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Seabury and the Patriotic Practice of Stewardship



Bishop Samuel Seabury (1729 – 1796)



Seabury at Halloween 2021

This March will be the 240th anniversary of the election of the first Episcopal bishop Samuel Seabury, the namesake of one of my Yorkies. The first Anglican worship service held on American soil took place in California in 1579, but Seabury wasn't elected until 1783.¹ So why did it take the church over two centuries to get a bishop? Well, the Church of England refused to send or endorse a bishop partly because they felt an Anglican Church outside of England was doomed to fail. In England at the time, a portion of the imposed tax would go directly to the church, so Christian stewardship was enforced. The leaders of the Church of England could not imagine people in America supporting a church of their own free will. However, soon after Seabury was consecrated bishop, the Episcopal Church proved to be financially sustainable as its members enjoyed giving generously to their church. Perhaps early Episcopalians knew what professors of economics are beginning to understand today: that supporting one's church financially actually contributes to one's happiness.² Or more likely, they wanted to give back to God a portion of what God had given them, understanding that giving to the church was the best way they could use their money for God's glory. It was this kind of bold generosity that contributed to the health and vitality of our burgeoning church and nation. So, giving generously to the Episcopal Church proved to be a powerful act of patriotism.

I invite you to participate in this particularly patriotic act of stewardship by increasing your giving to Christ Church. Our primary mission is to glorify God through our worship, so giving to Christ Church is the best way to use your money for God's glory. I encourage you to look at the Giving Graph on the Pledge Card and prayerfully consider stepping your pledge up to the next level.

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¹ The first recorded worship service using the English Prayer Book was led by Sir Francis Drake's chaplain Francis Fletcher on the Feast Day of St. John the Baptist, June 24 (July 4) 1579. There is a large stone Celtic cross sculpture in Golden Gate Park commemorating this event, called the Prayer Book Cross or the Sir Francis Drake Cross. Samuel Seabury was elected bishop in Connecticut on March 25, 1783.

² See the research of Professor Laurence Iannaccone of Chapman University and Professor Jonathan Gruber of MIT, introduced in this podcast: <https://freakonomics.com/podcast/does-religion-make-you-happy/>

FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Dr. Daniel D. London

Seabury and the Patriotic Practice of Stewardship



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I am personally impressed with the inspiring generosity of Christ Church Eureka's like you; and, at the same time, I believe we can *walk in grace and share our bounty* even more than we already do. According to a recent study, Assemblies of God, Seventh-Day Adventists, and Mormons give the most to their churches among American denominations, often giving the traditional and *biblical* tithe, which is 10 % of their income. Baptists on average give 3 to 5 % of their income, while Catholics, Lutherans, and Episcopalians give about 1 %. Our Episcopal Church forefathers, who regularly tithed their income, would likely be surprised by these low numbers. Also, compared to other Episcopal congregations within our range in the diocese, our giving at Christ Church is less than average.³

I share this in order to show how much potential we have for growth when it comes to stewardship. I also acknowledge with deep gratitude that we at Christ Church are tremendously blessed with many active members who give generously of their time and talents, which we also need in order to fulfill our mission. We have great potential to increase our own happiness through giving of our time and talent and treasure, to make our Episcopal Church forefathers proud of us, and to use our gifts to glorify the One who gave us the gifts in the first place, as stewards of His bounty, walking together in His Grace.

Left to right: Gubbio and Kaley Smithler, Gubbio, Ashley, Seabury, and Fr. Daniel at Feast of Transfiguration 2022 (photo by Perry Gray-Reneberg), Bishop Megan with Seabury (July 2021)



³ According to the diocese's congregational range sheet, Christ Church Eureka has the second highest average Sunday attendance in our range (D), but we are second-to-last in terms of our giving: <https://www.norcalepiscopal.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/2022-DioCon-%E2%80%93-3-Range-Sheets.pdf>

Joy in Believing

The Rev. David Shewmaker, Associate Priest

Editor's Note: Fr. David is still recuperating from his recent surgery. We have selected one of this previous Chronicle articles for reprint this month from November 2019.

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."

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

I submit to you that if you and I begin to live our lives as if this scripture is an accurate and true description of the future of the earth and of the people thereon, then others will begin to come to our side and join us in this glorious faith. Others will no longer see us as strange throwbacks to another time, a time of fantasy beliefs and 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 and space, exigencies like tears, death, mourning, crying, and pain, to say nothing of fears of environmental disaster, international terrorism, and "wars and 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 and 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 and 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 recreation of heaven and earth, the making of all things new. Believe, my brothers and 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 and 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 and I begin to live with the passionate belief that Paul and John and Isaiah had, that these scriptures are accurate and true descriptions of the future of the earth and of the people thereon, then others will begin to come to our side and join us in this glorious faith. You cannot hide a candle under a basket, so let our lights of faith shine!



Ritual

The Rev. K. Lesley McCloghrie, Associate Priest



Following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, I spent many hours watching the events surrounding her passing unfold. The progression of her coffin from Balmoral to Edinburgh, then on to London, and the lying-in-state in Westminster Hall. I saw the proclamation of the Accession of King Charles, the remembrance service at St. Paul's Cathedral as well as the state funeral at Westminster Abbey, and the committal ceremony at St. George's Chapel, Windsor. Throughout all these events, I was struck by the precision and care with which they were carried out.

