

~ **St. John's Church** ~
Weekly News
January 10, 2024

The Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell , Officiant

Readings for Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024

1 Samuel 3:-10 (11-20)

Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17

1 Corinthians 6: 12-20

John 1:43-51

Loose Plate Offering

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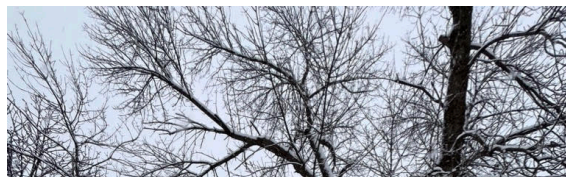




Photo by Jennifer Moore

Snow Day

Sunday's Snow Day probably took many of us back to our school days which were unexpected and delightful "free" days. For us it was an opportunity to attend church and go out and play in the 6" of fluffy crystals that were landing descending from the sky. It was a truly beautiful first snow of the year and we seem to be heading for more.

For Diane Sunday service was not to be cancelled. She simply asked us to return to days of the pandemic when we regularly attended church via Zoom. Some of us were a bit rusty on the required protocols but by the end we had all gotten back into the Zoom "harness". Of course, those of us who live here missed the Eucharist, but we had gotten used to that not so long ago. Diane led us through the pre-Eucharist portion and the only thing that was missing was music. Sadly, we quickly realized that our attempts to sing, even by Carole, Bob and Mike, who were in the sanctuary, came through as a garbled "mess".

Diane focused us upon the Epiphany which had actually begun the day before and noted that it is one of the three principal and oldest festivals of the Christian Church. The others are Easter and Christmas. It centers on the first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi.

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, Jan. 28 Bishop-Elect Jeremiah Williamson will be the officiant at Holy Eucharist. This is a huge honor for St. John's!

Watch for a separate email with a description of items we will need from parishioners for the special luncheon following morning worship on the 28th .

Prayer for the Bishop-Elect

**Prayer for the Bishop-Elect Eternal God, our Shepherd and Guide,
we bless and thank you for your servant, Jeremiah,
Bishop-Elect of your Episcopal Diocese of Albany.**

**By the working of your Holy Spirit grant him grace and every spiritual gift
as he prepares to take up his role as our chief pastor and teacher.
Make him a shepherd after your own heart,
who will walk in your ways and watch over your people with loving care.
Strengthen and guide him to lead in vision.
Fill him with courage to teach your truth.**

**Prepare our hearts to welcome Father Jeremiah, Jennifer, Oscar, and Isaiah
joyfully into our Diocesan community.
Continue to purify our intentions, and lead us into holiness,
that we may bear witness to your Son without shame or fear,
in unity, humility, and mutual charity,
devoted to your will for the good of the world.**

Prayers

For Those in Need or Any Kind of Distress

**Geoffrey, Lois, Art, Joyce, Abra, Mike, Beverly, Noa, Lillian, Chris, Rae,
Olivia, Cheryl, Larry, Steven, Tom, Karen, Sally, Chris, Lynne, Eve, Ella,
Louis and Lee.**

**We ask your special prayers for Lee Maxey who fell twice while using a winch
to move one of his dock sections back onto his property after it had dragged
during high winds. He badly injured the quads in both legs and underwent
reconstruction surgery on Jan. 8. He is currently at UVM Hospital in
Burlington.**

**We also ask for special prayers for Kathy Schoolcraft as she travels to North
Carolina to assist her sister Geraldine who is in hospice care.**

Calling All Music Lovers Another Try

Jennifer would like to invite any and all members of the congregation to meet at the piano at 9:30AM to become more familiar with the new music each Sunday morning before the service starts. Please join us!

Tuesday Evening Potluck Supper

When it is BRR! outside there is nothing more wonderful than gathering for supper with neighbors and friends. You can do just that every Tuesday night at 6 PM at Percell Hall. All you have to do is bring a dish or a beverage and if you can't do that there is always plenty of food to go around. Come in out of the cold and join us. We promise that you will have a wonderful time!

Meditation Update

Due to the forecast of significant inclement weather there will be no meditation gathering this week.

Last Call for the Heifer Project

Because of the cancellation of in-church service last Sunday we have extended our call for one last week. Our goal for sending 2 flocks of chickens has been met. However, it would be wonderful if we could add another flock of chickens for \$40. The basket is still in Percell Hall by the Jesse tree.

ReNew Winter Hours

The shop will be open from 10 to 2 on Fridays and Saturdays during the winter months. If you have things to bring in please try to bring them in during those hours. If you have questions free to call Cathy DeWolf.

Search Prayer

Dear Lord, grant us your wisdom and guidance as we embark upon our search process. Help us to humbly discern and accomplish your will for St. John's. We know this will be a challenging journey for all of us, but we pray that it will strengthen our faith and our respect and love for each other. Help us to share more deeply our faith in you as we learn to listen to each other with open hearts and minds and to hear your voice in all that we say and do.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

History Tidbit Part 9

Essex, March 23d. 1875.

