



## THE THREE CROWNS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISH OF THE EPIPHANY

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### From Our Rector who is on Sabbatical



Thursday, 5 October 2017

Dear Epiphany Family,

The time at Thousand Island Park was everything for which I had hoped. The weather wasn't great the first month, but this past month it suddenly turned to summer and there's been ample time to enjoy The River; more boating than swimming, but I'm not complaining.

Tom and I have never been here for this length of time, nor so late in the season when so few cottages are occupied. The quiet is bliss. Typically our 4.5 mile morning walk is interrupted because of conversations with neighbors and friends, but these past three weeks we often encounter only the birds and squirrels. Esther loves being able to run free.

We had grand intentions of worshipping in Canada, at least for a few Sundays. There's a nice cathedral in Kingston (only 30 minutes drive), and several parish churches nearby, but it was too enticing to hop in the boat and drive across The River to Clayton, to Christ Church, where we have gotten to know a few people, and even took part in their major fall fete to raise money. We did miss one Sunday, however. We started out for Christ Church from the boathouse admitting that it was pretty foggy, but we both felt certain the fog was lifting; we could see the island just across from ours. But no sooner were we underway when another blanket of fog rolled in. It took us 20 minutes to go only 2 miles, and we were both a little rattled. So we landed at a friend's island where "the liturgy" that morning included coffee and breakfast. We didn't get home until after 11:30 because it took that long for the fog to lift. So we've had some adventures, of course.

A week from today we fly to London. Neither Tom nor I have been to Durham, and we hope to scoot up there for worship on Sunday the 15th. On Tuesday the 17th I leave for Malta, and Tom will stay in London for a few days before heading home. I promise to write to you from Malta. You might have read that the Prince of Wales and Duchess

of Cornwall were there this week giving a boost to the Cathedral's fundraising efforts. I'm sure my colleague, Fr. Simon Godfrey, has been busy preparing for the royal visit. I'll wait until early next week to remind him that I really am planning to be at Holy Trinity Church in Sleima on the 17th. I hope he is planning on that, too!

Among the blessings of such extended time with Tom has been a regular practice of saying Evening Prayer together. It's something we'll cherish from these weeks, and through it God continues to connect my heart with each of you. Your prayers, and mine, are offered up in the wake of hurricanes, and the aftermath of violence in Las Vegas, so that even though we're physically separated, we remain with one another in Christ Jesus.

On a more personal level I'm thankful for your prayers for Tom's cousin-in-law, Vic. Tom's cousin, Linda, with whom he's very close, and her husband, Vic, were vacationing in Cooperstown, New York, last week; they live in Orange County, California. Vic had a major heart attack, and has since been air-lifted to Rochester. He's not out of the woods, by any measure. Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be swift to love and make haste to be kind.

When I wrote to you in August I said, "I promise to be present where I am, to keep you in my daily prayers, and to trust God who does infinitely more than we can desire or pray for. May God keep you."—all of that remains true!

With my deepest love and respect I am faithfully yours,



## Join Us for Prayer



Once a month, I sit in front of my computer, close my eyes, and breathe. I remain in silence for a few minutes and then open the Parish prayer list.

As a member of the Intercessory Prayer Team, I have the opportunity and responsibility to reach out and contact parishioners who have requested prayers for themselves or others. While I sometimes struggle with what to say, I find these moments of ministry to be deeply centering. I feel my faith strengthened as I read and respond to parishioners. The trust that they demonstrate in sharing these requests fills me with gratitude and humility. As I begin typing, I sense that the Kingdom is near.

Are you curious about Epiphany's Prayer List ministry? We would love to talk with you about our own experience. There are lots of different ways to participate:

- 1) You might consider joining us on Tuesday night for our prayer service. Every week, we gather at 6:00pm in the chapel. One volunteer reads each name on our Parish Prayer List. We repeat the name and sit in silence, lifting this person up to God. It's a

quiet service that usually lasts thirty-five minutes. For me, it provides a time to step away from the busyness of a work day and to be centered in the Holy Spirit.

2) You might consider signing up to pray with us. There are over thirty people who receive our Prayer List on Tuesday night. They commit to remembering those in need by praying for them. Some folks pray on Tuesday night from home; some take the List when they are out for a walk; others start each morning by prayerfully reading it. There's no right way. This ministry is an opportunity to add a new dimension to your relationship with God. You can also sign up to pray for immediate needs that are sent out in an email alert. These requests usually arrive when someone begins a serious medical operation.

