

# CLARKE PARISH

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church

## THE EVANGELINE

October 27, 2021



### FROM THE OFFICE

COVID TRACKER  
Clarke County, VA

Oct. 26, 2021

**RED ALERT** (High)

While we remain in either **RED** (high) or **ORANGE** (substantial), we will continue to require masks at all Clarke Parish services.

If we drop to **YELLOW** (moderate) or **BLUE** (low) for 14 consecutive days, we will lift the mask mandate.

**It MUST be 14 consecutive days though in accordance with CDC guidelines.**

If you wish to monitor this information, you may use the following link using the CDC website, and select

### Reflections

#### *From the Rector:*

On Monday I was the guest of The Rev Dr. Stuart Dunnan, Headmaster of St. James Episcopal School in Hagerstown, MD. This parish has enjoyed a strong relationship with the school. Two of our families currently have teenagers at the school and past families have sent their teenagers to school there as well. I was Fr. Dunnan's guest for lunch and afterward was given a tour of the school by our own Page Bacon. Afterward, I met with the Head of Music to discuss a possible concert at Grace Church by their choir, before completing my visit with a nice conversation with Fr. Dunnan in his study.

It is at times like these that I am reminded of the immense richness of our tradition. Fr. Dunnan and I had first met at the Rehearsal Dinner when Mary Bacon was married and saw each other again at the wedding of Margaret Bacon, where he was the preacher, his first visit to Clarke Parish and to Berryville. We quickly realized that he and I had a great deal in common, both being Oxford men, me as an undergraduate and him as a DPhil student and college chaplain. We also both also share a love for traditional Anglican worship. I felt very at home, having attended an Anglican boarding school in England myself. A boarding education is not for every child, emotionally, spiritually or economically but for others, it offers a wonderful opportunity. We are also blessed here in Clarke County to have very good public



Virginia and Clarke  
County.

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>.

Community Transmission

High

New Cases - 20

Positivity - 6.45%

Deaths - 0

Eligible Population Fully

Vaccinated - 64.2%

schools as well as a good independent day school. However, through our relationship, which is just beginning, with St. James', I hope to be able to bring some of what they have to offer right here to Clarke Parish.

### Coffee with the Clergy:

Please join me on Monday afternoons at Cordial Coffee in Berryville from 2-4 pm. This time is meant for parishioners and community members alike to come down and share a cup of coffee/tea and some conversation with me. I hope to see you soon!

Blessings,  
Justin+

### *From our Seminarian:*

This Sunday at 11:15 is Rogue Sunday, an opportunity for the members of the confirmation class to design and present a service at Grace. Listening to our youth discuss what they like and want to see in church has been an opportunity for reflection. The service, loosely based on Morning Prayer Rite ii, will be a bit different than a normal Sunday. Hearing the liturgy differently moves us out of our comfort zone and allows us to experience something new. Come support our youth this Sunday!

Blessings,  
Caroline

## UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

### *Choral Evensong at Wickliffe Church* October 30, 2021

4:30 pm at Wickliffe Church

**Evening Prayer**

**Celebrant:** Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

**Seminarian/Lay Reader:** Caroline Mitchell

**Organist:** Wendy Oesterling

Wickliffe Church is located at 3568 Wickliffe Road / Berryville, VA

**Everyone is welcome! Masks mandatory!**

### *Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost* October 31, 2021

8 am at Grace Episcopal Church

**Holy Eucharist (Rite I)**

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts  
Seminarian: Caroline Mitchell  
Lay Reader: Jon Campbell

9:15 am at St. Mary's Memorial Church

**Holy Eucharist (Rite II)**

Celebrant: Rev Justin A. Ivatts  
Seminarian: Caroline Mitchell  
Lay Reader: Gwendolyn Malone  
Pianist: Hailey Outland

11:15 at Grace Episcopal Church

**Morning Prayer / Rogue Sunday**

Officiant: Caroline Mitchell  
Lay Readers/Acolytes: Youth Confirmation Class  
*Lily Bosworth, Stella Herndon, Miles Ivatts, Gray Jones,  
Warren Maiberger and Robyn Preston*  
Organist: Wendy Oesterling  
Usher: Kim Schreckengost (October)

