



**Sunday, January 8, 2017**  
**Epiphany 1 (The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ)**

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I**

9:00 a.m. Breakfast / Bldgs & Grounds Meeting

9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School  
Adult Forum: Healthy New Year series: "Mindfulness & Meditation"

**10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II**

Nursery and Children's Chapel

12:00 p.m. DOK Chapter Meeting / Pastoral Care Meeting /  
G-GIFFT & JDOK Meeting

1:30 p.m. Sanctifica Rehearsal

3:30 p.m. Schola Choir Rehearsal

4:30 p.m. EYC Feast of Lights at St. Mary's Cathedral

**8:05 p.m. Compline with music by Exultemus!**

Special this Sunday: Adult Forum - Healthy New Year series begins with Greg Graber on "Mindfulness and Meditation," G-GIFFT & J-DOK pretzel making and Yoga for girls at 12 noon; Compline with Music by Exultemus!

Lectionary: [http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearA\\_RCL/Epiphany/AEpi1\\_RCL.html](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearA_RCL/Epiphany/AEpi1_RCL.html)

**Music for 2 Epiphany A,**

Music for 1 Epiphany A, Baptism of Christ, Jan. 8

Psalm 29: Afferte Domino by Henry Ley, in C

Offertory: At the River, by Aaron Copland

Communion: Thou, who at thy Eucharist, by Mogens Wöldike

**This Sunday at St. George's  
Mindfulness and Meditation Instructor  
Adult Forum Begins New Healthy New Year  
Series**

The Healthy New Years Series returns January 8 - February 26. Our first speaker will be Greg Graber, a mindfulness and meditation instructor who was so popular when he visited St. George's last year, that we asked him to return for 2017! Greg returns to help kick off our Health New Year's series again. His presentations on January 8th and 15th will teach us tips on how to live mindfully in today's accelerated culture. Greg, a school principal from Memphis,

specializes in mindfulness-based mental performance coaching. He has been featured in the New York Times and on ESPN, lectures around the world and works with students, professional and collegiate athletes/teams, business professionals, and corporations.

**Compline This Sunday with music by  
Exultemus!**

This **Sunday, January 8**, the contemporary/folk group Exultemus! will provide music for the compline service. If you've not yet experienced this quiet and serene way to close your Sunday, do join us for this short service of night prayers at 8:05 p.m.

### Annual Meeting and Election of Vestry

Join us January 22nd at the 10:30 service for our Annual Parish Meeting! Please make sure to join us at this key church gathering. Our clergy staff and ministry groups will make their annual reports, and we'll elect new members of our Vestry. Following the conclusion of the meeting, we'll gather for a parish lunch and fellowship in the Activity Center.

These parishioners are standing for election to serve for three years as members of the Vestry:

- Denise Bobvo Fischer
- Rell Fowler
- Eve Grue
- Sarah Harrison
- Barbara Posner

