

**Epiphany Episcopal Church
Diocese of Washington**

3111 Ritchie Road
Forestville, MD 20747

**The Second Sunday in Lent
(Year A)**

March 1, 2026

*The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington
Rev Dr Frank Hume-Dawson – Preacher & Celebrant*



9:30 A.M. (RITE II)

SERVICE IS IN PERSON AND BY ZOOM

Phone (301) 735-7717 Fax (301) 735-9051

Website: epiphanyforestville.org

Email: epiphanyforestville@gmail.com

**A warm welcome to all guests and visitors worshipping with us
during this Lenten Season.**

Liturgical Preparation: All page numbers listed below are from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Hymn numbers preceded by LEV are found in Lift Every Voice and Sing II; AAHH are found in African American Heritage Hymnal; and H & S - (Service Music) for The Hymnal 1982. (Sit or Stand as you are able)

Persons joining by Zoom, please set your Communion table during the Offertory if you wish to partake.

[STAND]

Opening Hymn AAHH148 “How Great Thou Art”

1 O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

2 When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. **[Refrain]**

3 And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Penitential Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Kyrie Eleison: L-237

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Have mercy
O Lord (X3)

The Collect

Second Sunday in Lent

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* [SIT]

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 121

The Psalm for this Sunday is Psalm 121. We will read it responsively by half-verse, breaking at the asterisk.

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.*
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

The Epistle

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

[STAND]

Sequence Hymn LEV184 “Blessed Assurance” v1

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my savior all the day long.

The Gospel

John 3:1-17

**✠The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew**

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it

The Nicene Creed – [Stand]

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead ✠, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Service of Laying on of Hands Anointing for Healing SERVICE II

The Celebrant introduces the Litany with this bidding.

Let us pray for healing in heart, mind, body, and soul.

PRAYER

We ask your presence among us, O God, Creator of the universe, Sustainer of life, Redeemer of humankind; bring your healing light and power into our wounded hearts and bodies and minds and souls, clear the way for each of us to discover within ourselves the fullness of your power and all of your wondrous blessings; help us dear God to respond to your vast love and to bless you, so that we may be a beacon through which you may shine into the world and be everlasting citizens of your Kingdom, both in heaven and on earth.
Amen

Officiant Loving God, we hold before you our lives. Examine how we have used the resources you have given us: our time, talents, money, and energy. Give us grace to understand how our decisions, our actions, and even our inactions, affect our lives and the lives of others. Rejoice with us in the good we have done, sorrow with us in our sin. Help us to accept accountability for those things for which we are truly responsible, to make amends to any we have injured, and to turn to you. In your loving kindness restore and forgive us.

People *Lord, hear our prayer*

Officiant Gracious God, we also bear the impact of others' actions and inactions on the course of our lives. By your gracious presence, encourage us to let go of any evil we have endured. Help us to forgive now that which we need to forgive.

- People** *Lord, hear our prayer*
- Officiant** Lord, we pray for others in our community and in our world, and we give to you our thanks. Most Holy God, we praise and thank you for the gift of your continuing presence in our lives; embracing, strengthening and upholding us. Help us and help all we hold before you to recognize the numerous ways you continue to be present in our lives.
- People** *Lord, hear our prayer*
- Officiant** Oh, Rock of our salvation, we give thanks for those who support us in our journey; our friends, our partners, our family members, and those professionals who walk with us. Gift them all with wisdom, caring, vitality and strength.
- People** *Lord, hear our prayer*
- Officiant** Loving God, whose Child, Jesus, wept and laughed, exult with us in our triumphs and comfort us in our sorrows. Help us to remember the great value you place on our lives.
- People** *Lord, hear our prayer*
- Officiant** Life-giving God, you gifted humankind with memory, reason, and capabilities. Give us guidance in discerning the direction of our lives.
- People** *Lord, hear our prayer*
- Officiant** We place before you our current sorrows and concerns – and we pray you lift from us the burden and grant us your yoke of peace and comfort and service.
- People** *Lord, hear our prayer*
- Officiant** We offer prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed. We pray for the departed and for those who mourn. We pray for peace in our homes, and among nations and peoples. We pray for the children and all

the little ones of our world – that their needs may be met and that they may grow in grace and in love as they advance in years.

People *Lord hear our prayer*

Silence

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People 

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

A period of silence follows.

The Celebrant now invites those who wish to receive the laying on of hands {and anointing} to come forward.