These rituals around the death and accession of the British Monarch, are all steeped in tradition, some of them dating back hundreds of years, and while some may seem obsolete in this information age as was pointed out by one American commentator, they bring with them not only spectacle, but perhaps more importantly, a sense of stability, of security, in what could be seen as a time of uncertainty and upheaval. Mulling over these events, I began to think about ritual, what it is and how, in so many ways, it is an ever-present part of all our lives.

Ritual can be defined in many ways, and as I am writing this for a parish newsletter, the one that immediately springs to mind, is that of religious ritual. All faiths have their own religious rituals, and in Christianity, each denomination has its own particular form of ritual. Within our Episcopal Church, despite the fact that we all use the Book of Common Prayer, the Sunday morning ritual will still vary slightly from parish to parish. The Rite itself is dictated by the text and rubrics (the instructions in italics) of our prayer book, and we all stand to praise God, kneel or stand to pray, and sit to listen, but the way we do things will vary. The size and members of the altar party, the choir, the readers, intercessor and ushers, their placement and choreography will be different from parish to parish. Think of the rituals of Holy Week and Easter, from Palm Sunday, through Venerating the Cross, to the flowering of the Cross, we become very familiar with our own way of "doing church" and are often surprised or dismayed when visiting another congregation. These familiar rituals, bring us closer to the holy, and, I think, help to give us a sense of security and stability.



This past week I had a friend of fifty plus years visiting me from England. All my usual home rituals were put on hold, for example, morning coffee, with breakfast and the news, over the course of the week, became a later breakfast and conversation, often about the news, but a different ritual, a different routine. We have so many day-to-day rituals in our lives, we just don't think about them until they are disrupted or changed in some way.

We also have rituals around special days or events, often these are handed down by our families. Thanksgiving will soon be here, and like all holidays, it comes with its own rituals. The food served, the time of the dinner, where people sit at the table, the family football game, how we watch or not the actual football games, all these are family rituals, carried on from year to year and often from generation to generation. When my husband Keith and I had our first child, we had a dilemma about where to hang the Christmas stockings. He grew up with central heating and no fireplace, so he hung his stocking on the radiator in his room, I hung mine on the mantelpiece, so we compromised, and our stockings were hung on the end of beds, and so a new Christmas ritual/tradition was begun. It made life a little more difficult for Santa, but this ritual afforded us and our children many hours of pleasure and gave us many stories to share.



Take a moment and think about your rituals, be they large or small, day-to-day, church, event or holiday related. Usually they afford us pleasure, a sense of wellbeing, of belonging, of being grounded, and while they may not be as grand as those pertaining to royalty, for us they are equally important.

Lesley+

Gone Fishing ... for “Slow Living”



As I write this column, I am enjoying the first week of a month-long vacation, something I have been looking forward to very much. I am so grateful for Fr. Daniel's support and for the fact that Christ Church is blessed with talented musicians who will serve during the month of October (organists Doug Moorehead and Thomas Swanger and pianist David Powell). As I pondered what to say about my vacation and absence, a new message from my favorite blogger, Ashley Danyew arrived in my email, and as always, she says it far more perfectly than I ever could:

Slow living is a practice, yes; a reframing of expectations (the ones we give ourselves and the ones we take on from others) and a new state of mind. Why is this important? Because it grounds us. And it makes us more human (<https://www.ashleydanyew.com/posts/editorial-october-2022>).

She also quotes Erin Loechner who describes “slow living” as:

"Slow living is for connection, for community. For looking a crossing guard in the eye when we thank them. For making the time to help the woman in aisle 9 find the olives. For having the space in our day to welcome an impromptu visit from neighbors, for having the space in our mind to open the door wide even though the hallway's a mess" (<https://designformankind.com/2019/10/slow-your-life/>) - “How to Slow Your Life”, by Erin, 10/09/2019).

In her book, *Chasing Slow: Courage to Journey Off the Beaten Path*, Loechner writes:

In a society that places a disproportionate emphasis on Productivity, there is a true and real fear of slowing down. Will we be replaced? Left behind? ... Will we be cast aside for not pulling our weight, for not keeping up with the pace, for not playing by the rules?"

In all honesty, I have asked myself all these questions, and I find that into week one, I have managed to let go of the guilt of feeling I am not doing something I should be doing. I find myself feeling both challenged and blessed to have this month off. Blessed because I can step away and know that all will be well, and all does not depend on me. And challenged to avoid the guilt and not fill up my time with “one more thing” but rather to just enjoy the fullness of each day and what it brings.

And so, while I am not actually going fishing (though I would love to re-visit the Colorado mountain streams where I learned how to fish for trout when I was a youngster), I will be taking time to discern what each day will hold, and revel in making those daily connections that form community. I will be travelling to South Dakota next week to have my mother's ashes interred in her family's plot, in a small cemetery on the prairie, just West of Vale, SD. I have been there once, and the place evokes everything I love and miss about the Midwest – the flat prairie and wide horizon with endless blue sky, God's voice in the sound of the grass blowing and the cicadas singing. And wonderful people who still enjoy “slow living.”

