren Gingo, Kyrach Gingo, Anita Konneh

#### **There will be 3 rounds of questions**

**Round 1** - 20 questions will follow the order of the gospel narrative. Teams will have 30 seconds to consult and answer each question. In order to progress to the second round, a team must earn at least 15 points. If no team, or only 1 team, reaches the minimum number of points after the first round, all teams will advance.

**Round 2** - 20 questions drawn randomly from the Gospel of Luke. Teams will have 30 seconds to consult and answer each question. By the end of Round 2 every team that has earned at least 30 points will advance to the third "Lightning

Round." If no team reaches the minimum number of points in Round 2, teams will be ranked by total number of points.

**Lightning Round** - 5 questions drawn randomly from the Gospel of Luke. Teams compete to be the first to present an answer. If that answer is correct, the team earns 1 point; if it is not correct, no points will be awarded and we proceed to the next question. We will continue with groups of 5 questions until one team earns more points than the others.

If you are able to help on that day - prepare lunch, help with serving or cleaning up the meal, help with the logistics of the competition itself, please contact Cathy Goodwin or Liz Kilpatrick.

#### **All Parish Advent Read:**

##### ***Waiting for the Wonder***

By Katerina Kasarka Whitley

#### **Parish Discussion:**

#### **Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Hour**

*Waiting for Wonder* is a collection of brief stories about the birth of Jesus told from the point of view of various characters created from biblical accounts. For example, the prophet Amos explains the circumstances of his own vision, the angel Gabriel describes his encounter with Mary, the innkeeper's granddaughter recounts his version of the story of Jesus' birth. Each story is just 3-4 pages long, and they can be read in any order.

*In thanksgiving for our ongoing journey,*

The Spiritual Formation Committee:

Liz Kilpatrick & Cathy Goodwin, co-Chairs;

Linda and Ben Albinson, Paula Buonomo,

George Gailor, Festus Konneh, Kelly

MacGregor, Wendy Piscitelli, and Nancy Smith

**Give thanks to the LORD  
for he is good:  
and his mercy endures  
forever.**

**[Psalm 107]**



*Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.*

[Hebrews 13:2]

As we prepare to serve our third 4 Corners Friendship Dinner on November 24<sup>th</sup>, we continue to build our relationships with our neighbors, sustained by generous donations from individuals and local vendors. Several groups from Holy Cross College have volunteered to serve at our dinners, while musical groups from both Clark University and Holy Cross are interested in performing. We have received grants from Wegman's and Price Choppers' Golub Foundation and generous donations from members and friends of our parish. Once we have an established record, we will seek grants from other sources, and we will apply to be affiliated with the Worcester Food Bank. Kim Rossi generously hosted a very successful fundraiser that raised over two hundred dollars for our 4 Corners Friendship Kitchen.

As I have watched and listened to you plan, prepare, and serve these dinners, it is so clear that you are fulfilling a deep calling in the mission of St. Matthew's. This is what God is calling us to do: to gather people from different places, who have followed very different paths to arrive at our threshold; to serve and to celebrate the bonds revealed by our differences; to prepare and share a meal in elegant simplicity and to enjoy entertainment that brings light to our lives.

Fulfilment of our dream continues to depend upon your generosity. We need financial support, desserts, volunteers, and guests. We are

at the beginning of a wonderful journey, and we give thanks for your vision and faithfulness.

Our thanks to our Planning Team who has been meeting since the spring: *Ben & Linda Albinson, Paula Buonomo, Millie Cummings, Bendu Ehrlich, Cathy Goodwin, Gus Kormah, Staci MacGregor, Nancy Smith, & Pam Wilson.* And thanks to our October Team: *Peter Green, Ron LaFlash, Lynn Ryan, Dennis Wilson, Kelly MacGregor, Helen Turano, Gladys Ehrlich, Lucy Ehrlich, Pauline Kpannah, William Cordor, Festus Konneh, Edwina Kamanda, Wilhelmina Howard, Mardea Smith, Melissa Sock..*

**Bring a Friend . . .**

**Meet a Friend . . .**

**Make a Friend**

**4 Corners Entertainment:**  
November 24<sup>th</sup>  
**Betsy Bronstein & Sam Politz**  
December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**Santa is coming, and he's bi-lingual**  
January 26<sup>th</sup>  
**The Baldwin Family**

**Parish Secretary's Notes**

I would like to thank everyone who has responded to my e-mails and given me dates they cannot serve as a Liturgical Minister. It helps a great deal when filling out the calendar for the next month.

