

Tuesday Tidings E-Newsletter

St. Anne's Episcopal Parish

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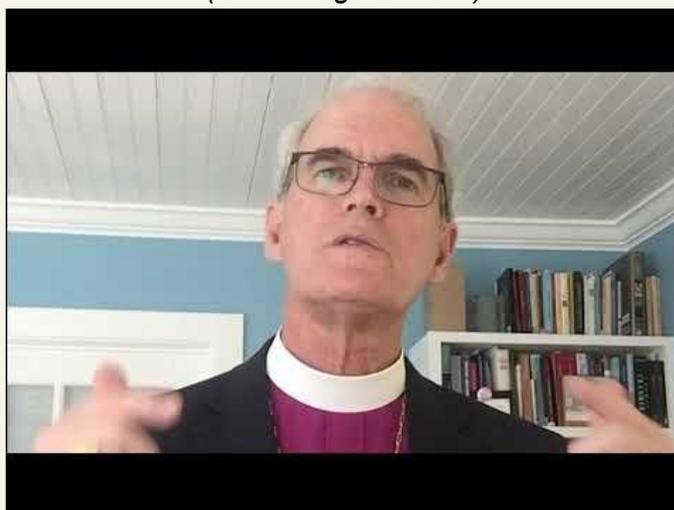
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Sermon for the Seventh Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 11)

The Right Reverend Porter Taylor

Assisting Bishop, The Diocese of Virginia

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A Prayer to Welcome Rest

Kimberly Knowle-Zeller

Dear God,

Can you hear the exasperation in my voice?

Do you feel the deep breaths I'm taking so I don't lose my patience?

Do you see me going from here to there and back again?

Can you keep track of how many tabs are open in my browser?

Do you feel the aches in my bones from standing at the counter prepping dinner and washing dishes?

Do you see me looking longingly towards the bed as I pass it with each basket of laundry?

Do you see the number of times I'm cleaning noses, diapers, and spills?

Can you count how many cheerios are on the floor and stuck in couch cushions?

Do you know how many meetings I've attended in person and virtually?
Can you see the emails accruing one after another?
Do you see me mindlessly scrolling and refreshing the news?
Do you understand my worry for the days ahead?

God, in these moments of unrest, keep me coming back to you.

I hear you calling to me – come and rest.
I hear you speaking my name – you are my beloved.
I hear you welcoming me – “come to me, all you who are weary and burdened.” (Mt. 11:28, NIV)

So I stop and listen for a moment.
I take a deep breath.
I feel the wind at my face.
I hear the rustle of leaves.
I smell freshly cut grass.
I see the clouds beginning to break and the sun shining through.
I hear your voice over and over.

It never left me.
It's always been there.
And will always be calling me back.

You are loved, you are loved, you are loved.
You are enough, you are enough, you are enough.
Come and know I am with you, always.
Amen.

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Thursday Morning Worship at St. Anne's

Please join us via *Zoom* at 8 am this Thursday and each Thursday morning as we gather for an informal service of Morning Prayer.

You are invited to join us as we pray together and reflect on selected readings from scripture.

Follow this link to join meeting: [Thursday Morning Prayer Zoom Gathering](#)

Meeting ID: 788 171 6196

Follow this link to find the Readings we will be using: [Readings \(Track 2\)](#)

❖ Announcements ❖

With sadness, we announce the death of Mary Dear Moon. On June 17, she died peacefully at home surrounded by her six children. A devoted parishioner for over 40 years, Mary served St. Anne's Parish in many ways including as a member of the Vestry and as Senior Warden. A private family service was held in the cemetery at Christ Church, Glendower on July 19. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Mary's obituary can be found here [Mary Moon Obituary](#).

"May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

Pastoral Care - The Interim Rector will be on vacation leave from July 27 - August 2. In case of pastoral emergency only, he can be reached at 434-906-7476.

Matching Gift Reminder! As announced earlier this year, an anonymous donor has offered to match any new pledge or any increased pledge (matching the amount of increase) made to St. Anne's Parish. A number of parishioners have already made pledges or increased their existing pledge in response to this gesture of generosity.

It's Not Too Late. The matching gift offer has been extended until August 30. If you have not yet made a pledge to St. Anne's Parish this year, what a wonderful opportunity to double your pledge!

How Do I Make a Pledge? Simply contact Parish Administrator Sandra Schwartz at stannes1745@gmail.com and ask for a pledge card which will be sent to you immediately. Too much trouble? Not to worry. The Parish Treasurer, David Lea will accept new pledges made directly to his e-mail pmlea@aol.com.

How Do I increase my existing pledge? If you wish to increase your pledge, simply let Parish Treasurer David Lea know by e-mail pmlea@aol.com. Easy as pie! And Note: all individual pledge information is held in strict confidence.

SUPPORTING ST. ANNE'S DURING THE PANDEMIC - What are the easiest ways to make contributions to St. Anne's or keep up my pledge?

- Online via the PayPal Giving Fund – the PayPal Giving Fund is a division of PayPal which allows donations to be made to St. Anne's Parish without incurring a fee to either the donor or the Parish. To find out more, or to make a donation, please follow this link: [St. Anne's Parish PayPal Giving Fund](#)
- ATF (Automatic Transfer of Funds) – Increasingly parishioners find it easiest to set up an automatic transfer of funds from your bank account directly into the church's account. For help in setting up ATF, please contact Sandra Schwartz in the Parish Office by email at stannes1745@gmail.com.
- Or, the good old-fashioned send a check in the mail method!

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