

St. George's Spearhead: to parish, neighbor, and world

St. George's Anglican Church - a CANA Parish
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Rivers of Living Water

In John 7:38 Jesus made an astounding statement. "He who believes in me, as the scripture says, out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water." To be a follower of Jesus is so much more than having a theological idea about God. It is a way of life that never runs short of possibility from God. Immediately after Jesus made this statement, John adds this comment. "He spoke this about the Holy Spirit whom those who believe in Him would receive. For the Holy Spirit had not yet been given because Jesus was not yet glorified."

When we commit our lives to Christ as our Lord and Savior, we receive a new identity, and a new purpose. Our purpose from that moment on is to be vessels of God's Holy Spirit being poured out on the world. As St. Paul said in Philippians 2:17, we are being "poured out like a drink offering." Jesus modeled this for us on the cross, and the apostles demonstrated it in the book of Acts. They were constantly drawing together for prayer and worship, and constantly being sent out on mission wherever the Spirit directed. They were also constantly being refilled for the ministry. And they were constantly being challenged by the world. So it shall be for us.

Learning how to pour yourself out is a great revealer of our inner condition. In the healing ministry we discover that God has a great work to do within us in order to prepare us for the work around us. The more the Holy Spirit reveals about our inner nature, our hurts and wounds, our hang-ups and prejudices and irrational reactions to circumstances around us, the more we can find Christ's healing and become free to be available to God in the present. As the Lord identifies the lies, misunderstandings and misinterpretations of life that we have bought into, we become free to be used more fully by the Holy Spirit. The river of living water in the heart of every believer waits to be released to flow freely outward.

Take time to pray about what may be holding back the flow of the Holy Spirit in your life. If you feel hung up and need help, call the church office. I would be glad to talk and pray with you about moving forward in your spiritual growth. Let us minister all of the healing gifts Christ has given His church so that the Holy Spirit may flow like a mighty river through our lives.

Fr. Bill

The mission of St. George's Church is to know Christ as our Lord and Savior, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, to love Him, serve Him, and witness His love to the world.

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Parish Prayer Cycle

Pray each day for revival in the parish, the community, the nation, the world.

Monday: Parish Staff, (Rector, Parish Administrator, Choir Director, Sexton), Vestry, Treasurer
Parish Directory: Albergo-Briggs

Tuesday: The Sunday School, Youth Ministry, Youth Directors, Teachers, Helpers, Nursery and Parents.
Parish Directory: Capobianco-Gomez

Wednesday: Outreach, Evangelism, Alpha, Hospitality Activities, Newcomers Committee, Communications.
Parish Directory: Gray-Lackey

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Parish Directory: Lashomb-Ogden

Friday: Stewardship, Finance, Property, Scholarship Committee, Publicity, use and care of earth's resources.
Parish Directory: Palmer-Simonelli

Saturday: Worship leaders, Choir, Praise Band, Musicians, Lectors, Chalice Bearers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Altar Guild, Ushers, and Greeters.
Parish Directory: Smith-Wilson

Sunday: Come and Worship!



Congratulations to
Scott Bennet
on his graduation from
Princeton High School!

Congratulations to
Alec Bennet
who received his Bachelor
of Science in Mechanical
Engineering from Western
New England College!

Ladies Night Out – Chick Flick

Jan Kwiatkowski

Our next Ladies Night Out is planned for Friday, September 10th. Julie and Julia will be shown in Ericson Hall. Doors open at 6:30 and the movie begins at 7:00.

In 1949, Julia Child is in Paris, the wife of a diplomat, wondering how to spend her days. She tries hat making, bridge, and then cooking lessons at Cordon Bleu. There she discovers her passion. In 2002, Julie Powell, about to turn 30 and underemployed with an unpublished novel, decides to cook her way through "Mastering the Art of French Cooking" in a year and to blog about it. We go back and forth between these stories of two women learning to cook and finding success.

Already seen the movie? Come see it again! It's an entertaining film and there is something to be said for sharing the experience with your "sister". Bring your mother, sister, daughter, niece, cousin, aunt, neighbor! Bring a movie snack or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided.

Come join us for a fun, relaxing evening. For planning purposes, there's a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Bell Tower.



