

At St. Michael's we believe that God's love is unconditional. We welcome all people and we affirm the worth, dignity, and gifts of every person as a beloved child of God.

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKDAY WORSHIP ON LINE OR BY TELEPHONE

Morning Prayer, 8-8:30 am, Monday-Friday
Evening Prayer, 5-5:30 pm, Every day
Contemplative Worship, 5:30-6:00 pm, Thursday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: *Krista Burtis, Ainsley Meyer, Christian Olmstead* and *Laura Panzer*, This Sunday; *Avery Bennett*, Monday; *Anne Montgomery* and *Alix Fedoruk*, Tuesday; *Scott McElhinney*, Friday; *Steve Guerriero*, Saturday.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: *Marie & Bruce Lawrence*, This Sunday.

SUNDAY REUNION AT CHRIST CHURCH THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20; 8 & 10:15 AM: This Sunday there are two worship services on the lawn of Christ Church, Guilford. We will not have the previously scheduled 9 am service..

There are chairs for sitting, but if you are in a family unit, you might want to sit on the lawn together on a picnic blanket. We also have printed bulletins with the readings and hymns and there are masks for those who may have forgotten theirs.

Although we are not allowed to sing, there will be music at the 10:15 services and we will try humming (yes HUMMING!) some hymns. Please note that there are no bathrooms at Christ Church.

If you already reserved a seat for September 13, you are all set for September 20. If you had a seat and are not coming, please let us know.

If you did not reserve a seat for September 13 and do want to come on the 20th, please contact the Church office at 254-6048 ext 104 and let Jeanie know which service you would like to attend. The office is open Tuesday through Friday, 8 am - 1 pm, but you can leave a message on the voicemail at any time.

Both services will be available on Zoom as usual.

We hope to see you this Sunday, September 20, at 8 or 10:15!

LINKS TO SUNDAY SERVICES: Both the 8 am and 10:15 services this Sunday will be available to you on Zoom as usual. Here are the telephone links:

8 AM: Those who wish to listen to the service through their telephones may dial 1 646 558 8656 and enter **Webinar ID: 846 2290 8943. The passcode is 356081**

10:15 AM: Those who wish to listen to the service through their telephones may dial 1 646 558 8656 and enter **Webinar ID: 590 609 851. The passcode is 551970**

Internet Links are on the website home page under "Sunday morning."

NO ADULT FORUM THIS SUNDAY – We are all busy at Christ Church!

THURSDAY CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER OUTSIDE AT 5:30 PM: We are offering Thursday Contemplative Prayer outside, with masks, on the Rectory Yard, every Thursday from 5:30-6:00, weather permitting. We will continue to zoom the service, even when some folks are gathered in person.

You can dial in to +1 646 558 8656, Meeting ID: 817 9678 9109

Passcode: 478114

CALLING ALL ANIMAL LOVERS -- PHOTOS NEEDED BY SEPTEMBER 27: This St. Francis Day, we are making a special photo collage (set to music) of all of the animals that we love in our lives! Whether you own one pet, or just love the birds and wildlife that you see, send us your photos, and we will insert them into our "All Things Bright and Beautiful" montage at the 10:15 service on October 4.

HOW TO DO IT is simple. You can either:

- 1) Take a new (or existing) photo of you and your pet(s) or other animals with your phone, and email them to us; or
- 2) Bring in an existing photo and leave it with Jeanie.

Can't decide which animal to include? Send in more than one pic! If possible, include you and family members in the photo so others can see who belongs to whom. Please do this do this **BY OR BEFORE SEPT. 27 — the sooner the better.**

Questions? contact either Jeanie in the office at 254-6048 Ext 104 or jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org or Susan Dedell at dedellsusan@gmail.com

GODLY PLAY & HOLY MAYHEM BEGIN SEPT 27: The plan for this year is to begin Godly Play (for kids 3 & up) and Holy Mayhem (5th -8th Grade) via Zoom on September 27. Godly Play will meet weekly on Sundays at 9:15 am. Holy Mayhem will meet every other week at 9:15 am. Zoom links will be provided soon through St. Michael's website and through the eNews. Please mark your calendars!

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET, 2020: Thank you to everyone who contributed to last year's Advent devotional booklet. For many of us, it was the first time experiencing this kind of joint publication at St. Michael's. Others remember the once upon a time when we did have this kind of collective creativity! Whichever you may be, I hope you will help us build on this tradition again. A collection of reflections, poems, and images from the voices of our parish, the Advent devotional gives us an opportunity to enter the special season of Advent through the precious wisdom of those who walk the road with us.

If you have any interest in participating as a writer, editor, formatter, etc., please contact adwoa at adwoa@stmichaelsvermont.org or 254-6048, ext 103. For those who write reflections, Scripture assignments will be made in the middle of October to allow ample time for writing, editing, and publication. Last year we found that a good guideline for written submissions was about 250 words, though some were much shorter and some a bit longer.

Those who wish to write are asked to contact adwoa with their intention by OCTOBER 4. You can email her at adwoa@stmichaelsvermont.org or call her at 254-6048, ext 103..

ST FRANCIS DAY GATHERING FOR KIDS, FAMILIES AND ANIMAL LOVERS; SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 4-5 PM; THE RECTORY LAWN, 18 BRADLEY AVENUE: Come celebrate St. Francis' Feast Day with a blessing for animals and people. As it seems too difficult to bring real animals this year (who don't understand physical distancing), please bring a photo of the animal you wish to be blessed.

- Please bring a blanket to sit on; blankets will be spaced 10 feet apart to be safe & everyone with masks (except young children).
- We will have a brief service on the lawn, followed by individually wrapped treats.
- Families will be given packets of home prayers and activities for the month of October.
- Pray for sun....No gathering if it rains.
- This is our chance to see each other in person before the weather gets too cold!

BIN ON THE BENCH: From Cliff Wood, "Last week I made two deliveries to the Southern Vermont Correctional Facility made possible by your generosity .The donation of toiletries, backpacks, paperbacks and magazines were much appreciated. The facility remains Covid-free. The bin is back on the bench until early October. I'll make a delivery to SVCF again in early October. Thanks for your continued support."