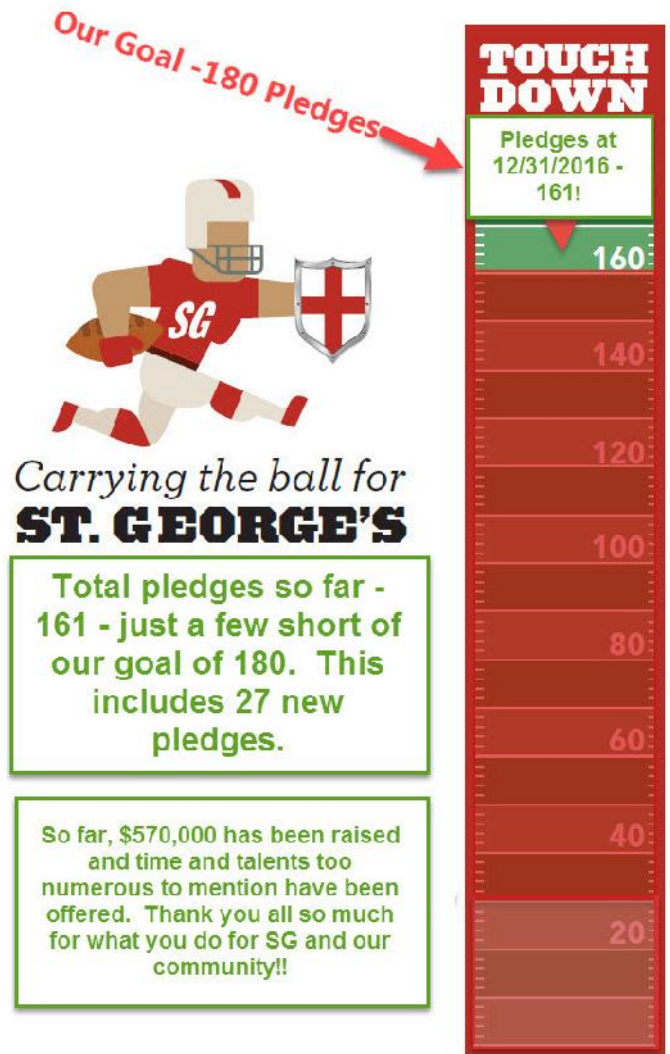
### Annual Reports Due January 16

Ministry Heads, Just a reminder that your Annual Report submissions are due on January 16th to be included in the Annual Parish Report

### Update: Stewardship 2017

It is with great pleasure that we can share the wonderful results of our 2017 stewardship campaign. We increased our number of pledging units by a net of 15 (161 versus 146 the previous year, including 27 new pledges) and were just shy of our goal of 180. The total pledged is \$570,000. That's a 10% increase in the number of pledges and a 12% increase in overall giving - the best results in many years. 45% of our givers from 2016 were able to increase their giving by 10% or more, many raising their gifts by 20%+. And if there were any way to count the value of your gifts of time and talent, I am sure that number would double. Thank you all for stepping up to meet the needs of the parish.

~ Kenny Kyle, Stewardship Chairperson



Mother Dorothy, the Vestry and the Staff all thank you for your continued generous support of the ministries here at St. George's. We appreciate your remembering your pledge and keeping it current. Thank you for your support!

It's never too late to make a pledge! Pledge cards are available on the table in the Narthex at the rear of the church.

### MIND THE GAP: A REMINDER



As of 12/31/16	Actual	Budget	Difference
Pledge Offerings	\$503,671	\$529,230	(\$25,559)
Other Gifts	\$86,278	\$105,000	(\$18,722)
Total	\$589,949	\$634,230	(\$44,281)

## COMING UP

- Jan. 6 The Table / Epiphany Evensong  
 Jan. 10 Book Club  
 Jan. 13 Lancers at Mary Lynn Wenzler's home  
 Jan. 15 Sunday School & Adult Forum, Healing Prayer (8 a.m.) Compline by Coventry Choir Women (8 a.m.)  
 Jan. 16 Office Closed (MLK Holiday)  
 Jan. 18 PrimeTimers Luncheon  
 Jan. 19 Bible Study Groups / Room in the Inn  
 Jan. 20 Flying Solo  
 Jan. 22 Sunday, Annual Meeting, NO 8 a.m. HE, Sunday School and Adult Forum (9:30 a.m.) HE & Annual Meeting (10:30 a.m.), All-Parish Luncheon following, Meal outreach at GSL (3 pm), EYC (5 pm)

## FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

## Flying Solo

Flying Solo will gather Friday, January 20, watch this space and Happenings for details on next meeting.

Single, divorced, or widowed women of all ages are invited to join the fun! Please contact Sandi Bethel, (Sandi.Bethel@ipaper.com) for more information.

## PrimeTimers

The PrimeTimers program for January will be presented by our priest, the Rev. Dorothy Sanders Wells. She will speak about the role of the church when a loved one dies. Often family members have different ideas about how a loved one should be remembered and the church offers assistance in planning and providing for spiritual support and services.

Before the program, PrimeTimers will have lunch at noon, Wednesday, Jan. 18 in Sturni Hall. Please make reservations for lunch (\$10 per person) with Kitty and Henry Stokes after either Sunday morning service in the parish hall or by email (kittystokes@bellsouth.net). Anyone 50 years or more is welcome to this group.

## Next Lancers' January 13



January Lancers will be Friday, January 13 at Mary Lynn Wenzler's home, 7063 May Woods Lane, Germantown, for our monthly Potluck Dinner for adults of all ages. Social hour (BYOB) begins at 6:30 p.m.

## Book Club

Book Club will be reading Kristin Hannah's best seller, **The Nightengale**, a novel about the French resistance in WWII for the next meeting **January 10 at 7 pm** in the Library. This best-selling novel tells the story of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France of WWII -- a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women.

**Love God, Serve Others, Change the World!**  
 We serve at Room in the Inn this Thursday,  
 January 5 and January 19

On the first and third Thursdays of each month through March, St. George's will share in the Room in the Inn ministry that provides a hot meal, bed, shower, and portable necessities to homeless persons in our community. We serve at The Cottage at Germantown United Methodist Church. We are always in need of men and women who are willing to be overnight shepherds. If you would like to find out more about this role or other ways in **which you can be part of this ministry**, please contact Rick Patterson at [rpatter1@comcast.net](mailto:rpatter1@comcast.net).



