

# CHRIST CHURCH

## NOVEMBER 2019 CHRONICLE



Catherine Mace's Presentation on the 150-year history of Christ Church Eureka (above) and 10:30 AM Eucharist service on Sunday October 27th during power outage (below)

The month of November begins in the middle of a sacred time of year known as Allhallowtide or the Fall Triduum. This sacred time includes the three feasts of All Hallow's Eve (Halloween), All Saints Day (Nov 1), and All Souls Day (Nov 2), feasts in which we commemorate the saints of the church as well as loved ones who have departed. The ancient Celts considered these days to be the "thinnest time of the year," a season when the veil between earthly life and heavenly life became most permeable and transparent. These days function as a powerful mirror-image of the energy flowing through the Spring Triduum of



Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday in which we celebrate the miraculous resurrection movement from death to life, as we watch winter turn into spring. In the Fall Triduum, we recognize and attend to the sobering and unavoidable movement from life to death, as we witness death and decay in the plants and trees around us. For this reason, some refer to the Fall Triduum as the Triduum of Death. As we are invited to reflect on the reality of death, we are also reminded that in death, life is changed, not ended; and even at the grave we make our song, "Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia" (*Book of Common Prayer*, 382, 499). In fact, the Fall Triduum invites us to laugh in the face of death, which has now lost its sting (1 Corinthians 15:55), thanks to the Resurrection of Jesus. In this way, the practice of trick-or-treating remains in tune with the spirit of the season as we laugh, play, and eat candy while surrounded by ghosts and goblins and other bizarre creatures.

This year, we are celebrating All Saints (and All Souls) day on Sunday November 3rd as we remember all the saints and beloved ones who have kept Christ Church Eureka alive and well over the years; as we gather our pledges for our church's 150<sup>th</sup> year; and as we look forward to a new generation of saints who will help us share the love of Christ in Eureka and throughout the world for at least another 150 years!



# Allhallowtide

## The Triduum of Death

### All Hallows' Eve

The evening of October 31st, the Church celebrates the Vigil of All Saints Day, fasting and praying in preparation for the great feast that is to come. It is sometimes said that the veil between this world and the realm of the dead is thinnest on this day.

### All Saints Day

Also known as Hallowmas or All Hallows' Day. On November 1, the Church honors the saints in heaven, known and unknown, and reminds us of our destiny and unity in the body of Christ which cannot be destroyed by death. On this day, we ask the saints for their continual intercessory prayers for us as they worship before God's throne day and night.

### All Souls Day

We commemorate all the faithful departed on November 2. Praying and offering sacrifices for the final sanctification of the dead who will enter heaven goes back to Judaism (2 Macc. 12:42-46) and has been a constant practice of the Christian Church since the beginning. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



My to do list for today:

- ~ Count my blessings ~
- ~practice kindness ~
- ~be productive yet calm ~
- ~let go of what I can't control ~
- ~ just breathe ~
- ~ make a difference in someone's life ~

I found this beautiful list posted on a bulletin outside the NICU while waiting to go in and meet my new great niece. She was born six weeks early and could have been very sick but she is expected to go home in a few days and she should be fine. We are so happy she is here safe and sound! When I saw this list I couldn't help but think how timely it was and I knew that I wanted to include it in my November Chronicle article.



At the top of this list is what Father Daniel told us to do two weeks ago during his sermon. He asked us if we wanted to know the secret to joy and happiness. Well who wouldn't want to know the secret to joy and happiness and to think it is something we already do every Sunday here at Christ Church! The secret is practicing gratitude or counting our blessings.

It is by practicing gratitude that we can enter into abundance and joy and the more we practice this the happier we will be. Ironically Father Daniel talked in his sermon about the first 24 hour power outage and how you don't realize what you have until it is gone. I am actually writing this on the tail end of the second power outage and I find my self very grateful for a heater vent spewing warm air, a warm blanket and a dog cuddled in my lap.

