



The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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GODSPEED GEORGE AND FAMILY

EDITOR



As Sunday, May 17, approached, I felt a certain foreboding, knowing that it was George's last Sunday with us. This wise and brilliant man wasn't with us quite a year, but there are probably none whose life he did not touch by a hospital visit, a phone call, a smile, a joke or just being "George." He gave much love to our parish

and helped us to move forward and heal.

We gathered that Sunday to share a meal, socially distanced, of course. Karen, George's wife, and Young George were with us that day. Delicious food, a delicious cake, along with an "official" St. Mary's coffee mug, a beautiful rendition of the HOPE

window, (George's favorite) made the day a celebration.

George expressed his love back to us, as well as visiting a bit with each person there, offering his thanks, along with recalling some specific memory of that person and what they may have done to advance St.

Mary's in our community.

We shall not soon forget you, George Sherrill. Our love goes with you to New York.

So, as we bid George our farewell, I'll close with that now-familiar phrase of his —

Peace and All Good

VESTRY

Bob Lowell, Sr Warden
 Richard Davis
 Charles Everhart
 Sandy Ferrell
 Judy Franklin
 John Joy

*Feel free to contact any
 Vestry member with ques-
 tions, concerns, ideas, etc.*

Newsletter editor—John Glaze

**WATCH OUR WEBSITE FOR
 UPDATES ON SERVICES BEING STREAMED.**



Suspended during Covid-19 pandemic.

PLEDGES

On the subject of Pledges, while we are unable to gather in person as a congregation, you may, if able, continue your pledge contribution by mail. Maggie is keeping a close watch on those mailed in and I make a deposit about every 10 days. If you prefer, we can always catch up when things return to semi-normal. The utilities will still get paid.

There also is the option of Online Giving. Visit our website for details. Thank you, Deanna Flinn

Senior Warden Report

Things are slowly getting back to some sense of normal. The churches will be opening soon with some restrictive guidelines from the diocese as to how we must comply. Our new Long Term Supply Priest should be here this month (June) to lead us in Sunday Morning Worship and, I hope, Wednesday Healing Service. The Vestry will be giving more information as soon as we are advised of all the arrangements. Rev. George's last Sunday was May 17th and he will be missed by all of us for his knowledge, leadership and caring for the flock. We tried to give George and his wife, Karen, the best sendoff possible under the present conditions. We had a carry-in pot luck dinner and presented him with a picture of his favorite stained glass window as something to remember his time at St. Mary's and what he has done for us. If you were not able to attend and say goodbye, you really missed a good time of fellowship. I truly believe he was as sad to be leaving us as we are to see him move on. But, as Rev. Karen said to many of us, and I believe it is true, "You go where God calls you to be."

Good weather is finally here and we hope to be getting some projects finished outside the church. We will probably plan a short workday or two, so please watch for the dates. Suggestions for projects are always welcomed and will be added to the list. Please volunteer to help. It takes all of us to make our church clean, comfortable and beautiful.

A person has been hired to mow the church lawn. So far we are happy with his work as well as his willingness to keep in touch to make sure he is doing what we want. It's early, but we are already thinking of finding someone to do snow removal this winter. If you know someone who we can ask to give us a price, please let a Vestry member know.

As always, your suggestions are always welcomed and all Vestry meetings (even on Zoom) are open for anyone to attend. X

I know all of us are grateful for the hard work and know-how it took to put together the livestreamed services, but it will be good to be together again.

Here's to moving forward this summer!

Bob Lowell
 Senior Warden



Get to know your church building!

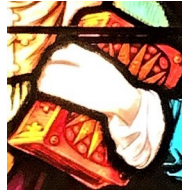
Answers to last month's quiz. The stogie amongst the pictures (*not from our building*) is letter H.



A



B



C



D



E

1. St. Mary's Guild window in balcony **F**
2. Charity window **J**
3. Baptistry window (Jesus with children) **E**
4. Ascension window **B**
5. Lacy Hall window **A**

6. Faith window **C**
7. Rev. John Ely window **G**
8. Katherine Buckingham window **D**
9. Hope window **I**



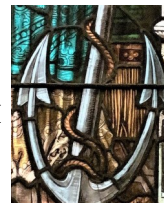
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H



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J

A Final Word from George!

Dear All,

As I pack up my belongings to move to New York, I have one special addition. Perhaps some of you don't know, but some kind and gentle parishioners framed a lovely rendition of the Hope window of the church. I am overwhelmed by this generosity of spirit. As many of you know, this is my favorite window at St. Mary's. The hope that is within each of us, and the hope we share in each other is the anchor that is prevalent in the window. I believe the hope we share of Christ's love and our love for one another is the most important thing we share as humans and children of God. I have so many hopes for you all in the future, and I know all will be realized. This picture of hope will hang on my wall as an eternal reminder of the love we shared and the hope that is to come. I cannot tell you how much it means to me. Suffice it to say it is one of the best gifts I have ever received. Thank you to all.

I know you are eagerly awaiting your next priest, and I know you will continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God. The future awaits and hope is in the mist of the Spirit. The Vestry is strong, Maggie and John love their work and are excellent stewards of their positions. The Altar guild continues (join them...it is fun) and all the aspects of the church continue until St. Mary's can meet again as a community in the flesh. The diocese will keep you informed on all the details of reopening for in-person services. To all, here is a virtual hug and blown kiss goodbye, until we meet again.

Be kind to one another and all will be well.

Peace and All Good,

George+

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QUIZ

This month's question:
Which of these priests became the Chaplain to the US Senate, as well as Dean of National Cathedral? (answer next month)

- A. Louis Durr**
- B. ZeBarney T. Phillips**
- C. Edward Bradley**
- D. J. Nelson Jones**

Last month's question: Who was the only person in the Confirmation Class of 1980?

It's Carlene Phillips



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SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 am

WEDNESDAY
WELL WISHERS—11:00am
HEALING SERVICE & EUCHARIST—12:00n