**REMINDER:**

Turn your clocks back on Saturday night  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>:

**Spring Ahead, Fall Back**



## Altar Guild: A Reflection

*O worship the LORD in the Beauty of Holiness.*  
[Psalm 96:9].



November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints' Day and may be observed on the Sunday following November 1st, in addition to its observance on the fixed date. All Saints' Day will be celebrated at St. Matthew's on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The liturgical color is white and we have a lovely brocade set we use.

Then we go back to using green until the last Sunday after Pentecost, which is Christ the King Sunday. This year it is November 24<sup>th</sup> and will be celebrated at the 5 PM Service on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> as well as on Sunday. The color is white and you will notice the brocade set used again.

*White is used as a symbol of purity. You will see white used on occasions that commemorate Christ's life on earth, like Christmas, Easter, and Epiphany. The purity of white is appropriate for new birth, and therefore is used for baptism – and is also used for other important events in the lives of people, such as weddings and funerals.*

Next month we switch to another color – perhaps you can guess what it is...

~Charlotte Townsend

## Knitting and Crocheting Ministry

Our group gathered together on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Dottie B., one of our original members, stopped by for a brief visit. She brought scarves to donate to the Fair and brought

bags and boxes of yarn!!! We can use this yarn to make Prayer Shawls, to make crafts for the Fair, and to create winter clothing for the South Worcester Neighborhood Center (SWNC). Thank you Dottie!

We awaited in excitement for the blessing of the Prayer Shawls on Sunday, October 6, 2019. Wendy P. took the lead role in coordinating that effort. It was quite moving when Mother Judith led the KC Group and Sunday School Children in this blessing. Audrey B. and Donna N. also brought gorgeous items for the Fair and for The SWNC. Thank you Audrey and Donna!

Lynn R. showed us gorgeous Plastic Canvas Craft Samples that she and her family created years ago. She plans to make some of these designs for the Fair and then plans to make even more for our 2020 Fair. Thank you Lynn!!

A big Thank You to Linda A. and Pam W. for coordinating The Winter Wonderland, our major fundraiser of the year!

We decided on our meeting dates for next year too! Other than July and August, the group decided to meet on the first Saturday of each month. (There are a few exceptions, when we will meet in the Parlor on the second Saturday of the month).

Thanks to all who attended. Hoping to see everyone next time:

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019**

**10:00-12:00 IN THE PARISH HALL.**



**Monastic Musings:  
Fr. John Julian OJN  
Substitutes and Sacraments**

. On November 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Matthew's will hold our first annual Bible Bowl. It is a good time to review the church's teachings on sacraments: [There is a clear distinction] between Old Testament and New Testament "Sacraments." For example, Jesus never received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism (indeed, it was irrelevant since the two gifts of Baptism--membership in the Body of Christ and forgiveness of sins--were clearly unnecessary for Christ.) Further, in spite of his name, John the Baptist never administered the Sacrament of Holy Baptism to anyone (since the Sacrament is participation in Christ's death and resurrection, neither of which had occurred while John was alive).

During Christ's lifetime no one ever received Holy Communion (including the Apostles at the Last Supper.) The Holy Eucharist is a Sacrament of Christ's Risen Presence, and, of course, that wasn't available to the Church until after the Resurrection. The Blessed Virgin (even Mary and Joseph) never received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Even those people whose sins Jesus declared to be forgiven didn't receive the Sacrament of Holy Penance.

The gift of all the Sacraments was a gift not to individuals, but to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church and that didn't come until the Feast of Pentecost. The Sacraments were given by the Holy Spirit, not by Jesus. We receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist, but it is the Holy Spirit who "brings" it to us by transforming the elements of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. Everything we do with God in our lives is through the Holy Spirit .... It is He who is the Sanctifier, the Teacher, the Inspirer, the Hearer and Comforter for us.

