



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## DECEMBER 2022 - CHRONICLE

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FROM THE RECTOR — The Rev. Dr. Daniel D. London

## At the End of the Rainbow

On the first Monday of Advent, as I was walking my Yorkies around my neighborhood, I was feeling overwhelmed as well as a bit disappointed. I had just preached the day before about our need to get plenty of rest during this often-busy holiday season and here I was feeling exhausted and daunted by the many activities and commitments that awaited me this week, and in the weeks to come. I was also feeling disappointed that we have not yet been able to return to our pre-COVID patterns and offerings at Christ Church, since the number of lay leaders and volunteers has not returned to what it used to be. As I began praying, I looked up and saw one of the most vibrant and vivid rainbows amid the grey, cloudy sky. I instantly felt a sense of hope, which happens to be the theme for the first week of Advent: Hope!

I looked towards the end of the rainbow and instead of discovering a Leprechaun's pot of gold, I saw that the rainbow's end landed right on Christ Church! Since Advent is also a season for paying attention to signs, I interpreted this as a pretty clear sign that God was smiling upon our church and that ultimately, *all shall be well*. I then picked up my pace a bit so that I could take a photo of the rainbow closer to the church as I was able to do last December. As I walked to the church, I became overcome with gratitude for the many lay leaders who have stepped up during COVID and during our re-emergence from this long season of lockdown, for our successful live-stream worship, for our outstanding choir, for our dedicated staff members, for our inspiring clergy team, and for all who worship with us in person and online. I became full of hope for the future of Christ Church Eureka. The ephemeral rainbow disappeared by the time I arrived at the church but not before I was able to snap a photo of our steeple cross (the one we installed three years ago) flanked by what had now become a magnificent *double* rainbow!

Like many other churches and non-profits, we are still learning how we can most effectively fulfill our mission amid the malaise of a post-COVID world. However, as we continue to wait patiently with hopeful expectation (which is what Advent is all about), I trust that the best years are still ahead for Christ Church!



Double Rainbow in November 2022



Rainbow in December 2021



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# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS Seasons

## SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 11 (GAUDETE SUNDAY), AND 18  
HOLY EUCHARIST | 8 & 10:30 AM

### SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

EVENSONG | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 | 5 PM | CHURCH NAVE  
CENTERING PRAYER | MONDAY, DECEMBER 5 | 6:30 PM | CHAPEL  
ADVENT SOUP SUPPER | TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 5:30 PM | LEWIS HALL

### THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

SANDY IN HONDURAS | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 | 8 & 10:30 AM | COFFEE HOURS  
UNNAMED HUMBOLDT STRING ORCHESTRA | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 | 7 PM | CHURCH NAVE  
CENTERING PRAYER | MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 | 6:30 PM | CHAPEL  
ADVENT SOUP SUPPER | TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 | 5:30 PM | LEWIS HALL

### FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

EVENSONG | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 | 5 PM | CHURCH NAVE  
CENTERING PRAYER | MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 | 6:30 PM | CHAPEL  
ADVENT SOUP SUPPER | TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20 | 5:30 PM | LEWIS HALL

## THE FEAST OF CHRIST MASS

Saturday, December 24  
7:00 PM—Musical Prelude for Christmas Eve  
Followed by Holy Eucharist: Rite II

## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Christmas Day  
Sunday, December 25  
No 8:00 am service  
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist with Carols

## THE HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, January 1—New Year's Day  
8:00 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II

## THE EPIPHANY

Friday, January 6, 2023  
5:00 PM—Dinner and celebration | Lewis Hall



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*November is the month to remind us to be thankful for the many positive things happening in our life.*

## Thanksgiving Dinner 2022



Humboldt Interfaith Fellowship

**COMMUNITY SING | November 16 | LDS Church**



**Christ Church Choir performs "Give Thanks."**



**A priest, a rabbi, and a Baha'i after the Interfaith Community Sing.**

# Advent Waiting, Christmas Priorities

The Rev. David Shewmaker, Associate Priest



In Advent we say we are waiting for Jesus and the completion of the establishment of the reign of God on earth. I submit to you that this waiting should be happily anticipatory and not filled with anxiety and worry. Look at the words of the master himself:

“Don’t worry about your life, what to eat, what to drink; don’t worry about your body – what to wear. There’s more to life than food! There’s more to the body than a suit of clothes... Can any of you add fifteen inches to your height just by worrying about it...? Instead, make your top priority God’s kingdom and his way of life and all these things will be given to you as well.” (*Matthew 6:25-34, The Kingdom New Testament, by N. T. Wright, Harper Collins, 2011, New York, p. 11.*)

I suspect that most Christians interpret this to mean something like don’t put on airs, or don’t fuss over fancy food, or accept how tall or short you are. I think it does mean those things at one level, but at another level it refers to a state of mind that is so focused on the glory of God the Creator, so thankful for the redemption of God the Redeemer, so happy at the felt presence of God the Sustainer, that the petty concerns of shallow folks never even enters the mind. Even looking down on shallow people never enters the mind of those who are focused upward.

