

CLARKE PARISH

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church

THE EVANGELINE

July 28, 2021



FROM THE OFFICE

A Message from our Rector

Dear Friends:

In light of recent CDC guidance and guidance received from the bishop yesterday, we need to practice vigilance in mask wearing at indoor services where large congregations are present to help care for our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Since Clarke County continues to stay in the yellow zone for new COVID-19 cases, we will continue to only require face masks at the 10:15 service where there is a larger congregation and both choral and congregational singing.

We will continue to monitor COVID cases and if the need arises extend the mandate to our 8 and 9 am services as well per diocesan guidance. Wickliffe Homecoming (8/8) will require masks for the indoor worship service but not at the picnic outside.

Our foremost priority must be to care for all God's children and since we don't want to ask invasive questions about who is vaccinated and who is not, we must treat everyone the same. We have some adults who are not vaccinated and all our children under 12 cannot yet be vaccinated.

I realize this may not come as welcome news to everyone, but please bear with us as we try to keep the church open and safe for all.

Blessings,
Justin+

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021

8 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Wendy Oesterling

9 am at St. Mary's Memorial Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant/Lay Reader: Caroline Mitchell

Pianist: Helena Goldberg

10:15 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Kim Davis

Organist: Wendy Oesterling

Acolyte: Lily Bosworth

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for August 1, 2021](#)

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

*The altar flowers at Grace Church are given to the glory of God
by Cummie York in memory of loved ones.*

Virtual Worship

For those of you who still wish to join us virtually instead of attending in-person worship, the 10:15 am service at Grace Church will continue to be live-streamed each week. Please use the links below to view the service offerings. These links are permanent and will not change week after week.

Because the historic Wickliffe Church property is without electricity, our Homecoming Service on August 8th WILL NOT be live-streamed...please plan to attend in person instead.

Our YouTube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTT0nfgs77DzKrl2qx38Cg>

Our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Grace-Episcopal-Church-111667788869782>

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2021

Wickliffe Homecoming Sunday & Parish Picnic!

11 am at Wickliffe Church

Morning Prayer

(from the 1789 Book of Common Prayer)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Readers: John Lincoln & Gwendolyn Malone

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[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for August 8, 2021](#)

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-45

The altar flowers at Wickliffe Church are given to the glory of God by the Smith family in memory of their descendants - Agnes, Elizabeth, Wellford, Louisa, Anne, Robert and Mary Smith; Randy Hetzel; and Edward Prichard.

Annual Homecoming Service and Parish Picnic at Wickliffe Church

Sunday, August 8, 2021 @ 11 am



As tradition dictates, we will again gather at Wickliffe Church on the second Sunday of August to celebrate the heritage and history of Clarke Parish at our Annual Homecoming 'Worship at Wickliffe' service at our beautiful, old country church. The Morning Prayer service, taken directly from the 1789 edition of the Book of Common Prayer, will begin at 11 am and be immediately followed by a potluck picnic outside underneath the shady oak trees.

THIS IS A COMMUNITY EVENT & EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Invite a friend to church this summer!

Masks required for indoor worship!

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To volunteer a dish for the luncheon, please visit the online sign-up sheet posted on www.perfectpotluck.com

(user name = mcfillen / password 1610 / event name = 'Worship at Wickliffe' 2021)

[Click HERE to access the sign-up sheet directly!](#)

Lay Reader / Acolyte Schedule

Please click the link below to access the most recent schedule for summer assignments at both Grace and St. Mary's.

[CLICK HERE - August 2021](#)

If scheduled, please remember to contact the office in case of conflict or unavailability and always attempt to find a substitute to swap dates with if needed.

NOTE: We are always in need of more volunteers to add to our lay reader roster at all church services. Lay reading is a wonderful opportunity to take part in the service, let your voice be heard reading scripture and prayers, and see the church from a different perspective standing at the lectern. If you would like to join this important ministry, please contact the office for more information and/or to be scheduled.

CHURCH NEWS

Always stay up-to-date with church events and activities...

[Church Calendar - Quick View!](#)



