



No matter where you are on your journey of faith, you are always welcome at St. John's Church, and most importantly at God's table.

Sunday Services:

- 8:00am Rite I
- 8:30am Parish Choir
- 9:00am Nursery
- 9:30am Kids Church
Youth Groups
- 10:00am Rite II
- 11:00am Coffee Hour
- 11:00am Cherub Choir

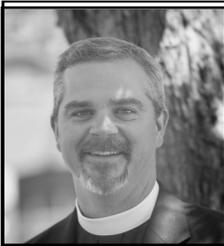


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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ◆ **Middle School Hike | Blue Job**
Sunday, October 14th, 11 am
- ◆ **Connected in Christ Capital Campaign Kick-Off Celebration in Thaxter Hall**
Two Times: October 21 after the 8 am & 10 am services
- ◆ **THE CHORISTERS OF THE TEMPLE CHURCH CHOIR, LONDON | page 15**
New England Tour: October 25 at 7 pm
- ◆ **Youth@Convention Retreat: The Way of Love**
November 2-3 at Christ Church Exeter

October 2018



Rob's Ruminations

Let Freedom Ring!

The Reverend Robert E. Stevens, Jr., Rector

A Collect for Peace from The Book of Common Prayer page 99

O God, the author peace and love of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This prayer always brings me up short. The phrase that catches me unawares each and every time is “to serve you is perfect freedom.” Think about that phrase for a moment and contemplate just how “out of the box” it is. When one really considers this phrase it is no wonder that Jesus was always getting into trouble with the authorities.

Freedom is a lauded and loaded concept in our culture. Freedom is what this country is founded upon, but if we pause for a moment and actually test our assumptions about freedom, the phrase “to serve you is perfect freedom” can seem downright revolutionary. One assumption that I wish to test is that freedom must be defended. It makes sense on the face of it, but where does that fit in the phrase “to serve you is perfect freedom?” I think an important distinction about freedom is that the Gospel explains freedom as a gift to be received and that service of God is the way to experience freedom while our culture explains freedom as a “right” to be protected and defended.

Most people will agree that the opposite of freedom is slavery or bondage and I agree as well, but I do think that in our culture another opposite has emerged. The other opposite of freedom is the obsession with security. Security in and of itself is not a harmful reality, but when it becomes the focus of one's life freedom becomes elusive. In a sense, the quest for security inflicts a type of bondage upon that person or society. Simply look at the headlines. Those who have chased money as their god have had the Temple of Wall Street unravel and despite all of our military's efforts to secure our freedom we cannot say with confidence that we are safer.

This is not a political article, but rather a theological one. My concern is with the apparent misunderstanding that in order to be truly free one must be secure. This is the assumption that I wish to challenge. If we spend our energy protected and defending our “freedom” fear is our ruler, not God. The Gospel is clear that fear and freedom are mutually exclusive. I think this is what the author of the Collect for Peace is hoping we discover.

The great but hard news is that God does not manipulate us by puppet strings. God leaves it to us. We can choose to chase after the illusion of freedom in the pursuit of security or we can experience perfect freedom in the service of God and others...May we choose wisely.

Faithfully, your rector and friend,

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

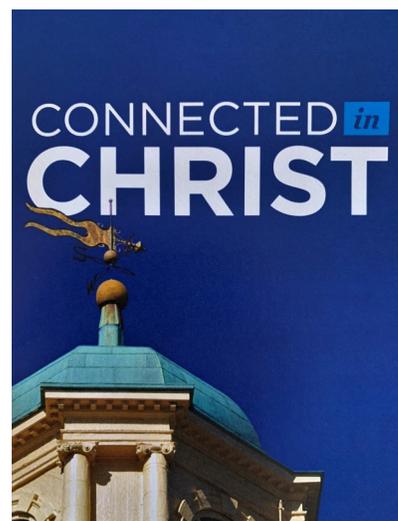
Plan to Stay for the Fun!

