

# November 2014 Happenings St. James Episcopal Church Amesbury

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## "Ciao" from Rev. Christen



Who would have guessed, when I started preaching at St. James the end of June this year, that I'd be with you through the end of October? It's been a lovely visit. My next few weeks will be my time to reflect and "recharge."

I'll be joining my husband in Northern Italy at The Liguria Study Foundation in the Genoa suburb of Bogliasco. "Bogliasco", as it's known, is a mixture of artists' colony and scholars' retreat. It's one of a few such places that welcome spouses.

We'll be right on the coast. I'm going to spend a couple of weeks contemplating the water, hiking up and down hills, and getting to know academics and creative artists of all sorts.

*God bless and keep you all. Arrivederci!*

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## Welcome Rev. Jonathan MacKenzie



On November 2nd, Rev. Jonathan will be leading our worship services as our supply clergy.

Rev. Jonathan was born and raised in the Adirondack Mountains of New York State and attended Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School. He holds a BA degree in English Literature from Union College in Schenectady, New York, and a Masters in Sacred Theology from General Theological Seminary, New York City. He served in the US Army in the 60's, training at the (now) Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California and serving in Germany. He has served parishes in New York State, Pennsylvania, and, before retiring, in Laconia, New Hampshire. The parish there was also a St. James. Since retirement, he has served in Lowell, West Newbury, Groveland, and Westford, as well as doing Sunday supply in various Episcopal and Lutheran parishes.

He has been married for fourteen years to Carol Eastman MacKenzie, and, between them they have five children - two sons and three daughters, and four grandchildren. They live in Chelmsford, MA, where they care for Carol's elderly aunt and two horses. The MacKenzie's enjoy riding, skiing, and hiking. Jonathan also holds an Amateur Radio license as K2LEB and enjoys road and crosscountry running, having participated in Santa's Toy Trot in Merrimac for several years.

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## Remember, clocks go back 1 hour this Sunday at 2 a.m.

Wondering why we have Daylight Savings Time? You can learn about the history of daylight saving (or as some may say, daylight shifting), the standardization of time, and

when regions around the globe spring ahead and fall back by clicking [here](#)! Enjoy!

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### Christian Education

Please join our Pre-confirmation Students during coffee hour today, as we celebrate All Saints Day. They will give a "Wax Museum" presentation of their chosen Saint. Come, push the button, listen and enjoy some tasty treats. In celebrating All Saints, you are welcome to dress up as your favorite Saint too!

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On November 8th, the DYC students will be taking part in the 229th Diocesan Convention, hosted at Saint Stephen's in Lynn. Feel free to ask them about their experience.

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The Annual Barbara C. Harris Middle School Retreat will be held on November 21st through 23rd. Scholarships are available upon request. For more information visit [diomassyouth.org](http://diomassyouth.org) or speak with Dawn Schmidt, Youth Leader.

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Godly play classes begin promptly at 9:45am. Children will join their families upstairs for Eucharist. As we begin to prepare for Advent, there will be classes scheduled each Sunday during the month of November.

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It's never too late to enroll your child in our Christian Education Program! We take enrollment throughout the school year.

This is a Montessori based Christian Education Program. Each scheduled Sunday, your K-8 grade child will learn about the Christian Faith and participate in fun, educational activities.

Confirmation Classes for youth in Grade 9+ is led by Kimberly Potts.

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## 2014 Village of Church Fairs ***COUNTDOWN BEGINS!***

Mark your calendar: This year's Village of Church Fairs will be held on Saturday, November 8th from 9am - 3pm.

*This year, St. James is earmarking all fair proceeds for our Youth Ministry - including mission trips, Diocesan events and retreat scholarships.*

We need everyone's help to make this year's fair a success. Here are some ways you can help:

\*Donations for both our traditional "Trinkets & Treasures" table and this year's new "Fashion Accessories" table (costume jewelry, scarves, etc.). Please make sure your donations are clean and in good condition so we can sell them. Jewelry can be brought to church, and left in the basket on the back table. Please start setting other things

aside; and we will announce when and where those donations will be collected soon.

