



THE THREE CROWNS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISH OF THE EPIPHANY



10 October 2016

What does the Lord Require?



The text, "what does the Lord require," is found in the eighth verse in the sixth chapter of the book of Micah.

*He (God) has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?*

Erik Routlec, congregationalist minister, composer, and musicologist brought the text to life in Hymn #605, Sharpsthorpe, from the Hymnal 1982. The words were adapted by Albert F. Bayly, also an English congregationalist minister who died in 1984. The wedding of this text with the music reminds us to, "do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with God." The haunting melody rises with each phrase, emphasizing what is being asked of us by God, until the final phrase of the *Sharpsthorpe* lowers itself to place subtle, but profound musical emphasis asking us to 'walk humbly with God.'

As we come together around word and sacrament each Sunday, what does the Lord require of us in our worship? The Parish of the Epiphany has always had a great desire to worship well, and have high quality music as a way of expressing those thoughts and emotions that words alone cannot. Our thoughts, emotions, and faith is stimulated and drawn out when the music we sing together enters our hearts. Those moments of silence immediately following an especially touching anthem, motet, or hymn provide us with the space in which God to speaks to us. God, through the expression of Jesus' love for us, and through the giving of this music, becomes embedded into our thoughts and hearts in these moments. My earnest thanks to our youth choristers, their parents, families, and those in the Parish Choir who give so generously of their time and talents to craft these

Monday, 10 October	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
6:00pm & 7:30pm	AA
Tuesday, 11 October	
7:15am	Men's Group
6:00pm	Pray the Parish Prayer List
7:00pm	Mission and Outreach
7:30pm	Investment Committee
Wednesday, 12 October	
7:30am	Holy Eucharist
6:00pm	El Hogar Mission Information Meeting
7:30pm	Vestry Meeting
Thursday, 13 October	
9:30am	Bible Study
5:30pm	Chorister Rehearsal
6:15pm	Accessibility Team Meeting
7:30pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 14 October	
5:00pm	Rummage Sale
Saturday, 15 October	
10:00am	Rummage Sale
Sunday, 16 October	
8:00am	Holy Eucharist
8:45am	Fellowship
9:00am	The Word Today, Lectionary Discussion
9:45am	Youth Formation Class
10:00am	Holy Eucharist
10:00am	Children's Worship
11:15am	Adult Formation Class



a sacred sound through which God speaks to us in these wondrous and mystical ways.

11:30am	Confirmation Class
11:30am	Genesis Youth Group

We are blessed to be in a community of faith with strong relationships with one another. I am blessed to be able to work in such a community that aspires to hold our music and worship in such high esteem. I am also struck by how many people continue to approach me and ask, "what can I do to help you?" What a refreshing way to be greeted! Is this what the Lord requires? Absolutely! How can we continue to build one another up with words of encouragement, support, and love?

The words and music offered are given out of the love, justice, and path on which we are all walking together. Your support and encouragement of our divine and holy worship are deeply appreciated.

May the love of God support and encourage us to continue to live out in our lives, 'what does our God require?'

Faithfully,



Epiphany's 2nd Annual

FAMILY CIDER FEST

in the Upper Parish Hall

All are welcome to enjoy hot apple cider donuts and cider.
Please come meet and connect with other families.
Children and youth are always welcome!



Epiphany Parent and Toddler group begins Monday, 17 October at 9:00am

Epiphany's Parent and Toddler Group is an intentional place for parents of small children to learn, share, and grow together as parents while their children play.

We will start by meeting Monday mornings from 9:00am-10:30am beginning on 17 October in the childcare room downstairs in the Myra Higgins Education Wing. Each week, as the children play, parent discussions will follow topics of parenting and raising children in a faith community. Various guest speakers will join us throughout the year.

Contact [Carolyn Hughes](#) or [Bryn Hollenbeck](#) with questions, or if you are interested in joining us!



