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Where we seek to glorify God, follow Jesus Christ, and serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS Seasons



“A voice of one calling: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’”

ISAIAH 40:3-5

FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Dr. Daniel D. London

'Tis the Season to Slow Down

“Sometimes the fastest way to get somewhere is to slow down”
– Marcela Morales, Forest Therapy Guide and Trainer



Over the last few months, I've been training to become a certified Forest Therapy Guide; however, due to my other commitments and responsibilities, I have fallen woefully behind in my assignments. During our last online class, I felt some panic starting to set in as I realized how challenging it will be to find the time to catch up in this very busy month of December. I reminded myself to breathe deeply and to trust that all things will come together in the fullness of time. And then one of my trainers, Marcela Morales, shared a saying from her home in Costa Rica that gave me the frame of mind that I needed to approach the rest of my Forest Therapy work as well as all my other responsibilities. She said, “Sometimes the fastest way to get somewhere is to slow down.” I realized that the most effective way for me to arrive at my goal and destination will be to slow down and take things one day at a time and one task at a time. By slowing down I can begin to enjoy all the good work God has given me to do while also enjoying sacred time with my wife and my two Yorkies who often force me to slow down by frequently falling asleep on my lap.

Last year, I wrote an article for the Chronicle and the Times-Standard about St. Andrew the Apostle and the final sermon he preached while dying as a martyr in Greece on the saltire (x-shaped) cross. As I revisited that article this year on the feast day of St. Andrew (Nov 30), I felt like the Daniel of 2020 was tapping me on the shoulder and saying to the Daniel of 2021, “Remember to slow down, as St. Andrew the Apostle urged.” Slowing down does not mean avoiding work and doing nothing (although times of rest are crucial), but rather approaching our hours and days and tasks with purpose and intention and gratitude.

St. Andrew's feast day always falls near the beginning of Advent and although this time of year often overflows with all kinds of fun and festive activities (including many at Christ Church), my hope for us is that we all continue to heed St. Andrew's message of slowing down during this season. Last year, I felt invited to write an “x” (in honor of St. Andrew and his cross) on certain hours and days of my calendar to mark certain times as sacred moments for slowing down. This year, I invite you to do the same. In this way, we can prevent our hearts from becoming overcrowded, like the Inn in Bethlehem, which did not have enough room when the Christ Child arrived. Just as the “x” is used to mark the spot of treasure on a map, we can use the x-shaped cross of St. Andrew to mark off sometimes on our calendar to practice receptivity to the treasure of God's Advent among us in the sacrament of the present moment. One practical way that I encourage you to do this is by participating in our Advent Evensong programs on Sundays at 4 PM. Mark up your calendar with lots of x-shaped crosses and be sure to mark an “x” on the next three Sundays at 4 PM. Together, let's heed the message of St. Andrew and embrace this Advent as a season for slowing down because sometimes that is the fastest way to arrive at our destination.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT WREATH?

Since circles have no beginning and no end, the circular shape of the Advent Wreath is used to symbolize God the Father and eternal life. The wreath holds four candles which are lit over the four weeks of Advent. The light of the flame is a visual reminder that Christ is "The Light of the World" (John 8:12). There are three blue candles and one rose candle.

When Advent Wreaths are decorated the materials often have symbolic meaning. The use of evergreens reminds us of our eternal life with Christ, holly represents the crown of thorns from the Passion of Jesus, and pinecones symbolize Christ's Resurrection.

Below are two Advent Wreath creations from members of the parish. Thank you Robin Cardona (left) and Deacon Pam (right) for sharing your creations with us.



The Annual Meeting of the Parish
will take place on Sunday, February 6



We will be electing three Vestry members,
five Delegates to Diocesan Convention and two Alternates.

