

**LIVE STREAM Sunday at 10a**

**CHURCH OF SAINT DUNSTAN**

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**Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m. and LIVE on Facebook**

Virtual Morning Prayer: Mondays at 11 a.m.

Hour of Prayer, Tuesdays at 5 p.m.

Adult Study: Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

Men's Bible Study, 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

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# Reaching out by God's Grace

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◆ Established in 1947, The Church of Saint Dunstan was named for St. Dunstan who was the Archbishop of Canterbury, statesman and reformer circa 909-988

◆ The Rt. Rev. Fraser W. Lawton is the 7th Rector at St. Dunstan

◆ The Church of Saint Dunstan is part of the Diocese of Dallas and a pro-Cathedral working with other congregations in Northeast Texas

◆ St. Dunstan is home to parishioners from five counties: Wood, Smith, Rains, Van Zandt and Hunt

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# SCRIPTORIUM

THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN

## A LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
In just a couple of weeks we will begin our Lenten observations. As I think I do every year, I want to emphasize that this season is all about a "systems check" for our discipleship and an opportunity to focus on particular areas for growth or change in our lives. This is very often, in our culture, something that is mostly an individual and inward experience. Of course, we share in it in the changes in our liturgy and the focus of our scripture readings. However, as Christians, we aren't ever completely individuals apart from the other believers, especially those of our own parish. By definition, Christians are a corporate people. We are blessed at St. Dunstan's with many opportunities and examples of living out our sense of community and commitment to one another. One of our tasks this Lent is to give some real attention to this gift we have. Let us renew our practice of hospitality, inclusion, and compassion for one another – especially those who may be new to the congregation or even just visiting. I am grateful to be a

part of a congregation that already does these things and to know you already know these things. Just the same, we can't ever take this for granted, so Lent is a great time to recall this commitment. We also have a call to have this kind of concern for those who are not a part of our Christian community. This is God's own heart – that the lost should be found and become a part of His family. Our first step in living this out is for God to form our hearts to match His: that we love the people of this world deeply and mourn for every one who is lost and apart from God and for the spread of sin and death. Lent indeed calls us to examine our lives to see if there is a need for repentance and reform. This is also true for our world. Lent is an opportunity for us to consider the state of the world and its needs. Whatever the symptoms and pains we see, the real cause is spiritual. Thus, the second step (after hearts that beat as one with God's) is to begin to address the spiritual situation. In the weeks after Epiphany we've been reading from the "Sermon on the Mount" out of Matthew's gospel. The beatitudes offer

some categories for us to consider and use in this regard. As long as we wait for Jesus' return, the door is open to anyone who will come to him to find salvation and healing. This Lent, let us take up the task of seeking God's grace to touch and form our hearts. Let us also take up the task of addressing something of the spiritual causes behind the sicknesses of our world. God gives us tools that we can use for this. We know He desires people to be saved and healed and that He is faithful to respond. Each week of this Lent we will have a focus on one of the beatitudes to help focus our prayers and devotion. May God indeed touch us with His grace and power in this season!

The Lord be with you,  
+Fraser



The Rt. Rev. Fraser W. Lawton, Rector, The Church of St. Dunstan and Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Dallas

### SAVE THE DATES:

- **Sunday service 10AM & LIVE via Facebook**
- **Mondays at 11AM—Morning Prayer, zoom**
- **Wednesday at 11AM—Bible Study, Parish Hall**
- **Wednesday at 5PM—Women's Bible Study**
- **2nd & 4th Saturday, Men's Bible Study**
- **FEB 4: 9:30AM, APNET Council, St. Mark's, Mt. Pleasant**
- **FEB 11: 9:30-11AM, The Power of Forgiveness, see pg. 2**
- **FEB 11: 10AM, Vestry meeting**
- **FEB 18: 10-3, APNET MISSION DAY, hosted at St. Dunstan, see pg. 3**
- **FEB 19: Mardi Gras Sunday—gumbo served**
- **FEB 21: 12:30, Grace Chapter DOK meets**
- **FEB 22: NOON & 6PM, services for ASH WEDNESDAY**
- **FEB 25: 9AM—2PM, Acolyte Festival, pg. 2**
- **FEB 25: 10AM, ALPHA team training for ALPHA weekend**

