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The Day of Pentecost—Whitsunday

June 5, 2022 | **WEAR RED!**

The term means “the fiftieth day.” It is used in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. In the Old Testament it refers to a feast of seven weeks known as the Feast of Weeks. It was apparently an agricultural event that focused on the harvesting of first fruits. Josephus, a first-century historian, referred to Pentecost as the fiftieth day after the first day of Passover. The term is used in the New Testament to refer to the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1), shortly after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension.



Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit. The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. The speaking in tongues, which was a major effect of having received the Spirit, is interpreted by some to symbolize the church's worldwide preaching. In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is now the seventh Sunday after Easter. It emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is sometimes referred to as the birthday of the Church for it was from this gift of the Spirit that the Church spread far and wide to our own time and place. To celebrate this the birthday of the church, we will have a festive coffee hour with a birthday cake following the 10:30 am service on June 5.

Almighty and most merciful God, grant that by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit we may be enlightened and strengthened for your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Dr. Daniel D. London

A Global Odyssey through the Anglican Communion



This summer, Bishop Megan Traquair will be representing us and all the Episcopalians of Northern California at the 15th decennial Lambeth Conference in London. As you may recall from Mother Lesley's helpful article on the Anglican Communion back in October, the Lambeth Conference is one of the primary instruments that holds together the largest Protestant Christian communion in the world, comprised of 41 provinces across 165 countries.¹ The first Lambeth Conference was held back in 1867 to address a controversy concerning a bishop in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, the province for which we will pray this Pentecost Sunday in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer.² This summer's Lambeth Conference will take place July 26 to August 8 and I invite us to pray for her and all the bishops who will be meeting.³

One specific way that I would like us to support our bishop is by learning more about the Anglican provinces for which we pray each Sunday, the same provinces that will be represented at Lambeth. Over the last few weeks, I've been writing and recording short introductions to the provinces that appear in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: the Church of the Province of South East Asia, the Church of South India (United), and the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.⁴ Throughout the summer, I'd like to continue offering these introductions as well as some intentional time for discussion about them on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 AM in Lewis Hall starting on June 12, when we will be praying for the Anglican Church of South America. Merry Phillips and David Powell will occasionally join the discussion to share some music and hymns from the part of the world for which we will be praying. Most of the provinces in the Anglican cycle this summer are in Africa, which currently holds the largest number of Anglicans worldwide. In fact, statistically speaking, the average Anglican is a black female teenager! We'll be learning about and praying for the Anglicans in South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Wales, West Africa, the West Indies, Egypt, and New Zealand.

¹ You can read Mother Lesley's article here: <https://christchurcheureka.files.wordpress.com/2021/10/october-2021-chronicle-1.pdf>

² You can learn more about the Anglican Church of Southern African and the controversial Bishop Colenso here: <https://deforestlondon.wordpress.com/2022/06/02/the-anglican-church-of-southern-africa/>

³ Here is a resource that the Lambeth Conference website provides to guide us in our prayers: <https://www.lambethconference.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Lambeth-Conference-Prayer-Guide-2022-ENG.pdf>

⁴ You can watch the videos here: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvn6cuSUjruOg8oZV8C7_9xFpgVhtVVeh

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Back in the early 1960s, a priest named Howard Johnson from the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City visited all the provinces in the Anglican Communion and wrote about his travels in his book *Global Odyssey: An Episcopalian's Encounter with the Anglican Communion in Eighty Countries*. Back then, there were only 16 provinces. More recently, a young Anglican priest named Jesse Zink wrote a travel memoir titled *Backpacking through the Anglican Communion: A Search for Unity*, which includes visits to Sudan, South Africa, Canada, Nigeria, and Ecuador. Both authors recount the thousands of miles they traversed, the countries they visited, the many beds in which they slept, and the countless mosquito bites they endured.⁵

This summer, I invite you on a global odyssey with me through the Anglican Communion as we support and pray for Bishop Megan and this decade's Lambeth Conference. We'll be visiting over 20 countries as we learn about the history and culture of millions of Anglicans living in twelve different provinces, and all of this with the very low probability of mosquito bites!



⁵ "Howard Johnson ... went on one long trip to visit every province of the Anglican Communion – 200,000 miles, 730 days, 294 beds, and he wrote, 'more mosquito bites than I could count.'" Jesse Zink writes, "As near as I can determine, this book is the result of 88,682 miles of air travel on 55 different flights that took me to 33 different beds (not counting airplane seats), cost me more than my fair share of mosquito bites—though none, thankfully, resulting in malaria—and left me with one beat-up backpack." Jesse Zink, *Backpacking through the Anglican Communion: A Search for Unity* (New York: Morehouse, 2014), ix-x.



The first Lambeth Conference met in 1867 in London at Lambeth Palace, marking the occasion when the various churches of the Anglican Communion began to be conscious of themselves as a single family of churches.



Anglican bishops at the closing ceremony of the last Lambeth Conference in 2008. This year's conference was originally set to take place in 2020 before being postponed first to 2021, then 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Of Pentecost & Whitsunday

The Rev. K. Lesley McCloaghrie, Associate Priest



When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:1-4

Do you remember Whitsunday, and Whitsuntide? You would have to be above a certain age to do this, for with the coming of the current prayer book, the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, the name of this feast day became more generally known as Pentecost. In earlier authorized Anglican prayer books the day is titled Whitsunday. Our 1928 prayer book, the version that preceded our current prayer book, has the heading Whitsunday in large print, but further down the page in red, a rubric, is listed as “Pentecost, commonly called Whitsunday”. Pentecost, from the Greek *pentekoste*, means fiftieth, the feast day, falling each year, fifty days after Easter Day. Pentecost is also the Greek name for Shavuot, the spring harvest festival of the Israelites, which was going on in Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples.



