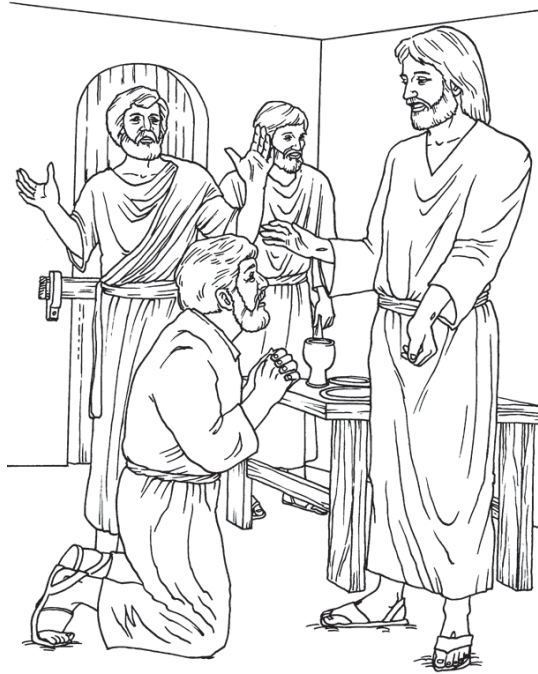


Do you travel for work? Those travel-size soaps, shampoos, conditioners, hand lotions, etc. are perfect for donating to the York Food Pantry or the St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry in Portland, because these toiletries cannot be bought with food stamps. When you have some accumulated, drop a bag of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

Please drop off empty inkjets, laser cartridges and old cell phones, downstairs. We get paid for recycling these items. This is an ongoing fundraiser for the church and it also helps the environment!



Jesus appears to the disciples.

Schedule for St. George's This Week

- Sunday:** 10:00 a.m. - Jesus & Joe concludes
- Wednesday:** 12 noon - **Deadline:** *April 6 bulletin*
7:00 p.m. - Vestry meeting
- Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:00 p.m. - Parish Choir rehearsal
- Saturday:** 4:00 p.m. - Regional confirmations with Bishop Knudsen

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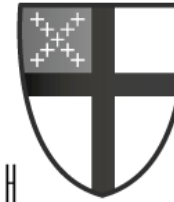
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St. George's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES

Youth Classes. Godly Play & Godly Time: March 30: the Crosses. On April 6, Jesus & the Twelve. **Jesus Kids:** March 30 and April 6: the Rev. Aaron Perkins will speak on prison ministry.

Special Easter Offering. The Vestry has designated this year's Special Easter Offering to be split between *Caring Unlimited* and *The Maine Sea Coast Mission*. *The Maine Sea Coast Mission* is an ecumenical, faith based social service agency operating in Downeast Maine. Utilizing their specially equipped boat, the MV Sunbeam, they provide both medical and spiritual services to the island communities in Penobscot Bay. In addition, they run a food bank, a thrift shop and a very successful after school and summer program for kids at risk in several communities in Washington County. It is the mission of *Caring Unlimited* to work with the community to end domestic violence in York County. This includes providing support and safe haven to women, their children and men whose lives are affected by domestic abuse. Services and programs include a 24-hour Hotline (324-1802 or 1-800-239-7298), legal advocacy, education and support groups, emergency shelter, transitional housing and services, Community Response Program and Young Adults Against Dating Abuse (YAADA). Please use the Easter offering envelopes found in the pews (not to be confused with Easter flower envelopes, also in the pews).

Spiritual Formation: "Jesus & Joe" on Sunday mornings at 10:00, concludes on March 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 will be about helping us flesh out how to be faithful Christians in the world in which we live and work.

Table of Plenty. St George's next turn at the Table of Plenty is April 1. We will be serving shepherd's pie and homemade cakes. The sign-up sheet is up and we are in need of people to prepare food at home and drop it off or arrange for pick up. We of course need workers at the

meal: set-up people, cooks, servers, dishwashers and clean up. If you can give a few hours of your time please sign up or call Karen Gilroy 363-3904.