John's baptism, however, was a very good thing. (Jesus went through it in order to give His approval.) And other "natural sacraments" in our world today are also good—the bonds of friendship and family dining together, the appreciation of great art or a natural wonder and the sound of a great choir. These are good things that should be cherished, but they aren't replacements for the Real Sacraments! One can be close to God in a garden - or one's boat - or with one's lover – but none of these represents a substitution for the Sacraments themselves. They are still the best places to begin if we're seeking the Presence of God.

Submitted by Stephen Smith

**Sconeheads**



*Books are the treasured wealth  
of the world.*

- Henry David Thoreau

**Two dates. Two books.**

Yes, that's what we have!!!

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

Books to discuss: *Educated* by Tara Westover (on 11/13/19)

All Parish Advent read: *Waiting for the Wonder* by Katarina Whitley (on 12/4/19)

Parish discussion:

**Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>** during Coffee Hour

Please join us on either evening, or both evenings! We always have lively discussions and great food. We usually bring food mentioned in the book. However, if food is not mentioned in the reading, (which is rarely the case), we bring scones! So, if you enjoy reading, great company, lively discussions, and fantastic food, please join us. Thank you!

## Sunday School & Youth Group



On **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** our Sunday School will lead us in worship as we observe All Saints Sunday. Every child will prepare a “Promise Card” offering their gifts of time and talent that they will present at the altar at the ingathering of our Pledges.

Our curriculum theme for the month of November is Prayer. Our Sunday School students will decorate placemats for our November 24<sup>th</sup> 4 Corners Friendship Dinner with a Thanksgiving theme.

Our Youth Group will lead our participation in **Samaritan’s Purse** – which will be our “Mission of the Month” for November. This year, there are two ways to participate: (a) you may take one of the boxes in the Common Room and fill it according to the attached shopping list, and include \$7 for shipping; or (b) you may make a financial donation so that our youth will shop and fill boxes at their meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>. All the boxes will be blessed during the 10 am service on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Our Youth Group will also lead our collection of Christmas gifts for South Worcester Neighborhood Center. SWNC sets up a “store” where parents can shop for their children; we contribute unwrapped gifts for children and gift cards for teens. Our youth organize and pack the gifts for delivery by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Youth Group Schedule

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** making sweet pops and cupcakes to sell at the November 4 Corners Friendship Dinner & packing Samaritan's Purse boxes

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** packing gifts to be taken to SWNC

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Serving at the 4 Corners Friendship Dinner [2-6:30pm]

**January 5<sup>th</sup>**- Epiphany Family Service with the Christmas Pageant

**January 12<sup>th</sup>** - Social time with lunch

**February 29<sup>th</sup> - March 1**

30-hour Famine & Parish Quiet Day

### 5 Finger Prayer

1. Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember.
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, coaches, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It reminds us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain.
5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. Our pinkie reminds us to prayer for ourselves— after we have prayed for others.

## *In Memoriam*

### **Kenneth H. Hall**



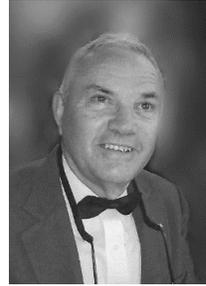
Kenneth H. Hall, 85, died peacefully on Thursday October 3, 2019 at Christopher House of Worcester. Born and raised in Worcester, Ken was the son of the late Howard and Edna

(Field) Hall. He graduated from Commerce High School in 1952. He had many interesting jobs throughout his career, from drafting to banking to warehouse associate, at employers such as Heald Machine, Thom McAn, Prime Computer, and Filene's Basement. Ken was a longtime member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and the Scottish Rite Freemasons. He also made many friends at the Auburn Senior Center and Summit ElderCare.

Ken is survived by a daughter, Laurie (Hall) Orzel of Gardner; a grandson, Jared; two nephews, Jeffrey Sprague and his wife Donna of Auburn, Steven Sprague and his wife Carol of West Yarmouth; two great-nephews, Michael Sprague and his wife Brittany of San Francisco, CA, Andrew Sprague and his wife Melisa, and their daughters, Caelynn and Jocelynn, all of Auburn. He was predeceased by his sister, the late Sandra Akillian, and a grandson, the late Corey Orzel.

Ken was a lifelong Boston Red Sox fan. He enjoyed singing with the church choir, watching and playing golf, fruit-picking, and gardening. He was gentle and kind and very generous. He loved our special family trips to Ogunquit and the Cape.