Please submit any nominations to the members of the Nominating Committee:

Laura Rose, Bev Olson, and Jannetje Vrieze



ADVENT BOOK and GUEST PREACHER

Stepping Into Advent: Making Space to Recognize The Nearness of God Bethany M. Cseh

Bethany co-pastors Catalyst Church Humboldt with her husband Jason. She is the author of *Stepping Into Advent: Making Space to Recognize the Nearness of God*, a book I recommend we read together this Advent. You can order a copy from Amazon. Pastor Bethany will be guest preaching at

Christ Church on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19 at 8 and 10:30 AM services, followed by a Rector's Forum at 4 PM.

Like so many people, Bethany was caught up in the hurried pace of the Christmas season where everything became last minute for her. Before she knew it, Christmas Eve arrived and she had missed the beauty that *anticipation and longing* can bring. She missed Advent.

Centered around the daily scriptures from *A Guide to Prayer for Ministers and Other Servants*, Cseh crafts daily reflective readings for Advent. Writing like they're her friend, she helps the reader create a sustainable pace to step into the season of Advent. Her hope is for the reader to notice the nearness of God's Love. Complete with a simple guiding question at the end of each daily reading, Cseh gently invites the reader to reflect on their own life and how the reading impacted them that day.

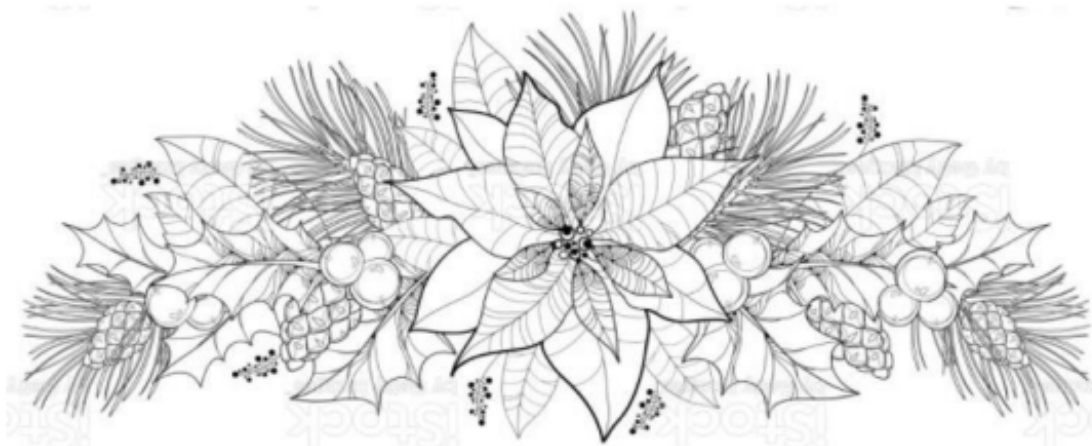
May you make space this Christmas season by *Stepping Into Advent*.



USHERS NEEDED

CONTACT

Jannetje Vrieze 499-8667
Sharon Kalberrer 630-3100



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to donate as a memorial or thank offering during the Christmas season, please print this form, complete and mail to:

Christ Episcopal Church
PO Box 861
Eureka, CA 95502-0861

Or drop the form by the church office; Tues, Wed, or Fri between the hours of 9 am-1 pm on or before **TUESDAY, December 21 to be printed in worship booklets for the Christmas Season.**

Checks should be written to Christ Church and in the memo field write Christmas Flowers.

If mailed, please put to the attention of Katherine Clague to avoid delay in receipt and listing.

DONOR: _____

Exact wording of memorial or thank offering dedication (please print):

FROM THE MUSIC COORDINATOR



“it takes a village ...”

Merry Phillips



As the proverb says, “it takes a village to raise a child.” I find myself saying and have heard others say an abbreviated version as well, “it takes a village” when someone is expressing their thanks for something we are not totally responsible for – something that has been a team effort. There is always an ‘invisible village’ behind the things we do!

