



# the OPEN DOOR

news from St. James's

## From the Rector and Associate Rector

Dear Friends,

For the 22 years since my ordination, I have always been surprised by how busy the fall is in every parish I have served (call me a slow learner). This year at St. James's is not only no exception to that but is possibly the most extreme example I have experienced. We are coming to the end of our capital campaign, we are in the middle of a large and exciting construction project, we are in full swing with all the usual ministries and work that happen around here, and on top of all that our much-beloved Curtis Farr has accepted a call to be the next rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Fairfield, Connecticut.

As Cheryl, our parish administrator, said to me the other day when talking about Curtis' departure: "We have been through this before." And we have; Cheryl and I have worked together for 14 years and we have seen the coming and going of a number of talented and inspiring young clergy. Some young in age and others in spirit (Joan, that's for you). The three who were not retiring have gone on to be rectors of wonderful parishes that are blessed by their presence and leadership.

The reason why all of this is possible...is YOU. The people of St. James's are some of the finest folks any priest could ever journey alongside, to serve and to minister to and with. We as a parish are gifted with a multitude of souls who are both generous with their spirit and their resources.

On a personal note, while I am very pleased that Curtis has this wonderful opportunity and, quite frankly, a recognition of his faithfulness, creativity, and abilities, I will be sad to see him leave. Over the past 4 and a half years Curtis has been a great support to my ministry and work. He has made me a better priest through his own witness and vision of a more just and equitable world, and most importantly Curtis has been and will remain a friend, an important member of the Hooper family, and a truly fine colleague.

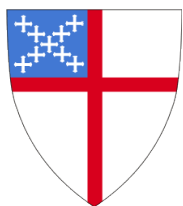
As Curtis makes his transition to the next stage of his journey, we are called to do the same. I look forward to the infusion of energy and ideas brought by a new assistant rector. In the meantime, it is on us to make sure this transition time goes well for St. James's. We have a lot on our plate, including a youth mission trip to DC this summer, and it will take the faithfulness and generosity of spirit and resources on all our parts to support the mission and ministry of God here.

Fall is always a busy time—not only at St. James's but also in our schools, our work places, and in our homes. Our time and passions are pulled in many directions. It is the mission of this place to be a place of rest, rejuvenation and action. Please be a part of the next page in the faithful and inspiring history of this, our beloved, St. James's.

Peace,



To Learn, Live and Teach the Values  
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ



Nov/Dec 2017

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## Highlights in Nov/Dec

- **Sunday, Nov 5** All Saints' Sunday, Holy Eucharist at 10am (no 8:00 service)
- **Sunday, Nov 12** Church Street Eats, Christ Church Cathedral at 10am. Rhythms of Grace, 4pm
- **Sunday, Nov 19** UTO Ingathering at the 9:30 service. Youth Group Commando Church, 5:30pm
- **Tuesday, Nov 21** Piano and violin concert in the church, 7pm
- **Thursday, Nov 23** Thanksgiving Eucharist, 10am
- **Sunday, Nov 26** Stocking Stuffers after the 9:30 service
- **Saturday-Sunday, Dec 2-10** Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale
- **Sunday, Dec 3** Angel Tree Gifts due in. Rhythms of Grace, 4pm
- **Sunday, Dec 10** Christmas Concert by St. James's Choir, 5pm
- **Sunday, Dec 17** Youth Christmas Caroling & Festive Dinner, 5:30pm
- **Christmas at St. James's** (see inside for schedule)

# From the Associate Rector

Dear Friends,

By now you probably know that I have accepted a call to be the next rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Fairfield, Connecticut. My final Sunday with you will be November 19th. On that day, I may compete with Bob for the "Most Tears During a Sermon" award. We will celebrate my time here during coffee hour, and while I will address you then, I thought I would recount some memorable moments of the last four and a half years.

Upon my first visit, I sat in the pews (incognito) in front of Doug and Ann Cooke, who provided running commentary throughout the service. If you have the chance, try sitting in front of them some Sunday (half way back, pulpit side, on the center aisle—yes, we know where you sit).

Months before I began work, the Annual Chili Cook-off I attended was a gas, and witnessed to the spirit of fun that emanates from this community. I also enjoyed a choir dinner where Mary and Kim impersonated Bob and Molly in an updated rendition of "Anything You Can Do" from Annie Get Your Gun. Humor and hospitality are hallmarks of St. James's, and I know that tradition will continue well into the future.

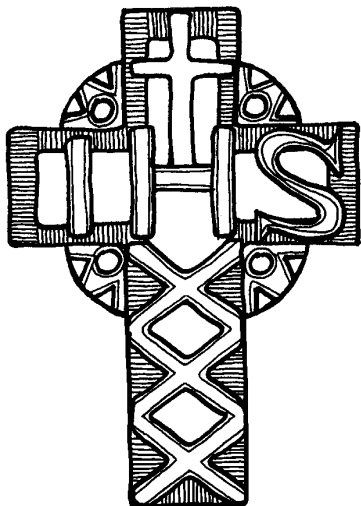
Then when I arrived that summer, you allowed me to begin being your priest. Immediately, I was invited into your homes and your lives. We've shared stories, dinners, cups of coffee. I've been in your hospital rooms when you've been sick and in your dining rooms when you've celebrated holidays. You've entrusted me with organizing trips and outings for your kids, and you have laughed at my ridiculous jokes.