Sunday Coffee Hour

Thank you to those who hosted our "summer joint coffee hour" (Bruce Eckman, John Moran, Jan Kwiatkowski, Kathryn Hackett-Fields, Bob Seyfried, Walter Wilson, Doug Wilson). Coffee hour will continue between the Sunday Eucharists – and ALL are welcome. Coffee hour following the 10:00 AM Eucharist will begin on September 19th.

The signup sheet for Coffee Ministry is on the large easel in Ericson Hall. A "how to" guide for both 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM is available and is attached to the easel. If you are an "old pro" at hosting coffee hour, please consider asking a "newbie" to join you so that they too might become an "old pro". Remember – "keep it simple". It's the fellowship that is the most delicious aspect of this time together.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER

- 9 Vestry Reports due
- 10 Ladies' Night Out – Chick Flick [EH] 6:30 pm
- 12 Parish Meeting
- 12 Grandparents' Day
- 19 Women's Retreat Planning [EH] 12:30 pm
- 20 Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm
- 26 Parish Picnic

OCTOBER

- 2 Blessing of the Animals 10 AM
- 7 Vestry Reports due
- 11 Columbus Da7
- 18 Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm
- 22-23 Healing Mission
- 31 Harvest Home Festival

NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints' Day
- 4 Vestry Reports due
- 15 Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm
- 24 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:30 PM
- 25 Thanksgiving Day
- 28 First Week of Advent

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays:

- Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 am
- Coffee Hour following both morning services
- Youth Ministry 6:30-9 pm

Monday –Thursday: Morning Prayer at 10:00 am

Tuesdays:

- Discipleship Group 1 pm
- OSL Study Group 7:00 pm
- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 8:00 pm

Wednesdays:

- Men's Discipleship Group 7:30 am {Paneras}
- Women's Bible Study 10 am
- Discipleship Group [Smith] 7:30 pm

Thursdays:

- Serenity Seekers (Al-Anon) 1:00 pm
- AA Step Meeting 7:00 pm
- Choir Practice 7:00 pm
- Praise Band Practice 8:00 pm

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE FOR OTHER
IMPORTANT DATES AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

WWW.STGEORGESHELMETTA.ORG

ST. GEORGE'S ARCHIVES



October 25, 1905:

Disbursements: Repair windows in Rectory and Church (\$6.60); Tune organ (\$17.76); 20 copies catechism of music (\$2.50). Committee on buildings and grounds reported heater cleaned and some new pipes put in for same, also reported tubes on church and rectory carrying water from gutters to leaders were rusted and needed repairing. The Rector reported St. George's assessed \$126.... [for] the fund to be devoted to the missionary cause. Balance on hand October 1, 1905: \$808.53

October 18, 1910: The Sunday School work more satisfactory than expected with the new method of teaching, teachers enthusiastic and the children bringing written answers to the questions in their new books. The Rector referred to having a fence for the back yard.....to enclose sufficient ground for a chicken yard and garden.



Did You Know...???

Why do we genuflect or bow during the Nicene Creed?

The genuflection or bowing symbolizes the Incarnation of our Lord – God becoming man. He humbled Himself for us.

Why do the bells ring at 9:50 AM just before the

Eucharist? This special ringing of the bells – three times, a pause, three times, a pause, three times, a pause, and then nine times, began in Europe about the 14th century. The purpose of this ringing was to call all the Christians within the sound of the bell to remember the Incarnation. The Ave Maria was said as the three strokes were sounded, and a collect was said as the nine strokes were sounded. It was all done to praise God for the gift of His Son, and to remind us to be thankful for the birth of our Savior. The Angelus is the name of this combination of bell ringing and prayers.

What should I do if the host falls when I am being served communion? Tell the priest or deacon.

What should I do with last year's palm? Bring it to church by the last Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday. The palms are then burned thereby producing the ashes for Ash Wednesday.





RESTORING HONOR RALLY IN WASHINGTON, DC.

AUGUST 28, 2010

– Steve Bauman

This was a rally organized by Glenn Beck to focus on the principles and people that founded our nation. It recognized the place God played in the “American Experiment” and to continue as a nation, how we have got to get back the basics of Faith, Hope and Charity as well as trust in God.