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 22ND. THERE WILL BE TWO SERVICES: NOON AND 6:00 P.M.**



## ACOLYTE, ALTAR GUID AND LECTOR SCHEDULES

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF THESE MINISTRIES AT ST. DUNSTAN? CALL THE OFFICE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

**Acolytes for FEBRUARY:**

- 5 Chuck & Mary Lu French
- 12 Howard & Kathi Ladewig
- 19 Milton Husbands/Lee Spence
- 26 Milton Husbands/Patti Corbett

**Lectors for FEBRUARY:**

- 5 Mary Lu French

- 12 Kathi Ladewig
- 19 Lee Spence
- 26 Tim Boswell

**Altar Guild for FEBRUARY:**

- 5 Reggie Askins / Anita Reese
- 12 Bonita Howell / Mitzi Pearce
- 19 Lee Spence / Kay Stephens
- 26 Shirley Tennant / Angela Walters



## APNET MISSION DAY WITH CANON CARRIE HEADINGTON MISSION - MESSAGE - MOTIVATION - METHOD

All are encouraged to attend MISSION DAY with Canon Carrie Headington. Cn. Carrie brings terrific energy to everything she does and this workshop is no exception. The event begins at 10AM and ends at 3PM on February 18th. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost. Registration is requested to determine lunch count. Call 903.569.2478 to RSVP.

## THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

The Diocese of Dallas will welcome Dr. Elona Prroj on Saturday February 11th from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Dallas. She will tell the story of the man who killed her husband in a blood feud and her path to forgiveness.

Dr. Prroj is lead pastor at Word of Christ Church and a board member of World Vision, Albania and Kosovo. She has a master's degree

in counseling and a doctorate in psychology with a focus on post traumatic stress disorder.

Dr. Prroj is also a recipient of the National Mother Theresa Award, an honorary decoration from the President of Albania given to local and foreign citizens for outstanding acts of humanity towards the nation and the world.

She is an international speaker on the subject of forgiveness and reconciliation. She has addressed this topic in different conferences and platforms throughout Europe, EU Parliament, Washington DC, and beyond. Her heartfelt presentations on her life experiences have motivated and inspired many.



Saturday, February 11th  
9:30–11:00 AM  
St. Matthews Cathedral  
Dallas

## ACOLYTE FESTIVAL

### Calling Acolytes of All Ages !

All acolytes serving in the Diocese are encouraged to attend this day of learning, fellowship and fun about this integral ministry. There will be a procession at the Acolyte Festival, so please bring your vestments to participate in

the worship service. The Festival will be held on Saturday, February 25th and runs from 9AM to 2PM at St. Andrews' Episcopal Church, 2783 Valwood Parkway in Farmers Branch. It is FREE and includes lunch. The registration deadline has been extended to Friday, February 17, 2023.

Register at [www.edod.org](http://www.edod.org)



Photo by Kim Durnan

## A NOTE OF THANKS

"It humbles me that so many of you faithful parishioners offered to serve in some way to make Allan's memorial service such a beautiful event. I will be forever grateful to all of you. I also wish to thank all who attended the service.

~Barbara Stockton



A NOTE OF THANKS  
FROM BARBARA  
STOCKTON

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS:

- FEB 6 Gail Lawton
- 7 Rayford Davis
- 11 Mike Rodieck
- 16 Marcia Smith
- 23 Sammie Hall
- 24 Kay Whitley
- 27 Richard Evans

### ANNIVERSARIES:

- 10 Kraig & Suzanne Stemme
- 15 Wes & Marcia Smith
- 22 Doug & Karen Parks



*Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all!*