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Sabbatical Time

As you read this article, we are now into our sabbatical time. Father Daniel and Ashley are on their first trip, and were spotted at Canterbury Cathedral's Evensong this past Sunday. Also I'm told a there is a photo of them on Facebook with <u>The Most Reverend</u> and Right Honourable Justin Welby, the current Archbishop of Canterbury, formally known as The Most Reverend Justin Welby, by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan. Exciting times for Fr. Daniel and Ashley.

In the church year, we are almost at what we affectionally call, "The Long Green Season", or "Ordinary Time", those Sundays after Pentecost, which after all the celebrations of Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost itself, can come as a welcome relief. It is, as I said last Sunday, a gentle season, where we settle in and hear the teachings of Jesus, learning how we can better be his disciples. This year we have two breaks, Sunday, June 4, is Trinity Sunday, when we celebrate God in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. The latter being a feast day on celebrated on a Sunday when that day is August 6. See the Book of Common Prayer page 16.

During the long green season, the Sundays after Pentecost, our lectionary follows a calendar of numbered "Propers". This was designed to accommodate the fact that Easter is a moveable feast, occurring as early as March 22 or as late as April 25. Therefore Pentecost, which follows fifty days after Easter, falls on a different Sunday each year. The numbered "Propers" range from one to twenty-nine, and all have a date attached to them. For example, the Sunday after Trinity Sunday, known as the Second Sunday after Pentecost, is this year Proper 5, indicated to be used for the Sunday closest to June 8 and the week following. Sounds complicated, but the lectionary printed in the back of the Book of Common Prayer, and all on line and printed calendar lectionaries, can help with this.

To add another complication, in the numbered "Propers" we have a choice of two different tracks, named Track One and Track Two. This came about in the 2000s when General Convention decided that we should move from the Episcopal Lectionary, which you will still find in most older copies of the 1979 prayer book, to the Revised Common Lectionary, the RCL. This was to bring us into line with the other principal Protestant denominations who also use the Revised Common Lectionary. Track One provides for a semi continuous reading of the Old Testament /the Hebrew Scriptures; Genesis through Judges in year A; the Davidic Covenant and Wisdom literature in Year B; the prophets – Elijah, Elisha, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Joel and Habakkuk – in Year C. Track Two follows more closely the older Episcopal lectionary where the Old Testament readings are themed with the Gospel reading of the day. This year, Lectionary Year A, we will be using Track Two. To read more about our lectionary see https://lessonplans.episcopalchurch.org/revised-common-lectionary/.

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Wednesday Bible Study

During our sabbatical time, Pastor Karen Stanley and I will be hosting a Wednesday lunch time Bible Study. We plan to discuss the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday, focusing on one or more of the readings, and sometimes for variety, we might study the alternate reading from Track One. This series will begin on **Wednesday June 14 at 12:30, in Lewis Hall.** Bring your Bible, a bag lunch, and we will provide beverages and dessert. There will be extra Bibles available. The Authorized Bible for the Episcopal Church is the Revised Standard Version, but if you have another version, please do bring it, our discussions are always helped by hearing different translations/ versions. The current plan is to continue meeting through August 23, assuming there is support.

Reading

There are two books I would like to recommend for your reading, both were used during sabbatical times at St. Alban's in Arcata. The first is "<u>The Sabbath</u>" by Abraham Joshua Heschel, the second "<u>Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now</u>" by Walter Brueggemann. These should give you a greater insight into the concept of sabbatical. Please let me know if you have trouble finding either of these.

Conversations

We are also planning two parish wide "Conversations" where we will be invited to share our thoughts, hopes and dreams about parish life. These conversations will take place during the Coffee Hour times after the 8am and 10:30am services. You are invited to attend on both dates as, at the first, we will be considering where we are now, and at the second, what insights we may have had during this time of sabbatical. **Our first "Conversation" will be held on Sunday, July 9, and the second on Sunday, August 27.** Please do plan to attend these to share your thoughts with us all.