There were folks from St. George’s at the rally. Kathryn Hackett-Fields, Bruce Eckman and I are the ones I know of but expect others watched parts of it on TV. For me, this was a once in a lifetime experience so for those who get their news only from the “main line media”, I wanted to share my experiences.

I don’t like concerts, big meetings, conventions or anything like that. It was Bev’s idea to go but she was having a round of back problems so couldn’t make it. She did, however, insist that I go. I had already booked a non-refundable room for Friday and Saturday nights in Alexandria, near a Metro station, rather making the trip very early or driving home when very tired in addition to avoiding the hassle of parking in DC. I asked some friends to go, but got no takers, so I set out alone. *(As an aside, I stayed in the Landmark section of Alexandria but it looked more like Bangkok or Hong Kong. I went to a food store Friday night to get water for Saturday that was complete with smoked hanging foul and fish of all kinds looking back at you from mounds of ice. The smell, well if you’d never been to the Far East, I can’t describe the smell to you. I saw Vietnamese condiments that I hadn’t seen since 1967! Let’s just say that I was the “foreigner” in the town right next to the capital of my country!)*

The rally started at 10 AM so I left the hotel at 6:15 for the Van Dorn train station. Lines were coming out the doors as visitors tried to work the Metro ticket machines. I do get to NYC regularly and use their machines with no problem, but these were impossible to understand – particularly after waiting in line for 45 minutes with 100 people looking over your shoulder as you tried to get a ticket. Finally up on the ramp I waited for about 20 minutes for a train. When it came we all became sardines - well behaved, but sardines! Then we were told that due to maintenance, we had to change trains at the next stop, King Street. We all piled out and after another 15 minutes a jam-packed train rolled by without stopping. I was talking with

three folks from Arizona who said, “We’re taking a cab. You in?” We were dropped next to the Lincoln Memorial and I proceeded into the largest crowd I’d ever seen.

Paths started through the masses but eventually disappeared so I parked my folding chair in front of a giant TV screen (Jumbotron) a few hundred yards from the Memorial on the south side of the reflecting pond. I could see the podium but mainly watched the monitor as the folks at the podium seemed to be only 1 ½” tall! You will hear the media say “tens of thousands” attended but based upon the area covered by people, the crowd could well have exceeded 500,000 and even approached a million! There were no problems, political chants, fights or other crowd-related problems that I could see. At many times, it was actually more like a church service with Faith Hope and Charity being the main themes along with armed forces appreciation. Yes, Sarah Palin was there but as the mother of a soldier not former VP candidate. She recognized three heroic servicemen from Iraq, Afghanistan and Viet Nam. At one point we all sang Amazing Grace – right there in Washington, DC!



Glenn Beck was the MC and delivered meaningful messages during the day. The niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was there too and spoke much of God and her family’s legacy. Bottom line of all the messages: do not dwell on the scars and mistakes the United States had made in the past but get back to the founding values, including faith in God, so we, as a country, can continue to be. It was not a political rally, a racist hate event, a red-neck convention or any of the other things the main line media might call it. Glenn Beck also stress that this as an event didn’t matter but how we all, as individuals, reacted to the challenges set forth.

As many of my friends, I too am concerned about the direction of our Country and would urge everyone to do their own homework - including getting out the old history book - to see how our Country started and what it is really all about. After that, compare that picture to where the US seems to be heading today. I submit that we don’t need to transform the US, but reform it to back where we started. If you agree, get involved and do your work as a citizen and Christian. If repent of our wicked ways, God is gracious and will forgive us and bless our nation.

God bless America.



Love Letters

by Kit Rockwell

Katydids

Dear Lord,

Last night was a lovely, warm August evening. The cool breeze stirred the trees, outlined on the horizon by the silver light of the moon. The earth smelled fresh from the light summer shower that had fallen today.

The little insects called, Katydids [because they seem to sing “Katy did, Katy did”] were chanting loudly to remind us that frost will come in six weeks.

Since You so often write Your way in nature, I like to think the little insects were singing the song of salvation and they were chanting, “Christ is King, He is Risen, He’ll come back!”

They are a good reminder, not so much that the frost is coming, but that You are, and that we must prepare for eternal life.

The good news is that You are always with us to help us prepare to stand beneath Your loving gaze. Only then will we fully realize the immensity of Your mercy and love.