I knew the proverb was attributed to African cultural traditions but had never really looked it up and learned about it. Apparently in 2016, National Public Radio (NPR) researched the origins of the proverb but was not able to pinpoint the precise origin. Wikipedia provides the following examples of African societies with proverbs that translate to “it takes a village ...”:

- In Lunyoro (Bunyoro) there is a proverb that says “Omwana takulila nju emoi,” whose literal translation is “A child does not grow up only in a single home.”
- In Kihaya (Bahaya) there is a saying, “Omwana taba womoi,” which translates as “A child belongs not to one parent or home.”
- Kijita (Wajita) has the proverb, “Omwana ni wa bhone,” meaning regardless of a child's biological parents, its upbringing belongs to the community.
- In Swahili, the proverb “*Asiye funzwa na mamae hufunzwa na ulimwengu*” means roughly the same: “Whomsoever is not taught by the mother will be taught with the world.”

I feel fortunate that I had many adults in my life who I think helped ‘raise’ me as much as my parents – a wonderful piano teacher, Sunday school teachers, Girl Scout leaders, schoolteachers, and the adult friends of my parents, who were all ‘parents,’ no matter whose kids were in the house.

I was not blessed with the joys of parenthood, but I have always appreciated the opportunities I have had to interact with younger people, to learn from them, and to share some of what I have learned with them. I believe the important message in this proverb is not just about how to raise children, but how we become adults who are able to function in a communal society and share our hopes, courage, and inspirations with future generations.

Our recent experience of developing an Evensong service has been a beautiful example of “it takes a village ...” We were led by Mtr. Lesley, who put together a perfect evening prayer for us as we begin this new tradition of offering Evensong here at Christ Church. As she says, Evensong is in her DNA. Having been born and raised in the U.K. she grew up singing Evensong and continued it in the various parishes she has served here in the U.S. We could not have asked for a more knowledgeable person to lead us in this effort. Mtr. Lesley, along with Fr. Daniel, will take turns officiating the service.

And many thanks to David Powell and the singers in the Schola (Ann Carter, Caren Diebold, Pam Gossard, Paul Gossard, Lesley McCloghrie, Royal McCarthy, David Powell, and Steve Cole) who provided the lovely

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“it takes a village ...” — From the Music Coordinator — Merry Phillips

“it takes a village” choral context for the readings the prayers. Special thanks also to Marty Vega for lining up readers and to Jannetje Vrieze for lining up ushers. Thomas Swanger produced the lovely bulletins and helped with the chancel arrangements and of course, members of the altar were hard at work getting everything ready – thank you Kathy C., Elizabeth H-L and Julie Cairns. Each week there will be different readers and ushers – thank you to all of you who are serving!

By the time you read this, there will be three remaining Sundays in Advent and I hope you will be able to join us for one or more of them. The Evensong service begins at 4:30 pm. There is a music program preceding the service from 4:00-4:30 featuring seasonal Advent music by different performers. Another group to be thanked!

I hope I have not left any “village” members out! Please join us, you too are a member of this “village” and an important part of sharing the beautiful message of Advent through this Evensong service. To quote someone who attended the first Evensong, it was “a soul-enriching way to begin Advent.”

For me, the Evensong service was a way to “step away” from the fray of Advent and Christmas preparations. The feeling of truly being present in that half hour made the time stretch out. More than once during the past couple of weeks, I have had to apologize for “not paying attention.” I have felt like I have been on autopilot, and when I get in that mode, I am prone to ‘not pay attention’ to how my actions may be affecting others or I forget to listen to what the world around me is telling me. I also find that the days blur and pass too quickly and I find myself wanting everything to just slow down. One of my favorite bloggers, Ashley Danyew wrote about this today, and it was so timely that I cannot help but share it with you. Ashley writes,

In her book, An Altar in the World, Barbara Brown Taylor writes, "The practice of paying attention really does take time. Most of us move so quickly that our surroundings become no more than the blurred scenery we fly past on our way to somewhere else."

As a result, many of us find ourselves distracted, disengaged, and disconnected.

If you're like me, I want to encourage you today to pause and pay attention to your surroundings. Look around, look up, look someone in the eyes. Take a deep breath. Listen intently.