- July 28 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study / 10:30 am in the Conference Room
- July 29 - 'Thoughtful Thursday' Evening Prayer / 7:30 pm at Wickliffe
- August 3 - St. Mary's Vestry Meeting / 1 pm in the Parish House
- August 4 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study / 10:30 am in the Conf. Room
- August 5 - 'Thoughtful Thursday' Evening Prayer / 7:30 pm at Wickliffe
- August 8 - Annual Homecoming Service & Picnic at Wickliffe / 11 am
- August 11 - **NO** Wednesday Morning Bible Study this week!
- August 12 - 'Thoughtful Thursday' Evening Prayer / 7:30 pm at Wickliffe
- August 15 - St. Mary's ECW Meeting / 10 am in the Parish House
- August 16 - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room
- August 18 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study / 10:30 am in the Conf. Room
- August 19 - 'Thoughtful Thursday' Evening Prayer / 7:30 pm at Wickliffe
- August 25 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study / 10:30 am in the Conf. Room
- August 26 - 'Thoughtful Thursday' Evening Prayer / 7:30 pm at Wickliffe
- September 6 - Parish Office CLOSED / Labor Day Holiday
- September 7 - St. Mary's Vestry Meeting / 1 pm in the Parish House
- September 12 - ADULT Sunday School Classes RESUME / 10 am in the Parish House at St. Mary's
- September 12 - St. Mary's ECW Meeting / 11 am in the Parish House
- September 19 - 'Mass in the Grass' & Parish Picnic / 10:30 am at The Lions Shelter, Clarke County Park & Rec.. This will be the only service offered by Clarke Parish this day.
- September 20 - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room
- September 26 - SCHEDULE CHANGE - Service of Holy Eucharist / 9 am at St. Mary's! This will be the only morning service offered at Clarke Parish this day (No 8 or 11 am worship)
- September 26 - Choral Evensong & Reception / 4 pm at GEC

October 3 - YOUTH Sunday School Classes RESUME/ 10 am in the 'Gracement' at GEC

October 5 - St. Mary's Vestry Meeting / 1 pm in the Parish House

October 17 - St. Mary's ECW Meeting / 10 am in the Parish House

October 18 - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room

October 24 - St. Mary's 110th Homecoming Service & Celebration/ 11 am - this will be the only service offered at Clarke Parish this day! All are encouraged to attend this special celebration. Dr. Caroline Mitchell will be the guest speaker.



Thoughtful Thursday!

Evening Prayer at Wickliffe Church

Join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend for a service of Evening Prayer at Wickliffe. After the service, stay for fellowship, great conversation with friends, and maybe bring your own beverage/snack to enjoy in the churchyard too.



Wickliffe Church Clean-Up Day

Your help is needed TONIGHT!

Please join us immediately following the 'Thoughtful Thursday' service on July 29th and August 5th to help clean up and ready our beautiful old country church for its annual Homecoming Celebration. After Evening Prayer, we will work both inside and out but focus particular attention on the loft and rector's room. Unlike the main sanctuary, these areas have not been used over the summer and are particularly dusty and buggy. Cleaning supplies will be on-hand, however, we really need YOU and some other volunteers willing to lend an hour to help us dust, polish, sweep, etc...

NOTE: If weather prevents OR we can't get it all done on the 29th, our cleaning will continue on August 5th too.

NOTE: If you prefer outside work, please feel free to bring your own broom, rake, gloves, clippers, etc.

Vestry News

The Vestry of St. Mary's Memorial Church is next scheduled to meet on **Tuesday, August 3, 2021 @ 1 pm** in the Parish House.



The Vestry of Grace Church is next scheduled to meet on **Monday, August 16, 2021 @ 7 pm** in the Conference Room.

If unable to attend the scheduled meetings, Vestry members are reminded to please alert the office/rector of your unavailability.

Choral Evensong & Reception in honor of Karen Keating

Sunday, September 26th
4 pm @ Grace Church



Mark Your Calendars . . .

for a celebration to honor Dr. Karen Keating and her 22 years of music ministry in Clarke Parish. Karen (or KK, as her students know her) was to retire on Easter Day 2020 and the parish had planned a celebratory event to say "Thanks!" for her long and faithful service. Karen did retire, but the pandemic restrictions meant that we could not have a suitable celebration for her. Fast forward to 2021 -- **we will celebrate Karen and her ministry with us on Sunday, September 26, with a festive Choral Evensong at 4:00 pm followed by a reception.** We will invite all Karen's students, choir singers, colleagues, and friends to participate in the Evensong and we will welcome all volunteers to help with the reception. Put this very special event on your calendars, please!

NOTE: If so inclined, there is still an opportunity to contribute to 'The Purse' we are collecting for Karen. In honor of her retirement and years of dedicated service to Clarke Parish, we will present this special monetary gift to her during the Evensong Reception. Contributions should be sent to the church office ASAP (PO Box 678, Berryville, VA 22611)



Online Giving

It's as easy as 1,2,3...

We have partnered with [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) - a trusted platform to provide a simple, convenient, and secure way to continue supporting our ministry through online giving from anywhere at any time.

Please consider this option to make a pledge or one-time payment to the church. You can also set up recurring payments, and likewise, you can utilize [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) to give to the General Fund, Grace Giving, St. Mary's Giving, the Rector's Discretionary Fund, the Backpack Program, or 'Other' by selecting from the drop-down menu options.

[Click HERE to Give Online Now](#)

The [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) link is also available by visiting the Parish Website at www.ClarkeParish.org

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