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From the Rector:

A Sabbatical of the Senses

Later this month, I will begin my sabbatical, which will be a “Sabbatical of the Senses”; and I recently discovered that one of the prominent decorations at Christ Church Eureka has affirmed this sabbatical theme. I’m currently teaching a class on the Gospel of John and the five senses after preaching on the subject throughout Lent. Also, my first week abroad will be spent in Yorkshire UK learning how to help others engage with their senses in the forest as I complete my training as a Forest Therapy Guide.¹ Finally, during my month-long stay in New Zealand, I will be writing a manuscript on the Sensual Gospel of John. My interest in the Gospel of John and the senses emerged from the work of an Anglican biblical scholar named Dorothy Lee who teaches at the University of Melbourne in Australia. When I recently re-read her article “The Gospel of John and the Five Senses,” my eyes fell upon the following footnote which I previously overlooked:

“One of the most powerful evocations of the five senses is found in the late-fifteenth-century series of six tapestries, *La Dame à la licorne* [The Lady and the Unicorn], located now in the Musée de Cluny in Paris (though originating in Flanders). Each tapestry represents one of the senses...[pointing] to the lavishness of sensual existence.”²

When I looked up this series of tapestries online, I quickly realized that we have one of them in our narthex! Several years ago, I had inquired about the name and provenance of our tapestry, but no one seemed to know. Although I still don’t know who donated the tapestry to the church, I’m glad to finally learn that it is part of “The Lady and the Unicorn” series; and the tapestry we have just happens to portray our sense of hearing. In it, the Lady plays a portative (portable) organ while her maidservant operates the billows. The inclusion of the organ in the tapestry is apt, considering the prominence of our custom designed Kegg Pipe Organ in our sanc-



*The Lady and the Unicorn: Hearing
Christ Episcopal Church Narthex*

¹ The four-day immersion program will be held at the Broughton Sanctuary, a 3,000 acre Sanctuary in the foothills of the Yorkshire Dales, one of the most picturesque parts of the country: <https://broughtonsanctuary.co.uk/> <https://www.natureandforesttherapy.earth/event/uk-yorkshire-broughton-sanctuary>

² Dorothy Lee, “The Gospel of John and the Five Senses” in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 129, no. 1 (2010), 125, n. 35.

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tuary. Other tapestries in the series portray our sense of touch, as the lady touches the unicorn's horn; our sense of taste, as the lady feeds candy to her parakeet; our sense of smell, as the lady enjoys the aroma of a bouquet of flowers; and our sense of sight, as the unicorn peers at its reflection in a mirror. These colorful tapestries are known as the "Mona Lisa of the Middle Ages" and have appeared in films, novels, and album artwork.³ Because we do not know the artist, we are left to interpret the artwork for ourselves; and it is the sixth tapestry that invites the most interpretive engagement from the viewer. In this tapestry, the lady seems to be putting her necklace away into a chest, or is she taking it out of the chest? Behind her is a blue tent with the words "*À Mon Seul Désir*" (which means "To my only desire") inscribed across the top. Some suggest that this scene is a reference to a renunciation of the senses or to a sixth sense, perhaps the "heart sense."



As I reflect on these tapestries (including our own), I think of how much Jesus and the author of John's Gospel rely on the bodily senses to convey deeper spiritual truths. In this way, the human body and the senses are honored in John's Gospel as vehicles for divine glory. Although appreciating our senses is an excellent way to practice gratitude and be present to the here and now, Jesus ultimately invites us to have our deepest desires quenched and satisfied by him and his love. Sometimes, in order to satisfy a deeper desire, we may need to let go of some more superficial desires in the process. In the Middle Ages, the Unicorn was a symbol of Christ (according to medieval bestiaries); and throughout the tapestry series, the Unicorn delights in the senses with the Lady just as Jesus delights in the senses throughout the Fourth Gospel. Remember his first miracle was bringing more wine to a wedding party! However, the Unicorn also appears to be especially pleased when the Lady seems to be putting away or temporarily putting aside a symbol of her sensual pleasures: her necklace. Just as the Samaritan woman left her water jar at the well after her spiritual thirst was quenched by Christ, so too does the Lady leave her necklace in order to fulfill the deeper desires of her heart.

During my sabbatical, which will now include a visit to the Lady and the Unicorn tapestries at the Musée de Cluny in Paris, I hope to enjoy Christ's delight-filled presence by engaging with all five senses. At the same time, my hope is that we can all appreciate our senses ultimately as gateways to closer intimacy with the One who satisfies our deepest hungers, the One who may call us to seasons of renunciation and abstinence, and the One who smiles upon us when we let go of whatever needs to be relinquished in order to more fully embrace Him, who is our one true desire, *mon seul désir*.