This is being filled to the brim with confident joy! Not worrying about the little stuff also requires a long term view. People who have no faith in the future often spend their time doing whatever they can to run in the opposite direction from that which Jesus recommends. They do this by anxiously spending every waking moment in pursuit of whatever little pleasure they can corral, often pushing others out of the way of their objects of desire.

I am not saying that small pleasures should be foregone. By no means! Enjoying the blessings of the Creator’s handiwork is our prerogative as humans made in his image. We are the image of the one who said “It is very, very good” about the creation after he completed its first phase. (See Genesis 1:31) Indeed, we humans are commanded to be fruitful and fill the earth. That means to me that we should take pleasure in the earth and all its parts. However, it is the priorities that matter. That is why I chose N. T. Wright’s translation, because he translated Jesus’ recommendation about putting God first as “Make your TOP PRIORITY God’s kingdom.” That makes it real simple. If we focus our attention on God’s glory and the promises that it entails, then “all these things will be given to [us.]”

On the other hand, if we focus on all the toys and baubles and get into a frenzy chasing after them, then we only end up distressingly frustrated, because there is always more and more and more after which to run. A few minutes after you finally get that toy that you just have to have, its desirability begins to fade.

True satisfaction, actual feeling completed, only comes from an evergrowing relationship with Jesus and, subsequently, from a deepening relationship with everyone and everything around us. It’s about priorities!

Here’s an example: If every morning I get up and read the Bible, God’s word, FIRST, then I will begin my day thinking on Him and on His people. This process will increase the chance that I will continue to think about Him and His people throughout the remainder of the day. Or, if I begin each day with prayer, before I run off on an automatic search for pleasure in the world, often a mindless response, I will get into the mind of Christ instead. Actually, the mind of Christ will get into me. I may remember that I am a vessel of the Holy Spirit. I may seek first the kingdom of God. As Saint Paul said in the letter to the Philippians, “I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.”

Happy Advent, Joyous Christmas to you! Both of which you will have if you put God first!

*David Shewmaker+*



# The Voice Crying in the Wilderness

The Very Rev. K. Lesley McCloghrie, Associate Priest



Have you ever noticed that each year, the second and third Sundays of Advent have gospel readings about John the Baptist? The first Sunday always speaks of the Second Coming, when Christ shall come again in glory to judge the world, while the fourth tells of Mary and Joseph and the events before Jesus' birth. This year we hear how an angel visited Joseph in a dream and spoke to reassure him about origins of Mary's child. In lectionary year B the gospel reading for the fourth Sunday of Advent, tells how Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to bear a child, and in C, how Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, who was also pregnant.



St. John the Baptist, c. 1540, Titian,  
Gallerie dell'Accademia, Venice, Italy.

John the Baptist is often a great favorite with children, I think because he is so unconventional, doing all kinds of things children are discouraged from doing. In the parish I served in New York, we would stage a short pageant about John the Baptist, at our Advent Family Mass, usually on the second or third Sunday. The children loved this, the favorite parts being of course John, but hotly followed by Elizabeth, who had the honor of making her pregnancy padding cushion jump, when she was greeted by Mary. Always a crowd pleaser. Lest you be concerned, we stopped the story before we got to its gruesome end. Somehow, Salome as we have come to know her, dancing before Herod, and the subsequent beheading, did not seem in keeping with the age of the children participating, or with the season being celebrated.

So John the Baptist; he shows up time and time again in the gospel stories, many famous paintings have been made of him, oratorios, hymns and choral anthems tell his story, but what do we really know about him?

Our main point of reference is of course the Bible, but John is also mentioned in the writings of Josephus, a first century Jewish politician, soldier and historian. His writings constitute an important source for our understanding of biblical history, and of the politics of the Roman Empire in the Palestine of that time. He writes only one short passage about John, but this is important, as it is the only source, other than the Bible, that we have.