If practicing gratitude is not something that comes easy to you, Father Daniel goes on to say that every Sunday at Christ Church we practice gratitude simply by coming to the altar. The word Eucharist means thanks giving and by receiving the bread and wine we are gathering to give God thanks and experience the joy from that gratitude.

My friends in Christ, we have so many things to be grateful here at Christ Church. I bet you can think of several things that have happened in the last few months here that have brought you joy. Whether it was Bounce Back to Church, Stewardship Dinner, the Blessing of the Animals Sacred Saunter, the Historical Society Home Tour, an ECW meeting, Compline, a concert or just a Sunday service. We are blessed to have so many reasons to give thanks. So keep practicing gratitude and appreciating the overflowing abundance in your life. Amen.



Pics from the Vestry Retreat at the Chapel of Sts. Martha and Mary parochial mission church in Trinidad CA on Saturday October 12

## Expressing the Psalms in Worship

Thanks to the recent power outages, I have had enforced ‘free’ time for sorting through and either filing or recycling papers that have stacked up over the past few years. It has actually been great; those of you who have a tendency to save and ‘pile’ know what I’m talking about! In the process I’ve come across some things I’d forgotten about, notes to myself that are either outdated now or I’ve completely forgotten why I thought it was important at the time. However, I was excited to find a quote I had written down that I think is relevant to what I wanted to write about this month – I found my “alleluia” in the power outage!



John Walker, former President of the American Guild of Organists shared the following quote in his “President’s Column” in the June 2015 issue of *The American Organist*:

“The question is not whether there is a future for classical music; it’s whether our field has the courage to evolve and change.” Fred Bronstein, Dean of the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University

In the margins of my notepaper I had written “substitute ‘the Episcopal Church’ for ‘classical music.’” Curious as to the context of the quote, I listened to a talk by Bronstein on “The Future of Classical Music” ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YI\\_CRssv2xA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YI_CRssv2xA)) and read some of the articles he had written soon after he began his appointment as the first dean of the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University. His ideas garnered much attention at the time and generated much discussion in the classical music world.

To be honest, I think anything could be substituted for “classical music” as the point is that it takes courage to evolve and change – whether in our personal lives, in the church, in the music of the church, or anything else for that matter. And so I want to speak a little about Psalmody during our worship services, for it is an ancient tradition that we carry into the future.

This past summer we ‘experimented’ a bit with the Psalms, and while it was more time-consuming to prepare, I loved trying out some new ideas. I appreciated that all of you had the courage and patience to engage in the experiment as well! We learned and grew together in our effort. Thanks to Fr. Daniel I was introduced to a new resource, *Psalms for all Seasons*, which provides a wide range of approaches to chanting the Psalms. As the introduction states, “[the] Psalter is designed to promote faithful and fruitful use of the biblical psalms in Christian worship. It arises out of a sense of wonder at the Psalms’ spiritual vitality, rugged beauty, and enduring pastoral relevance for communities all over the world. It is guided by three overarching commitments: *to encourage thoughtful and faithful engagement with the text of each psalm; to feature musical choices that are singable and accessible; and to be hospitable to a relatively wide range of traditions and cultures.*”

While it takes courage to make changes and/or to ‘experiment’, it is far less frightening to do so when change is based on shared principles: with singing the Psalms, our aim is to honor and engage with the texts of the Psalms in



a musical way that inspires and transforms us.

In a later conversation on NPR's Diane Rehm Show, Dean Bronstein reiterated his firm belief that classical music is alive and thriving but that its future will depend on innovation and connection to the community. He urged performing arts organization to think more broadly about what they do, and to adapt and be flexible.

In an article in the Baltimore Sun, (October 20, 2014), Bronstein further iterates this point and suggested that "the most successful orchestras today are those that maintain the classical concert as their core business but build around that a variety of other offerings which resonate in different ways with different audiences. They are also proactive participants in education and in creatively meeting the needs of the communities where they perform."

