

CLARKE PARISH

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church

THE EVANGELINE

August 11, 2021



FROM THE OFFICE

A Message from our Rector

Dear Friends:

Wickliffe was such a glorious day last Sunday. In no small part due to the staff. Particularly Robin McFillen who executed the whole day seamlessly with every little detail attended to. Thank you also to Wendy Oesterling who made beautiful music along with the choir. It isn't easy on that original pump organ. And of course, Caroline Mitchell who is always willing to jump in where needed and lend a hand. I'm lucky to lead a great team!

This weekend Caroline will be down in Richmond at the Roslyn Retreat Center on discernment retreat, the first step in the Diocese of Virginia's discernment process for ordained ministry. Please pray for her and her fellow retreatants as they all listen for where God may be calling them.

Blessings,
Justin+



UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

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.

Our YouTube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTT0nfgs77DzKrl2qxC38Cg>

Our Facebook page:

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

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 2021

8 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant/Lay Reader: Caroline Mitchell

9 am at St. Mary's Memorial Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Gwendolyn Malone

Pianist: Hailey Outland

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 15, 2021](#)

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 / Psalm 111 / Ephesians 5:15-20 / John 51-58

*The altar flowers at Grace Church are given
to the glory of God by Susie Bailey and Barbara Clagett
in loving memory of their mother, Micheline Hardy Clagett.*

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

8 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant/Sermon: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Wendy Oesterling

9 am at St. Mary's Memorial Church

Morning Prayer

Officiant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant/Sermon: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Gwendolyn Malone

Pianist: Hailey Outland

10:15 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant/Sermon: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Jim Greene

Organist: Wendy Oesterling

Acolyte: Stella Herndon

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for August 22, 2021](#)

1 Kings 8:[1,6,10-11], 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

CHURCH NEWS

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

[Church Calendar - Quick View!](#)



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 - **NO** Wednesday Morning Bible Study this week!

August 19 - 'Thoughtful Thursday' Evening Prayer / 7:30 pm at Wickliffe

August 21 - Community Event - 'Stories of Redemption, Community and Imagination' / 6 pm @ Berryville Baptist Church

August 25 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study / 10:30 am in the Conf. Room

August 26 - 'Thoughtful Thursday' Evening Prayer / 7:30 pm at Wickliffe

August 31 - Informational Meeting for 'Sacred Grounds - Conversations on Race & Reconciliation' / 7 pm in the Parish House

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 Parish Hall (We will start the program year with a Parent/Student Informational Meeting in the McIntosh Chapel - see announcement below)

October 3 - **Baptism of Parker Burch** (infant son of Troy Alan Burch & Holly Robinson Burch) / during the 11 am worship service @ 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.

October 30 - Choral Evensong at Wickliffe / 4:30 pm

October 31 - Halloween Party & Potluck in the Fellowship Hall / immediately following the 11 am service

Community Event

Stories of Redemption, Community & Imagination

Saturday, August 21 @ 6 pm

Berryville Baptist Church

STORIES OF REDEMPTION, COMMUNITY & IMAGINATION.

Come out to BBC on August 21st @ 6PM to enjoy a night of creative storytelling from local writers and artists. If you would like to enter and share a creative story of your own, contact the number below. You are welcome to bring a desert to share.



When: Augst 21 @ 6PM

Where: 114 Academy St

Who: All are welcome!

For any questions call (540) 955-1423
Or Check [Facebook.com/BerryvilleBaptistChurch](https://www.facebook.com/BerryvilleBaptistChurch)



Thoughtful Thursday!

Evening Prayer at Wickliffe Church
Every Thursday in August!

Join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm for a service of Evening Prayer at Wickliffe. The service, led by Caroline Mitchell, lasts about 30 minutes and is a special way to wrap up one's day. Afterward, stay for fellowship, great conversation with friends, and maybe bring your own beverage/snack to enjoy in the churchyard too.

Please uphold in your prayers...

THIS WEEK, we pray especially for our Seminarian, Caroline



Mitchell, who will be on her discernment retreat with the Diocese of Virginia over the weekend. We pray for her and all others on this retreat that their hearts and minds may be open to where God is calling them.

