



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news for the community*

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MAY 30, 2021  
TRINITY SUNDAY

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## SENIOR RECOGNITION

The school year is ending, and at this time, St. Michael's would like to recognize the high school seniors in our community who are graduating this year: Elly Abikhaled and Sarah Kilgard. Senior year can be anxiety-inducing in the best of times, so a big congratulations to these two young women who journeyed through theirs in this year of uncertainty. To use Presiding Bishop Curry's words from last year, we "thank God for you, thank God for your fortitude, for your doing the work, for your staying the course as they say, for your finishing the race as the Bible says. It has not been easy. And we thank God for you, and say congratulations to you."



**ELLY ABIKHALED**, daughter of John and Shannon Abikhaled, is graduating from St. Stephen's Episcopal School. In the fall, she'll be a student in Rice University's School of Humanities. Elly served frequently as an acolyte and lay reader on Sunday mornings. From age 5 onward, she attended the Love of China School of Dance and became one of the teaching assistants there.



**SARAH KILGARD**, daughter of Mark and Deirdre Kilgard, is graduating from Westlake High School. She'll be studying education at Texas State University. Sarah took an active youth role at St. Michael's, serving as an acolyte on Sunday mornings at the 9:00 am service.

We also celebrate others in our wider community who have graduated this year! You'll find them listed on the following page.



**PAUL BRINDLEY**, son of Becky Brindley, graduated from University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston with a degree in medicine. He will begin his residency in psychiatry at UTMB in July.

**CHELSEA MINTER-BRINDLEY**, daughter-in-law of Becky Brindley, graduated from University of Colorado, Denver with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in photography and sculpture.

**JOEL C. MCALISTER**, SMEC seminarian, graduated from the Seminary of the Southwest. He will be ordained a deacon on June 26 and will serve as a curate at St. Francis in Tyler, Texas.

**ANNIE NEWTON**, daughter of John & Emily Newton, graduated from St. Michael's Day School; she'll be starting kindergarten at Forest Trails Elementary School in the fall.

**COLTON REED**, cousin of Christine Havens, graduated from GMG High School in Garwin, IA. He is pursuing a career in welding.

**OLIVER REED**, cousin of Christine Havens, graduated from Clinton High School in Clinton, IA. He will begin classes in the Cinematic Arts department at the University of Iowa in the fall.

**LONDON SCHAEFER**, nephew of Christine Havens, graduated from Fairfield HS in Fairfield, IA, and will be attending Simpson College through a football scholarship.

## NOTES

**IN-PERSON AND ONLINE WORSHIP AT ST. MICHAEL'S!** We have worship in both kinds right now at St. Michael's and we invite to join us however you feel comfortable—in-person or online. Our summer services are at 8:00 and 10:00 am. BOTH services are now in the sanctuary, and you may enter through the courtyard-facing doors. Fr. John sent a letter on Wednesday morning outlining new changes to our worship policy; you may read his letter by [clicking here](#).

For those of you participating from home, we will continue livestreaming the 10:00 am service. If we have technical difficulties, and the streaming cuts out, our apologies in advance. We will record the service instead and post it on the website as soon as possible at [www.st-michaels.org/worship-online](http://www.st-michaels.org/worship-online). The Sunday morning email will have this information, too; it should arrive in your inbox by 9:00 am.

**BOOK DRIVE MAY 25-JUNE 6** As spring comes to a close, and school ends, it's time to do a little decluttering and gather up books for two special organizations, who each have different needs.

**El Buen Samaritano** needs items for children: chapter books in English or Spanish; picture books in Spanish; art supplies but *no* markers, scissors, crayons.

**Inside Books Project** needs books for incarcerated adults: dictionaries, books in Spanish, trade paperback books in good or gently-used condition

The book drive will run **May 25-June 6**. Since the church is still under renovation, Harriett Choffel will pick up books from your home. Contact: [hchoffel@gmail.com](mailto:hchoffel@gmail.com); or call/text 512-917-3018. Thanks for supporting our community partners!

**BE A GARDEN ANGEL!** The SMEC garden continues to provide fresh food to families in need, despite the winter storm damage. Volunteers are needed to harvest, water, and weed through the summer. We welcome families and individuals who will commit to a few hours weekly. No special skills are required and orientation is provided. The garden infrastructures have also been affected by the freeze and have repair needs. Once the construction scaffolding is removed, we need a few people with tools to do one-time jobs: restore a raised bed, reinstall trellises, replace PVC pipes, and more. If interested in more information and/or helping in the garden, contact Harriett Choffel at 512-917-3018 or [hchoffel@gmail.com](mailto:hchoffel@gmail.com).