So where did the term Whitsunday come from? From what I was taught, and have been able to find out, it seems it first came into use in the Church in England after the Norman conquest of 1066. The word originates from *Hwita Sunnandæg*, an Anglo-Saxon word, meaning “White Sunday” and is thought to reflect the white garments worn by those who were baptized on that day. Today, Pentecost is still one of the four days set aside as being appropriately reserved for baptisms. The other three are, the Baptism of our Lord in January, the Easter Vigil whose date varies from year to year, and All Saints’ Day in November. It is also true that in earlier English usage, white vestments were worn on the day of Pentecost, rather than the red we are familiar with today.

Another school of thought, comes from the Augustinian canon John Mirk who lived c. 1382–1414, of Lilleshall Abbey, in Shropshire, England. He writes:

“Goode men and woymen, as ye knowen wele all, ys day ys called Whitsunday, for bycause yat ye Holy Gost as yys day broyt wyt and wysdome ynto all Cristes dysciples.”

He believed the root of the word “whit” was “wit” in earlier spelling “wyt” or “wytte” and Pentecost was called Whitsunday to signify the wisdom of the Holy Ghost poured out upon the disciples.

Whitsuntide, the week between Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, sometimes expanded to include the Friday and Saturday after Ascension Day, was once a time of rest and relaxation for agricultural workers, and later for those laboring in the factories and mills of the industrial revolution. As a small child, Whit Week was a holiday, in a school year that ran until early July.

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It was only when I went to college in Manchester, in the North West of England, that I learned about Whit Walks. Beginning in the seventeen hundreds, they are believed to have been started by the Sunday School movement of the time, as a form of social outreach, giving working class children time away from their grueling work in the factories. Whit Walks, are local parades, involving churches, choirs, brass bands and other local community organizations often including groups of children and young people dressed in white. These walks are still a time of celebration and have associated activities such as local fêtes, fairs, pageants, band competitions, Morris Dancing and other activities. In 1871 Whit Monday was officially recognized as a 'bank holiday' the equivalent of a federal holiday in the UK, but lost this status in 1972 when the fixed Spring Bank Holiday replaced it.



Having just enjoyed the Memorial Day holiday weekend, how will you celebrate Pentecost Sunday? Often known as the birthday of the Church, we are encouraged to wear red, the liturgical color for Pentecost and feasts of the Holy Spirit, and to bring a dish for our birthday potluck lunch. This year let us be together and truly celebrate the gift of God's Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, who is with us in our daily lives, guiding us, strengthening us, helping us, as we carry into the world the peace of God, and bear the gifts of love and reconciliation, of wonder and of joy, as we bring others to the Good News of Christ.

Lesley +



Wisdom Speaks

The Rev. David Shewmaker, Associate Priest

“When he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.” (Proverbs 8:29-31, NRSV)



This reading for Trinity Sunday is Wisdom speaking. Note that Wisdom is portrayed as a feminine entity, who says that she was with God at the beginning of creation, that she was the first of God's creation. Through her was all of creation spoken forth. If this is true, then those who believe that annihilation of Creation by God himself is coming are sorely mistaken. Would God destroy that in which He and Wisdom rejoiced? Would God destroy the human race in which he delighted? Humans may destroy that which God made, including each other, but the Creator God, the Wisdom God, the redeeming God, the Sustaining God will not. Evil does not come from God, but, rather, from humans who are not paying attention to God's precepts, from humans who have lost touch with all but their own egos or some other human's ego.

What is most stunning to me about this passage and others about Wisdom is that it is represented as being feminine. This is not some hyper-masculine and violent God as fantasized by many people, past and present. This is a kind, loving, gentle “lady” who delights, with her partner creator-god, in that which they have formed from their own nature, the Creation, including us weak and violent prone humans. When we judge ourselves without recognizing the indwelling Spirit of God-Wisdom, we may judge ourselves harshly, seeing only our destructive nature that destroys ourselves and the rest of Creation. How can we remember that this Spirit, both masculine and feminine, lives within us, as well as all around us and throughout the entire universe (multiverse?) How could the God that is beyond human comprehension leave any part of his creation, (which is the overflow of her love, her wisdom,) unable to find again that divine flame which made us in the first place, but of which we have lost track?

If one looks in scripture, one finds consolation in God's assurances the He and She are within and all around us. For example, 1 John 4: 10-13, NRSV:

“In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.”

So, how do I find the love of God that is within me? How do I connect with the Spirit, the Wisdom, which is God, which is within and all around me, and is within you and all around you?

First. I must learn to allow the egoic self to quiet down enough so that I can feel the Presence, the Shekinah. That can only occur if I intentionally seek to develop a relationship with my God, my Christ, and my Wisdom. That requires discipleship, the intentional following of the Christ and the purposeful listening to the Word, both with prayer and with prayerful reading of scripture.

