

Rector's Report Saturday October 11, 2019

- Thanks to the Stewardship Committee (Lyn Klay, Kathy Clague, Peg Gardner, and Jackie Moore), the Stewardship Dinner on Saturday September 21st was a wonderful success. I gave a presentation on all the special programs and events we have planned for our 150th anniversary, which you can view here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sj9LNWygBqc>
- I attended the Celebration of New Ministry (rector installation) at St. John's Lafayette Square in Washington DC on Saturday September 28th. The new rector is the Rev. Rob Fisher whom I knew from All Saints-by-the-sea in Montecito CA. St. John's is located across Lafayette Square from the White House and every US President has attended since 1816.
- I preached at the Celebration of New Ministry at St. Paul's Baden MD on Sunday September 29th. The new rector is the Rev. Christian Lehrer, a fellow student and colleague of mine from the Diocese of California. A former rector of his parish was the Right Reverend Thomas John Claggett, the first bishop consecrated on American soil (in 1792). You can read my sermon here:
<https://deforestlondon.wordpress.com/2019/10/01/in-the-presence-of-a-friend/>
- I visited Virginia Theological Seminary and Christ Episcopal Church in Alexandria VA (the church of George Washington and Robert E. Lee), where my clergy coach the Rev. Mark Anschutz served as rector for 15 years.
- We held a St. Francis Blessing of the Animals Sacred Saunter on Saturday October 5 at Sequoia Park at 11 AM, during the Bark in the Park 5K race.
- On October 5 at 4 PM, Catherine Mace gave a presentation on the history of Christ Church, which was attended by at least 60 people.



- At the 9:30 AM joint service on Sunday October 6, we recognized the Good Samaritans who extinguished the fire at the front doors on September 6. We gave Eddie Vainuku, Frank Florivus, Monte Gibson, and Steve Sanches a \$50 Amazon gift card, a sesquicentennial mug, and a standing ovation.
- Eureka Heritage Society sold tickets for the annual Home Tour at Christ Church on Sunday October 6. Christ Church campus received at least a hundred visitors throughout the day.
- With the help of the Venerable Pam and the Rev. Anne, I blessed the house of newcomers Daniel Hafer and Steven Preston on Friday October 11th at 2 PM. About 20 people attended, mostly Christ Church Eurekaans.
- I am serving on the Regional Discernment Group (RDG) Task Force for the Diocesan Commission of Ministry. Our task is to create guidelines for RDGs throughout the diocese
- I am continuing to serve as the co-chair of the Academic Committee for the diocese, which means I evaluate answers to the General Ordination Exams. I am also continuing to serve as liaison for Marcia Hansen (D) and Katie Evenbeck (P), who are postulants for the diaconate and presbyterate, respectively.