Thank You, Lord.

~ Kit



Requesting Helping Hands

Jan Kwiatkowski

The internet is an amazing tool. With a couple of keystrokes and a couple more “clicks”, within seconds I found over 75 Biblical references for hospitality. It took me longer to decide which verses to use than it did to find them!

Hebrews 13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

1 Peter 4:9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. (oh, was that one written for me?!???)

Matthew 25:34-46 Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?’

Throughout the year, we have many opportunities to practice the gift of hospitality, not only in our homes, but also here at church. Sunday coffee hour is a wonderful time to dip a “big toe” into the hospitality waters. And in October we have an even bigger opportunity to not only dip in our big toe, but to completely soak ourselves ☺ with hospitality. With the help of many hands, parishioners and guests will be welcomed, fed, and cared for during the Healing Mission weekend, October 22-23.

We begin Friday evening with registration in Ericson Hall. This is our first opportunity to welcome “friends and strangers”. Friday evening’s fare is “hearty refreshments”. With registration at 6:00 PM and the Mission beginning at 7:00 PM, we are aware that many come directly from work or stop home very briefly before heading to St. George’s. For this reason, we provide soup, sandwich, something savory, something sweet, and a beverage, along with time for fellowship and “settling in”.

Saturday morning is another opportunity for fellowship. Following the 8:30 AM Eucharist, a “more than continental, but less than full” breakfast is provided. We use “real” dishes and flatware, so hands are needed to help with clean up.

Saturday’s lunch is catered and help is once again needed to clean up the dishes and flatware. Saturday evening is a wonderful “smorgasbord” when items from Friday evening and Saturday lunch make an encore appearance. All paper and plastic products here, so clean up is much easier.

So how does all this get orchestrated? Actually, quite easily! We have a well-tested “plan” and “menu” that has served us well. Where we need help from the “family” is with specific food contributions, Friday afternoon set up, clean up at various times, and Sunday afternoon “put the house back in order”.

During September you will see me with my trusty clipboard and “reminder slips”. Your food contributions have helped to defray the overall cost of the mission and your gift of time with set up, serving, and clean up, not only keeps me sane, but also allows me to catch some of the teachings.

Men, help is particularly needed from you on Friday, October 22nd, to set up Ericson Hall; Saturday, October 23rd to clean up after breakfast or lunch; and Sunday, October 24th, to restore the property back to its “normal” state (e.g., chairs and tables all returned to their proper places).

Thanks in advance, for your Stewardship in Action!

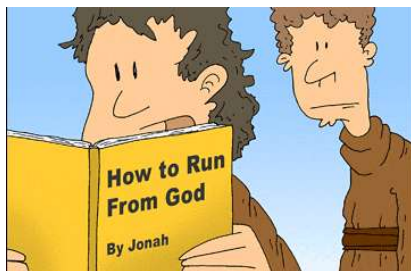


THE LESSON OF THE RABBIT

The following is excerpted from an article which first appeared in the Spearhead in February 1976. The author was Bobbi Fusco, a former member of St. George's.

This morning we found a very sorry scene. We have two rabbits, one of whom no longer wanted the safety of the pen. She sought freedom, and in doing so was killed by our two dogs. Had she been content to remain a “prisoner” she would have been free to live. As it is she gained her freedom and lost her life. That which was alive and beautiful and well cared for became a horrible picture of blood and gore.

Is there a lesson in this for us? Do we feel a prisoner of God? Do we feel caged in by His truth, love, commandments, authority and power? Do we want to be “free to be me,” to do our own thing, to be free of bending the knee to almighty God? Do we wish to break a hole in our “cage” and escape the “hound of heaven”? If we do, we must consider the consequences – consider the rabbit.



“It just says, ‘Don’t.’”



Elijah's Promise 2nd Annual 3K Turkey Trot Walk to raise funds for meals at the Soup Kitchen

**Sunday, November 7th at Buccleuch Park
in New Brunswick 1 pm Registration, Kids
Arts and Crafts & Music & 2 pm Walk**

(Please note the inclement weather date is Nov.14th)

You can participate as an individual, or on a team. There is no fee to register, but we encourage everyone to raise much needed funds. **Our goal is to raise \$50,000 to provide meals for those in need.** For additional information or to register, please visit our website at www.elijahspromise.org. Together we are making a difference one step at a time!