## Youth, Children and Families

### EYC Spring Schedule

St. George's Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) resumes it's regular schedule with a Spring Kickoff on January 22 and a Trivia Night on January 29.

Looking for a way to help out the youth? Sign up to bring dinner one Sunday night. For Information Contact Callie Smith, cksmith827@yahoo.com with any questions.

### G-GIFFT Spring Schedule

G-GIFFT and Jr. DOK meet this Sunday at 12:15 in Room A. Back by popular demand it's Pretzels and Yoga. First we'll turn dough into pretzels, then we'll turn ourselves into pretzels! Bring a yoga mat or a towel. For more info, contact Trish Lange langetowne@mindspring.com. Future G-GIFFT meetings will be 12:15 in Room A on 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7.

## Music News

**Do you wish to sing in the Coventry Choir, but don't have the skills?**

We can help you do this.

Singing in a choir:

Is fun.

Is a great way to make friends.

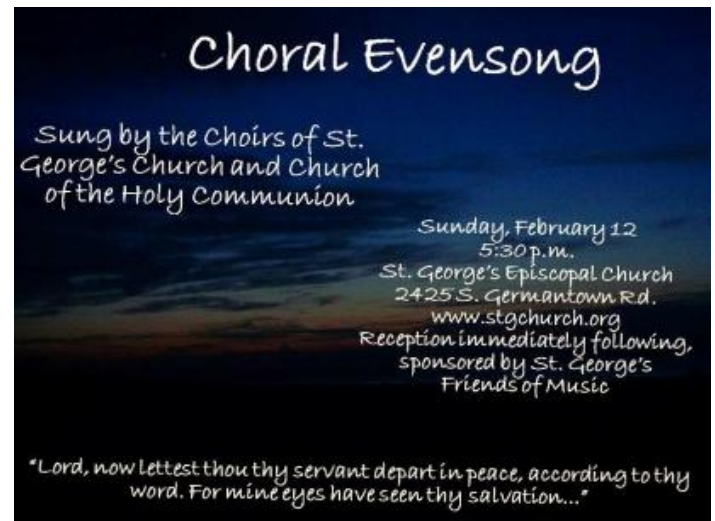
Is a spiritually, mentally and physically healthy activity.

Keeps the ushers from pestering you for money during the service.

Since the beginning of 2016, the "Other" Choir, now the Schola Cantorum ("Singing School"), has been meeting on Sunday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. to learn about music and singing. With input from its members, the Schola has morphed into a "farm" team for the Coventry Choir, and it provides music leadership for the 8 a.m. service at least once a month. The Schola has also joined the Coventry Choir at the 10:30 a.m. service to sing easy music.

Members have sung for the Thanksgiving Service at Germantown Presbyterian, and will participate in the Coventry Choir's caroling at The Village of Germantown on Dec. 10. The singers will help lead the singing on Christmas Eve at the 7:30 p.m. service with the Coventry Choir section leaders.

If you are considering New Year's resolutions, you could join the Schola, and learn to sing and read music. Our first meeting of the New Year is Jan. 8 at 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the choir room. If our current Schola singers can do it, you can too!



## Save the Date for this Friends of Music sponsored Evensong

**Sunday, February 12, at 5:30 p.m.** the combined choirs of St. George's and the Church of the Holy Communion will sing Evensong at St. George's Church.

Music will be by Howells, Ayleward and Eccard, with the Psalm 46 setting by Martin Luther. Friends of Music will host the service, and a reception will follow the service.

## Padre's Postings



### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

The beginning of our calendar New Year, 2017, AD, gives us the opportunity to stop and look at where our lives ARE: going or static. It's a time for doing some personal assessments. And I must admit that I personally have a sometimes do, and sometimes don't success in keeping New Year's resolutions. In the years I have been successful in keeping them, the following guidelines were in place.

Making some resolutions can be very helpful in moving us forward into God's future. Note that I

said "God's future", for that can put a whole new perspective on the resolutions we make. That means that in making them, we, like the promises we make at Baptism, will be adding the following to any resolutions: "I will, with God's help."