I hope you discover a bit of wonder in your day today.

Please join on Sunday afternoons at Christ Church for music and Evensong during Advent and experience the wonder of the season.



Evensong

The Rev. K. Lesley McCloghrie, Associate Priest



I was about ten years old when I first started singing with my church choir, a choir made of men and boys with some girls and women. This was in an ordinary parish church in northern England, not large, not wealthy, but with a dedicated rector, or vicar as we knew him, and an equally dedicated organist and choir director. Choir practice was on Thursday evenings, and on Sundays we sang for the principal morning service, be it Mattins (this spelling is not a typo) or Holy Communion; and then we would return in the late afternoon to sing Evensong, I remember that service beginning at six o'clock. Sunday mornings were always busy with rehearsal, Sunday School, the actual worship service, followed by cups of stewed tea and biscuits (cookies) in the church hall. There were always lots of people bustling about. I remember especially the group of ladies who tended the altar, and the flowers, always making sure we behaved ourselves, and kept our surplices clean; we tried to avoid them as much as possible. The evenings were different, be it a warm summer evening or a dark December Sunday with a nip of frost in the air. The evenings were calm, with a sense of work being done, and the day drawing to a close. Into this calmness unfolded the liturgical office that is Evensong, familiar, comforting, prayerful and holy. It was a fitting conclusion to the weekend and a bridge to the week that lay ahead. I loved Evensong then and still do to this day.

In mediaeval England, Evensong was the name used for the canonical office of Vespers, when those speaking Old English translated the Latin word *vesperas* as *æfensang*. The office we know today as Evensong is a sung version of Evening Prayer, one of only two daily offices included in the first Book of Common Prayer, published in England in 1549. In this Thomas Cranmer took the existing monastic offices and condensed them into Morning and Evening Prayer, the latter said to be a compilation of Vespers and Compline. Evening Prayer consists of prayers; psalms; readings from the Hebrew and Christian scriptures (the Old and New Testaments); canticles, these are songs taken from scripture; a hymn and may include a sermon. Evensong has all these things and may also include an anthem sung by the choir. Evensong can be very simple and can be very elaborate, it can be sung by two or three people, or by an expert cathedral choir, with a large congregation participating in the responses, the prayers and the hymn.

John Merbecke was an English musician who wrote "The Book of Common Prayer Noted", in which he adapted traditional plain chant to the English rites within the 1549 Book of Common Prayer. His settings have been used throughout the centuries and some are still found in the service music section of our 1982 Hymnal. In the seventeenth century, Anglican Chant where the music is barred and sung in four parts, came into use for psalms and canticles, and for the responses sung within the office. Choral musical settings for Evensong abound, music for the traditional canticles, The Magnificat (the Song of Mary) and the Nunc Dimittis (the Song of Simeon) both from the Gospel of Luke, being composed by such as Thomas Tallis, William Byrd, Orlando Gibbons, through Charles Villiers Stanford, Thomas Attwood Walmisley, Herbert Howells and John Rutter. There are many well-loved settings for the responses, more correctly called the Preces and Responses,

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too, composers such as Thomas Tompkins, William Smith and, the most difficult setting I have ever sung, by Herbert Howells. There are many contemporary American and British composers out there too, often composing settings for a particular occasion, church or cathedral.

The basic outline for Evensong follows the order for Evening Prayer found on the Book of Common Prayer, pages 61-73 for Rite I, and 115-126 for Rite II. The readings and psalms follow the Daily Office lectionary, or reflect those assigned for a particular feast day or occasion.

Most cathedrals and college chapels will offer Choral Evensong at least once a week, many parish churches in the U.S. offer Choral Evensong monthly or on special occasions, while many Anglo Catholic parishes will have a simple Evensong on weekdays, with a more elaborate Solemn Evensong followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on major feast days or special occasions. Much of this pattern has been affected by the pandemic, but to find a service, the internet is probably your best guide, YouTube or cathedral or church websites can be helpful. The BBC broadcasts Evensong from different cathedrals and chapels in the U.K. and you can access these at www.bbc.co.uk/programmes.