3K Turkey Trot



Harvest Home Festival

Join us for a Harvest Home Festival
Sunday, October 31st after the 10:00 service!

Please sign up to bring a **covered dish**.

Featuring Face Painting * Fall Crafts * Games *

Prizes * Fun and Fellowship for all ages!



When Doing Good Will Be Wrong

By Deacon Greg Ventura

In 2006 CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF BOSTON announced that it was getting out of the adoption business. In 2010, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington made a similar decision. Now in the UK they are passing a bill that will allow same-sex partners to adopt, but it will include an opt-out for religious organizations. The sponsors of the bill do NOT want to include the opt-out option, but feel they have to in order for the bill to pass. Kellie McDonald of NSW Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby, said "We're obviously not in support of religious exemptions."

Religious exemptions. You can tell where this person stands on the whole separation of church and state. The world has become so secular. Actually, let me clarify that, the West has become so secular. We are so used to gay and lesbian people, that we don't even talk about them coming out of the closet anymore. High schools are even starting to have gay and lesbian support groups or clubs. It is at the point where it all seems natural to them. It is difficult to even talk about the issue anymore. If you believe that the bible is true when it condemns homosexuality, the best you can hope for is that you will just be ignored. People will call you a hate monger. It is not like we made up the rules. God did and he had very good reasons for doing so.

Even our language is changing and it will not help Christians. Soon we will be regarded as heterosexists. This is not a good thing, because it lumps us in with the other "isms," like racism. Given time it could become a hate crime.

So it is a sad day when religious organizations have to stop doing good, because in order to do so they would have to compromise their religious beliefs. Pray for our nation, our state and our leaders that they may know Jesus better, more intimately and in so knowing, will know that God does not hate gay people; he loves them and wants them to know him better.



What's Happening in the Youth Underground

We have completed our *To Save a Life* series, and it went very well. It helped show the kids that they are not alone in their struggles, and that there is ALWAYS an opportunity to reach out to those around them, especially at school.

We have started meeting after church until 1:00. Right now we have 8 members: Colin, Anthony, Jack, Becky, Abby, Allison, George, and Rebecca.

The youth calendar has been updated for the next 2 months on the website.

- ★ The youth will be watching the kids during the parish meeting on September 12th.
- ★ We are also having a camp fire on October 8th, and Youth Sunday on October 17th.
- ★ The youth will help host the Harvest Home Festival on October 31st after church, leading crafts and games.
- ★ We really would like the youth to attend the healing mission in October. It is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to their friends and share their faith!

Visit our website www.stgeorghelmetta.org for more information about our Youth Underground!

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Do you have a story or testimony to share with our readers? Please send it along for inclusion in our next issue of the Spearhead.

If you would like a hard copy of the Spearhead and are currently not receiving it, please contact the parish office.

If you prefer to "go green" and receive it electronically, please let us know.

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WHERE DO YOU KEEP YOUR LIGHT?

~Steve Bauman



I've just finished reading a few books that have convicted me and thought you could relate. Jesus told us to be the light of the world and that our light should not be hidden under a basket but set high on a hill so others could see (Mt 5:14). The books I read were two by Lee Strobel (*God's Outrageous Claims* and (with Mark Mittelberg) *The Unexpected Adventure*) and another by Tommy Tenney *The God Chasers*). They led me to re-examine where I keep my light – other than on Sundays. The books talk about “where the action is” today! Believe me, there is action!

Is your light kept in a safe, semi-private place called “church”, in a private room in your home or in your innermost thoughts? We need light in all of those places, but how are you doing with the “*so others can see*” part? I must confess that my light is not as visible as it could – no, should – be in many of those places. The ironic part is that when my light does shine out brightly, I feel exhilarated and know that I'm doing what God wants me to do – so, why don't I do it more often? We are different in this regard, so if I'm not talking to you, stop reading at this point and I won't be insulted, but first, please check it out.

Are you living so your neighbors know you are not really like “the world”? Have you ever talked about Jesus outside of your churchy circle of friends or, alas, to a stranger? What do you do and think about when you are alone – and not in need of help? How about in the car while in traffic? (OK, I won't go there but think about it.) Are you afraid to let your light shine because you are not perfect, don't know enough or don't feel qualified?