Here's another part that most westerners resist because of being so very busy with shopping and trying to make more money. I must do this daily! That's the discipline part of discipleship that many of us stumble over. We really don't have what it takes to break out of the endless cycles of hurriedness and worry and anxiety.

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But, here's the good news, the Gospel! God DOES have what it takes to help us break out of these very human cycles! But we have to ask her to help us, because God respects our freedom and awaits us to use that freedom to seek spiritual assistance in our dark nights.

Is this what Jesus meant when he said, *"But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."* (Matthew 6:33, NRSV?) Do I have the courage, the strength of heart, to believe this just enough to try?

If you have just a tiny bit of faith, even just the size of a mustard seed, you will find that you can do this gradually as you move your trust, ever so gently, from your own ego, to faith in the love of God, you will grow in the Spirit, you will grow in Wisdom. St. Paul wrote, *"For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption."* (Romans 8: NRSV.) I do not have to remain a slave to all that which I imagine I need to be happy, because I have been adopted as a child of God, for eternity. God will provide what I really need, which is a growing intimacy with the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer. God is inviting you into this relationship. What is preventing you from accepting this invitation?

Fr. David Shewmaker

OUTREACH UPDATE:

Reaching Out with Helping Hands and Hearts at Christ Church Eureka

"...where we seek to glorify God, follow Jesus Christ, and serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit, as a community of companions walking together in the way of Christ's love for all.

And the second (commandment) is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31)

We at Christ Church share our time, talent and treasure in many ways. We are God's hands and feet in this world. During Holy Week we had two opportunities to share with special designated offerings. It has been our tradition to designate the Maundy Thursday offering towards the work of The Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation. This year's offering amounted to \$780 to support the ongoing work to provide direct response to immediate needs and help the homeless.

The second opportunity was on Good Friday. This year celebrated a century of gifts in support of the work and ministry with the Churches in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. The Good Friday Offering supports pastoral care, education, and health care efforts. This year's Good Friday offering was \$635.00 for our brothers and sisters in the Middle East.





Music Notes!



Virtual Pentecost Concert

The 2021 Virtual Pentecost Concert will be re-released on Saturday, June 4, at 4 pm. Enjoy an evening concert in preparation for our birthday celebration for the church on Sunday, June 5 – The Day of Pentecost!

As part of its mission of outreach and hospitality, Christ Episcopal Church (Eureka) offered several virtual concerts during the pandemic. The concerts featured musicians from Christ Church and included a variety of classical and sacred music pieces. Videos of the concerts remain available for viewing on YouTube, and each concert has been re-released a year later.

The Pentecost Concert was the 'grand finale' – which premiered on our YouTube channel on Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 4 pm. If you missed it, would like to hear it again, or just want to get in the mood for Pentecost, you can enjoy the re-release on June 5!

The Virtual Pentecost Concert features a variety of classical music celebrating the Day of Pentecost - a Christian holy day commemorating the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the disciples of Jesus Christ. It also is known as Whitsunday, or Whit Sunday. And it is often celebrated as the “birthday” of the church.

The concert program includes music for solo organ, flute and organ, flute and piano, solo guitar, and a choral work by the Christ Church Virtual Choir. The well-known Sarum plainsong, *Veni, Creator Spiritus*, is featured in two pieces.

Performers include the Christ Church Virtual Choir, Paul Gossard, guitar; and organ soloists Merry Phillips, Adam Hogue, Paul VandenBranden, and Douglas Moorehead. Nancy Streufert (flute) will join Merry Phillips (organ) for A Pentecost Prelude for flute and organ and the Christ Church Choir, directed by David Powell, will sing.

Please tune in on June 4! A link to the written concert program will be available on YouTube as well as our webpage: <https://christchurcheureka.org/concerts/>

New Harpsichord

As many of you already know, we have a new (“new” to us) harpsichord! The instrument is a 17th century replica of a Flemish double manual harpsichord, built in 1981 from a kit made by Zuckermann Harpsichords International. The Zuckermann web site (<https://zhi.net/>) offers the following description of the instrument:

The harpsichords built by the Ruckers family were famous throughout Europe in the 16th through the 18th centuries. Their clear and precise sound was as much admired then as now. The Flemish Double's range of 56 notes covers all of Bach's works, and its clarity of tone suits his contrapuntal style. This is probably our most versatile instrument, as it is easy to transport and useful for the entire body of early keyboard music.

Thanks to my husband, Dan Phillips, I became aware of the instrument which was being put up for auction at an abandoned property auction in February. After viewing the instrument, along with piano technician Greg Granoff and getting some advice from Richard Auber (from Zuckermann) and a harpsichord builder in the Bay Area who had previously worked on the instrument, I decided to pursue it. The Eureka Symphony was also interested in the harpsichord, and I was thrilled when their general manager reached out to me to suggest that somehow, we work together on obtaining the instrument.

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Music Notes! — Merry Phillips *Continued from page 8*

So, on a Sunday morning, while many of us were in church, Dan attended the auction and was successful with a bid of \$100! Steve Cole left the service early to go help Dan load the harpsichord into his vehicle and transport it to Christ Church. Many thanks to Steve and to Paul Gossard who also offered to help. And of course, many thanks to Dan!

