

# Anchor Lines

St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama



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There is an often over told story about a man who collected pearls. One day, while walking through a village, in a store window he spots the largest, most magnificently beautiful pearl he has ever seen. On impulse the man knows he must have it, so he enters the store and calls out to the storekeeper, "The pearl in the window, how much is it?"

The storekeeper rubs his chin with his hand and smiles at the man, "It is very valuable. How much would you give?"

"Well, I have about \$50 cash in my pocket."

"Well that's a start, but the pearl is worth far more. What else would you give?"

"Well, I have my Suburban outside, low mileage, a couple of years old. It's paid off."

"Okay, I'll take that too. What else?"

"Well, I have some investments worth about \$60,000."

"Hmmm," says the storekeeper, "I guess I could take those too. But the pearl is far more valuable still. What else would you give?"

This goes on and on. The man gives away his house, his property, even his family. Until finally the

storekeeper says, "Okay, I think that's a deal. The pearl is yours."

The man turns to leave the store. But as he is walking out the storekeeper stops him and says, "Hey, you know what, that family of yours, I don't need a family. So I'm going to give them back to you. But remember, they are mine now, not yours. You must take good care of them. And that house at the beach, well, I don't need a house so you can have that back too. Although it does belong to me, I just need you to care for it. And as for the investments and the Suburban and even this fifty bucks, you can have it all back, too. But remember, all of this is mine. But I want you to take it, and use it wisely. Take care of my things for me."

So the man left with everything he had when he walked into the store, plus the magnificent pearl, but there was a big difference. He walked into the store owning everything he had. He walked out of the store owning nothing. Everything he had before was now a gift.

Friends that is stewardship, caring for everything we have but knowing none of it really belongs to us, at all. All in life is a gift. Everything we have is given for us to use and care for, and to leave better than we found it. Jesus never asks for 10%, but instead he asks for everything, so that we might make his church and the world a better place. As we slowly return to normalcy, perhaps this lesson will prove to be more meaningful now than ever before.



Reverend De Freeman, *Rector*



Reverend Forbes Sirmon, *Associate Rector*

## VESTRY MEMBERS

Pel Henry, *Sr. Warden*

Roger Guilian, *Jr. Warden*

Bruce Stone, *Clerk*

Katie Smith, *Treasurer*

### Class of 2021

Kris Bradley

Elizabeth Orr

Ed Shell

### Class of 2022

Elizabeth Erwin

Evelyn Garrett

Shannon Pesnell

Jeanie Smith

### Class of 2023

Lauren Arington

Bebe Goetter

Earl Jackson

Chris Nelson

# WORSHIP

## Sung Compline

**Sunday, April 18  
at 7 pm**

*in person, in the church, or online*

*Watch on our website at  
[stjamesfairhope.org](http://stjamesfairhope.org),  
our Facebook page, or Youtube channel.*

## Youth Choirs Returning to St. James this Fall

### CANTERBURY CHOIR

Canterbury Choir is for children in grades 2 - 5. Practice is on Wednesdays from 3:30 - 4:15 PM beginning September 2021. This choir sings twice a month on Sunday mornings.

### COVENTRY CHOIR

Coventry Choir is for girls in grades 6-12. Practice starts in September (starting date TBD) at 10:30 AM, and the choir will sing twice a month at 11am for the Sunday service. Coventry Choir members earn school scholarship points every time they sing!

Email Helen Rodgers at [music@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:music@stjamesfairhope.org) if you have questions or would like to participate.

## Wednesday Mornings

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 7 AM for Holy Eucharist in the Church. (There is no longer a 10 AM service on Wednesdays.)

## Thursday Wafer Pick-up

Wafer pick-up on Thursdays has ended. If you are still in need of Reserved Sacrament for Sunday morning consumption, please call the office at 251-928-2912 in advance and arrange a time for pick-up. Thank you.