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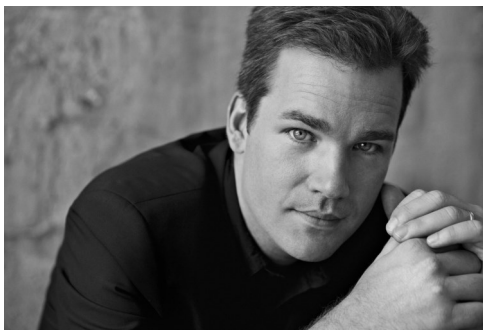
A new string orchestra for Humboldt County!

On Sunday, October 23, 2022, 4:00 pm, Christ Church will welcome Humboldt County’s newest musical ensemble, the yet unnamed, Humboldt String Orchestra. Formed by new Humboldt County resident, Reid Blickenstaff and Julie Fulkerson, the group will present Baroque and Romantic era works for their inaugural concert. Local musicians in the group include violinists Reid Blickenstaff, Aurora Pitts, Gwen Post and Julie Fulkerson; violist Holly MacDonell; cellist Jesse Alm; and bassist Dario Olachea.

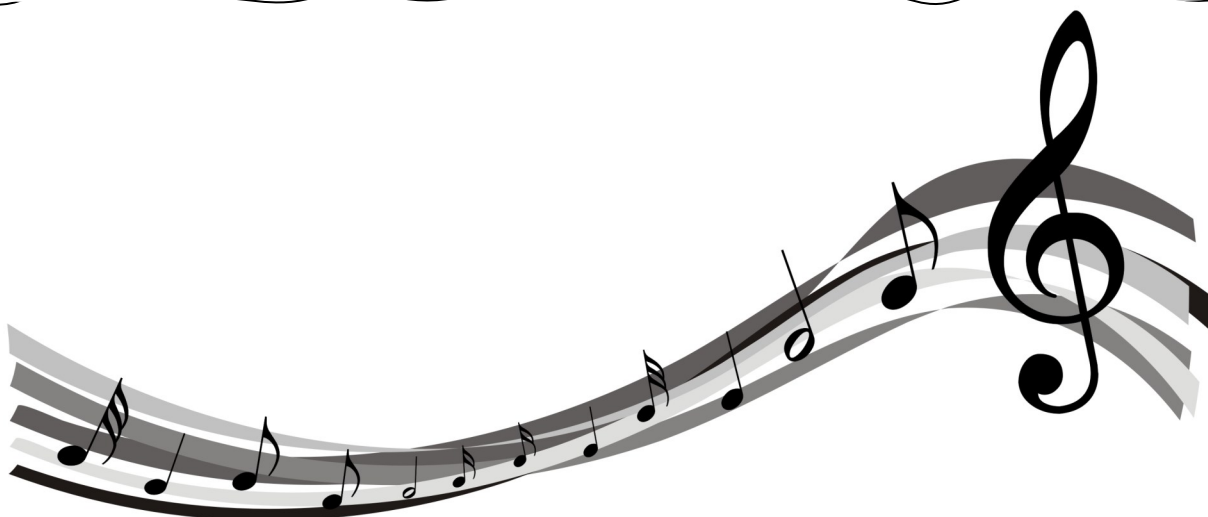


The concert will be free to the community and voluntary donations received will go to the musicians, with a 10% tithe to Christ Church. Because this is a new group that has asked specifically to rehearse and perform at Christ Church, and because we want to support this endeavor, we are asking for a tithe in lieu of a facilities fee. In the future, we look forward to having some of these musicians play for our worship services as in “in kind” payment. Christ Church benefits also by drawing members of the community into our beautiful worship space to enjoy its beauty as well as lovely music.

There will be a reception with light refreshments following the concert. If you would like to help with the reception (donate a plate of cookies, etc.) please contact me (merry@merryphillips.com). I am also looking for two volunteers to greet and hand out programs (serve as ushers) for the concert. Please join me in welcoming this newly formed group.



SAVE THE DATE! On Sunday, January 15, 2023, we will welcome back Ken Cowan, concert organist for a concert on the Kegg Organ. Some of you will remember that Ken was one of the first major artists that the Christ Church Concert Series sponsored – over twelve years ago – just shortly after the installation of the Kegg organ. Mark your calendars – it will be a treat to hear him play again!



From the Senior Warden Steven Preston



VESTRY MEETING: At its September 25th meeting in Lewis Hall, the Vestry approved the August minutes and received the written outreach, Senior Warden, and financial reports. The status of the rent for the apartment (in the office building) was reviewed. The Vestry approved reimbursing the Rector from designated donations received, for personal funds spent for airfare and pre-flight lodging for a parishioner to return to their home in upstate New York, with excess donations to be transferred to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. The Vestry heard a report about the completed Retaining Wall, and were pleased that it came in on budget, leaving \$8,030 in the unrestricted Robert and Jeanne Fish Memorial Fund! There was preliminary discussion of ideas for restoring/upgrading the landscaping of the lawn (The Meadow); decisions were postponed pending more information. Vestry postponed review of the final Articles 7 and 8 of the church constitution to October, with a vote on adopting an amended version of the constitution later in the year, after the required noticing.