Anglicanism in Poetry

Beginning on Sunday, July 30 until August 20, from 9:15 to 10am in Lewis Hall, I will be offering a four week look at poetry which reflects Anglican Theology. As time allows, we will touch on John Donne, George Herbert, Christina Rosetti, and several others, looking at their lives, their works, and seeing how these might reflect our theology and our spiritual lives.

As we live in this Sabbatical time, I hope that you will be able to join us for one or more of these offerings, and look forward to hearing how you are enjoying the rest and renewal this summer promises to bring. Remember always to pray for Father Daniel and Ashley, and for us all during this time.

Almighty and everlasting God, after five years of daily tasks and routine we ask you to be with Fr. Daniel and Ashley during this time of sabbath, granting them rest and renewal: Fill them with your Spirit and give them the excitement of new learning and direction. During this time away, grace them always with your presence and 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+

The Very Rev. K. Lesley McCloghrie Sabbatical Priest

ASSOCIATE PRIEST — Pastor Jeri Gray-Reneberg

Finding Rest

Today, I came upon a Facebook memory. It was at the time of the 2014 Clergy Conference at Bishop's Ranch, and Canon Britt Olson had taken a photo of four of us sitting in a circle in Adirondack chairs, representing the clergy (at the time) of the Semper Virens Deanery. We are all smiling



at the camera: Mtr. Sara Potter from St. Alban's in Arcata, Mtr. Lesley McCloghrie from Christ Church, Fr. David Shewmaker (at the time, from St. Paul's in Crescent City), and me, from St. Francis' in Fortuna.

Later, some of us would move within the deanery and these people also would join us: Fr. Daniel London, Deacon Anne Pierson, Archdeacon Pam Gossard, Mtr. Nancy Streufert, Mtr. Deborah Magdalene, Deacon Cindy Woods, and Mtr. Geri Cunningham (at St. Francis' since my leaving for medical treatment in 2018).

But this was a snapshot in time. I am struck, as I look at the photo, by how rested and relaxed we all look in that moment. I am holding a small "Flat Jesus," which the folks at St. Francis' were taking with them as they traveled that year, to remember and to share with each other how Jesus goes with us as we travel, no matter how far we are from home. We were present in the moment, as we talked of ideas for deanery events and other deanery business.

This year's Clergy Conference was also restful (and a little challenging) – in fact, the entire focus of the conference this year was "Being Well – Well Being." It occurred to me that we have sent Fr. Daniel and Ashley on their sabbatical with our prayers, blessings, and fervent hopes for rest and rejuvenation, and we are beginning to address what our sabbatical will look like as a community while they are gone. But maybe we also need to think of what sabbatical might look like for each of us individually, even as we continue to gather and participate in the life of the Spirit at Christ Church during the summer.

Our Clergy Conference facilitator, Vicki Johnson, asked us to take an online "rest quiz" developed by Dr. Saundra Dalton-Smith, which revealed how much rest each of us is getting in seven areas: physical, mental, spiritual, emotional, social, sensory, and creative. I won't share my own results here, but they were both helpful and not surprising. If you also would like to take the quiz, here is the link: <u>https://www.restquiz.com/quiz/rest-quiz-test/</u> I have also ordered Saundra Dalton-Smith's book which expands on the quiz, called *Sacred Rest: Recover Your Life, Renew Your Energy, Restore Your Sanity.* It may be a perfect book for personal sabbatical time. Feel free to ask me what I think of it the next time you see me.



And regarding your seeing me, it will likely be hit and miss throughout the summer. Other congregations also have clergy on sabbatical or attending conventions, or they are in between regular clergy or need clergy willing to provide pulpit/altar supply on a regular basis. I will preach and lead worship in these denominations over the summer: Episcopal, Lutheran, United Church of Christ, and Methodist. Because the ELCA (my Lutheran denomination) is in Full Communion with all of these churches, I am able to do so, and I am also willing.

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The Chronicle

I will be with you one or two Sundays a month at least, and please know that when I am gone, I will miss seeing you all and participating in the Eucharistic liturgy as Christ Church discerns and interprets it. If you want to see me for certain at Christ Church, I will preside on June 11, and preach and preside on July 23.

Our gospel text for July 9 includes Jesus' invitation, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." It may be worth reading daily in our personal devotions!