On Sunday, October 21, we will kick off our *Connected in Christ* capital campaign to make our buildings accessible and safe for all, preserve our sanctuary, and brighten our community gathering space. We plan to have a robust coffee hour and some surprises after both

services to celebrate who we are and where we are headed.

We will also thank the many volunteers who are already hard at work organizing this campaign. *This is not a fundraising event.*

We want everyone there at the beginning of this exciting journey.



How Did We Get Here?

We kicked off 2017 with cottage meetings to find out what the people of St. John's thought about our ministries and future, and how enhancements to our buildings could help further our mission.

We surveyed everyone with specific plans and building design. **We took that feedback** and redesigned and adjusted projects accordingly. With ECF's recommended goal, the vestry fit our plans into attainable plans and projects. Acknowledging the clear desire to have an elevator from the parking lot, we added a challenge goal in case we can exceed expectations. **Now we are finally ready to realize our vision.** Throughout the summer, dozens of volunteers have been working to get our campaign organized and ready to be launched. That will happen officially on October 21. Members of St. John's will be visited by volunteers who have campaign materials with all the information you need.

What About Our Annual Pledges?

Because of our capital campaign, everyone at St. John's will receive a personal visit from another parishioner to explain the campaign goals and invite your participation.

BUT the most accessible church in the world is useless unless it leads to a vibrant congregation inside. So when we make that visit, we will bring two pledge cards and ask that you consider your annual commitment *first*, to support the daily ministries of St. John's with at least the same generosity as last year.

Once you've determined your participation in our daily life and ministry, then we'll invite you to consider a gift to the *Connected in Christ* campaign, to strengthen St. John's future and ability to welcome and serve.



Associate Rector's Reflections

Building Community, Making Connections

The Reverend Anne C. Williamson, Associate Rector

It was good to gather yesterday in the Philbrick Room (the St. John's 'living room' on the lower level of Thaxter Hall) between the 8am and the 10am services with the Rev. Dick Siener and parishioners from St. John's to talk about our community life and walking together on our faith journey. We had folks who were new to SJC and those who had been part of the community for decades, and a number in between!

Sharing the joys and the challenges of being in a community of faith is an important part of making connections, with each other and with God. Our baptismal vows include our undertaking to 'continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers.' Sunday services are one way to honor that vow, but the Early Church was noted for the close connections to community and to God and our conversation yesterday was both encouraging and thought-provoking: there are good places to make connections at St. John's; how do we communicate those opportunities so that our community and our faith can flourish?

For me, small groups have been life affirming and life changing. My faith journey began as a 'cradle Episcopalian', but my comfortable religion became a living faith during my time in England, as part of an Anglican church with a thriving small group life. It was in small groups, of various kinds (study groups, task groups, groups for people at the same stage of life or working in the same sector ie healthcare) that my connections to my community of faith and my connection to God flourished.

I invite you to consider the various opportunities at SJC to join in small group life. On a weekly basis, there is Reading Between the Lines on Wednesdays at 10:30am and Centering Prayer on Thursdays at 10:30, in the Philbrick Room in Thaxter Hall. There are also book groups that meet on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. The Altar Guild works hard each week preparing for our services. A new group is forming – the Gardening Guild, to tend our little corner of creation. There is more information on groups on the bulletin boards in Thaxter Hall – come in for a cup of coffee after the 8am service (thanks to Nancy Fessenden) or for Coffee Hour after the 10am service (thanks to Rosemary Loffredo and her team – new members welcome!).

Come and join us in the Philbrick Room on Sunday, October 28 at 9am to continue the conversation!

Blessings,

Anne



Curate's Courtyard

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another

The Reverend Nathaniel F. Bourne, Curate

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" — Luke 10:29

Jesus rarely answers questions directly. More often than not he responds to direct questions with elliptical answers that the person he's speaking with is unable to refute or even to comprehend. Or he responds with a parable. In Luke's Gospel, this question—"And who is my neighbor?"—immediately precedes the Parable of the Prodigal Son, that iconic story of neighborly care where it's the most unlikely person who acts the part of a neighbor.