If we take this to heart, translating this idea to church music, perhaps our discussions on the pros and cons of 'traditional' versus 'praise' music in church will begin to focus more on a discussion of and formation of shared principles upon which to build our church music programs, offering a variety of ways to engage with different worship groups or 'audiences.'

Currently we are using a new psalter called *The Portland Psalter* which offers beautiful responsorial settings of the Psalms for choir and congregation. The composer, Robert A. Hawthorne, writes that he began writing the psalter as a "mission to bring Psalm singing back to the congregation." The initial response from the congregation at Christ Church in Lake Oswego, Oregon was "overwhelming. What struck me most was how often I heard the comment, 'I found myself singing last Sunday's refrain all week long.' The music served the text. And that was the point!" As a result, Hawthorne has composed a complete Psalter for use in the church year.

There are many ways to chant the Psalms, from Gregorian chant to Plainchant, to Anglican chant and any number of contemporary psalters. There is a multiplicity of forms and styles, for example metrical psalms, often set to hymn tunes or responsorial psalms with a repeated refrain sung by the congregation. The book of Psalms includes texts that perform a range of functions: praying, teaching, blessing, testifying, and exhorting – and as such different psalters provide options for imagining how we might speak, pray, or sing a psalm.

As we offer our expressions of the Psalms during worship, together in community, let us be open to the unique strengths to each approach. "Drawing upon sources from a different cultural, historical, or ethnic context invites us to pray the text in solidarity with others. (*Psalms for all Seasons*, p. v).

All this to say, in a very rambling way, that our shared singing of the Psalms in different forms offers us an invitation to change and evolve in our corporate worship services, as the church continues to evolve and change in order to remain relevant to the modern world. As our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo states, we are "steadfast and growing."

-Merry Phillips

**Why use envelopes for your offering? Why do I have a number?**

How does our financial support of the church connect to numbers and envelopes? Each year it begins with the Stewardship Committee's Stewardship Campaign. We often begin in the fall with a mailing and a kick-off dinner, along with distribution of pledge cards. After several weeks of thoughtful prayer, parishioners commit to support the church financially for the coming year. The pledge cards are returned at a church service or by mail to be blessed at the In-gathering. Then, to ensure confidentiality, the pledge secretary gathers the cards and records the information. The committee acknowledges pledges with a thank you note, but committee members are not aware of specific amounts.

The pledge secretary forwards the information to the church treasurer who enters the data in the church's accounting program. Each pledging unit will be assigned an account number. This number then will be matched to a packet of envelopes that is made available in late December for the coming year.



Does using the envelopes really help? Each week there are two counters who record information and prepare the week's offering for the parish secretary to enter into the appropriate account in the computer. They also prepare the bank deposit. The counters record on each envelope the amount and whether the offering is cash or a check (with check number). For any identifiable contribution not in a numbered envelope, the counters must create one for the parish secretary - noting the date, amount, and name and/or account number. You can see how you can save them time and effort! (Should you forget your envelope, you can always use one of the envelopes provided in the pew rack.) The treasurer must retain the empty envelopes, bundled for each Sunday, until after the diocesan-appointed auditor completes the annual audit.

Must you pledge to receive envelopes? No. Pledges are important in reflecting your commitment to the mission and operation of the church, and they are essential to enable the treasurer to project budget figures for the budget to be adopted by the vestry. However, you can see that it is very helpful to use numbered envelopes even though you may prefer not to pledge. The first group of envelopes are prepared for those with pledges, but all you need to do is to ask and we will gladly provide numbered envelopes. (And remember that you need only to contact the office if your circumstances change and you need to revise your pledge.)

And if you do not want envelopes? In a few instances, when a pledge is prepaid, made in an annual payment, etc., you will not be using the assigned packet of envelopes. It is not a saving to return them. No one else can use them, because the number is connected to your computer account. In this case, please recycle the packet.

