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# St. Paul's Snippets

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October 16, 2023

**Our mission** at St. Paul's Church is to declare the goodness of God's grace to all people.  
We welcome all to join in worship and fellowship, united as the family of God.  
We pledge to share our time and resources  
to serve the needs of individuals and the community.

## Birthdays this Week



Autumn Hankey  
Tom Botts



The Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, issued a statement calling for "all our congregations, institutions, and parishioner families to join with our sister Churches in the Land of the Holy One in observing this coming Tuesday, October 17th as a day of Fasting and Prayer for peace, reconciliation, and an end to the war."

In response to that call, the diocese will host a simple prayer service on Tuesday at 5 p.m. at St. Peter's in Cazenovia and online through our Diocesan Facebook page. Bishop DeDe will preside.

Join Bishop DeDe and the entire Diocese in prayer onsite or online at <https://www.facebook.com/cnyepiscopal/>. The event is also posted on St. Paul's Facebook.

*The Most Reverend Hosam E. Naoum  
Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem  
The Fifteenth Bishop of the Episcopal  
Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem*



المطران حسام الياس نعوم  
رئيس الاساقفة الانجليكاني في القدس  
الاسقف الخامس عشر لمطرانبة القدس الاسقفية العربية

**"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."  
(Matthew 5:9, NRSV)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace and peace to you all from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Once again we find ourselves living through hard times in the Land of the Holy One, where we are surrounded by war, violence, hatred, and destruction. Many in our region now live with great fear and uncertainty.

Nevertheless, from Jerusalem, the City of the Resurrection, I send you all hope for the assurance of a better life: one with a brighter future, more blessed circumstances, and freedom from bloodshed, injustice, and death.

We condemn all acts of violence and killing, especially of civilians and the innocent. And we advocate for a just and comprehensive peace for all living here. In order to stop the vengeful cycle of violence, we exhort everyone to exercise self-control. Since everyone loses in war, we also call for all parties to pursue peaceful, diplomatic solutions towards a just and lasting agreement for both peoples in a two-state solution. Only in this way can we all enjoy freedom, justice, and peace.

To this end, we pray without ceasing for justice, reconciliation, peace, and an end to hatred and war. We also pray for God to change the hearts of all leaders and decision-makers in our countries and around the world. For we are in dire need of hearts that love, show mercy, and are willing to live in unity with others—hearts that respect human dignity and choose life rather than death.

We therefore call upon all our congregations, institutions, and parishioner families to join with our sister Churches in the Land of the Holy One in observing this coming Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> as a day of Fasting and Prayer for peace, reconciliation, and an end to the war. We suggest organizing prayer services and/or joining with other congregations in their services so that we can pray together with one heart and spirit.

We entrust the countries of our Lord's earthly home into the hands of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, asking him to have mercy on us and to give us his peace and blessing. *Amen.*

++ Hosam E. Naoum  
Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem  
The Primate of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East

St. George's Cathedral – Jerusalem, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023



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## **2023 Stewardship Sunday on October 22nd**

St. Paul's vestry will be meeting in November to discuss the budget for 2024. A letter and pledge card has been mailed to each of you requesting your prayerful consideration when pledging this year. Giving in the form of a pledge allows the vestry to plan for the coming year.

There is a copy of the Stewardship letter below along with information about giving. Please consider prayerfully how you can support St. Paul's and the work we do.

**Why does giving to the church matter spiritually?** Because we are St. Paul's: our spiritual life, our experience of worship, reverence, and music, our passion for justice and ministry outside the parish, our learning and care for one another, our humor and celebration are communal realities.

Because we are grateful for the blessings we receive and the challenges that help us grow as a people of faith and as community members.

Because it is helpful and good to discern our priorities: What really matters in our lives? Where do we spend our time? For what are we grateful? To what values do we dedicate our lives? Because giving to the church is an act of generosity, but also an act of trust. Both trust and generosity are spiritual practices or discipline.

Dear Friend of St. Paul's,

As we reflect on the past year, we rejoice in our ability to gather in church services, fellowship events, and ministry work. I often ask members why they chose to join St. Paul's Church. Some respond that we are a welcoming congregation – a diverse group bound by our love for one another. Others are attracted by the wisdom and beauty of our Anglican heritage – a church where you can ask questions.

