St George's, Carmichael

This week we pray for St. George's in Carmichael.

St. George's, Carmichael is located on Winding Way in Carmichael, near Madison. The parish will celebrate its 60th anniversary next May. The vestry recently created new mission and vision statements. The mission: *St. George's is a community of acceptance, healing, and love*. The vision: *To be a vibrant, Christ-centered community where all find belonging, healing, and love that transforms lives*. The vestry made three goals for the coming 12 months at its Mutual Ministry Review in July, based on the results of the Church Vitality Assessment and the mission and vision statements. The goals are to identify and nurture new leaders, to grow in membership, and to involve more members in the building and maintenance team.

For the past 12 years, St. George's has had a pattern of ministry with a quarter-time Priest in Charge and regular supply clergy, with active lay leadership. This form of ministry has worked well for the small parish. Canon Julie visited the parish in September to bless the new Healing Garden. This garden has a variety of plants, and plaques for the Stations of the Cross and the 12 Steps. The garden is a way to connect with the many people who come to the facility for seven 12-step groups each week. The parish also continues its outreach through the Community Garden, which serves refugees, including several Ukrainian families. Since 1985, the parish has given out each year two or three scholarships of several thousand dollars each to area high school seniors, to help them with college expenses.

Healing ministry is a central part of the parish. They have a very active online prayer ministry, where prayer requests are sent out to the parish email list. On Sundays, they have a Special Intention time where many people come forward for prayers for healing, travel, birthdays, anniversaries, and other concerns.

For more information, please see the parish website at www.stgeorgeca.org.

Congregational Leaders include: The Rev. Dr. Ray Hess, Priest-in-Charge; the Rev. Bob Olsen, Deacon; Tess Testeza, Music Director, and Nick Wilcox, Senior Warden