Closer to home, Christ Church Eureka is offering a simple contemplative Evensong each Sunday during Advent, led by a Schola of the Christ Church Choir. These services are preceded by a program of music for Advent at four o'clock. Evensong begins 4:30pm. Proof of vaccination is required for attendance.

If you have never attended Evensong, I strongly recommend that you either join us on an Advent Sunday or access Evensong in another way. It is a truly beautiful service, one that is close to my heart, and is said by many, to be the Anglican Church's gift to Christianity.

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen." *2 Corinthians 13:14 - BCP page 72*

Lesley+



Hope or Fear

The Rev. David Shewmaker, Associate Priest



I Thessalonians 3:9-13, (the epistle for Advent 1C)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Look at the words that St. Paul uses in this Epistle for Advent 1C –Grace, Peace, Enriched in Christ Jesus, strengthened, not lacking in any spiritual gifts, strengthened (again,) SO THAT YOU MAY BE BLAMELESS....”

It is important to remember and to keep this in our awareness at all times, that this blamelessness is not OUR work, but rather the work of God. One might say that this is the core message of St. Paul’s explanation of being a follower of the Messiah, Jesus. He says again and again that it is God’s grace, God’s peace, God’s enrichment, God’s strengthening, God’s giving to us of spiritual gifts that render us blameless, that thwarts all accusations against us, that lifts us up so that we do not need reproof.

All of this is because the Lord understood that there would be long (in human terms) periods of time filled with despair inducing events. Those accumulations of fearful goings-on are the times when we are to call up our faith and hope in Jesus to get us through that which we cannot navigate by our own power. Just think back in recent history – pandemic, insurrection, political instability, etc. Can you think of a time when fearful events were not being blasted 24/7 over CNN etc.?

Now, listen to Jesus! **“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.”** How often we feel that kind of foreboding when we observe the shape of the world! Indeed, Jesus chose to use this apocalyptic language to help us to pay heed to his words!

Now listen to what he says next! “Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.” So we see that Jesus’ use of this language is to encourage us, to fill us with hope, with joyful anticipation of the coming of His fulfilled reign. Even if the sky appears about to fall, even if the sea is rising, and the stars are dimmed by the pollution that we have caused, even if hope seems pretty thin, nevertheless, we have the promises of Jesus to hold onto!

Indeed, listen to all these “hope” scriptures, just to quote a few:

Psalms 33:22 Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

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Psalm 42:11 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Isa 57:10 You were wearied with the length of your way, but you did not say, "It is hopeless"; you found new life for your strength, and so you were not faint.

Rom 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Actually, this very scary Gospel is not so scary after all, because it is clearly a call to faith and hope. Jesus is encouraging us to stay awake in hope and not to be numbed into unconsciousness by fear, by anxiety. This is a loud & strong call to those “who have ears” to keep listening. This is a loud & strong call to those “who have eyes” to keep seeing. Jesus said, “What I say to you I say to all: KEEP AWAKE.”

Listen to this poem from the 13th century:

*There is a candle in your heart, ready to be kindled.
There is a void in your soul, ready to be filled.
You feel it, don't you?
You feel the separation from the Beloved.
Invite Him to fill you up, embrace the fire.
Remind those who tell you otherwise that Love
comes to you of its own accord,
and the yearning for it cannot be learned in any school.*

Jesus said in Mark 4:24, “Pay attention to what you hear....” The Psalmists & the Prophets encouraged us to pay attention!

“You may not always have a comfortable life and you will not always be able to solve all of the world's problems at once but don't ever underestimate the importance you can have because history has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own.” -- **Michelle Obama**

Fr. David
December 2021



DEACON'S DIALOGUE — CHRIST CHURCH DALMATICS

“Deacons are the principal assistants, the most active of all who serve in the liturgy. They are heralds of the word, servants of the church, and agents of the bishop”, writes Ormonde Plater in his book, *Deacons in the Liturgy*.