Prayers for the Departed: We pray especially for Virginia Cameron, Lee McGuigan's mother, who passed into paradise this week. *O God whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant, Virginia, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

For those celebrating BIRTHDAYS in August: Tracy Smith, Meg Nolan Roque, Valerie Gribble. Edwina Mason, Lisa Trumbower Sheppard, Morgan Brondstater, Thomas Bacon, Lynden Willingham, Dutch VanVoorhis, Johnnie Milleson, Josh Milleson, Mike Casey, Marley Trumbower, Tessa Thomas, Al Melusen, Kyle Seekford, Karen Keating, Cedric Bielawski, Terrence Preston, Paula Cross Jenkins, Mason Edward Poole, David Smith, Elizabeth Harp, and Tom McFillen.

For those celebrating ANNIVERSARIES in August: Margaret & Ned Burks (42 years), Jeanne & Tim Nolan (17 years), and Lee & Dave McGuigan (34 years)

For those on our PRAYER LIST: David A., Robert C., Jacob F., Tim H., LaWanda H., Elise K., Trey M., George M., Nina O., Bob R., Joyce R., Ann, Kendra, Rufus T., Randy W., and Ernestine Z..

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Vestry News



The Vestry of Grace Church is scheduled to meet NEXT WEEK 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.

Lay Reader / Acolyte

NOTE TO ALL: 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.

A NOTE TO OUR LAY READERS & ACOLYTES: As we get ready to set the lay reader and acolyte schedule for September/October, please remember to reach out to Robin in the office and alert her of any upcoming vacations, plans, or unavailability that will prevent you from serving on a given Sunday. It helps to know your schedule when setting ours.

PS - We are in desperate need of volunteers willing to serve during the 8 am service! Will you help?

Christian Education
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study
10 am in the Parish House @ St. Mary's
beginning on Sunday, September 12, 2021



Please join us each week and we begin a new session of Adult Sunday School with 'Episcopal Church 101'.

This fun and informative class is open to all seeking a clearer understanding of our Episcopal traditions but will be mandatory for those seeking confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church on November 7th when Bishop Gulick visits Clarke Parish.

Have you ever wondered what makes us English? Who are the Anglican Communion anyway? Who is our head, God, The Queen, The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Presiding Bishop, all of the above? How is our local parish governed? How do the readings on Sunday get selected? What do Anglicans believe about the sacraments, especially Holy Baptism and the Eucharist? Come and find out the answers to these and many other questions in our Episcopal Church 101 class starting on September 12th and every Sunday in October at 10 am at the St. Mary's Parish House. Mandatory for those being confirmed or received, encouraged for all others.

Syllabus - Episcopal Church 101

September 12 - An introduction to the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion

October 3 - An introduction to The Revised Common Lectionary

October 10 - An introduction to the Book of Common Prayer

October 17 - Music in the Anglican Tradition

October 24 - Class will meet at 9:45 in the Parish Hall @ GEC (Homecoming at St. Mary's - one service at 11:00) / Q&A - bring your questions and have them answered

October 31 - The Sacraments



'Mass on the Grass'
Worship, Parish Picnic
& Kickball Game

Save the Date!

When: Sunday, September 19, 2021

Service: 10:30 am / Lunch: noon(ish)

Where: The Lions Shelter @ Chet Hobert Park

Help us celebrate Clarke Parish, the end of summer, and the beginning of our programming year by attending an outdoor worship service and church picnic on

Sunday, September 19th at the Chet Hobert Park. We will forgo our regular service schedule this day (8, 9 & 11 am), and instead gather together for one combined service 'Mass on the Grass' outdoor Eucharist service beginning at 10:30 am. Immediately following the service, we will light the grills and prepare hamburgers and hotdogs for the picnic. Guests are asked to bring a side dish, chips, or drinks to share, and maybe a lawn chair or picnic blanket too. A Perfect Potluck sign-up will be created and posted soon.

Save the date and please plan to join us for an afternoon of faith, fellowship, fun & food.

NOTES

Volunteers are needed to help with organization, set-up, grilling duties, clean-up, etc... Please contact Robin in the office if able (and willing) to assist.

The Lions Shelter is located in the back of the Chet Hobert Park by the T-Ball/soccer fields/back playground. Plenty of parking is available. Look for signs!

**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)

**Christian Education
Youth Sunday School
and Confirmation Classes**



10 am in the 'Gracement' beginning on October 3, 2021!

Hooray...It's almost time to finally rejoin for in-person Sunday School fun in the

Gracement! After enduring over a year of virtual, take-home, or no classes, we can now safely regather on Sunday mornings for classroom lessons, fun projects, and extracurricular activities. Who's ready?

We will begin our program year on Sunday, October 3 @ 10 am. All students AND parents are asked to join us in the McIntosh Chapel at this time for an informational meeting, session overview, teacher introductions, and classroom assignments.



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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