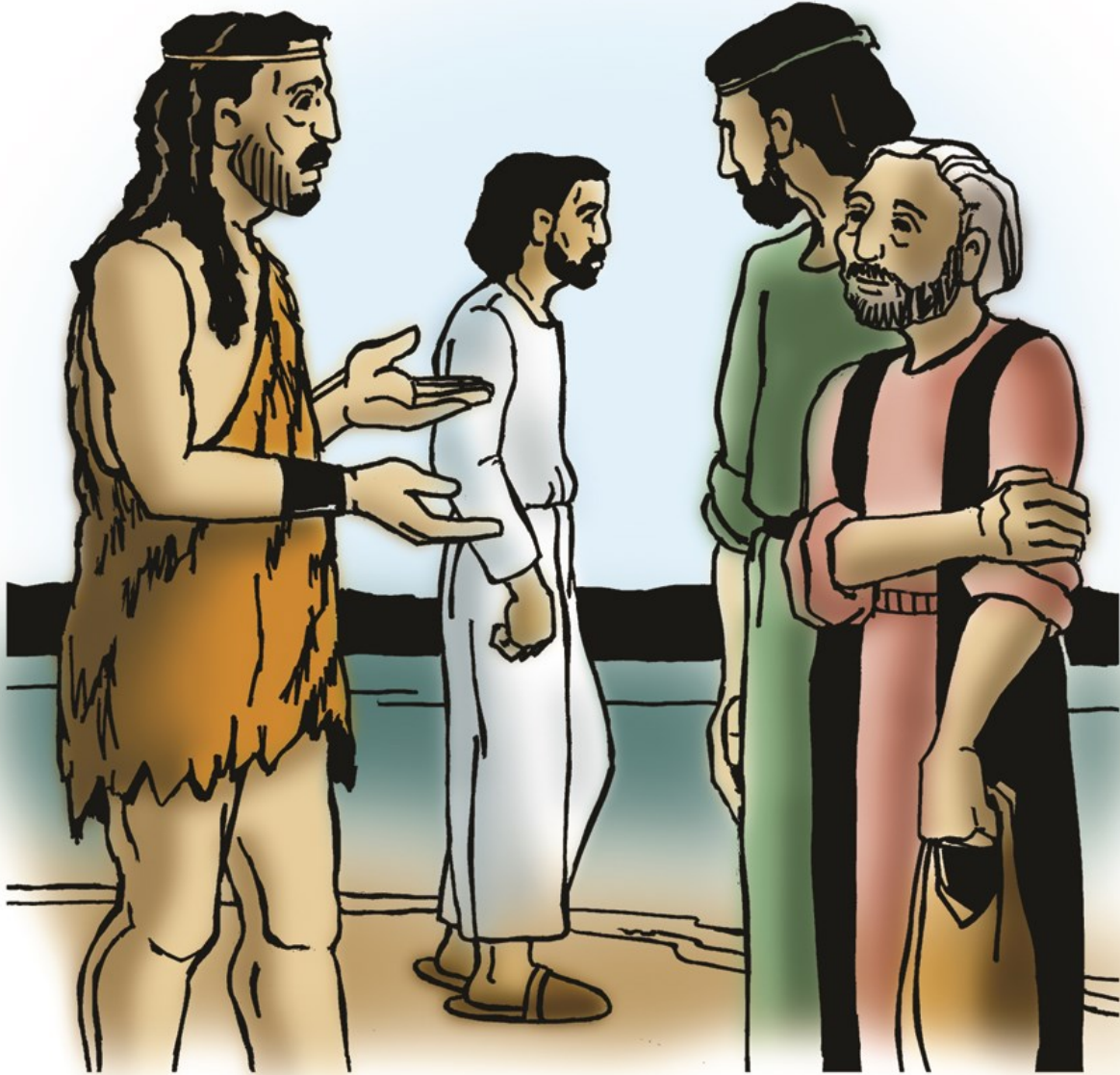


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**HOLY COMMUNION: RITE II at 10:00 A.M.**  
St. Mark's Sunday worship starts at 10 a.m. in the Erwin Chapel and on Zoom

**ZOOM & IN-PERSON SERVICE INFORMATION**

Welcome. Our service will always be available on Zoom with Meeting ID 500-865-037. You can enter via the parish Web link at <http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org>. You may also enter by calling 1-646-558-8656. Please either print or have the bulletin open on a separate browser tab to participate fully in the service. (For more information on the Zoom service, please go to the back page of the bulletin.)

