

St. Mary's Whitechapel Episcopal Church  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
5940 White Chapel Road  
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# The Good News

## THOUGHTS FROM THE GARDEN

Beloved Communities of St. Mary's Whitechapel and Trinity Churches,

Now that we are in November, we stand on the doorstep of Thanksgiving, followed quickly by the beautiful season of Advent and the beginning of a new church year.

In a recent sermon I noted that whenever an angel speaks to someone in the Advent story, Zechariah or Mary or the shepherds, the angels always begin their conversations with "do not be afraid!"

As Christians, we do well to hold those words close in our own hearts. We do not need to be afraid, as the light does shine in the darkness and the darkness will never put it out. Below you will find the three quotes from the Gospel of Luke that remind us that we do not need to be afraid. May they be a gift and a meditation as we enter into the quiet and hope of the season of Advent.

Blessings,

Megan

*Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. -Luke 1:8-13*

*In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. -Luke 1:26-30*



*In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. -Luke 2:8-11*

## Endless Rain, Two Hurricanes and Damaging Wind, Oh No.....



Weather wise, this year has been very unusual. We dealt with seemingly endless rain and then two hurricanes and high winds. Even though we had rain for days on end during the spring and summer, I was thrilled that the weather was nice for most of our pantry days. I think I got a bit cocky thinking that God would always smile down on the **River Road Food Pantry** and give us perfect weather when our doors were open.

Then September dealt us a blow with Hurricane Florence. Florence was slated to hit the Northern Neck directly on our pantry day. After conferring with the Healthy Harvest Food Bank, we erred on the side of caution and canceled the pantry to keep everyone safe. This is the first cancellation we've had in the almost five years that we've been in operation.

As the October pantry approached, we started to hear more about Hurricane Michael arriving in our area. Pantry day dawned warm and sunny. The day went off without a hitch **with 43 volunteers serving 106 families; 319 individuals**. As the pantry closed and the rains began, I was so happy knowing that our clients would have plenty of dry goods, fresh produce and fresh meat (over 1,000 lbs distributed) to see them through the storm. What I didn't know was that the high winds of Hurricane Michael would knock out power in our area leaving homes without electricity for three full days. Sadly, most of our clients lost all of the food in their fridges and freezers - including the fresh produce, meat, eggs and milk that they received from the pantry and so desperately needed.

As we head into the holiday months, we have again partnered with Tri-Star Supermarket to purchase \$20 gift certificates for each of our client families. These certificates will be distributed at the November 8th pantry and will be valid until January 15th. Typically, families use this certificate to purchase a turkey or a ham for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Kwanza or New Years. They may also use it to replace food that they lost due to the power outage. Regardless of how they use it, we hope that the gift certificate will allow each of them to have very happy holidays with their loved ones.

If you are looking for year-end tax deductions, please consider those with food needs in our own community. Please consider giving to the **River Road Food Pantry** or to **Healthy Harvest Food Bank**. Your gift will be very much appreciated by those right here at home. If you have any questions or would like to know more about the River Road Food Pantry, please contact me on 804-462-5803 or jpennell766@aol.com. ~ Jannine C. Pennell, RRFPC Coordinator

### The Good News

*Have something  
for the next*

*The Good News?*

If you would like to submit an item for the next The Good News publishing for the January/February newsletter, please email Paula Stallard Brinser with your article by December 19th to: [stmarys.whitechapel@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys.whitechapel@gmail.com)

## St. Mary's Whitechapel Bazaar Christmas Treasures *New and Used*

**Sat., December 1st, 9am-1pm**



Donations for the sale will be accepted Saturdays 11/17 and 11/24 in the parish hall as well as the week of November 26th. There will be a white elephant table for small items in Christmas giving condition. Donors may recommend pricing for their donations; however, it may be necessary for the committee to mark items down on the day of the sale.



For more information contact Anne Stanley at 804-462-0591 or Sue Ramsey at 804-761-2844.



**Diocese of Virginia 224<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention: Nov.2-3, 2018**

Now into the World

Bishop Johnston has taken early retirement after leading our diocese for the past 11 years. He has led us through turbulent times, from the split to the acceptance of the LGBTQ community into our congregations and clergy. He said: "We have become united in our diversity. Jesus will be our standard. Everyone needs and is needed in our churches. Everything begins with Worship." He mentioned that our diocese has the largest attendance at Sunday services of all the dioceses in the US, showing that we are committed disciples of Christ.

One of Bishop Shannon's concerns has been better Christian education of our youth. The upgrading and the expansion of the campus at Shrinemont, made possible by the successful capital campaign, have made it possible for more young people to attend summer camp there under better conditions.