Perhaps most importantly, we have taught each other what it means to be a part of the Jesus Movement in West Hartford. Our local community, like many, can become quite insulated from bigger problems in the world. Jesus leads us out of the bubbles of our daily lives to intentionally acknowledge and support those on the margins, and when we do our lives and theirs are enhanced.

The solutions to our big problems begin with gratitude and generosity, and we have a part to play in rolling out this kingdom of God in which all of God's children are beloved. Know that you are a beloved child of God.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to be with you on this journey, so once again, thank you.

Your brother in Christ,



Curtis +

## Youth Group Events

**Sunday, November 12**  
Church Street Eats at Christ Church Cathedral, 10am

**Sunday, November 19**  
Dinner at 5:30 followed by Commando Church

**Sunday, December 17**  
Christmas Caroling & Festive Dinner, 5:30pm

*Do your homework early and invite a friend!*

## HS Christian Formation Sundays at 11am

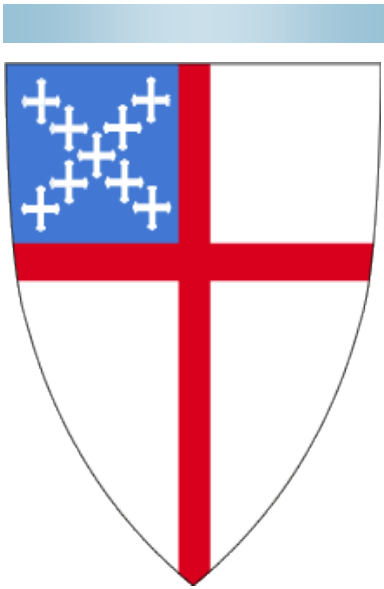
**December 3**  
Burger King Mom: Being Poor in America

**December 10**  
Standing at the Corner of Church and State

**December 17**  
Serial Charity to Just Society



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## Vestry Corner

### Treasurer's Report—September 2017

**Current Position:** : At September 30, 2017 the Church's finances continued in the black vis a vis the budget. Although total Income was \$452 under budget, total expenses were \$15,345 less than the budgeted amounts. As a result, the Church's Net financial position at the end of September 2017 was \$14,893 better than the budgeted amounts.

### Income & Expense Summary:

Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Annual Budget
Income (+)	\$580,413	\$580,865	\$452 Under Budget	\$790,600
Expense (-)	\$569,324	\$584,669	<b>\$15,345 Under Budget</b>	\$790,600
<i>Net</i>	<b>\$11,089</b>	<b>\$3,804</b>	<b>\$14,893 Positive variance to budget</b>	<b>0</b>

**Income:** Through September 30, 2017, Year To Date Regular Contributions (Current and Prior Year Pledges, Seasonal and Unspecified Offerings) totaled \$6,774 more than the respective budgeted amounts. Of these four accounts, only Prior Year Pledges was behind budget, by \$2,665. Current Year Pledges were \$7,819 ahead of the budgeted amount. Income from the Parish House was \$753 over budget but that from Other Facilities was \$2,510 under budget for a net shortfall of \$1,757. Special Contributions for General Purposes were \$3,106 less than the budgeted amount and Special Fundraising also was under budget by \$3,268.

**Expense:** Major contributors to the September 30, 2017 Expense results were the following: **Property:** Year to date Property expenses were \$12,132 under budget due primarily to less than budgeted payments for gas, electricity, general maintenance and repair, maintenance supplies and insurance. **Personnel:** Personnel expenses through September were \$2,010 under budget reflecting less than budgeted amounts paid for Lay Pension, Life & Health Insurance.

### Vestry Nominations 2018

**T**HE Vestry Nominating Committee welcomes suggestions, from members of the parish, of persons who they believe would be fine members of our vestry and officers (Senior and Junior Warden, Treasurer and Clerk).

#### Vestry members must be:

1. committed to Jesus Christ;
2. regular in attendance at public worship;
3. participants in the life and ministry of the congregation;
4. solid financial supporters of our ministries;
5. be willing to commit to regular attendance at monthly meetings (the 3rd Tuesday), annual vestry retreats, and to serve as liaison with committees or programs within the parish.

The members of this year's Nominating Committee are: Diane Duva, Barbara Rua, Carolyn O'Sullivan, and Robert Smith. The Nominating Committee will publish its nominations in the January issue of *The Open Door*.

In accordance with the by-laws of the church, any member may submit a petition to include any other member for inclusion on the ballot as a candidate for the vestry or as an officer. The petition must be signed by the nominating member, not less than three additional members of the parish and agreed to by the signature by the nominated member. All petitions are to be submitted to the Clerk no later than two weeks prior to the annual meeting to be held on **January 28, 2018**. Nominations not submitted as set forth will not be allowed from the floor at the annual meeting.



October 15, 2017

The Reverend Robert C. Hooper III  
Claire Burnett, Campaign Co-Chair  
Michael Sherrill, Campaign Co-Chair  
Members of the Vestry and congregation

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to present to you the *End of Service Report* for the *Envision the Future* Campaign for St. James's. This report includes a campaign summary, recommendations for a post-campaign review committee, pledge management and collection, parish communication, and planned giving suggestions.

The success of *Envision the Future* is a tribute to the outstanding dedication and prayerful support of many volunteers, friends, and parishioners. I especially commend to you some individuals whose work on the campaign was exemplary:

Claire Burnett and Michael Sherrill, with far-reaching concern for and dedication to the church, devoted generous amounts of time and shared their considerable leadership gifts. They shepherded the campaign process with constant attention to detail and their good humors and calm demeanors set the tone for a successful and respectful campaign.