Every three or four months, email or print copies of your giving are made available to help you track your giving. If you have a question, please contact the treasurer or office. Toward the end of January, you will receive a statement for the year 2019 in accordance with guidelines from the IRS. They will be available at church. To save postage please pick them up before the end of January.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Bob Hines, treasurer, Peg Gardner, pledge secretary, or Emily Caffrey, parish secretary.

**Joy in Believing** *Nov. 2019*

Fr. David Shewmaker+

**Revelation 21:1-6** (The Epistle for Easter 5C)

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the *New Jerusalem*, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no  
more,  
for the first things have passed away."



I submit to you that if you & I begin to live our lives as if this scripture is an accurate & true description of the future of the earth & of the people thereon, then others will begin to come to our side & join us in this glorious faith. Others will no longer see us as strange throwbacks to another time, a time of fantasy beliefs & superstitious worldviews. Rather they will see us as true futurists who, with John in Revelation, utilize our relationship with the universe-as-it-really-is to look into a glorious future and bring some of that glory, that joy, back with us into the present. We see an existence that is NOT bound by the exigencies of time & space, exigencies like tears, death, mourning, crying, & pain, to say nothing of fears of environmental disaster, international terrorism, & "wars & insurrections." (Luke 21:9, NRSV.) We see a life of absolute freedom in the new heaven and the new earth, which are joined together in a unity of love & glory.

If we judge this only from the perception of this old world within which we still partly live, then all these visions will seem to be just delusional dreams, perhaps the fugue of the mania of an old man living in exile on the island of Patmos. From the perception of the new order, from the perception of faith in an Almighty God, it GRADUALLY becomes an actual possibility to us. We can jibe with John when he says,

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the



Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Remember also that Paul had a vision like this. He saw that in Christ the very nature of all that exists began to be changed, to be lifted towards a higher form of life. Paul saw that when Jesus enters the story, then the glory of God the Father begins to flow into His Creation, gently lifting it out of the "tooth & claw" of an evolutionary bounded subsistence. Listen to Paul:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. (Romans 8:18-25 NRSV)

Therefore, I summon us to an actively hopeful faith, a confidently joyful patience, while we await the full re-creation of heaven & earth, the making of all things new. Believe, my brothers & sisters, and you will be lifted towards this new world! Believe in the higher calling of Christ, who has been raised from the dead, thus conquering death & replacing survival of the fittest with everlasting life for ALL of God's children, even the earth and all its life-forms, who will live in the perfection that Isaiah, another of God's chosen dreamers, saw:

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

(Isaiah 11:3-8, NRSV)

I submit to you that if you & I begin to live with the passionate belief that Paul & John & Isaiah had, that these scriptures are accurate & true descriptions of the future of the earth & of the people thereon, then others will begin to come to our side & join us in this glorious faith. You cannot hide a candle under a basket, so let our lights of faith shine!



Christ Church Eureka  
150th Anniversary

## Seasons of the Soul Retreat

Rev. Suzanne Guthrie,  
Episcopal priest, author, and  
retreat leader

Saturday, **November 16,**  
11am-3pm, Chapel

The liturgical year begins with the shattering of time and the call to conversion (Advent) and ends in the anointing by the Holy Spirit and being sent out into the world (Pentecost).

Join us for a pilgrimage through the church seasons, enhanced with art and music, and reflect upon your own soul's inner, mythic journey.

A light lunch will be provided.

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Suzanne Guthrie leads retreats and workshops throughout the United States and hosts *Soulwork Toward Sunday*, a weekly web retreat based on the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday. Guthrie has served as a parish priest, a Christian education consultant and in chaplaincies at Vassar College and Cornell University, and as a writer for *Christian Century* and other publications.

She and her husband, Bill Consiglio, are the parents of four grown children. Guthrie traces her interest in mystical theology to the "Autobiography of Teresa of Avila," which she read at age 22.

