

The Carpenter's Helper

This Week..we have the new Forward Day by Day available!

SAVE THE DATE

St Thomas's 179th ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 21st 11am-noon
LIVE via Zoom

- Included in the agenda is an election for 3 new Vestry members.
- This election will be done by mail this year, in an effort to keep the process valid and fair, while caring for the health and safety of our parish and community.
- Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters by Monday, Feb 15th.
- A return envelope with postage will be included, though ballots may be dropped off in the ballot box in the lobby.
- ALL BALLOTS MUST BE RECIEVED BY MONDAY, MARCH 15TH

AND THIS DATE TOO!

Coffee Hour with Bishop Kevin

LIVE via ZOOM Sunday, Feb 7th 11am-noon

If you are on the parish email list, you will receive an emailed invitation.

Please contact the office with any questions.



Thank you for wearing a mask in the church building. It protects those who are worshipping, and communing. Your mask protects the clergy, staff, faith family members, and community. Let's keep our church building safe, healthy, open, and a respectful place for all.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Thomas's is alive and well.

We are worshipping via live streaming on YouTube (See our YouTube Channel and hit Subscribe!). The full-text bulletins for our services can be found on our website, and by email request.

We also continue to respond to the needs of the Newark community through our collaboration with the Newark Empowerment Center and others. Those who would like to support our work may do so by going to our "Giving to St Thomas's" page.

Our prayers are with all those who are ill, all who are caring for them, and all who are striving to hear the voice of God in these challenging times. May God bless you and keep you, now and always. For more, see the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware COVID-19 site.



Drive Through/Walk Up Communion and Prayers

continues every Sunday

10-11am

ALL are Welcome!

Looking Ahead to the Biden Administration:

Impact on Episcopal Church initiatives

People of every ideological persuasion are well aware that the political environment will shift dramatically as one American president gives way to a very different successor. After years of divisiveness, months of a global pandemic, and appalling revelations about a violent insurgency, the stakes are high — and the Church is not immune from the turmoil. In that context, five department heads from the Episcopal Church gathered virtually on January 11 for a webinar sponsored by the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes, titled “Mr. Biden Goes to Washington: What a New Administration Means for the Church.” The short answer is that it means quite a lot.

Perhaps the most dramatic changes will involve immigration and refugee resettlement. Episcopal Migration Ministries “for the past 40 years has been one of the nine official refugee resettlement agencies for the United States — and for the past 80 years, the church engagement unit of EMM has supported refugees, asylum seekers, and others who have left horrific situations in search of a new home and a new hope,” said the Rev. C.K. “Chuck” Robertson, canon to the presiding bishop for ministry beyond the Episcopal Church.

- Racial Equity, including timely topics like disparate COVID impact and police reform
- Immigration, in conjunction with EMM
- Human Rights & Peace Building, representing the interests of the Church and the Anglican Communion to the State Department and Congress;
- Creation Care, most recently focused on pollution and Arctic preservation
- Anti-Poverty Efforts, both domestically and internationally, ranging from food assistance to homelessness.

“All of our advocacy is based in the resolutions of General Convention, going back decades and decades,” she said. “We want to make sure that we, as people of faith, can have our voices be heard, and can make sure we can represent our values, and that our government can respond”, says Rebecca Linder Blachly, director of government relations for the Episcopal Church

you can view the full conversation at LivingChurch.Org