³ They appear in the *Harry Potter* films (in the Gryffindor common room) as well as in the British drama film *The Escape* (2017). They are referenced in Rainer Maria Rilke's novel *The Notebooks of Malte Laurids Brigge* and the novel titled "The Lady and the Unicorn" by Tracy Chevalier; and portions of the images are included in Peter Grudzien's artwork for his album titled "The Unicorn."

The Lady and the Unicorn (French: La Dame à la licorne)



Touch



Taste



Smell



Sight

À Mon Seul Désir



The sixth tapestry is wider than the others, and has a somewhat different style. The lady stands in front of a tent, across the top of which is inscribed her motto, "*À Mon Seul Désir*", one of the deliberately obscure and elegant mottos, typically alluding to courtly love, adopted by the nobility during the age of chivalry. It is variously interpreted as "to my only/sole desire", "according to my desire alone"; "by my will alone", "love desires only beauty of soul", and "to calm passion". These frequently appear on artworks and illuminated miniatures. Her maidservant stands to the right, holding open a chest. The lady is placing the necklace she wears in the other tapestries, into the chest. To her left is a low bench with a dog, possibly a Maltese, sitting on a decorative pillow. It is the only tapestry in which she is seen to smile. The unicorn and the lion stand in their normal spots framing the lady while holding onto the pennants.

CAMP LIVING WATERS REGISTRATION is open!

Registration for Camp Living Waters went live on April 1, 2023 and can be found at camlivingwatershumboldt.org/registration

Registration for campers and counselors is due by July 1. Camp Living Waters is our deanery camp located in the heart of Redwood Valley off of Hwy 299. Camp begins on Sunday, July 23 at 6 p.m. and ends on Friday, July 28 at 3 p.m. Youth ages 9-15 come as campers and youth ages 16-17 serve as counselors. The registration fee is \$200 per camper/counselor and scholarships are available. Questions? Please contact the Rector, the Rev. Sara L. Potter (revsara@stalbarsarcata.org) or Emily Armstrong Buck, Camp Coordinator (clwhumboldt@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!



July 23rd - 28th 2023
Register starting April 1st
CampLivingWatersHumboldt.org



Christ Church Joy Mass Family Service



October 1st
9:30-10:00 a.m.

Please join us in a new Ministry adventure!
Children are the focus of this short and colorful service. A short story with Eucharist, song and prayer and a small snack to start your week off with joy! Meet us in the Chapel for this service.



McKinleyville school libraries annual plant sale fundraiser — May 13

By Alice Rosendahl

McKinleyville school libraries are having our annual plant sale fundraiser on May 13 from 8:30-12:30, and I am the chairperson for the event.

We are in need of garden donations - plants (outdoor and indoor), garden tools, garden books, garden statuary, ceramic pots, etc. I've never thought to extend this event to church members, but maybe it would be all right?? I know there are many "green thumbs" in the parish.

Donations can be brought to the Dow's Prairie School office in McKinleyville from 7:30 AM-3:30PM, M-F, or dropped off at our house in Bayside, or in special circumstances, Hal and I could come pick them up. And of course, we would love to see folks come to shop the sale.



Deacon's Corner

The Venerable Pam Gossard



“As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.” Luke 24:15

I like to walk. When I walk, I often think on the Emmaus story found in the Gospel according to Luke. Some years back on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land we did **a lot** of walking but our journey together concluded not with a walk but with a bus ride on a modern highway to a church thought to be the possible site of Emmaus, located about seven miles from Jerusalem. Perhaps it was a good thing we were not walking on that day because the countryside was enjoying a much-needed January rain shower. In my journal I recorded how, after getting off the bus, we stepped inside the church and observed beautiful interior walls covered with ancient fading frescos, and then heard the live acoustics of that sacred space ring with the story from Luke 24.

After the sermon that day, our small group of pilgrims laid at the foot of the altar many of the special things that we had collected during our pilgrimage. Lying on the steps of that old church and waiting to be blessed by the Bishop was a handmade red stole. It's the same one that you see me wear at Christ Church. Every time I put on that stole and walk down our center aisle to proclaim the Gospel, I think about the time spent at Emmaus and its message of hope.

Of all the readings during the fifty days of Easter this passage is truly one of my favorites. It begins by telling us that two disciples took a walk. Reeling after the arrest, trial, and crucifixion of their beloved teacher, these disciples were on the way to Emmaus. They had left the other disciples in Jerusalem and were walking away from the city, contradicting Jesus' instruction to stay in the city and wait for him.