Fr. Daniel reported on his activities as Rector, on discussions by a team of parishioners on increasing the use of the Chapel's labyrinth, and on further planning for his Sabbatical Leave from mid-May through mid-August 2023. Junior Warden John Patton reported on completion of the Retaining Wall, that the external lights at the 15th Street end of the Chapel have been upgraded to LEDs with photo-sensors, and that an outlet has been installed in the back of the Nave for the Livestream Team's equipment.

Archdeacon Pam Gossard reported on several outreach efforts. She also reported on Bishop Megan's visit the previous Friday for a Clericus at Christ Church. Pam also announced to the Vestry that, after ten years, Mother Sara will step down as Deanery Dean on October 31st, and that our own Mother Lesley will become Deanery Dean on November 1st. I briefly highlighted some items from my written report, seeking feedback from the Vestry.

Parish Administrator Thomas Swanger reported that an interim revised Church Directory should be published in October, with a final Directory with optional (color!) pictures expected later this fall. Robin Cardona reported further on the Children's Sunday School, and Fr. Daniel spoke briefly of his desire to begin a Children's Mass on Sundays, between the services, in the Chapel. The required "Safe Church" training and certification for Vestry members, officers, and children's workers was again discussed, and Thomas Swanger reported on who can expect to receive links for the training, and when. Plans for the October 8th Stewardship Dinner and Online Auction were described, and the Vestry heard that the Stewardship Team is designating the auction proceeds for upgrading the Sanctuary sound system. I was happy to report that Lyn Klay has accepted appointment as Co-Leader of the Emergency Response Team and has already met with Co-Leader Bill Walser for planning. There was discussion of the Deanery's Project [Re]Start, the need to paint the Transfiguration House (Rectory) front steps and porch, and naming of the Meadow. The next Vestry meeting is Sunday, October 23rd at 1:00 p.m. in Lewis Hall. *(The minutes of the most recent Vestry meetings and the Financial Report are always posted on the bulletin board in Lewis Hall.)*

WELCOME HOME POTLUCK BBQ: Sunday, September 11th, after the 10:30 service, was a festive Welcome Home Potluck BBQ! The church school provided BBQ'd burgers and hot dogs, with plenteous and delicious side dishes and desserts provided by parishioners. **A grand time was had by all!**

STEWARDSHIP: WALKING IN GRACE, SHARING OUR BOUNTY, *Giving To God From What God Has Given To Us:* We say or sing those familiar words at every Holy Eucharist as the alms basins are presented to God by the people: "All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee." The meaning

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of this oh-so-common sentence can be summed up in one word: “stewardship.” Stewardship is actually a very simple and very common thing: the management of someone else’s property. Your bank or credit union is a steward of your money. Your medical care provider is a steward of your health. Parents are the stewards of their children’s welfare. And you and I are stewards of God’s world and God’s wealth.

Jesus taught us that God will provide for us just like God provides for the sparrows in the trees. Christians believe that all that we have is ours by the grace – the unearnable favor – of God. And, so, we hold our talents, our skills, and our wealth in trust for God. We begin our Christian walk in faith: faith in that which cannot be seen or proven, but faith that is a response to the love God pours out to us. Part of that faith is trust, trusting that God will provide for our needs. And, so, we give back to God as a loving, trusting response to God’s gifts to us. We give of our talents, our abilities; of our skills, our experience; and of our wealth, our money.

And God calls us to venture out in the faith that, as we give of our talents, of our time, and of our money to God through our local church, God will provide for our every need. My husband, Dan Hafer, and I have found that we have never lacked, as we have pledged in increasing amounts each year to support God’s work through Christ Church. **I invite you to step out in faith, in trust, and to pledge, or see if you can increase your pledge, for God’s work through Christ Church in 2023.**

LAY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES: There are many opportunities for using your skills, experience, and gifts, where you would be welcomed with open arms and grateful hearts! **Please contact any Lay Ministry Leader for information or to volunteer:** Their names and contact information are in the monthly *Chronicle* newsletter.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP, “A Letter From James”: This new six-week group is on Thursdays, October 6 through November 10, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Pastor Karen Stanley and I lead an in-depth study of the Epistle of James. We meet at tables in the Chapel, and the group discussion includes worksheets to guide us as we work through the letter together, section by section, looking for the original meaning and how it applies to our lives today. **Bring your Bible, a pen, and your curiosity, and join us on this adventure in Scripture in the Chapel, on Thursdays, at 6:30 p.m., October 6th through November 10th.**

THE WALL IS DONE! The new retaining wall and walkway are complete! To be named for Jeanne and Robert Fish, the project was funded from their unrestricted Memorial Fund. A new lawn and landscaping design will be decided soon and installed. **Many thanks to Junior Warden John Patton, Project Manager Royal McCarthy, and Vestry Member Steve Cole for the months of hard work getting us to this point!**

DIOCESAN RAINBOW MINISTRY MEETING: This is the new name for this emerging ministry, under the wing of the diocesan Commission for Intercultural Ministries. At our Zoom meeting on Saturday, September 17th, we adopted this name and the proposed Mission, Vision, and Core Values Statements. The new diocesan Missioner for Church Life, Fr. Mack Olson, is taking an active role. As the national Episcopal Church moves more assertively into this area of ministry, the diocesan Rainbow Ministry is intended, at the diocese and parish levels, to facilitate a ministry of presence with the Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Questioning+ (2S/LGBTQIAQ+) community, to resource dialog, and to embrace the “fabulous diversity” within our diocese and our parishes. The Rainbow Ministry will be included in the Commission’s presence at the Annual Convention in Redding this month. **Please contact me to take part in this emerging diocesan ministry.**