The instrument will be kept in the Heritage Room for now. It will need a lot of work to get it back into playable shape and I am in the process of figuring out who and where that work will be done. An agreement between myself and the church has been approved by the Vestry, which covers the ownership, insurance, and use of the instrument, and the establishment of a discretionary fund for donations and rental fees and for payment of future maintenance (tuning, etc.). It will be made available for use by the Eureka Symphony and in exchange they have offered to help pay for the work needed and/or transport the instrument to the Bay Area if needed.

I'm very excited that we have this instrument which can be used for services, concerts, and by the Eureka Symphony. It is my hope that repairs can be done over the summer so that possibly by this fall, we can all enjoy it either in a service or a special concert. Heartfelt thanks to all who have been supportive in this endeavor. And special thanks to the two 'angels' who made a \$100 donation (the first) to the discretionary fund!

Sundays at 4 and summertime music

Live "Sundays at 4" concerts will be returning this summer. The 4th Sunday of the month at 4 pm – save the dates: June 26, July 24, and August 28. Stay tuned for announcements of programs and performers.

On Sunday, June 12, we will offer a "thank you" and a joyful "send-off" to the choir as they begin their summer break. Instead of choral anthems during the summer, we will have a variety of instrumental and vocal music. If you are interested in participating, that is offering your musical gifts and talents for Offertory music this summer, please contact me!

And lastly, some summertime thoughts from my favorite blogger, Ashley Danyhew - after visiting a neighbor's established garden, she offers this reflection:

I was reminded that we choose what to plant and what to dig up (in the garden and in life); what to cultivate and tend to, and what to let grow wild.

Our choices shape the world we live in, for better and for worse. ... What are we choosing to let grow and take root in our lives, our community, our world? What are we cultivating through our words and actions? What are we letting grow wild and beyond control?

Here's the thing I'm learning about gardening: it takes intention. It takes vision and patience and persistence and it requires getting your hands dirty. We have to choose when to plant and when to dig up; when to fertilize and when to cut back.

And so, we dig, we plant, we work, we choose.

This summer I hope that all of our gardens and all of our lives thrive with the best of intentions and that we reap a bounty of beauty, love, and contentment.





Christ Episcopal Church, Eureka, CA
presents a "re-release" of the 2021

Virtual Pentecost Concert

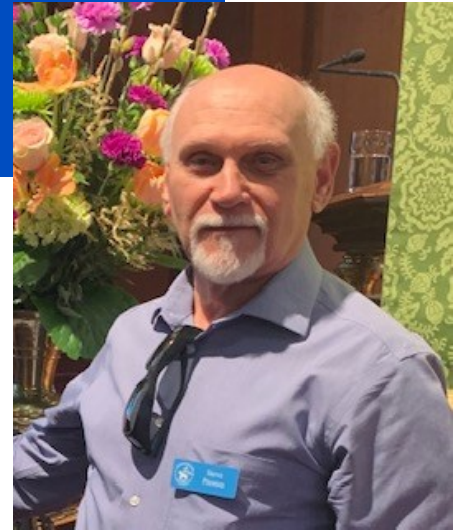
Please join us for a program of classical music celebrating the Day of Pentecost, with music for pipe organ, organ and flute, guitar, and choral music performed by musicians from Christ Church and the Christ Church Virtual Choir.

The re-release will premiere on **Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 4 pm** on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka>)

After June 4, it will be available on YouTube to watch and listen to any time!



From the Senior Warden Steven Preston



Vestry Meeting: At the start of its May 22nd meeting on Zoom, we welcomed **Sandy Shultz (Sandy-in-Honduras)**, whose ministry with disabled children we have financially supported for many years. Sandy spent about twenty minutes sharing slides and stories of the children she helps through medical intervention. The Vestry members asked questions, and we all came away feeling much more connected with Sandy and her work for God. She is visiting her life-long friend, parishioner Byrd Lochtie, and met with small groups of other parishioners at Byrd's home during May. (A video of this part of the Vestry meeting is on the Church's YouTube channel.)

At the meeting, the Vestry approved the April 24th minutes and received various other reports (including the financial report). The Vestry decided that the Deferred Maintenance Fund can be used by the Vestry for any real estate owned by the church, not just for the church campus proper. An important focus of the Junior Warden's report was the maintenance needs of the Smullin House, and Jim Hendry agreed to follow-up on the estimates for painting its exterior before a decision is made by the Vestry. A policy was adopted regarding protocols for Covid-19, and any other public health emergencies, to be observed by outside groups using the church's facilities. The Vestry also voted to donate \$1,000 to the diocesan Center at St. Matthew's, in addition to \$500 previously donated, which together will become a \$3,000 donation thanks to a matching challenge from a St. Matthew's Center benefactor. Robin Cardona is leading our discussions on reintroducing Children's Sunday School in the future. The monthly review of the Church's Constitution, Articles 4-6, was postponed to June's meeting due to a lack of time. (The minutes of the most recent Vestry meeting and Financial Report are once again being posted on the bulletin board in Lewis Hall.)