If you are interested in signing up for either Prayer List (the Tuesday Night Prayer List or the Emergency Prayer Chain), please send an email to [prayer@3crowns.org](mailto:prayer@3crowns.org). For our dedicated partners who have received these Lists this past year, please also send an email if you would like to continue this ministry for another year.

3) Finally, we invite you to share your prayers with us. When you are in need of prayer, or have friends and family in need, please send us an email or fill out a prayer request form on our website (<https://3crowns.org/prayer>). It is an immense gift to receive these requests. Each one reminds us of our interconnectedness. When we ask for prayers or pray for others, we are living as the Body of Christ.

We hope you'll consider joining this life-giving ministry.

Grace and Peace,

*Jake Montwieler, on behalf of the prayer list team,  
Barbara DeWolfe  
Brett Johnson  
Martha Lewis  
Gayle Pershouse*



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## Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of Louis Pitt's Ordination



Epiphany is excited to celebrate with Louis Pitt the 70th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The 10:00am service on Sunday, 22 October has been thoughtfully planned by Louis and includes friends and colleagues who have been with him through his journey.

Please stay for the 11:15am coffee hour following the service when Louis will share reflections on his ministry among us and in Africa.



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### **FAMILY CIDER FEST**

**This Sunday, 15 October at 11:15am in the Upper Parish Hall**

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



## Rummage Sale is this Week!



You can help by donating your "treasures" of outgrown clothes, toys, household items, and knick knacks? Please no tv's, computers, or books.

Starting tomorrow, we need help sorting and displaying the donations prior to the sale. There is a wonderful sense of camaraderie among the volunteers and it's a great way to meet other members of the Church. Also on Friday and Saturday during the sale, volunteers are need to cash out patrons and help keep the room organized. Please consider supporting Epiphany's outreach efforts by volunteering at the rummage sale.

[Click here](#) for more information and to sign up.

### **Rummage Sale**

**Friday, 13 October from 5:00 - 7:00pm**

**Saturday, 14 October from 10:00am - 1:00pm**



## Christmas Fair



You may have heard the Christmas Fair is returning this year on Saturday, 2 December from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Sara Post and Leslie Aitken are chairing, but this will not be a success without your help; as Sara says, "it takes a village to run a fair."

There will be a meeting tomorrow at 10:00am for those who have already agreed to be a part of the team and for those who would like to be in on the ground floor. If you have already signed-up for a committee, we hope to see you, and if you haven't signed-up yet, it's not too late to join in the fun. We are looking for a Co-Chair for the Christmas Table, Wait Staff Coordinator, Raffle Chair, and Publicity.

We will be auctioning off themed "baskets" as part of this year's fair. Could you donate a basket based on a hobby, a state, a sport, a spa theme, a garden theme, etc? We are looking for a large selection. Combine with another family to host a dinner, or a wine tasting.

Did you can or pickle this summer? We would love a contribution for the Bake Table. There is still time to knit or crochet, and the Knit Table would love your creation. If you are crafty we could use ornaments and other clever items for the Christmas Table. There will be an opportunity on Fellowship Sunday, 8 October, to create ornaments. November 7th, is Pie Day. The traditional *Three Crowns Apple Pies* will be made that night and all are invited to help. This is always a fun time together. And Thursday, 16 November is Bake Night, so get out your apron and join in. Look for sign-up sheets in Hadley Hall.

We would love to have as many people involved as possible. This will be lots of fun. We have asked a few vendors back for the fair; the former Friends of India, MeiMei's jewelry, Linda Preston's jewelry, and Christa Bennet's pottery. There will also be tables for John McConnell's paintings, and other Epiphany associated groups.

This is a great opportunity to meet other parishioners, whether you are new to Epiphany or have been here forever.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact [Sara Post](#). Join us, this will be a great way to start the holiday season!



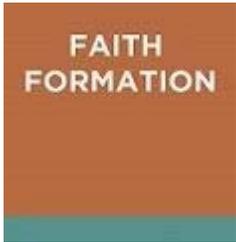
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## Haiti Mission Informational Meeting

*Sunday, 22 October at 12:15pm in the Suter Room*

Anyone interested in participating in the 2018 medical mission to Haiti is invited to attend an introductory informational meeting this Sunday at 12:15. For more information contact [Janet Boswell](#).

