



St George's
Hope for life

ANNUAL PARISH
REPORT
2020

PARISH MEETING

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OUR MISSION

Our mission is to love Jesus, with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind while loving our neighbors as ourselves. We then know and share this Love and Hope courageously with others.

OUR CORE VALUES

Worshipping Community

Our Worship is centered on Jesus and is practiced in the Episcopal tradition of the priesthood of all believers, using spiritual tools from the church fathers and mothers.

Belonging

At Baptism, we become part of God's family. A new family, where everyone belongs and is included and engaging in spiritual growth, sharing what they know of Jesus while seeking to learn from those who know and live their faith.

Connecting

We gather and grow through reflection on God's Word; praying for one another and loving one another and those who join us in fellowship.

Tenaciously Boldly Going Out

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to go out and share the love of God with others by word, service, and presence.

Spreading Hope Through Sharing the Word of God

Through engaging in study of the Word and living a life of faith, we share God's Word to help others find Hope in Christ.

Inviting, Welcoming, Connecting

We courageously invite others into relationship with us as individuals and our worship community through social media, mail and in person. We have a robust newcomer welcoming and integration process fully in place to receive, welcome and want to connect. We encourage members to engage and participate in worship on a regular basis. We make disciples in the way of love and hope, by first tending to our own spiritual growth as we look for any reason to fall in love with God and one another, and then seeking a few others we can share with, through one-on-one fellowship, small groups and fun.

Going Into The World

We are Stewarding our resources and collaborating with others to serve the good of our greater community.

Loving Each Other

Love each other through caring relationships by supporting each other, staying in touch, identifying needs, sharing time and resources, and having fun and fellowship.

AGENDA

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. ELECTIONS *(by acclamation)*

- a. Vestry Members
- b. Diocesan Delegates

3. RECOGNITIONS

- a. Vestry
- b. Staff

4. REPORTS

- a. Rector
- b. Senior Warden
- c. Junior Warden
- d. Finances
 - i. 2020 Financials
 - ii. 2021 Budget
- e. Stewardship
- f. Team Reports
 - i. 2020 Accomplishments
- g. 2021 Happenings

5. BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

THE 2021 VESTRY

NOMINEES:

*Will stay on due
to Covid-19*

**Rip Howell
Marie Carlson
Sharon Willingham
Doug Mullen**

TERMS TO EXPIRE JANUARY 2021

Beverly Ross

TERMS TO EXPIRE JANUARY 2022

**Susan Dunn
Rip Howell
Marie Carlson
Sharon Willingham**

2021 OFFICERS

**Susan Dunn, Senior Warden
Rip Howell, Junior Warden
Fran Monroe and Jim Deslatte, Co-Treasurers
Ann John, Pledge Treasurer**

NOMINATED DELEGATES TO DIOCESAN COUNCIL

February 26-27, 2021

Virtual Event

**Rip Howell
Marie Carlson
Susan Dunn
David Kautz
Alternate: Sharon Willingham
Clergy: Deacon Joseph Mills**

RECTOR'S REPORT

Our mission to love Jesus, with all our heart, soul, strength and mind while loving our neighbors as ourselves—this was reaffirmed in 2020. We took it a step further last year to live this in practical ways—by identifying core values and setting goals. Teams formed to make this a reality.

CORE VALUES

Worshiping Community:

We worshipped as a community in person on Sundays: Rite I - 8 AM and Rite II - 10:30 AM. In March, due to the pandemic, we moved worship online (Facebook: St Georges Texas City and Zoom) to 9:30 AM. We added Evening Prayer on Wednesdays on Zoom and Noonday Prayer on weekdays (M-F) on Facebook with over 20 members helping own this ministry and sharing a devotion on the theme of the season. Our reach was to over 800 people initially as we shared the Good News and tools for staying focused on God with us in the midst of so many changes. On September 13th, we came back to worship in person in the church at 11 AM on Sundays using our safety precautions. We continued our online services at 9:30 AM every Sunday and Noonday Prayer Monday through Friday. We held 6 memorial services during the year. Hybrid services allowed for small groups of the immediate family to be in person and offer the rest of the family and friends to be present with us online via zoom. This enabled folks to share stories and celebrations in memory of the loved one, which has been very effective in helping families begin the grief process. We remember Gil Goodwill, Jim Golberg, Lloyd Criss, Nancy Rameriz, Lenny Cianciotto, and Pat Moyer. We pray God bless and comfort their families.

