



“English Tea” 2026

June 2026 Newsletter

After the seasons of Advent, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter, we now move into what is called “ordinary time”. It doesn’t mean that nothing is happening. As you read this newsletter you can see that is far from the case! “Ordinary” comes from the Latin word “ordinal”, having to do with counting the numbers. The Sundays are identified by the number of Sundays after Pentecost. The liturgical color is green for growing. It is not so much about the greening of the earth which we in the northeast see all around us, but about us continuing to grow in the faith and life of Jesus. This being “year A” of the three year cycle of lectionary readings, we’ll be spending a lot of time reading through the Gospel of Matthew.

I hope we all never stop growing in faith, love, and service. We do that through our worship, supporting one another in our life together at St. David’s, and participating in both our parish outreach efforts and the many ones you are doing on your own through your donations to charitable organizations and volunteer work. We also have our educational opportunities at St. David’s. The group participating in “Cracking Open the Bible” felt they learned a lot. The diocese also offers educational opportunities through the School of Ministry. There is a weekly 9AM zoom bible study on the upcoming Sunday lections. A class has started on what to say to those who are in grief. On June 27 at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Nashua there will be a day class called “City on a Hill: The American Revolution, the Constitution, and the Anglican Tradition.” Want to keep up to date with educational opportunities and all else that is going on in the diocese? Just send an email to: communications@nhepiscopal.org and ask to be put on the mailing list for The Call. It is an email newsletter that comes out two times a month.

I’m continuing to get things into place when I go on Sabbatical leave August through September. There will be more about this in the July newsletter. It will be a time of reflection for me and a time of learning for the parish.

Peace and blessings as we all grow and blossom together in Christ,
Carolyn

OUTREACH

June outreach donation – United Thank Offering

UTO is an arm of The Episcopal Church that provides grants to parishes to help enable their outreach and mission. Many years ago we received a grant from them which made it possible for us to purchase our handicap elevator. The focus for grants vary from year to year but they enable our sister churches to do address the local needs in their communities.

Bread of Life Food Pantry: St. David's has supported the food pantry at Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church for many years. (We also support 68 Hours of Hunger at the Salem High School). This past week you all filled our donation baskets to overflowing plus a lot of food and gas cards. Thank you!! Laura Walta has been doing a great job communicating to us current needs of the pantry and the people seeing food there. The last Sunday of May and the First Sunday of June we've designated as "Tuna Sundays!" One of the items really needed by the pantry is tuna fish. So next Sunday bring in some cans of tuna to put in the basket. Bread of Life also needs some volunteer drivers to pick up food being donated by Target and Walmart. If you are interested in seeing if this is something you might be able to do, speak with Laura and she'll put you in touch with the pantry director.

Sweet Paws Rescue: Sweet Paws is a pet rescue agency that Carla Boucher is familiar with. The agency is hosting a collection drive for gently used sneakers with shoelaces. The funds generated will help animals in need. A collection box is in the front hallway.

HAPPENINGS

English Tea: As you can tell from the photos at the top, everyone had a good time at the "English Tea". People dressed up (including three fabulous waiters complete with dress white shirts, black pants, and ties). There were plenty of delicious little sandwiches and fresh homemade pastries and desserts. And our own members put on a fashion show. Thanks to all who helped and especially to Liz McGilvery for once again putting on a great event!

Bishop's Visit: Bishop Rob will be with us for the last time on June 21. He will soon be retiring. The search process is in progress and the delegates and clergy of the diocese will be electing a new bishop at diocesan convention October 24. When the bishop visits with us, after church we will have one of our "glorified" coffee hours which will include the opportunity for informal conversation with the bishop.

Mass on the Grass and Parish Picnic: on Sunday June 28 we'll be having our annual outdoor worship service followed by a cookout picnic at Phil and Georgette Smith's house. It is a perfect setting with a deck, lawn, and small beach for swimming on Arlington Pond. It is a wonderful chance to relax together. We arrive and have refreshments at 10. At 10:30 we'll have an informal service. The grill usually gets fired up sometime after 11 with hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, fruit, and whatever other goodies people sign up to bring. Bring your swimsuit if you'd like to take a dip in the lake! Friends are also welcome! Closer to the date we'll have a sign-up sheet for food and Georgette will need a couple of people to help her with set up beforehand.

There will be no service at the church on June 28, the day of the picnic.

Ham and Bean Supper: the date for the supper has been changed to Saturday **July 18** from 5-7 PM. Bob Habeeb will be busy organizing this popular community dinner, and so many of you can help by selling tickets and spreading the word, making food, setting up, serving, and cleaning up. This supper not only functions as a fund raiser, but also as a way of providing some of the homeless and financially struggling people in our area with an opportunity for free good food and a chance to relax and have an enjoyable time with others.

Zoom Bible Study: Ongoing weekly zoom Bible study 10 AM on Monday mornings.

Book Club – The Book Club meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 10 AM in the small meeting room. Upcoming books are: June 25 – The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali; July 23 – Educated by Tara Westover. All are welcome to attend!

Craft Fair: Now that we are in June, preparation for the Craft Fair goes into full gear.

- We need people to sign up to make gift baskets and solicit donations for the raffle. If you would like to help solicit donations from area businesses, speak with Mike Brady. Please do not go to a business to ask for a donation without checking with Mike first so that we don't accidentally approach a business twice! Raffle tickets will be available by July to sell.
- Oliver offered to help with publicity, but we all need to spread the word through social media, putting up flyers, and talking to friends. Also invite any crafters you know personally or when you attend other fairs to apply. (Information and applications are on our website: stdavidsalemnh.org) Let's have a full contingent of crafters!
- When we get into August, our two great chef's – Eric and Richard will also be looking for people to prepare and serve food. And we'll be looking for people to bake lots of cookies!

PROPERTY

Lawns: Although no one will be able to match Bob McGilvary's work in caring for the church lawns, after a search we have contracted with a new person who begun to provide services.

Split Pumps: For years we have discussed the difficulty heating the lower hall. The oil burner is underneath the rectory and by the time water is heated and sent to the lower hall through a cold building in the winter, the water in the pipes had lost much of their heat. It was not unusual to take 6 hours to heat up the hall. The property committee recommended and vestry approved to have two split pumps installed in the lower hall that will provide quick and energy efficient air conditioning and heat. We will be funding this through the money from Barbara Sager's charitable fund which was designated for St. David's.

Other projects being discussed: renovations to small meeting room, microphone system for the sanctuary, and maintaining accessibility to the main floor using the lift or the possibility of a ramp system.

TRANSITIONS:

From this life to the life after this life: David Moss and Ellie Goulkin. May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

Baptisms: Ari Blake; and on June 14 Charlotte Baldassari

Braden Golas will be confirmed and Kathy Norton will be received into the Episcopal Church when the bishop visited on June 21.

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