With that in mind, let me make the strong suggestion that you, if you're like me, will need the help of friends and perhaps family in following through and keeping them. Share them and your intentions in following them with someone you trust and know will "hold your feet to the fire" and keep you on track in accomplishing them. This is what we call ACCOUNTABILITY, a word that is not very popular for us as human beings, who are very apt to make excuses and "pass the buck", so to speak. After all, we've been doing it since Adam and Eve and the serpent in the Garden.

Make sure that the resolutions you make are realistic, within the context of your life and experiences. They are attainable, and something that will enhance your own or another's good. Sometimes the resolutions we make may cause us to really stretch to attain them. This can be good, so long as the attainment of them does not harm ourselves or others in the process.

Take the time to periodically assess the status: progress or recess, and set this up on your calendar, and with your accountability partner. As you reach and fulfill a resolution, celebrate it with the partner or friends and relatives. Don't wait until you accomplish the other resolutions you may have made. Step by step do the celebrating!

Lastly, be very concrete by writing down and placing your resolutions in a spot which will get your attention on a daily basis. Some folks put them on the face page of their cell phones or computer. Put them somewhere that you cannot easily avoid seeing.

And Godspeed in making, keeping, and attaining your resolutions!!!!

Padre +

### Thursday Evening Bible Study

The Thursday Evening Bible Study will resume meeting this week (Jan. 5) as we continue to study the

prophetic book of Amos, as he sets the tone and tenor of the prophets which follow him. Amos' message stands as one of the most powerful voices ever to challenge hypocrisy and injustice. He boldly indicts kings, priests, and leaders, and is eventually thrown out of the northern Kingdom of Israel. Join us from 6:45pm 'till 8 on Thursday evenings, Room B. Bring your "Bible" and an inquiring mind.

### Thursday Lunch Bible Study

Every Thursday at noon, a group of women gathers in the Library to study the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. Join this group for a time to study Scripture and enrich your Sunday experience.

### Great Courses Series

We will be resuming the Great Courses meeting on **Monday, January 9 at 6:45 in the library.** We are still deciding on a topic, but probably something to do with history, possibly history of Japan. All are welcome to join us, For information contact Connie Douglass at [901-484-8674](tel:901-484-8674) or [cquilter@hotmail.com](mailto:cquilter@hotmail.com).

### From the Bookshoppe Shelves... Christmas Clearance Sale

Sunday January 8 and 15, the St. George's Bookshoppe will be clearing out Christmas stock.



All Christmas merchandise reduced!

Stock up now on Christmas cards, ornaments, candles and more!

Stop in to see us during the week (Wednesday-Thursday from 10 AM - 2 PM) and Sundays from 9 AM - 12:30 PM

### Healing Prayers Service

Please join us for a Healing Service immediately following the 10:30 Holy Eucharist on January 15. Those wishing to receive prayers for themselves or others, please join the clergy at the front of the church. You may also be anointed with Holy Oil if you request it.

**Sunday, January 15**  
**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I  
 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School  
 Adult Forum: Healthy New Year series: "Mindfulness & Meditation"

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II  
 Nursery and Children's Chapel

12:00 p.m. DOK Chapter Meeting / Pastoral Care Meeting

1:30 p.m. Sanctifica Rehearsal  
 3:30 p.m. Schola Choir Rehearsal

8:05 p.m. Compline with music by the women of the Coventry Choir

Special this Sunday: Adult Forum - Healthy New Year series continues with Greg Graber on "Mindfulness and Meditation, Part II" Compline with Music by Coventry Choir women

Lectionary:

[http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearA\\_RCL/Epiphany/AEpi2\\_RCL.html](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearA_RCL/Epiphany/AEpi2_RCL.html)

Music for 2 Epiphany A, Jan. 15

Psalm 40: 1-12 *Expectans, expectavi* (Spoken)  
 Offertory: O thou, the Central Orb by Charles Wood  
 Communion Solo by Josh Terry (tenor)

Compline, 8:05 p.m. Women  
 Psalm 31, Hymns 31, 43

**Next Date for Baptisms**

January 8 is The Baptism of Our Lord and an official date for baptisms in the church calendar. If you have family members or friends who are interested in being baptized, contact Mother Dorothy at 901-754-7282.