Belonging:

We welcomed 3 people through Baptism as part of God's family, confirmed 4 people, and received 2. As part of a new family, where everyone belongs and is included, we invite all to engage in spiritual growth and share what they know of Jesus while seeking to learn from those who know and have lived their faith. Sharing the faith with the congregation and newest members, we held Compassion Camp for the new and old Members during July and August. The preaching, teaching, and activities all focused on Compassion. This was offered to the youth in collaboration with Grace - Alvin. Other themes for the year were praying the Lord's Prayer, the 23rd Psalm, Holy Resiliency and Practicing Hope. We used living compass materials for Lent and Advent to inspire wellbeing.

Connecting:

We gathered and have grown online and through small groups—reflecting on God's word; praying for and loving one another and those who join us in fellowship.

Tenaciously Boldly Going Out:

As disciples of Jesus, we know we are called to go out and share the love of God with others by word, service and presence. We did this boldly in 2020 by leaning on our relationships with our ecumenical partners to inspire over 200 people to go and pray over our schools before school started in three cities. We also mobilized many, with yard signs, to encourage and pray over our first responders in Texas City, La Marque and Dickinson. We treated them to a free coffee and snack by giving a coupon for local coffee shops. On Pentecost, we hosted a prayer parade in which we gathered and drove around Texas City and La Marque inviting Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done! Praying the Holy Spirit come fill our cities!

Inviting, Welcoming, Connecting:

Forming Love teams to grow as disciples, we have been able to grow in leadership, taking on such roles as group leader, communications coordinator, chaplain, plan keeper, and prayer partner to help make real the goals we as a community set in February.

We make disciples in the way of love and hope, by first tending to our own spiritual growth as we look for any reason to fall in love with God and one another, and then seeking a few others we can share with, through one-on-one fellowship, small groups and fun. This has helped more people engage in some way whether praying from home, serving on a love team—writing letters or on the call committee, or leading Noonday Prayer. While separated, we actually had more people engaged than ever and have been able to reconnect with our homebound in meaningful ways that has been very life-giving to all.

In tending to our goal to invite, welcome, and connect with others, we courageously invited others into relationship with us as individuals and our worship community through social media, mail and in person. We are working to have a robust newcomer welcoming and integration process fully in place to receive and welcome all who want to connect. We have had 90% of our members engage on social media worship and have drawn past members, friends, and family from near and far to worship with us on a regular basis. We celebrate that hearts and lives are being transformed.

Going Into The World:

We stewarded our resources and collaborated with others to serve the good of our greater community. Beginning at Easter, a small team prepared and delivered meals to 40 people and eventually to over 120 people every 2 weeks. To date, over 2,250 meals and packets with bible studies, newsletters, and services have been shared. This provided a means for members and our Pastor to connect with homebound members. Many members furthered the ministry by asking for a meal with neighbors and to bless those out of work.

Loving Each Other:

We have cared for and loved each other through online fellowship, phone calls, cards, food, and running errands to express caring relationships by supporting each other, staying in touch, identifying needs, sharing time and resources and having fun and fellowship. We hosted a small, socially distanced Griefshare class both in person and online in the Fall. In identifying needs, we began gathering those who are caregivers of someone with dementia and bringing in experts from the wider community to help share resources and support. For Advent, we determined our young families needed some extra love, so we created Advent Calendars in a Bag and a home blessing kit.

Our Stewardship Theme, “Doing What Love Requires,” called members to active discipleship by doing something, engaging in community and worship, and giving financially. We had 4 people pledge for the first time and several members increased their giving significantly with time and resources. We are so grateful for everyone no matter the amount they give. These are all signs of health and vitality and hearts being transformed. While we were unable to host our usual Hope Festival, we held several fundraisers which also provided people with comfort food. We also received several grants which brought in about the amount of money we would have raised with our fundraisers in the past. We asked family and friends to be generous this Giving Tuesday by giving to St. George’s, so we could continue to make Ambassador’s of Christ. Together we can do more!