## Sunday Mornings

Parents, look for the children's worship bags in the Narthex of the church on Sunday mornings. They are filled with age-appropriate activities for children ages 3 and up. Please return the bag to the narthex after church.

## Senior Cross Sunday April 18

On Sunday, April 18, the Senior acolytes will be presented with the St. James silver cross at the 11:00 AM service.

## Parish Breakfast! April 18

On Sunday, April 18, beginning at 8:30 AM, we will have a parish breakfast outside on the breezeway. You may make a box and take it "to go" or stay and eat, but no tables will be set up in Green Hall. The cost is \$3.00. Breakfast ends at 11:00 AM.

## Rite 13 Service April 25

On Sunday, April 25, the Rite 13 service will be held at 11:00 AM to honor 8th grade members Reagan Chin and Charlotte Guilian who have completed the Rite 13 program.

## Senior Recognition Sunday May 16

On Sunday, May 16, the High School seniors will be introduced and recognized at the 11:00 AM service. Be present to congratulate them and wish them good luck on their next adventure.

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Acolytes, ushers, and readers—it's time to put in your "Can't Serve Dates" for May. The deadline is Monday, April 19 at 8:30 AM.

# MUSIC MINISTRIES

## Mary Katherine Kilgore Joins St. James Staff



Choral Director’s Association between 2014 and 2019.

Mary Katherine is no stranger to Fairhope, having served as Director of Music for both Fairhope United Methodist and Trinity Presbyterian churches. She has spent the past two years teaching chorus full time at St. Michael Catholic High School. Prior to moving to the Eastern Shore, she served as Director of Music at Vernon United Methodist Church in Vernon, Alabama and St. Mark United Methodist Church in Northport, Alabama.

In addition to being an outstanding musician and teacher, she excels as a conductor and will begin her 10th season as the Artistic Director of the Eastern Shore Choral Society this fall. The ESCS is a non-

auditioned community chorus made up of individuals with varying degrees of musical skill from high school age to the young at heart. In recent years, the ESCS has been invited to sing with other choruses, such as the Mobile Symphony Orchestra. They also performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Mary Katherine is excited to return to full time music ministry. She looks forward to serving alongside Helen Rodgers at St. James and teaching music to the students at the St. James Episcopal School. Mary Katherine has been a resident of Fairhope since 2005. She and her husband Rodney have one daughter, Emily, who will be a high school senior this fall.

We are pleased to announce that Mary Katherine Kilgore will be joining our church family as the Associate Director of Music / Music Director of St. James School. A native of Forsyth, Georgia, Mary Katherine received her Bachelor of Music degree in Organ Performance from Valdosta State University with post graduate studies in voice, opera, and choral conducting at Clayton College and State University in Morrow, Georgia, and the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Mary Katherine, a talented and accomplished musician, taught piano and voice privately for over 20 years, and has judged numerous piano, vocal, and choral competitions. She also served on the Board of Directors for the Alabama Chapter of the American



Jillian Gardner

St. James Concert Series

Organist

Jillian Gardner

Friday, April 23  
7 PM

*All concerts are free & open to the public. Due to Covid-19, seating is limited.  
For reservations call 251.928.2912 or email [info@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:info@stjamesfairhope.org).*

# Christian Formation

## Children’s After School Program Continues

First through fourth graders had so much fun on Thursdays during Lent that we decided to keep meeting! Join us in Green Hall on Thursdays, April 15, 22, 29, and May 6 and 13 from 3:30 – 4:30 PM as we discover and explore MIRACLES. All you have to do is let Miss Ellen know you’re coming by emailing her at [childrensministries@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:childrensministries@stjamesfairhope.org).

In one of the after school Lenten programs for children, Father Forbes led an Instructed Eucharist. The children learned the names of items they see used each Sunday during Communion and what the words of the liturgy mean. A “pop quiz” at the end of the lesson proved what we already knew: we have some super smart children at St. James! Children then decorated chalices made from their silhouettes as reminders that everyone is welcome and included in the Eucharist.