But in conversation with a stranger, they opened up. His generosity in sharing what he thought and believed found their hearts beginning to “burn” within them. They began to see things differently, and invited the stranger to stay with them and share a meal. It is then, of course, that the reality of the resurrection revealed itself and everything changed. Then suddenly Jesus was gone. But we are told their hearts were warmed and their energy was renewed to go back to Jerusalem and share their experience.

As those disciples were willing to talk and listen as Jesus walked beside them, so we too can honestly express our thoughts, grief, and disappointments. The good news of the Easter season is one of hope. It brings the awareness that God is present even when his presence is not immediately evident. Jesus continues to walk with us on our road and patiently opens the Scriptures to us, drawing us into a deeper understanding of God's love and God's desire for us to love.

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Our church vision statement expresses this desire by encouraging us to be “A community of companions walking together in the Way of Christ’s Love for all.” May we continue walking together, my friends, with renewed hope as we share this good news with others outside the walls of our church.

Good news travels!



JUST ONE CAN Food Drive for Food for People SUNDAY | May 7

Parishioners are asked to bring at least one canned food item, on **Sunday, May 7**, in support of Food for People.



Thank you on behalf of Food for People. This month I transported 74 pounds of donations to the pantry. This brings our yearly total to 246 pounds which is really marvelous. Sunday, May 7, is JUST ONE CAN SUNDAY. Let's fill the baskets to overflowing.

The new Food Bank will open on June 13 in a new building at its old location of Summer and 14th Streets.

Many thanks to all of you. Bev.

FROM THE MUSIC COORDINATOR

Concerts at Christ Episcopal Church: Past, Present, and Future

Merry Phillips



Recently, the concert committee (I'm not sure what our 'official' title is!) met – current members are: Merry Phillips, convener, Steve Cole, Elizabeth Harper-Lawson, Lyn Klay, and Doug Moorehead. And we were very pleased to have Fr. Daniel join us for this meeting. Our goal was to review the history of concerts at Christ Church, discuss what is currently happening and brainstorm ideas for the future. We had a fruitful meeting, and I thought it might be helpful to share some of the story behind the concert series to illustrate where we are now, and to help us think about the future.

There have been concerts at Christ Church for more years than I have been alive, I'm sure. But the most prominent in the community was most likely the Rhododendron Festival Concerts, which Doug Moorehead began in 1984. Concerts included organ, vocal, and instrumental music and over the years hundreds of local musicians performed at Christ Church on the day of the Rhododendron Festival and parade. The concerts were supported by the church, with help from the Sequoia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and local donors. With Doug's retirement, the series concluded after a very successful thirty-year run.

In 2009, the "Christ Church Concert Series" was established in conjunction with the installation of the Kegg pipe organ. A concert committee, initially chaired by Leann Thoresen, was created to oversee the concerts. This large committee (ca. 12-15 members) created a 'brand' for the series, planned and scheduled concerts, and took on the responsibility for the Rhododendron Festival concerts and the Halloween concert (created by the AGO concert) as well as created the ongoing "Sundays at 4" summer series and the Messiah Sing-Along. Untold hours were invested by many volunteers to support these concerts. Ken Cowan performed the first concert of the "Christ Church Concert Series" on January 14, 2009, generously underwritten by Charles Kegg. The Sequoia Chapter of the AGO also made a generous donation to help establish the series, which was to be supported by donations and fundraising.

Fast forward to the present ... due to attrition, the committee now has five members, most of whom have served from the very beginning. We have fewer Christ Church sponsored concerts; most recently was our very successful January concert featuring the return of Ken Cowan! The church was filled with ca. 140 attendees, and the concert program was outstanding. The cost of the concert was just over \$4,000 and \$2,337 was collected at the door (suggested donation was \$20; average donation was \$17). No organization expects to 'break even' with a concert – costs will always be higher than what is collected at the door. And since we have an unwritten policy that there are no ticket sales, only voluntary donations, we rely on the goodwill of attendees to help with the costs. To sustain the series, then, we need to rely on donations and/or fundraisers.

Fortunately, the series budget is in good shape for now. We are grateful and thankful to a parishioner who has been generously donating to the series every year. And this year we are especially grateful for the donation made by the Sequoia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Sadly, this local chapter has closed due to a decline in membership. Thanks to Helen Hui, the Chapter Treasurer, the funds from the Chapter were donated to Christ Church (\$4,068.95) rather than rolled back to the national AGO.

To continue to sustain this series, we (the church) need to develop a vision for the future and welcome new leadership and volunteers to support it. Some ideas we brainstormed for the future of the concert series included establishing a steering committee (inviting new leadership and volunteers) and developing a vision/mission statement for the series in conjunction with the Vestry.

