



St. James Episcopal Church

# Messenger

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*Our mission is to preach the Gospel, worship God,  
renew our hearts and minds, and serve others.*

## The Annual Parish Meeting



The Annual Meeting will be held  
on Sunday, January 21st at 9am  
(between services)  
in the Parish Hall

### Vestry Candidates



Ann Inman and Kathleen Johnson are candidates for Vestry, Class of 2026

Information about the Annual Meeting can be found on the: [St. James Website](#)

## Thoughts from a Deacon

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I hear voices. Do you? The voices come from

everywhere and I believe we each have a lot of sounds, voices, words that go around in our head that disagree and do not make sense. I wonder where on earth these voices/thoughts come from.

I love the word cacophony. It means a harsh discordant of sounds, "bad sounds." You know, cacophonous sounds harsh, doesn't it. But there's more to it than just good sound/bad sound. It's more about how the sound may or may not match the content of what's around.

The cacophony of voices can prevent me from making decisions. And this din is just inside my own head. What about when I step out into the world? All the people, all the conversations, all the media, all the opinions! Yikes.

We can become filled with anxiety, worry and fear, and include our prayers and scripture into this mix. We begin the day trusting God and confident that we can do this, and God is with us. And then the sounds of life get jumbled, and we rely on our own strength and power to try to get away from the cacophony.

God can help. Surrender to God every part of you. Find the peaceful melody of life with God. Sit with Jesus and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart.

Listen to the voice of the Spirit, not the cacophony within your head and with the rest of the world. Start each day anew and let God guide you through. Focus on God, keep pulling yourself back to the present moment and listen to the peaceful melody of the Spirit within your soul. Allow the Holy Spirit to fill you with strength and courage and peace.

Often God speaks through the voices of angels or messengers or people. Let me recognize His voice, hear His voice and follow Him.

"Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts." Psalm 85:8



## A Note from Father Jim



Father Jim

Dear Parishioners,

It has been such a joy these past two months. I will see you in church this Sunday and then I will be taking off for Savannah. We have supply clergy for the next two Sunday's and I will return Friday, February 9th.

Please know I plan to be in contact regularly with Sam in the office and I am always available via phone, text or email.

I will be conducting the Lectionary classes via Zoom each Wednesday.

Be sure to be here this Sunday to hear the alternative facts in the sermon about the story of Jonah! It will be fun!



01/17/2024



Father Jim leads the Lectionary Meeting in person and via Zoom  
01.17.2024



The Senior Warden and Priest exercise in Pastoral Care!

We want to thank Alan White for his three years of service as Senior Warden.

# Have you seen The Chosen?



"A charismatic fisherman drowning in debt, a troubled woman wrestling with real demons. A gifted publican ostracized by his family and his people. A religious leader struggling with his beliefs. See Jesus through the eyes of those that met him."

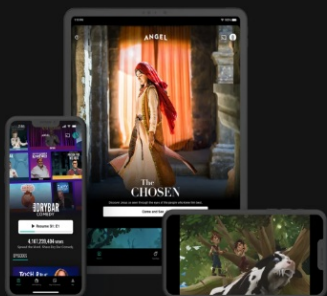
During our upcoming Lent dinners, we will be watching and discussing The Chosen which has been a well received series as it follows Jesus and his disciples.

This series is made available via the **FREE** Angel Studios app [\*\*HERE\*\*](#).

Season 4 will release in theaters on 02.01.2024

**From Sam in the office:** *"AMAZING. I LOVED this series and will definitely be viewing the new season in theaters!"*





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## Victory Home Greenhouse

**Need to get rid of plastic flower pots?** Victory Home Greenhouse will recycle pots for you. They can use any size, but especially 1, 2, and 3 gallon pots. Please leave them in a plastic bag at the picnic table area or contact Kathy Booker [HERE](#), and they will be delivered to the greenhouse.



## Brown Bag Sunday



**Brown Bag Sunday** the 4th Sunday of each month help Sharing and Caring with their most needed items:

- Sugar
- Oil
- Flour
- Corn Meal
- Eggs
- Salt
- Pepper
- Margarine

## Daughters of the King

**The Daughters of the King** gather on the **2nd Saturday of each month** in the Parish Hall at 10am.

The Daughters of the King (DOK) is an Order

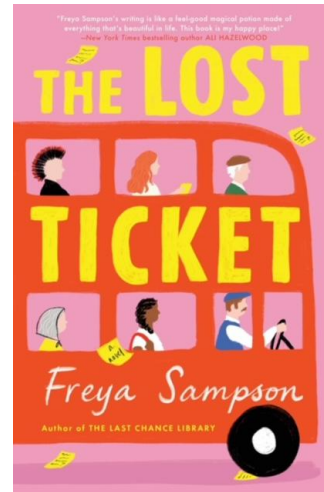
of women dedicated to a life of Prayer, Service and Evangelism. We have made a commitment to Jesus as our Savior, and we follow Him as Lord of our lives. We welcome new members. DOK members are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the Historic Episcopate. Today our membership includes those in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran (ELCA), and Roman Catholic churches. Contact Mary Flanigen [HERE](#)



## Fellowship

### St. James Book Club

This month we are reading "The Lost Ticket" by Freya Sampson. Everyone is invited to join us on Thursday, February 15th, 11:00am in the Parish Hall. Contact Becky Callahan [HERE](#)



### Join us for lunch?

The Retirees will begin meeting at noon **EVERY 3RD TUESDAY** of each month in 2024 beginning on Tuesday, February 19th at Ishy's Restaurant in Clayton. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Questions? Contact Roland Clemmons [here](#).

### January Celebrations

#### Birthdays

- 1- Shelley Urban
- 2- Kathy Ford
- 3- Linda Sanders
- 6- Robin Rogers
- 10- Jack Brandon
- 11- Jeff Rice
- 20- Ferris Leslie
- 23- Tatum Young
- 26- Bob Grant
- 28- Susan Fleming

#### Anniversaries

- 7- Liz & Rocky Hopper
- 23- Tatum Young

24- Jane & Tom Burniski  
27- Shannon & Leon LeMoine



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### **Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram**

The St. James social media team is keeping our Facebook and Instagram channels updated with current information about St. James events, fun features about our parishioners and their good works, and inspirational thoughts and themes.

Shelley Urban and Nanette O'Hara are sharing social media duties, with an able assist from Ginny Heckel. Dustin Emhart also will be pitching in.

Find us on Facebook at [St. James Episcopal, Clayton, GA](#)

Follow us on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/saintjamesclayton/>

Content suggestions are welcome. We also need photos from any St. James activities current or past, or just photos of our beautiful church and gardens that you're willing to share. You can reach us by phone, text or email as follows:

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**Timeline for the Bi-Weekly Messenger:**

Articles received by Monday evening will be in the next Messenger. Please contact the **church office** if you have any questions.

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