

*Opening wide our doors and hearts
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior*

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Harvest Home Sunday
Holy Eucharist
October 20th, 2024 9:00 AM

Join us in person for our service.

Or join us by going to our livestream on the St. Peter's Facebook page [here](#).

The worship leaflet can be found [here](#).

There will be a coffee hour after the mass.

This Sunday's Ministers:

Mr. Thomas Ainsworth and Ms. Lentia Richard, *Eucharistic Ministers*

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Music Notes for this Sunday's service can be found at the end of Key Notes.

Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate Harvest Home, a tradition at St. Peter's that dates back to 1920. The origins of this festival were written about by Fr. Harry Birkenhead, rector of St. Peter's from 1995 to 2006. Here is what he wrote:

"What Is Harvest Home?

In Great Britain, the Festival of Harvest Thanksgiving dates back to medieval days when it was then called "Lammas Day" a day to recognize and thank God for the first fruits of the harvest. Bread was made with the new wheat being offered at Mass and solemnly blessed. Today, Harvest Thanksgiving is still celebrated as an unofficial religious festival of thanksgiving for the fruits of the earth, celebrated in either September or October after the ingathering of the harvest.

Being that the founders of St. Peter's Church were from England this tradition was established under the direction of Mr. John Evans (a direct ancestor of the Ainsworth family), in the fall of 1920. On this very first occasion people brought their choicest fruits from their gardens, homemade breads and preserves from their kitchens to decorate the church for a service of thanksgiving to God. The following night a parish supper was held, and all the decorations were either served or sold. Today, we donate the decorations to Project Feed."

While we may not be bringing donations from our gardens or kitchens to Harvest Home, I do invite you to consider making a special thank offering this Sunday to Project Feed, our local emergency food pantry. The smaller offering plate will be passed during the Offertory, and you can place your contribution there. If writing a check, do make it out to St.

Peter's with Project Feed in the memo line, and your donation will be sent to Project Feed.

The maple trees on Alton Street are turning a bright autumnal orange, serving as welcoming beacons to our celebration. See all the details below.

Faithfully,

Fr. Tom



Harvest Home This Weekend

Decorating the Church

Saturday October 19th at 9 AM

Come help decorate the church for our Sunday mass. Janene Gorham encourages us to bring mums on Saturday or on Sunday morning to contribute to the decor. Also, if you have photos of your care for the creation, send them to Janene for the Creation Care window.

Potluck Supper on Saturday October 19th at 6 PM

There will be plenty to eat for our parish meal. If you would like, please bring a dish to share.

Harvest Home Mass on Sunday October 20th at 9 AM

Resident Soloist Mary Sullivan joins us to provide special music, and you are invited to bring a treat for our coffee hour. Also, consider making a special thank offering for Project Feed.

Youth Service Corps Supports St. Elizabeth's

The Youth Service Corps will meet this Sunday afternoon for their monthly mission work as they help provide supplies for St. Elizabeth's Essential Pantry.

Here is the plan:

The group will meet inside Marden's in Scarborough at the service desk at noon to purchase winter clothing for the pantry, and then proceed to the pantry to stock shelves, learn more about the important services provided there, and of course, share in a pizza lunch. Amber Burks, coordinator of the Corps, needs and RSVP by the end of today, Thursday, if you or family members are planning to attend: amber@stalbansmaine.org

Vestry Meets on Tuesday October 22 at 6:30 PM on Zoom

Our monthly vestry meeting is this coming Tuesday at 6:30 PM, on Zoom. Vestry meetings are open to all parishioners who wish to attend. The Zoom link for the meeting is [here](#).

Merry Hearts to Meet on October 24th

Join the Merry Hearts for lunch on October 24th at noon. We gather for a chance to visit with one another and enjoy a lunch of soup and sandwiches - and something tasty for dessert!

Planning Our Funerals

Fr. Tom will make a presentation on looking ahead to plan for our own funeral services after the Merry Hearts lunch. We will also schedule another presentation for those who cannot make the midday gathering.

Our Stewardship Season Begins This Sunday



Every year, we ask members and friends of St. Peter's to make a commitment to support the mission and ministry of the parish in the coming year. This year, we will be inviting you to consider what it means to walk in love as Christ loved us. You will be hearing from parishioners in weeks to come about how their giving enriches their lives, and we will be asking people to make a pledge with our season culminating on Sunday November 24th. Watch your mail next week for a letter from the rector inviting you to participate in this year's campaign.

Word of the Week

Here is a new weekly addition to Key Notes:

To be an Episcopalian, it sometimes seems that you need to learn another language. We use all kinds of words in worship - terms like "Collect," "Sursum Corda," and others, as well as in our organizational life - do you know the meaning of "rota" or why we call our lay leaders "wardens"?

