

CHRIST CHURCH

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CONFERENCES, CONVENTION, AND COMMUNITY

This month, I will be travelling to participate in two conferences, attend a diocesan convention, and visit the Community of the Transfiguration. I will be leaving on Monday October 29th for Morgantown IN to participate in my first CREDO Conference at the Waycross Episcopal Retreat Center. CREDO conferences provide clergy a “chance to pause their busy, demanding lives in order to evaluate their spiritual well-being, their gifts and skills, and their vocations through discernment and wellness.” It was a year ago when I first registered for this conference, per my bishop’s counsel. When the conference concludes on November 5th, I will rent a car and drive to Cincinnati OH to visit the Community of the Transfiguration for a few nights. I am so thrilled that the sisters have been part of our church’s history and I’ve been looking forward to visiting them ever since I learned about them in our church’s parish profile. I have very much enjoyed meeting Sisters Ann and Teresa and I know that I will enjoy meeting Sister Diana, who misses you all. On November 8th, I will fly back home to Humboldt County and then drive to Redding to attend our diocesan convention. This will be my first convention in this diocese and I’m very excited that our delegates (Peg Gardner, Paul Gossard, Dan Phillips, and Lyn Klay) and I have been asked to lead Morning Prayer for the over 400 convention participants on Saturday morning. I will then drive back to Eureka to celebrate Eucharist with you all on Sunday morning November 11th and pray Compline with you on Tuesday night November 13th.



Then on the 15th, Ashley and I will drive down to Oakland to catch a plane to Denver to participate in the world’s largest annual religious studies conference (AAR/SBL), where we will both be presenting papers. I will present a paper titled “Blinded by Blame: Reading John 9 in Light of Mimetic Theory,” which is a part of my forthcoming book on the Gospel of John while Ashley will present a paper titled “The Triune Sibyl: Greek, Jewish, and Christian Manifestations of a Mutable Muse.” Ashley and I first met at this same conference when it was held in San Francisco in 2011 so this will be a fun opportunity for us to celebrate the 7th anniversary of our friendship and romance. Also, because the conference will be held in Denver this year, I am planning to meet with our beloved former parishioner Mary McNelis and perhaps worship with her at St. John’s Episcopal cathedral on Sunday morning.

I will be back in time to celebrate Eucharist at our Thanksgiving Eve service at 5 PM on November 21st, which also happens to be the 150th anniversary of the day Thomas Walsh sent his letter to the Humboldt Times expressing his desire to build an Episcopal Church in Eureka. And soon after Thanksgiving, Advent will be just around the corner...

If my travelling schedule seems too confusing to you, I took a picture of my whiteboard, with the dates of my departures and returns, and these dates will stay up in my office while I’m gone.

Please pray that God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go, will surround me with his loving care, protect me from every danger and bring me in safety to my journey’s end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



<https://www.cpg.org/active-clergy/learning/credo/about-credo/>

AAR/SBL stands for American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature

WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT?

Matthew 6:25-33 –

Jesus said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-- you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

One might believe that there is common agreement about what seeking first the kingdom of God means. Upon examining the teachings of various folks over the centuries, one finds that there is a wide variety of interpretations about this scripture. I will not attempt to outline those interpretations here, because there is not room to do so. I will note, however, that this is the Gospel reading for Thanksgiving Day in our Lectionary. This would indicate that there may have been a consensus about its meaning in the favor of the notion that Jesus was telling us to be thankful for what we have, not to seek to acquire wealth, & that the Lord will provide for our basic needs. I believe, however, that the central part of this Gospel is a warning against allowing ourselves to be consumed with WORRY. Jesus understood that it is very human to suffer from anxiety, especially from becoming obsessed with what the future may bring. *"What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?"* How true is this in our modern world?

