



St. John's Episcopal Church
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Dear Beloved in Christ,

With so many things changing daily if not hourly, I want to remember that God's love is unchanging. It is our rock amidst any and all shifting sand. And I am grateful for each of you and for our community of faith together, especially in these difficult days.

I will be brief here so that important information does not get lost for ways that we can connect in worship, fellowship, and service in these days ahead. First, please join together on Sunday for Morning Prayer with St. John's at 10 am. You can watch the live stream on YouTube at our channel "[St. John's Bangor Streaming](#)". Or join us on the [ZOOM](#) call and let your own face be seen for others.

Later on Sunday, Deacon Ann invites us all to gather by zoom for tea at 5pm - a type of coffee hour transferred and a chance to say hello and catch up with other parishioners. The zoom link is in her announcement to you below. Please also take time this weekend to call others in the parish- just to say hello and check-in with each other. Wouldn't it be great if we each began calling 3 people on a Sunday or in preparation for a Sunday? Our sense of Christ's Body through community would grow steadily and impact our worship and our fellowship - and the habit would be a blessing to us even after this virus passes. Who might you call this week?

As we seek to love and serve others in this difficult time, please let it be known if you have needs or if you are available to help others. In either case, please email community@stjohnsbangor.org. Alison Barkley has kindly offered to help us organize and respond. If you have ideas or would like to be involved in such efforts, please email or reach out to her directly. Alison has also signed up herself with the United Way for volunteering to help in the larger community. The United Way is providing an important coordinated response to needs in our community and if you would like to take part, it is easy to sign up on-line.

Please look out in the mail for a hard-copy coming of our parish directory as well as some materials for Holy Week. Please keep the community in your prayers and encourage one another with faith and hope in God's goodness, provision, and loving-kindness.

With love and gratitude to God for each and every one of you -

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Marguerite A.H. Steadman
Rector

"Make God's Love Known."