This summer, may we each find sacred rest, as well as sabbatical within our community.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism | Sunday, May 21 Welcome Thomas Rowan Crawford



We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Joy Mass Family Service

Christ Episcopal Church October 1, 2023 9:30-10:00 am



Please join us in a new Ministry adventure!

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



Honoring women

Story by Times-Standard, Eureka, Calif. • May 30, 2023

Chapter WA P.E.O Sisterhood recently welcomed new member Maggy Koeppel, right. In addition, Betsy Thode, left, was honored for her 50-year membership and **Belinda Zander**, center, was honored for 55 years in P.E.O. P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) has been celebrating women helping women reach for the stars for more than 150 years.



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"Sundays at 4" summer concerts for 2023 Save the Dates!

short summer concerts featuring local musicians at Christ Episcopal Church

June 25

The Pitts Family Quartet (Larry, Katri, Aurora, Trillium) – if you haven't heard this musical family perform together, now is your chance!

July 23

The Scotia Band returns for another encore performance.

August 27

The Colors of the Kegg Organ – Merry Phillips and fellow organists will demonstrate the tonal colors of the Kegg Organ with a variety of musical pieces.



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



JUST ONE CAN Food Drive for Food for People SUNDAY | June 4

Parishioners are asked to bring at least one canned food item,

on Sunday, June 4, in support of Food for People.



Your donations to Food for People have really been outstanding. The first Sunday of May (Just One Can Sunday) you gave twenty-one pounds but on the following Sunday you gave twenty-two pounds. There hasn't been a week when I don't pick-up something from the donation basket. Whatever is there I will take it to the Food Bank.

Totals for the year reach 308 pounds. "Just plain marvelous."

Many thanks to all of you. Bev



McKinleyville Community Choir

singing with heart

For information about The McKinleyville Community Choir contact: Clare Greene 831-419-3247 ccgreene46@gmail.com FREE Community Concerts

Thursday | June 8 | 7 PM Arcata Presbyterian Church 11th and G Streets, Arcata

Sunday | June 11 | 3 PM Azalea Hall Picket Road, McKinleyville

#Check out the McKinleyville Community Choir on Facebook!

Vestry Page

YOUR VESTRY

CLASS OF 2023:

Jim Hendry Junior Warden

Steve Preston Senior Warden

Belinda Zander

CLASS OF 2024:

Robin Cardona

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CLASS OF 2025:

Roni Carlson

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SABBATICAL PRIEST: The Very Rev. Lesley McCloghrie

ARCHDEACON: The Ven. Pam Gossard

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Minutes of the most recent Vestry meetings, Outreach, and Financial Reports are always posted on the Lewis Hall bulletin board. **NOTES FROM THE MAY 28TH MEETING:** The Vestry's regular meeting was held on Sunday, May 28th from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Pierson Room. The Vestry approved the minutes of the April 23rd Vestry Meeting, and the written Senior Warden's and Outreach Reports.

Mtr. Lesley, our Sabbatical Priest, opened the meeting with prayer. She then led us in several minutes of "Check-In" time, when each Vestry member was invited to share how they were. Mtr. Lesley stated that, during Fr. Daniel's Sabbatical Leave, she expects to have office hours on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

The Financial Report through April was reviewed and received, noting a huge increase in utility expenses, meaning that General Fund expenses are significantly more than budgeted, but it also showed that General Fund donations and investment income are significantly above budget. A refund of some paid property taxes has been received, but the bulk of the refund receivable for the now-exempt Transfiguration House is still pending. Some of the \$17,000 in directed donations from the Sabbatical Fund have been sent, with the remainder to be sent out shortly.

Senior Warden Steve Preston presented a new "Vestry Report" sample page for the *Chronicle*, which everyone welcomed as giving more visibility to the Vestry. He also asked if Vestry should set a limit to "Best Skills, Best Churches" tuition reimbursements from the Lay Ministry Formation budget line; the consensus was not to do so at this time, but to monitor the number of requests for possible further Vestry action. It was agreed that a statement that tuition reimbursement is available from Christ Church should appear in our promotions of the course.