DIOCESAN E-NEWS: One last appeal: if you don’t already subscribe, I encourage you to keep up with the Bishop, the Diocese, and other parishes by signing up for this weekly newsletter at: <https://www.norcalepiscopal.org/#signup>

Steve Preston
Senior Warden



SACRED SAUNTER

Save the Date—Saturday, November 5
Semper Virens Deanery—Sacred Saunter
Led by St. Francis Episcopal, Fortuna
at the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge



As polls begin to close on Nov. 8 for the U.S. midterm elections, all are invited to join an Election Day Prayers gathering online hosted by The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations.

Tune in from 8 p.m. to midnight EST via The Episcopal Public Policy Network Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TheEPPN/>) or The Episcopal Church Facebook page. (<https://www.facebook.com/episcopalian>) Viewers do not need a Facebook profile to participate.

At the top of each hour, special guests from around the church will offer 10-15 minutes of reflection and prayer. Participants are encouraged to engage in prayerful conversation in the comments. The gathering will also feature simple video feeds from parishes throughout the U.S.

Scheduled guests include Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; House of Deputies President Julia Ayala Harris; the Rev. Charles Graves IV, missionary for Houston Canterbury; the Rev. Donna Gleaves, an Episcopal Public Policy Network ambassador; and Willis H.A. Moore, an Episcopal Election Activator.

“We welcome everyone as we reflect on this key process of our common life and on the importance of fair elections for our democracy,” said Rebecca Linder Blachly, director of the Office of Government Relations. “We hope many voters will join us that day to pray for our leaders, neighbors, and country.”

The Office of Government Relations offers a **2022 Vote Faithfully Midterm Election Engagement Toolkit** and other resources for parishes interested in voter advocacy. Learn more at:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/advocacy-resources/>

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States (or of this community) in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer p. 822, For an Election

PROJECT (RE)START

DISASTER ASSISTANCE



Many communities in Northern California are impacted by the natural disasters that we have unfortunately come to expect. Fires, floods, earthquakes, and tsunamis can affect our congregations and neighbors. As a way to aid victims with rebuilding their lives after an evacuation, congregations of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California are called to participate in an initiative to provide bins containing items for re-establishing daily life.

As an Advent project, congregations of the Semper Virens Deanery will begin to compile and store standardized bins. Of the five types of bins, St. Albans, Christ Church, and St. Francis will initially concentrate on filling five bins of one of three types (bathroom, cleaning, or kitchen). This effort will be expanded in the future.

These bins are available to victims free of charge, and are gathered for Disaster Resource Centers upon a call to the parishes from the diocesan Project Coordinator. As bins are used, parishes will replenish the number of bins they are storing for future calls.

For more information, please see <https://www.norcalepiscopal.org/resources/project-restart/>

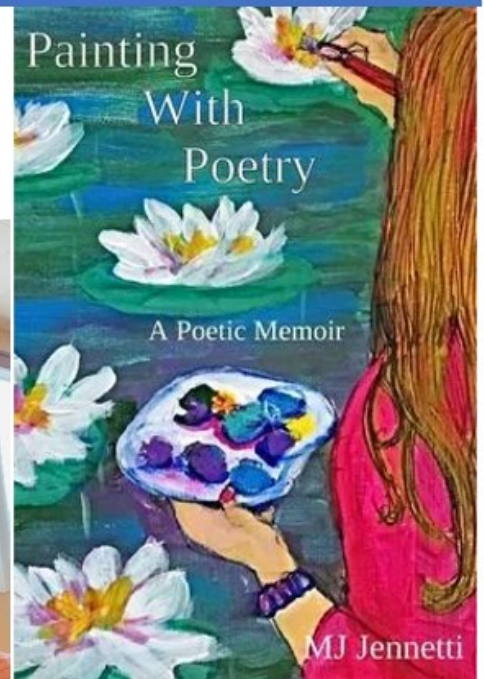
Christ Church's Project (Re)Start Advent Project: There will be more information in November. If you would like to volunteer for this Emergency Response Team project, **please contact the Rev. Anne Pierson or Senior Warden Steve Preston.**



JOIN US for a conversation
with MJ Jennetti, author of
*Painting with
Poetry: A Poetic
Memoir*

**Sunday, October 16
9:15 am, Lewis Hall**

Mary Jane and her husband
Tony started attending Christ
Church during the lockdown
watching our livestream
service. They now attend our 8 am
Contemplative Holy Eucharist.



Left: Mary Jane and Fr. Daniel at 8
am Coffee Hour on September 25.

The book can be purchased at [barnesandnoble.com](https://www.barnesandnoble.com)
or <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/painting-with-poetry-mj-jennetti/1141811184>

There will be some copies available for purchase with cash (\$14) at the event and MJ is willing to
sign copies.



CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER CIRCLE

Our Prayer Circle will pray for your special need if you request it by
contacting Jannetje Vrieze. She emails it to Prayer Circle members, and
they add the request to their regular prayers.