Bishop Johnston was instrumental in changing the way our bishops visited each parish, frequently and with more quality time. Our Suffragan Bishop Susan Goff will continue this practice and assume some of Bishop Johnston's duties. We are searching for a Bishop Provisional to assist her. This is likely to be a lengthy process. Associate Bishop Ihloff and Bishop Gulick will be helping Bishop Goff during this time. The Standing Committee will be involved. Bishop Goff will be scheduling listening sessions around our diocese to help us in this time of transition and to answer any of our questions or concerns.

A "Triangle of Hope" has been set up between the three areas that were involved in the slave trade: England, Africa and Virginia in the United States, as reconciliation for the injustices done. With Bishop Shannon today were our guests Bishop Paul Bayes of Liverpool representing Great Britain and Bishop Daniel Sarfo, Primate of the Province of West Africa. These three have formed strong bonds and realize the importance of working together, acknowledging that: "the more people know Jesus Christ, the more justice is done." Each of our guest bishops spoke briefly.

There were two resolutions passed: R-1 Commending the Way of Love/Rule of Life endorsed by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and R-2 Condemning the Pittsburgh Synagogue Massacre and making suggestions of how to react to this tragedy.

Stories of what was going on in churches around our diocese were told. The report on the General Convention this past summer mentioned that Cuba is once again an Episcopal diocese and that there is now a service for same sex marriage.

There was a moving Holy Eucharist for our whole group, which was most poignant as it was Bishop Johnston's last one as our bishop. On the lighter side, there were two evening receptions. The one on Thursday honored our visiting guest Bishops Sarfo and Bayes. The one on Friday honored Bishop Johnston. At that one, his three roommates from seminary told when they first met him, along with some comical stories involving Bishop Johnston, a mini roast that brought much laughter.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Fortin, Delegate to Convention

**Need professional help for your personal party,  
holiday gathering or event?**

Terry and Bridgette, who came to us through a Car Wash Café catered reception, have many years of serving experience and are available to help. They will set up, serve and clean up afterwards with courtesy and professionalism. Call Terry Lux at 804-436-2376, or Bridgette Gill at 804-435-1981 (home) or 804-724-1115 (cell).

**Holy Knitting and  
Crocheting Group at  
Trinity!**

Our Holy Knitting and Crocheting Group creates prayer shawls, prayer blankets and other hand-crafted items, all to offer a tangible sign of God's love and our prayers to folks in need.

As items are created they will be blessed during Sunday services at the altar at Trinity and then offered to individuals in our church community, the wider community, and beyond, who are going through challenging times and are in need of prayer.

Our next meetings will be Thursday, November 15th, and Thursday, December 20th at 6pm in Townsend Hall at Trinity.

All are welcome, including beginners; we will help you get started!



***Knit  
Crochet  
Pray***

## Upcoming Events

Thurs., Nov. 1	Men's Bible Study Breakfast	St. Mary's
Fri., Nov. 2	Book Club	St. Mary's
Sat., Nov. 3	Choir Practice	St. Mary's
Sun., Nov. 4	Family Sermon	Trinity
	Concert: Stephen Bennett	St. Mary's
Thurs., Nov. 8	River Road Food Pantry	St. Mary's
Fri., Nov. 9	Book Club	St. Mary's
Sat., Nov. 10	Saturday Night Service	Trinity
Mon., Nov. 12	Bumble Bees	Trinity
	MMWG	St. Mary's
Tues., Nov. 13	Vestry	Trinity
Wed., Nov. 14	Vestry	St. Mary's
Thurs., Nov. 15	Men's Bible Study Breakfast	St. Mary's
	Holy Knitting and Crocheting	Trinity
Fri., Nov. 16	Book Club	St. Mary's
Fri., Nov. 23	Book Club	St. Mary's
Mon., Nov. 26	Bumble Bees	Trinity
	MMWG	St. Mary's
Fri., Nov. 30	Book Club	St. Mary's
Sun., Dec. 2	Family Sermon, Unsung Hero	Trinity
Thurs., Dec. 6	Men's Bible Study Breakfast	St. Mary's
Fri., Dec. 7	Book Club	St. Mary's
Sat., Dec. 8	Choir Practice	St. Mary's
Mon., Dec. 10	Bumble Bees	Trinity
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Thurs., Dec. 13	River Road Food Pantry	St. Mary's
Friday, Dec. 14	Book Club	St. Mary's
Sat., Dec. 15	Saturday Night Service	Trinity
Thurs., Dec. 20	Men's Bible Study Breakfast	St. Mary's
	Vestry	St. Mary's
	Holy Knitting and Crocheting	Trinity
Fri., Dec. 21	Book Club	St. Mary's
Sat., Dec. 22	Choir Practice	St. Mary's
Mon., Dec. 24	Bumble Bees	Trinity
	Christmas Eve Service	St. Mary's
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Fri., Dec. 28	Book Club	St. Mary's
Mon., Dec. 31	Concert: Spencer and Beane	St. Mary's

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## PRAYER LISTS

### **St. Mary's Whitechapel**

Cecil Courtney, Janet Courtney, Alexa McGrath, Mimi Chace, Donna Brayton, Cynthia, Ursula Murch, Hilda Courtney, Hortense Boyd, Robert, Dennis Saunders, Lisa Fortin, Howard Hanchey, Jennifer Cassell Cole, Karen Woodruff, Roger Fortin, Wier Harman, Gina Adams, Helen Kizer, Mary Snyder, Brad Quillen, Pat Dennis, Joanne Young.