Junior Warden Jim Hendry updated the status of the apartment, and reported that the new tenant had moved in, at the desired rent of \$1,500 per month. He said that it appears the windows should be weather-tight for the coming rainy season, so they don't need to be repaired at this time. Jim updated us on maintenance done at the Transfiguration House, and additional work that needs to be done. He also briefly reported on a list of needed maintenance around the church campus, including exterior painting of church buildings and Smullin House, Lewis Hall window repairs, carport posts, and parking lot repaving. Jim is still trying to find out from the city if they will repave the badly degraded alley between the church and our parking lot, or if we have to pay to repave it.

Archdeacon Pam Gossard reported on the recent diocesan Clergy Conference at Bishop's Ranch, highlighting keynote speaker Vickie Johnson's reflections on well-being. Pam's written report included an outline of the seven types of rest found lacking, from Dr. Saundra Dalton-Smith's book *Sacred Rest*. She provided a link to the online "rest quiz."

A request was presented for the Al-Anon Noon Family Group to return to using the Pierson Room. Vestry agreed that 12-step groups may meet during office hours, with a contact person's current information on file, a signed agreement, and by making donations in lieu of a fee.

There were reports from: Vestry's Ad Hoc Committee on Church Rental Agreements and Fees; the Facilities Team; the Joy Mass Family Service Team; our Green Team; the Emergency Response Team; and the Labyrinth/Meadow Team; all are in-process on their projects. There was a very brief discussion of the April 29th Vestry Retreat, which everyone felt was very helpful in furthering our relationships as Vestry members. We also briefly noted the May 14th dedication of the Jeanne and Robert Fish Memorial Walkway and Wall.

Vestry began its review of Christ Church's Organizational Structure, working from a list Senior Warden Steve Preston had compiled and emailed, by adding missing committees and teams to the list. We will refine the listings by grouping the various committees, teams, and lay ministries under our Core Values of Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship, Outreach, and Hospitality.



Vestry Retreat on April 29 at Elizabeth Harper-Lawson's home.

Finally, there was brief general reporting on the recently concluded staff evaluations and interviews conducted by the Rector and the Personnel Committee.

The next Vestry meeting will be on Sunday, June 25, at 1 pm in the Pierson Room.

Rogation Sunday | May 14, 2023 Jeanne and Robert Fish Memorial Walkway and Wall Dedication

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your $\mathbf{\Phi}$ blessing be upon this Jeanne and Robert Fish Memorial Walkway and Wall and grant that they may serve to your glory and the welfare of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





Episcopal Diocese of Northern California



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JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

Resources for Pride Month

<u>Norcal Pride Events</u> for just about every county in our diocese, so be sure to check out what's happening near you and consider participating in some local events.

Pride Month Resources

https://www.norcalepiscopal.org/site/pride-month-resources/

If you and your congregation take part in any Pride events, be sure to use the hashtag #EDNCPride in your social media posts!

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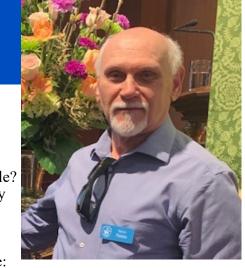
Tuition reimbursement is available from Christ Church. Please contact the church office for more information.

From the Senior Warden Steven Preston

A Welcoming Place

Have you ever wandered into an unfamiliar place, and looked around for someone who might welcome you, but found no one who was approachable? Did you stand or sit alone as others moved around you exchanging friendly greetings and engaging in familiar activities? How did you feel as you departed from that place, from those people?

The unknown writer of Hebrews concludes the letter on the following note:



"Keep on loving each other.... Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by doing so some people have entertained angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:1-2, NIV) This builds on Jesus' words in Matthew 25:34-46, speaking of the Judgement where he rewards the righteous on the basis of how they treated others, including the stranger and the shunned, saying "As you have treated these, you have treated me."

In recent months and weeks, we have seen visitors come into Christ Church, some drawn by the livestream, some referred by friends or relatives, and some brought in after searching for a worship place. Some have found themselves welcomed, and some have found themselves ignored. This has been most apparent at the coffee hours after services. Recently, a woman who had worshipped with us for the first time sat at table during the coffee hour, and no one spoke to her, not even those at the table they were sharing. She certainly must have left feeling discounted and unwelcome, and probably will never return.