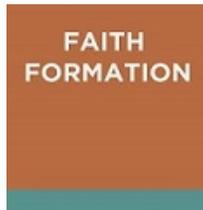
Friday, 14 October from 5:00-7:00pm
Saturday, 15 October 10:00am-1:00pm

Many hands make light work and offer lots of good company and conversation.
Please [click here](#) to help set-up, sort, and assist during the sale.
Please contact [Ellen Wilson](#) with any questions. 781.729.2203



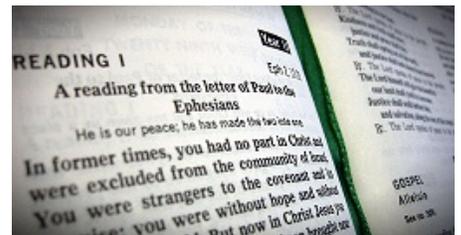
Have You Heard

Our prayers and sympathies are extended to Jayne Rutherford on the death of her husband, Steve Poulos. Steve died on 6 October. He was a long-time, beloved member of the Parish who served as Warden from 1976-1981. May Steve rest in peace and rise in glory.



The Word Today: Discussion of Today's Lectionary

On Sunday get some coffee in Hadley Hall and join us for Bible study and conversation based on the day's readings. We start at 9:00 and finish at 9:45am. We gather in the library for a member-led, relaxed, and friendly study of the day's lectionary readings intended to connect our faith journeys with the texts.



Adult Formation Class



The Adult Formation Committee is excited to announce the speakers and topics planned for this fall. The class meets at 11:15am on Sundays in Hadley Hall. If you have any questions, suggestions, or are interested in joining the Adult formation Committee please contact [Rich Goldhor](#).

Sunday, 16 October *Faith and Citizenship*: Our Rector will lead us in a discussion on how we as people of faith make informed decisions in the November elections. How do we keep hope alive amidst the adversarial rhetoric?

Sunday, 23 October *Observing Christmas*: Navigating the sacred & secular. How do the rituals of our faith, our family, and our culture clash/intersect/challenge us?

Sunday, 30 October and 6 November *Vocation*, a two-week series: Do you see your life's work as vocation or just a job that pays the bills? Come hear members of Epiphany share how they see their work as a calling and how their faith informs what they do.

Sunday, 13 November *Bishop Gayle Harris* will join us to talk about how Parishes in our Diocese may form partnerships with Parishes and Institutions in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.



Women's Group Meeting

The Women's Spirituality Group meets once a month for a light lunch and discussion. We read poetry, essays, and books. We write, talk, and sometimes meditate. It's member-led and different each month. It's a time for fellowship with other women on a spiritual journey. Please consider making space in the middle of your week to connect with your faith and Epiphany. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, 19 October at 12:30pm. We hope to meet at the home of Susan Youmans. If that is not possible we will gather at Epiphany. [Contact Gayle Pershouse](#) for information.





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[Click here for the 2016-2017 Formation Calendar](#)



Ministry Helpers are Needed



ACOLYTES Epiphany acolytes are leaders in the 10:00am worship services throughout the year. They carry the cross and torches and assist the clergy through the worship service. Anyone in fourth grade or older can learn how to be an acolyte and will then be asked to participate in a service once or twice a month. A training for new acolytes will be held in October in preparation to begin as an acolyte in November. Please contact [Mary Street](#), 978.664.2695 if you have questions.

GREETERS A Greeter welcomes worshipers on Sunday mornings at both the 8:00 and 10:00am worship. Greeters stand at the Narthex and at the Central Street door. They are the first "good morning" that you hear when you come to church. Greeters provide a warm welcome and offer support to those who enter at our

Central Street door. We are especially in need of Greeters for the 8:00am service. Please contact [Nancy Keating](#) for more information.



Evensong

Sunday, 23 October at 5:00pm



Music Notes from Yesterday Morning

David Eaton, Director of Music and Organist, offered the following notes regarding the music that was sung at the 10:00am worship yesterday.

The hymntune, *Durham*, used with the text, *When all thy mercies, oh my God*, #415, was written by Thomas Ravenscroft (1592-1635), and is employed as our hymn before the Gospel. This tune may be somewhat unfamiliar, but the tune in concert with the text provides an elegant segue from the 2 Timothy reading, reminding us to have faith, and the Gospel from Luke where our 'wonder, love, and praise' is encouraged and rewarded as we go on our journey in this life.