### **Commonwealth Assisted Living:**

Margaret F. Ransone

**Lancashire:** Mary Sue Courtney

**RWC:** Sis Ransone

**Those in the Armed Forces:** Tensley Clowser, Mark Medina, Kathryn McCormack Akacem, Mehdi Akacem, Anderson Sale, Thomas Mackie, Pia Mackie, Tate Young and Spencer Fortin.

### **Trinity**

Cecil Courtney, Janet Courtney, Buddy Keyser, Dorothy Keyser, Berkeley Kellum, Wendy Boswell, Toi Beane, Robert Jones, Preston Bryant, Craig Smith, Michael, Mel and Frances Ercelino, Hilda Courtney, Barbara Whittington, Robert, Linda Hall, Karen Woodruff, Katie Valinotti, Joey Coker, Michael Dunaway, Dodie Jones, Cookie Minno, Whit Walden, J.W. Boone, Brad Quillen, Ian Larmore, Brandon Dunaway.

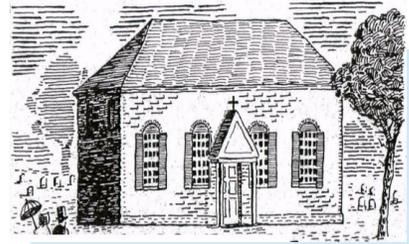
**Those in the Armed Forces:** CJ and Arthur, Paul Price, Kevin Hargrove, and Emya Seldon.

### **Mailed Copies of Bulletins**

We are happy to mail our Sunday bulletins to anyone who is unable to make it to church due to illness, age, or lack of transportation. If you know of anyone who would like to receive the bulletin either by mail or email, please contact Paula at the church office at 804-462-5908 or stmarys.whitechapel@gmail.com.

## ST. MARY'S WHITECHAPEL VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— SEPTEMBER 2018

Your vestry met September 20, 2018. The Vestry approved the Register, Cemetery and Treasurer Reports.



- Care Teams have been formed and will work with Rev. Limburg at each of the churches.
- Movie Night Coordinator: Mr. and Mrs. Budzinski have offered to coordinate this program. The first one is planned for January 24, 2019, as a 3:00 matinee.
- Funeral Fun Afternoon is scheduled for Sunday, February 17, at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Limburg will make sure that does not conflict with the Lancaster Library's Sundays at 2 program.
- Vestry meeting date in November was changed to Wednesday, November 15, at 3:00 p.m.
- Pastoral: Rev. Limburg has a small grief group meeting for mutual support.
- What is up at Trinity: Trinity's first Saturday evening service was changed because of weather and will take place Saturday at 5:00 p.m. The Ham and Oyster Dinner will take place on October 6. The Fall Community Yard Sale is scheduled for the following weekend.
- Northern Neck Boys and Girls Club Transportation Grant: This duPont Fund grant was initially funded through Corrotoman Baptist Church. Rev. David Cromer is leaving that church and the duPont Fund requires that there be permanent clergy at the eligible church that receives that funding. SMWC will take over the remaining grant for 2019.

## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH VESTRY MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 2018

Your Vestry met Tuesday, October 16, 2018.



The Vestry approved the previous months Register's Report and the Treasurer's Report. Items discussed:

- It was noted that we are on target with the budget. At 75% into the year we are a bit ahead. This is due to the Congregation's pledges. With the Stewardship Campaign under way the Vestry looks forward to this trend continuing. Please pledge!
- The first pavilion service was very well received- we received positive feedback.
- We had a very busy five weeks at Trinity with the pavilion service, the joint service with SMWC, the Ham & Oyster Dinner, preparation for the yard sale and the farewell to Karen Woodruff. All events were extremely successful because of the efforts of all that were able to help. Thank you!
- The Ham & Oyster Dinner proceeds were \$2181! Thank you to all involved.
- The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am with breakfast.
- The Unsung Hero will be celebrated on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Christmas Pageant will be Saturday evening (5:00) in the pavilion.
- Rev. Limburg's 2<sup>nd</sup> hand surgery will be Monday, October 22, 2018.
- What's Up @ SMWC?- The Christmas Bazaar will be December 1<sup>st</sup>!

## St. Mary's Whitechapel

Office Hours: W, TH, F 9 AM. to 3 PM

**Closed Monday and Tuesday**

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Members	Jack Blaine Cheryl Budzinski Bill Pennell Betty Thornton
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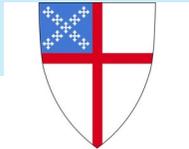
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