### **Chester ("Chet") Earl Ireland, Jr.**



Chester E. "Chet" Ireland, Jr., 87, died peacefully on Tuesday October 8, 2019. Chet was born in Worcester, son of the late Chester E. Ireland, Sr. and Minnie (Hill) Ireland. He attended the Shrewsbury Educational System, playing for the Shrewsbury High

School's football team before his graduation. Chet found his passion and went on to work for Worcester Polytechnic Institute as a power engineer, dedicating 35 years of his career to the university before his retirement.

Chet is survived by his beloved wife, Lois M. (Carpenter) Ireland, with whom he shared 64 years of marriage; his two loving children, Wendy J. Piscitelli and her husband Paul, and Mark C. Ireland and his wife Colleen O'Leary, all of Worcester; his grandchildren, Andrew P. Piscitelli of Worcester, Matthew P. Piscitelli and his wife Karah of Millbury, and Alicia K. Ireland of Worcester; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ben and Linda Albinson of Worcester; and many nieces and nephews.

Chet always remained active in all the communities he belonged to. As a young man, he was a member of the Salvation Army. As a faithful member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Chet was the recipient of the 2016 St. Matthew's Meritorious Service Award. He was a vestry member and served as Senior and Junior Warden at the Church. Chet loved to sing and was a soloist with the church choir and the Greendale Men's Club Chorus; he was also a member of the New England Power Association. Chet loved sports and especially hockey, the Boston Bruins being one of his favorite teams.



## November Coffee Hour & Greeter Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Greeter</b>
11/3/19	Everyone	Pam Wilson
11/10/19	Everyone	Linda Albinson
11/17/19	Everyone	Emmanuel Ndebeh
11/24/19	Kim Rossi	Lois Ann Cummings

### Coffee Hour

Providing for Coffee Hour is open to everyone. If you like the Coffee Hour, please consider bringing in something to share with others. Also, think about helping to clean up.

-Millie Cummings

**November 24, 2019**  
**We celebrate and give thanks for**  
**The Ministry of Fr. Edgar Freeman**  
**Fr. Freeman will celebrate and preach**  
**at the 10 am service.**  
**Fr. Freeman is now Priest in Charge at Trinity**  
**Church-Shrewsbury**

## **Weekends in November – A Season of Thanksgiving**

### **Mission of the Month: Samaritan's Purse**

**Gifts for South Worcester Neighborhood Center will be gathered on December 8<sup>th</sup>**

#### **November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Friday 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm: Parish Fair Opening**  
**Saturday: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm Parish Fair**  
5:00 pm - Holy Eucharist in the Chapel  
**Sunday - All Saints Sunday: Stewardship Ingathering**  
8:00 am First Sunday Service of Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am Family Service and Ingathering of Pledges  
11:30 am "Fair after the Fair" during Coffee Hour  
11:30 am Executive Committee  
Noon Drawing for the Basket Raffle

#### **November 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday - Diocesan Convention**  
9:00 am Episcopal Church Men  
10:00am - noon - Church Grounds Fall cleanup  
**Sunday 8:30 am Bible Bowl Planning Committee**  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:30 am Youth Group

#### **November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday 10:00 am – noon Knitting & Crocheting Ministry**  
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel  
**Sunday - Ingathering & Blessing of Samaritans Purse Boxes**  
9:45 am Sunday School (with Children's Chapel)  
11:30 - 1 pm St. Matthew's First Annual Bible Bowl  
1:00 pm Vestry Meeting

#### **November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday - 5:00 pm - Holy Eucharist in the Chapel**  
**Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School**  
10:00 am - Celebration and Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Fr. John Edgar Freeman  
4:00pm-6:00 pm 4 Corners Friendship Dinner with performance by Betsy Bronstein & Sam Politz

**Thanksgiving Eve: Wednesday November 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Service of Holy Eucharist in the Chapel**