Officiant

Brothers and sisters in Christ, if you wish to seek prayer, for yourself, or on behalf of someone, or for a crisis in the world, if you are in person you are invited to come forward, if at home to contemplate the presence of Christ at this time. If you wish to share in the laying on of hands, please come forward and place a hand on the shoulder

or arm of the person in front of or next to you. Jesus says, ‘Come to me all you who are troubled and I will give you rest.’ So come, you who are burdened by regrets and anxieties, you who are broken in body or in spirit, you who feel deeply within yourselves the divisions and injustices of our world. Come, for Jesus invites us to bring him our brokenness.

The Celebrant then lays hands on each person (and, having dipped a thumb in the oil of the sick, makes the sign of the cross on their foreheads}, and says one of the following:

Laying on of Hands and Anointing for Healing

In the name of God, I lay my hands upon you [and anoint you with oil] in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, beseeching our Lord Jesus Christ to sustain you with his presence, to drive away all sickness of body and spirit, and to give you that victory of life and peace which will enable you to serve him both now and evermore. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

Lord, we pray for all who have been outwardly anointed with holy oil, that they all may have the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit. And for all those who have prayed - those who have shown mercy – those who have lifted their hands to you in thanksgiving and in supplication – for all present here, O God, we give thanks and ask that you continue with them day by day. Indeed, O Lord keep us from all evil, preserve us in all goodness. Bless us so that we may indeed bless others in your most Holy Name – we ask it in the name of your Son, our Savior. *Amen.*

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

[SIT]

Announcements
Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Prayers

Please make your pledge and offerings now: [zelle](#)
using the email address epiphanyforestville@gmail.com

[STAND]

Offertory Hymn: AAHH113 “Total Praise”
(Communicants at home please prepare your table)

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills
Knowing my help is coming from You
Your peace, You give me in time of the storm

[Chorus]
You are the source of my strength
You are the strength of my life
I lift my hands in total praise to You
You are the source of my strength
I lift my hands in total praise to You

[Refrain]
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

The Presentation: “The Doxology” [Standing]
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A (BCP page 361)

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Celebrant says:

The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Celebrant and People [standing]

Sanctus and Benedictus – (said BCP 362)

🔔 Holy, 🔔 Holy, 🔔 Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." 📌

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." 📌

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death,

resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.* 🛎️🛎️🛎️

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People and Celebrant [Sit or Kneel]

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be said

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant & People

🛎️ **Lord I am not worthy for you to come under my roof: but only say the words and my soul shall be healed. (x3)**

The Celebrant says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn H498 “Beneath The Cross Of Jesus ”

- 1 Beneath the cross of Jesus
 I fain would take my stand,
 the shadow of a mighty rock
 within a weary land,
 a home within a wilderness,
 a rest upon the way,
 from the burning of the noontide heat
 and the burden of the day.

- 2 Upon the cross of Jesus
 mine eyes at times can see
 the very dying form of one
 who suffered there for me;
 and from my smitten heart with tears
 two wonders I confess:
 the wonders of redeeming love
 and my unworthiness.

- 3 I take, O cross, thy shadow
 for my abiding place;
 I ask no other sunshine than
 the sunshine of his face;
 content to let my pride go by,
 to know no gain nor loss,
 my sinful self my only shame,
 my glory all the cross.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Post Communion Prayer



BCP page 365

People: The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing [Stand]

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, [~~✠~~cross yourself] the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn LEV29 ‘Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross’

1 Jesus, keep me near the cross,
 There’s a precious fountain;
 Free to all, a healing stream
 Flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.

Refrain:

In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever;

Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

2 Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Sheds its beams around me. [Refrain]

3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadows o'er me. [Refrain]

5 Near the cross, I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river.

Dismissal

Celebrant
People:

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



TAKE NOTE
OF WHAT IS
HAPPENING!



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The First Sunday in Lent



WOE: March is designated as Women's History Month with this year's theme being, "**Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future**". We are asking all Women of Epiphany (WOE) to wear the color **purple** on Sunday, March 8, 2026 in recognition of International Women Day.

Contact Erlene Vaughan (301) 357-4281 if there are questions.



FOOD BANK: The committee is collecting food items and cash contributions for the food pantry. If you wish to drop food items, please call Cheryl Maxwell/Wendy DalMolin and someone will be present at the Parish Hall to receive food items. Office hours Monday – Friday, 9 am – 1pm. For monetary donation please indicate in the memo column of your check or envelope or make direct contribution through Zelle.