The Anxiety & Depression Association of America reports that "Anxiety disorders are the most common mental illness in the U.S., affecting 40 million adults in the United States age 18 and older, or 18.1% of the population every year." Furthermore they report that "Anxiety disorders are highly treatable, yet only 36.9% of those suffering receive treatment. People with an anxiety disorder are three to five times more likely to go to the doctor and six times more likely to be hospitalized for psychiatric disorders than those who do not suffer from anxiety disorders." Indeed, that there is even such an association indicates the extent of the issue. The Divine Therapist knew all too well how subject to debilitating worry humans were & are.

Jesus advises us, rather than worrying, to "seek first the kingdom of God." My recommendation is that one can begin to reduce & to minimize worry & anxiety by the practice of the discipline of daily prayer. A few verses before the Gospel quoted above, Jesus instructs his disciples, "whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you...." Clearly, moving in the direction of our relationship with God, in a regular & disciplined manner, leads us away from being compulsively concerned about the affairs of the world, of what will happen tomorrow. The Father knows what we need. It is there for us, if we attend to the Holy Spirit & her gentle presence that is with us always.

We offer every Tuesday at 7 PM a brief service called Compline (about 25 minutes,) followed by 20 minutes of silence (optional) together to bask in the presence of God, and the fellowship of each other. All are welcome for this sample of the Kingdom. Please join us.

“Become friends with people who aren’t your age. Hang out with people whose first language isn’t the same as yours. Get to know someone who doesn’t come from your social class. This is how you see the world. This is how you grow.”

Author Unknown and as seen on Facebook

I found the above quote the day after I wrote this article for the Chronicle. It really sums up and conveys what I am trying to say.



What if the strangers we encounter in our lives are actually messengers from God? What if, as Father Daniel suggested this morning, angels roam the planet carrying the good news and we miss it because we didn’t look up and say “good morning”? How would our world change if we all treated people who look and act different from us as potential angels instead of outcasts?

These may seem like a lot of silly questions but what if something so simple could make the world a better place? Why wouldn’t we give it a try? So how do we start?

First, we have to put ourselves out there. Maybe for some of us it is a trip to the grocery store, running an errand or taking a walk on the Waterfront Trail. Then as suggested, we need to look up. Make eye contact and say a word. If this opens up a conversation, take the time to stop and exchange a little dialogue.

Am I suggesting that tomorrow you will run into an angel? Probably not, but a human connection can be powerful and you never know how important that interaction may be to the other person.

I think we are doing a wonderful job welcoming new visitors to our church. I see people going out of their way at coffee hour to start conversations and introduce themselves to guests. Some of these guests have returned. Last month, I wrote about inviting people to church. Inviting people and welcoming them are the backbone to growing our congregation.

You may have noticed we have hung outdoor string lights in the courtyard outside the chapel. In addition to lighting up the space, we hope it catches the attention of the neighbors and people traveling up G Street. These low energy lights will be on a timer and come on for a few hours in the evening to make our church look more inviting and our hope is to be able to use this space to bring new people to our campus.

My friends in Christ, many of you are now familiar with our new mission statement. We end by saying, “serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit.” Let’s try to treat all people as if they are angels, delivering the words of the Holy Spirit and we don’t want to miss a word!

Happy November!!

Please pass the mashed potatoes. How's that turkey coming? When can we start on the pumpkin pie?!! Sorry, just practicing for Thanksgiving dinner.

Greetings my friends. I would like to start this article by saying THANK YOU to all of you for your generous pledges for the upcoming year.. As I am writing this article, we are still receiving pledges for 2019. I think that I can speak for the entire Vestry when I say how very appreciative and grateful we are for your continued support and generosity of our beloved church. As I've said many times, none of what we do at Christ Church can be done without your time, your talents and your treasure. So again, THANK YOU to everyone who has returned their 2019 pledge. If you haven't returned your pledge card yet, that's alright, we are still accepting them.



And now, I am asking for something else from you. Can you believe the nerve that I have, asking you for something else after last month's article? I know, I can be such a pest. Nevertheless, here I am asking you for..... wait for it. YOUR TIME.