**10:00 AM & 7:00 PM**

# Saint Matthew's Parish Calendar

## November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b><u>Mother Judith's Schedule</u></b>  <b>Office: Monday- Thursday</b>            9am-1pm            1pm-4pm: pastoral visits &amp; meetings by appointment  <b>Friday</b> Day off  <b>Saturday</b> meetings by appointment;            5 pm HE</p>					1 <b>4 pm to 8 pm</b> Parish Fair	2 <b>TURN CLOCKS BACK</b> <b>8:30am -3:00pm -</b> Parish Fair  <b>5 pm</b> Holy Eucharist
3- <b>All Saints Sunday</b> <b>Stewardship Ingathering</b> <b>8:00 am Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am Holy Eucharist – Family Service</b> <b>11:30 am “Fair after the Fair”</b> <b>11:30 am – Executive Committee</b>	4  <b>12:30pm – Election Set-Up</b>	5  Election Day	6  <b>10am – Healing Service &amp; Bible Study</b>	7	8	9 <b>Diocesan Convention</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Episcopal Church Men <b>10:00 am – Noon</b> Church Grounds Fall Clean-up <b>5pm</b> Holy Eucharist
10 <b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Bible Bowl Planning Committee <b>9:00 am</b> Choir <b>10:00 am</b> Holy Eucharist <b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:30 am</b> Youth Group	11	12	13 <b>10am – Healing Service &amp; Bible Study</b>  <b>7:00pm</b> Sconeheads	14 <b>6-9 pm</b> Laundry Love	15	16  <b>10 – Noon –</b> Knitting & Crocheting Ministry  <b>5 pm</b> Holy Eucharist
17 <b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>9 am</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>10 am</b> Holy Eucharist <b>11:30 – 1:00 –</b> Bible Bowl Challenge <b>9:45 am –</b> Sunday School <b>11:30 am</b> Vestry Meeting	18	19	20  <b>10am – Healing Service &amp; Bible Study</b>	21  <b>6:30 pm – Women of St. Matthew's</b>	22	23  <b>5pm</b> Holy Eucharist
24 <b>Christ the King Sunday</b> <b>Fr. Freeman's Farewell</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Holy Eucharist <b>9:45am</b> Sunday School <b>4-6 pm</b> 4 Corners Friendship Dinner	25	26	27 <b>10am &amp; 7 pm</b> Thanksgiving Eve service of Holy Communion In the Chapel	28 <b>Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed</b>	29	30  <b>5pm –</b> Holy Eucharist  <b>Office Hours:</b> <b>9:30 am – Noon</b> <b>Monday-Thursday</b>

## Monthly Lectionary

### November 3

#### All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149  
Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31

### November 10

#### Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Psalm 98  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17  
Luke 20:27-38

### November 17

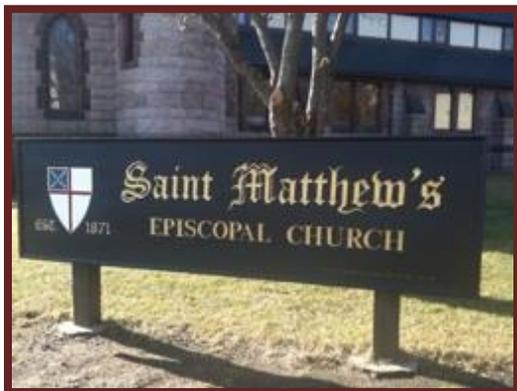
#### Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25 Canticle 9  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19

### November 24

#### Last Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Canticle 16  
Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43



## Meetings at St. Matthew's

Sundays 6:30pm Al-Anon (parish hall)  
Mondays 7:30pm AA (parish hall)  
10:00am Al-Anon (parish hall)  
Tuesdays 7:00pm AA Young Beginners  
8:00pm AA (parish hall)  
Wednesdays 8:00pm AA (parish hall)  
Thursdays 8:30 am -3pm Deaf Seniors  
(Parish Hall)  
Fridays & Saturdays No Meetings

## Saint Matthew's Vestry

Festus Konneh, Senior Warden  
Augustus Kormah, Junior Warden  
Rob Ermanski, Treasurer  
Tim Rossi, Clerk  
Charlotte Townsend,  
Corresponding Secretary

### Vestry Members

Rob Ermanski  
George Gailor  
Staci MacGregor  
Emmanuel Ndebeh  
Kim Rossi  
Stephen Smith  
Dennis Wilson

*Our Mission is to build on the past, while  
looking towards the future, and provide a  
Christian community for worship and  
fellowship that extends to others in joy,  
witness, and outreach*

*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs  
forth, do you not perceive it?*

[Isaiah 43:19]