Facilities Team: We are pleased to report that parishioner **Heidi Erickson** has accepted appointment as Leader of the new Facilities Team. She looks forward to recruiting other parishioners for the Team, and launching into the mission that the Vestry has set out. The Team will assess and oversee the maintenance needs of our church properties, and be available to set up and clear rooms for church events when needed. **If you would like to become part of the Facilities Team, please contact Heidi Erickson.**

Emergency Response Team: We are also excited to report that parishioners **Kirsten Sumner, LCSW**, and **Bill Walser** have accepted appointment as Co-Leaders of the new Emergency Response Team. As reported earlier, the Vestry's vision for this Team is to plan and train for: **Personal Emergencies**, such as medical or mental health crises during church events; **Internal Emergencies** at the church, such as earthquakes, fires, or threats during church events; and **External Emergencies** in the community, like tsunamis or firestorms, by marshaling parish resources to help. The Co-Leaders will recruit and train other parishioners with skills and experience appropriate to their Team's mission. **If you feel God calling you to this new ministry, please contact either Kirsten Sumner or Bill Walser.**

Welcome Bag Ministry: Vestry member Belinda Zander reports that this renewed ministry is going very well. With an increasing number of visitors, it is good to have a ready supply of Welcome Bags on hand. **If you would like to volunteer for this Welcoming Ministry, please contact Belinda Zander.**

Livestream Team: Two parishioners have stepped forward to volunteer for this Team, and are currently in on-the-"job" training with our dedicated Team of three parishioners: Paul, Royal, and Thomas. If you have the ability to work with online video or audio, or you would like to learn, the Team needs a few more reinforcements in this vital ministry, in order to keep streaming weekly. Each livestream involves two people at the control desk, one to control the online and in-house audio, and a second to control the cameras and the livestream (as well as the simultaneous recording of the service for later viewing). **If you would like more information or to volunteer for the Livestream Team, please contact Paul Gossard, Royal McCarthy, or Thomas Swanger.**

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8:00 am Service Coffee Hour: There is a sign-up list on the Lewis Hall bulletin board for those who would like to host this Coffee Hour between the services. **For any questions, please contact Peg Gardner.**

10:30 am Service Coffee Hour: The return of this Coffee Hour is being welcomed by more and more parishioners. On Pentecost Sunday, June 5th, it will be a coordinated potluck Birthday Party for the Church! **If you would like to be an occasional 10:30 am Service Coffee Hour Host, please contact Lynne Bean.**

Diocesan Online WordFest Workshop: The general sessions of this workshop were recorded, and are now available as one video on the diocesan website. This is highly recommended for our Lectors/Intercessors, and any other parishioners who would like to explore tips and techniques for public reading.

Centering Prayer Group: The group is considering changing from Monday evenings to Tuesday evenings, since so many holidays fall on Mondays. We will continue meeting on Mondays for now, with Zoom available for those who cannot attend in person. Also, Fr. David has begun a discussion of having a Contemplative Eucharist in the group at occasional meetings.

Weekly Rector's Forum: A weekly Rector's Forum will begin on Trinity Sunday, June 12th. It will be from 9:15-10:15 am, between the 8:00 am and 10:30 am services, with an in-depth focus on that week's Province in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. More details will be announced in the weekly email-blast and worship booklet.

A thought: God gifts us with the skills, interests, and experiences that we need in our lives, and God also gifts the local Body of Christ with those believers whom it needs to complete its life together. (Romans 12:3-8) **You are one such gift!**

Steve Preston
Senior Warden

From the Junior Warden **John Patton**



Recent projects included the repair of the downspout causing flooding inside the kitchen back door, and starting a lawn service for the church campus including Smullin House. Only one vendor submitted a proposal for lawn service, which was for \$100 and \$65, respectively. The Vestry has authorized the Rector to approve invoices of \$500 or less, so he was able to approve these proposals and invoices from California Heating and Local Mow Man.

Other projects done this month were:

- Fixing the outdoor electrical outlets and including a power switch located in classrooms
- Repair of the main church furnace, by replacing the fan
- Getting estimates for replacing some of the motion detection lights, with LED Lights
- Getting estimates for replacing the old retaining wall with a new wall with a different design. Wall will run from the breezeway steps to the sidewalk on 15th street.

John

We All Have Sacred Stories

Laura Rose



God recently granted me the grace of one week where I was well enough and Covid-safe enough to come to Christ Church in person. Thanks to God's never-failing plan for me, that week 'just happened' to be Holy Week, and I was able to come to most of the services. As many of you know, I had a near-miraculous surgery in January that has removed the threat of the quick death that my pancreatic cancer is known for. I have been recovering at last from that hefty surgery, and I was set for another two months of chemotherapy after Easter to make sure I remain cancer free.

My joy at attending Holy Week services was great. I just listened once again on YouTube to Father Daniel's light-filled Easter Day sermon, and I am inspired to share a small portion of how it affected me with the church family who supported my healing through prayer. Here goes:

In Easter's homily, Father Daniel encouraged us to write down the stories of the people we love as well as our own stories before we "shuffle off this mortal coil." His own father responded to his son's request for his life's story by starting with the mystical experience he was given as a college student. Everything he saw seemed to be glowing with amazing light. I have never had that kind of vivid awakening, but Father Daniel's words brought to my mind stories where my life was changed, where I was brought closer to letting God take up her rightful place in my heart.¹ I seldom knew where such rare events were leading me, but now, looking back at the nearly eighty years of my life's path, I can see them as a series of stepping stones that led me out of the atheism that had long trapped me in its logical grasp and into the ever growing embrace of the love that Jesus came to spread.