This past Sunday, I spoke with members of our Altar guild and we thought that an indoor work day would be great fun. This time, we are working inside the church to prepare for the busy Advent season. The Altar guild folks and I have chosen **Saturday December 1 from 9am-12pm** as our final work day of the year. For those of you who have joined us during previous work days, you know how much fun we have while we work. I will bet that we can have just as much fun inside as we do outside. Now, we won't be greening the church on this particular work day, that is a whole different day. But we will be dusting, possibly mopping, maybe polishing, vacuuming and whatever else we can think up. So I invite you to join us, to work, chat and maybe, just maybe a snack or two.

Our Altar guild folks are so special. Led by Kathy Clague and Thomas Swanger, this wonderful group of people put in so many hours and so much care into making sure that our Chancel/Altar space is neat,, clean, and ready for any service. As someone who sits near the altar quite a bit, I really appreciate all of their hard work. All of our services flow easily because of the love, care and effort that these awesome folks put forth and now we have the chance to be a part of their work group, as they prepare the church for one of the busiest times in our church year. I always find that it's also a great time to ask questions. I have learned so much from each work day. This one will be no less educational. So please, join us for our final work day of 2018 on Saturday Dec 1, 2018 from 9 am-12 pm.

I am keeping this article short and sweet this month. However, before I sign off, I would like to share with you a thought that I had about how amazingly the three holidays that we celebrate this month go hand in hand, in hand. First, we remember and celebrate our loved ones that have "gone home to Heaven" before us on ALL SAINTS DAY and ALL SOULS DAY (Nov 1st and 2nd). Then we pay homage to our military veterans for all of their courage and service to this awesome country on VETERAN'S DAY (Nov 11). And finally, we have the opportunity to thank God for all of the blessings that he has bestowed on us throughout the year on THANKSGIVING DAY (Nov 22). Not to mention hopefully enjoying a fantastic meal with our friends and loved ones.

This month is huge on gratitude and I want to be sure that you all know how much I love and appreciate each and every one of you. I can't imagine how different my life would be if God hadn't placed all of you in it. I write this with absolute sincerity....I AM THANKFUL FOR ALL OF YOU!!!!

Here's wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!!!

TAIZÉ AND MEDITATIVE SINGING

“Prayer is a serene force at work within human beings, stirring them up, changing their hearts, never allowing them to close their eyes in the face of evil, of wars, of all that threatens the innocent of this world. From it we draw the energy to wage other struggles, to transform the human condition and to make the earth a place fit to live in.” ~Brother Roger of Taizé

We have been singing/praying the songs of Taizé during Communion for a couple of months now. Several people have shared the impact this part of the service has had on them. Many of you know about the Taizé community (and even have visited there). I am fascinated by the community’s rich history and what the brothers have to say about meditative singing so I thought it might be interesting to share a little of that with you.



Founded in 1940, by Roger Schütz, a young man from Switzerland, the Taizé community, in [Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France](https://www.taize.fr/en), is an “ecumenical Christian monastic fraternity.” It was, in its early days, a shelter for war refugees, including many Jews. The Community’s website (<https://www.taize.fr/en>) has a wealth of information including the history of the community and biographical information on Brother Roger and other brothers who reside there. The Community welcomes thousands of visitors to Taizé each year as well as sends out brothers who share their faith across the world, supporting and participating in ecumenical faith events around the globe. From early on, singing was a form of prayer and meditation in the community. Here is what the website says about singing Taizé chants:

Singing is one of the most essential elements of worship. Short songs, repeated again and again, give it a meditative character. Using just a few words they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God, without having to fix the length of time too exactly.

To open the gates of trust in God, nothing can replace the beauty of human voices united in song. This beauty can give us a glimpse of "heaven's joy on earth," as Eastern Christians put it. And an inner life begins to blossom within us.