Three good things to know:

1. Prayer Circle members practice strict respect and confidentiality.
2. If you ask for prayers for another person or persons,
they must know about it and agree.
3. Best access to Jannetje is email: jvdutchgirl@yahoo.com

Bible Study Group

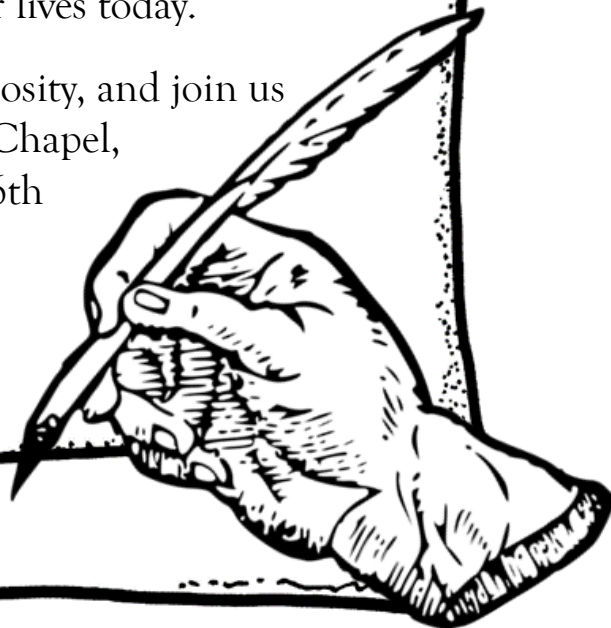
A Letter From James

Please join us for an in-depth study of the Epistle of James. We will meet on six Thursdays, October 6 through November 10, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the Chapel.

Pastor Karen Stanley and Senior Warden Steve Preston will lead us in a study of this little-known New Testament book. We begin by looking into: Who was James? To whom was he writing? Why was he writing to them? What was he hoping to achieve with this letter?

From this background, the group will spend six weeks around the table, in group discussion, as we work through the letter together, section by section, looking for the original meaning and how it applies to our lives today.

Bring your Bible, a pen, and your curiosity, and join us on this adventure in Scripture in the Chapel, on Thursdays, at 6:30 p.m., October 6th through November 10th.





Food for People
The Food Bank for Humboldt County

THANK YOU all for your food donations! I have taken 105 lbs. of food items to the Food Bank after our recent Just One Can Sundays. Your donations are needed now more than ever.

I volunteer at the distribution center in Cooper Gulch on Tuesday afternoons. Each Tuesday for the last 3-weeks, the Food Bank has given food out to more than 100 families.

Our next Just One Can Sunday is Nov. 6.

Stay safe,
Bev Olson



Safeguarding Christ Church Security Walk Around

Looking for volunteers to help with our security walks around the church campus. A nightly (after 5 pm) walk around the campus once every 2 weeks! If you are interested, or want more information, please contact:

John Patton, Junior Warden
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WELCOME HOME SUNDAY



Welcome Home Sunday was a success and enjoyed by many parishioners. We had good attendance at our services and for the BBQ hosted by the Sunday School! Thanks to everyone who helped with a most successful event.



Welcome Home Sunday photos by Daniel Hafer

Humboldt Bay Marathon thanks Christ Church Volunteers!

Rich Baker, director of the Humboldt Bay Marathon sent his thanks to Fr. Daniel for the four volunteers from Christ Church; Peach and Tom Bond along with Gigi and Francis Rivinus, who helped out with the marathon on August 14th. A donation of \$200 was made to the Betty Chinn Center in appreciation of these volunteers. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

Queen Elizabeth's Anglican Faithfulness

By Rowan Williams

A great deal has by now been written about Queen Elizabeth, and ample tribute has been paid to her stature. It has been intriguing to see how commentators

John Betjeman's poem on the death of King George V described his mourners as "Old men who never cheated, never doubted, / Communicated monthly"; something of this lived on in the queen. That deep, unshowy piety, nourished by the prayer book and the King James Bible, seems very remote in an Anglican world like ours. Even the most dedicated supporter of the prayer book will have grown up in a cultural climate where none of this could be taken for granted as it once had been.

But it would be a crass mistake to think that it produced an inflexible conservatism, let alone moralism. The depth of this subdued devotion seems to have allowed the queen — as it had allowed some of Betjeman's "old men" — to adapt with stoical courage to new circumstances, to look with charity if not always approval at new styles of behavior, even to think new thoughts where necessary. The queen proved adaptable, self-critical, tolerant, and unfazed through a near-century of colossal upheaval. Her patent conviction that her role was a matter of divine vocation and that her anointing was a promise of grace and divine faithfulness allowed her to be strong enough to grow and change.

When she was awaiting her Coronation, Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher, for whom she retained much respect, prepared for her a book of daily prayers and meditations to guide her through the months. It was a book she used and continued to treasure. Some visitors to Windsor Castle would be shown the book, preserved along with other mementos of that period, and it was obvious that it had been formative — almost an equivalent for her of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises.

These were the foundations for her thinking about her calling. And they helped her make what must have been a difficult discernment in



Archbishop Williams introduces Queen Elizabeth to leaders of the United Kingdom's many faith groups who gathered at Lambeth Palace.