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: Stay connected with the church and your friends by following us on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Epiphanyforestville.

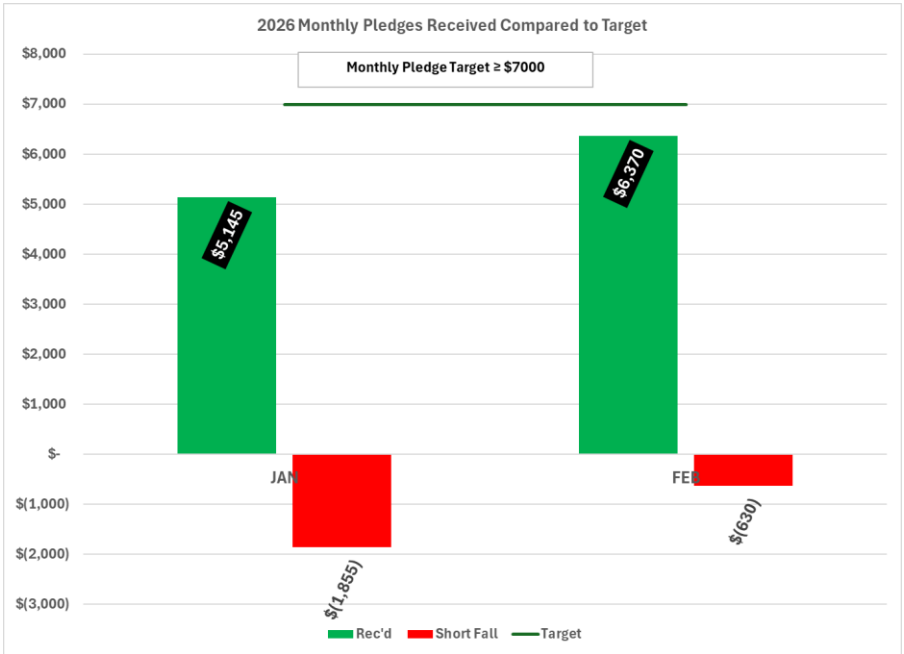
WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CALENDAR

March 8	The Third Sunday in Lent - 9:30am
March 12	Vestry Meeting @ 7:00pm
March 15	The Fourth Sunday in Lent - 9:30am
March 22	The Fifth Sunday in Lent – 9:30am
March 29	The Sunday of the Passion – Palm Sunday 9:30am

Serving Today
Sunday, March 1, 2026

First Reading/Psalm
The Epistle
Prayers of the People

Carolyn Gurley
Lynne Tyler
Lorraine Nue





Birthdays

Mrs. Loretta Smith	3/08
Mrs. Carmen Copeland	3/12
Ms. Janet Walker	3/13
Mrs. June Wood	3/15
Ms. Lauren Wheeler	3/19
Mrs. Darlene Nielsen	3/31

Wedding Anniversary


Loretta & Ernest Smith	03/01
Wendy & Remo DalMolin	03/03

EPIPHANY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
UPCOMING EVENTS

2026

- 09**
MAY **MOE - CAR WASH**
- 06**
JUNE **MOE - FISH FRY**
- 27**
JUNE **SUMMER BAZAAR**
- 25**
JULY **PICNIC**
- 15**
AUG **MOE - CAR WASH**
- 29**
AUG **MOE - FISH FRY**
- 19**
SEPT **WOE - CHARI-TEA**
- 11**
OCT **INTERNATIONAL DAY**
- 13**
DEC **WOE - CHRISTMAS PARTY**

WOE - Women Of Epiphany
MOE - Men Of Epiphany

 3111 Ritcie Road
Forestville MD 20747



301-735-7717
www.epiphanyforestville.org
epiphanyforestville@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/Epiphanyforestville
[@epiphanyepiscopalchurch5071](https://www.instagram.com/epiphanyepiscopalchurch5071)



Mission Statement

Epiphany Episcopal Church exists to connect people to God and one another through Ministry and Service.

The Parish Staff

Mrs. Corrine Archibald	Parish Administrator
Ms. Lorraine Nue	Cemetery Administrator
Mr. Claudius Smith	Organist

Office Hours: 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m., Monday - Friday

Vestry

Randy Maxwell	Senior Warden
Ricardo Lyles	Junior Warden
Cheryl Maxwell	Treasurer
Janet Walker	Clerk of the Vestry
Faith Louers	Kirk Nielsen
Gloria McKnight	Avis Watts
Maurice Fox	