The Reverend Bob Hooper, whose gift of leadership in rallying the congregation and friends to support the campaign, inspired people to see the future. He continually challenges the people of St. James's to fearlessly embrace the future, and question, "What more does God have planned for us?" His joyous love for the church and enthusiastic demeanor clearly energizes the congregation.

Thanks to:

Ted Newton for agreeing to be your Planned Giving Shepherd and will find ways to shine light on the Arbor Society;  
Meredith Wilson and Martha Parish for coordinating the kick-off event; Cheri Evans and Mike Shuey for helping organize database demands; Bob Hoffman and Sam Paul for keeping us centered in spirit and writing the campaign prayer; Judith Stahl for keeping communications current and relevant; The Reverend Curtis Farr for his creative video and communications updates; Cheryl Batter for always being there with a solution and a smile.

Many thanks also to Bob Burnett and David Thomas for tracking and encouraging the work of pledge volunteers. Capital campaigns led by ECF are always focused, driven and executed by the laity. When it comes

time to ask for pledges, rarely is there an eager group just waiting to be asked to help. Thank you to all the volunteers (and many Bobs) who said “yes” to committing their significant time and talent to meet with members of the congregation and invite their participation in the campaign. This person to person interaction is where your community is built and strengthened:

Abby Williamson  
Barbara Rua  
Bob Bausmith  
Bob Burnett  
Bob Hoffman  
Bob Hooper  
Claire Burnett  
Dave Thomas  
Diane Duva  
Gale Mattison

Harry Meyer  
John Wadsworth  
Kathy Bolt  
Kerri Raissian  
Kim Lytle  
Mark Evans  
Mike Sherrill  
Rob Duncan  
Sam Paul  
Ted Newton

And to the vestry for forging forward and supporting the process every step of the way.

And finally, the congregation as a whole: You accepted the challenge and difficult work of listening to and hearing each other in order to serve a common mission for the good of the whole church. I pray that this hard work has been transforming, and lasting models of collaboration, lay leadership and financial responsibility will continue to allow St. James’s to thrive and serve in new and surprising ways, for years to come. A goal of \$965,000 was set for the Campaign. As of October 2017, the campaign has raised:

Total Pledges: \$900,800 (93%)

Total Pledge Cards Received: 155

*Pledge Dollars (and # cards), by Category:*

Advanced Gifts: \$764,500 (68)

Congregational Gifts: \$81,350 (67)

Mail: \$6,850 (14)

Bequest: \$40,000 (1)

Unknown: \$8,100 (5)

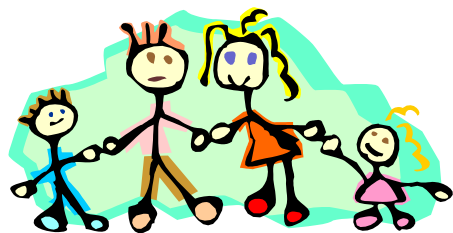
It has been an honor and pleasure to be of service to St. James’s, and I will miss you. Should any questions arise in the coming weeks, months, or years if you need post-campaign service, I will be delighted to continue to provide whatever assistance is needed.

In Peace,



Leslie Glover Pendleton  
ECF Consultant

# St. James's Center for Family Ministries



*Nurturing your children's  
spiritual life from birth  
through high school*

## **KFC (Kids for Christ) Sundays at 9:30**

*Young children age 3  
through elementary school  
are welcome to gather in the  
narthex (main foyer) for  
Sunday School. They return  
during the Peace.*

## **Rhythms of Grace Sundays: November 12 (changed from Nov 5) December 3, 2017 and March 4, 2018**

*Mark your calendar and  
plan to join us for a worship  
and faith formation  
experience for children and  
families here at St. James's.  
Rhythms of Grace will be  
held on the above dates on  
the 3rd floor of the parish  
house.*



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**R**ECENTLY, Bob and I went for a walk at Hammonasset State Park. As we walked, listening to the sounds of birds and insects, I was brought back to a time a very long time ago when I was in high school visiting my grandparents.

On that particular morning at about 5:30, my grandfather, who I called Gedaw, woke me up saying, "Little Pris (my grandmother was Big Pris,) You gotta get up! Hurry up you're missing the bullfrogs!" Even though I was a sleep-deprived teenager, I quickly got out of bed, threw on some jeans, and joined my grandfather in the still very dark backyard.

As we sat there together and drank our coffee in silence, we didn't hear a sound. There was not one bullfrog to be heard. I still can't tell you exactly what a bullfrog sounds like, because we never heard one. Not one.

Gedaw, of course apologized profusely. He had heard the bullfrogs and got so excited that he wanted to share them with me. He said they must have gotten stage fright when I joined him in the yard. He said he was so sorry that he woke me up for a whole lot of nothing. But that is where he was wrong.

To this day, that morning with Gedaw is one of my most precious memories of childhood. For one, we sat out in that Louisiana country yard, in the old lawn chairs together in silence. Just being together sipping coffee. Second, Gedaw was sharing his love of all of nature with me. It felt like such a precious time together. Time that was basically stolen from the night. Just for us. It felt sacred.