These songs also sustain personal prayer. Through them, little by little, our being finds an inner unity in God. They can continue in the silence of our hearts when we are at work, speaking with others or resting. In this way prayer and daily life are united. They allow us to keep on praying even when we are unaware of it, in the silence of our hearts.

Taizé songs may be sung in unison or in harmony, sung with or without instruments, and sung in different languages. You may wish to listen, to sing, to hum, to drop in and drop out while the song continues ‘to infinity’ ~ how you choose to offer your prayer to God is always perfect.

NOTICES AND LAY MINISTRIES

STOCKING STUFFER SHOPPING FUN!

A great reason to go shopping - help fill the Foster Kids Stocking Stuffers box in the Heritage Room! We'll be collecting small toys and gifts for boys and girls, infants through high school, to be blessed by Fr. Daniel at the Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 21. Have fun scouting for gifts in the \$1-\$10 range.

---Peg Gardner

FOOD FOR PEOPLE

It is Bev again - talking to you about the non perishables that you put in the Food Basket, that end up at Food for People. The total that I have that goes through September is 309 pounds, 5 can openers and one loaf of bread. I was hoping that we could beat the total from last year and so with the goal of 500 pounds we have a way to go. I am counting on all of you - if everyone just put in two cans in the days we have left this year we CAN do it. SO, please think of those that have less than we do. There are many out there.

Thanking you in advance,

Food for People.

QUILTERS...PLUS!

Join us on Wed., Nov. 7, at 9:30 a.m. in Lewis Hall as we craft more fleece throws for The Forgotten Initiative Family Resource Center for resource (foster) families. The coffee pot will be on and goodies provided.

LAY MINISTRIES

Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas – we'll be having a lot of special services and many of our ministries would welcome your help. Choose one that sounds appealing and join us.

Lynne Bean	Coffee Hour	822-6086
Elizabeth Harper-Lawson	Eucharistic Visitors	445-1726
Bob Hines	Contribution Counters	445-8974
Vickie Patton	Story Corner	443-1825
Anne Pierson	Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers	442-2025
Sanford Pyron	Announcers	444-0968
Marty Vega	Lectors and Intercessors	443-9782
Susan Whaley	Ushers and Greeters	445-2924

Marty

WELCOME BACK, SANDY! COME TO ECW NOV. 14!

Wednesday, November 14th, ECW will welcome back our friend Sandy Shultz! We are always interested in updates on her work in Honduras. Since 1998 Sandy has spent months each year finding ways to help children with challenging physical needs. She has facilitated about 700 club foot surgeries, close to 200 cleft lip and palate surgeries, and arranged for children to come to the U.S. for surgeries, including open heart surgeries, amputations, prosthetics and scoliosis treatments.

Thanks to Byrd Lochtie, Sandy's friend since preschool days, we have the opportunity to meet with Sandy on her annual trip to Eureka. We will gather in Lewis Hall at noon for Eucharist, followed by a potluck luncheon, and find out more from Sandy about her work in Honduras. All are welcome!

---Peg Gardner

INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THE OCCASIONAL RIDE?

We have two people at Timber Ridge and a person on Quaker St. who would like to worship God with us. Please let Elizabeth know if you would like to provide a ride from time to time. Thank you!

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AGAIN I WILL SAY, REJOICE.

What color do you think of when you see the word Rejoice? Blue? Green? Orange? Gold?

Have you noticed that the church liturgical calendar has a color associated with rejoicing? Do you know what it is? We are all familiar with the long season of Green, Purple at Lent, Red on Palm Sunday, Blue during Advent, White at Christmas and Easter. But what other color could there be?

PINK! Yes ROSE PINK! This Advent season we will rejoice with new vestments and paraments in Rose Pink on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. The third week of Advent, we turn a corner. We see in our Advent wreath that the light has become stronger – three candles now lit. The birth of Jesus is just around the corner. Our readings and prayers begin to become more celebratory - *Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.*



One of the new rose-colored Pastor Stoles will be on display in the Heritage room for you to see in anticipation of Gaudete Sunday. The Altar Guild has received several memorial donations which has allowed the Guild to begin purchasing a complete Rose Pink complement – superfrontal, pulpit fall, Bible markers, burse and veil, chasuble, Pastor's Stole and two Deacon stoles. We have also ordered a blue superfrontal for the season of Advent.

