

ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ELLSWORTH

TID BITS FROM THE TABLE ~ AUGUST 19, 2022

Dear ones,

Good morning! I'm so pleased to be writing this with a little Arthur by my side, who's by now had two doses (of three) of his Pfizer vaccine for Covid-19.

I didn't think these last few weeks would bring any change in how we live, and yet...last week, Arthur went to the post office for the first time in his life. He would like to come to church now that 'I vaccinated, Mama!' And this week, it's become clear to me he would perhaps do well in some kind of half day, couple days per week preschool setting.

The one place aside from church I'm most keen on, though, is a museum. I want to show this little boy that beyond his nonprofit art gallery and his house—and the virtual tours he takes of new and important museum shows through my computer—there's a whole world of art to be seen in person, and so much to learn about history and biology and science and technology and all the rest. Whilst I'm a little surprised by my sudden desire to take him anywhere indoors after more than two years of a pandemic, I am incredibly relieved he's now got enough of this vaccine in him to put him on more of a level playing field—in the epidemiological and virological sense! —with the kids and adults around him.

As long as he has a mask on, I'm happy and comfortable enough with him being indoors.

The pandemic onset occurred when Arthur was still 1, four months shy of 2. As you all know, he was 4 in May. The pandemic has shifted everything for us as a family, and from what you've shared with me since I've been with you, the last two and a half years have brought major changes to how you and your families live, what you do and how you spend your time. Our worship together, as you know, has changed in important ways because of our love for each other and our desire to keep everyone among us and beyond our doors as healthy as possible. We Rosens are profoundly happy we are part of the St Dunstan's family, here in Maine, and that Arthur is growing up here—with you.

I'm looking forward to Sunday together. God bless you and keep you.

With love,
Carolyn +

We will be forming a **Safety Team**, who will collaborate **to produce an Emergency Evacuation Plan** for our parish. Our first meeting will be in a few weeks (day and time TBD), at the church, with local law enforcement who will do a walk-through with us and identify opportunities for additional protection for our parish.

If you have interest/experience/training and feel called to join the Safety Team, please contact Carolyn (carolynkrosen@gmail.com).

OFFERTORY!

"Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His name; bring offerings and come into his courts." Psalm 96:8

Now that we are in church, your pledges or offerings need not be sent in. You have been so wonderful in sending them in and can continue to do so if it best for you. At this time we do not feel that passing the offertory plate would be wise. We have placed an offertory plate on the back table for your convenience to place your offering, requests for prayers and flower envelopes. Thank you for your support.

"Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord."

ZOOM UPDATE

Zoom is retiring version 5.3.0 for Zoom Client for Meetings, Zoom Rooms, Zoom Phone, and SDK (5.4.0) to address a critical security vulnerability.

Please update Zoom to version 5.11.3 (9065)

To update

Click on a past or upcoming "Zoom invitation."

At the top right click on "Support."

On the support page, scroll down to "Download Center" and upload "Version 5.11.3."

You should be all set for our next church Zoom meeting.

Take care and see you on Zoom.

Dave



Here is a **peace affirmation** that was given to me, and I thought I would include it for all of us to read and take to heart.

**God Calls me out of darkness to live in light,
God calls me out of falsehood to live in truth,
God calls me out of despair to live in hope,
God calls me out of fear to live in trust,
God calls me out of hate to live in love,
God calls out of war to live in peace,
I am called by God to fill my heart, my world,
my universe, with peace, peace, peace. Amen.**

Love to you all! Dianne

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for St. Dunstan's, Ellsworth. We pray especially for the staff and volunteers leading and improving our digital evangelism efforts.

We Pray Especially For: Beryl Kirkpatrick, Caiden Chattin, Gage Chattin, Noah Gurwitz, Caleb Chastain, Joan P., Sigrid Saradunn, Fran Wallis, Fembe Mcpherson, Sheila Alfone, and Dianne Kelley for strength, comfort, and healing.