My Gedaw died on November 24, 1994. He was almost 87. He met two of his four great-grandchildren, Robby and Henry. He was a wonderful loving father, husband, brother and from stories I have been told, son. He was kind to all who he met, and patient with

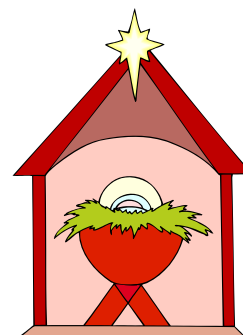
my grandmother, which wasn't always easy. He was a Christian who walked the walk and didn't really talk the talk that much, even though he went to church every Sunday. He was a man of faith, and I loved him dearly.

Today, I look at my own grown children and I see glimpses of my grandparents and parents. Robby is such a combination of Bob and Bob's mom—with a dash of my grandfather thrown in. Henry is a lot like Gedaw and talks back like me. Maddy is a lot like Bob's dad. To me, this is what it means to be a part of the communion of saints. We all sort of rub off on each other—and there is that genetic thing, too.

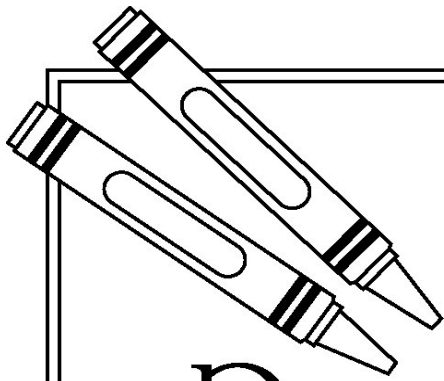
As Bob and I continued on our walk the other day, and I shared that story with him for about the hundredth time, it also felt like precious time. As we walked along looking at the beautiful sea grass, listening to the sound of the waves, remembering my precious Gedaw, it felt like part of him was there walking with me. Even though he never physically made it to beautiful Connecticut, part of him did make it here. In Robby, and Henry and Madison and of course, in me.

Your Sister in Christ,

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsals:  
Sundays, December 3, 10 and 17**







**Just for**

**KIDS**

# Peace on Earth

Do you remember what King Herod did when he heard about the birth of Jesus? He was so troubled that he issued a decree ordering the death of all male children younger than 2 years old. Jesus was not born in a time of peace, but we can look forward to His return and believe what the heavenly host proclaimed.

***Follow the maze through the verse.***



**START**

**And**

**suddenly**

**there**

**was with the angel**

**a multitude**

**of the**

**heavenly host**

**praising**

**God,**

**and saying,**

**“Glory to God**

**in the highest,**

**and on earth**

**peace,**

**good will**

**toward men.”**

Luke 2:13-14, KJV

**FINISH**

# From the Organist & Choirmaster

Dear Parishioners,

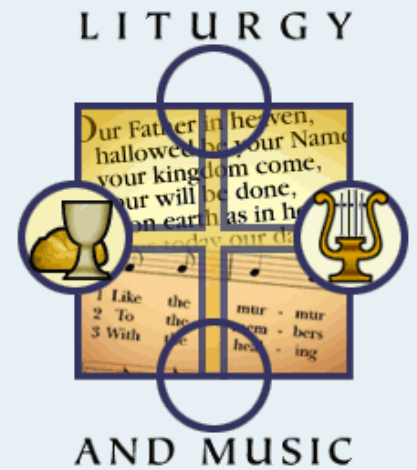
"Concerts at St. James's" launches its inaugural season this year, featuring eight musical performances ranging from chamber music to concerts featuring choir and orchestra. In future years, the concert series will focus even further on offering great choral music, building a reputation for St. James's as a leading venue for the genre.

As many of you know, Greater Hartford is rich with music and art – we are home to one of the greatest museums on the East coast, and we have a wealth of professional choirs, a professional symphony orchestra, and numerous theatrical companies.

Since I came to St. James's, I always felt that we had the space and ability to host significant concerts and recitals. Our church possesses a marvelous acoustic, especially for choral, organ and orchestral music, and we are located in West Hartford Center, a leisure destination for thousands of people each year.

Community outreach is already a big component of our mission at St. James's, and this should extend into every corner of our society. Providing our community with a top-shelf musical venue is yet another way we give back to our neighborhood and region, yet it can pay dividends for us too. As our musical reputation and profile grow, we increase our visibility to potential choir members and musical contributors.

By the time you read this, our first concert will have already come to pass, but I would encourage you to check out the music page at [www.stjameswh.org](http://www.stjameswh.org) for a full concert calendar. On Tuesday, November 21, we will host violinist Colin Jacobsen and pianist Alan Murchie, two extraordinary artists who will come together and inaugurate our magnificent new Steinway. Colin is a founding member of the Knights Orchestra and a founding member of Yo-Yo Ma's famed Silk Road Ensemble. He is an internationally celebrated violinist and composer that the Washington Post called "One of the most interesting figures on the classical music scene." You will not want to miss this intimate opportunity to hear Colin perform live. Please invite your family, friends, neighbors, dog walkers, or whomever you see walking down the street. It will be a great evening for St. James's!



## Important Dates

### Tuesday, November 21

Concert celebrating our new Steinway grand piano, 7pm  
Colin Jacobsen, violinist  
Alan Murchie, pianist

### Sunday, December 10

A West Hartford Christmas!  
Favorite carols, old and new,  
performed by the choir of  
St. James's, 5pm



## Jubilate Deo!

O be joyful in the  
Lord all ye lands;  
serve the Lord with  
gladness and come  
before his presence  
with a song.