Our Mission Statement concludes with ". . . *and serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit.*" That should include those who come among us for worship and social time.

I encourage you to offer a smile and a *"Welcome, I'm (your name), and I'm glad to meet you."* when visitors come among us. Whether you are the Usher whom they first meet, or a pew-mate, or you spot them during the Passing of the Peace, or stand next to them in the food line at coffee hour, or certainly when sitting at the same table, "Do not forget to entertain strangers" Treat them as if they were Jesus next to you.

Let us practice being a Welcoming Place ... a place where All Are Welcome!

SABBATICAL EVENTS: Mtr. Lesley and Pastor Karen Stanley will be leading a daytime Lectionary Bible Study—Wednesdays at 12:30 pm, from June 14 through August 23. Bag lunches welcome, beverages and dessert provided. On Sundays from July 30 through August 20, between the 8 am and 10:30 am services (9:15-10:00 am), Mtr. Lesley will lead an Anglican Poetry Forum. And there will be two Sunday "Sabbatical Check-Ins," on July 9 and August 27, during both coffee hours each morning. These will be an opportunity for us to check-in with each other on how we are experiencing our Sabbatical and to look forward to our time after Sabbatical. The Sabbatical Team will meet soon to begin planning our welcome back for Fr. Daniel and Ashley on September 10th.

JOY MASS GRANT RECEIVED! Christ Church has been awarded a \$3,500 grant from Episcopal Community Services of the Diocese of Northern California for our Joy Mass Family Services! We sought this grant to fund the purchase of a computer, monitor, software, licensing fees, and supplies, and to provide for aggressive publicity and paid advertising to reach families with young children in our community who are seeking a place of spiritual support for their children. Meanwhile, 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. 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.

VESTRY MEETINGS: The Vestry Report is now a separate article in the *Chronicle*.

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: The 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: <u>https://bit.ly/BCRnewsletter</u>.

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

Let us practice being a Welcoming Place, a place where All Are Welcome!

Steve Preston Senior Warden



DEANERY SACRED SAUNTER Freshwater Farms Reserve

Saturday, June 10 at 11:00 am

St. Alban's will host the June 10 deanery Sacred Saunter and Holy Eucharist at the Freshwater Farms Reserve celebrating the feast of Ephrem of Nisibis. Mtr. Sara Potter will be Celebrant and Mtr. Nancy Streufert will share the reflection. The Reserve is located on Myrtle Avenue near Three Corners Market (intersection of Myrtle Avenue and Freshwater Road).

Please RSVP to the church office either by phone (707.442.1797) or email <u>christchurcheureka@gmail.com</u> by **Thursday, June 8.**

EPHREM OF NISIBIS, Deacon and Poet, 373

Ephrem Of Nisibis (of Syria) was a prominent Christian theologian and writer, who is revered as one of the most notable hymnographers of

Eastern Christianity and is venerated as a saint by all traditional Churches. He is especially revered in Syriac Christianity and also counted as a Holy and Venerable Father (i.e., a sainted Monk) in the Eastern Orthodox Church, especially in the Slovak Tradition. Ephrem is also credited as the founder of the School of Nisibis, which, in later centuries, was the center of learning of the Church of the East.



From the Junior Warden Jim Hendry

I've been serving as the Church's Junior Warden for most of this calendar year and decided it was time to look into the evolution and meaning of being a "warden" for the Church. So far I've found that the Canon's of the Episcopal Church say little about wardens other than their responsibility to ensure that worship services are continued in the absence or disability of the rector. The term "warden" itself dates back to 17th Century England because of the individuals' responsibility to unlock the church doors for worship and other events.



The distinction between "senior" and "junior" warden or "rector's warden" and "people's warden" depends on the diocese, the parish and even geographical or regional customs and practices.

At Christ Church the junior warden is traditionally responsible for the upkeep of the parish buildings and grounds and attends monthly vestry meetings, annual retreats and other important meetings, and oversees the safety of the church.