John appears in all four of our Gospels, but it is only in Luke that we are told of his early life. In the first chapter we hear of the priest Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth, an older, righteous couple, who had no children because Elizabeth was barren. One day when Zechariah was serving in the sanctuary of the Lord, the angel Gabriel appeared before him, saying that Elizabeth was to bear a child, a boy, who was to be named John. Zechariah doubted Gabriel, and because of this he became mute. Months later Elizabeth's cousin Mary, who is also pregnant, comes to visit, and at her greeting, Elizabeth's child jumps in her womb. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth exclaims, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." When Elizabeth's child was born, there was great rejoicing, and on the eighth day, when it was time for his circumcision, family and friends gathered to celebrate. It was assumed the baby boy would be called Zechariah after his father, but Elizabeth said, "No, his name is to be John!" The guests, wanting to find out Zechariah's wishes, brought him a writing tablet, on which he wrote "His name is John", and immediately his tongue was loosed and he was able to speak. We are told that John grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

As an adult, John is mentioned in all four Gospels. He is the opening act, as it were, in Mark, identified as the messenger mentioned in Isaiah.

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

*Mark 1:2*

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## The Voice Crying in the Wilderness — The Very Rev. K. Lesley McCloghrie (continued from page 5)

Mark gives us a vivid picture of John, not as a typical rural priest, but as a radically alienated person, in keeping with the tradition of other prophets, Jeremiah comes to mind. John lived in the wilderness, clothed in camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, eating locusts and honey. He comes across as being abrasive and loud, in Matthew saying to the Pharisees and Sadducees who come to him for baptism, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?", later warning, "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." I have often wondered how John's parents felt about him and his ministry. Was he an embarrassment, or were they proud of his convictions? They may well have been hoping for a respectable heir, a pillar of the community like his father, a man who would marry and have children.

Perhaps the most poignant picture we have of John, comes from the Gospel of John:

"This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'" *John 1:19-23.*

We know that John goes on to baptize Jesus, the story is told in Matthew, Mark and Luke, and mentioned by Jesus at the beginning of Acts. In John's gospel it is unclear whether or not Jesus was actually baptized by John, but John does mention the Spirit descending on Jesus like a dove, and later identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God.

After baptizing Jesus, John continues with his ministry, preaching repentance, and a return to God through baptism for the forgiveness of sins. It is this ministry that brings him to the attention of King Herod Antipas. Herod had married his brother Philip's wife, Herodias, and John told him that this was not lawful. No doubt annoyed and embarrassed, Herod arrested and imprisoned John. He did this rather than having him killed, because Herod feared the crowd, who regarded John as prophet. On Herod's birthday, Herodias' daughter was dancing for the company and pleased him so much, that he promised, on oath, to give her whatever she desired.

Prompted by her mother, who we can presume was insulted by John's criticism of her marriage, she asks for John's head on a platter. Herod was grieved by this, we are told, but because of his oath, and regard for his guests, he orders John to be beheaded. The head is brought to the daughter on a platter, and she gives it to her mother. John's disciples buried his body and went to tell Jesus what had happened. It is believed that followers of John continued to exist until the second century.

We know him as John as the Baptist, the Baptizer, and the Forerunner, someone whose story we always hear at this time of year. This Advent, I invite you to take some time to read about him in your Bible. His story is easy to find as he pops up at the beginning of all four gospels as well as in other places. As you read about him, think about his call for us to repent and forgive, something I suspect we all need to hear and act upon.

### Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

*Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lesley+".



## Bach On! Returns to Christ Church

The previously new “Un-Named Humboldt String Orchestra” returns to Christ Church with a concert on Sunday, December 11, at 7:00 pm, under the new moniker of “Bach On!”. This newly formed group of local musicians has come together to play from the vast repertoire of music for string orchestra. Their second concert will include Medieval, Baroque, Classical, and Romantic-era works.

Violinists Reid Blickenstaff, Aurora Pitts, and Julie Fulkerson; violist Holly MacDonell; cellist Jesse Alm; and bassist Dario Olachea will present music by Anonymous, Bach, Brahms, Corelli, Grieg, and Mozart, performing in the architectural and acoustic gem - Christ Episcopal Church.

COVID precautions: Unvaccinated individuals are requested to wear masks. Masks are optional for those who are vaccinated

A suggested donation of \$20 will go to support the music and musicians.