*Psalms 100:1*





# a West Hartford CHRISTMAS

*favorite carols old & new*

Sunday, December 10, 5:00 pm

The Choir of St. James's Episcopal Church  
1018 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford Center

*No Tickets Required | Donations Accepted*



[stjameswh.org](http://stjameswh.org)

# Mission

## Christmas Stocking Stuffers

*Collection of men's socks and toiletries*

**H**ELP MAKE a difference at Christmas for the men at two area shelters – the Open Hearth and Salvation Army. St. James's Outreach has been collecting warm socks and toiletries for the men at the Open Hearth and the Salvation Army shelters in Hartford since 1989. We continue our collection efforts of men's boot-size, warm socks and toiletries during the month of November. Join us on **Christ the King Sunday, November 26** after the 9:30 service at which time we will stuff the stockings. This mission project is greatly appreciated as your stuffed stockings are often the only holiday gift these men will receive.

Requested stuffer items are: **sample-size (small)** personal care products such as pocket combs, chapsticks, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, shaving cream, skin cream, nail files, nail clippers, shampoo, disposable razors and sample size soaps.

**Please NO MOUTHWASH.** We are also collecting **warm, boot-size, thick men's socks**. We could also use some candy canes to add an additional holiday touch to the socks. It's a bit early to begin thinking about Christmas, however, it will be here before we know it. Please continue to bring your donations to the church and place them at any of the entrances to the building.

## Poinsettia Plant Sale

*Sunday, December 10*

**B**EAUTIFUL poinsettias will be available for purchase after both services on **Sunday, December 10**. Doug Compton will have a variety of plants which will include, 8" three stem, 6" two stem, and 4" red flowers. All proceeds will benefit the St. James's feeding programs.



## Food Pantry Ongoing Needs

**P**LEASE continue to bring your food donations, which are distributed to the SJ feeding programs and West Hartford Food Bank. **At this time the Food Bank is very low on and in most need of the following items:** applesauce/canned fruit, pasta sauce, spaghetti, pasta, baked beans, canned pasta (Spaghettios), and cold cereal. They have an overabundance of canned vegetables at this time and don't need those items. Please bring your donations to the church at place them at any of the entrances to the building. Thank you!

## Angel Tree 2017



**C**OMING November 5th: the 2017 St. James's Angel Tree! This annual program provides holiday gifts and personal messages for local children whose mom or dad is incarcerated. We've been assigned ~50 children for this year's program — that's 100 gifts to be purchased!

### Here's how you can help:

**ANGEL GIFTS:** Pick an Angel off the Angel tree, purchase and wrap the gift. Suggested gift price is \$20-\$25.

Angels will be available after both services on Sunday November 5th, 12th and 19th.

All gifts must be wrapped and returned to the church office by Sunday December 3rd.

**ANGEL WINGS:** Don't have time to shop but still want to help? Drop off a \$20-\$25 donation in the ANGEL WINGS box and our shoppers will purchase and wrap a gift on your behalf. Angel Wings will be available after both services on Sunday November 5th, 12th and 19th.

**ANGEL DELIVERY TEAMS:** We'll need ~10 drivers to deliver the gifts starting December 3rd. The majority of our families are in West Hartford, but we have a few in Hartford and 1 in New Britain. Email Jane Good at [4janegood@gmail.com](mailto:4janegood@gmail.com) if you'd like to deliver gifts this year. Drivers can choose the day and time, as long as the gifts get to the families before December 25th!

**Questions? Please contact Jane Good at [4janegood@gmail.com](mailto:4janegood@gmail.com), or call at 860-670-0950.**

## Christmas Toy Collection

**T**OYS, toys! Christmas is right around the corner and during this time we are collecting toys for children and youth in the Hartford area. Toys, games, and fun gifts are needed for children of all ages from toddlers to early teens. These gifts will then be delivered to various churches who will then deliver them to the families in need. Bring your **unwrapped** gifts to the church and place them at any of the three entrances to the building. **Deadline is Sunday, December 10.** Gift certificates for early teens are a great gift as well. Thank you for making Christmas a happier time for these children and families!

## Around the Parish

### Christian Formation

*November and December 2017*

#### *Sundays at 11am*

NOVEMBER 12

THE REV'D DR. BORDEN PAINTER

Resident historian and priest associate Borden Painter discusses the history of Christian efforts to relieve poverty in society.

DECEMBER 3, 10, 17

MARK EVANS

Mark Evans leads a Bible Study on the radical proclamation of Jesus known as the Beatitudes.



**L**EARN an ancient and relevant way to understand and worship God in the Celtic tradition every first Sunday of the month at 4:30pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford, from October through June. It will be predominantly silence in the beginning, then we will learn to chant together and chant long enough that the sound resonates in our bodies. There will be a lesson or reading with a brief reflection by a lay person, as well as live music from all over the world. There will also be opportunity for communal prayers of intercession and healing. Come and see if the Celtic way of knowing God and worshipping together brings you closer to God by inviting you deeper into your self and into your experience of God.

### Monthly Group Meetings

#### *Women's Evening & Men's Discussion Groups*

**J**OIN the women of the parish and guests for a potluck supper on **Thursdays, November 9 and December 14** beginning at 6pm in the parish room. If you are able (it's not required), bring something to share with the group. Great food, wine, and fellowship for all. For more information, contact Sue Nelson at 860-232-8157.

ALL men of the parish and guests are invited to a discussion group on **Saturdays, November 11 and 25; December 9 and 23** beginning at 8:00am in the parish room. Various religious topics are presented and refreshments are provided.