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For now, the current concert committee members have agreed that we will continue to have the “Sundays at 4” summer series and strive to have two concerts per year. For 2023, that includes the January organ concert, and a possible Messiah Sing-Along in December. We will meet again soon to plan an organ concert for 2024 with a major artist 2024.

As always, your thoughts and ideas are welcome! Contact any of us, please. Next month I will continue with a “Part 2” on concerts – discussing the other type of concerts we have – where Christ Church serves as the venue (not the sponsor) for concerts by musical groups and musicians for the community. This is a wholly different and separate type of event for which we need to establish more centralized oversight. Until next month ...

Next Sunday (the Sixth Sunday of Easter) is also referred to as “Rogation Sunday.” I believe Mtr. Lesley has written an excellent Chronicle article in the recent past about this. According to *Wikipedia*, “Rogation days are days of prayer and fasting in Western Christianity. They are observed with processions and the Litany of the Saints. The so-called *major* rogation is held on 25 April; the *minor* rogations are held on Monday to Wednesday preceding Ascension Thursday. The word *rogation* comes from the Latin verb *rogare*, meaning “to ask”, which reflects the beseeching of God for the appeasement of his anger and for protection from calamities.”

“A common feature of Rogation days in former times was the ceremony of beating the bounds, in which a procession of parishioners, led by the minister, churchwarden, and choirboys, would proceed around the boundary of their parish and pray for its protection in the forthcoming year.”

The following version of Psalm 66:1-4 reminded me of this upcoming celebration:

Sing a joyful song to the Beloved all the earth,
and praise Love’s name;
Sing in glorious exultation!

We say to You, “How magnificent are your ways:

So great is your power that fear and doubt vanish
before You:

All the earth worships You;
the people raise their voice,
they sing praises to your Name.”

~ *Nan Merrill from her interpretation of "Psalm 66" in
PSALMS FOR PRAYING*



The Ancient Custom of Blessing the Fields
on Rogation Sunday at Hever, Kent
Taken February 1967



Quilters+

The day: Wednesday, May 10

The time: 9:30 AM

The place: Lewis Hall

Our next Quilters + meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10 at 9:30 am in Lewis Hall. This is our last meeting before our Summer break.

We will be working on blankets for local foster children and prayer quilts for our parish. No experience needed. Supplies will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

We need to build up a completed supply of both the blankets and the quilts. Your help is appreciated.

You can bring your own project to work on. Come and enjoy conversation, snacks, and working together.

Questions? Call Peg Gardner 443-9627 or Belinda Zander 442-4222.



Centering Prayer

Tuesdays | 6:30 pm | In person and on Zoom

Covid protocols are: Full vaccination is recommended, masks are OPTIONAL for those who are fully vaccinated, and masks are expected for those who are not fully vaccinated. Seating is distanced.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82639812032>



SACRED SAUNTER

Sacred Saunter

*Last Sacred Saunter before
Fr. Daniel's Sabbatical*

Commemoration of Frances Perkins
Sequoia Park | 11 AM | Saturday, May 13



From the Senior Warden Steven Preston



PREPARING FOR SABBATICAL: Fr. Daniel, Mtr. Lesley, the Sabbatical Team, and the Vestry are well on our way in preparation for Fr. Daniel's Sabbatical Leave from May 22 through September 9. One thing that has been accomplished is finalizing the Sabbatical Budget. Thanks to the foresight of Vestries since Fr. Daniel's arrival five years ago, a healthy Fund is available. Vestry has been putting \$500 a month into the Fund since then, with over \$33,000 available. In addition to continuing Fr. Daniel's compensation from the General Fund, which is just and is required by the Diocese, we have funds for all anticipated expenses. In lieu of her Sabbatical Priest compensation, Mtr. Lesley has asked, and Vestry has approved, that we make directed donations from the Fund: \$5,000 to Food for People; \$5,000 to Betty Chinn Homeless Foundation; \$5,000 to a new Deacon's Sabbatical Fund; \$1,000 to Camp Living Waters; \$1,000 to the Bishop's Disaster Fund; and \$471 to a temporary Pastoral Care Fund, the balance of which will revert to the Rector's Discretionary Fund after the Sabbatical. There are also funds for Pulpit Supply Clergy, Parish Sabbatical Events, and reimbursement of Fr. Daniel's travel, lodging, transportation, food, tuition, event, and miscellaneous expenses. This will leave over \$2,500 in the Fund as seed money for the next Sabbatical Leave in five years, with the monthly transfers into the Fund continuing. Several Parish Sabbatical events are being planned while Fr. Daniel is away! **Here is a link to the Sabbatical Guide** from the church website: <https://christchurcheureka.org/sabbatical/>

VESTRY MEETINGS: *Another busy month for your Vestry!*

April 23rd Meeting: The Vestry's regular meeting was held on Sunday, April 23rd from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Pierson Room. The Vestry approved the minutes of the March 25th Vestry Meeting, and the written Senior Warden's and Outreach Reports.