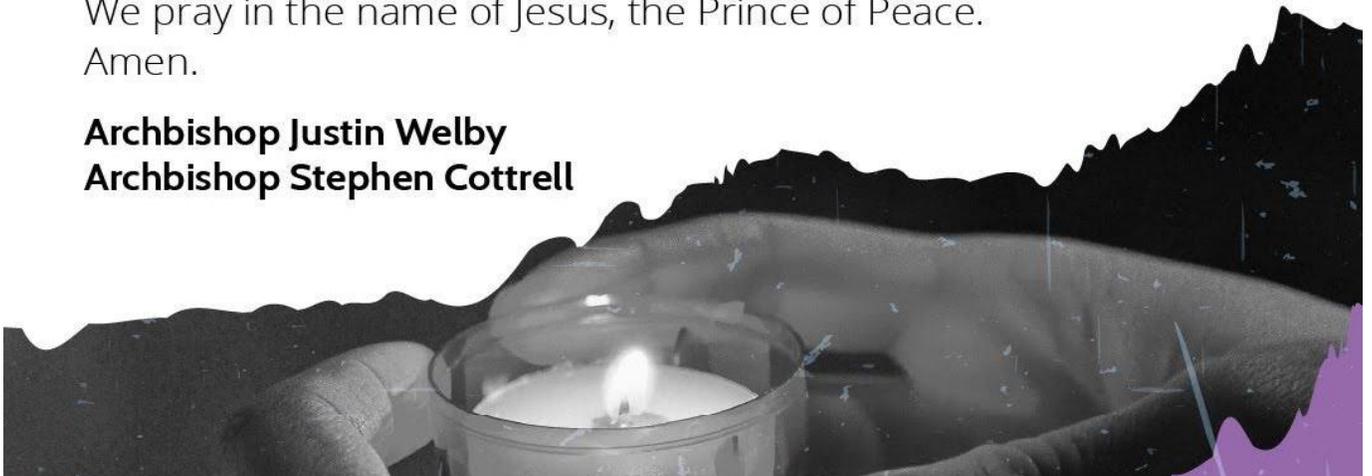
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or continue a name on the list, please let us know at stdunstansellsworth@gmail.com or leave a message at the church (667-5495). Prayer requests will remain for three weeks.

It is important to us that the list be up-to-date and accurate. To everyone, please stay well and safe. Blessings to you all.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



Dear Friends in Christ -

Last Monday I wrote to the clergy of the diocese with a few takeaways from the Lambeth Conference. Today, I'm expanding on things.

With the 15th Lambeth Conference in the books, I want to share three things:

- 1) I am happy that I went, and happy with what happened there
- 2) I am thankful, almost immeasurably for you
- 3) I am changed

First, the happiness. It was productive and fun. Maybe a bit like summer camp: intense relationships created and continued, inspiring worship offered to God, as well as moments of feeling as if I were on top of a spiritual mountain.

Second, the gratitude. A few days before the conference began it felt as if the sky was falling: a resolution from the 1998 Lambeth Conference which condemned the Episcopal Church's inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people (and us ourselves) was slipped into the "Call on Human Dignity." Then, almost as egregious, was the decision for bishops to vote on each Call. In the end, neither threat materialized, or if it did, it evaporated. I was not surprised by the 1998 resolution coming up, but somehow the addition of the voting devices galvanized me to work for change.

We can thank social media, I think, for influencing the Archbishop of Canterbury and his team to change course. The Lambeth Conference has *no business* voting on anything, at any time! For one thing, it comprises only bishops (and spouses). The voice and leadership of lay people is a major principle of Anglicanism, and while our churches make decisions in legislative assemblies, the Lambeth Conference should never be a legislative body. Instead, it ought to focus on friendship. Any outcomes of the Conference ought to ignite mission (e.g. linked dioceses, action for justice, nurtured faith, worship of God). I'm thankful that the dreaded resolution went away, along with the terrible voting devices.

My thanks go beyond those particular matters toward *you*, the clergy and lay people of this great diocese. I'm thankful for your prayers for Tom and me; we felt them. Your emails and texts, especially when it looked as if it was gonna go off the rails, buoyed us. It's important to me that everybody in Maine know that we're known! For one thing, lots of Anglicans have been to Maine. I couldn't help but feel proud when a person from Zambia or the Philippines said, "Yes, you once had a woman as your bishop, yes?" Or, when a bishop from the South Sudan, who did not know me (I wasn't wearing a name badge), said, "Yes, Maine. There is a relationship with Haiti there, and they have a gay bishop." The point is *you* are known and valued and seen, and my thanks and respect for you overflows.

Third, why do I feel changed, as in transformed and renewed? This will take time to answer, and even more, to integrate. I couldn't help but think and pray differently because in my Bible study group five of the group were Black, and only two were from so-called developed countries; it felt like "diversity" in a way that I've never known. But the sense of being changed goes way beyond what happened in my small group. I witnessed a community of faith come together, sometimes in disagreement, sometimes in agreement, and who stayed together precisely because we figured out that all of us had something to teach, and all of us had something to learn.

In 2006, Caroline Chartres edited the book, *Why I am Still an Anglican* (Continuum Press, London). It's an English take on things—the contributors are all Brits—and it's a book to which I return from time to time. One of the essays is from a priest who worked at St. Paul's Cathedral, and who quotes a former Dean of St. Paul's, William Inge, who once said, "Don't imagine you're thinking when you are simply rearranging your prejudices." Friends, the Lambeth Conference was an occasion for me, and I believe many others, to think and pray in ways that prevented me/us from simply rearranging my prejudices; I hope its effect is lifelong.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas J. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Bishop Thomas J. Brown

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This is a podcast produced by our Episcopal Diocese with various members of the clergy giving their thoughts and prayers. The podcast changes each week. Feel free to call and listen.