## All Saints' Sunday & Coffee Hour

*Sunday, November 5*

**W**E will celebrate Holy Eucharist on **All Saints' Sunday, November 5** with one service at 10am followed by coffee hour in the dining room. The annual brunch is canceled this year due to the ongoing construction. Stewardship materials will go out the first week in November. Let us gather on All Saints' Sunday to celebrate God's gifts and the generosity of the parishioners of St. James's. **There will be no 8:00 service this day.**

## Greater Hartford Multi-Faith

### Prayer Breakfast

*20th Anniversary—Thursday, November 9*

**S**AVE the date! This year's annual multi-faith prayer breakfast will be held on **Thursday, November 9** from 7:15—8:45am at the Artists Collective, 1200 Albany Avenue, Hartford. Breakfast begins at 7:00 with program at 7:25. The main speaker for the event is the Rev'd Leroy Bailey, Jr., Senior Pastor and CEO of the First Cathedral in Bloomfield. He is a board member of St. Francis Hospital and is a Chaplain of the Hartford Police Department. There is no admission fee but freewill donations are accepted and appreciated. Register by mail or online by going to: <http://ghpb.weebly.com>.

*All inclusive One Creator of the Universe  
You call us to be in relationship with one another  
We come from different places and many cultures  
Open our hearts that we may be bold participants  
In finding the treasures of diversity among us  
Let us see through the eyes of a child  
We pray in faith. Amen.*

## Fall Leaf Clean-Up

*Saturday, November 11*

**W**E could use your help! We will gather at St. James's for our annual leaf and grounds clean up on **Saturday, November 11 from 9am to 1pm**. Bring your rakes, blowers (if you have one), and wear your gloves. Many hands will get the job done quicker. Refreshments will be provided.

## Daylight Saving Time Ends

**D**AYLIGHT Saving Time will end on **Sunday, November 5**. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday evening, November 4.



## Thanksgiving Day Eucharist

Thursday, November 23 at 10am

**W**E will celebrate Thanksgiving Day with Holy Eucharist at 10am in the chapel. Let us gather on this day in celebration and thanksgiving for all of God's many blessings. A great way to begin Thanksgiving Day!

## 2017 Annual Reports

**A**NNUAL reports are due in by **Tuesday, January 2, 2018**! All reports will be bound together in one booklet for distribution one week before the annual meeting which will be held **Sunday, January 28, 2018** following the 9:30 service. Please email your reports to the parish office at [info@stjameswh.org](mailto:info@stjameswh.org). Final annual reports will be available on Sunday, January 21.

## Christmas at St. James's

### Liturgies

#### Christmas Eve

**Sunday, December 24**

Advent IV Holy Eucharist, 9am  
Pageant & Eucharist, 5:00pm  
Music Prelude, 10:30pm  
Choral Eucharist, 11pm

#### Christmas Day

**Monday, December 25**

Holy Eucharist w/ Carols, 10am

#### First Sunday of Christmas

**Sunday, December 31**

Holy Eucharist, 8 & 9:30am



## Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale

Saturday, December 2 through Sunday, December 10

**B**EAUTIFUL trees and wreaths will be on sale in December on the parish grounds in front of the church and will come in a variety of sizes. Don't wait too long to pick out your tree, as they usually sell very quickly. **Sale hours are: Saturday from 9am to 6pm; Sunday from noon to 6pm; and Monday through Friday from 4pm to 8pm.** You may reserve your trees or wreaths by either phoning or emailing the parish office. Cash, check, and credit cards will be accepted at the time of purchase. Spread the word and let others know about the sale!

## Christmas Flowers

**G**IVE Christmas flowers in honor or in memory of loved ones! Just fill out a flower envelop with your name request along with your donation. Flower envelopes will be located at the end of the pews in the church and chapel, and will be available beginning **Sunday, December 3**. Please return your envelopes to the parish office no later than **Monday, December 18**. A list of those loved ones so honored or remembered will be included in the Christmas bulletins.

## Greening of the Church

**C**ALLING all able-bodied men and women to help with St. James's annual greening of the church. Come and share in the preparations of the sanctuary for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. Please join Mary Ann Haar in the church on **Saturday, December 23 at 9:30am**. Your help is very much appreciated!

## Holiday Parish Office Closings

**T**HE parish office will be closed **Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26**. Parish office will be open Wednesday through Friday, December 27-29 from 9am to 12 noon. The parish office will also be closed on **Monday, January 1 for New Years Day**.

## Registry and Readings

### Baptisms

**Jillian Annmarie Moore**  
September 10, 2017  
Daughter of Jeffrey and  
Kimberly Moore

**Sage William Duncan**  
September 17, 2017  
Son of Andrew and Rachel Duncan

**Lauren Eve Howland**  
September 17, 2017  
Daughter of David and Sara Howland

**Abigail Sophia Tapley**  
September 17, 2017  
Daughter of James Tapley and Heather Lufkin

**Lara Adelyn Swales**  
October 15, 2017  
Daughter of Colin and Heather Swales

### Deaths

**Mr. Hicks Waldron**  
September 23, 2017

## Parish Birthdays

### Children and Youth

#### NOVEMBER

Jack Keough, 1  
Sam Sadler, 1  
Christine Waterman, 1  
John Kramer, 2  
Ian Sieklucki, 7  
Quinn Ciccone, 9  
Violet Long, 11  
Lara Swales, 11  
Abigail Capone, 12  
Brayden Tyler, 14  
Trey Keating, 24  
Madeline Ross, 26  
Sarah Granquist, 29