Fr. Daniel welcomed Mtr. Lesley, our Sabbatical Priest (and Associate Priest and Dean of our Deanery) to the meeting. He highlighted some of his activities as Rector from his written report, and reported on further planning for his Sabbatical Leave from May 22 through September 9. He presented the painting of Apostle to the Apostles Mary Magdalene, which David Lochtie has created to hang with the Apostles' paintings in Lewis Hall. He also updated Vestry on the status of the commissioned second icon that David Tscheope is writing for the Chapel.

The Financial Report through March was reviewed and received, noting a huge increase in utility expenses. The application for property tax exemption for the Transfiguration House (the Rectory) had been hand-delivered to the County Assessor's office, and, after answering some questions from the Assessor's Office, is pending Assessor's approval and a refund of property taxes paid.

Senior Warden Steve Preston briefly called attention to several items from his written Senior Warden's Report.

Junior Warden Jim Hendry was unable to attend, but had emailed a written report. He updated preparations for renting the apartment, which was almost ready, and reported that the property manager held an open house on Saturday, April 22nd. The rent will be the budgeted \$1,500 per month, including electric, gas, water, sewer, trash, and two marked parking spaces, with stipulations and understandings regarding future work on the windows. He is ordering parking signs for the relocated handicapped and tenant spaces. Jim also thanked Steve Cole, Royal McCarthy, Paul Gossard, John Patton, and sound consultant Chris for work installing the new speakers in the sanctuary. He reported that the broken window in the Chapel has been replaced, although

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matching glass was not available. He reported on other repairs, and that Merry Phillips has found a “lengthy, curving crack” in one of our stained glass windows in the sanctuary. He is trying to find out if the city will repave the city’s alley between the church buildings and the parking lot. He also submitted a hand-drawn site-plan and floorplans of the church buildings.

Archdeacon Pam Gossard reported on various activities in the parish and the Diocese, carrying out her duties “from time to time” (per the Prayer Book), which were many and varied just during the prior week. She reported that the Bishop has asked her and Paul to take charge of the prayers during the April 2024 final Revival by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry in the Sacramento area.

Vestry took note of the draft Letter of Agreement with Associate Priest, Pastor Jeri Grey-Reneberg. There were reports from: the Facilities Team, the Joy Mass Family Service Team, our Green Team, and the Emergency Response Team. The Rector and Senior Warden also recommended that Vestry begin a review of all written parish policies, procedures, and job descriptions.

Vestry discussed plans for the three-hour Vestry Retreat on Saturday, April 29, which would center around the Sabbatical Leave, and dedication of the Fish Memorial Wall/Walkway and the McCarthy Meadow on May 14th. Members took note of the recently installed “Little Library / Prayer Request Station” that Deacon Anne Pierson has donated, and that is awaiting signage. Sign-ups were circulated for the Vestry’s 5th Sunday Coffee Hour hosting on April 30th. Finally, Senior Warden Steve Preston agreed to convene the Vestry’s ad hoc committee to revise our Campus Facilities Use Agreements and Fee Schedule, hopefully before Fr. Daniel’s Sabbatical begins. **It was a very busy two hours! (*The minutes of the most recent Vestry meetings, Outreach Report, and Financial Report are always posted on the bulletin board in Lewis Hall.*)**

April 29th Vestry Retreat: The Vestry met at Elizabeth’s home from 2:30-5:30 pm, and experienced a welcome respite, beginning with Mid-Day Prayer and ending with Night Prayer, both from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*. In between, an hour was spent discussing the book *Clergy Renewal, The Alban Guide to Sabbatical Planning*, which Vestry members had been asked to read and ponder ahead of time. An additional hour was spent in Sabbatical Sharing, centered on the questions: What does Sabbatical/Sabbath means to you?; Consider a place you visited that was especially transformative for you, and why was it?; and Consider a place you would love to visit, and why do you want to? Afterward, Vestry members expressed feeling more connected to one another and to the importance of Sabbatical for us all, parishioners and clergy alike.