Each week, a particular word will be considered. As we approach Harvest Home Weekend, a most appropriate word for this week is "**Eucharist**" (YOO.ker.ist).

Our word comes from the Greek *eucharistia*, meaning "thanksgiving." This is the sacrament of Christ's body and blood, and the principal act of Christian worship. We also refer to it as Holy Communion, The Lord's Supper, and the mass.

Whenever we gather for worship on a Sunday, we can refer to the entire service as the Holy Eucharist. You will note that when we have a service without the celebration of the sacrament, we call it Morning Prayer.

The root of the word reminds us that while the sacrament reminds us of Christ's sacrifice on the cross, it is primarily a celebratory meal of giving thanks to God for Christ's death and resurrection, for his presence with us in the partaking of the meal, and the promise of his return. Harvest Home is a special thanksgiving weekend for St. Peter's, but it is also true that every mass is indeed a thanksgiving meal.

Calling All Crucifers and Eucharistic Ministers

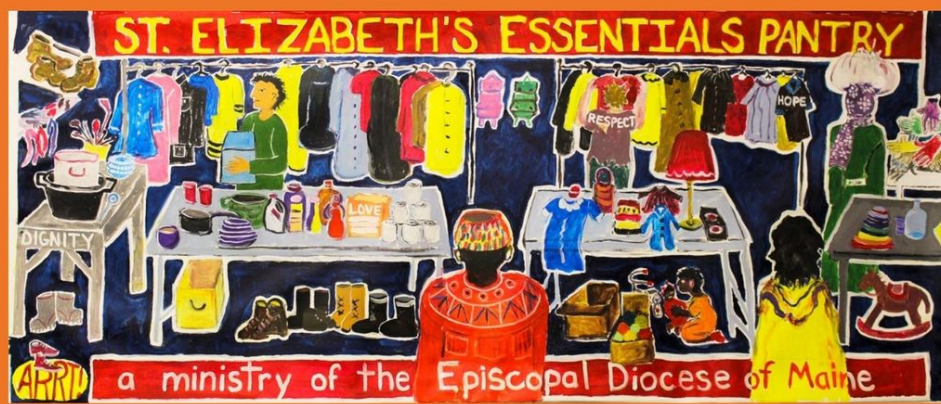
Plan to stay for a bit after coffee hour on Sunday October 27th. We will go upstairs and review our practices, including a few changes we will be making. And if you are interested in being part of one of these ministries, please speak to the rector.

The Holiday Fair Is Coming!

This year's Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, November 9th. Tickets for the Turkey Dinner basket are available to sell, (or buy!) and you can pick them up at the church. There are signup sheets in the undercroft if you want to help contribute to the basket, and there are plenty of opportunities to help set up, host different tables, and clean up at the end of the day. Also, please think about crafts you can make to donate and baked goods you can bring to the bake table. Check out the sign up sheets in the undercroft for more information.

Upcoming Concerts at Neighboring Parishes

The Flukes: A ukulele concert to benefit St. Elizabeth's Pantry
Saturday, October 26 at 4 PM



Presents



In a Family Friendly Benefit Concert

Saturday, October 26 at 4 PM

Trinity Episcopal Church

580 Forest Ave., Portland

Suggested Donation \$10

Children under 12 free



More info: (207) 772-4758 <https://stelizabethsmaine.org>

A Concert for Climate: a multimedia event focusing on addressing climate change

Sunday, October 27 at 2:30 PM

St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland

Gabriel Faure's Requiem: presented by the Cathedral Choir

Sunday, November 5 at 3 PM

St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland

St. Peter's Calendar

This Week at St. Peter's

Harvest Home Weekend, October 19-20:

Church Decorating, October 19th at 9 AM
Harvest Home Potluck Supper, October 19th at 6 PM
Harvest Home Mass, October 20th at 9 AM
Youth Service Corps at St. Elizabeth's, Sunday October 20th

Looking Ahead

Vestry Meeting, Tues. Oct 22nd at 6:30 PM
Merry Hearts Lunch, Thur. Oct. 24th at noon
Planning Our Funerals, Thur. Oct. 24th after Merry Hearts

All Saints' Mass, Sun. Nov. 3rd at 9 AM,
Holiday Fair, Sat. Nov. 9th from 9 AM -3 PM

Compline Link

Join us for the Compline Prayer Service on Zoom on Wednesday, October 23rd.

[Here](#) is the service for Compline.

The Zoom link is [here](#).

