

St. George's Episcopal Church, Milford

Aug 5, 2026 EBlast



Drought

So my grass is dead. I came back from vacation and just about everything in my yard that hadn't been eaten by the deer was dry and brown and pretty sad looking. Except the weeds. 😞 And fittingly, our first lesson for this week comes from a part of the Elijah story that happens during a drought and I came across this lovely little devotion this week that seems to fit. So enjoy: The birds brought Elijah bread and meat every morning and evening, and he drank water from the stream. — 1 Kings 17:6 NCV

Drought is one of a summer's worst enemies. Unlike far too many people in the world, however, we first-world residents are blessed to have a water supply to draw from even when the rain doesn't fall. For much of history that wasn't the case.

Dubbed by King Ahab "the biggest troublemaker in Israel" (1 Kings 18:17 NCV), the prophet Elijah had stopped the rain. Actually, God stopped it in answer to Elijah's prayer, but the Israelites didn't turn to God despite their thirst.

Unable to farm much, water their animals, or satisfy their own thirst, the Israelites were forced to make their search for water a daily priority.

Imagine how many trips to the well the Israelites made each day, how many wells dried up, and how many people, animals, and crops perished, yet God's people did not turn to Him. At this point, generations of Israelites had worshipped Baal and ignored prophetic warnings to turn back to the God of Israel (1 Kings 12; 14; 16). Maybe now they thought Elijah's God wasn't real, didn't care, or wasn't powerful enough. And maybe you sometimes have similar thoughts.

Our minds, bodies, and spirits cannot hydrate themselves.

So when our spirits are parched, do we pursue other gods, as the Israelites did? Or do we sense the Holy Spirit's conviction and turn to Him for help? God gives us the freedom to choose. We can bury ourselves in busyness—or cry out to Him for help. We can take our frustrations out on someone else—or hit the pause button for rest and reflection. God will use whatever it takes—removing our resources, blocking our escape hatches, and even drying up our water supply—to reach us. Whether you are among the faithful, the parched, or the proud, turn to your good and gracious God. He is ready to rain His blessings upon you.

Lord, my spirit is dry and my heart is brittle, for I have dismissed Your generous offer of living water. I have realized, though, that I can't control my life, I don't have the answers I need, and I don't even know how to seek them. I only know to turn to You.

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." — 2 Chronicles 7:14 NKJV

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See You Sunday,
Rev Michelle

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Fri- Sun August 7-9

9:00am-6:00pm - Milford Memories Parking

Sunday August 9

8:30am - Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Church

Celebrant: Rev. Michelle Werner

10:15am - Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Church & Livestreamed

Celebrant: Rev. Michelle Werner

11:30am - Farewell & Godspeed for John Potter

Wednesday August 19

1:00pm - Crochet for a Cause

6:30pm - Men Group

Saturday August 22

2:00pm - Vestry Retreat

Sunday September 6 - Labor Day - Bishop's Visit

8:30am - Indoor Worship

10:15am - Outdoor Worship w/ Pet Blessing

11:30am - Lunch with the Bishop

1:00pm - Vestry meeting with the Bishop

Sunday September 20 - Crossroads Lunch Service

8:30am - Worship at St G.

8:00am-10:30am - Cooking Shift at Crossroads

10:30am-1:00pm - Serving Shift at Crossroads

12:30pm - Worship at The Church at Crossroads

No 10:15 worship at St G.

Sunday September 27

9:30am-12:00pm Vaccine Clinic

Milford Memories Aug 7-9

Parking for Milford Memories is our biggest fundraiser of the year. It funds all our **Outreach Ministries** and covers the cost of serving at the Crossroads Soup Kitchen and we can't do it without you! We are trying out an electronic sign-up this year so please **use the QR code or follow the link below to sign up to fill a 3 hour slot sometime during the weekend.** We also need donations of bottled water and ice.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E44A8AD2EABF58-64673364-stgeorges>

Folks will be available at church if you prefer to sign-up the old fashion way as well. Materials and instruction will be provided. See Mike Darcy or Mike Fanfair Sr. for more info.



Farewell and Godspeed to John Potter

John will be completing his ministry with us on **Sunday August 9**, so we will be wishing him Farewell & Godspeed in worship and at a special coffee hour celebration after the 10:15 service.