I learned a lot about what it means to be a neighbor last month. On September 23rd, one of the leaders of our youth group and I led twenty-one middle and high schoolers on a Service Sunday. We went to the house of Todd Hanson, a local architect who has been part of the Portsmouth community for a long time. He also uses a wheelchair, and has since being diagnosed with PLS, a neuromuscular disease that has left him unable to walk or speak. We went to his house to do some much needed yard work for him—raking leaves, pulling weeds, clearing out vines. But we also went for more than that.

Todd shared his story with us. He told us about his journey from being a competitive long-distance runner to being unable to walk up a single step to enter a building. He told us how he sees the world with a new perspective and how hard it is to navigate this city and so many others without the use of his legs. He shared his hopes of creating a more accessible world.

The old model of "charity" sees service as a one-way street—we, the more fortunate, help them, the poor and needy. It assumes that those of us who live in greater comfort have little or nothing to gain from the people we serve.

That Sunday in September, I witnessed something much closer to what Jesus is talking about in the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Our middle and high schoolers were neighbors to Todd, and he was a neighbor to us. We were able to offer dexterous hands, strong backs, and a willingness to work. He was able to share his story and his spirit. He helped us see some of what we take for granted on a daily basis—never worrying whether we'll be able to enter a building or if there'll be a bathroom we can use. He invited us to think about what it would be like if things were otherwise and opened our eyes to the challenges that people with disabilities face. And he shared his gratitude for all that he's been given and the opportunities he's had, and described how he's using those gifts to make the world a more accessible place.

Jesus ends the parable with these words— "Go and do likewise." May we all go and do likewise and walk, or ride, or roll into this world ready to give and to receive and to care for one another. None of us can live without good neighbors.

With deep gratitude and love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nathan". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and personal.

2018-2019 St. John's Youth | Year-at-a-Glance

Middle Schoolers will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Philbrick Room. High Schoolers will gather in Thaxter Hall then go to coffee together with the youth group leaders. They'll come back to the church for communion.

FALL 2018

| Day | Time | Event |
|-------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Sunday | 9/9 9:30 – 11:15am | Kick-Off Sunday |
| Sunday | 9/9 5:00 – 7:30pm | Kick-off picnic at Great Island Common |
| Wednesday | 9/19 3:00 – 5:00pm | Cooking for Cross Roads |
| Sunday | 9/23 9:30 – 11:15am | Service Sunday |
| Friday – Sunday | 9/28 – 9/30 | Parish Retreat |
| Sunday | 9/30 | NO YOUTH PROGRAMMING |
| Wednesday | 10/10 3:00 – 5:00pm | Cooking for Cross Roads |
| Sunday | 10/14 11:00am – 3:00pm | Middle School hike @ Blue Job |
| Sunday | 10/28 9:30 – 11:15am | Service Sunday |
| Friday – Saturday | 11/2 6:00pm – 11/3 1:00pm | Youth@Convention Retreat |
| Sunday | 11/18 9:30 – 11:15am | Service Sunday |
| Sunday | 11/25 | NO YOUTH PROGRAMMING |
| Wednesday | 12/12 3:00 – 5:00pm | Cooking for Cross Roads |
| Sunday | 12/16 9:30 – 11:15am | Service Sunday |
| Sunday | 12/16 TBA | Middle School Christmas Party |
| Sunday | 12/30 | NO YOUTH PROGRAMMING |