# NOTICES AND LAY MINISTRIES

## Lay Ministries

One of our busy and fun seasons is right around the corner – November and December are both filled with many opportunities to participate in one of the following ministries – please pick your favorite and join us.

–Thomas

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
Thomas Swanger	Lectors and Intercessors	498-8833
Susan Whaley	Ushers and Greeters	445-2924

## Quilters +

The next Quilters+ meetings will be on November 6th, in Lewis Hall. 9:30-noon or drop in anytime. New members especially welcome! Questions? Call Peg at 443-9627 or Joan at 443-9637.

## FOOD FOR PEOPLE

This month so far we have donated 68 pounds of non perishables plus numerous personal items. But I would like to mention that last Wednesday when I was down helping shoppers, myself and other volunteers noted something that we hadn't seen before. Usually toward the end of each month it gets a little busy but this was 2-1/2 hours full of clients. I am not sure if was a black out that we just had and/or another one that might be coming, but the clients almost seemed frantic. So whatever you have it is sorely needed. If you could please research your cabinets and find an extra can or two the donation will NOT go to waste. Thanks for thinking of

Food for People, Bev

## ECW

ECW will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 12 noon in Lewis Hall.

## Operation New Chairs

**The New Chairs Are Here!** Thank you one and all for sponsoring our new chairs for the Cathedral of the North (as Sister Alice used to say). There are only 30+ chairs left to sponsor. Lets go for the last push!

***Note: Clean ONLY with water - no chemicals.***

## Welcome Committee

Many thanks to all of you who help make our visitors feel welcome!

Speaking of visitors, please notice the new pew card/pencil holders attached to the back of each row of seats next to the isle. The Welcome Committee is in the process of replenishing the supply of Welcome Brochures and visitor cards for our visitors.

Lynne Bean, Welcome Committee

## STS. MARTHA AND MARY NEWS

Please check out and support our Facebook page at [facebook.com/sts.marthaandmarymission/](https://facebook.com/sts.marthaandmarymission/)



## **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 & Transition Committees.

### **Every Sunday, the Diocesan Transition Committees requests that we pray:**

Look graciously on your Church, and so guide our new bishop, The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair, that she may serve as a faithful pastor, 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, Arcata, as they seek to be a blessing in their neighborhood and greater community. Pray especially for their Creation Care Ministry as they provide education and opportunities for positive environmental action.

## **Specific Sunday Prayers for our diocese and the Anglican Communion:**

### **November 3, Pray for:**

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Ascension Episcopal Church, Vallejo, The Rev. Bayani Rico, Rector

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Rt Revd Nicholas Dill, Bishop of Bermuda

### **November 10, Pray for:**

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Grace Episcopal Church, Wheatland, served by the Rev. George Foxworth and the Rev. Rick Laughman

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Rt Rev Jorje Pina Cabral, Bishop of the Lusitanian Church

### **November 17, Pray for:**

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Francis in the Redwoods, Willits, The Rev. Betty Bruneau, Priest Associate, The Rev. Mary Fisher, Associate, The Rev. Donnalee Hart, Deacon

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Rt Revd Carlos Lopez-Lorano, Bishop of Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church

### **November 24, Pray for:**

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Willows, The Rev. Aidan Rontani, Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Charles Rouse, Associate <sup>12</sup>

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton, Bishop to the Forces and Bishop to the Falkland Islands

**December 1, Pray for:**

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Woodland, The Rev. Terri Hobart, Rector, The Rev. Stephen Leonetti, Associate

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Mission agencies and their work throughout the Anglican Communion

Mothers' Union around the world

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...2019...full.pdf](#). If you do not have a computer, I would be glad to make a copy of the 2019 Anglican Cycle of Prayer for you. Anne Pierson, Deacon

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Carol Binder	11/06	Fred Moore	11/17
Beth Powell	11/06	Elliot Musante	11/18
Hannah Hogan	11/07	Lynne Bean	11/21
Mary Ellen Barthman	11/08	Curtis Schleuter	11/21
Thomas Swanger	11/14	Hal Rosendahl	11/30
Caitlin Connors	11/15		