As deacons in the liturgy, Anne and I proclaim the good news of the Gospel and wait on the table, prepare, serve, and clean up. We also bid the prayers, invite confession, and dismiss.

The historic vestments of deacons in the church are the alb, the stole, and the dalmatic.



The alb, from the Latin *albus* for white, signifies the white robe originally given to each new Christian at baptism. The stole (Latin *stola* or garment) is an insignia of office and is worn over the left shoulder. The dalmatic, originally a tunic of white wool from the province of Dalmatia on the eastern coast of the Adriatic Sea (modern day Croatia and Montenegro), is an outer garment of deacons in the western church.

According to the Episcopal Church Glossary, the dalmatic started out as an ample white tunic with wide sleeves, bands about the cuffs, and clavi, or colored bands, descending from the shoulders to the hem. Historically, it was worn over an alb by both bishops and deacons by the fourth century, but it did not become a vestment until around the ninth century. Over the centuries the dalmatic, like other vestments, has changed. The dalmatic has varied widely in appearance, and this variety continues in the Episcopal Church today.

Having done her field education at St. Alban's, Anne wore a dalmatic when she was invited back after being ordained. I was blessed to wear a dalmatic from Trinity Cathedral for Bishop Megan's 2019 consecration in Davis. We are now blessed to be able to wear our new white dalmatics at Christ Church for special feast days such as Christ the King and Christmas and Easter.





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SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

CELEBRATED ON DECEMBER 5, 12 (GAUDETE SUNDAY) AND 19

ADVENT MUSIC PROGRAMS AT 4:00 PM

FOLLOWED BY

EVENSONG AT 4:30 PM

The music program and sung office will be live (*we will not be live streaming them*) and open to the community. **Proof of vaccination** (Card or photo of card) will be required at the door; masks will be required, and attendees will be socially distanced in the pews. Singers will be wearing special singers' masks. We hope that you will feel safe in joining us for these special Advent offerings.

THE FEAST OF CHRIST MASS

Friday, December 24

8:00 PM—Musical Prelude for Christmas Eve

8:30 PM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Service will be live-streamed

<https://www.YOUTUBE.COM/ChristChurchEureka/>

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25

10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist with Carols

Service will NOT be live-streamed

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 26

10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II

(no 8:00 AM service)

Service will be live-streamed

<https://www.YOUTUBE.COM/ChristChurchEureka/>

Watch your weekly Email Updates for more information!

From the Senior Warden Royal McCarthy



Here we are in Advent, Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a wonderful and fulfilling Thanksgiving. It is hard to believe that 2021 is coming to a close. December is going to be a busy month for sure, with the addition of the Advent Music Programs at 4:00 PM, Evensong at 4:30 PM on the Sundays in Advent and the services planned for Christmas.

I met with the arborist on November 15th to find out if the northern portion of the magnolia was still viable. He determined that it is not doing well and recommended removal. As it is posing a safety hazard, I have the removal scheduled for December 4th. He said that the southern portion of the tree is looking much better and seems to be doing well.

Thomas and Paul have been making great strides in working out the kinks in our online streaming. Our consultant, Chris, has been an invaluable asset. He is also familiar with our Chancel lighting and is going to help us replace the halogen lamps that have burned out. We discussed replacing the halogen lamps with LEDs. Currently the conversion kits are rather spendy at \$570 per light. The advantage to LEDs is that they will last for a very long time and they use only a fraction of the energy for the same amount of light. This is something that we can put on the list to revisit at a later date. Chris also said that the conversion kits should come down in price with time. We have purchased a new laptop computer with increased capacity to help with our online streaming. If you are interested in being part of the “Stream Team” please let us know, we will be concentrating on training in January.

If you haven't sent in your pledge card, there is still time to do so. Please prayerfully consider same. Thank you for all the volunteers that are keeping the campus in good shape. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by all.