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have tiptoed around the question of her personal faith: everyone who has given this more than a second's thought recognizes that her Christian commitment was deeply part of her, but it has been obvious that, for many, this is something impenetrably strange, almost exotic.

And in a way you can see their problem. Her Anglican faith — like that of her father and grandfather — was redolent of a lost world in which weekly Mattins, fervent but infrequent Communion, very private prayer, and unquestioning honesty and uprightness went together.

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her later years. As British society grew both more religiously plural and more secular, she responded not by watering down what she had to say in her annual Christmas broadcasts but by gently increasing the references to her faith and to the role of religious faith in general.

Reading through these Christmas texts, it is striking that, as her society ceased to take for granted the frame of reference that was hers, she recognized that part of her task was to remind us of it. Never triumphalist, never aggressive, she simply reiterated her own commitment, her acknowledgment of God's grace, and her insistence on the need to remember what the Christmas festival was actually about.

Contrary to what some over-anxious and over-apologetic observers might have feared, this did not offend or alienate the faithful of other communities. It reassured them that the monarch understood how and why faith mattered. And that was partly because she was increasingly willing to take part in inter-faith events (and was indeed criticized by some Christian rigorists for doing so). This might be at large public events like Commonwealth Day services.

But my strongest memory is of an event at Lambeth Palace, late in my time as archbishop, when we had organized a small exhibition of treasures from different faith traditions and invited the queen to come and view this, to meet a number of religious leaders, and to address the group. What she said in her address was a powerful statement of a genuinely theological rationale for the Church of England's role in a religiously plural society.

If there is an "established" church, to which certain legal privileges are given, it is essential for it, in its collective imitation of Christ, to use whatever privilege, access, or resource it has to make sure that other communities are not excluded, to reinforce the voice of minorities in the public realm. If the Church of England was in some sense the "state church" (not the most helpful of terms), it must be a church willing to act for the good of the whole social community; and that meant being attentive and supportive to those whose voices might be muted or suppressed, those who did not feel that they had an entrée into public discussion.

In the United Kingdom, solidarity with



Jane Williams, a theologian and the archbishop's wife, greets Queen Elizabeth.

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Jewish and Muslim communities under different kinds of threat was an obvious imperative, but all faith groups would need the same faithful friendship. It was a vision the Church of England tried to flesh out in various local and national projects, including Near Neighbours, which looked to build local collaborative ventures by faith communities in support of the needy or marginalized. The queen gave her unambiguous backing to this vision.

So: a deeply traditional believer, whose adherence to the faith was beyond doubt (and who could privately, so they say, be a bit caustic about over-enthusiastic liturgical or theological reformers); but one whose depth of fidelity allowed her to discern, adjust, think ahead. Someone who had a clear sense of the church's role in changing times, who did not confuse firmness of faith with loudness of utterance or hostility to strangers.

Queen Elizabeth was an incalculably important person for British society, without doubt. But she also, without ever advertising it, helped to model for her church a particular kind of Anglican faithfulness, confident without arrogance and generous to the entire community she and that church sought to serve. We owe her a very great debt for this, as for so much.

The Rt. Rev. Rowan Williams has served as the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury (2002-12) and 35th Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge (2013-20).

Vestry Meeting—September 23, 2022

Outreach Report — September

The Underwear Challenge of 2022
TFI Foster Family Resource Center
Betty Chinn Day Center



We asked TFI and Dr. Betty Chinn to prioritize their needs, and our church family responded generously! The Vestry allocated \$500 to each toward purchasing requested items and challenged the congregation to participate as well. For foster teens we were able to provide hooded sweatshirts and underwear, and for Betty's clients we supplied men's underwear. Members of the congregation added many other items to be shared as well. Toward the end of August Fr. Daniel blessed the following: 23 unisex hoodies, 113 men's t-shirts, 116 pairs of men's briefs, 38 pairs of boys' briefs, 4 pairs of men's utility pants, 50 pairs of girls' briefs, 10 pairs of women's leggings, 9 pairs of unisex joggers, 40 pairs of girls' socks and 34 pairs for boys, 9 pairs of winter gloves, 3 dozen toothbrushes. Thanks to all for rising to the challenge and caring for our community.

Quilters Plus

Quilters Plus meets monthly to work on prayer quilts and fleece throws for foster children. In addition, several work on quilts and throws at home between meetings. We do need to expand the number of quilters now that we are able to meet again in person. Fr. Daniel blessed six quilts in recent weeks.

Fresh Produce and Food for People

Our food ministries are helping to reduce food insecurity now that we resumed having a Sunday dedicated to bring fresh produce for St. Vincent de Paul's noon feeding program and another for Food for People (Food Bank). Thanks to Nellie Thompson and Bev Olson for ensuring that the food is delivered.

Refugee Support

Christ Church continues to be represented at the monthly meetings of the Diocesan RRT (Refugee Resettlement Team), supporting primarily refugees from Afghanistan and the Ukraine. Education and developing community partnerships are key components of the Refugee Resettlement program. Please take time to read the North Coast Journal article about a Ukrainian high school student who has just arrived in Eureka and is living with a local family. A week ago an informational meeting was held at the First Presbyterian Church which provided additional information about refugee programs in general along an update about what is already taking place in Eureka. Expect more activity in the future.