Confirmation and Reception Service. Bishop Knudsen will preside, and the Rev. Stephen Lane (about to become the 9th Bishop of Maine) will preach, at a regional service for Confirmation at St. George's on Saturday afternoon, April 5, at 4:00. Four adults and three youth from St. George's will be either confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. Members of St. Ann's in Windham will also be confirmed or received at this service. Please come and support our members making this important commitment to Christ and the church, welcome other members of the diocese, and greet our bishop. **To honor the confirmands, as well as Bishop Knudsen and Bishop-Elect Lane, we would like to put on a good reception after the service. If you can help, especially if you would be willing to coordinate or co-coordinate such a reception, please contact Nancy Merrill ASAP at 351-1017, jnmerrill@aol.com or marykaytopgun@yahoo.com. Let's make this occasion a special one!**

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. Now that the New Orleans missionaries have returned, it will be a way to spread information about our other outreach efforts.

AIDS Walk. Time to start planning to participate in the annual AIDS Response Seacoast AIDS Walk, one of their most important fundraisers each year. Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 4, 2:00 p.m. St. George's always sends a large contingent—let's continue that tradition. (Remember, dogs can walk, too!) Lauren Segalla 363-8642 and Abbie Duquette 363-2556 are the St. George's Team coordinators, contact them for more info, or go to <http://aidsresponse.kintera.org/walk08>.

Thank you, thank you, thank you—to everyone who gave of their time and talent to make items for the Craft Outreach Project. At the ingathering on March 9, we collected two quilts, eight blankets, 23 hats, two baby sweaters, 16 baby hats, and 10 scarves— what a wonderful sight. We also collected and blessed 10 prayer shawls. To borrow a phrase from Kari Pritchard of the Table of Plenty, "Nobody can do everything, but everybody can do something." Obviously a lot of people did something. What a wonderful difference you have made in people's lives!!!!

"Food Pantry Sunday" is April 6. 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.

Opportunities for Youth at Bishop's Consecration. 6th-12th Graders & Young Adults are invited to serve at the Consecration of the 9th Maine Bishop on May 3rd, 2008. Crucifers, torch-bearers, streamer carriers and parking greeters are needed. The application deadline is April 1! Maineyouth.org – events – current applications.

Diocesan Youth Ministries' Annual Planning Meeting. The annual meeting to guide and direct Diocesan Youth Ministries will be Saturday, April 12, 2008, from 10:00 - 2:30, at Christ Church, Gardiner. I encourage adults and teens (grades 6-12) who are active in youth ministries at St. George's to come and be part of it! How can we help teens to grow closer to Jesus Christ? What diocesan youth events and opportunities should we offer? How can the Diocesan Youth Ministries support congregations' ministries to youth? Where is God leading us? Please let Steve+ know by April 1 if you are interested in attending. Maybe we could carpool.

Divorce, Separation and Mixed Families Group. Have you experienced divorce, separation or the mixing of families? You may be surprised at how many members of our community have too. A group has formed and continues to welcome new members on the 4th Wednesday of each month, 6:30-8:00. Speak with Steve+ or just drop by. The next meetings are March 26, April 23, and May 28.

"Berwicks Church." Do you live in South Berwick or Berwick, North Berwick or Eliot or in that general neck of the woods? As many as twenty St. George's parishioners are gathering the last Thursday of each month at 5:45 at the First Parish Federated Church in South Berwick (on Route 4/236, across from the Dunkin Donuts). We meet in the "Vestry" or fellowship hall under the sanctuary to celebrate the Eucharist in a simple, kid-friendly way and then share potluck supper. On March 27, Dave Dube will lead the Liturgy of the Word using Godly Play. The next gatherings will be April 24 and May 29. Everyone is welcome. Come drive across Route 91 and join us! Invite friends too, especially folks who live in or near the Berwicks who might not have found St. George's because it's a little to far to drive.

American Boychoir in concert. Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 p.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church, Portsmouth. FMI call 603-436-8283. FMI on the choir, www.americanboychoir.org. Auditions for interested boys immediately following the concert.

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