GREEN TEAM MEETING AND PLANS: Part of our Green Team (Heidi Erickson, Beth Haynes, and me) met on Saturday, April 22 (Earth Day) to review the March 18th webinar on “Forming a Green Team,” to preview the April 29th webinar on “Basic Carbon Footprint Calculation,” and to start our planning process. (Jim Hendry, Tom Bond, and Fr. Daniel had prior commitments.) We brainstormed some initial ideas for reducing our parish’s carbon footprint, and reviewed the possible resources available to do our Convention-mandated needs assessment, and to chart out steps to attaining carbon neutrality by 2030. We agreed to schedule an additional Team meeting for a date after the April 29th webinar.

JOY MASS FAMILY SERVICE: Our team, led by Robin Cardona and Vickie Patton, continues to plan for the October 1st start of this 9:30-10:00 am service. Initial publicity in the church, through the email blasts and other means, has begun. A handout/postcard is being prepared for giving and mailing to family and friends. And a grant request has been submitted to Episcopal Community Services of the Diocese of Northern California, to assist with funding for equipment, software, licensing-fees, supplies, and publicity/advertising. There will be future Team planning meetings, to include focusing on publicity and outreach.

LAY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES: There are many ministry opportunities for using your skills, experience, and gifts, where you will be welcomed with open arms and grateful hearts! **Please contact any Lay Ministry Leader for information or to volunteer. Their names and contact information are listed elsewhere in this *Chronicle* newsletter.**

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DIOCESAN E-NEWS: If you don't already subscribe, I encourage you to keep up with the Bishop, the Diocese, other parishes, and helpful resources, by signing up for this weekly newsletter at <https://www.norcalepiscopal.org/#signup>

BELOVED COMMUNITY RESOURCE NEWSLETTER: This is the monthly e-newsletter of the Diocesan Commission for Intercultural Ministries. This is a very useful resource for the broader social justice activities of the Diocese and the National Church. Sign up here:

https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/WeHHFWL/CommForInterculturalMinis?source_id=696b0aee-db58-472b-8bb0-20bffb2f2e30&source_type=em&c=oucj0_J3utLeJgH3CmEt0aSUVuO_yUugYT9y_xgaet73FkBlxJ6pA==

Within every challenge lies opportunity! The task is to find the opportunity and to fulfill it!!

Steve Preston
Senior Warden

From the Junior Warden Jim Hendry



Our Church Facilities Team, led by Heidi Erickson, had a meeting recently to discuss a myriad of issues pertinent to the safety, maintenance, and improvement of our Church.

Energy efficiency, handicapped access, parking lot improvements, and landscaping were considered as well as the need to paint the outside of our buildings.

We decided to develop a list of projects to be done, prioritize that list, and attempt to apply costs to each proposed project. This is no easy task, so your help through ideas, suggestions, or assistance in any way will be greatly appreciated. Contact any vestry or committee members with your thoughts.

We are planning on having a light cleaning, small projects, gardening and weeding workday gathering later this summer, and we hope you can attend. More information will be coming.

Work on the Church apartment was completed and the Arrow Property manager held an open house on April 22nd. It was a great success and the apartment has been rented. We look forward to the new tenant moving in early May. Alleluia!



Rest and Renewal

The Very Rev. K. Lesley McCloghrie, Associate Priest



“And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.” *Genesis 2:2-3*

At the end of this month, we will be entering into a time of Sabbatical. After five years of ministry among us, Father Daniel will be away from us for three months, a time for rest and renewal, a period written into clergy contracts to help promote wellness, and prevent what we know as burnout. We live in a world of increasing “busyness”, where we seem to equate being busy, with productivity, satisfaction and happiness. Unfortunately, most of us are not able to sustain the constant demands placed upon us, and we lose focus, lack motivation, and become unhappy. Academia has a long history of offering sabbatical time, and time away is becoming increasingly common in the business world. For example, when we moved to New York so that I could answer a call to parish there, my husband Keith, was able to take a three-month sabbatical from his company Cisco Systems. It is interesting to note that rectors used to have a “study” but now they have an “office”. Study implies reading, learning, quietness, introspection and prayer, while office hints at busyness, work, productivity, and general activity. Perhaps a comment on how our perceptions have changed.

The concept of sabbatical is biblical. We read in the Book of Genesis how God created the heavens and the earth and all their multitude, and on the seventh day, when they were finished, God rested. So, God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it. Each week God provides for a day of rest, for our Jewish sisters and brothers this is Saturday, the seventh day; for most Christians we keep the Sabbath Day on Sunday, the day of Jesus’ Resurrection. For those of us who are older, or perhaps have lived in states with “Blue Laws”, we remember Sunday as being a quiet day. Stores were closed, and there is little in the way of activity other than church and family gatherings. Now it seems that Sundays are as full of commitments as any other day of the week, with chores and shopping to be done, assorted sports activities in person, or on television, and if we have the time, church and Sunday School attendance. Sabbath time is elusive, usually reserved for vacations, and even then, through our many electronic devices, we are tempted to stay “in touch”, and are easily accessible by others.