The Bishop is Coming Labor Day Weekend Sept 6

The Rt Reverend Bishop Bonnie Perry will be making her triennial visit to St George's on Sunday September 6th. Due to her great love of dogs (She employs her own dog Tally as Canine to the Ordinary and he regularly assists her in worship), her visit will coincide with our final outdoor worship

of the year and our annual pet blessing. More details to come, but mark your calendars and invite your friends and family for what promises to be a spirit filled Sunday.

Save the Date: Crossroads Sunday Lunch is Sept 20

We will be returning to Crossroads to provide our annual Sunday Lunch on September 20th. **We will not have 10:15 worship at St G's.** We encourage folks to come at 8:30 or to worship with us at The Church at the Crossroads. Sign-up genius will be available by Mid-August but mark your calendars and invite your family and friends now.

Coffee Hour in July and August

Folk do stuff with family and friends at weekends in the summertime hence attendance at St G ebbs and flows! Ensuring our Sunday Coffee Hours are hosted during July and August when there is no 'special event' thus becomes somewhat hit and miss. So let's stock St G. up with packaged treats, all individually wrapped eg: granola bars, little bags of cookies or chips, tiny muffins, trail mix, mini Kit Kats/Snickers etc. Items that do not need freezing, have long dates, are all individual - no packets which get left half eaten and open and no stuff in the freezer! A cupboard will be labeled up **'PACKAGED TREATS'** to store these tasty snacks. Then there will always be something to accompany a cup of tea/ coffee as we enjoy Sunday Fellowship together over the Summer. If you have any questions see Deb Sawyer.

This will only work if we all keep shopping and help put these treats out on Sundays... over to us all heh! And we've made a good start!

Printing of Service Bulletins over the Summer

Service Bulletins will be printed on Wednesdays for all of August and into September.

If you have any announcements or info for any Service Bulletins or the eBlast please ensure it is emailed to Rev. Michelle & Deb Sawyer by at the latest Monday close of business of the respective week or earlier if possible.

Our thanks In anticipation, Rev. Michelle & Deb Sawyer

Changes to Our Staff

We give thanks this week for the work and ministry of John & D'Anna as John completes his service with us this Sunday. We will have some special music over the next couple weeks and hopefully some news to announce about the permanent position soon. If you have any questions or ideas please feel free to reach out to any of our search committee members, Rev. Michelle, Mike Fanfair Sr, Ruth Jeffrey, Deb Sawyer, Dot Vangel & MaryLou Johnstone.

Ongoing Outreach Activities

Below is a list of things we are currently collecting for our ongoing outreach ministries. Check back often to see what we are up to

Recyclable Textiles - Oakland County Foster Closet - in pink bags, first classroom - ongoing

Dress and other nice clothing - Grace Centers of Hope Resale Shop - Middle of Hallway - Ongoing

Small Toiletries - FedUp - Hallway Closest to Office - Ongoing

Non-perishable food - Community Sharing - Green bin in Narthex - Ongoing

Used Grocery Bags - Crochet for a Cause - Bins outside by plastic box or in back classroom - Ongoing

Ongoing Ministries in Action:

-Braver Angels

We are planning to meet in the Central park for the end of August meeting, along with a group called Red Wine & Blue, the title and nature of the event remaining uncertain. Stay tuned for more details.

-Crochet for a Cause

Making mats for those in need out of plastic grocery bags. 1st 3rd & 5th Wednesdays from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. We have a great time! **Next Meetings are August 19 & Sept 2.**

- Cookie Ministry - Supporting the AA groups that meet at our church

All four weeks of cookie donations each month continue to be covered by the Darcys, Mike Fanfair Sr., Vestry and Linda Gillespie. Thank you for your ongoing support! Should one of these volunteers need a break, they will let Dot know and she will specifically reach out for additional help, if needed.

-ECW (Episcopal Church Women)

ECW meetings are cancelled for the summer reconvening in September when ECW will continue to meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. The **next Meeting is Tuesday September 8 at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.** St. George's ECW is a small group of women committed to supporting the many activities of this church. All women members of the church are members of ECW and are encouraged to attend the meetings. Do come along and join us.

- Healing Prayer

Provides laying on of hands and anointing for healing after worship at 8:30 & during communion at 10:15 service. The next Healing Prayers will be on **August 9,23 & 30.** Healing Prayer can be offered at all other services by request.