During my term I have also been involved with the Emergency Response Team, Facilities Team, Finance Committee, and Personnel Committee.

Here are some of the things that have been addressed during the month of May:

In the Church apartment, installed a dead bolt in the breezeway door, obtained and placed a fire escape ladder upstairs, put a new fire extinguisher in the kitchen, and met our new tenant who moved in May 1st.

At the Transfiguration House, I met with Father Daniel and Royal McCarthy to assess what can be done during the Sabbatical. Recent earthquakes have caused some cracks in the sheetrock going up the stairs, and broken away the spackle on a convex corner downstairs. The front porch needs to be cleaned up and repainted. A fence post (and more) in the rear carport fence has termite damage. We can reinforce it for now, but replacement will require us to work on it from within the neighbor's back yard.

Current needs and projects include replacing lightbulbs in our chandeliers, dealing with the large case mount windows in Lewis Hall that will not stay up, and improving the work area for our live streaming team in the Church proper, replacing the carport support posts that have rusted out, and of course, painting the church, roofing and repainting the Smullin House, and paving the parking lot.

Hope you are enjoying the start of the summer season,

Jim Hendry Junior Warden





The Holy Spirit - God Within Us Matthew Taylor

The Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Trinity, three persons in one Godhead. We often talk in depth about the Father, who is very present in both the Hebrew and New Testament scriptures and the Son from whom the very core of our identity as Christian comes from. The Son eternally begotten of the Father, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. However, we rarely throughout the church calendar speak to the depths of the third personage within God. The Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost depending on your preference. Yet this third aspect is necessary to the essential understanding of our triune God and the relation of how God works within and between us.

Pentecost, which stems from the still celebrated Jewish holiday of Shavuot which marks the day the Torah was given to the Israelites, marks for us the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the first early Christians. It is no coincidence that this miraculous event happened on the original holiday that it did. As Shavuot marked the official creation of the Jewish people and faith through the gifting of the Torah, so did Pentecost mark the creation of a new people and faith as well. The early Christians present in Jerusalem that day came from all sorts of different cultures, backgrounds, and beliefs. All spoke different languages, not only literally but metaphorically too. Yet through the Holy Spirit, through God, they began to speak to one another, to understand one another. Despite each other's differences.

It's important to note the location of the Holy Spirit within the Nicene Creed and the aspects of our faith that surround it. "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life... who has spoken through the prophets", the prophets prophesied to others through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is also mentioned last, not because of its lack of importance, but because it is the final piece of God's direct influence on the world... which is often through us. God did not give the Jewish people the Torah directly, God gave the Torah through Moses who was human like us. God did not sacrifice his only Son through his fully divine being, but by making him also fully human like us. So too did God give their Holy Spirit upon all of us so that in working alongside us, his good works can come into fruition on Earth.

Each of us as Christians have gifts of God to give to one another and to give to the world. We are called to be active in discovering and sharing these gifts in whatever way comes naturally to us from our spirit. Each of us uniquely different from one another, not to divide us but to strengthen us. It is only through this reflection of God within everyone of us as vastly different people that we begin to see just how vast God is as well. We can see how much God can encapsulate. We do not need to be priests, or deacons, or bishops to share these gifts of the Holy Spirit by helping others, serving others, comforting others, and most of all loving others as Christ loves us.

While our rector Fr. Daniel may be on his sabbatical and away from us physically, his own spiritual gifts are still with us and have often strength and inspired our own. As I'm sure many of you would attest to. Much like a mother bird encouraging their children to take the plunge and spread their wings, I like to think of this time for us as a similar opportunity. We need not simply sit around and wait for our rector to be back and guide us directly, we are called to keep being active and to keep inspiring one another with our works and thoughts. I can't think of anything that would make Fr. Daniel more proud in my eyes.

I encourage my fellow parishioners to reflect on their spiritual gifts and the talents that you hold that make you feel closer to God. Reflect on how these may be gifts from the Holy Spirit, the piece of God within you and all of us. How can you share these with others, whether it be within or outside the church. While these three months may be a sabbath rest for our rector, may these months for us be one of spiritual work. A summer dedicated to discovering, exercising, and utilizing the spiritual gifts given to us by and through the Holy Spirit.