Spreading Hope Through Sharing the Word of God:

Our opportunity moving forward is to keep the teams going and have more fun in the midst of the challenges of COVID-19. We will do additional training with prayer partners, leaders, and communications leaders. In addition, we will form and train up a team around spiritual formation. We have held and will continue bi-monthly trainings for the Chaplains encouraging them to help re-direct our focus first and foremost on who God is, the nature of God, and to give thanks for who He is. Who we say God is shapes our theology and then how we interact with everyone else. God alone is worthy of our praise. This is the secret way through hard times—to praise God!

We need to set our focus on and fall in love again with who God is and be in awe. This will require everyone to do their own spiritual work personally and then participate in community spirit-led worship based prayer. We have made great strides towards this shift. Love begins with the one who loves us all more than we could hope or imagine! When we look to love and are open to what God wants to do in and through us and join in what He is already doing in the world—anything is possible!

I pray you all are able to find renewed Hope and Joy in Christ in the midst of so many changes and challenges.

In Hope & Prayer
Pastor Robin+

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Wow! What a year. It has been busier than we ever thought; however, much has been accomplished.

We held Bible study and staff meetings weekly until Covid-19 hit in March.

Diocesan Council was held in Waco in February and was a great success. As usual, I was very impressed and came away feeling very blessed and grateful to be an Episcopalian.

The Vestry retreat was held in February and we invited Reb Scarborough to conduct a Mission and Vision session to help us determine where we want to go as a congregation and how we want to get there. So far, we've been able to set up these teams: 1) Invite, Welcome, Connect 2) Caring For Each Other and 3) Into The World. The work of these teams in 2020 included: spiffing up the church and gardens to make it more inviting, setting up phone bank teams, and cooking Dinners for Christ.

We had a very productive meeting with Bishop Monterroso in February. He is a good listener and we are good talkers.

Then Covid-19 hit!! We had big plans to have a bigger and better Spring Soiree, Fish Fry and Hope Festival; however, we instead had other successful fund raisers. David Kautz started Cooking for Christ and we took that idea and made a couple of fundraisers out of it. In the spring, we sold chicken spaghetti and made around \$1815.00. In the fall, we sold hams and chili and made around \$1580.00. Many, many thanks to all who helped with these, which included most, if not all, the members in some way. We also made masks for anyone who needed them. Eleanore was the ring leader of this and did a wonderful job.

Another first for us—we had noonday prayer every weekday with members graciously participating.

We also participated in the annual city-wide Thanksgiving dinner last year. We put the dinners together and delivered them.

We learned Zoom and Facebook for our services and meetings and we ran with it. It's not the same as in person; however, we can reach even more people, including the homebound. In September, we were able to start in person services on a limited basis. I think I can speak for all when I say we are looking forward to a very Happy and Healthy 2021! Blessings to all.

Susan Dunn

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

1. Finished duct work on the Quin Hall upstairs A/C unit and returned to service
2. Woody's A/C replaced compressor in the church area front unit and now running good
3. All A/C filters replaced in December
4. Playground and garden area fence scraped for loose paint and then primed, then Boy Scout Troop 246 Cobra Patrol (Scout Master Angel Urbina) completed project with painting
5. Cleaned and painted the north wall of the church from the playground area east to the pump house—remaining area pending funds for completion
6. Continual work on rodent issues with the kitchen and Quin Hall areas—moving the bait stations and switching the bait to a different kind seems to have helped.
7. Pye-Barker Fire Systems has completed the retrofit from being a dry system to a wet system, due to being out of compliance with the state fire code. The major portion has been completed and signed off by the fire marshal for functionality, but still working with Kent to have the annunciator horn wired into the system and then final signoff with Pye-Barker and fire marshal will be completed.
8. Health District found numerous issues on their last visit and these are being addressed
 - dirty stainless steel supports under the three kitchen sinks
 - moldy refrigerator gaskets (complete)
 - dirty window sills behind the three sinks and the length of the kitchen
 - rust on kitchen stove being cleaned up and painted
9. Piping repairs to supply line at the cooling tower
10. Kent rigged up piping and all A/C units have been acid washed and flushed clear—next step is to add conditioning chemicals to maintain the system
11. Cracked sidewalk in the courtyard broken out and working on replanting grass
12. Satellite dish on north side removed