## ADULT FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

**SEEKERS BOOK GROUP—POTLUCK JUNE 6 & NEW BOOK BEGINNING JUNE 13** The Seekers begin reading *Mary Magdalene Revealed: The First Apostle, Her Feminist Gospel & the Christianity We Haven't Tried Yet* by Meggan Watterson, a WSJ bestseller about the gospel attributed to Mary and about her role in Christian tradition. The group meets at **11:45 am each Sunday** and all are welcome. *Interested in joining the group? You're invited to a potluck on June 6.* Contact Phyllis Bles at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more info. Here's the book group Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjIVU3YyZz09>, Passcode: 541706.

**RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY UPDATE:** Bible study on Sunday mornings with Fr. John is on hiatus for the summer. Stay tuned for more details about an upcoming Christian education class with the Rev. Dr. Philip Turner that will begin in July. Tuesday Noon Bible Study with Fr. John continues now through June 22. The group will discuss the lectionary readings for the coming Sunday. The lectionary bible studies will not be recorded. Here is the Zoom information for Tuesdays: **Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83976491370?pwd=aUZfekdvUkFENWJNSWRza1BzcC9TUT09> **Meeting ID:** 839 7649 1370 **Passcode:** 276756

**ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB** Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The group will meet again at the end of September (the 29th), but have already chosen the book to read over the summer: *The Library Book*, by master nonfictionist, Susan Orlean. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at [rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com](mailto:rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com) for more information and for the Zoom link.

**ST. MICHAEL'S WOMEN'S VIRTUAL POTLUCK** Table fellowship with friends via Zoom—women of all ages are welcome to join. Alternate **Monday evenings at 6:00 pm** every other week. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYllXSUZCZEkRL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

**MORNING PRAYER, TUESDAYS @9:00 AM** You're invited to Morning Prayer each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Please note the new Zoom link and passcode: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81346686555?pwd=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUFVHUT09>. **New Passcode:** prayer.

**CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAY EVENINGS** This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjIVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Bles with questions: [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com). For more about contemplative prayer, click this link: [Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach](#).

**EVENING PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS @4:30 PM** Each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. **NEW** Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969>. **Passcode now required:** 826364. The information is also in Fr. John's weekly Tuesday e-news.

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY @1:00 PM** This informal group discusses the Daily Office readings—drop in anytime! Led by Mary Healy, [mary.r.healy@gmail.com](mailto:mary.r.healy@gmail.com). Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgvdXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. **PLEASE NOTE** that you should use this passcode: biblestudy.



## **FAMILY MINISTRY**

Families, Amanda Evans Lang invites you to check out the [Family Ministry](#) page on the St. Michael's website for updates and activities to enrich your activities as a family. Please email her with questions at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

**FAMILY MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Family Minister Amanda is looking for some volunteers to help with prep work. If you enjoy being crafty, helping with tasks like mailing postcards and organizing supplies, and are available during the week, please contact her at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

## **STUDENT MINISTRY**

Students, Luis Rivas invites you to check out the [Student Ministry](#) page on the St. Michael's website for updates and activities to enrich your growth in Christ. Please email him with questions at [lrivas@st-michaels.org](mailto:lrivas@st-michaels.org).

**THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS** Please email Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

### **NEW PRAYERS**

For healing and peace for Kana LiVolsi-Crosby and her husband, Andrew Crosby, daughter and son-in-law of Susan & Bob LiVolsi, friends of Mary & Ed Healy.

For all the victims of the mass shooting in San Jose, and all those affected by gun violence.

### **COVID-19**

For all children and teachers during this unexpected style of attending school.

For all who struggle with loneliness and isolation.

For all those living in eldercare facilities, and for the staff, and for their families.

For all those without employment at this time.

All of our hospital and healthcare workers, including Rosa, J'aime, and Patty, who are keeping healthcare services running.

## ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH STAFF

### Rector

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## ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. Dedications can be emailed to: [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org). Your donation can be mailed to the church office or given via the "Give" page of our website: <https://www.st-michaels.org/take-action>.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

We'll be returning to inviting folks to come up during the announcements for birthday and anniversary prayers. If you are worshipping at home, please continue to send your names to Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) and you will be prayed for at the 10 am service, which will be livestreaming soon.

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Isaiah 6:1-8  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17  
Psalm 29 or Canticle 13

## FOLLOW ST. MICHAEL'S ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: @St.Michaels.Austin  
Instagram: stmichaels\_atx  
Twitter: StMichaelsEpiscopal @StMichaelsATX

## THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Good news about yourself or our parish? Photos of you and your family participating in worship or fellowship activities?

Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Communication Assistant, ([chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays. Running event announcements two weeks prior to the date is recommended.

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