If there is a significant negative change in the trajectory of the Covid-19 pandemic, we will switch to Zoom-only worship. An email will be sent out to the parish to alert everyone if the service is to be Zoom only.

In-person services at 90 Main Street **will no longer require** that everyone wear a mask and maintain a safe distance inside the buildings of South Church. Please use your best judgement concerning mask use if you have been exposed to someone who tested positive. Masks will be available for those who need them. Thank you.

**Today we welcome the Reverend Joan Phelps as our Celebrant and Preacher.**

**Curtis Searle is our e-verger this week.**



**Entrance Hymn 542** *“Christ is the world’s true Light”*

**St. Joan**



**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Acclamation:**

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen..**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Gloria**

**People and Celebrant:**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

**Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

**Isaiah 49:1-7**

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength -  
he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,

“Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The Word of the Lord.  
(*silence*)

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 40:1-12**

Volunteer

Leader: I waited patiently upon the LORD; \*

**People: he stooped to me and heard my cry.**

Leader: He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \*

**People: he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

Leader: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; \*

**People: many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.**

Leader: Happy are they who trust in the LORD! \*

**People: they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**

Leader: Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!

how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*

**People: there is none who can be compared with you.**

Leader: Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*

**People: but they are more than I can count.**

Leader: In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure; \*

**People: (you have given me ears to hear you);**

Leader: Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*

**People: and so I said, “Behold, I come.**

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*

**People: ‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.’ ”**

Leader: I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*

**People: behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.**

Leader: Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*

**People: I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.**

Leader: You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; \*

**People: let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.**

**The Second Lesson**

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from Paul’s First letter to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints,  
together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

(*silence*)

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel**

**John 1:29-42**

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[John] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
*(silence)*

**People:** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Joan Phelps**

**The Creed**

*Celebrant sets the pace.*

**People and Celebrant, remembering to pause at the punctuation:**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**  
**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**  
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
 He has spoken through the Prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Prayers of the People III

Leader: Volunteer

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

**People: That we all may be one.**

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People: That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

**People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*[People may add their own petitions.]*

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Celebrant and people: Most merciful God,  
 we confess that we have sinned against you  
 in thought, word, and deed,  
 by what we have done,  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us and forgive us;  
 that we may delight in your will,  
 and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal  
 life. *Amen*

## The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

### The Great Thanksgiving

#### Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus

Celebrant and People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People: **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**





**The Blessing**

Celebrant: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

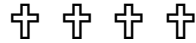
People: Amen.

Dismissal Hymn 450 *“All hail the power of Jesus’ Name”*

**Coronation**

**Announcements**

Priest, Deacon or  
Worship Leader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**



**Thank you to everyone who participated in putting the service together today.**

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2023 Stewardship

Pledge Envelopes are Available to be picked up.  
Please contact Cheryl in the Parish Office if you need envelopes  
If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible.  
You may drop them into the plate on Sundays or mail them to the parish office.  
Thank you!

**Safe Church Training**

Safe Church Training dates are now available. All trainings (both re-certification and Comprehensive) are virtual. Go to <https://www.episcopalct.org/events/category/safe-church-training/> to register. (All incoming vestry MUST have up to date Safe Church certificates.)