Pending work:

1. Currently four A/C units out of service with ~\$5800.00 in the A/C fund dedicated for unit replacement when needed
2. Need to install the backup circulating pump in the pump house
3. Sheetrock work in Quin Hall and two large holes in limestone wall in playground area need to be completed
4. Still having ongoing issues with internet connections to the wireless thermostats
5. Hallway carpet to be replaced with laminate flooring but on hold due to 4B group being inactive
6. Finish painting north wall outside and fascia board replacement everywhere
7. Quin Hall south window continues to get worse and in need of replacement

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS REPORT

Beginning the year 2020, six (6) persons were licensed as Lay Eucharistic Ministers to serve chalice. We worshipped in person on Sundays having Rite I at 8 a.m. and Rite II at 10:30 a.m. until mid-March when the pandemic hit. Beginning on March 15, we moved worship online on Facebook and Zoom at 9:30 a.m. We added evening prayer on Wednesdays on Zoom and Noonday Prayer Monday through Friday on Facebook. On September 13th, we came back to worship in person in church at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays using safety precautions. At that time, we continued our online services at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday and Noonday Prayer Monday through Friday. We give thanks to the following for becoming involved in our LayReader ministry.

Raquel Balderas	Marie Carlson	Jim Deslatte	Haynes Dunn
Susan Dunn	Byron Hambrick	Rip Howell	David Kautz
Lynn Koepp	Olive Krell	Doug Mullen	Beverly Ross
Kent Ross	Kristy Stewart	Ashley Tompkins	Sandy Tompkins
Eleanore Wuthrich			

Please pardon me if I left anyone out.

Jim Deslatte

ALTAR GUILD REPORT

The purpose of the Altar Guild is to make ready the sanctuary for worship services. It is a special service to serve our Lord and the church.

Active Members: *Nancy Lee, Chris Smith, Sandy Tompkins, Ashley Tompkins, Byron Hambrick, Tina Mullen, and Olive Krell.*

Celia Patterson fills in when needed. She and Kenny Patterson take care of the Easter and Christmas flowers. Thank you Celia and Kenny.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us. For any information, please call Olive Krell at (409) 739-5479 or talk to Pastor Robin.

We also have a flower chart on the wall across from the restrooms. Please check it over and sign up to give flowers one or more Sundays. The cost is \$35 each Sunday.

Thanks to all who have helped during the year.

Olive Krell

USHER REPORT

Let me begin by saying that I can't begin to replace Helen and I don't intend to. She will be right back as head of ushers as soon as this pandemic is over.

Many, many thanks to all the members who volunteered as ushers. Most of them volunteer for several other positions, but have been very gracious in accepting to volunteer as ushers. They include: Haynes, Beverly, Rip, Sharon, Lynn, David K., Sandy, Chris, Doug, Kent, and Marie. I'm looking forward to giving you back to Helen.

Thank you, Helen, for setting this in place. It makes my job easier.

Susan Dunn

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Our Stewardship theme for 2020, "Doing What Love Requires," focused on the complex times in which we found ourselves. Recalling the prophet Micah, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry reminded us that as followers of Jesus, we must ask ourselves and our communities "What would love do?" Answering this question is our life's work, and we are privileged to stand among the saints who have done what love required of them in their time and place. Understanding this, it was our turn to answer the question and focus on the many ways in which we could respond in love to the needs around us.

Our goal was to increase pledgers and giving. We asked people to give God 10% of the 100% He's given. We had 4 new pledgers giving over \$15,000! All but 3 people pledged from last year. If all who are affiliated with our church gave as they have been blessed, we wouldn't have a shortfall.

We will continue teaching and preaching about stewardship. As it is a sign of spiritual maturity and growth to give. Thank you all for giving thanks to God for His many blessings.

