St. George's Episcopal Church, Milford
November 18, 2026 EBlast



Christ the King

This coming Sunday is Christ the King Sunday. It is an odd holiday and the most expressly political of the church year as it was specifically created by Catholic Pope XI in 1925 to oppose the rise of fascism in Europe and around the world, to remind faithful Christians of their duty to serve "the common good and also the human dignity of all people" and to remind civic leaders that ultimate authority in heaven and on earth rests with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thankfully our nation feels a little less like we may be careening into fascism this year. But even in the wake of this month's stunning election results, the message of Christ the King remains important for us all. Our politics will not save us, our election results, even as they bring us great hope and joy, will not save us. And the ascension of leaders more aligned with our values does not lessen the call of each and every one of us in the words of our baptismal covenant to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself … strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being". As our dear bishop Rev. Dr. Bonnie Perry likes to declare, "the Episcopal Church is not a religious arm of the Democratic Party or a poorly funded ACLU." We are people called to serve our Lord Jesus Christ in all things and to care for Christ's people in the world. This call is more important at this moment than ever.

So, this Sunday and throughout this coming season, let us remember that no matter who roams the halls of power, Jesus Christ is Lord of all and we are called to serve all people in His name.
See you soon,
Rev. Michelle

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Wednesday November 18
6:30pm - Mens Group
Sunday November 22
8:30 am - Morning Prayer Rite I in the Church
Officiant: Deb Sawyer
10:15 am - Morning Prayer Rite II in the church
Officiant: Rev Graham
12:00pm - LOK 2027 Planning Meeting
Wednesday December 2
1:00pm - Crochet for Cause
6:30 pm - Braver Angels Meeting

Saturday December 5
2:00pm - LOK Christmas Party
Sunday December 6
11:30pm - Church Decorating
Monday December 7
7:00pm - Vestry Meeting
Sunday December 20
11:30am - Benthic Brass Christmas Concert and Lunch

Incarcerated Youth Ministries Cookie Drive

Calling all bakers. Would you help us bring Christmas joy to children who are incarcerated? For 30 years IYM has been providing ministry to young people who are often written off. This year St George's will be helping them to provide Christmas treats and stockings to the young people and staff at 4 Michigan facilities. They are looking for **nut free homemade cookies & the like**. A touch of home via homemade is more important than ever this year. ALSO, if anyone has access to travel size shampoo, conditioners and non alcoholic mouth wash they would be pleased to have them for the stockings. Please return cookies and items to the church by **Sunday Nov 29** and Caroline will deliver them to the folks who run this ministry who are longtime friends of hers.

Fall Stewardship Campaign - Plenty Good Room

Although our fall Stewardship Campaign has officially ended, it is never too late to make a pledge. Blank cards are available at the church. Ed is working hard to compile the 2027 budget in advance of our December 7 Vestry Budget meeting, so get those pledges in if you can.

Ladies of the Knight 2027 Planning Meeting

We will plan our LOK activities for next year on **Sunday November 22 at 12:00 at the church**. Come with your best ideas and help us plan for the upcoming year. Pizza and Salad will be provided.

The LOK Christmas Potluck Gathering

Same great fun, shiny new digs! The annual Ladies of the Knight Christmas Party is **Saturday December 5 at 2pm**. This year it is going to be at Sandy Scott's beautiful new home. The address is **5800 Jeanne Marie Drive, White Lake** (sorry the address was incorrect last week). All finger foods: appetizers, drinks and desserts. Please RSVP either by signing up at Church, sending a text to Sandy, or responding in the Facebook group.

Church Decorating

Stick around after 10:15 worship on **Sunday December 6** and help us beautify the church for Advent and Christmas. Many hands make light work. Snacks will be provided,

End Gun Violence Michigan

EGVMI End of Year 2026 Fundraiser. **Tuesday, December 8 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. David's Episcopal Church**, 16200 W 12 Mile Road, Southfield. Please join End Gun Violence Michigan for a night of Power & Possibility! Click Here for Tickets See Caroline for carpooling possibilities. And mark your calendars for the Statewide Day of Action on **January 11**.

Choir Rehearsals

The Choir is back! **The Choir rehearses Thursdays at 7pm in the Sanctuary.** We hope to get some new folks to join us this year. If you haven't been in choir for a while, if you've never been in a choir, if you are a talented musician or less so, you are welcome here. This is Jiabao's particular speciality and passion so come check it out and make a joyful noise with us.

Coffee Hour Returns

We can use the Bunn coffee maker ensuring that it is switched off after use. There is also a coffee maker on loan. We will provide some snacks, bottled water, coffee and good fellowship after the 10:15 service. We are also starting to restock our packaged treats supply so feel free to bring some in. The fridge has returned fully cleansed and is ready for Coffee Hour refrigerated items. The Coffee Hour Rota for November is posted. Please sign up to Host. Remember to keep it simple! Any questions about future coffee hours, ask Deb Sawyer.

Printing of Service Bulletins

Service Bulletins will be printed on **Wednesdays/Thursdays** in November except for **24th** which is a **Tuesday.**

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

Ongoing Outreach Activities

We are in the process of redesigning our Outreach collection area. You'll notice the old pews in the hallway are gone and we have shiny new racks by the entrance to the bathroom hallway. Please sort and place the items you bring in on the new racks

Things we are always collecting:

Recyclable Textiles - Oakland County Foster Closet - in pink bags,

Dress and other nice clothing - Grace Centers of Hope Resale Shop - on racks

Small Toiletries - FedUp - on racks

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

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

Ongoing Ministries in Action:

-Braver Angels

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, our last meeting of the year will be Wednesday **December 2nd**. Monthly meetings are otherwise on the last Wednesday of the month. Come to the last meeting of the year to hear about some exciting changes in our work on courageous citizenship for the coming year.

-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 just delivered 15 mats to Corner Laundry & Shower located in St. Peters Episcopal Church in Corktown. **Next Meeting is December 2nd.**

- 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 reconvened this month and will continue to meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. The **next Meeting** is **Tuesday January 10** 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 **December 6 & 20.** Healing Prayer can be offered at all other services by request.

- LOK - Ladies of the Knight

2026 Tentative Schedule. Keep checking throughout the year for updates and more info.
December 5 - Sandy Scott - Annual Christmas Party 2pm

- 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 November 18** at **6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.**
Please see Mike F. Sr's upcoming email for more information.

- Sunshine Committee

Please look for a Zingerman's delivery box that is serving as our greeting cards depository. If you have any extra greeting cards at home, especially birthday cards or would like to purchase some new ones to help us restock our supply, it would be greatly appreciated! We also need help going through our current inventory. Some envelopes got glued onto the greeting card. Cards and envelopes that are still intact need to be redone by inserting the envelope into the card and not around the outside of the card. Can you help?

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: *Annie F., Austin O., Barry, Bobby H., Carol R., Caroline, Cheryl P., Diane C. & Family, Diane S. & Family, Dot V., Eric, Fred K. & Family, Gerry M., Gina, Gina G., Helen, Janine C., Jeanne, Jenna & Don, Jim, Joan B., Joe, Judi V., Julie Y., Kate K., Kate W., Katie M., Karen S., Kim, Larry, Lee, Leon & Sheila S., Lisa D., Lisa S., Marianne V, Mary I., Mary S., Mary V., Matt W., Michelle M., Nancy B., Olivia S., Rebecca, Rick, Sharon A., Sue G., Sue H., Theresa A., Wally, Zack* and for any whom we now name aloud or hold in the silence of our hearts.

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.

-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

The Nov - Jan large copy and pocket sized booklets are available 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