Do think God doesn't know who you are and what to expect from you if you go it alone? God has made you and your light unique. He has plans for your light and wants you to use it in obedience to Him, not necessarily in perfection. As the saying goes, He does not call the qualified, but qualifies the called. We are all called and He will qualify us to do what He wants us to do. Our job is to hear His call and take action. The Red Sea didn't part until Moses put his foot into the water, the walls of Jericho didn't fall until Joshua marched around them as

instructed, Naaman was not healed of leprosy until he bathed in the Jordan, and Moses did not believe he could lead the children of Israel out of Egypt. What is the common denominator? Obedience and action, and this doesn't usually happen according to man's common sense or in his or her comfort zone.

We are called to an exciting adventure with God but He will lead us every step of the way. In our Men's Group, we are talking about “walking with God” and that's exactly what He wants us to do. We can know him intellectually but can't really experience His power from our comfort zone. We've got to follow His call and step out with Him to carry our unique light into the world. We tend to become desensitized to His real power, love and capabilities in our safe, no-risk environment. I'm not complaining about “no risk” but will this brighten our lights or put it higher on the hill? Did you ever sit by a campfire or fireplace and stir the embers to increase the flame? What happens when you blow on glowing embers? In both cases – through agitation and breath (think “Holy Spirit”) the fire and light increases. How did it increase? By your taking action! Christians are built to be like ships. Ships are not built to stay tied up in port but to sail the seas in both calm and storm. Christians likewise are not called to stay tied up to their pews but to go into the world, under God's command, in both calm and stormy times.

Our parish has been stirred by recent developments and also felt the wind of the Holy Spirit in many ways. I am convinced this experience was not intended to help us keep our little fire safely stoked within the fire ring of Helmetta but to prepare us to get out of our comfort zones and into His Adventure. Programs, solid teaching and our safe parish environment are all good and help us grow, but until we take our light “on the road” and into the world with God, we cannot truly live His Adventure.

We may not all be evangelists, but we are all lights. There are lights on high cliffs to guide ships at sea away from danger but there are also lights in refrigerators to help feed people. Our world is full of many kinds of darkness so there is need for many kinds of lights. For example, our country seems to have a creeping darkness that I think of as the ignorance of God and His place in our history and future. In our well intended striving to be all inclusive on all fronts, we have lost our true North or, more correctly, our True God direction. God does call people regardless of race, religion, country of origin or sins and loves them, but I don't, believe He can accept some of their practices. So, what's a God to do? He calls His people (that's us) to take His light into the darkness that abounds in so many areas of life around us and show Him to them by the way we live. I believe it was Martin Luther who said we should preach without ceasing and, when necessary, use

words. Our lives and actions are our light - the way we live it and the God we serve, but we've got to let it show! In the words of Bobby Dillon, "you've got to serve somebody" and is it up to each of us to understand that serving God cannot always be done in our comfort zones.

The good news (read the books I mentioned for more on this) is that this is the best and most fulfilling adventure you could ever imagine. There is no higher calling than sharing the light of God with those who are so desperately need it. How about joining me on our next Ultimate Treasure Hunt to experience the power of God as worked out in our earthen vessels? It may be scary, but it certainly will not be dark! May God bless you and increase your light.



CHRISTIAN HEALING MISSION – OCTOBER 22-23, 2010

St. George's Anglican Church, Helmetta, N. J.

The Rev. Jack and Anna Marie Sheffield – Speakers

Fr. Jack and Anna Marie Sheffield have been in the healing ministry for about 30 years and continue to pray for and witness hundreds of awesome miracles of God's grace and power in a variety of forms and manifestations. In 2001, they felt the call from God to begin an evangelistic ministry with the purpose of spreading the Good News that Jesus Christ still heals His people today: in body, soul and spirit. They travel extensively with a team of ministers who are gifted in the healing ministry to share the message of healing. In 2004, seeing a need for a place that would provide more in-depth prayer ministry, they helped to establish, and currently do healing ministry at, the Christ Healing Center, San Antonio, Texas.

