

From the Rector

Epiphany Sermon Videos

Click below to view **Rev. Frank Allen's** sermon preview for this Sunday, Epiphany 4, February 2nd, 2020.



A Richer Life

*"How dear to me is your dwelling place, O Lord my God."
Psalm 84:1*

Dear People of St. David's,

I pray that you and yours are well on these early days of the new year. I pray, too, that all of us might make a new turn to God so that we might have a greater curiosity and a deepening relationship with God and all the life and light and love that God is constantly offering.

I've been thinking a lot about the Christian life the past few weeks, wondering especially about the times when my life in God has become casual or routine. I think all of us have times in our spiritual lives or our walks with God when we drift up to the surface rather than turn to more life with God. Sometimes we don't really make time. Sometimes we think we know what we need to know about God and the Christian life and set our cruise controls. Sometimes, because the life with God is mysterious and uncontrollable, we feel a little dry and long for God to show up in more tangible ways. And sometimes the people around us just aren't interested in this 'God thing' at all and

we set our life with God to the side.

I've been talking with various people who are tangentially engaged in the Christian life or who are at best agnostic. They remind me that some of the things we do as Christians, like go to church, read and re-read our Bibles, take time for prayer, and give our money away to good causes seems out-of-date and disconnected from real life. I get it. If you haven't made some turn or commitment in your life or God hasn't come to you in some tangible way, it doesn't really make all that much sense.

What's true of those who are not or who are barely connected to church can be true of us when we go on cruise control in our Christian life or are merely skimming the surface.

Do you remember what you were like when you first fell in love with someone or some interest in life? Do you remember the depth of curiosity you possessed to know that someone or experience that something and how you had an energy and a commitment for the richer life being offered you? Most of us would do whatever it took to engage and stay engaged, even turning our worlds on end.

I think the Christian life calls us to have that curiosity about God and a life lived connected to God. When you and I invite God in or better, when God comes to us, then that energy to go deeper and experience more brings us a much richer life than the superficial Christianity that can get pretty boring pretty quick.

So as we enter more deeply into this new year, my hope and prayer is that you and I can renew some level of commitment at St. David's and in our daily life, so that we may enjoy the incredible richness of God's presence and power and love in our lives. It all begins with our intention to enter that life, God will take care of the rest.

Grace and Peace,



Regular Worship Hours

8:00am | Holy Eucharist Rite I | Church
9:15am | Holy Eucharist Rite II | Chapel
11:15am | Holy Eucharist Rite II | Church
5:00pm | Holy Eucharist Rite II | Church