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Doug and Carol Moorehead	11/26
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# November 2019

3 21 <i>Pentecost</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist 10:40 Sunday School 3:00 Chamber Players of the Redwoods Concert	4	5	6 9:30-12:00 Quilters + 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Compline	7 Noon Centering Prayer  <i>Diocesan Convention Sacramento</i> →	8	9 10:00 Altar Guild
10 22 <i>Pentecost</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist 10:40 Sunday School	11	12 1:00 150th Anniversary Mtg	13 12:00 ECW Meeting 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Compline	14 Noon Centering Prayer	15	16 10:00 Altar Guild 11:00-3:00 Presentation on Liturgical Year
17 23 <i>Pentecost</i> Guest Preacher Suzanne Guthrie (both services) 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist 10:40 Sunday School <i>Fresh Produce Sunday</i>	18	19	20 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Interfaith Thanksgiving Sing	21 Noon Centering Prayer	22	23 10:00 Altar Guild 11:00 Jill Stover Memorial Service
24 24 <i>Pentecost</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist 10:40 Sunday School	25	26	27 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Compline	28 Noon Centering Prayer	29	30 10:00 Altar Guild





The Rt. Rev. Megan M. Traquair  
*Bishop, Diocese of Northern California*

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*Rector*

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### Our Mission

Christ Episcopal Church Eureka seeks to glorify God, follow Jesus Christ, and serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit

We strive to accomplish this through Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship, Outreach and Hospitality.



### CLERGY

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Deacon

Father David Shewmaker  
Associate

### WORSHIP SERVICES

#### Sundays

Contemplative Eucharist 8 AM  
Choral Eucharist 10:30 AM

#### Wednesdays

Compline 7 PM  
in Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour  
Children are welcome in services at all times



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## 150th Anniversary Celebration





## HISTORY OF CHRIST CHURCH

In November 21, 1866, lumberman Thomas Walsh wrote to the Humboldt Times, saying he proposed erecting "an Episcopal Church in Eureka



called Christ Church," explaining that the name was appropriate because he believed Jesus Christ to be the "Door to Heaven." After William Carson decided a lot to the vestry, the church was built in downtown Eureka on 4th and E street. When the vestry asked Bishop William Ingraham Kip for a rector, he responded, "I would be

happy to comply with your request, if you would

but tell me where Eureka is located." Happily, the Rev. John Gierlow (pictured below) found his way to Eureka and became the parish's first rector, holding the first worship service on May 22, 1870. In 1938, because of an encroaching marsh and noisy trolley traffic, the church



broke ground for a new building at its present location on the corner of 15th and H Street. Over the years, the church has grown, thanks to the generosity of



committed parishioners and donors such as William Carson and William Smullin and beloved rectors such as the Revs. J. Thomas Lewis, John L. Thompson, and W. Doug Thompson. Today, Christ Church is *steadfast and growing*, with Fr. Daniel London

joyfully serving as the 9th long-term rector. Under his leadership, the 150-year-old church is seeking new ways to glorify God, follow Jesus Christ, and serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit. By accomplishing this mission, Christ Church Eureka continues to fulfill Thomas Walsh's original vision by embodying God's Love as an open and ever - welcoming "Door to Heaven."



## 150TH CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

From September 2019 to May 2020, Christ Church will be celebrating its 150th anniversary with concerts, receptions and other festivities. Each month, we will have a special guest who will help us to not only acknowledge our past legacy, but also guide us in ways that we can serve the wider community and world, by giving special care and attention to future generations. All are welcome to celebrate with us!