Fr. Jack was ordained a deacon in the United Methodist Church in 1979, and graduated from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in 1981. In 1993, he received nine months of "Anglicanism" at the Episcopal Theological School of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. In 2001, Fr. Jack received his doctorate from the Seabury Institute in Chicago. He has been a chaplain in the Order of St. Luke since 1993 and is currently the director of Region V of the Order. Fr. Jack has authored three books; *The Power of God to Heal*, *God's Healing River* and *The Genesis Seed*. He is the editor of the book, *Under Healing Wings*.

Anna Marie is a wife, mother, grandmother. She is an administrator for Deep River Ministries, and teaches and ministers at the healing center and various conferences. She loves to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Anna Marie is a graduate magna cum laude from Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. She is a life member of the Order of St. Luke, involved in prayer ministry, and currently serves on the Order of St. Luke Board of Directors. Anna Marie is a former Daughter of the King, and Stephen's Minister, and a former Member of the Community of Hope.

Fr. Jack and Anna Marie have been married for over 30 years, have one son who is married to a lovely woman, and have three bright, funny, fabulous grandchildren.

MISSION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

6:00 PM - Registration

– Fellowship and Hearty Refreshments

7:00 PM - Healing Service

Song and Praise * Teaching * Healing Ministry

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:30 AM - Holy Eucharist

9:15 AM - Registration

– Fellowship and Continental Breakfast

10:00 AM – Teaching

11:15 AM - Sharing and Prayer Groups

12:30 PM – Luncheon

– Catered (pre-paid reservation only*)

1:30 PM - Song and Praise

2:00 PM – Teaching

3:00 PM - Sharing and Prayer Groups

4:00 PM – Break

Evening Healing Service

6:00 PM – Registration, Fellowship and Refreshments

7:00 PM - Healing Service

Song and Praise * Teaching * Healing Ministry

For more information or to register for the luncheon, please contact the Parish Office at 732.521.0169 or stgeorgechurch@verizon.net



Alpha is Here!

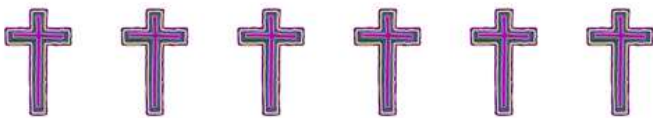
An opportunity to explore the meaning of life

Come if you:

- *want to grow in your journey of faith*
- *are concerned about what happens after death*
- *have questions about your faith and want to ask them in a safe non threatening environment*
- *are seeking for more to life than what you are experiencing now*
- *want to develop a personal relationship with Christ*
- *would like to become a member of St. George's Church*

Alpha takes place in the Rectory on Wednesday evenings from 7 PM – 9 PM. The course will begin on Sept. 15th and end on Nov. 17th.
Coffee and dessert will be served

Contact: *Barbara Raczynski for more information or the Parish office to register. 732-521-0169*



Financial Peace University

Don't Conform, Transform

"Don't become so well adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking." Romans 12:2

Financial Peace University is a 13 week video-based small group study that teaches families how to beat debt, build wealth, and give like never before.

This program is for you if:

- Your credit cards ARE your emergency fund
- Your dog responds to the name "Ebay"
- You're intrigued by the word "plasectomy"
- You want to know what God says about money
- You have to sell your house to put your kids through college
- Stocks, Bonds and Mutual Funds are friends you haven't met

The course will run at St. George's Church on Sunday nights at 6:30 PM starting on Oct. 3.

The free preview night will be 7:00 PM on Saturday, Sept. 25. Bring your friends, family, co-workers, anyone who would be interested in finding financial peace in their lives.

ST. GEORGE'S FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all who contributed to our Food Pantry this summer. The pantry was open on Tuesdays from 10 AM – 12 PM and the average usage was 18 people per week. Our patrons enjoyed a great selection of items in the pantry plus home-cooked meals from the freezer, soups and bread. They were also extremely grateful for the summer picnic items we had including; hot dogs, burgers, corn on the cob, chips, pickles, juice and condiments. Thanks to your continued generosity and the support of MCFOODS and Stop-n-Shop, we have been able to consistently provide help to our neighbors in need.

A special thanks to all those who pick up food from New Brunswick, cook meals to share, donate their money, bring it items each week, and to those who volunteer their time on Tuesdays to assist our patrons and keep the pantry running smoothly. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact the Parish Office. God bless you!