Pastor Robin

PLEDGE TREASURER REPORT

We began 2020 with 26 families pledging \$85,569.00 for 2020. Due to COVID-19, we had irregular cash flow and lost budgeted income. After our Stewardship Campaign at the end of the year, we will be able to begin 2021 with 35 families pledging \$119,628.00 for 2021.

Ann John

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICES REPORT

In 2020, Sunday Services began with Rite I at 8 AM and Rite II at 10:30 AM. Midway through March, we moved Sunday Services online with Morning Prayer at 9:30 AM on Facebook. In April, we shortened Rite II and began with our updated 9:30 AM service on Facebook and Zoom. We added pre-recorded music by Beth Rogers and are grateful for Raquel running the technology! Their help has been invaluable. After coming back to worship in-person mid-September, we continued to have our online services.

During our online services, we had a few guest preachers:

- Jason Evans, Missioner for Missional Communities at the Episcopal Diocese of Texas
- Bishop Hector Monterroso
- Deacon Joseph Mills

Since we were able to have online services, we were able to create special videos for Palm Sunday, for Good Friday, and for our Christmas Pageant.

At the end of 2020, we applied and were rewarded a \$2,000 technology grant to upgrade equipment.

NOONDAY PRAYER REPORT

Noonday Prayer began with Pastor Robin early March and in late April, over 20 members started to help with this ministry! Thank you to all those who've helped! We covered quite a bit during 2020 with the following meditation themes:

- **The Healing Power of the 23rd Psalm** (March 17th – April 1st)
- **Journeying the Way of Love in Holy Week** (April 7th – April 9th)
- **The Resurrection Life Challenge** (April 20th – May 15th)
- **Thy Kingdom Come – Novena** (May 21st – May 29th)
- **Compassion** (July 6th – August 7th)
- **Holy Resilience** (August 10th – September 10th)
- **Living Well through Advent 2020** (November 30th – December 25th)

MISSION, VISION TEAM REPORT

Formed in January

Goal: Move forward with the visioning for St. George's by supporting each team with training and coaching—to help everyone understand their role on the team and helping them live into gathering as Jesus did with his disciples.

Leaders: Sharon Willingham, Susan Dunn, Marie Carlson, Rip Howell, Sandy Tompkins, and Pastor Robin.

Group Accomplishments:

- Grew as leaders
- Gathered and studied God's Word and prayed for each other
- Created 3 love teams
- Trained, coached, and supported each team

For more information, contact Sharon Willingham at 409-739-6967.

INVITE, WELCOME, CONNECT (IWC) TEAM REPORT

Formed in January

Goal: Courageously invite others into relationship with us as individuals and our worship community through social media, mail, and in-person AND encourage everyone to engage and participate in worship on a regular basis.

Leaders: Sandy Tompkins, Beverly Ross, Olive Krell, Lee Sanders, Rip Howell, Helen Kelemen, and Pastor Robin.

Group Accomplishments:

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| • Grew as Leaders | • Cleaned Garden of Hope | • Replaced American Flag |
| • Gathered & Studied God's Word | • Work Days—Helped paint building | • Courtyard flowerbeds cleaned and mulched |
| • Removed AT&T satellite Dish | • Entire church property mowed and edged | • Painted fence with the help of boy scouts |
| • Prayed for each other | • Cleared cement around tree | • Helped stuff & deliver packets—to keep members connected |
| • Spruced up building and property to make more welcoming | • Suppression system fixed | • Replaced thermostats |
| | • A/C Repairs | |

For more information on how you can be involved, contact Sandy Tompkins at 409-948-8847.

CARING FOR EACH OTHER TEAM REPORT

Formed in August

Goal: Love each other through caring relationships by supporting each other, staying in touch, identifying needs, sharing time and resources, and having fun and fellowship.

Leaders: Marie Carlson, Byron Hambrick, Ann John, Lynn Koepp, Susan Dunn, Terrilynn Rotramel, Pastor Robin.

Accomplishments:

- Grew as Leaders
- Gathered & Studied God's Word
- GriefShare
- Created a Calling Tree
- Gathered Emergency Contact Information
- Caregiver Connection Group
- Prayer Postcards
- Supported New youth Group

For more information, contact Marie Carlson at 409-948-0265.