This year's Annual Giving theme, *Reimagine the Possible*, coming from the Gospel of Matthew that all things are possible with God. Beginning with the creation story in Genesis, scripture abounds with stories of how the most unexpected of events provided the opportunity for being church and serving others in new ways. Here at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, we have increased online worship opportunities, provided outdoor services, and been present in many ways to the community and their needs. While these examples are visible signs of God's presence among us, it is important to remember that they are made possible through your financial support for our church.

Over these past years of uncertainty and change, the consistent financial support for St. Paul's has enabled us to continue to fulfill our mission by serving those within our church family and those within the wider community. You have always been so supportive of St. Paul's, generously giving of your time, wisdom, experience, passion, and financial resources to sustain and grow our work and ministries. As we begin this year's *Reimagine the Possible* Annual Giving campaign, we hope we can count on your support again.

Included with this mailing is a pledge card for 2024. Please prayerfully consider the amount you pledge financially so that St. Paul's can continue its work of following Jesus into a loving, liberating, and life-giving relationship with God, with each other, and with the earth. We eagerly look forward to the future and to sustaining and growing the church that is our spiritual home. With your support, we will no doubt see the ways in which all things are possible with God.

If you have any questions or would like to further discuss making a financial pledge to St. Paul's, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Faithfully, Rev. Trula Hollywood



**Doug's Fish Fry: October 17th, 11-6 pm**  
**at Grand Union Parking lot** - Proceeds will benefit St Paul's Church as a "thank you" for a very successful August event. Spread the word.

**Game Day - October 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm-**  
Bring a game and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship.



**ECW Meeting** Tuesday, October 24th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dish to share Bible study /business



**Harvest**  
**Coffee Hour**  
Sunday, October 29th.  
Fall treats,  
pumpkin carving & more.



**Halloween is Coming!!** Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 5-7 pm, we will hand out pre-wrapped candy goodies to trick or treaters.

**ACT Meal: November 2nd** will be St Paul's turn to serve the meal at Owego Baptist 5 pm. It will be the scheduled Thanksgiving meal however the decision was made by the board to NOT have a sit-down dinner due to rise of Covid cases and other serious viruses. Boxed meals will be served. Most of the meal items are provided by the Food Bank. St. Paul's will be providing stuffing, gravy and cranberry sauce...monetary donations are preferred to meet these needs. **Volunteer servers** will be needed for this huge meal.

**Historic Property Tour**- St. Paul's will be participating in the Tioga Arts Council's 2023 Historic Property Tour scheduled for **Saturday, October 21** from 11-4! More information is forthcoming!

**The Angel Tree:** Yes, it's almost time to think about it! St Paul's will again be adopting several families with children. More info soon!

**Samaritan's Purse-** It's time to build a shoebox, filled with age group choice (label 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 years old) appropriate



gifts for boys and girls. Ideas include school supplies, hygiene items, toys, stuffed animals. There is a \$10 fee for shipping. Write a check and place inside box and do not seal the box, as they are inspected before shipment. Local drop off is Lakeview Chapel Nov 14-18<sup>th</sup> or, you may build a shoebox online: [samaritanspurse.org/buildonline](http://samaritanspurse.org/buildonline).



## Hanging of the Greens

**November 26<sup>th</sup>**

After Coffee Hour

Christmas is such a special time of year—a time of celebration, family and the birth of our Lord. You are invited to join us as we prepare the church to celebrate the birth of Christ. There are jobs for every

age and skill level, so everyone can help.

what's happening

**"Surviving the Holidays" on October 21<sup>st</sup>** will be held at Lakeview Chapel in Owego for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. There are two options for that day, a session that begins at 10 am and ends at noon OR the same material shared again starting at 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm. The cost is \$8.00 per person for their book.

**Saturday, October 28th**, 5-9pm- Owego Village Halloween Fest

**Saturday, December 2nd**, 5 to 9pm- Lights on the River.



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National Pasta Day is dedicated to one of the world's most versatile foods – pasta!

Dinner tonight?



**Look for us on Facebook!** Keep up on what's going on at St. Paul's on Facebook!



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