Memorial donations like this are a very thoughtful way to honor a family member, friend, or a special person. If you would like to honor an individual or just want to contribute toward defraying the cost of new paraments and vestments you can speak either with Kathy Clague or Thomas Swanger of the Altar Guild.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.



Let Every Instrument Be Tuned for Praise

BY THE REVEREND DANIEL LONDON

The following sermon was preached at Christ Episcopal Church, Eureka, Calif., during morning worship on June 10, 2018, in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the dedication of the church's pipe organ. The texts chosen for the day were Genesis 3:8–15, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1, and Mark 3:20–35.

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia! Amen.¹

When I first interviewed for this job as rector, I was asked by the Applicant Review Committee to share my thoughts on the role of music in worship and liturgy. Although I don't remember exactly what I said, I remember reflecting out loud a bit on our beautiful pipe organ, which I read about but had not yet seen or heard in person. I started talking about the pipe organ as a metaphor for the people of God, through whom the Holy Spirit wants to make music according to our various gifts. I started to elaborate on how each of us could be compared to different organ pipes through whom the Spirit (which in Hebrew is the same word for *wind*) wants to blow and move in order to make

us become part of God's glorious song. I was excited by this spontaneous insight and wanted to keep exploring the connections, thinking that there was at least the seed of a sermon starting to sprout, but I decided to not start preaching right away to the committee, since that was just their first question. So I filed it away.

And today, the scripture readings invite me to return to this insight—not to mention the fact that this afternoon we are celebrating the tenth anniversary of the dedication of our magnificent organ. I hope you join us this afternoon for the concert.

On one level, our readings this morning remind us of our mortal and sinful nature. On another level, they all speak of the Holy

Spirit, who does indeed desire to breathe through each of us, to inspire us, to make music through us, and to make us one big family and chorus that transcends ethnicities and backgrounds.

In today's Collect, we prayed that God, from whom all good proceeds, will grant us inspiration. Now *inspiration* comes from the Latin word *inspirare*, which means "to blow into, to breathe through." So when we're asking God to inspire us, we are asking God to "breathe through us," not unlike wind through an organ pipe.

In Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth, he describes how we can believe and speak through the Spirit of faith, this powerful Holy Spirit that creatively transforms our momentary afflictions into an eternal weight of glory, who transforms our temporary earthly tents into heavenly buildings that will last forever. As our mortal and sinful nature wastes away, the Holy Spirit, according to St. Paul, breathes new life into our inner nature, renewing us day by day.

It is that same Holy Spirit that speaks through the Psalmist when he or she prays out of the depths, asking God to hear her voice of supplication. The prophets and saints explain that whenever we pray, whenever we even turn our attention to God, it is the Holy Spirit who is initiating that prayer, it is the Holy Spirit who is breathing and praying through us, sometimes with groans too deep for words.

In the reading from Genesis, God is described as "walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze." Now isn't that a lovely image? God enjoying a walk in the garden at the time of the evening breeze. It reminds me of a verse from a William Wordsworth poem: "One impulse from a vernal wood / May teach you more of man / Of moral evil and of good / Than all the sages can."² By hiking through the redwoods or simply walking through a garden and breathing in the salubrious air, we are imitating the God of Genesis. Not only that, we are also enjoying God's presence in the gentle breeze. As I said earlier, the Hebrew word for *Spirit* is also the word for *wind* or *breeze*. And that is the same word used in our Genesis reading: *ruach*. You can actually translate that verse as: "God was walking in the garden with the Spirit." And that is actually a legitimate reading of Genesis in light of what the Bible later says about the Holy Spirit in the book of Proverbs, in which the Holy Spirit (personified as a woman) speaks in the first person and says, "The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works. I was there at the very beginning, when the world came to be. . . . I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the foundations of the deep. . . . I was constantly at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, rejoicing in his whole word and delighting in mankind" (Proverbs 8:22–31). The same Spirit that hovered over the waters at the beginning of Creation is the same Spirit that accompanied God the Father as he walked through the Garden of Eden, which is the same Spirit that descended like a dove upon Christ at his baptism, which is the same Spirit that seemed to intoxicate the apostles at Pentecost, which is the same Spirit that we all received at our baptisms and who wants to pray and sing and make glorious music through each of us.