While Fr. Daniel and Ashley are away from us, exploring new places and horizons, connecting with family, and enjoying rest and relaxation, at Christ Church we will be enjoying a sabbatical time too. We will be hearing many different voices from the pulpit, Pastors Dan Price, Karen Stanley and Jeri Gray-Reneberg will be preaching, as will our deacons Pam Gossard and Anne Pierson. We are also hoping to hear from Pastor Paul Harris later in the summer, and, no surprise, you will be hearing my voice too.

It seems very appropriate that the first Sunday of our sabbatical time, May 28, is the Day of Pentecost, the day when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending upon the disciples. The same Holy Spirit who is with us all as individuals, and as a community of faith, protecting and guiding us as we go through life. It is also the day when we celebrate the birthday of the Church.

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Over the three months of sabbatical time this same Spirit calls us to celebrate who we are as a faith community, to take stock of where we are, and to think about what lies ahead. What ministry opportunities are waiting for us to explore, and what have we been doing that perhaps has come to completion? Where are we being neglectful, and how might we fix this? As individuals, how might we better enter into the life of our parish? Fr. Daniel has suggested we might try joining Centering Prayer on Tuesday evenings or attending a different worship service, 8am instead of 10:30am, or vice versa. Perhaps we might be involved in a different ministry within the congregation, there are so many opportunities available, our monthly newsletter has all the contact information you will need. Thinking about a new ministry for our parish? Talk with us about it, and once Fr. Daniel is back, and has had time to acclimate, then we will explore it further. In light of all this, we plan to host two or three Sunday morning conversations, so that we are able to share our thoughts.

Plans are in process for some sabbatical programs. We plan to hold a summer midday Bible Study led by Pastor Karen Stanley and myself. We are thinking of gathering on Wednesdays at noon, bring your own bag lunch, and we will provide beverages and dessert. Please let us know if you are interested in this offering. You can email me at klmccloghrie@gmail.com; or contact the parish office, christchurcheureka@gmail.com.

During August, I intend to offer a Sunday morning session on Anglican Poetry. We will take a look at the works of poets such as John Donne, George Herbert, Christina Rossetti and others, to see how their works relate to our Anglican incarnational theology. More details on this to follow.

I am looking forward to spending time with you over the next three months, and know that although we will miss Fr. Daniel's presence among us, his spirit will be with us as we hold him and Ashley in our prayers. Hopefully in his return, we will have many good things to share with him, just as he will have all kinds of wonderful experiences and insights to share with us. We wish him and Ashley Godspeed.

Almighty and everlasting God, after five years of daily tasks and routine we ask you to be with Fr. Daniel during this time of sabbath, granting him rest and renewal: Fill him with your Spirit and give him the excitement of new learning and direction. During this time away, grace him always with your presence and keep him steadfast in faith. May your Holy Spirit be with us too, helping us as we journey through this time of renewal; we ask these things in the name of the same Spirit, and of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lesley+



Called to *Serve*

LAY MINISTRY

By Marty Vega

Thank you to the Lay Ministers who made our Easter services so memorable, from the solemn Good Friday, through the dramatic Great Vigil and the joyous Easter Celebration. Now, we're halfway through 50 days of Eastertide, and we will celebrate Pentecost on May 28. Wouldn't you like to be part of the preparation for this special day?



Here is a list of most of our current Lay Ministries. If, by chance, you have an idea for another one, contact the office – we may be starting one already.

Anne Pierson
Kathy Clague
David Powell
Lynne Bean
Peg Gardner
Bob and Sara Hines
Elizabeth Harper-Lawson
Marty Vega
Jannetje Vrieze
Belinda Zander
Vickie Patton
Robin Cardona
Christ Church Office
Sharon Kalberer
Belinda Zander

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Contribution Counters 707 445-8974
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Lectors and Intercessors 707 443-9782
Prayer Circle jvdutchgirl@yahoo.com
Quilters + 707 442-4222
Story Corner 707 443-1825
Story Corner 707 267-5825
Technical Team 707 442-1797
Ushers and Greeters 707 630-3100
Welcome Bags 707 42-4222



