

**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!

**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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Week of February 24, 2008

## EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES

**The Jesus Kids.** February 24: the Rev. Aaron Perkins, Deacon, will speak to us about prison ministry.

**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.

**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, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Come and bring whatever you are working on and we can work together. If you are interested 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.

**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

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

**Sunday:** 8:45 a.m. - Chellie Pingree, Forum  
10:00 a.m. - Jesus & Joe  
5:00 p.m. - Evening Prayer  
**Wednesday:** 12 noon - **Deadline:** *March 2 bulletin & Dragon News*  
12:00-1:30 p.m. - Crafts brown bag lunch  
**Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with optional healing  
7:00 p.m. - Parish Choir rehearsal

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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).

***When the Saints Come Marching In...*** On Sunday, March 2, come be a part of the celebration as our saints return from New Orleans and share photos, stories and song. All Parish Coffee Hour will be at 10:00 a.m. with Mission Trip team members present, photo displays and stories from the trenches. Bring some food to share if you like!

***“Food Pantry Sunday” is March 2.*** Non-perishable donations may be left and volunteers will bring them to the Food Pantry on the Thursday after Food Pantry Sunday. Monetary donations are also welcome - there is a small covered tin for that purpose in the basket.

***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://stgeorges-yorkharbor.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

***“Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy” is the book chosen this year for York Reads.*** St. George's will host one of the conversations about the book on Thursday, March 13, 11:00 a.m. Paige+ and Deacon Sudie will facilitate this conversation. The book may be purchased for \$5 at the York Library or you may contact Sudie directly and she will arrange to get a book to you (363-1369).

***Easter Breakfast and Easter Vigil Potluck.*** Right now we are in need of coordinator(s) for the Easter Breakfast and a coordinator for the post-Easter Vigil service potluck. Please contact Nancy Merrill ASAP 351-1017, if you would be willing to coordinate one of these events (we have plenty of volunteers for the Easter Breakfast, but need a coordinator).

***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.

***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.

***Les Petits Chanteurs (the singers from Haiti who were here last September)*** want to return to St. George's to sing for us! They would like to make St. George's a one-night stop on their concert tour, sometime in September of 2008. We would like two St. George's parishioners to volunteer to coordinate their housing for one night, i.e. arranging places for them to stay, as we did last September, but this time we have a lot more time to plan. This would entail calling parishioners to find out who would be willing to put up some of the singers and how many could be housed at each volunteer home. If you would be willing to coordinate this effort, please contact Outreach Coordinator Kathy Roosa 363-8791 or roosak@yahoo.com.

***Mega Choir. Easter is coming*** and that means the Mega Choir will once again be forming to sing the *Halleluiah Chorus* from Handel's Messiah on Easter Sunday at 11:00 a.m., along with another joyful song yet to be chosen. We will rehearse on Saturday, March 22, 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at St. George's and will enjoy music and fellowship together. If you would like to sing, please sign up in the parish hall and include your name, voice part (soprano, baritone, etc.), phone number and e-mail address as well as a food item to share. It is important to sign up even if you think we already know that you will sing, so we can prepare the right number of copies of the music! (Choir members, this includes you as well!)

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