SPRING 2019

| Day | Time | Event |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sunday | 1/13 11:30am – 2:30pm | Middle School trip @ Blitz Air Park |
| Sunday | 1/20 9:30 – 11:15am | Service Sunday |
| Wednesday | 1/23 3:00 – 5:00pm | Cooking for Cross Roads |
| Wednesday | 2/13 3:00 – 5:00pm | Cooking for Cross Roads |
| Sunday | 2/17 9:30 – 11:15am | Service Sunday |
| Sunday | 2/17 5:30 – 7:30pm | Middle School Game Night @ St. John's |
| Sunday | 2/24 | NO YOUTH PROGRAMMING |
| Wednesday | 3/13 3:00 – 5:00pm | Cooking for Cross Roads |
| Sunday | 3/17 9:30am – 4:00pm | Service Sunday @ Common Cathedral |
| Wednesday | 4/10 3:00 – 5:00pm | Cooking for Cross Roads |
| Sunday | 4/14 9:30 – 11:00am | Service Sunday |
| Sunday | 4/21 | Easter Sunday |
| Wednesday | 5/8 3:00 – 5:00pm | Cooking for Cross Roads |
| Sunday | 5/12 10:00am | Rite 13 |
| Wednesday | 6/14 3:00 – 5:00pm | Cooking for Cross Roads |





Music Notes

St. John's Parish Choir

Jennifer McPherson, Director of Music

What a great start to the program year! I'm so excited to be with you all. The St. John's Parish Choir is busy beginning to prepare for our special events this fall.

Do you like to sing?

Do you enjoy community?

Join us!

We rehearse one Wednesday evening per month at 7-8:30pm and every Sunday morning at 8:30-9:45am. Special services this year include the All Saints Requiem service on November 4 and the Festival of Lessons and Carols on December 16.

For more information, please contact me at music@stjohnsnh.org

Please see our special rehearsals and services schedule below.

Peace,

Jen McPherson

The St. John's Parish Choir



Rehearsals

Sunday mornings, 8:30-9:45am

Wednesday, October 3, 7-8:30pm

Wednesday, November 7, 7-8:30pm

Wednesday, December 5, 7-8:30pm

All Saints Requiem Service

November 4, 3pm call, 5pm service

Festival of Lessons and Carols

December 16, 3pm call, 5pm service



Developing Disciples

Children's Ministries Updates

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Ashley Wade, Director of Children's Music and Ministries

Kids' Sunday Morning Church School Program

BABYSITTING OPPORTUNITY ~ Nursery Attendants Needed
Paid opportunity, that helps you build your babysitting business!

Get to know and love the youngest in our community and serve our families on Sunday mornings!

Sunday, October 7 @ 10:00 AM Service (Children & Youth gather at 9:30)
Join us for an all-ages service celebrating diversity & God's creation. Children and Youth will attend the service with their classmates!



ST. JOHN'S MUSIC & THEATER

Sunday, October 21 @ 10:00 AM Service

Youth-Led Music Sunday, including members from St. John's Music & Theater program, Cherub Choir, and The Choir School!

Sunday, December 23 @ 10:00 AM Service
The Christmas Pageant

Saturday, February 16, 2019 @ 6:00 PM, and
Sunday, February 17, 2019 @ 11:30 AM
The Annual Musical ~ Show TBA (!!!)

THE SJC FAMILY BLOG | sjcfamily.blog

Subscribe to the blog, and never miss a beat with the Children's Music & Ministries, and Youth Development opportunities.

**REACH OUT FOR MORE INFO | Ashley Wade, Director
Children's Music & Ministries | St. John's Episcopal Church
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THE CHOIR SCHOOL AT ST. JOHN'S

Welcome, Jennifer McPherson, Co-Director!

It has been a complete joy and pleasure partnering with my new Co-Director, Jennifer. I am so excited for what is to come for The Choir School at St. John's!

Choir School kicked off on Tuesday, September 18, with 15 students in upper elementary and middle school! The Choir School van (driven by one of our long-standing volunteers, Kathi Hardy) offer Portsmouth-area students transportation to St. John's and back home.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

How you can help The Choir School at St. John's

- ◆ **Become a van rider.** An easy and fun duty! You accompany Kathi on a route to either pick up or drop off students. When students get silly on the van, you can learn a lot about each other!
- ◆ **Become a program assistant on a Tuesday or a Thursday afternoon.** Duties include set up, snack service, and providing general structure and community for the students during the first hour of the program. For those who love working with children, helping with homework and practicing, and building relationship, this is a fun role! This is a great opportunity for a high school student to earn community service credit.
- ◆ **Attend a Public Community Event & Fundraiser.** Stay tuned for dates on our annual events to promote The Choir School and our very special support community.
- ◆ **Become a Donor.** Your financial support goes a long way to build this amazing community support system for our Choir School families.