Like so many of my generation, in my late thirties I began seeking something that I could not name. I looked everywhere that seemed promising—Esalen workshops, weekend retreats, Native American rituals, psychic healers, Tai Chi, Buddhist meditation, Sufi song and dance—anything but traditional Christianity. I signed up for a week of sessions in Oregon led by gurus who represented just about every possible philosophy, and sheerly from curiosity my first day found me listening to a Benedictine monk, Brother David Steindl-Rast, who turned out to be my first Christian mystic, and who was dedicated to the idea that gratitude is the essential key to union with the cosmic love that he called God.

His Christian mysticism took such a hold on me that I attended every one of his talks and was eventually so convinced by his words that I decided I could likely find what I sought by returning to a newly understood Irish heritage minus the Catholic Church. I went to the local stores and bought myself a (very small) gold cross to wear as an outward symbol of my change. It is important for me to say that this change was not in any increased sense of God as essential to my life, or of any love she might have for me. My change was merely in my thinking. A door had opened and I had noticed it, but I had not gone through it, yet I was interested and beginning to be willing.

Two days later I lost the cross. It simply disappeared. That night I dreamed that I got into my car and felt something under my left foot. When I felt for it, it was the cross, scratched along the back, and one of its tiny arms bent downward. The next morning I thought little of the dream, but it was time to head back home. So I packed, loaded my suitcase in the trunk, tossed the audio tapes I had purchased from the monk onto the passenger seat to listen to on my trip, and sat behind the wheel.

As I swung my feet in, my left foot touched something. It was indeed the cross, scratched on its back and with one arm bent. Now I felt, actually felt in my heart for the first time since early childhood, that there is a Presence who looks out for me, who takes a personal interest in me, who sent me a dream to get my full attention. I had become so skeptical that unless I had some "proof" of the mystical universe, I would never really let myself enter into it, never know it to be as real as the physical world.

¹ I prefer to use feminine pronouns for God because ...

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Quilters+

The day: Wednesday, June 15

The time: 9:30 AM

The place: Lewis Hall

Our next meeting will be in Lewis Hall on Wednesday, June 15 at 9:30. We will continue to work on Prayer Quilts. We need to always have a supply of these on hand. We currently have about 10. We also will continue to

work on blankets for foster children. This will be our last meeting until September so please join us!

If you wish, you can also bring your own project to work on. No experience necessary. We look forward to seeing you!

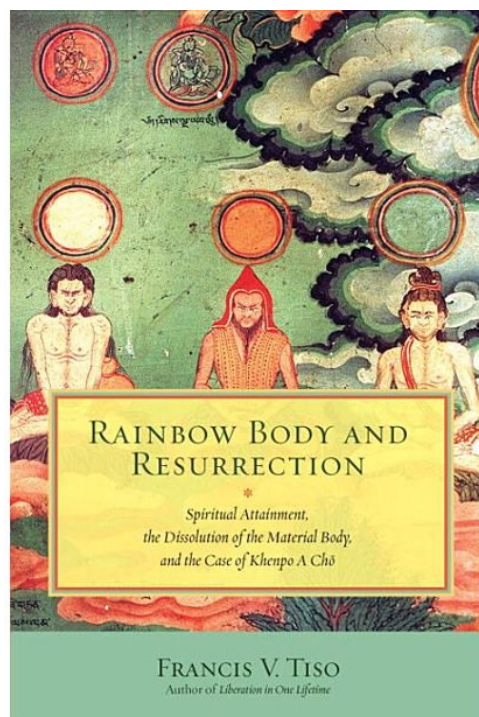
Please come and enjoy the company. No experience necessary.

Questions: Contact Belinda Zander, 442-4222, or Peg Gardner, 443-9627.

We all have Sacred Stories — Laura Rose | *Continued from page 13*

I believe that we all have these stories—events when our perception of our lives changes in a memorable way. For me, this story became a touchstone, to recall whenever my developing faith faltered. It has surprising threads that reach even into this past year that has been so transformative. I discovered that Benedictine monk, David Steindl-Rast, mentioned in Father Tiso's book *Rainbow Body and Resurrection*, the book that brought Father Tiso to my attention and then interested Father Daniel in reaching out to him for us here at Christ Church. It was Brother Steindl-Rast whose interest in the Shroud of Turin led him to mentor Father Tiso to travel to Tibet to study the monk whose rainbow body event inspired Tiso's book and, years later, inspired me.

I have set this down to encourage you all to think about your own stories, ones where the love embodied by Jesus reached out to pull you closer, and consider sharing them with people you love. These moments may have seemed like just a small part of your life at the time, but now that you can see where they fit into the pattern of your life, they may have new messages for you. It is easy to brush them off as coincidence, but my own path has brought me to sense them as gifts of grace, the Hand of God reaching out to me.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN
OPEN HOUSE

TO CELEBRATE OUR
New Location

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH
10:00 AM- 3:00 PM**

Humboldt
Foster Care Resource Center

612 G street, Eureka, CA. 95501

ENTRANCE IS IN THE ALLEY AT THE BACK OF THE BUILDING



**Fleece Blankets Blessed
for TFI—Humboldt
Foster Care
Resource Center**

On Sunday, May 15, the fleece blankets lovingly made by our Quilters+ group were blessed. The thirty blankets are now at the Foster Care Resource Center awaiting to find a home with a foster child in our community.

You can see the blankets during the Open House. Information is above.