We don't have to be especially talented or attractive or wealthy according to the world's standards in order for the Spirit to sing her beautiful song through us. That's the message of the Gospel this morning: that we are not measured according to our pedigree or our family name or our wealth or status. All we need to do to be part of God's family choir is to make ourselves available to the Holy Spirit. "Whoever does the will of God," Jesus says, "is my brother and sister." And when we see the fruits of the Spirit show up in our lives (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, self-control), then we know that the Spirit is from God. The unforgivable sin that Jesus mentions in the Gospel this morning is the choice to not only remain stubbornly antagonistic to the Holy Spirit but to also demonize the Spirit and to demonize people who have allowed the Spirit to sing through them.

Whenever we sing together here accompanied by these magnificent pipes, I encourage us to contemplate the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who is especially present in the wind, even in the very wind that blows through these pipes to make music. And remember, if variety is the spice of life, the Holy Spirit is full of spice. Part of what makes the pipe organ so magnificent is the wonderful variety of stops that compose it. There's the Principal, the Violone, the Flauto Dolce, the Flute Celeste, the Tremulant, the Chimes, the Zimblestern, the Salicional, the Gedeckt, and much more.

So I wonder, What kind of organ pipe are you? Are you a flute? Or a reed? Are you metal or wood? Are you one of the visible pipes proudly displayed at center stage? Or are you hiding behind the scenes but still playing an essential role in the chorus? What is your timbre? Your pitch? Your intensity? Are you soft and soothing? Loud and flamboyant? Melodious or jarring? Or are you one of those pipes that makes a noise that is felt more than heard? Are you one of those pipes that shakes the entire building? If you don't know, then I hope we as a church can help you discover that. And whatever you are (whatever you discover yourself to be), we need you to join the ranks and become part of the ensemble, so that the great divine artist can perform his masterpiece with us and through us as a community, so that we can be to each other and to the world as healing and as refreshing and as inspiring as a garden's evening breeze. Amen.

NOTES

1. Fred Pratt Green, "When in our music God is glorified," *Psalter Hymnal* (Carol Hope: Carol Stream, Ill., 1972), 512. Tune: ENGELBERG by Charles V. Stanford, 1904.
2. William Wordsworth, "The Tables Turned," in *Poems by William Wordsworth*, edited by Edward Dowden (Athenaeum Press: Boston, 1898), 34.

The Reverend **Daniel London** is the rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Eureka, Calif., where he enjoys leading others into the presence of God with the help of music director Merry Phillips and the church's Kegg pipe organ. He earned his PhD in Christian spirituality at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, Calif., and teaches courses on world religions, ethics, and mysticism.

THE CYCLES 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 Committee.

Every Sunday, our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Barry L. Beisner, requests we pray for:

The Diocese of Jerusalem, The Most Rev. Suheil Dawani, Archbishop and Primate for the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, the Diocese of Jerusalem, and for the Christians in the Holy Land

Every Sunday, the Diocesan Search Committee requests that we pray:

Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

Every Sunday, The Very Rev. Sara Potter, Dean of our Semper Virens Deanery, has asked us to pray for:

The congregations of our deanery and especially for the people of St. Alban's in Arcata. Guide them in their discernment of new and renewed ministries of service to their community.