## Christ Church Concert Series presents **Ken Cowan, Organist** Sunday, January 15, 2023, 3:00 pm

Ken Cowan returns to Eureka to perform at Christ Church. Cowan was the first major concert organist to perform on the newly installed Kegg organ; a concert partially underwritten by Charles Kegg himself. The Christ Church Concert Series is pleased to announce this return visit.

Hailed as one of Northern America’s finest concert organists, Cowan’s performances are described as “virtuosic,” “passionate,” and “heroic.” His numerous recordings are critically acclaimed.

“His unassuming demeanor complements the dual nature of his playing – a combination of technical virtuosity and great musical understanding and sensitivity” (2004 Organ Historical Society Convention in Buffalo).

A native of Canada, Cowan studied at and received degrees from Curtis Institute of Music, and Yale Institute of Sacred Music. Cowan is Professor of Organ and head of the organ program in the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University and the Organist and Artist-in-Residence at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church in Houston, TX.

Please save the date and join us for this return concert!

<http://organistkencowan.com/pages/media.html>



## From the Senior Warden

### Steven Preston



**2023 ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION:** Vestry has set our Annual Meeting for Sunday, February 5, 2023. It begins with the Rector's Annual Report as the homily during the service, and continues in business session after the service ends. Other reports will be published and available prior to the Meeting. An important part of the Annual Meeting is electing three Vestry members, and Diocesan Convention Delegates and Alternates. Nominations (and self-nominations) will soon be solicited. More detailed information will be available also. (The three retiring Vestry members are the Nominating Committee for the Vestry election.)

**Vestry members** serve one three-year term, and the Church Constitution (and the Canons) say the Vestry is authorized to "manage the affairs and conduct the business of this Parish" and "the Vestry shall be agents and legal representatives of the Parish in all matters concerning its corporate property and the relations of the Parish and its Clergy." (Section 5.1) In practice, the Vestry oversees the properties and finances of the parish, authorizes expenditures, approves the annual budget, and advises the Rector on the life and ministries of the parish, participating in decisions affecting our ministries. Vestry members should be acutely attuned to the needs and views of the active members of the parish. While not currently strictly followed, the Constitution states that "each standing committee shall include at least one current member of the Vestry who shall act as a liaison between that committee and the Vestry, and every current member of the Vestry shall belong to and participate actively in the work of at least one standing committee." (Section 6.5)

Next year presents the challenge and opportunity to refine and advance the ministries of Christ Church Eureka, as we continue to emerge from the limitations of the pandemic. ***Do you have skills and experience that can benefit Christ Church in these crucial roles? Please think, consult, and pray about this now.***

**VESTRY MEETING:** At its November 20th meeting on Zoom, with Fr. Daniel hosting from Denver, the Vestry approved the October minutes and received the written Outreach, Senior Warden, and financial reports. A decision was made to terminate the tenancy of the tenant in the apartment (in the office building) effective January 31, 2023. There was additional discussion of the 2023 budget, and an update on 2023 pledges received-to-date, which at that time almost equaled the total for the current year, with a number of households still pending. The Vestry heard a report that the french drain and leveling the excavated area of the McCarthy Meadow was completed at a cost of about \$1,700, which will be paid from the 10% contingency authorized for the wall/walkway construction; this completed the project. Vestry completed review of the final Articles 7 and 8 of the Church Constitution. Senior Warden Steve Preston will submit a draft of the minimally revised Constitution to the Diocesan Chancellor for review, and then a vote by Vestry on adopting the updated version of the Constitution will be held early in the new year, after the required notice.

Fr. Daniel reported on his activities as Rector, and on further planning for his Sabbatical Leave during the summer of 2023. He also reported on mechanical problems with the Rectory's refrigerator/freezer, having paid for a diagnostic service call, which is being reimbursed. After discussion of repair costs, Vestry authorized the purchase of a replacement unit for the Rectory, which the Rector will pursue. Repairs to the Rectory's attic door were also authorized. Senior Warden Steve Preston highlighted a few items from his written report, and solicited feedback. This prompted discussion on possible future uses of our underutilized facilities, especially the classroom building. He also highlighted that the Finance Committee is increasing funds in the 2023 budget to assist with Convention Delegate and Alternate expenses, and for subsidizing some Lay Ministry Leadership Formation expenses.

