

# The Carpenter's Helper

*This Week, we begin to think about ADVENT*

## ADVENT EVENING WORSHIP OFFERINGS 2021

- 11/28: Advent "stations" with prayers, instrumental music, and a hymn or two. The unique stations will help us feel a connection to our brothers and sisters in faith around the world and through time.
- 12/5: Evensong; a service of scripture, prayer, and music, sung regularly in the Anglican church since the sixteenth century.
- 12/12: Blue Christmas, also called the Longest Night, gives space for those who are feeling sorrowful this season, and their friends who support them, to come and sit with one another, light candles, and listen to music, in a liturgy that speaks of the love of God for the grieving.
- 12/19: "Son et lumiere" images and colors accompanied by verses and music of Advent- this should be an awesome sensory experience.

5:00PM ON SUNDAYS

### ALL are Welcome!

**Sunday**  
Rite 1 spoken  
8:00 am

**Sunday**  
Rite 2 with music  
10:30 am

**Sunday**  
Advent Prayers  
5:00 pm

**Wednesday**  
12 noon  
Intercessory Prayer

**Thursday**  
7 pm  
Evening Compline

*Nothing will separate us*  
from the Love of God in Christ Jesus

— Romans 8:38-39

**To all persons who would like to use St Thomas's Parish envelopes  
for their 2022 contributions:**

Please contact Jeanne Moore at jeannesmoore1@verizon.net or 302.292.1326. She will address and number them for you and have them ready for pickup in the Church Hall or Cana's office by December 20th. The printing company sends them out to us after December 1. Thank you for your generosity.



**BAZAAR SUCCESS!**



What an amazing congregation we have at Saint Thomas's!  
There were a lot of unknowns this year when planning the return of our Bazaar.

First, we moved the date from early December to early November. In the past we found that there were at least a dozen other bazaars on the weekend we traditionally held ours. We hoped to attract those early shoppers and at the same time be a bit easier on ourselves. We also wanted to be able to distribute the funds raised before the Christmas holidays.

Second, we realize that many people are still not comfortable in crowds or near people they do not know, for various health reasons.

Third, torrential rains were predicted for Friday, the first day of the Bazaar.

None of our concerns deterred the congregation and friends of Saint Thomas's.

With the help of the committee: Deb Kearns, Joy Lynam, Connie Malin, Carol Palermo, Philippa Sunnergren and Barb Graham the Bazaar was a resounding success. Even with the hard work and planning of the committee, we would not have had the success that we did without the participation of our wonderful and generous congregation. From making beautiful crafts, to baking delicious treats, to donating items for the White Elephant sale, to supporting the Bazaar through many purchases, once again our parish family stepped up. Our vendors, new and returning, added to our success.

So, a great big THANK YOU, to all who helped give us the opportunity to help those in our community less fortunate than us. We will be distributing the funds raised to local groups in need in the next few weeks.

-Barbara Graham