REACH OUT FOR MORE INFO | Ashley Wade, Co-Director
The Choir School at St. John's | St. John's Episcopal Church
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
|--|---|---|
| | 1 9:30 Gather Cooking 7p FA | 2 10:00a - 2:00p Easter Seals Baking 10:00a Staff Meeting 2:30p Choir School 6p Youth AA 7p Vestry Meeting |
| 7 8:00a Rite I 8:30a Parish Choir 8:30a Nursery 9:30a Kids Church/Youth Grps 10:00a Rite II 11:00a Coffee Hour 11:00a Cherub Singers 6:30p AA | 8 9:30 Gather Cooking 7p FA | 9 10:00a - 2:00p Easter Seals Baking 10:00a Staff Meeting 2:30p Choir School 6p Youth AA |
| 14 8:00a Rite I 8:30a Parish Choir 8:30a Nursery 9:30a Kids Church/Youth Grps 10:00a Rite II 11:00a Coffee Hour 11:00-3pm Middle School Hike 11:00a Cherub Singers 6:30p AA | 15 9:30 Gather Cooking 7p FA 7p YOC Board Meeting | 16 10:00a - 2:00p Easter Seals Baking 10:00a Staff Meeting 2:30p Choir School 6p Youth AA |
| 21 8:00 a Rite I 8:30a Parish Choir 8:30a Nursery 9:30a Kids Church/Youth Grps 10:00a Rite II 11:00a Cherub Singers Choir Connected in Christ capital campaign Kick-Off Party After both services in Thaxter Hall | 22 9:30 Gather Cooking 7p FA | 23 10:00a - 2:00p Easter Seals Baking 10:00a Staff Meeting 2:30p Choir School 6p Youth AA 630p Seacoast Convocation Meeting |
| 28 SERVICE SUNDAY 8:00a Rite I 8:30a Parish Choir 8:30a Nursery 9:00a Adult Formation 9:30a Kids Church/Youth Grps 10:00a Rite II 11:00a Coffee Hour 11:00a Cherub Singers 6:30p AA | 29 9:30 Gather Cooking 7p FA | 30 10:00a - 2:00p Easter Seals Baking 10:00a Staff Meeting 2:30p Choir School 6p Youth AA |

| WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT |
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| 3 10:30a Reading Between the Lines 4-5:30p Junior Music & Theater | 4 9:30am Healing Service 10:30a Centering Prayer 12p Common Table 6:30p Women's Book Group 7p NA | 5 | 6 6:30p - AA |
| 10 6:45a St. John's Spiritual Explorers: Men's Book Group 10:30a Reading Between the Lines 12p Ladies' Luncheon 1p Knitting 3p Cooking for Cross Roads 4-5:30p Junior Music & Theater | 11 9:30a Healing Service 10:30a Centering Prayer 12p Common Table 7p NA | 12 | 13 6:30p - AA |
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| 31 10:30a Reading Between the Lines 1p Knitting 4-5:30p Junior Music & Theater | | | |

PARISH LIFE

Resources for the Spiritual Journey

**Wednesday Mornings 10:30 – 12:00,
in the Philbrick Room of the lower level Thaxter Hall**

Using a resource entitled *Reading Between the Lines*, we use one text from the Sunday lectionary and examine the story as found in the Bible. Next, we see how the story is happening in the world around us, and then look at how the story is an event in our own lives. We end our time together with Noonday Prayer.