Open Table Fellowship and Coffee Hour Thoughts



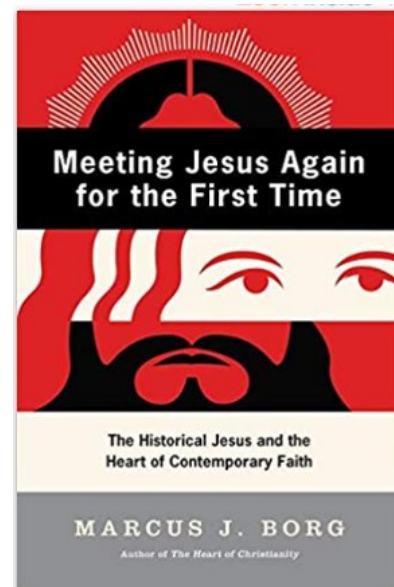
Greetings Christ Church Companions,

As Marcus Borg tells us in *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*, Jesus promoted open table fellowship (which was a challenge to the purity system of that time). Fellowship is an important part of our life, and sadly it has been missing during the pandemic. Now that we are able to attend church again and have been given the green light to serve food following the 10:30 service, I am excited to see companions I have not seen and visited with for a long time. I am also excited to get to know new members and visitors who have recently found us.

Table fellowship involves eating with companions. Since it is lunch time as we finish our 10:30 service, it makes perfect sense to have something sustainable to eat (not just caffeine and sugar). This allows us to linger and visit, to enjoy fellowship. We did this really well prior to the pandemic, but since then we have lost several hosts due to health issues and death.

In the past we had 33 hosts who served once per quarter in teams of two. Thankfully we have 14 dedicated hosts currently. Obviously the numbers will not allow us to provide what we enjoyed prior to 2020. As a result, there is a need to reinvent our coffee hour. The current plan is to have our hosts set up beverages and clean up following each coffee hour. We will have a parish pot luck the first Sunday of each month with brown bag lunch the other Sundays.

As we rethink what is possible, hear welcome suggestions, and hopefully gain more host volunteers, we will be able to provide something each Sunday. We gladly welcome anyone wishing to join us to help make fellowship happen here at Christ Church. Please contact me, Lynne Bean, 707-599-4964, lynnedbean@suddenlink.net.



As a reminder, masks are optional for those fully vaccinated, and masks are expected for those who are unvaccinated at church events.

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Food for People

The Food Bank for Humboldt County



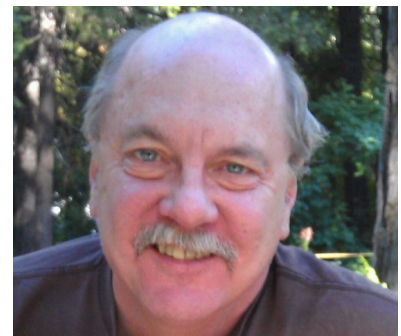
Food for People Begins Construction on the 14th Street Site

If you have not driven by 14th and Summer Streets lately, the new Food for People building is finally going up! With delays from the pandemic, supply chain, and other construction related matters, the building is finally going up and taking shape.

A note from Fr. Eric Duff

Greetings to friends in Semperviren's Deanery,

Rob and I arrived in Santa Fe on April 1, and by May 4 we closed on a new home. The housing market is crazy here as everywhere, so we feel fortunate to have found a decent home in a quiet neighborhood. The house needs a good deal of work, but slow progress is being made. Meanwhile, we are living in a cabin in an RV park with our beloved dog Duke.



I continue my private practice as a psychotherapist. I've joined the choir at St. Bede's Episcopal Church. Rob found a job at an upscale "diner" called Joe's Dining, where he is now day manager. He was accepted into Highland University, where he will begin work on a Masters in Social Work after he qualifies as a New Mexican resident.

My new address: 2838 Paseo de los Pueblos, #20, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87507

Same phone and email: 707-407-6891

erictd6017@gmail.com

Thanks for your good wishes and prayers. I hope everything is well in Humboldt County. The fires that have been much in the news rage just north of us, but fortunately not so close as to be a danger for us at this time.

Peace and blessings,

The Rev. Eric T. Duff+

Camp Living Waters

A community of faith reaching throughout the North Coast of California

Camp Living Waters is a week-long Episcopal summer camp in the heart of Redwood Valley. We are a non-profit camp based at St. Alban's parish in Arcata and draw our staff members from the faith communities of the North Coast. Trained staff members from the local faith communities lead, supervise and encourage campers and counselors. Our week is based around a daily schedule including crafts, outdoor activities, swimming, Bible discussion, worship and nightly campfire, with additional special activities throughout the week such as stargazing. Campers from age 9 to 15 make new friendships and explore their faith; counselors learn leadership skills in a supportive atmosphere.

Registration for Camp Living Waters is now live and can be found at <http://camplivingwatershumboldt.org/registration>. **Registration is due by July 1.** Camp Living Waters is our deanery camp located in the heart of Redwood Valley off Hwy 299. Camp begins on Sunday, July 24 at 6 p.m. and ends on Friday, July 29 at 3 p.m. Youth ages 9-15 come as campers and youth ages 16-17 serve as counselors. The registration fee is \$200 per camper/counselor and scholarships are available. Questions? Please contact the Rector, the Very Rev. Sara L. Potter (revsara@stalbensarcata.org) or Emily Armstrong Buck, the Camp Coordinator (clwhumboldt@gmail.com).

