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A Fond Farewell

Sunday will mark Fr. Bruce's last Mass as a member of staff at St. Matthew's. As was announced several months ago, he is retiring from active ministry at St. Matthew's in order to discern where God is calling him to further ministry.

Personally, I give thanks for Fr. Bruce's friendship and ministry at St. Matthew's. He has been a ministry multiplier here for years, and has made my ministry so much easier. I will truly miss him in the years to come both as friend and colleague.

Please join me in prayer for Fr. Bruce as he discerns where God is calling, and continue to ask God's blessing on his ministry.

Well done good and faithful servant!

Dave+

Service Schedule for the week of November 22, 2015

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
9:00 AM

The Good News

A weekly newsletter of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
November 20, 2015



Parish Thanksgiving Dinner

for all members and guests, is immediately following the single worship service at 9:00 a.m., on November 22. Please sign up on the hallway bulletin board.

Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule

Morning Prayer is offered at 7AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and at 7:30 AM on Thursday. The fourth Thursday at 7:30 AM is Holy Eucharist.

Parish Mission Trip.

If you are interested, please see Fr. Dave. The trip will leave the week of June 27 and return on July 8. The cost of the trip is \$1500 (inclusive).

The goal of the trip is 1) to build relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ and 2) to rebuild a roof at St. John Church, Owia, St. Vincent.

No shots are required, but a passport is. All ages are welcome and you don't have to know how to swing a hammer.

Bible Study

Continues on Wednesday at 6PM

Other Services:

Thanksgiving Day
Eucharist 7:30 AM

Morning Prayer
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
7:00 AM

Rosary 5:30 PM Wednesdays.

Intercessory Prayer
Monday at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday
at 12:15 p.m., and Thursday at
10:30 a.m. in the Chapel

 **Ministry Links** 

St. Matthew's Webpage
The Episcopal Diocese of
Springfield
Rector's Blog

Continues on Wednesday at 8 AM.

Fr. Dave

Men's Breakfast

Will meet at 8AM on November 21 at St. Matthew's. All men of the church are invited for a time of fellowship and prayer.

Local Mission Opportunities

COATS COATS - It's time to collect coats to donate to The Salvation Army for distribution to people in need. Bring your gently used coats to St. Matthew's and place them in the big white box opposite the church office, and you'll be blessed. Gently used scarves, hats and mittens are also welcome. Thanks so much.---The Outreach Committee

Intergenerational Advent Activities:

The Youth Group would like to invite the parish to the following Advent events for all ages!

- Evergreen Advent Wreath Making
Sunday, December 6 from 6:00 - 7:30pm
- Christ Candle Craft
Sunday, December 13 from 6:00 - 7:30pm
- Christmas Caroling
Sunday, December 20 from 6:00 - 7:30pm

Good News Daily

This Week's Good News Daily is [here](#).

Readings & Music for November 22, 2015

Hymns: #477, #324, and #494

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.
As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being

coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Psalm 93 Page 722, BCP Dominus regnavit

- 1 The LORD is King;
he has put on splendid apparel; *
the LORD has put on his apparel
and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD,
the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,
for ever and for evermore.

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ,
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the
earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to
be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and
dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and
who is to come, the Almighty.

John 18:33-37

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are
you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered. "Do you ask this on your own, or

did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Ministry Assignments for November 22 & 29

22-Nov

9:00

Lector: Chrissy Stoffer

Acolytes: Liam Halt, Jack & Nolan White

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Shadow: Daniel

E.M.: Fr. Bruce (asst Priest)

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Thanksgiving Dinner

29-Nov

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Mona Johnstone

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Lector: Sandy Kohlase

Acolytes: Shelley Brenneman Carter, Liam Halt, Christian Pitts

Crucifer: Brent Baughan

Thurifer: Bill Johns

Boat: Georgia

E.M.: Shelley Brenneman Carter & Bob Kohlase

Monday Counter: Roy Laws

Coffee Hour: Phyllis & Dave Halt

Birthdays & Anniversaries November 20 - December 6

Grace Johns

James Messer

Jack Pitts

Joel Gordon

Sarah DeMeritt

Collect for Sunday, November 22nd

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords; Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and for ever. Amen

and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever Amen.

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