INTO THE WORLD TEAM REPORT

Formed in August

Goal: Steward our resources and collaborate with others to serve the good of our greater community.

Leaders: David Kautz, Sharon Willingham, Eleanore Wuthrich, Mary Balderas, Raquel Balderas, Justin Troxclair, and Pastor Robin.

Accomplishments:

- Gathered & Studied God's Word
- Made Donation Link more noticeable on Website
- Grew as Leaders
- Cooking for Christ
- Prayed over 1st Responders in 3 cities
- Updated Website
- Mask Making
- Prayed over the schools for a New School Year

For more information, contact David Kautz at 979-824-2484.

A Few of our Many, Many Accomplishments in 2020

- Calling Tree
- Monthly Printed Newsletter
- Stations of the Cross Video
- Special Palm Sunday Video
- Prayed over a new school year; we were in charge of Roosevelt Wilson
- Prayed over 1st Responders in Texas City, La Marque, and Dickinson
- Provided 1st Responders with a free coffee “coupon” that they could redeem
- Monthly Youth Group till the fall
- Had VBS—Compassion Camp for the youth during the summer
- Team Meetings on Zoom when we couldn’t meet in-person
- Pentecost Prayer Parade
- Cooking for Christ Ministry—prepared and delivered meals to family and friends
- Made masks for members and the community
- Scouts came and painted fence for us
- Distributed Kidz Pacz
- Beautified the grounds
- Started using CallMultiplier for messaging family and friends
- Put together an Advent Calendar in a Bag for families
- Switched to more efficient thermostats
- Re-Opened for worship on Sunday, September 13th!
- Made donate button/link more visible on website
- Online Services at 9:30 AM on Facebook and Zoom
- Noonday Prayer M-F at 12 PM on Facebook
- Hybrid Funerals for loved ones
- GriefShare
- Provided Memorial Videos
- Caregiver Connection with UTMB
- Bible Studies on Zoom
- Wednesday Evening Prayer on Zoom
- Virtual Christmas Pageant
- Easter Cross filled with virtual flower submissions
- Love Teams Created—Focused on Discipleship: Loving like Jesus
- Prayer Postcards
- Work Days
- Repaired Playground Roof
- Stood in solidarity with marginalized communities post Hurricanes
- Received grants
- Chicken Spaghetti Fundraiser
- Ham & Chili Fundraiser
- Sent out Home Blessing Kits
- Distributed Hope Signs
- David Schlegel helped with videoing and uploading our services onto YouTube during the summer
- Ambassadors of Hope
- Beth Rogers helped bring music to our in-person services with pre-recorded music

Focus for 2021

Be Loved & Love & Keep the Faith

EVERY WEEK

Sundays	Online Service via Facebook or Zoom	9:30 AM
	Coffee Hour via Zoom	10:15 AM
	In-Person Services	11 AM
Mon.-Fri.	Noonday Prayer via Facebook	12 PM

JANUARY

1/24	Into the World Meeting with lunch <i>Join us if you want to give input about outreach opportunities!</i>	12:15 PM
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FEBRUARY

2/13	Visioning for 2021 Workshop - Join Us! Soul “Food” Deliveries with Lent Materials	10-12:30 PM
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CAN FOOD DRIVE PICK UP / Clean out your pantry of
NON-PERISHABLES in preparation for Shrove Tuesday.
We will pick it up! Non-Perishable items will be given to families in need.
Show your Love and Give.

2/16	Shrove Tuesday <i>Virtual Pancake Supper on Zoom</i>	5 PM
2/17	Ash Wednesday <i>Drive By Ashes</i>	7:30 AM & 12 PM
2/24	Lenten Series Begins —Virtual <i>Every Wednesday during lent</i>	5-6:30PM

MARCH

3/28	Palm Sunday	
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APRIL

4/1	Maundy Thursday	
4/2	Good Friday - Virtual Stations of the Cross	
4/4	EASTER	

MAY

5/23	Pentecost Sunday	
5/30	Trinity Sunday	