Future Outreach

In the past Christ Church has sometimes collected stocking stuffers/small Christmas gifts for foster children that have been blessed at Thanksgiving and adopted families or foster teens on their own. Is there interest again this year?

Peg Gardner, Outreach

Called to *Serve*

LAY MINISTRY

By Marty Vega

Autumn is here already! It's not too soon to plan our upcoming holiday schedule of services and celebrations. Each of our Lay Ministry leaders are welcoming new members right now and would love to answer any question you may have. There is something here for every talent, skill and schedule.

Anne Pierson	Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers	448-2025
Kathy Clague	Altar Guild	822-5860
David Powell	Choir	davidbpowell@gmail.com
Lynne Bean	10:30am Coffee Hour	822-6086
Peg Gardner	8am 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	jvdutchgirl@yahoo.com
Belinda Zander	Quilters +	442-4222
Vickie Patton	Story Corner	443-1825
Robin Cardona	Story Corner	267-5825
Christ Church Office	Technical Team	442-1797
Sharon Kalberrer	Ushers and Greeters	630-3100
Belinda Zander	Welcome Bags	442-4222



Quilters+ - October 12 9:30 am | Lewis Hall

Our next Quilters + meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12th at 9:30 am in Lewis Hall. We will be working on blankets for local foster children and prayer quilts for our parish. No experience needed. Supplies will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

We need to build up a completed supply of both the blankets and the quilts. Your help is appreciated.

You can bring your own project to work on. Come and enjoy conversation, snacks, and working together.

Questions, call Peg Gardner 443-9627 or Belinda Zander 442-4222



October 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.**

Catherine Mace	10/02	Ava Bennett	10/17
Elizabeth Harper-Lawson	10/04	Jeri Gray-Reneberg	10/21
Cathy Nickalou	10/08	Michael Tipton	10/21
Cindy Denbo	10/12	Anne Harris	10/21
Karen Childers	10/15	Albert Martinez	10/24
G. Barrett Mace	10/15	Earl Morgan	10/28
		Bob Hines	10/28



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.**

Fred & Jacqueline Moore	10/01
Daniel Hafer & Steven Preston	10/10
David Powell & Alexandra Blouin	10/10
Merry & Dan Phillips	10/25



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 October 2022 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 September, The Very Rev. Sara Potter, Dean of our Semper Virens Deanery, has asked us to pray for: Christ Episcopal Church, Eureka.

Intercessor: We pray for the congregations of our Deanery, this month for our own community of Christ Church, Eureka. We pray that Christ Church continues to fulfill its mission of glorifying God as we welcome Pastor Jeri Gray-Reneberg as our newest Associate Priest and support Mother Lesley in her new role as the dean of the Sempervirens deanery.

People: **Hear our prayer**



October 2

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Trinity Episcopal Church, Sonoma
The Rev. Canon James M. Thomas, PhD
Priest-in-Charge

The Rev. Canon Stephen Brannon, Rector Emeritus

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

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

October 9

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

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

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church of the Province of Central Africa,
The Most Rev. Albert Chama
Archbishop and Primate

October 16

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. James of Jerusalem, Yuba City
The Rev. Richard Laughman, Associate Priest

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

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

October 23

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St James Episcopal Church, Lincoln

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

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

October 30

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. John the Evangelist, Chico
The Rev. Tammy Smith-Firestone, Assistant Priest
The Rev Ann Sullivan, Associate Priest

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Anglican Church of Chile
The Most Rev. Tito Zavala, Presiding Bishop

November 6

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. John's Episcopal Church, Petaluma
The Rev. Daniel Green, Rector
The Rev. Laurie Warren, Deacon

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church of England
The Most Rev. and Right Honorable Justin Welby
Lord Archbishop of Canterbury
and Primate of All England

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



October 2022

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<p>FOOD FOR PEOPLE—Just One Can 2</p> <p>17th Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka</p>	<p>3</p> <p>PEO Lewis Hall 10 AM—1 PM</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>Staff Mtg 10 AM</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal Heritage Room 5:30 PM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>A Letter from James Bible Study 6:30 PM Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Altar Guild Preparation 10 AM</p> <p>STEWARDSHIP DINNER 6 PM Lewis Hall</p> <p>Stewardship Auction Closes at 5:00 PM</p>
<p>18th Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Quilters+ Lewis Hall 10:00 am</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal Heritage Room 5:30 PM</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>Rose Society Lewis Hall</p> <p>A Letter from James Bible Study 6:30 PM Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Altar Guild Preparation 10 AM</p>
<p>FRESH PRODUCE SUNDAY 16</p> <p>19th Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour</p> <p>St. Luke Evangelist</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Finance Committee 3:30 PM</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal Heritage Room 5:30 PM</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>A Letter from James Bible Study 6:30 PM Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour</p>	<p>21</p> <p>112th Diocesan Convention October 21-22 2022 Together as a New Creation</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Altar Guild Preparation 10 AM</p>
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<p>21st Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Vigil of All Saints</p>		<p>Church Office • 625 15th Street • P.O. Box 861 • Eureka, California 95502-0861</p> <p>Office Hours • Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday—9 am to 1 pm</p> <p>Phone • (707) 442-1797</p> <p>Email • christchurchureka@gmail.com</p> <p>Webpage • www.christchurchureka.org</p>			



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