#### DECEMBER

Laurel Raissian, 4  
Oliver Woodward, 4  
Harry Lewis, 5  
Joshua Campbell, 10  
Leah Dollar, 10  
Braden Flowers, 12  
Declan McDonald, 13  
Zoe Pinckney, 14  
Jacob Ciccone, 18  
James DeLibero, 18  
Rowan Guerraz, 21  
Andrew Stafford, 23  
Emily Lemanski, 25  
Claire Sherrill, 25  
Ethan McCue, 29

## Parish Prayer List

#### Those in our parish family

Jeffrey, Greg, Elsa, Michael, Michelle, Audrey, Margaret & Richard, Ruth, Anne, Natalie & Harry, Stuart, Walter, Frank, Liz, Elly, Tom, Betsy, Jenine, Melina & Family, Chuck, David, Sue, Will, Meg, and Ed.

#### Those in our extended parish family

Maria, Kevin, Mary Ann, Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Carol, Christina, Jean, Jeff, Jennifer, Karen, Bea & David, Robert, Sarah, David, Patricia, Ryan, John, Quinn, Arroll, Joanie, Teresa, Alvin, Karen, Audra, Parker & Cynthia, Ann, Kara, Patricia, Kate, Carrie, John & Rita, John, Bret & Ginny, Barbara & Family, Tavern, Danielle & Cynthia, Robert, Mohan, Larry, Marilyn, Barbara, Hudson, Kristin Elizabeth, Dave, Charlene, Pierre, Matt & Alyssa, Scott, Melanie, Drew, Lydia, Jeanne, and Guy.

#### Those Serving in the Military:

Andrew Clark, Wensley Barker IV, Mark Ulrich, Julian C. Barker, Andrew Huntsman, and Ed Vera.

## Sunday Lectionary

#### All Saints' Sunday, November 5

Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

#### Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, November 12

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

#### Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost, November 19

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123;  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

#### Christ the King, November 26

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100  
Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

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#### First Sunday of Advent, December 3

Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37  
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

#### Second Sunday of Advent, December 10

Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

#### Third Sunday of Advent, December 17

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;  
John 1:6-8, 19-28; Psalm 126

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38  
Canticle 3 or Canticle 15; or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

#### Christmas Eve and Day, December 24 and 25

Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14(15-20); Psalm 96

#### First Sunday of Christmas, December 31

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7; John 1:1-18; Psalm 147

## Women Of St. James's

### November and December Programs



#### Tuesday, November 7

Tracey Wilson, West Hartford Historian  
*Mrs. Auerbach and Eleanor Roosevelt*

#### Tuesday, November 14

Matthew Hart, West Hartford Town Manager  
*What is Happening in West Hartford*

#### Tuesday, November 21

No Meeting—Happy Thanksgiving!

#### Tuesday, November 28

The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan of CT  
*What Does it Mean to be a Peacebuilder Today?*

#### Tuesday, December 5

Verne Mahoney  
*Christmas Collections & Traditions Over the Years*

#### Tuesday, December 12

Professor Mark Evans, Chair, Department of Geological Sciences  
*Ice Ages and the Landscape and Culture of Southern New England*  
**NOTE: The Holiday Tea will NOT be held this year.**

## United Thank Offering

### Fall Ingathering—Sunday, November 19

**T**HE United Thank Offering is a ministry of the Episcopal Church. Every coin from every Blue Box and Blue Envelope is given away in grants. Every cent you give is the dream for tomorrow's life and gives hope to people all over the world. Please continue to fill your boxes or make a donation by check and place it in the envelopes which can be found in the church and chapel. Join us on **Sunday, November 19 at the 9:30 service** for our ingathering!  
**Please make checks payable to the Women of St. James's with UTO in the memo line.**

# November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1 All Saints' Day</b> 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 5:00 PM Treble Choir 7:00 PM Parish Choir	2 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	3 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	4 8:00 PM AA-DR
<b>5 All Saints' Sunday (No 8:00 service)</b> <b>Angel Tree Tags Available</b> 8:35 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II - Church 10:00 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 11:15 AM Coffee Hour—DR 4:30 PM Celtic Worship at St. John's, WH  <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b>	6 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:40 PM Junior Choir 5:00 PM Treble Choir 6:30 PM EfM—PR	7 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR	8 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 12:00 PM Bible Study—PR 5:00 PM Treble Choir 7:00 PM Parish Choir	9 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer <b>7:15 AM Multi-Faith Prayer Breakfast—Artists Collective</b> 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:00 PM Women's Evening Grp—PR	10 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	11 7:45 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 8:00 PM AA Group - DR
<b>12 Angel Tree Tags Available</b> 8:00 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing - Chapel 8:30 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - 3rd Floor 9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing —Church 10:00 AM Church Street Eats—Christ Church Cathedral 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Christian Formation—DR 4:00 PM Rhythms of Grace—PH/Chapel	13 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes 4:40 PM Junior Choir 5:00 PM Treble Choir 6:30 PM EfM—PR	14 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR 7:00 PM Samaritans Group - Parish Room	15 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley 12:00 PM Bible Study—PR 5:00 PM Treble Choir 7:00 PM Parish Choir	16 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	17 7:00 AM Morning Prayer  <b>Diocesan Convention</b>	18 8:00 PM AA Group - DR  <b>Diocesan Convention</b>
<b>19 Angel Tree Tags Available</b> <b>UTO Ingathering at 9:30 service</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 8:45 AM Prepare for South Park Inn 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - 3rd Floor 9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches <b>11:00 AM Coffee Hour in honor of Curtis Farr—DR</b> 5:30 PM Youth Group-DR (Commando Church)	20 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:40 PM Junior Choir 5:00 PM Treble Choir 6:30 PM EfM—PR	21 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting—PR <b>7:00 PM Piano and Violin Concert—Church</b>	22 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 5:00 PM Treble Choir 7:00 PM Parish Choir	<b>23 PO Closed Thanksgiving Day</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR <b>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel</b>	<b>24 PO Closed</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	25 7:45 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 8:00 PM AA Group - DR
<b>26 Christ the King</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II - Chapel 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - 3rd Floor 9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing—Church <b>11:00 AM Stocking Stuffing Event with Coffee Hour—DR</b>	27 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:40 PM Junior Choir 5:00 PM Treble Choir 6:30 PM EfM—PR	28 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR	29 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 5:00 PM Treble Choir 7:00 PM Parish Choir	30 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR		



