



## EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES

*This Sunday, which is Presidents Day weekend and the beginning of School Vacation Week, the Jesus Kids class will not meet and the Godly Play and Godly Time classes will meet together in the Godly Play room.*

*How will you live into Lent this year?* Join us for Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m. on the Sundays of Lent. Surrounded by candlelight and Taizé chant, take time to be quiet and ponder as you journey through Lent.

*Sports on Sundays.* There is a movement underway in York to discourage sports activities being scheduled on Sunday mornings. A huge petition is circulating around the churches and is at St. George's for about a month. Please take a moment to stop in the parish hall and sign the petition and support this effort to protect our time together in Christian community as we celebrate our spiritual formation and athletic, academic, professional, personal and civic accomplishments that help make us God's agents in the world.

*Spiritual Formation: "Jesus & Joe"* on Sunday mornings at 10:00, January 13, 20 & 27; February 10, 17 & 24; March 9 & 30. We will share coffee and conversation as we walk through our Baptismal Covenant with a variety of fun, interactive activities designed to help us discover our Christian faith in the Anglican/Episcopal context while getting to know one another at the same time. Some of the sessions may include guest speakers to help us flesh out how to be faithful Christians in the world in which we live and work.

*St. George's Forum.* On Sunday, February 24, Chellie Pingree, Democratic candidate for the same office, will return to our Forum. Both sessions will start immediately following the 7:45 service (about 8:45). Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Please join us.

*Brown Bag Craft Lunch.* The Craft Outreach Program is sponsoring a Brown Bag Lunch get-together on the Wednesdays during Lent from 12 – 1:30 p.m., starting on February 13. Come and bring whatever you are working on and we can work together. If you are interested

### Schedule for St. George's This Week

**Sunday:** 10:00 a.m. - Jesus & Joe  
**Wednesday:** 12 noon - **Deadline:** February 24 bulletin & Dragon News  
**Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with optional healing  
 7:00 p.m. - Parish Choir rehearsal

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in learning how to knit a hat or crochet a shawl, we'll have some needles, hooks and yarn on hand for you try out. Bring a sandwich and we'll provide drinks and dessert. Any questions, call Ellie Butler at 363-7114.

***If you feel called, please send a "Thinking of You" note or card*** to our former parishioner who, alone, is presently residing at the Hyder Family Hospice House for his end of life journey. This would probably be best done *sooner* rather than *later*. Our showing love and concern, as members of his *Christian family* could certainly help him in his journey. Bruce has lived a life full of faith and continues, knowing that God is with him. Our "present" to him could be a "presence" in our written messages. It would be wonderful if he could receive a flood of cards filled with our *love* and *prayers*. (NOTE new address.)

Mr. Bruce Johnston  
c/o VA Medical Center, Nursing Home  
781 Smyth Road  
Manchester, NH 03104

***Outreach: Don't miss the Annual Ecumenical Meal***—Saturday, March 1, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., St. Christopher's Church will host the annual ecumenical meal. It's a giant Table of Plenty feast with turkey and trimmings that's designed to break the winter doldrums—and everybody's invited! All of the churches in York are working together to make this a wonderful event. 200 people will be served at St. Christopher's, and about 150 meals will be taken to shut-ins. As part of this effort, St. George's has been asked to provide four or five cooked and carved turkeys, 10 pies, and eight people to help out on March 1. Please sign up to help with this outreach project—the sign-up sheet is posted in the parish hall! Questions? Call or email Kathy Roosa (roosak@yahoo.com or 603-566-4282).

***Craft Outreach Ingathering on March 9.*** For those of you who have been busy making, hats, blankets or quilts: we are having an ingathering of completed items on Sunday, March 9. Please bring them to any service, we will have the blessed and send them out into the world. If you are interested in participating, there is still time—hats don't take long to make. Contact Ellie Butler at 363-7114. Let's see if we can top last year's numbers.

***St. George's Outreach "blog"***—A blog (short for "weblog") has been defined as "a personal online journal that is frequently updated and intended for general public consumption." St. George's Outreach blog is located at <http://stgeorgesyorkharbor.blogspot.com/>. We plan to use the blog as a way to keep people informed about our outreach efforts. We'll use it extensively this coming week to keep the parish informed about our missionaries' activities in

New Orleans. New information will be posted as we get it. There will also be a link to any pictures that are emailed home. After the missionaries return, it will be a way to spread information about our other outreach efforts. Look now, and in addition keeping up with our NOLA-bound parishioners, you will learn more about the Outreach Crafts Program that's being featured in February

***"Toward Resurrection" is the Province I Conference*** on Stewardship, Evangelism, and Congregational Development, at the Doubletree Hotel in Westboro, MA, March 7-9. Registration deadline is February 15. Register online at [www.province1.org](http://www.province1.org) (or see downstairs bulletin board for paper registration form you can copy).

***Peace Essay & Poetry Contest for Episcopal high school students.*** Topic: "How can I be a peacemaker?" Essays: 500-750 words; no limits for poetry. Prizes: 1st: \$100, 2nd: \$50, 3rd: "African Prayer Book" by Desmond Tutu. Deadline: May 1, 2008. Mail or email submissions to: Episcopal Peace Fellowship, c/o the Rev. Jim Gill, 37 Brunswick Ave., Gardiner ME 04345, [meamft2@aol.com](mailto:meamft2@aol.com).

***World Day of Prayer 2008.*** This year, the WDOP has been written by the women of Guyana, a country located on the northern coast of South America. The theme is "God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding." The service will be held on Friday, March 7, 11:00 a.m., at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH. A lunch in the fellowship hall will follow the service (no cost for the lunch - free will offering baskets will be on each table). Reservations for lunch deadline on February 22 (call Debbie Gustafson, 603-431-7087 for lunch reservations or more info on the service).

***Do you travel for work? Those travel-size soaps,*** shampoos, conditioners, hand lotions, etc. are perfect for donating to the York Food Pantry or the St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry in Portland, because these toiletries cannot be bought with food stamps. When you have some accumulated, drop a bag of them into the Food Pantry basket—thanks!

***Never miss a sermon again!*** The weekly sermons, recorded as audio files, are now available on our website (click on the Worship link—they are usually up by Wednesday). You can listen right on your computer, or download the mp3 to your iPod and take it with you.

***Wish list: St. George's could use a DVD player.*** If anyone would like to donate a DVD player to the church, please contact the parish office, 363-7376.

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