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Junior Warden John Patton reported on preliminary plans for upgrading the Nave sound system and LED light kits for the Chancel lights. He also reported on repairs to the sanctuary furnace, and Vestry approved payment; John cautioned that the furnace is old, and may require replacement in the future, at significant cost. Archdeacon Pam Gossard reported on her activities for the church and the Diocese, and highlighted her increased awareness of local healthcare needs and shortages, from her late mother's hospitalization.

There was continuing discussion of Children's Sunday School and Children's Mass planning. The Vestry voted to call the Annual Meeting of the Parish for Sunday, February 5, 2023, to be followed by the Vestry Organizing Meeting. There was discussion of needed window repairs and window shades for the west windows of Lewis Hall; the Project (Re)Start Bathroom Bins display; the collection of pajamas for children, tweens, and teens for Betty Chinn Foundation; and the blessing of fleece blankets for foster children. There were 35 people signed up for the Thanksgiving Day Dinner, and the Diocesan all-day "Mental Health First Aid" online workshop is set for Saturday, January 21. *(The minutes of the most recent Vestry meetings, Outreach Report, and Financial Report are always posted on the bulletin board in Lewis Hall.)*

**PROJECT [RE]START BINS:** Nellie Thompson volunteered to head up publicity, and set up a demonstration display in the Heritage Room for the Nov. 20th services. This Advent Project formally started on November 27th, and by the end of the coffee hour all but about a dozen of almost 90 shopping stickers had been taken from the board. Many items have already been placed in the empty bins. Thanks to the care and generosity of our parishioners, we are well on our way to filling more than five bathroom bins, to be available on call from the Diocese for persons displaced after natural disasters in Northern California. Our next goal will be five bedroom bins.

**LAY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:** We have fewer volunteers for many of our lay ministries than before the Covid pandemic, especially as Ushers and Readers/Intercessors. There are many other opportunities for using your skills, experience, and gifts as well, 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.**

***Wishing you a wonderful journey through Advent to the Christmas Miracle!***

Steve Preston  
Senior Warden



Project (Re)Start display on Sunday, November 20.



Project (Re)Start display on Sunday, November 27—nearly 90 shopping stickers removed by parishioners. Many items have already been placed in the bins!

## Outreach Report — October



Holiday Giving – After checking with Betty Chinn, we responded to her request to collect new pajamas for boys and girls from young children through teens. We also have fleece blankets ready to be blessed for foster children and youth at the TFI Foster Family Resource Center.

In addition, we were able to share information regarding Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets available from the Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation.

Food Bank – Each week when she volunteers at the Food Bank to assist those with food insecurity, Bev Olson stops by the church to pick up and deliver donated non-perishable food items. We continue to focus on extra donations on the first Sunday of the month. Because Christ Church also makes a regular monthly financial contribution, we have been designated as a Full Plate Partner.

Fresh Produce – Each third Sunday we collect and bless a great variety of fresh produce for the St. Vincent de Paul noon lunch program. Nellie Thompson delivers the contributions the following day. Toward the end of the month, the program feeds an increasing number.

Author Festival Potluck – On October 20 Christ Church continued its long-standing tradition by serving as the location for the Humboldt County Children's Author Festival committee's potluck honoring over twenty authors and illustrators who travel from all over the U.S. to share their books and experiences at about fifty area schools.

Quilters Plus – The Quilters group continues to make prayer quilts and fleece blankets. Another prayer quilt was blessed recently. The group will meet again in January.

Musical Events – We are now beginning to welcome back the congregation and community to concerts and look forward to more during Advent. Our choir represented our church at the Community Sing coordinated by the Humboldt Interfaith Fellowship. Elizabeth Harper-Lawson was recognized for her contribution to its success.

*Peg Gardner, Outreach*

## Sandy in Honduras Sunday | December 11 at the 8 & 10:30 am Coffee Hours

### Helping the Children of Honduras

Hello friends!

My first introduction to the Honduras was as a Peace Corps Volunteer from 1998 -2000. My work has continued every year since then. The doctors I work with have performed hundreds of club foot and cleft lip surgeries, as well as heart, spine, and many other types of surgeries.

During the coffee hour, I would like to introduce you to some of the children you helped with your donations over the years to my nonprofit *Sandy in Honduras*.