- LOK - Ladies of the Knight

2026 Tentative Schedule. Keeping check throughout the year for updates and more info.

August 25-26 - Joyce Spletzer - Stratford Trip

September - Caroline Liebau - Mariners Church

October 4 - Deb Lesnew - Dio Dinner Theatre

November - Dot Vangel - Ford Rouge Tour

December 5 - Joyce Spletzer - Annual Christmas Party

- Mens' Group

The Men's Group normally meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. All Men are invited to attend.

The **next meeting is on Wednesday August 19 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

Please see Mike F. Sr's upcoming email for more information.

- Sunshine Committee

We are a tiny but mighty committee of two! On any given day, YOU may be receiving a birthday, get well, congratulatory, sympathy, or thank you card from Janine Cole and Dot Vangel. We are sending a thank you card out to our amazing guest lead singer, Al Jacquez, who joined the Dragonslayerz Band for worship on July 12th during the 10:15 service. We also follow up with first time visitors by sending a card. We would love more help. If you would like to help with this ministry, please reach out to Janine or Dot.

Keeping Your Faith Strong

-Those in Our Prayers

It is time for our periodic review of our prayer list, those who have been on the list for a long time will automatically come off, if you would like someone added back on, please let Rev. Michelle know or add it to the prayer request sheet in the Narthex.

Please pray for our members, community members and friends in search of health, healing, wholeness and solace: *Annette McK., Annie F., Barry, Carol R., Caroline, Cheryl, Doug E, Dot V., Eric, Fred K. & Family, Helen, Janine C., Jeanne, Jenna & Don, Jim, Joan B., Joe, John E., Judi V., the Kane Family, Katie M., Karen S., Kim, Leon & Sheila S., Lisa D., Lisa S., Marianne V, MaryLou, Mary S., Mary V, Matt W., Michelle M., Michelle R., Nancy B., Olivia S., Rebecca, Rick, Ron D., the Sera Family, Sharon A., Sue H., Theresa A., Tom C.,*

Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers, and to those who seek healing, grant the power of your grace, that the weak may be strengthened, sickness turned to health, the dying made whole, and sorrow turned into joy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.* (Book of Occasional Services pg217)

- Online Daily Office Schedule

Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. Morning Prayer

Fridays, 4 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sundays, 7 p.m. Compline

Do you join our Sunday worship online? A reliable and quick way to find our YouTube services (live or recorded) is from our website's "Watch" page, accessed from the top of the home page by clicking the word "Watch." [Here's a direct link.](#) Want to participate in our Daily Office online? Those are on Facebook. [Here's the link.](#)

The Daily Office Team, Deb, Dave and Rev will be taking a **Summer Rest and Reflection from Wednesday, August 5th to Tuesday, August 11th 2026 inclusive** during which time there will be no Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Compline. The **Daily Office will resume on Wednesday August 12th with Morning Prayer** when we look forward to worshipping together once again.

-Sermon Blog

Ever hear something in worship and think, I wish I could look at that again or send it to a friend? Well now you can. Now St George's has a Sermon Blog. Weekly sermons and reflections will be posted here from now on. Rev. Michelle's sermons will appear on Sunday morning, Morning Prayer reflections will usually be up within a couple of days. Feel free to share! [St George's Sermon Blog](#)

When to contact the Priest:

Please be in touch. I can only pray, help or connect you with resources if I know what is happening. Examples of when to contact the Priest: Birth, Death, Illness, Hospitalization, Difficulty in the Family, You would like to receive sacraments or a Pastoral visit, You have an idea or ministry you would like to discuss. I am usually in the office Wed and either Tues or Thurs 9:30-3. If you see my car in the lot, feel free to pop in. If I don't answer the phone make sure to leave a message or send a text and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

How to contact Rev. Michelle: **Phone/Text:** (734) 646-4064 or **Email:** priest@stgmilford.com

-Forward Day by Day Devotions

Apologies re. the Aug-Oct Booklets. A minor administrative delay between Forward Day by Day and St George's has incurred! All is now hopefully in hand! **The Aug - Oct booklets are expected to be available on Sunday August 16 for you to pick up in the Narthex.** Let us know if you need one mailed/delivered to your house. The cost is \$2.00 for each booklet. Please reimburse us as you are able in the donation box nearby. I recommend a read! 

Community Events