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WE WELCOME OUR NEW RECTOR



This Sunday marks the beginning of a new Church year as the season of Advent begins. It is a season full of expectation and wonder. Fittingly our new rector, the Rev. Gareth Evans, will lead us in worship for the first time. This promises to be a

joyous occasion and an ideal Sunday to be at church. As we journey through Advent toward Christmas this is the perfect time for those who have been absent for a season, to return. So let us join together in faith and love at this auspicious time in the life of our church.

Here's a short biography to give you a sense of our new rector:

Gareth was most recently, Rector of The Church of the Good Shepherd in Acton, Massachusetts where he demonstrated a deep commitment to pastoral care, congregational development, and leadership with vision, good humor, and a certain amount of British flair. Ordained in 1996, Gareth brings more than 20 years of experience, having served in five parishes in both the Church of England and the Diocese of Massachusetts. His experience nurturing the spiritual development of adults and children will help shape our future as a parish a renewed sense of spiritual vibrancy and purpose. Gareth brings his significant leadership experience as he joins us in a new chapter of St. Barnabas' congregational life. He is married to Fran Bean and they have three young children: Cassie (8), Charlie (4) and Jamie (2). They will move to Irvington at the end of the school semester.

Office Hours:

Call the office (914) 591-8194 to make an appointment or if you need Pastoral Care

UPCOMING

December 8th: Advent Retreat

December 12th: Book Club

December 16th: Reflections on Christ Nativity

December 22nd: Pageant Rehearsal and Caroling

December 24th: Christmas Services (see below)

Advent Retreat: Dec. 8th

The Good Earth: Readings in Biblical Ecology

An Advent Quiet Day, Saturday, December 8, 2018; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Lunch included

\$10 Please R.S.V.P to wshullen@yahoo.com by Dec. 5th.

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William Shullenberger, Moderator

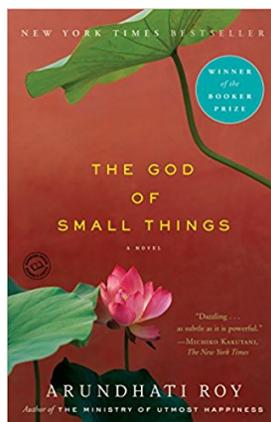
The Creation accounts of Genesis highlight human beings as unique creatures of the earth, privileged with gifts that carry responsibilities: godlikeness, 'dominion', speech, growing self-awareness and awareness of the environments-cosmic and terrestrial-in which we are to live and prosper, and to which we are called to foster. This Advent Quiet day will give us the time, silence, and fellowship to read, discuss, and

contemplate some key passages in the Bible that can refresh our wonder at the worlds we abide in, and strengthen our sensitivity and commitment to the works of earth-care that the Creator has given to us.



Book Club: Dec. 12th

The next meeting of the St Barnabas Book Group will take place on Wednesday, December 12th at 7:30.



Along with the book discussion, it will be a Christmas dessert potluck! We will be meeting at the home of Barbara McNear and Glenn Eisen, who live at 20 Hollywood Drive, in Hastings. After some sweets and chat we will settle down to discuss *The God of Small Things*, by Arundhati Roy.

If you have any questions, or would like to car pool, please write to Lea Carmichael Richardson at Paintmoth@gmail.com.

Donate to Confirmand Holiday Project: by Dec. 14th

Support our Confirmands Holiday Project

The Confirmation Class is leading a gift drive for the children of Abbott House. Please put gifts in our collection bins outside of the Church Office and in Colwell Hall. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, checks or cash will be gratefully received by Sarah Gardner. Please see the attached flyer to help you select the appropriate gifts. All gifts and donations must be received by December 14th. Thank you!

Abbott House GIFT DRIVE



The holidays can be the most joyous time of the year, but also one fraught with stress, anxiety and loneliness, especially for children facing complex challenges at home. **You can make a difference!** The simple act of receiving a toy reminds these children they have not been forgotten.

Help Us Collect 1,500 Gifts for 2018!

BEST FOR TEENS

(220+ served)

- Gift Cards
- Makeup
- Headphones
- Sport Apparel
- Electronics
- Jewelry
- Perfume/Cologne

BEST FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL:

(450+ served)

- Jewelry Making Sets
- Arts and Crafts Sets
- Sports Items
- Board Games
- Gift Cards
- Handheld games

BEST FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

(590+ served)

- Building Sets
- Arts and Crafts Sets
- Science Kits
- Legos
- Educational Games

BEST FOR BABIES to PRESCHOOL

(130+ served)

- Blocks
- Board Games
- Big Lego Sets
- Dolls (dark and light skinned)
- Picture/Interactive Books

THINGS THAT DON'T WORK:

- Any used items
- Any kind of toy weapon
- Pocket knives
- Video games that require systems
- DVDs that require a player

To participate in Abbott House's 2018 Gift Drive you may contribute items, make a monetary donation online (www.abbotthouse.net), or volunteer your time to help organize.

Contact development@abbotthouse.net for more information

All gifts must be received by Abbott House by December 14th in order to distribute them in time for the Holidays



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ONGOING

CHAPEL CANDLES AND ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED

Our Memorial Calendar has many dates open for people to dedicate either altar flowers or the chapel candle.

The chapel candle cost \$10. The flowers are \$90 and are available for the donor to take home after the service.

Contact Barbara Wright at twright408@hotmail.com to make arrangements or if you have any questions. Thank you!



COFFEE HOUR: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help facilitate fellowship by signing up for Coffee Hour



We are calling on the parishioners of St. Barnabas to support fellowship by providing baked goods for coffee hour after the 10am service. The coffee and supplies will be set up, but we count on our parishioners to donate approximately four coffee cakes or similar baked goods (purchased or homemade) and treats for the kids' table every Sunday. Please volunteer by signing up for one or two Sundays on the sign-up sheets outside the office in the

McCormack Lounge.

Thank you for supporting fellowship at St. Barnabas! If you have any questions, please reach out to Katherine Lark at Katherine_Lark@yahoo.com.

SECURITY DONATIONS

Did you know you can make a security donation to fulfill an annual pledge, or any donation, to St. Barnabas?

If you wish to make such a donation, please contact the church office to get specific instructions so your donation can be properly credited. Alternatively, e-mail Cynthia Ferguson at ferginvestcf@gmail.com for instructions.

It's important to let the parish office or Cynthia Ferguson know what security you are donating because St. Barnabas doesn't receive the name of the donor. Only the shares.

Let us know what you're donating and we will track the receipt and proper crediting! Thank you.



Service Times

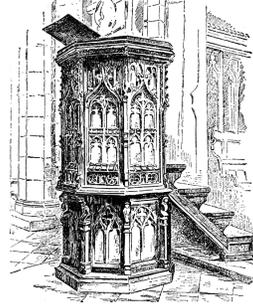
Sunday, December 2nd

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



The Readings

- **Jeremiah 33:14-16**
- **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**
- **Luke 21:25-36**
- **Psalms 25:1-9**



Goings On

Friday, November 30th

7:30pm - 8:30pm

AA in Roane Room

Saturday, December 1st

9:30am - 10:30am

AA in Colwell Hall

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