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## Are You an Older Adult?

*Third Sunday of the month at 12:15pm in the Suter Room*

For a year now, a group of Epiphany's older adults has met monthly to explore what it means to grow old in the world. Recently we changed our name to "Epiphany Elders," reflecting our belief in the value of our experience and skills earned over a lifetime.

We are building a sense of trust and compassion as we share our experiences and commitment to mutual support.

*This month please join us this Sunday for a discussion of gratitude. We try to live in the moment and plan for the future, but it is also useful to spend time looking back.*

*As we look back over our lives, what are we grateful for? Have we done things for others and how do we assess our lives now?*

All are welcome. If you think of yourself as an older adult, we hope you will give us a try. We meet at 12:15, usually on the third Sunday of the month, in the Suter Room. For 2017, the dates are 15 October, 19 November, and 10 December. Join us! You can learn more by looking at the "Epiphany Elders" binder in the Parish office, or by contacting [Jane Sherwin](#), [Cindy Neels](#), or [Laura Reboul](#).

We talk about many things, from the practical to the more personal:

- Downsizing from a home of many years
- Financial planning
- Creating a multi-generational home
- Exploring the value of our lives now
- Recording our life experience for our families and friends
- Supporting the younger members of our families
- Facing the challenge of stereotypes about aging
- Understanding how our faith supports the work of aging
- Preparing for the challenges of end-of-life care
- Good books to read



## Parent/Child Playgroup Returns



Meetings resume this Friday, 13 October at 9:00am.

Epiphany's parent/child playgroup is a place for parents to learn, share, and grow together as parents while their children play.

We meet most Friday mornings 9:00 am - 10:30 am in the childcare room on the lower level. All parents, soon-to-be parents, grandparents, or anyone who enjoys a little chaos are welcome to drop by. For

more information contact [Carolyn Hughes](#).



## Adult Formation this Sunday at 11:15am

Join us in Hadley Hall this Sunday following our 10:00am worship for coffee and a discussion on the new developments with Episcopal City Mission. The Executive

Director of ECM, the Reverend Arrington Chambliss, will be here to speak about they are working to train folks in parishes to help fulfill their Baptismal Covenant: “to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves.”

Next week, 22 October, the Reverend Louis Pitt reflects on his seventy years of ordination. Come listen and celebrate with our beloved friend as he shares some of the highlights of his ministry among us and in Africa.



## This Week at Epiphany

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| <b>Monday, 9 October</b>     | <i>Parish Office Closed</i>           |
| 6:00pm & 7:30pm              | AA                                    |
| <b>Tuesday, 10 October</b>   |                                       |
| 7:15am                       | Men's Group                           |
| 10:00am                      | Christmas Fair Meeting                |
| 6:00pm                       | Pray the Parish Prayer List           |
| 7:00pm                       | Prayer Team Meeting                   |
| 7:30pm                       | Finance Committee                     |
| 7:30pm                       | Mission and Outreach                  |
| <b>Wednesday, 11 October</b> |                                       |
| 7:30am                       | Holy Eucharist in the Chapel          |
| 7:30pm                       | Vestry                                |
| <b>Thursday, 12 October</b>  |                                       |
| 9:00am                       | Contemplative Prayer                  |
| 9:30am                       | Thursday with the Gospels Bible Study |
| 7:30pm                       | Parish Choir Rehearsal                |
| <b>Friday, 13 October</b>    |                                       |
| 9:00am                       | Parent/Child Playgroup                |
| 5:00pm                       | Rummage Sale                          |
| <b>Saturday, 14 October</b>  |                                       |

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| 10:00am                   | Rummage Sale                         |
| <b>Sunday, 15 October</b> |                                      |
| 8:00am                    | Holy Eucharist                       |
| 8:45am                    | Fellowship                           |
| 9:00am                    | The Word Today Lectionary Discussion |
| 9:45am                    | Children's Formation                 |
| 10:00am                   | Holy Eucharist                       |
| 10:00am                   | Children's Worship                   |
| 11:15am                   | Family Ciderfest                     |
| 11:15am                   | Adult Formation                      |
| 11:30am                   | Genesis Youth Group                  |
| 12:15pm                   | Epiphany Elders Group                |
| 6:00pm                    | YPF Youth Group                      |

### For more information

Our website can be [found here](#)

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