May Birthday Wishes



Watch over your child, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Martin Van Zandt	05/03	Veva Stone	05/18
Casey Cardona	05/05	Ann Clark	05/19
Annalee Veach	05/06	Janelle Harris	05/19
Ashley London Bacchi	05/07	Nellie Thompson	05/19
Jacqueline Gordon Hubbard	05/08	Bill Walser	05/19
Lyn Klay	05/08	Sister Diana Doncaster	05/20
Alicia Shewmaker	05/09	Lin Chase	05/20
Carol Holland	05/13	John Patton	05/22
Mary Jane Jennetti	05/13	Susan Armstrong	05/23
Victoria Patton	05/13	Marty Vega	05/23
Helen Taylor	05/13	Pam Gossard	05/30
Daniel Price	05/15	Daniel Hafer	05/30



Happy Anniversary



O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church. Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Richard & Susan Whaley	05/16
Daniel London & Ashley London Bacchi	05/20
Hal & Alice Rosendahl	05/28
Jake & Stephanie Schultz	05/28



Did we miss your special day? The staff apologies for our time perception disorder with any omissions of birthdays and anniversaries. Send your special day information to:
christchurcheureka@gmail.com
We want to acknowledge and celebrate your special day next year!



The May 2023 Cycle of Prayers

for our Diocese and the Anglican Communion

Please pray for the diocese, congregations, and clergy listed below on the Diocesan and Anglican cycles of prayer as well as those prayers requested by our Bishop, Dean and Diocesan Search & Transition Committees.

Every Sunday, the Diocesan Transition Committee requests that we pray for our bishop.

Look graciously on your Church and our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair, as she so graciously and ably serves as a caring, faithful pastor for your people, guiding and supporting us in our ministries during this time of Covid-19.

Every Sunday in May, The Very Rev. K. Lesley McCloghrie, Dean of our Semper Virens Deanery, has asked us to pray for the people of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Arcata:

Intercessor: In this season of Eastertide leading into Pentecost, may they pray for guidance by the Holy Spirit to discern and renew their congregational call to servant ministry.

People: **Hear our prayer.**



May 7

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Crescent City

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church in Wales
The Most Rev. Andrew John
Archbishop and Primate of Wales
and Bishop of Bangor

May 14

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Ukiah

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church of the Province of West Africa
The Most Rev. Dr. Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith
Archbishop and Bishop of Asante Mampong

May 21

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Santa Rosa
The Rev. Stephen Shaver, Rector
The Rev. Pamela Moore, Deacon

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church in the Province of the West Indies
The Most Rev. Howard Gregory, Primate
and Bishop of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

May 28

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Oroville
The Rev. William Rontani, Supply Priest

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Colusa,
The Rev. John Vafis, Priest Associate

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Extra-Provincial Churches to
the Archbishop of Canterbury

The Anglican Church of Bermuda
The Church of Ceylon

The Parish of the Falkland Islands
The Lusitanian Church
The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain

June 4

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Sebastopol
The Rev. Christy Laborda Harris, Rector
The Rev. Kate Sefton, Deacon

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Episcopal /Anglican Province of Alexandria
The Most Rev. Dr. Samy Fawzy
Primate and Metropolitan and
Archbishop of Alexandria



If you wish to offer prayers daily for the church in the world, our Anglican Cycle of Prayer has a daily list of diocese and clergy who would benefit from your prayer ministry. This list can be obtained via this website: <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer/download-the-acp.aspx>. If you do not have a computer, I would be glad to make a copy of the 2023 Anglican Cycle of Prayer for you. Deacon Anne.



MAY 2023

SUN	M	T	W	Th	F	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	St Philip and St James, Apostles First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month		Choir Rehearsal Heritage Room 5:30 PM	Office closed Cinco de Mayo		Altar Guild 10 AM John Rex White Memorial & Celebration of Life Main Church 11 AM
EASTER 5 JUST ONE CAN SUNDAY 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka	Office closed	Centering Prayer 6:30 PM	Quilters + Lewis Hall 9:30 AM	Rose Society Lewis Hall 7 PM	12	13 Altar Guild 10 AM Sacred Saunter Last Sacred Saunter before Fr. Daniel's Sabbatical/ Commemoration of Frances Perkins Sequoia Park 11 AM
Chamber Players of the Redwoods Concert—5 PM			Choir Rehearsal Heritage Room 5:30 PM	Office closed		
EASTER 6 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka	Office closed	Centering Prayer 6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal Heritage Room 5:30 PM	Office closed Ascension Day	19	20 Altar Guild 10 AM
EASTER 7 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II With Holy Baptism https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka	Office closed	Centering Prayer 6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal Heritage Room 5:30 PM	Office closed	26	27 Altar Guild 10 AM
FRESH PRODUCE SUNDAY	28	29	30	31	JUNE 1	
Day of Pentecost—Whitsunday 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka		Centering Prayer 6:30 PM	Centering Prayer 6:30 PM	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin	First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride Month	

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