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31 New Year's Eve</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - 3rd Floor 9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—DR					1 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	2 9:00 AM Christmas Tree Sale 8:00 PM AA Group
<b>3 Advent I Angel Tree Gifts Due In</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I—Chapel 8:35 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM Christian Formation—DR 11:00 AM High School Formation—Youth Rm 11:00 AM Pageant Rehearsals—Church 12:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale 4:00 PM Rhythms of Grace—3rd FL/Chapel 4:30 PM Celtic Worship St. John's, WH	4 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale 4:40 PM Junior Choir 5:00 PM Treble Choir 6:30 PM EfM—PR	5 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:30 AM HE/Healing—Chapel 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR 4:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale	6 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 4:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale 5:00 PM Treble Choir 7:00 PM Parish Choir	7 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale	8 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 4:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale	9 7:45 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 9:00 AM Christmas Tree Sale 8:00 PM AA Group - DR
<b>10 Advent II Toys Due In (Toy Collection)</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 8:45 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM Christian Formation—DR 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM High School Formation—Youth RM 11:00 AM Pageant Rehearsals—Church 12:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale <b>5:00 PM Christmas Concert—Church</b>	11 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes 4:40 PM Junior Choir 5:00 PM Treble Choir 6:30 PM EfM—PR	12 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:30 AM HE/Healing—Chapel 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR 7:00 PM Samaritans Group - Parish Room	13 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley 5:00 PM Treble Choir 7:00 PM Parish Choir	14 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:00 PM Women's Evening Group—PR	15 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	16 8:00 PM AA Group - DR
<b>17 Advent III</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 8:45 AM Prepare for South Park Inn 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM Christian Formation—DR 11:00 AM High School Formation—Youth Rm 11:00 AM Pageant Rehearsals—Church 5:30 PM Youth Group Festive Dinner & Caroling	<b>18 Christmas Flower Envelopes Due</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:40 PM Junior Choir 5:00 PM Treble Choir 6:30 PM EfM—PR	19 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:30 AM HE/Healing—Chapel 7:00 PM Vestry—PR	20 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 5:00 PM Treble Choir 7:00 PM Parish Choir	21 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	22 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	23 7:45 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 8:00 PM AA Group - DR
<b>24 Advent IV/Christmas Eve No Coffee Hour</b> 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Church 9:00 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 5:00 PM Christmas Pageant & Eucharist—Church 10:30 PM Music Prelude—Church 11:00 PM Choral Eucharist—Church	<b>25 Christmas Day PO Closed</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Carols—Church	<b>26 PO Closed</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	<b>27 PO 9am—noon</b>	<b>28 PO 9am-noon</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>29 PO 9am-noon</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	30 8:00 PM AA Group - DR

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### **The Clergy**

**The Reverend Robert C. Hooper, III**  
**The Reverend Curtis A. Farr**  
**The Reverend Canon Douglas T. Cooke**  
**The Reverend Dr. Molly O. Louden**  
**The Reverend Dr. Borden W. Painter**  
**The Reverend Elsa P. Walberg**  
**The Reverend Terry M. Wysong**

**Rector**  
**Associate Rector**  
**Priest Associate**  
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### **The Vestry**

<b>Michael Sherrill</b>	<b>Senior Warden</b>
<b>David Dynowski</b>	<b>Junior Warden</b>
<b>Kimberly Lytle</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>Harry Meyer</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>

### **The Staff**

<b>Cheryl C. Batter</b>	<b>Administrator</b>
<b>Darryl Burke</b>	<b>Diocesan Intern</b>
<b>Heidi Cotter</b>	<b>Financial Secretary</b>
<b>Leon Fraser</b>	<b>Sexton</b>
<b>Priscilla Hooper</b>	<b>Director of Family Ministries</b>
<b>Vaughn Mauren</b>	<b>Organist &amp; Choirmaster</b>

### **Volunteer Staff**

<b>Ann Cooke</b>	<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>
<b>David Thomas</b>	<b>Facilities Manager</b>
<b>Richard M. Wenner</b>	<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>

### **Term Ending 2018**

**Diane Duva, Barbara Rua**  
**Carolyn O'Sullivan, Robert Smith**

### **Term Ending 2019**

**Sam Paul, Lesley Toutain**  
**John Walsh, Abby Fisher Williamson**

### **Term Ending 2020**

**Bob Burnett, Rob Duncan**  
**Matt Schott, Meredith Willson**