You can call 207-223-6402 at any time. They usually last approximately 4-5 minutes.

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry's Pie Booth at the Blue Hill Fair

The Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Pie Booth will be part of the Blue Hill Fair again this year to raise funds for its mission and awareness of food insecurity in Hancock County.

For **Saturday, September 3, 2022**, the food pantry is seeking - donations of homemade baked fruit pies (blueberry is always a big seller)

- volunteers to help staff the pie booth from 8-10am, 10-am-1pm or 1-5pm.

If you would like to bake a fruit pie or volunteer in the pie booth on September 3, or if you have questions, please contact me as soon as possible at: (cell) 802-777-8121 or email: janob.332@mail.com

If you plan to attend the fair, please consider stopping at the pie booth to say hello to the volunteers and show your support for the pantry. Thank you, Janice O'Brien



Church Flowers

Now that St. Dunstan's Church is having weekly in-person services, we have begun to decorate with flowers on the altar again. There is a flower sign-up sheet on the offertory table at the rear of the sanctuary, along with flower envelopes and the silver collection plate.

Please be sure to write your name and your dedication for an available date on the sign-up sheet. For those who would like the church to order flowers, please fill out the flower envelope and place it with cash or check in the collection plate.

Flowers are ordered from the Bud Connection for \$30 each, but we must return the vases. We welcome home grown flower arrangements, too, but you must sign up for the date.

Fellowship Hour



Each Sunday it does not rain, we are having **Fellowship Hour** (outside only) following the service. Everyone is encouraged to **sign up on the sheet on the corkboard** next to the kitchen in the Undercroft. Nothing fancy, just have fun and make it as easy on yourself as you like. We have lemonade and punch drink mixes in the upper cabinet to the left of the refrigerator, drink containers over the sink which can be used for water as well, plenty of blue plastic glasses that are washed and put back in the upper cabinet marked "glasses" to the left of the stove, ice in the ice maker, and napkins in the upper cabinet near the door from the kitchen to the Undercroft room. Baked goods can be prepackaged or available by individual servings for Covid safety. A table for serving can be taken from the Undercroft and put back at the end. Please be sure the blue plastic glasses do NOT get thrown out. **If no one signs up, no Fellowship Hour.**

Enjoy, have fun, and help us welcome the community to our church!

~ UPCOMING WORSHIP / EVENTS SCHEDULE ~

At this time the Sunday services will be both in church following safe practices and via Zoom. Compline is every Thursday at 7:00p.m via Zoom

The sanctuary is open for quiet reflection and prayer on Mondays 2-4.

Coffee Hour this week: ??

August 21 ~ Holy Eucharist: 9:30

August 28 ~ Morning Prayer: 9:30 with Tracy Shaffer

September 4 ~ Holy Eucharist: 9:30

September 11 ~ Holy Eucharist: 9:30

September 18 ~ Holy Eucharist: 9:30

September 25 ~ Morning Prayer with Diana Gazis officiating

History of Our Beloved Hymns

From time to time Herbert Beckwith will write about the history of a hymn that we have sung in our services. Keep your eyes open for this wonderful addition.

SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD, 711

Tune: Seek ye first

Karen Lafferty wrote this hymn, new to our hymnal, at a time of personal problems in her life. It was published in 1973. It is here set to “Seek ye first” a simple two part song suitable for even small congregations to sing.

The tune, new to us in the 1982 hymnal as well as the text was written by Karen Lafferty and published in 1973. It was composed with guitar in hand and is best heard with folk accompaniment, as guitar and solo instruments.

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO YOU 691

Tune: In Babilone

This hymn text has been in our hymnal since 1865, and has used this tune since 1916. It is often associated with the Feast of the Ascension. The original form of this text is generally attributed to John Bakewell though it was published anonymously in 1757. An expanded version of the text, probably by Martin Madan was published in 1760. As extensive revision by Augustus Toplady also circulated during the 18th century.

The tune, “In Babilone” is a traditional Dutch melody, used in 1982 for this text. It appeared in the English Hymnal and entered our hymnal in 1916. This Dutch melody was matched with the text “See the conqueror mounts in triumph” in the English Hymnal, and from there entered our 1916 hymnal, with harmony by Winfred Douglas. The tune is used in 1982 with different harmonization for both that hymn and this one.



You can contact us by leaving a message by telephone or email:

Priest - Rev. Dr. Carolyn Rosen

Deacon - Rev. Tracy Shaffer

Senior Warden - Dianne Kelley

Deputy Senior Warden - Liz Graves

Junior Warden - Kim Peterson

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Rain is in the church office Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8 – 9 am