



Saint David's Episcopal Church is a 50-year young parish in an old New England community first settled in 1653. Saint David's was formed by a group of Episcopalians in 1955 who felt a strong need for a year-round church in the Kennebunk area. It was admitted as an Organized Mission into the Diocese of Maine in 1956. The Kennebunk Methodist Church invited Saint David's to use its facilities on Portland Road. That building was later purchased by Saint David's and was consecrated in June 1961. The first full-time vicar, the Reverend Clifford T. Geiger was called in May 1968. Four years later Saint David's was formally admitted as a parish into the Diocese of Maine and Father Geiger was instituted as the first Rector of Saint David's and served until March 1985.

During the years when the church was located on Portland Road, members of the congregation began many outreach endeavors, including the unique and remarkable thrift shop called "The Budget Box", which continues today as a community outreach service and a substantial financial contributor to the work of the church. Saint David's was also instrumental in organizing the Holiday Food Basket Program with other local churches to gather food and distribute it to needy families during the holidays. A third outreach program was the Monday Luncheon Program. Parish members took turns preparing and serving meals in the parish hall. Many senior citizens attended each week for the good food and fellowship. The Monday Luncheon Program was a forerunner of the "Meals on Wheels" programs, which continue to serve our community at various locations, including Saint David's.

The Reverend Frederic W. Reynolds was called to become the second Rector of Saint David's and was instituted on November 8, 1986. The church had experienced significant growth and a Long Range Planning Committee began to study the needs of the parish in January 1987. As there was no land available on Portland Road, a search for a new location was undertaken. A twelve-acre parcel of land on Route One South, adjacent to Branch Brook near the Wells town line, was purchased for a new church building and a groundbreaking ceremony was held on November 5, 1989. The steeple was placed on the new building on May 9, 1990. Parishioners and friends made both financial and physical contributions to the new church. Many people became members of the "Sacred Order of Shingle Dippers" or the "Sacred Guild of Wall Painters". The Bishop of Maine consecrated the new Saint David's church building on September 1, 1990.

The Reverend Frederic W. Reynolds was called to Saint Paul's Church, Rochester, New York in September 1995. A Search Committee was formed to evaluate the needs of the parish and to call a new rector. A Parish Profile Survey provided thoughtful and helpful information to the committee in its work. The Search Committee completed its work in early 1997 and recommended that the Vestry call The Reverend Daniel John Riggall as the third Rector of Saint David's Episcopal Church as of April 1, 1997. He was instituted as Rector in September 1997.

Saint David's church has continued to grow in recent years and its congregation includes many families with growing children, as well as a healthy mix of middle-aged and retired

communicants. We have a busy church school and many opportunities for adults to share and broaden their knowledge of religion and spirituality in general and the Episcopal Church in particular. Outreach programs remain a vital part of our ministry together. Members come from the towns surrounding Kennebunk, including Kennebunkport, Arundel, Wells and other communities in York County, one of the fastest growing areas in Maine. We welcome many visitors during the summer months and their presence here enriches us as well.

The mission of Saint David's is to restore people to unity with God and each other in Christ. Every one is welcome to join us as we strive to do God's work in our local communities, the Diocese of Maine and the broader world, always sustained by our times of regular worship and prayer together.

Come and join us as we begin our second fifty years together!