A few of you have asked about how Camp is funded. The expense per camper/counselor is \$450. The registration fee is \$200 which means all the youth who attend are subsidized in part. The major expenses for the week are the rental of Cookson Ranch, food and the camp t-shirts. Staff are volunteers with very modest stipends going to the Camp Coordinator, on site Director and Camp Cook.

In addition to the registration fees, funding comes from the Diocese of Northern California, Episcopal Community Services, Humboldt Sponsors, the Bishop's annual appeal, local congregations, individuals and, for the first time this year, the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California. The Camp Living Waters Steering Council oversees the year round administration of the camp including writing grants to these organizations and submitting budget requests to the Diocese.

The Steering Council has representation from all the deanery congregations. Currently serving are Emily Armstrong Buck (St. Alban's), Diana Cooper (St. Alban's), the Rev. Geri Cunningham (St. Francis, Fortuna), Shirley Curtis (St. Paul's, Crescent City), Sarah Hines (Christ Church, Eureka) and the Very Rev. Sara Potter (St. Alban's).



Called to *Serve*

LAY MINISTRY

By Marty Vega

We're already half-way through 2022, and into Pentecost. Some say that during this season we celebrate the fruits of the Spirit in each of us. We can share our gifts with our own community and the world and don't you think this describes our Lay Ministries perfectly? We get to enhance and support our parish while being with a group of like-minded friends.



Below is a list of some of our lay ministries and contact information for each. Which of your special gifts would you like to share?

Anne Pierson	Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers	448-2025
Kathy Clague	Altar Guild	822-5860
David Powell	Choir	davidbpowell@gmail.com
Lynne Bean	10:30a m Coffee Hour	822-6086
Peg Gardner	8 am Coffee Hour	443-9627
Bob and Sara Hines	Contribution Counters	445-8974
Elizabeth Harper-Lawson	Eucharistic Visitors	445-1726
Marty Vega	Lectors and Intercessors	443-9782
Jannetje Vrieze	Prayer Circle	499-8667
Belinda Zander	Quilters +	442-4222
Vickie Patton	Story Corner	443-1825
Christ Church Office	Technical Team	442-1797
Jannetje Vrieze	Ushers and Greeters	499-8667
Sharon Kalberer	Ushers and Greeters	630-3100
Belinda Zander	Welcome Bags	442-4222



CENTERING PRAYER

Monday evenings~in person
Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour
or online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82639812032>

6:30-7:30 pm

Masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated,
and masks are expected for those who are unvaccinated.



June Birthday Wishes



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

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



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.**

Daniel & Karen Price	06/05	John & Evaonne Hendricks	06/21
Carrie & Jim Hogan	06/08	Royal & Willie McCarthy	06/22
Kathleen Lake & Tom Davies	06/11	Bob & Sara Hines	06/23
Tony & Mary Jane Jennetti		06/28	



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

June 5

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

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

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
The Most Rev. Thabo Makgoba
Archbishop of Capetown
and Primate of Southern Africa

June 12

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Shepherd by the Sea, Gualala
The Rev. Roderick McAulay, Advisory Pastor

St. Paul's, Benicia

The Rev. Annie Pierpoint Mertz, Rector
The Rev. Beth Gaines, Deacon
The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert, Associate Priest
The Rev. Pamela Higgins, Associate Priest
The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate Priest

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Anglican Church of South America
The Most Rev. Gregory Venables, Presiding Bishop
of South America and Bishop of Argentina

June 19

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

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

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
The Most Rev. Justina Badi Arama, Archbishop
and Primate of South Sudan and Bishop of Juba

June 26

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

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

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
The Most Rev. Ezekiel Kondo
Archbishop of Sudan and Bishop of Khartoum

July 3

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Andrew's in the Redwoods
Monte Rio

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Anglican Church of Tanzania
The Most Rev. Maimbo Mndolwa
Archbishop of Tanzania and Bishop of Tanga



July 10

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Anderson

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Red Bluff
The Rev. Canon Julie Wakelee, Priest-in-Charge

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER


The Church of the Province of Uganda,
The Most Rev. Stephen Kaziimba
Archbishop of Uganda and Bishop of Kampala

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 2022 Anglican Cycle of Prayer for you.

The Rev. Anne Pierson, Deacon



JUNE 2022

SUN	M	T	W	Th	F	SAT
				1 Office closed	2 Office closed	3 4 Altar Guild 10 AM Deanery Sacred Saunter 11 AM Redwood Park Arcata Pentecost Concert (released) 4 pm YouTube
5 DAY OF PENTECOST Whitsunday 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka Join us for Birthday Potluck!	6 Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour Office closed	7	8 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm	9 Office closed Rose Society	10	11 Altar Guild 10 AM St. Barnabas, Apostle
12 1st Sunday after Pentecost TRINITY SUNDAY 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka	13 Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour Office closed	14	15 Quilters+ Lewis Hall 9:30 am 	16 Office closed	17	18 Altar Guild 10 AM
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The Right Reverend Megan M. Traquair
Bishop
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The Rev. K Lesley McCloghrie - Associate Priest
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The Rev. Anne Pierson - Deacon

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David B. Powell - Choir Director
Dr. Douglas Moorehead - Organist Emeritus

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