## Vacation Bible School Save the date!



### June 6-10



## VBS Registration & Call for Volunteers

June 6 will be here before we know it! Our Associate for Children’s Ministries, Ellen Huckabay, is planning an exciting “Wilderness Escape” for VBS this year. Don’t miss the adventure—register now! Registration forms are available in the children’s worship bags in the narthex of the church on Sunday mornings and coming soon to our website at [stjamesfairhope.org](http://stjamesfairhope.org).

VBS also would not be possible without awesome, hard-working volunteers. Leaders and helpers are needed to help decorate prior to Sunday, June 6 and throughout the week. There’s a job for everyone!

If you would like to help with VBS or have questions, email Ellen Huckabay at [childrensministries@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:childrensministries@stjamesfairhope.org).

## The L e c t i o n a r y S c h e d u l e

Date	The First Lesson	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel
The Third Sunday of Easter, April 18	Acts 3:12-19	Psalm 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
The Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 25	Acts 4:5-12	Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
The Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22:24-30	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
The Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 9	Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
The Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 16	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19

# School News

Happy Easter season from the staff and students at St. James Episcopal School.

March brought much activity to the school as our children celebrated their favorite stories from Dr. Seuss. Students enjoyed dressing up as their favorite story characters, wearing fun socks, hats, and participating in Wacky Hair Day. The stories of Dr. Seuss continue to bring much delight to our children.



As we enjoy the arrival of spring, students are studying about bugs, insects, and plants. Each class studied different types of insect larvae and observed the metamorphosis process. The children released beautiful painted lady butterflies and ladybugs and are still patiently waiting on our praying mantis to hatch. If you are walking around our campus, keep your eyes open for a ladybug and please be sure to check out our vegetable boxes—the plants are growing beautifully.



St. Patrick's Day was a day of excitement as the Leprechauns visited St. James but could not be caught. The children celebrated the day wearing green and building leprechaun traps.

We were thrilled that our parents joined us for our annual school Easter Egg hunt. It was a fun day for everyone.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SPREAD THE WORD! St. James School needs your help in letting your fellow parishioners, neighbors, friends, and family members know that we are currently conducting enrollment for our 30 months, Pre K-3, Pre K-4, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades for the 2021 - 2022 School Year. We are also offering a Summer Day Camp which will consist of half day and full day options. Your help is always appreciated in growing our school.

Stay tuned for more news about our adventures in learning.

*Shelley E. Miller*

Shelley Miller

*Thank you St. James for your participation in the Honey Baked Ham fundraiser. Together we raised \$741.00 for the school. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*



# Money Matters and More

	FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY	YTD	YTD	YTD
	2021	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income	\$117,005	\$100,000	\$198,823	\$200,000	\$201,903
Expense	\$93,392	\$104,331	\$198,300	\$221,522	\$227,885

*Note: 2021 Budget is for first quarter only.*

## PLEDGE STATUS:

*For 2021, we have received 209 pledges totaling \$945,123 (no change).*

*In 2020, we had 258 pledges totaling \$1,054,528.*

### ONLINE GIVING

Did you know you can pledge or pay for most things at St. James through our online portal? Go to our website, [stjamesfairhope.org](http://stjamesfairhope.org), and click the "Give

to St. James" tab at the top of the page. If you are logging in for the first time, your name and email address must match the information we have for you in our church database.

If you have trouble logging in, contact our Director of Finance, Jim Ketchum, in the Parish office at 251-928-2912, or email him at [finance@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:finance@stjamesfairhope.org).

*Thank you to the Dolans for keeping our rose garden looking so lovely!*

Volunteers are always welcome. If you would like more information about caring for the rose garden, call the office at 928-2912.



A new online church directory and app for your phone is coming soon! Send your individual or family photo to [communications@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:communications@stjamesfairhope.org), or let Jennifer know you would like to use the one you sent last year for the church pew during the shut-down.

