

“popular” request, please do not bring children (as one teacher said last year, “That’s what babysitters are for.”)

New Orleans Mission Trip reunion: Saturday, May 31, 2:00, at the Ervins’ home in Kittery (team members mark your calendar and watch your email for details)

Early Service Coffee Hour: Sunday, June 1, 8:45, at St. George’s

All Parish Coffee Hour, Sunday, June 1, 10:00-11:00, at St. George’s

Thursday morning, June 5, Healing Eucharist at 10:00 followed by brunch (“dutch”) at Norma’s around 11:00

Newcomers BBQ (northern style) - kids especially welcome, Saturday, June 7, 5:00-7:00, location TBA

Farewell party, Sunday, June 8, noon, at St. George’s. Contact Lisa Lane, Megan Segalla or Nancy Merrill if you want to help.



Dragon News  
Weekly Notices  
Week of May 18, 2008

## EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES

**Godly Play & Godly Time:** May 18: Paul’s Discovery. May 25: The Holy Trinity.

### ***Spiritual Formation, May & Early June:***

**May 18:** Theological Education – 10:00 about how church leaders are educated

**May 25:** Doubt and Faith (i.e., Believing), Part 1 – conversation at 10:00 facilitated by Steve+ and perhaps others

**June 1:** All Parish Coffee Hour at 10:00 – bring something yummy to share. Graduating Seniors Brunch at noon – bring a good dish to help honor our graduates

**June 8:** Doubt and Faith (i.e., Believing), Part 2 – conversation at 10:00 facilitated by Steve+ and perhaps others. Last day of Church School and Adult Spiritual Formation before summer!

***Theological Education.*** On Sunday, May 18, the Rev. Dr. Ran Chase will be at St. George’s to offer adult spiritual formation presentations at 8:45 and 10:00 on the subject of theological education. Ran is Dean of Administration at Episcopal Divinity School, where Steve+, Paige+ and Calvin+ all attended for at least part of their theological education and therefore a beneficiary of St. George’s support over the years. EDS, like most seminaries, is looking at restructuring the way they prepare people for ordained and lay leadership in the church, due to changes in the economic and social landscape of the church and society. Come find out what is happening in this critical part of our church’s ministry.

Note the inserts and envelope in your Sunday bulletin on May 18. If you wish to make a contribution, please make your check out to Episcopal Divinity School (**NOT to St. George’s**) and use the envelope to mail it to EDS.

***Sing Into Spring on May 18, 7:00 p.m.*** This Sunday, we will hold an evening of music and fellowship. We have voted on our favorite Easter/spring hymns, and we will sing them at the performance, interspersed with live musical acts will perform. Hope to see you here, and bring your friends!

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

**Sunday:** 8:45 a.m. - Theological Education  
10:00 a.m. - Theological education  
7:00 p.m. - Sing Into Spring Evening of Music & Fellowship

**Wednesday:** 12 noon - **Deadline:** *May 25 bulletin*

**Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist & Healing  
7:00 p.m. - Parish Choir rehearsal

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**“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. The next gathering will be 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.

**Table of Plenty.** St George’s next turn at the Table of Plenty is May 27. We will be serving shepherds 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.

**Since 1993 St. George’s has been in a Covenant Church relationship with the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity,** Habitat for Humanity York County. As a Covenant Church we are committed to providing support through prayer, through financial resources and most especially by giving of our time and talent. **Blitz Build 2008 will take place May 31st-June 7th on the Gebung Road in Alfred.** The Family Selection Committee is currently interviewing families who submitted applications for consideration. FMI about Blitz Build 2008 and our local project visit <http://www.habitatyorkcounty.org/>.

**The Committee on Baptismal Ministry** presents *Even at the Grave—Conversations About Death for the Alive and Healthy* on Saturday, May 31, 10:00 to 3:00, at St. Mark’s Church, 60 Eustis Parkway, Waterville. Advance registration is requested but not required. Reg forms on downstairs bulletin board. FMI contact the Rev. Carolyn Metzler 207-732-4614 or [cwmetzler@telplus.net](mailto:cwmetzler@telplus.net).

**Honoring our graduates.** On June 1, at the 11:00 service, we will honor our high school graduates: Alison Bailey, Ariana Fox, Ian Lane, Rebecca McKenzie, Jordan Perkins, Joshua Perkins, Kelsey Ray, Hillary Sule, Seth Wagner, and Christopher Yorston. Following the 11:00 service, there will be a reception for the graduates, their families and friends—but everyone is invited to celebrate with them.

**Our own Kit Wang’s ordination to the transitional diaconate** will take place on Saturday, June 14, 11:00 a.m. here at St. George’s. All are invited to this festal service!

**Parish Picnic.** After Kit Wang’s ordination on Saturday, June 14, we will celebrate with a parish picnic. The picnic will start about 1:00 p.m. St. George’s will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, beverages and utensils. The rest is potluck, so please bring a dessert, a salad or a side dish. Please complete a picnic reservation form, which will be found in your Sunday bulletins for the next few weeks, and return it in the offering plate or to the parish office—**deadline is June 8.** Bring game and sports equipment if you like. Hope to see you there!

**Parishioner Mary Ezenwa,** currently studying at Yale Divinity School, would like to spend the summer and fall in York. She needs a family to stay with, but will be able to contribute toward rent. Please contact her at 917-455-5306 if interested. Also please contact Paige+ at 363-7376.

**Seacoast Community Chorus** presents *With Heart and Voice* on Sunday, May 18, 3:00 p.m., at First Parish Church in York. Requested donation is \$10; tickets available at the door.

**Understanding Islam, a five-part series** designed to explore the rich cultural heritage offered by this faith tradition, and make us conscious of the challenges our Muslim brothers and sisters face in this country and beyond (May 3, 10, 15, 17 & 29) will be offered by the York Diversity Forum along with the York High School Civil Rights Team. Last up:

**May 29 (6:30 to 8:30) Islam in Literature.** A discussion of Leila Ahmed’s book “A Border Passage.” Thirty copies of this book are available for purchase from the Office of the Superintendent of Schools on Route 1. Samples of foods from Islamic culture and tradition will be available. Admission is free.

#### **Opportunities for Connecting With Steve+**

Below are events planned with opportunities for hanging out with Steve+ and saying “good bye” before he leaves on June 8 to become rector of St. Martin’s Church in Des Plaines, Illinois.

Church School kids: Sunday, May 18, during Church School time at St. George’s

Berwicks Church: Thursday, May 29, 5:45-7:30 at First Parish Federated Church in South Berwick

Teachers & Youth Leaders & their spouses & partners: Friday, May 30, 6:00-9:00 at Steve & David’s home in South Berwick. Teachers and leaders please RSVP to [sgodfrey@stgeorgesyorkharbor.org](mailto:sgodfrey@stgeorgesyorkharbor.org) or 363-7376. BBQ meat (southern style) & beverages will be provided; feel free to bring sides, salads, desserts, but don’t feel obligated. By

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