\*We will start taking larger donations for the "Trinkets & Treasures" table on October 19th through November 2nd. No electronics or clothing. All items must be cleaned and in good condition to be sold.

\*Plan to join us for a "Baking Day" on Saturday, November 1st, to make breads, pies and dough for cookies to be sold at the fair.

\*We will need donations of ingredients (or money to purchase them) for the lunch menu items.

\*Fair setup will take over the Parish Hall starting November 6th.

\*Help with after-Fair cleanup. It always helps to have "fresh hands" to put our Parish Hall back in order, the afternoon/evening of the Fair. The fair ends at 3pm.

\*Sign up to bring pies, breads, cakes and other baked goods for our Bake Table. We are planning a group "Baking Day" on Saturday, November 1st - but if you prefer to bake things for the Fair in your own kitchen, that would be great too!

*Please sign up to let us know how you will help. There are sign-up clipboards in the Parish Hall. Please add your name to one (or more) of them!*

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## Lower Merrimack Valley Collaboration (LMVC) Events

Come YE to the Fairs....

Nov 1st, 9 am-3 pm  
St. Paul's Christmas Fair

390 Main Street, North Andover

Nov 8, 9 am -3 pm  
St. James' Amesbury - Village of Church Fairs  
120 Main Street, Amesbury

Nov 8, 9 am-2 pm  
St. James' Groveland Holiday Fair  
119 Washington Street, Groveland

Nov 9, 12:30 pm  
St. James' Groveland Auction  
119 Washington Street, Groveland

Nov 15, 7:30 am - 2:00 pm  
St Paul's Breakfast and Fall Fair  
166 High Street, Newburyport

Dec 6, 9 am-2 pm  
Christ Church Greens Sales and Outreach Fair  
33 Central Street, Andover



***Advent Retreat: A Time of Wonder***

Saturday, Dec 13th from 8:30am -12:30pm  
Hosted by St. James Groveland  
Lead by Julia Steer and Helen Pickard  
For more information or sign up please contact Helen  
Pickard or call 978-681-9915.

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## Episcopal Church acronyms: what are they and what do they mean?

Do you know the difference between EMM\* and ECW\*? Or maybe you know who the PB\* is, but not so clear about the ABC\*.

Acronyms and terms that are used regularly in The Episcopal Church are presented in an easy-to-reference document located on the Public Affairs web page in English [here](#) and in Spanish [here](#).

From A (Anglican Consultative Council) to Z (well, actually YASC\*), the document is prepared for anyone who needs a clearer understanding of the meanings of acronyms. It's easy to check what ECVA\* or UBE\* is, let alone LEVAS\* and NAES\*, and a lot of others.

For more information contact Neva Rae Fox, Public Affairs Officers at [publicaffairs@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:publicaffairs@episcopalchurch.org).

\* Do you know these?

ABC - Archbishop of Canterbury

ECVA - Episcopal Church and Visual Arts

ECW - Episcopal Church Women

EMM - Episcopal Migration Ministries

LEVAS - Lift Every Voice And Sing

NAES - National Association of Episcopal Schools

PB - Presiding Bishop

UBE - Union of Black Episcopalians

YASC - Young Adult Service Corps

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Our Women of Faith program is led by Joan Augusta on Wednesday evenings starting at 7pm in the Nickerson Library.

The 6-8 week study program is planned with reading and discussion of the upcoming Sunday's Worship Readings. Everyone is encouraged to share in the discussions. The program will be fun, interesting, enlightening and an opportunity to discuss our interpretation and thoughts of the readings.

Come join us in our fellowship as we grow together spiritually!

For additional information contact our office at 978-388-0030.

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## Food Donations

During the fall and winter months, we will continue to collect hearty soups, instant oatmeal, cereal and peanut butter for

Our Neighbors' Table Food Pantry located here in Amesbury.

Also, as always, personal items such as shampoo, deodorant, mouthwash, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc., are always in need.

To check out ONT's website at [www.ourneighborstable.org](http://www.ourneighborstable.org)

***Let us give thanks for God's many blessings to us.***

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