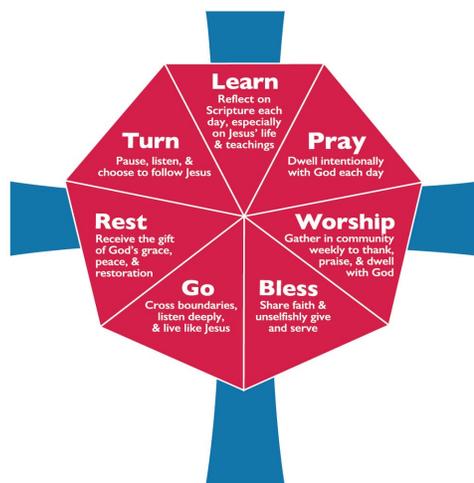
"For both clergy and laity, Reading Between The Lines is, in my judgment, the single most important resource for engaging and internalizing the lectionary readings for each Sunday of the year. It is of great value for clergy preparing sermons and for adult study groups undertaking a serious and life-changing encounter with the Bible." -Marcus Borg - Author and Historical Jesus Scholar

For more information, email Rev. Nathan Bourne, curate@stjohnsnh.org or Rev Anne Williamson, anne@stjohnsnh.org or call 603-436-8283.

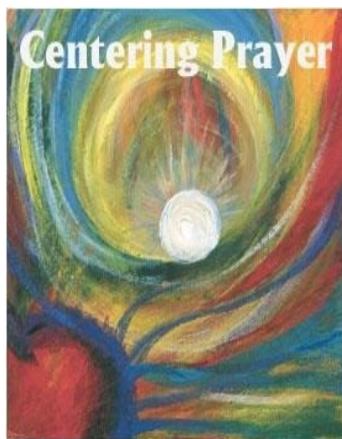
2018 Youth@Convention

The Way of Love

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to Christ Church in Exeter for the 5th annual "Youth@Convention" Retreat. Beginning on Friday, 11/2 at 6:00 PM and ending Saturday, 11/3 at 12:30 PM. The retreat will be led by Sally Farrell, Associate for Christian Formation and Parish Life at Christ Church Exeter, and the Rev. Nathan Bourne, Curate at St. John's Portsmouth. Youth are invited to share in food, fun, and fellowship alongside the 216th Annual Diocesan Convention. To register for Youth@Convention, contact Nathan via the Parish Office or



THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life



The Centering Prayer group meets in the Philbrook room of Thaxter Hall from 10:30 to 11:30am every Thursday morning.

Centering Prayer focuses on Contemplative Prayer, the opening of mind and heart to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words and emotions. The one hour time period includes twenty minutes of silence, an open discussion of matters of common interest in our spiritual journeys and concludes with intercessory prayer.

For further information, please contact The Rev. Dick Siener or Joan Christy through the Church Office.

All are welcome – join us as your schedule permits.

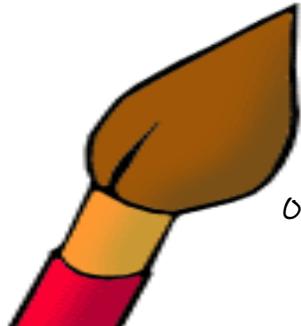
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Adult Formation: Community & Connections

Join the Rev. Dick Siener and the Rev. Anne Williamson
on October 28, November 11, and December 16
at 9 am in the Philbrick Room. More information to follow.



The Common Cents Economy Shop staff would like
to extend a very sincere **THANK YOU** to Gerry



Simpkins and the Bocce Boys for their time spent
this summer painting and renovating the thrift
shop here at St. John's. Stay tuned for the
opening date (mid-October).

Please hold all donations until then.

Ladies' Luncheon will be held at noon on Wednesday,
October 10 at The Dinner Horn in Portsmouth.

All are welcome to attend!

Please call Linda McVay (603-988-9755) or Mary Walker (603-436-2034)
if you plan to attend and to arrange carpooling if necessary.

These gatherings will occur on the second Wednesday of every month;
location will vary. Please join us!