Thomas Frederick Handel Candlyn was an English-born church musician who spent twenty-eight years at St. Paul's Church in Albany, New York, and the final ten of his career at St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, New York. The offertory anthem, *Thee We Adore*, is an enduring favorite of his some two hundred works. Based on the hymntune, *Adoro Devote*, #314 in our hymnal, it contains a superb example of text-painting at the beginning of the second verse. "Day-spring" is the beginning of dawn; "Day-star" is the morning star. "Sun of Righteousness" is an attribute spoken of Christ in Malachi 4:2 (referring to God's blessings on the good): "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall." This reference also underscores the double-meaning of "Sun" as "Son."

The gorgeous a cappella motet, *Ave Verum* by living female composer, Stephanie Martin, finds a sweet spot in vocal registers with intuitive voice leading in this touching setting of the traditional text. Composer, teacher, performer, and church musician, Stephanie Martin has contributed to Toronto's colorful music scene for the past 25 years. Those of us who attended RSCM Newport this past summer were introduced to this wonderful new work.



MISSION
&
OUTREACH



Have you noticed the shopping cart that is located immediately to the right as you enter church? Our non-perishable food donations are taken 2-3 times a month to either St. Luke's Food Pantry or the [Council of Social Concern](#) in Woburn. Recently the Council of Social Concern has let us know that their shelves are almost empty and are appealing to surrounding communities for food donations. Items especially needed are mac & cheese, dried beans, cake and brownie mixes, tuna, soups, and cereal.



El Hogar Hike for Hope

You are invited to enjoy a day of hiking and games of cornhole to support the students and staff of El Hogar in Honduras. Individuals and teams are welcome - this is a family friendly event.

Saturday, 23 October from 12:30-5:00pm
Houghton's Pond Recreation Area in Milton, MA
To sign-up and get more information please call 781.729.7600



Remember that Epiphany has two weeks reserved to travel to El Hogar. February 25- March 4, 2017 and March 5- March 12, 2017. If you are interested in joining a mission team on either of these dates, please come to an informational meeting on Wednesday, 12 October at 6:00pm in the Suter Room. If you cannot make the meeting and would like to learn more, please contact [Jenny Rappole](#) at 339.222.1036.

*[El Hogar](#), located in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, provides a loving home and education for 250 children born into extreme poverty.



We are delighted to announce the launch of our new website this week. A new look, responsive for all your devices, a simpler login, and "find a group" are just some of the new features that will be rolled out. Take a look at www.3crowns.org. When you see the new site, let us know what you think. We welcome all your feedback.

To try the new login, look in the upper right for the green login button. Click on this and select the link "forgot my password." The next screen will prompt you for the email we have on record in the Parish Office and it will send you a link to set up your own password. Please send any comments, changes, or suggestions to [Sarah Twiss](#) or [Martha Stone-Martin](#).



Episcopal City Mission Annual Meeting

Come pray, reflect, and strategize with us about the future of Episcopal City Mission.

Saturday, 22 October from 8:30 am - 12:30pm (breakfast provided)

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 323 Boston Post Road in Weston

Please RSVP by 17 October - [click here](#)



We are inviting all of ECM's Parish-based leaders (clergy and delegates) to this important Annual Meeting that will spend a bit of time attending to business-as usual, and most of the time imagining and discussing our continued faith-based justice work together in 2017 and beyond.

Bishop Gayle Harris will celebrate the Eucharist and preside over the business meeting. Bishop Alan Gates and Bishop Doug Fisher will virtually bless us as they begin their pre-election walks.



Pictures from Blessing of the Animals 2 October 2016



Mark Your Calendar - Dates To Note

Wednesday, October 12 - Vestry Meeting, 7:30pm

Friday and Saturday, 14 and 15 October - Rummage Sale

Sunday, 16 October - Family Ciderfest, 11:15am

Sunday, 23 October - Evensong, 5:00pm

Saturday, 29 October - Celebration of Confirmation at St. Paul's in Malden.
Confirmands will be recognized at Epiphany on 30 October at 10:00am

Friday and Saturday, 4 and 5 November - Diocesan Convention

Sunday, 6 November - Holy Eucharist with Baptisms, 10:00am



For more information

Our website can be found [here](#)

Information on our Worship Services can be found [here](#)

If you are new to Epiphany, click [here](#)

Our complete Parish calendar can be found [here](#)

Sign-up for on line pledge payments [here](#)