

# The Lampstand

## A Periodic Newsletter of Saint John's Episcopal Church - Niantic



*"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the LAMPSTAND, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."*



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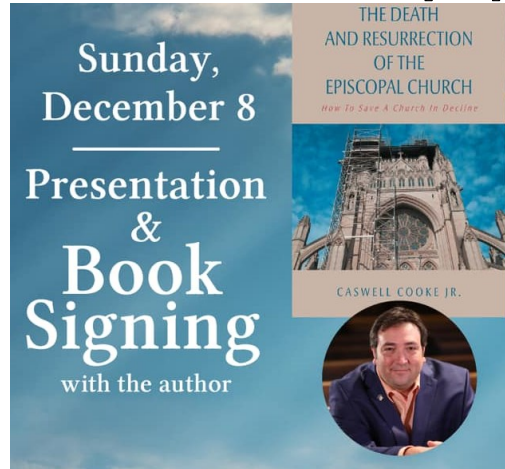
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## Author Caswell Cooke, Jr. To Speak at Adult Forum

First-time author Caswell Cooke, Jr. will speak about his recently published book, *The Death and Resurrection of the Episcopal Church* on Sunday, December 8th following the



10:00 am celebration of Holy Eucharist. Caswell is a Westerly, R.I. resident and communicant and Junior Warden of Christ (Episcopal) Church, Westerly.

These are quotes from the book's back cover:

*"He offers a strong critique of the (Episcopal Church's) leadership as well as a way for the people to take back their church and grow it",* and also *"This compelling narrative tackles the modern day issues that divide our country: conservative and liberal, race issues, sexuality and other third rail controversies that have torn*

*apart the church. most importantly the book offers real solutions for how the church should deal with them as to be a BIG TENT for all..."*

## BRIAN DAGLE FOUNDATION and ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### "A TIME TO REMEMBER" A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE"

Brian Dagle Memorial Foundation's "A Time to Remember" service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. The service is being hosted here at St. John's and is open to the entire community. The holiday season is often one of the



most difficult times of the year for those who have lost loved ones. The service will include hymns, poems, Scripture readings and the lighting of "Remembrance Candles" by those present. Each person or family will be invited to announce the name of their family member or

friend as they light a candle and place it in remembrance as a sign of light and hope. A reception will follow. All are welcome to attend. The Brian Dagle Memorial Foundation was established by East Lyme residents, Ann and Paul Dagle in the wake of their son Brian's suicide. Their Mission Statement is: **The Brian Dagle Foundation—anchored in hope and empowered to support, is dedicated to the healing of grieving adults as well as community education on suicide prevention and awareness."**



# Christmas Services at Saint John's



Beginning on the Fourth Sunday of Advent,  
St. John's will offer the following services this year:



## St. John's Annual Children's Nativity Pageant

December 22, 2019

10:00 am Sunday, Dec. 22 at the Holy Eucharist  
with Dr. Anthony, Organist and the June Ingram String Trio  
and St. John's Treble and Senior Choirs



Our children will present St. Luke's Narrative of the Birth of Jesus



## Christmas Eve

December 24, 2019

5:30 pm Festive Family Carol Sing  
with Organ and Brass

6:00 pm Choral Celebration of Holy Eucharist of the Incarnation  
with Organ, Brass and St. John's Senior Choir

## Christmas Day

December 25, 2019

9:00 am Holy Eucharist of the Incarnation  
with Organ and Christmas Carols



## Christmastide

January 5, 2020

3:00 pm A Festival Service of Lessons and Carols  
with Organ and St. John's Treble and Senior Choirs



## Saint John's Giving Tree

Beginning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, St. John's Giving Tree will be standing at the rear of the church for each of us to 'decorate' with donated **mittens, gloves socks and hats**. For our some of our neediest neighbors these are some of most sought after articles during the cold winter months. Please be generous Your donated items of mittens, gloves socks and hats can be in all sizes and colors. Please don't wrap you donated items. We will be 'decorating' the tree using clothespins to hang them on the tree.



## St. John's Light Parade Float Committee



We need all the help we can get to pull together and decorate this year's entry for the

Niantic Light Parade-Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Please contact **Martin Karu** at [mjk@mtanalytical.com](mailto:mjk@mtanalytical.com) or **Gina Lincoln** at [finalincoln@sbcglobal.net](mailto:finalincoln@sbcglobal.net). They would love to hear from you and your ideas for a possible new theme. Anyone is invited to jump in and help out. If you've never seen the Niantic Light Parade, it's AWESOME !!.



## St. John's and Care and Share Thanksgiving Outreach

A hearty "THANK YOU" to all the generous parishioners who donated food to the "Thanksgiving Day Food Baskets". This year we were given a list of names of FIVE of our neediest neighbors from *Care and Share*. All the Thanksgiving Baskets were distributed from St. John's. Each and every recipient expressed their heartfelt gratitude for making their Thanksgiving Day special this year. We're hoping to expand this to possibly ten families in 2020.



## CANCELLATION PROTOCOLS DURING WINTER STORMS

CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE ON THESE **TWO T.V. CHANNELS**

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### EVENT BEING CANCELLED

Sunday Holy Eucharist  
A.A & other 12-Step Mtgs.  
Wednesday Healing Eucharist  
ALL EVENING PARISH EVENTS

### CANCELLATION POSTED BY:

6:00 am or earlier  
12:00 noon or earlier  
6:00 am or earlier  
12:00 noon or earlier

**THER IS NO PARKING ON ST. JOHN'S PROPERTY DURING SNOW STORMS  
PLEASE ALLOW OUR CONTRACTOR TO DO THEIR JOB.**





## A Stewardship Prayer



O God, in whose every creation  
we discover a gift free given:  
help us to understand  
that all we have comes from  
the outpouring of your generosity,  
inspire in our hearts a  
deep sense of gratitude,  
and move us to share what we have  
received with the same immensity  
of spirit with which it was given.  
May our gifts of substance and  
service be an example of  
Christ's enduring presence and  
outreach to this community and  
all beings.

Amen.

*Sustaining the Church to*

**GATHER  
& GROW**

*In Christ*



**Saint John's Episcopal Church**