Specific Sunday Prayers for our diocese and the Anglican Communion:

November 4, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. George's Episcopal Church, Carmichael, The Rev. Ray Hess, Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Robert Olsen, Deacon

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey, Bishop of Colombo, and The Venerable Keerthisiri Fernando, Bishop of Kurunegala, in the Church of Ceylon

November 11 Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Carmichael, The Very Rev. Mary Hudak, Rector, The Rev. Rod Davis, Associate, The Rev. Roy Whitten, Associate, The Rev. Cindy Long, Deacon

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Rt Revd Griselda Delgado Del Carpio, Suffragan Bishop of Cuba, The Rt Revd Ultises Prendes

November 18, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, Chico, The Rev. Richard Yale, Rector, The Rev. Delia Fay, Associate, The Rev. Anne Powell, Deacon, The Rev. Lew Powell, Deacon

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Rt Revd Nicholas Dill, Bermuda, Extra-Provincial to Canterbury

November 25, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Cloverdale, The Rev. Ed Howell, Priest-in-Charge

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Rt Revd Jose Jorge De Pina Cabral, The Lusitanian Church of Portugal, Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury

December 2, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Rt Revd Carlos Lopez-Lozano, The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain, Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury

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: [amp...2018...full.pdf](#). If you do not have a computer, I would be glad to make a copy of the 2018 Anglican Cycle of Prayer for you.

Anne Pierson, Deacon



THANKSGIVING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Good news! Betty Chinn has specifically invited members of Christ Church to participate in two Thanksgiving outreach opportunities.

The first takes place on the morning of **Saturday, November 17**, at the Betty Kwan Chinn Day Center at 7th and C Streets in Eureka. On that day, community volunteers will assemble Thanksgiving baskets that will be later distributed to over 216 local families. All of the recipients have been referred by local agencies and are housed. Each family will receive fresh and canned goods and a turkey for their own celebration.

On **Tuesday, November 20**, we have been asked to help serve at Betty's annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Held at The Town Church located at Wabash and Union, the meal will be served beginning at 4:00 pm. Betty assures that we will be out of there by 5:30 that evening.

Please sign up in the Heritage Room or talk to Deacon Pam. Thank you!

"Let us go forth in the Name of Christ"

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Carol Binder	11/06	Beth Powell	11/06
Hannah Hogan	11/07	Thomas Swanger	11/14
Caitlin Connors	11/15	Fred Moore	11/17
Elliott Musante	11/18	Lynne Bean	11/21
Doug & Carol Moorehead	11/26	Hal Rosendahl	11/30

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1 All Saints</i> 12:00 Centering Prayer Group	2	3 1:00 Dinsmore Memorial Service
<i>4 24 Pentecost</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist 10:40 Sunday School 2:00 Concert	5 Office closed	6 5:30 Adult Ed. 7:00 Compline	7 9:30 Quilters...Plus 5:30 Choir Practice	8 12:00 Centering Prayer Group	9 ← Diocesan	10 Convention →
<i>11 25 Pentecost</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist 10:40 Sunday School	12 Office closed	13 5:30 Adult Ed. 7:00 Compline	14 Noon ECW 5:30 Choir Practice	15 12:00 Centering Prayer Group 7:30 Concert	16	17
<i>18 26 Pentecost</i> <i>Fresh Produce</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist 10:40 Sunday School 12:15 Vestry	19 Office closed	20 5:30 Choir Practice 5:30 Adult Ed. 7:00 Compline	21 Office closed 5:00 Holy Eucharist	22 <i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>Day</i> Office closed 12:00 Centering Prayer Group 3:00 Thanksgiving Meal	23 Office closed	24
<i>25 Last Pentecost</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist 10:40 Sunday School	26 Office closed	27 5:30 Adult Ed. 7:00 Holy Eucharist	28 5:30 Choir Practice	29 12:00 Centering Prayer Group	30 <i>St. Andrew</i>	



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