The Meal Ministry is in need of new members. All are welcome! You don't need to be a gourmet cook to join. The only requirement is a desire to feed someone in need. If you have a heart for helping others, consider joining the Meal Ministry. It's simple! Work on a team, as needed, one month per year. If you would like to learn more about this invaluable group, please call Andy Burton at 251-422-3431 or email her at [happytravelerakb@gmail.com](mailto:happytravelerakb@gmail.com).



# Miscellaneous



## MONDAYS at 9:30 AM

Gentle Yoga led by Jane Tucker in Green Hall. This class will not meet for the summer.



## THURSDAYS at 5:45 PM

Yoga for all ages & levels led by Stacy Reckeweg currently via Zoom



We are excited to announce that Thursday night Yoga will RETURN to GREEN HALL starting THIS WEEK, APRIL 15 (however, no in-person yoga on April 22).



## FRIDAYS at 7:30 AM

Yoga Flow led by Jane Tucker in Green Hall. Friday, April 16 will be the last Friday class until the fall.

Congratulations to Parents  
Bailey & Dustin Mosley  
and big brother Thompson  
on the birth of  
James Andrew

March 25, 2021

8 pounds, 2 ounces

# Vaccination Navigation



Need help registering for a vaccination? Have questions about vaccinations and where to find up-to-date information? Let the St. James Community of Hope help you out!

Please contact Bebe Goetter or Bonnie Gulsby, between 9am-5pm Monday through Friday and they will get you pointed in the right direction with the most up-to-date resources.

Please make sure to leave your name, phone number, and the nature of your question.

Bebe Goetter  
(251) 928-0178  
Email: [bgoetter@bellsouth.net](mailto:bgoetter@bellsouth.net)

Bonnie Gulsby  
(251) 751-1239  
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St. James  
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL  
860 North Section Street, Fairhope, AL 36532

Registration Begins March 1

Week-long camps from June 14 through July 30 for ages Pre-K3 (fully potty-trained) through 2nd Grade. Call 251.928.2912 for more information or visit our website at [stjamesfairhope.school](http://stjamesfairhope.school).



We are a community anchored in Christ, seeking God,  
sharing His love and serving others.

860 North Section Street  
Fairhope, AL 36532

251- 928-2912 phone 251- 928-3889 fax  
Web: [www.stjamesfairhope.org](http://www.stjamesfairhope.org)

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

Reservations for  
Sunday services are no  
longer needed. We  
only take reservations  
on days when we are  
expecting larger than  
normal crowds, like  
Christmas Eve, Easter,  
& Palm Sunday.

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## Worship Schedule

### SUNDAYS:

8:00 am ~ Holy Eucharist, in the Church  
9:00 am ~ Holy Eucharist, in the Church  
11:00 am ~ Holy Eucharist, in the Church  
(in-person & online)

### WEDNESDAYS:

7 am ~ Holy Eucharist, in the Church

### THIRD SUNDAY of the Month:

Sung Compline at 7:00 pm, (in-person & online)

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm  
Friday: CLOSED

## The St. James Staff

Parish Administrator: Meghan Fancher

Director of Music Ministries: Helen V. Rodgers

Associate Director of Music: Mary Katherine Kilgore

Associates for Music Ministries: Asheton Green, Frank Stabler

Director of Christian Formation: Anne McEniry

Associate for Children's Ministries: Ellen Huckabay

Director of Finance: Jim Ketchum

Director of Communications: Jennifer Glover

Administrative Assistant: Elizabeth Phelps

Director of St. James School: Shelley Miller

Housekeeping: Rose Collins

Sexton: Mike Costigan

For staff email addresses or other contact information  
go to the *About Us* tab on our website at [stjamesfairhope.org](http://stjamesfairhope.org)  
or [click here for St. James Staff.](#)

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