Thank you for all your prayers and support. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me or the office know.

Peace and God Bless,
Royal McCarthy, Senior Warden

Liturgical Calendar — December 2021

A Great Cloud of Witnessess

Nicholas of Myra

Bishop, c. 342

December 6

Almighty God, in your love you gave your servant Nicholas of Myra a perpetual name for deeds of kindness both on land and sea: Grant, we pray, that your church may never cease to work for the happiness of children, the safety of sailors, the relief of the poor, and the help of those tossed by tempests of doubt or grief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Very little is known about the life of Nicholas, except that he suffered torture and imprisonment during the persecution under the Emperor Diocletian. It is probable that he was one of the bishops attending the Council of Nicaea in 325. According to popular tradition, he famously lost his temper at the council and punched the heretic Arius, but this story dates to more than 1,000 years after his death and is almost certainly apocryphal.

He was honored as a saint in Constantinople in the sixth century by the Emperor Justinian. His veneration also became immensely popular in the West after the supposed removal of his body to Bari, Italy, in the late eleventh century. In England, almost 400 churches were dedicated to him.

Nicholas is famed as the traditional patron of seafarers and sailors, and, more especially, of children. Many of the accounts of Nicholas' life recount his habit of secret gift-giving to those in need, a tradition that many Christians have felt inspired to continue in his honor.

As a bearer of gifts to children, his name was brought to America by the Dutch colonists in New York, from whom he is popularly known as Santa Claus.

Quilters+



The Quilters Plus group is taking a Christmas break but we will be back in January. We have set a meeting for Wednesday, January 19th at 9:30 in Lewis Hall. We will be planning prayer lap quilts and working on blankets for foster children. You can also bring your own projects. Come and enjoy the company

We do have fabric for quilts and if you would like quilting fabric before January 19th to make quilt tops, please contact us and we can arrange a time for you to come and make your choices.

Merry Christmas!

Peg Gardner 443-9627

Belinda Zander 442-4222

Called to *Serve*

LAY MINISTRY

By Marty Vega

Welcome to our Advent Season. It was so nice to be able to come back to our lovely nave, even masked and socially distanced. Our lay ministry group responsible for the beauty of our worship space is the Altar Guild. To prepare for the upcoming special Advent and Christmas services, it's time for a bit of polishing and cleaning.



If you're able to lend a hand, contact Kathy Clague at kjc7001@humboldt.edu to find out when the next work party is scheduled. These take place usually on Saturdays around 10AM until about 2PM. There are a lot of little things to do, and taken one at a time, can be easily finished by volunteers. And that's true, even when they follow our current safe distancing health regulations.

Here are other ministries for your consideration:

Lynne Bean	Coffee Hour	822-6086
Elizabeth Harper-Lawson	Eucharistic Visitors	445-1726
Bob and Sara Hines	Contribution Counters	445-8974
Vickie Patton	Story Corner	443-1825
Anne Pierson	Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers,	
Marty Vega	Lectors and Intercessors	443-9782
Jannetje Vrieze	Ushers and Greeters	499-8667
	Christ Church Prayer Circle	499-8667
Sharon Kalberrer	Ushers and Greeters	630-3100
Kathy Clague	Altar Guild	822-5860



First, the food donations by Christ Church during November were down. I only took 25 pounds to the Food Bank. For two of the four weeks there was nothing in the bin. This brings my total this year to 195 lbs. The bin is being moved to the Heritage Room for December and I hope we can all fill the bins each Sunday!

Second, the building project. Food for People has decided to move forward with the construction of the new facility. Like everything else, there current lease is being raised as well. The Vestry, during their November meeting, voted to donate an additional \$1,000 toward the project. I know that donation requests go through the roof this time of year, but if there is any way you can help it would be very much appreciated.