PARKING IN THE METERED LOT ACROSS FROM THE CHURCH

Parishioners can park in the lot across from the Church anytime, but **you must have a parking sticker on your car**. If you don't have a sticker, you will get ticketed. If you have a sticker and get ticketed incorrectly, please connect with the office or Gerry Simpkins, as we can get that resolved.

We do ask that you check the lower lot first (beside Thaxter Hall) for available parking as we'd like to have as many spaces in the upper lot open for paid public parking. Parking is also available in the Optima Bank lot on Sunday mornings **only**.

PARISH LIFE: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join The St. John's Garden Guild!

Over the years, the gardens at St. John's have been improved by donations, both large and small, and the small team tending to the grounds needs you to join! We need your help to maintain the beautiful and welcoming environment for our church and surrounding community. In addition to seasonal maintenance, we will need a team of volunteers willing to contribute a few hours for both spring and fall clean-up. No prior gardening experience necessary, just a willing spirit. Many hands do make light work! If you have questions, please contact Peter Rice: 603-430-2028. Should you be interested in donating a few hours of your time, please sign up via the Parish Administrator, Ashley Doyle: administrator@stjohnsnh.org or call: 603-436-8283.

Thanks and God's peace,
Ann Tarlton and Peter Rice
Garden Guild Coordinators



In Search of Lectors, Intercessors, and Eucharistic Ministers

Have you been looking for ways to get more involved at St. John's? Are you interested in taking a more active role in Sunday liturgies? Does wearing those white robes look like a lot of fun to you? St. John's is looking for folks to serve as lectors - the person who read the lessons and the psalm, intercessors - the person who reads the Prayers of the People, and Eucharistic Ministers - the people who serve at the altar and help distribute communion. No experience is necessary. We'll give you all the training that you need. If you think you may be called to this ministry or are interested in learning more, contact Anne (anne@stjohnsnh.org) or Nathan (curate@stjohnsnh.org).

Coffee Hour: Bakers and Volunteers Needed

Please consider bringing desserts and/or snacks to be served at coffee hour on Sunday mornings. We are also in need of a few people to help with set up and clean up. This is a wonderful way to serve your community and we greatly appreciate all contributions, may that be with your time or through food. For further information and to volunteer to help, please reach out to Rosemary Loffredo, Coffee Hour Coordinator: rosemary39@netzero.net

The Choir School at St. John's

You could accompany students to and from St. John's as a passenger on the van, become a program assistant, help with fundraising and/or donations! See Ashley Wade's invitation on page 9.

The Portsmouth Soup Kitchen

Every second Friday of the month, a faithful team of volunteers for the Portsmouth Soup Kitchen gather to create a warm meal for those in need. They are in dire need of additional members; please consider spending one afternoon a month with this wonderful team. Anyone over the age of 14 is encouraged to join. The current meeting location is at the Portsmouth Salvation Army Building, from 3:45pm to 6:15pm. Please contact Nancy Fessenden to volunteer once or every month. 603-436-4904.

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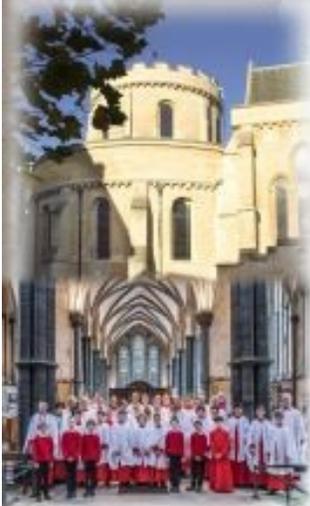
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TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER, 7.00PM:
ST LUKE'S CATHEDRAL, PORTLAND, ME

WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER, 7.00PM:
ST PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CONCORD, NH

THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER, 7.00PM:
ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH, NH

FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER, 7.00PM:
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, ROCHESTER, NH



Programme includes
Britten's Ceremony of Carols

Free entry, retiring collection



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