



The Dove Epiphany Edition



St. David's Anglican Church ~ Where We Grow in the Love of God ~ January 7, 2018

20 + C + M + B + 18

Chalking the Door — An Epiphany Custom

The Church has a custom of blessing homes on the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6th, which is the 12th day of Christmas) and in the week following. Family and friends gather to ask God's blessing on their homes and those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

At times God has commanded his people to mark their doors. The Israelites marked their doors with the lamb's blood on the night of the Passover. A similar command was given to write God's words on the doorposts of their house (Deuteronomy 6:9).

Use the blessed chalk to mark the lintel of your front door (or the front porch step) as follows:

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The letters **C, M, B** have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and **2018** is the year.

Say the following prayer:

*"Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence.
Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love;
and grant that we may manifest your love to each other
and to all whose lives we touch.
May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you;
guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ,
now and forever. Amen"*

Source:

<http://interruptingthesilence.com/2013/01/03/epiphany-house-blessing-with-chalk>

~ Renée+

"Lectionary Logic"

A Bible Study on Tuesday nights 7 - 8:30 pm

Together, we will read through the Bible passages for the following Sunday, ask questions and puzzle through the connections between the passages. A great way to get to know your Bible better.

No experience necessary. No registration. You may wish to bring your own Bible.

Epiphany Note

Dear Friends in Christ,

Advent and Christmas at St. David's were both wonderful! Here are some highlights:

- The Christmas Carol Sing on December 6th was resounding successful thanks to Susan, Tim, and the choir. Best mince tarts ever and enthusiastic singing.
- The "all-in" Pageant re-telling the Christmas story on December 17 was delightful. To see everyone up at the front of the church in costume spoke to me of the faith and commitment of St. David's congregation. Thank-you to Dorothy and helpers!
- Christmas Eve we tried something new: A simple family-friendly Eucharist at 5 pm with a reading of the Christmas story, Heidi leading us in carols, and a short children's talk. Fifty children and adults came out and made a joyful noise!
- The traditional Eucharist and Carols at 10 pm was also well-attended. Tim and the choir (including guest singers) led us in beautiful music. Thank-you to all who helped make the church gorgeous for Christmas.

May God bless you in 2018!

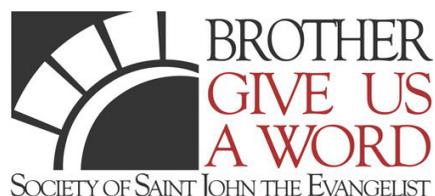
~ Renée+

Brother, Give Us a Word: Change

The wise men had come to Him who was Himself the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. None can come to Christ at Bethlehem and go away as they came. Our coming to Christ changes everything, and therefore even to the old scenes we return with changed hearts and new powers.

~ Richard Meux Benson
SSJE (1824-1915)

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AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual General Meeting: Sunday February 25, 2018 following the 10 am Eucharist

Agenda: approval of Minutes from the preceding meeting; reception of reports; presentation of financial statements; approval of budget; election of vestry officers.

All baptized persons (16 years or older) regularly attending services of worship at St. David's are entitled to attend and vote (provided they have not voted at another parish's AGM this year).

Youth Alpha... Coming soon...

Re-imagined, re-written, re-designed videos with updated content, more adventure, higher quality



January 2	Corrie Warren
January 4	Milo Burns
January 4	Richard Mitchel
January 12	Susan Spence
January 13	Rebecca Barton
January 15	Michael Sung
January 18	Kelly Carter
January 29	Dan McCosh
February 6	Christian Chavez
February 8	Dorothy Mitchell
February 22	Talitha Dickens
February 27	Noah Neilson

A Short (and unofficial) Guide to Vestry*

What is the composition of the Parish Vestry?

People's Warden (elected), Rector's Warden (appointed), Treasurer, Lay member of Synod (elected), Vestry members (3 or more)

What are the duties of the Parish Vestry?

To advise the Parish Corporation (Rector and Wardens) on financial and pastoral matters of concern to the Parish. The Parish Corporation is ultimately responsible for all matters relating to worship, property and parish finances.

What is a lay member of Synod?

- a member of St. David's elected at the AGM
- a member of the parish Vestry
- bring to Vestry matters of policy to be discussed by Diocesan Synod
- attends meetings of the Diocesan Synod (typically occurring every other year)
- reports to Vestry as soon as possible after a meeting of Synod.

What is a Vestry member?

- a member of St. David's elected at the AGM
- attends Parish Vestry meetings (approximately 10 per year) and participates in deliberations
- represents the best interests of the parishioners
- participates in the execution and implementation of decisions

What is a Warden?

- The People's warden is elected; the Rector's warden is appointed by the Rector
- attends meetings of the Parish Corporation, Parish Vestry and Parishioners;
- participates in the deliberations at such meetings
- executes the decisions taken at such meetings
- consults with the Rector on matters affecting the work of the Church
- facilitates the communication and resolution of concerns of parishioners
- consults with the Bishop or the Bishop's representative regarding matters affecting the work of the Church

* All the technical details are found in the ACT OF INCORPORATION CONSTITUTION and CANONS available on the Diocese of Edmonton website.



The Dove — Lent Edition is scheduled for February 11, 2018. Please submit items to tim@st-davids.ca one week prior to this. Thanks!

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