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed by the Rector, who shall solicit subscriptions towards the erection of a new church, and on there being a sufficient amount subscribed, which added to the fund known as the Church Building fund will make a total of \$4,000, that the same committee be authorized to proceed to the acquisition of a Lot, and the erection of a Stone Church thereon.

Resolved, that the plans presented by the Rev. J. H. Hopkins be recommended to the committee as a general guide to the character of the building to be erected and that the Committee be requested to secure the services of the Rev. J. H. Hopkins as special architect in such alterations and improvements as may be found expedient.

Resolved, that the aforesaid committee be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer from time to time, for such amounts, from the Church building fund, as they may find necessary for the proper prosecution of the work, provided that the Church fund or the Vestry shall not be made liable by them for any amount beyond that which has been pledged for the purpose of the erection of a new church.

Resolved, that the said committee shall at any and all times be subject to the entire of the Vestry in all matters connected with their duties, and the committee may at any time be discharged, or its' membership changed by additional appointments or discharges and subscriptions by a vote of the Vestry.

Resolved that no contract for an amount exceeding \$500. shall be made by the committee until sanctioned by the Vestry.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. John's Church Essex, April 12th. 1876, at the office of Ross & Ross, duly called, the resignation of Rev. J. W. McIlwaine was tendered and accepted.

Resolved on motion that the church be kept open by Lay Reading for the present, once each Sunday, and that James B. Ross be requested to act as Lay Reader.

Apr. 12, 1876

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Dec. 29, 1876

The treasurer is to send \$8.00 for expenses of Diocese.

April 2d. 1877. Easter Monday

On motion of Andrew J. Tucker, a committee was appointed to draft resolutions to perpetuate the memory of Mr. Henry H. Ross, deceased, to be recorded on the minutes of the church & published in the Church papers.

June 26, 1877

On motion resolved that Stephen D. Derby Warden, and Andrew J. Tucker Treasurer, of this Parish be instructed to procure a deed of the Lot and building in the Town of Essex, Essex County, New York. now used by the Parish for the purpose of holding church services, from John Ross, & to pay him therefore the sum of \$1000. -----

Resolved that one half of the note given by James B. Ross and John Ross dated July 23d. 1875, for \$1,346.61 be endorsed as paid, and that John Ross be released from all liability- on the same for the balance of the \$1,000, due said John Ross over the one half so endorsed be paid said John Ross from any funds the Treasurer can procure belonging to the Church – first from funds not at interest.

At an adjourned meeting of the Vestry, was held at the office of Ross & Ross. At 11. A.M.

Purchase of Lot and building consummated and arrangements for payment made as per resolutions passed June 26th. '77

Feb. 12, 1879

At a meeting of the Vestry it was moved by Rev. E.L Toy, Missionary in charge pay from collections, assessment that the Treasurer pay the assessments made to this parish for Diocesan Fund and Bishop's salary from funds in his hands as soon as he found same practicable.

March 15, 1880

S.D. Derby, A.J.B. Ross and Ezra Parkill were appointed a committee to look up matter of moving and repairing Chapel, and building a rectory, to purchase plans, get estimates and report on same to vestry.

March 29, 1880

Resolved that the vestry be authorized to use the moneys and fund now on hand and known as "the Church Building Fund", heretofore set apart by order of the Court for the purpose of erecting Church Building, in building a Rectory and improving and rebuilding the present Chapel Building, except the sum of \$77.00 thereof, which shall be paid to W.G. Lyon & Co on dues owing and due then from said Church Corporation & that Ross & Ross be authorized as Attorneys to obtain such order of the Court, or to take such legal proceedings as may be required to make this resolution effective.

St. John's Zoom Passcodes

St. John's Sunday Service

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/worshipmeet>

Morning Prayer

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/morning-prayer>

Vestry Meetings

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/vestrymeet>

Finance Committee

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/financemeet>

Contemporary Bible Study

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/biblestudy>

Meditation

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/meditationmeet>

Sunday Service Zoom Recording

stjohnsessexnyzoom@gmail.com

Passcode: +W2t+Fwu

AA 12-Step Meeting

Zoom Meeting ID: 817 7797 4233

Passcode: 123456

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday Contemporary Bible Study (Zoom) 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Tuesday Community Potluck Supper 6 PM

Wednesday Meditation (Zoom/In Person) 4 PM

Thursday Morning Prayer (Zoom) 10 AM

Sunday Holy Eucharist 10 AM (Zoom/in person)

Sunday AA Meeting (Zoom/In Person) 7 PM

Your Vestry

Scottie Emery-Ginn and Bill Tribou (Wardens)

**Louise Baietto, Bruce Hale, Diana Lawrence, Jon McBride
and Bruce Stephan (Members)**

Darcey Hale (Clerk)
Antonia Bullard (Treasurer)

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