### September 2019:

**The Very Reverend Dr. Don Brown\***  
*former Dean of Trinity Cathedral Sacramento*

- Sept 8 Bounce Back to Church with Bounce House (10:30 AM)
- Sept 14 Presentation on Holy Cross (3 PM)\*
- Sept 15 Feast of Holy Cross (8 & 10:30 AM)\*
- Sept 21 Stewardship Dinner (5 PM)

### October:

**Catherine Mace\***  
*Christ Church Eureka parishioner & former president of Humboldt County Historical Society*

- Oct 5 St. Francis Blessing of Animals at Sequoia Park (11 AM)
- Oct 5 Presentation on Christ Church History (4 PM)\*
- Oct 6 Combined Worship Service (9:30 AM)
- Oct 6 Eureka Heritage Society Home Tour (12 - 5 PM)\*
- Oct 13 Organ Concert: Christopher Houlihan (3 PM)
- Oct 27 Monster Mash Concert (4 PM)

### November:

**The Rev. Suzanne Guthrie\***  
*Episcopal priest, author, and retreat leader*

- Nov 3 Chamber Players of the Redwoods Concert (3 PM)
- Nov 16 Presentation on Liturgical Year (11 AM - 3 PM)\*
- Nov 17 Guest Preacher Suzanne Guthrie (8 & 10:30 AM)\*
- Nov 20 Interfaith Thanksgiving Sing (7 PM)

### December:

**Pastor Dan Price, PhD\***  
*Scholar of 20th century theologian Karl Barth & former pastor of First Presbyterian Church Eureka*

- Dec 1 Lessons & Carols (9:30 AM)
- Dec 1 Handel's Messiah Sing-Along (3 PM)
- Dec 8 Feast Day of Karl Barth (8 & 10:30 AM)\*
- Dec 8 Ferrdale Community Choir Concert (3 PM)
- Dec 10 Karl Barth & Richard Rohr discussion (5:30 PM)\*
- Dec 24 Christingle Family Service (4 PM)
- Dec 24 *Midnight Mass* (10 PM)

### January 2020:

**Celebrating Past Clergy of Christ Church**  
Jan 26 Blessing of Fr. Doug Memorial Library (10:30 AM)

### February:

**The Rev. Dr. Mark S. Anschutz\***  
*former rector of Christ Church Alexandria VA and St. Michael and All Angels Dallas TX*

- Feb 2 Parish Annual Meeting (9:30 AM)
- Feb 15 Couples Workshop (9 AM - 12 PM)\*
- Feb 16 Renewal of Vows Service (8 & 10:30 AM)\*
- Feb 26 Ash Wednesday (12 PM & 7 PM)

### March:

**The Rev. Eric Duff\***  
*Episcopal priest, therapist, social worker and author*

- March 11 Anne Holcomb from Food for People (12 PM)
- March 14 Presentation on Apostle's House book (3 PM)\*
- March 15 Guest Preacher Eric Duff (8 & 10:30 AM)\*

### April:

**Pastor Paul Harris\***  
*Advocate for foster care children & former pastor of Eureka First Church of the Nazarene*

- April 11 *Easter Vigil* (7 PM)
- April 12 *Easter Sunday & Easter Egg Hunt* (8 & 10:30 AM)
- April 18 Ferrdale Community Choir Concert (7:30 PM)
- April 25 Presentation on The Forgotten Initiative (3 PM)\*
- April 26 Guest Preacher Paul Harris (8 & 10:30 AM)\*

### May:

**+Bishop Megan Traquair\***  
*Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California*

- May 3 1549 Prayer Book Eucharist (8 & 10:30 AM)
- May 3 Chamber Player of the Redwoods Concert (3 PM)
- May 10 1662 Prayer Book Eucharist (8 & 10:30 AM)
- May 17 *1789 Prayer Book Eucharist (8 & 10:30 AM)\**
- +Bishop Megan Traquair guest preaching and presiding*
- May 24 1892 Prayer Book Eucharist (8 & 10:30 AM)
- May 31 1928 Prayer Book Eucharist (8 & 10:30 AM)

*Music and Arts Camp in the summer!*

*Dates TBD*

(The asterisk indicates events that feature our special guest of the month)