LAY MINISTRY By Marty Vega

We celebrated Pentecost on May 28, as we began our three-month Sabbatical. In a few days from today it will already be summer; doesn't it seem that our year is going quickly? We think of summer as vacation time, which it usually is, but activities that support and enhance our church and worship don't know about vacations. We need your support for all the normal behind the scenes activities.



We also need your ideas and your expertise in one (or more) of the following ministries.

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 Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers 707 448-2025 Altar Guild 707 822-5860 Choir davidbpowell@gmail.com 10:30am Coffee Hour 707 822-6086 8am Coffee Hour 707 443-9627 Contribution Counters 707 445-8974 Eucharistic Visitors 707 445-1726 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 707 442-4222



June 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.**

Spenser Erickson	06/05	Nick Smithler	06/16
Thomas Bond	06/06	Francis Rivinus	06/23
Merry Phillips	06/06	Donald Verwayen	06/24
Doug Moorehead	06/10	Howard Gardner	06/28
Caren Diebold	06/13	Janet London	06/29



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.**

Daniel & Karen Price	06/05	Royal & Willie McCarthy	06/22
Kathleen Lake & Tom Davies	06/11	Bob & Sara Hines	06/23
John & Evaonne Hendricks	06/21	Tony & Mary Jane Jennetti	06/28



Did we miss your special day? The staff apologizes 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 June 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.

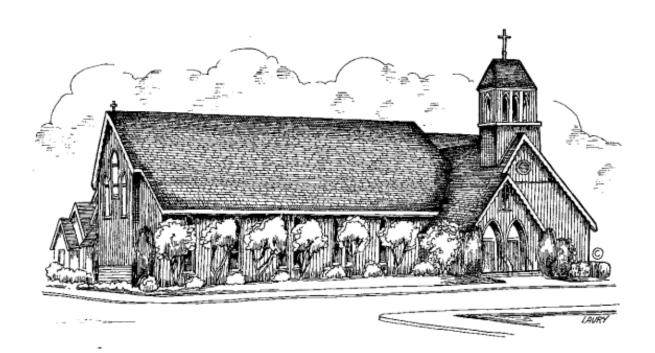
Every Sunday, the Diocesan Transition Committee requests that we pray for our bishop.

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 June, The Very Rev. K. Lesley McCloghrie, Dean of our Semper Virens Deanery, has asked us to pray for the people of Christ Episcopal Church, Eureka.

Intercessor: We pray for the people of Christ Church during this time of Sabbatical. Help them to rest and be refreshed as, with the guidance of your Holy Spirit, they look to new ideas and challenges. Be with Fr. Daniel and Ashley, granting them rest as they explore different places and ideas, give them opportunities for study and renewal, and bring them safely back home. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Hear our prayer.



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

June 11

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Shepherd By the Sea Episcopal/Lutheran Mission, Gualala

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia The Most Rev. Don Tamihere, Archbishop The Most Rev. Philip Richardson, Archbishop The Rt. Rev. Sione Ulu'ilakepa, Bishop

June 18

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Benicia The Rev. Annie Pierpoint Mertz, Rector The Rev. Beth Gaines, Deacon The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert, Associate Priest The Rev. Pamela Higgins, Associate Priest Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate Priest

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Arcata The Rev. Sara Potter, Rector The Rev. Cindy Woods, Deacon The Rev. Nancy Streufert, Associate Priest

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Anglican Church of Australia The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Smith, Primate Archbishop of Adelaide and Metropolitan of South Australia

June 25

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Healdsburg The Rev. Sally H. Hubbell, Rector

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church of Bangladesh The Most Rev. Samuel Sunil Mankhin Moderator and Bishop of Kushtia

July 2

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Anderson

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil The Most Rev. Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto Primate of Brazil and Bishop of the Amazon

July 9

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Red Bluff The Rev. Tammy Smith-Firestone Interim Priest-in-Charge

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Anglican Church of Burundi The Most Rev. Sixbert Macumi Archbishop and Primate

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.

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