Still Safe
Bev



December 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.**

Ken Musante	12/05	Carol Moorehead	12/16
Patricia Brantley	12/06	Anne Van Zandt	12/19
Susan Brantley	12/06	Paul Gossard	12/20
Richard Streufert	12/06	Daisie Harris	12/20
K. Lesley McCloghrie	12/08	Margaret Cole	12/24
Kaley Smithler	12/08	Austin Bozzoli	12/25
Karen Stanley	12/08	Chris Hamer	12/25
Leslie Allen	12/09	Peach Bond	12/27
Anne Pierson	12/13	Kamryn Bozzoli	12/31
Denise Braafladt	12/16		



Happy Anniversary



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

Howard & Peg Gardner 12/22

Dr. Angus & Joan Stewart 12/24



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



The December 2021 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 December, The Very Rev. Sara Potter, Dean of our Semper Virens Deanery, has asked us to pray for St. Francis, Fortuna:

Intercessor: We pray for the congregations of our Deanery, this month for the people of St. Francis, Fortuna. Grant them the blessings of hope, love, joy and peace as they prepare the way of the Lord, reaching out to their community with the message of God's mission to reconcile the world through Jesus Christ. Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**



December 5

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Woodland
The Rev. Alex Leach, Priest-in-Charge

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Province of the Anglican Church of Burundi
The Most Rev. Martin Blaise Nyaboho, Primate
Archbishop of Burundi and Bishop of Makamba

December 12

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Luke's, Calistoga
The Rev. Mac McIlmoyl, Priest-in-Charge
The Rev. Susan Napolliello, Deacon

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Anglican Church of Canada
The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Primate

December 19

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:
St. Nicholas, Paradise
The Rev. Delia Fay, Priest-in-Charge

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church of the Province of Central Africa,
The Most Rev. Albert Chama, Primate
and Bishop of Northern Zambia

December 26

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Luke's, Galt
The Rev. Barbara Elizabeth Nixon, Vicar

St. Martin's, Davis
The Rev. Dr. Pamela Dolan, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Ernie Lewis, Associate Priest
The Rev. Margaret Grayden, Archdeacon

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Anglican Church in Central America
The Most Rev. Julio E. Murray Thompson, Primate
and Bishop of Panama

January 2, 2022

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

(not available at time of publication)

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER


The Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo
Most Rev. Zacharie Masimango Katanda, Primate and Bishop of the Diocese of Kindu

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 2021 Anglican Cycle of Prayer for you.

The Rev. Anne Pierson, Deacon



December 2021

SUN	M	T	W	Th	F	SAT
Sundays in Advent 12/5, 12/12, 12/19 4:00 PM Advent Music Program followed by 4:30 Evensong			1	2	3	4 Altar Guild 10 AM
Second Sunday of Advent 5 Regather—8 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 am Worship Holy Eucharist: Rite II https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka	6 Centering Prayer 6:30 PM	7	8	9	10	11 Altar Guild 10 AM
Third Sunday of Advent 12 Regather—8 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 am Worship Holy Eucharist: Rite II https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka	13 Centering Prayer 6:30 PM	14	15	16	17	18 Altar Guild 10 AM
Fourth Sunday of Advent 19 Regather—8 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 am Worship Holy Eucharist: Rite II https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka	20 Centering Prayer 6:30 PM	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 8 PM Music Prelude and Holy Eucharist: Rite II Live stream on Christ Church YouTube Channel	25 Christmas Day 10:30 AM (no Livestream) 
First Sunday after Christmas 26 NO 8 am service 10:30 am Worship Holy Eucharist: Rite II https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka	27 Centering Prayer 6:30 PM St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr	28	St John Apostle and Evangelist	29 Holy Innocents	31	



The Right Reverend Megan M. Traquair
Bishop
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Rev. David Shewmaker - Associate Priest
The Rev. K Lesley McCloghrie - Associate Priest
The Venerable Pam Gossard - Archdeacon
The Rev. Anne Pierson - Deacon

Merry Phillips - Music Coordinator and Organist
David B. Powell - Choir Director
Dr. Douglas Moorehead - Organist Emeritus

Thomas Swanger - Parish Administrator

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