Sunday Minister Rota for October

October 20 Harvest Home

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Ms. Janene Gorham, *Eucharistic Minister*
Mr. Thomas Ainsworth, *Crucifer*
Ms. Anica Hickey, *Lector*
Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*
Mr. David Savage, *Altar Guild*
TBD, *Coffee Hour Host*

Weekly Prayer List

Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends

Ann Marie Cady
Allison Schroth
Francisco Andreu
Diane Dalton
Dino Rice
Robert Stillings
Fred Fowler
Mary Ann Hoy
Barbara Vesey
Toby Goodyear
Cindy Sherwood
Galen Weibley

Peter Haskell, *friend of Allison Schroth*
Martha Gagliardi, *friend of Fr. Tom*
Tommy Valente, *friend of Don and Ann Marie Cady*
Jane Reiha, *friend of Judy Howes*
Brenda Pappalardo, *friend of Judy Howes*
Stephen and Rebecca Seraniche, *friends of Dino Rice*
Marge Devine, *family member of Allison Schroth*
Jimmy Devine, *family member of Allison Schroth*
Fuji Sprott, *friend of Dino Rice*
David Turner, *cousin of Craig Mousin*
Tammy, *friend of Craig Mousin*
Beth, *friend of Lee Walters*
Pam, *friend of Anita Chandler*
The Kutasi Family, *friends of Allison Schroth*
Glenn, *spouse of Caroline Loupe*
The Hendricks Family
Janet Blessing, *neighbor of Jane Noone*
Kelly Marie Bell, *friend of Allison Schroth*
Earle, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*
Grace, *family member of Jessie Vega*
Kay Gross, *friend of Jane Noone*
Lisa Gorham, *daughter of John & Janene Gorham*
Gerald and Anita Talbot, *friends of Anita Chandler*
Janine W., *friend of Anita Chandler*
John Manchester, *friend of Tom Mousin*

If you wish to add or return persons to the prayer list, please contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinators:

Allison Schroth, at: 207-807-1315
ASchroth@maine.rr.com

or

Emma Bond at: 207-619-3662

A Prayer for Those We Love

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From *The Book of Common Prayer*

NOTES ON THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

Harry T. Burleigh (b. 1866) served for over 50 years as the celebrated baritone soloist of St. George's Episcopal Church, New York City. A prominent teacher, composer, editor and arranger of Negro spirituals, he had a legion of admirers including Antonin Dvorak, who credited Burleigh with inspiring his famous "New World Symphony." Over 2,000 mourners of all faiths attended his funeral at St. George's Church in 1949, and his birth date, September 11, is honored with a feast day in the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church.

Written for village harvest festivals in England, the text of "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" uses imagery found in two gospel parables: the growing seed (Mark 4:26-29) and the wheat and the weeds (Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43). However, the initial agricultural harvest theme becomes a metaphor for the final judgment when the angels will gather God's chosen people into the "glorious harvest home" and cast the evil "weeds" into the "fire." Thus the text provocatively combines language and imagery that represent annual harvests as well as the ultimate consummation of history. The author, Henry Alford, was born into a family of clergy. He received his education at Trinity College, Cambridge, England, and was ordained in the Church of England in 1833. He became dean of Canterbury Cathedral in 1857, a position he held until his death.

Georges Bizet (1838-1875) is today one of the most admired composers of the French Romantic period. A brilliant pianist, he nevertheless chose to make his mark as a composer, and during his lifetime, met with only limited success. Although Bizet died thinking that it was a failure, his final work, the opera *Carmen*, has become one of the most popular and frequently performed works in the entire operatic repertoire. The famous *Agnus Dei*, heard as this morning's offertory, comes from an earlier opera, *The Pearl*

Fishers, which was rescued from relative obscurity by a brilliant production at the Metropolitan Opera in 1916 featuring Caruso in the leading tenor role.

Like Mozart, Cesar Franck (1822-90) was tormented when young by the money-making schemes of his father who sought to capitalize on his son's talent. Born in Belgium, Franck studied in Paris where he remained for the rest of his life, serving as professor at the Paris Conservatory and organist at the great Church of Ste. Clotilde. He wrote a number of major organ works which remain at the heart of the organ repertoire, but also composed some moving liturgical compositions, of which the *Ave Maria* is a beguiling example.

David N. Johnson (1922-87) was both a virtuoso organist and a much honored teacher. A graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, he served as head of the music department at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN before becoming a professor at the University of Arizona. Concurrently, he was organist at Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix, where he composed a large number of organ and choral works, many of which are still performed widely. ~HT

As always, it is a privilege to welcome resident soloist Mary Sullivan to St. Peter's Church on this Harvest Home Sunday.

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