**[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for October 31, 2021](#)**

Ruth 1:1-18 / Psalm 146 / Hebrews 9:11-14 / Mark 12:28-34

*The altar flowers at Grace Church are given to the glory of God by  
Kim Schreckengost in loving memory of her mother, Betty A. Buford.*

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Bishop Visitation Day November 7, 2021

8 am at Grace Episcopal Church  
**-NO SERVICE-**

9:15 am at St. Mary's Memorial Church

**Holy Eucharist (Rite II) with Baptism**

Celebrant: Rev Justin A. Ivatts  
Sermon: The Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick  
Seminarian: Caroline Mitchell  
Lay Reader: Gwendolyn Malone  
Pianist: Hailey Outland

11:15 at Grace Episcopal Church

**Holy Eucharist (Rite II) with Confirmation/Reception**

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts  
Sermon: the Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick  
Seminarian/Lay Reader: Caroline Mitchell  
Acolytes: Lily Bosworth and Warren Maiberger  
Organist: Wendy Oesterling  
Ushers: Kathy Campbell & LaShonda Preston (November)

**[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for Nov. 7, 2021](#)**



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Lee & Dave McGuigan in loving memory of Virginia McGuigan.*

## Virtual Worship

For those of you still wishing to join us virtually instead of attending in-person worship, the 11:15 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>

Always stay up-to-date with events and activities

### Church Calendar – Quick View!



**October 27** - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel

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

**October 31** - Rogue Sunday Service offered at 11:15 am by the youth of Clarke Parish. Rogue Sunday will be immediately followed by our annual Spooktacular Halloween Party in the grassy area outside the parish hall.

**November 2** - St. Mary's Vestry Meeting / 1 pm in the Parish House

**November 7** - Bishop Gulick Parish Visitation Day / 9 am at St. Mary's (with baptisms) / 11:15 am (with confirmations/reaffirmations) / NO 8 am service!

**November 3** - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel

**November 10** - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel / Final Class

**November 14** - Stewardship Commitment Sunday during all worship service

**November 15** - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room

**November 20** - Celebration of New Ministry for Rev. Justin A. Ivatts installation as Rector of Clarke Parish / 3 pm at Grace Church. Pre-registration is required([see below](#))

**November 21** - Service Schedule Change - only a 9:15 am service at St. Mary's will be offered this day

**November 23** - Community Thanksgiving Service / 7 pm at St. Mary's

**November 24-26** - Office CLOSED! Thanksgiving Holiday

**November 27** - Evening Taize Service / 5 pm in the McIntosh Chapel

**November 28** - Blessing & Dedication of new altar hangings / a beautiful new set of custom-made blue altar hangings will be dedicated for use at Grace Church during the 11:15 am service. These hangings are given to the glory of God in memory of past parishioners, Ann Robertson Heard and Carle F. Germelman, Jr.



## Lay Reader & Acolyte Schedule

November & December 2021



Please click the link below to access the most recent schedule of lay readers and acolyte assignments at both Grace and St. Mary's for the remainder of the year.

[Click HERE - November & December 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 while 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



### *Choral Evensong* THIS SATURDAY, October 30th at Wickliffe Church

This Saturday, October 30, at 4:30 pm, we will meet at **Wickliffe Church** for the annual Clarke Parish service of Choral Evensong. We hope you can join us for this special worship opportunity together.

**Sing a New Song!** What we now know as the service of **Evensong** (Evening Prayer) is one of the earliest liturgies of the Christian church dating back to the third century, used as the final worship service of the day, at sunset. The liturgy includes scripture lessons, prayers, and beautiful "canticles" (songs). The canticle called *Magnificat* is from Luke 1:46-56 and is known as "The Song of Mary," or "Mary's Song of Justice." It begins "My soul magnifies the Lord..." and are the words Mary spoke during her visit to her cousin Elizabeth. The canticle called *Nunc Dimittis* is "The Song of Simeon" (Luke 2:29-32), which blind Simeon sang after he met the baby Jesus ("Lord, now let your servant depart in peace..."). Composers through all the centuries have written exquisite settings of the deeply moving words in these canticles.

Today the liturgy of **Evensong** is used in Episcopal and Anglican churches around the world. Many of the cathedrals in the UK, Ireland, and Australia have offered Choral Evensong every day since the cathedrals were built, going back as far as the 11th century. I love the liturgy and music of Evensong and find it especially meaningful that we are saying and singing the same words as Christians have for many hundreds of years. What a privilege that is for us!