**Looking Ahead**

- Feb. 2 Room in the Inn
- Feb 12 FOM Concert series: Evensong with Coventry and Holy Communion Church choirs
- Feb. 16 Room in the Inn
- Feb. 24 FOM Concert series: Organ Concert by Patrick Parker

**Weekly at St. George's**

**Sunday**

St. George's Consort (Recorders) TBA  
 Sanctifica (Wind & Brass) 1:30 p.m.  
 Schola Cantorum Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.  
 (no rehearsal on 3rd Sundays)  
 Compline 8:05 p.m.  
 (1st & 3rd Sundays, except as otherwise announced)

**Monday**

Great Courses Series, 6:45 p.m.  
*(resumes Jan. 9, 2017)*

**Wednesday**

St. Cecilia Choir (Children's) 5:45 - 6:30 pm  
 Canterbury Choir (Children's) 5:30 - 6:30 pm  
 Coventry Choir (Adult) 7 - 9 p.m.

**Thursday**

Reflective Lectionary Bible Study, 12 - 2 p.m.  
 Thursday Evening Bible Study, 6:45 - 8 pm

**Giving to St. George's**

Remember to Renew Your Community Support Sponsorship (St. George's) on Kroger Accounts

Your Kroger account Community Support Sponsorship for St. George's must be renewed annually for the donations to St. George's. Kroger contributes 3-5% to St. George's on all your grocery and gas purchases. Check to bottom of your receipt to see if you have selected St. George's as you charity organization. If you haven't selected St. George's, go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) and select Community Rewards, then sign in or open an account. To register St. George's for your Community Reward use #80613 or put in the church name and then enroll to establish or renew your donation to St. George's.

And...support St. George's each time you order from Amazon!

Amazon Smile Community Support

This program also contributes 5% of your purchases to St. George's. When you sign into Amazon, type "Amazon Smile" in the search bar, then follow the simple instructions to choose St. George's Episcopal Church, Germantown to receive your support! Each time that you order through Amazon, you will need to type in Amazon Smile, and once you enter the

Amazon Smile portal, you'll see a note at the top of your page that states that you are supporting St. George's! It's an easy way to support the Church while doing your Amazon shopping.

### News from Kitchen Committee

This is just a friendly reminder to all Parish Ministries who use the kitchen: Please empty the garbage cans after your event and take garbage to the dumpster. This applies to events held during the week and especially on Sunday. We do not have a Sunday sexton and the cleaning crew does not clean the building until Monday night. Many thanks for doing this, as it will keep down the critter population! Many thanks, from the Kitchen Committee!

### Sunday Ministries

Church services go on, even if you're unable to be here. If you are scheduled to serve on a Sunday (Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Acolyte, Usher/Greeter or other service) and won't be available, **please remember to identify a substitute** by emailing or phoning others in the group to ask for assistance. It is not the Sacristan's duty to find someone Sunday morning to fill in for you. The Monthly Ministries calendar can be found on the website, from the Worship pull-down menu or as a link from the Sunday Schedule. Thank you for your cooperation!

### Please Pray for (updated 1/3/17)

Sylvia, Stuart Owen, The Rev. Ronald Valentine, Elizabeth Mealey, Susan Gregory, Lee Bell, Rob Jones, Kay Easson, George and Nancy Mellios, Fr. Jim and Emmy Marquis, Janna McCormack, Susan, Mary Cifuni, Bob Beighley, Bonnie McKeever, John Lambert, Keegan Provost, David Trammell, Nell Newcomb, Alice Saunders, Carol Payne, Joan Webb, Renee Clark Guibao, Jim Posner, Allison Meredith, Jean Peyton, Victor Robilio, Tori Johnson, Sharon Walker, Lauren, Jackie Gray, Billie Moore, Patricia Howard, Pete Pinckney, Linda Goodrich, Robert Wogan, Laura Shepard, Tommy Roberson, Janice Doan, Peggy Nichols, Matilda Albertson, Dennis Johnston, Katie Calvin Horton, LaRene Kithcart, Mary Ann and Bill Bettison, Otto Lyons, Christine Uthoff, Larra Huckabey, Brenda Pearce, Christy Aycok, Carla Evans, Laura Schwartz, John Webb, Laura Grubbs, Pat and Nick

Kelly, Jo and Larry Quinn, Denise Gilmartin, Mary and Ralph Davies, Cheryl Lee, the Ewen Family, Mary Crawford, Kay McCary, Brian Kellett, Cyd Mosteller, Debbie Pearce, Bill Bloom, Pam Gossett, Cameron Rogers, the Roosa Family, Peggy Huffman, Savannah Posner, Herb Hilgeman, The Belote Family, The Page Family, The Bond Family, Shiela Ross, Ken Leonard, Ardelle Hopson, Shiela Ross, Rachel Anderson.

### St. George's Clergy and Staff

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The Rev. Noble Walker, *Pastoral Associate*  
The Rev. Peter W. Hawes, *Rector Emeritus*

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