

# Saint George's Episcopal Church

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To the Beloved Parishioners of St. George's,

We are at an historic time in our parish. Building on almost 300 years of ministry, we have a unique opportunity to chart the future course of St. George's.

The Vestry has been working tirelessly to ensure that our worship, our liturgy and our parish life are undiminished, and that our church is strong in structure, in finance and in spirit.

The Vestry is also fully engaged in planning the search for our next rector. We believe that God's plan for St. George's is one that emphasizes love, acceptance and inclusiveness for all people, with unremitting faith in God, and with a strong commitment to traditional liturgy and dynamic preaching.

Your input is crucial in our search process. After all, "*We are the Church*" means that every one of you plays a vital part in our future. What do you want St. George's to be? More importantly, what do you discern that God wants us to be?

Most of us well remember the rectors of our recent past. Humans all, they each brought their own special gifts, strengths and foibles. A new rector will bring his own unique gifts and talents. The right person will draw from those who have walked his path before.

To gather your thoughts, we will hold a parish meeting on Sunday, 9 March in the Great Hall, following the Mass. We have attached a short list of questions and topics for you to consider. This list is not all-inclusive, so please feel free to come with additional comments and suggestions. Most importantly, please do come. And, don't be shy!

With clear input from you, the Vestry will finalize the search criteria and our parish profile, be able to advertise this position and begin receiving applications. The process might prove lengthy or God may bless us with the right candidate in the early stages. Patience is a virtue here. We will keep you informed as to our progress.

We ask your prayers for St. George's and for the Episcopal Church, with special intention for your Vestry's discernment and wisdom to recognize whom God will call to our parish.

In faith,

David G. Kennison, Sr. Warden,  
for the Vestry and Wardens of St. George's