## **The Second Sunday After Epiphany - January 15, 2023**

**Longterm prayers are asked for:** Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Gail Bates, Bill Briggs, Cletus Cone, Patricia Cone, Danny, Edward Dubois, Gary Hudkins, Margaret Hughes, Mike Krumrine, Florence Krivka, Claire Lucid, Ann Maltais, Kelly Nauss, Olivia Pike, Rae Robinson, Francis and Joann Rusczyk, and Bud Wilcox.

**Healing:** Mary Ann Kissel, Georgie Bethel, Phil Porter, Stacey Albert, Manny Monteiro, and Cheryl Hanson.

**ECCT Cycle of Prayer:** All ecumenical and interfaith endeavors involving our congregations and people; and for peace and peacemakers.

**Those who serve our country:** Ryan Alexander, Tiana Baptiste, Ryan Beaudoin, Parker Browne, Michael Johnston, and Ed Priesser.

**Parish families:** Susan Savage, Jackie Schenck and family, Curtis Searle, Molly Sherman and family, and Dale Soberaj, Kelly Suprenant and Claire Bagameri.

**Those who have died, especially Nancy Gentry and those who are remembered today:** The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., Stella and Family and Clifford Mason.

**PRAYER CHAIN: To activate the chain call or email:**

**Barbara Campbell – Phone: 860-673-7607 Email: [campbellba24@gmail.com](mailto:campbellba24@gmail.com)**

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**Please remember to send in your pledges and offerings to the parish. The mail in the St. Mark's post office box is picked up several times a week. Your pledge payments are compiled at least once a month and deposited.**

**Mailing address for financial contributions:**

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church PO Box 1538 New Britain, CT 06050-1538  
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**St. Marks keeps going in God's way, God's time, and to God's glory.**

**The worship services, the parish office, and ministry to the community adapt and continue. Your contributions of time, talent, and treasure are appreciated to make it happen.**

**The Food Pantry ministry continues on Mondays (9 to 2) and Thursdays (9 to 2).**

### 2023 Stewardship—Pledge Envelopes



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**Thank you!**

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, January 15 - 10:00 a.m. -**

**Service in the Erwin Chapel with the Rev. Joan Phelps**

**Monday, January 16 -**

**Martin Luther King Day - Parish Office Closed**

**Tuesday, January 17 - 6:45 p.m. -**

**Vestry Meeting - Zoom or Library**

**Sunday, January 22 - 10:00 a.m. -**

**Service in the Erwin Chapel with the Rev. Joan Phelps**

**Sunday, January 29 - 10:00 a.m. -**

**Service in the Erwin Chapel with Stephen Hard, Worship Leader**

**Sunday, February 5 - 10:00 a.m. -**

**Service in the Erwin Chapel with the Rev. Joseph Pace followed  
by the Annual Meeting in Cooper Hall**

**MERGER SURVEY**

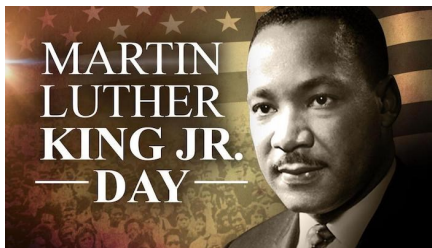
All Merger Questionnaires are due today. If you have not completed the survey and returned it to the parish office, please do so now. Blank copies will be available.

If you need a copy of the survey sent to you, please contact Cheryl in the office and she will send one to you. Thank you.

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**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION  
with the Churches at 90 Main**

**Join Us As We Worship Together**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Scripture: Matthew 3:1-17**

**Sermon: Prepare the Way - Pastor Jane Rowe**

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

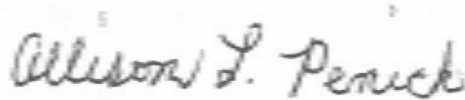
St. Mark's Annual Parish Meeting  
will be held on:

Sunday, February 5, 2023

[Blizzard date: February 12, 2023]

Location: Cooper Hall Following the 10 a.m. Service in  
Erwin Chapel - Zoom will be available.

The annual meeting is called for  
Election of Officers and Vestry and  
any other business as designated  
by the Vestry.



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