Keep a song in your heart.  
Wendy O.



## Halloween Party

**THIS SUNDAY, October 31st**  
**on the Parish Hall Green**

Please join us once again for our almost annual Halloween 'Spooktacular' Halloween Party immediately following the 11:15 am 'Rogue Sunday' Morning Prayer service on October 31st. The 'Rogue Sunday' service will be led by Caroline Mitchell and students from our youth Confirmation Class.



The party will be held in the green space outside the parish hall. Our Halloween party is a fiendishly good time and something we look forward to each year! Sadly, COVID restrictions prevented us from celebrating last fall. Children, parents, and friends are invited to attend and costumes are permitted at Sunday School, church, and the party IF appropriate (no goblins, ghouls, unfriendly witches, or demonic costumes please).

Please contact Robin @ 955-1610 if interested in helping with hostess/chaperone duties, providing a frightfully fun food item for the feast, or simply bringing some Halloween candy to hand out to the kids. NOTE: Pinterest has some awesome ideas for Halloween fare - get creative and make us something Spooktacular!

## REGISTER NOW!

**The Renewal of Ministry and Welcoming of a New Rector**  
**Saturday, November 20th from 3 to 5 pm @ GEC**

Please join us on Saturday, November 20th from 3-5 pm for a very special service as we finally get to come together to celebrate Rev. Justin A. Ivatts and his call to serve as the rector of Clarke Parish.

Due to COVID concerns, we are capping attendance at 150 people inside the church AND asking everyone to pre-register for this special service. We will be processing to St. Mary's at one point during the celebration, but we do not expect everyone to process if they choose not to. As space inside St. Mary's is extremely limited, guests can stand outside and listen during this short portion of the ceremony.

If we run over the 150 person cap, we will have overflow seating available with a live-stream feed viewable in the McIntosh Chapel in the Parish Hall building.

Please sign up using the link below ASAP to secure your seat.

**[CLICK HERE TO RSVP!](#)**

## TAIZE in Advent!

**Saturday Evenings beginning on November 27th**



During the Season of Advent, Clarke Parish will offer special



Saturday evening Taize services for our church family and the community. Everyone is welcome!

These services will begin at 5 pm in the McIntosh Chapel at GEC every Saturday in Advent - Nov. 27, Dec. 4, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18.

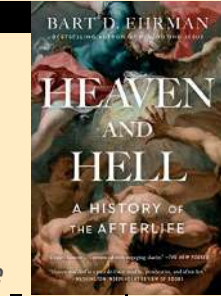
**What is Taize?** Taize is an ecumenical type of worship that originated in 1940 in the small village of Taize, which lies in the southern part of Burgundy, France, by a monk named Roger Louis Shutz-Marsauche. The practice has spread worldwide since it is non-denominational and seeks to unite all forms of Christianity. A candlelit, contemplative service highlighted by repetitive prayers and music, and periods of silence, Taize allows attendees the opportunity to be in peaceful prayer and unity with God and their own spirituality. "According to the official Taize Community, the repetitive songs allow people to continue to pray the songs in their heads even after the service is over. This keeps prayer going all day long in the followers' minds and hearts."

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Study Topic - Heaven and Hell!

Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Conference Room

We've embarked on our latest study topic - an in-depth exploration of heaven and hell! If you are interested in participating, please purchase *Heaven and Hell: A History of the Afterlife* by Bart D. Ehrman. Class begins @ 10:30 / Social time and coffee @ 10 am.



Everyone is welcome! Masks mandatory!

## 'Sacred Ground'

A Film-Based Dialogue on Race & Faith

Wednesday Evenings at 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel!

All are invited to join us for a series of conversations walking through important chapters of America's history of race and racism while weaving in a thread of family stories, economic class, and political and regional identity. We focus on our long-term commitment, as the Episcopal Church, to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society as part of the church initiative *Becoming Beloved Community*.

Gwen Malone and Wendy Oesterling serve as facilitators for this 10-week program. We meet weekly on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the McIntosh Chapel at Grace Church. (9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3 & 11/10)

Everyone is welcome! Masks mandatory!



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[Click HERE to Give Online Now](#)

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

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