## USHER HUDDLE

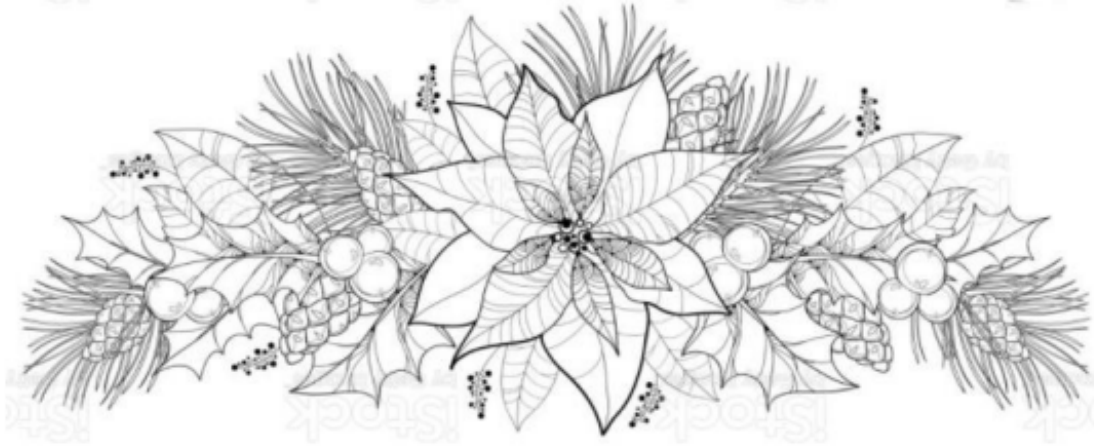
**Sunday | December 4 | 12:30 pm  
Heritage Room**

Fr. Daniel and Senior Warden Steve Preston will meet with all Ushers/Greeters on Sunday, December 4, at 12:30 pm (during the coffee hour).

This half-hour huddle is to express our gratitude, to emphasize the importance of Ushers/Greeters to our worship experience, to explore “The Power of Hello,” and to review procedures during Advent, Christmas, and beyond.

**All Ushers/Greeters, and any interested or curious parishioners, are encouraged to join us.**





## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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

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

Or drop the form by the church office; Tues, Wed, or Fri between the hours of 9 am-1 pm on or before **Tuesday, December 20** to be printed in worship booklets for the Christmas Season.

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

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

DONOR: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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# Called to *Serve*

## LAY MINISTRY

By Marty Vega

We are enjoying a very busy Advent Season, which will be followed by many Christmas activities. Our church is going to be filled with music, special services and in-person events. The beauty of our worship space is lovingly cared for by our Altar Guild. To prepare for all of the upcoming holiday events, we need to do some polishing and cleaning.



There are a lot of little things to do, and taken one at a time, can be easily finished by volunteers. If you're able to lend a hand, contact Kathy Clague at [kjc7001@humboldt.edu](mailto:kjc7001@humboldt.edu) to find out when the next work party is scheduled or to let her know your schedule.

While you consider volunteering, here are other ministries for you:

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 Kalberer	Ushers and Greeters	630-3100
Belinda Zander	Welcome Bags	442-4222



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### Quilters+ - January 18, 2023 **9:30 am** | Lewis Hall

Our next Quilters + meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18 (no December meeting) 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 are always looking for new members.

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

You can also 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



## December Birthday Wishes



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

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



*Happy Anniversary*



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

Howard & Peg Gardner 12/22

Dr. Angus & Joan Stewart 12/24



Did we miss your special day? The staff apologies for our time perception disorder with any omissions of birthdays and anniversaries. Send your special day information to:

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We want to acknowledge and celebrate your special day next year!





## The December 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 November, The Very Rev. K. Lesley McCloghrie, Dean of our Semper Virens Deanery, has asked us to pray for: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Crescent City.

Intercessor: We pray for the congregations of our Deanery, this month for the people of St. Francis, Fortuna. During this season of light and hope, stir up in them renewed vigor as they celebrate the coming of the Christ Child, plan ways to care for God's creation and reach out with compassion to the hungry by supporting the food pantry at Wood Street Chapel; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

People: **Hear our prayer**



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**December 4**

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

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

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem  
and The Middle East  
The Most Rev. Michael Lewis, Archbishop  
President Bishop and Primate

**December 11**

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Calistoga  
The Rev. Mac McIlmoyl, Priest-in-Charge

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

The Anglican Church of Kenya  
The Most Rev. Jackson Ole Sapit  
Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya

**December 18**

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, Paradise  
The Rev. Delia Ray, Priest-in-Charge

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

The Anglican Church of Korea  
The Rt. Rev. Peter Lee Kyeong-ho, Primate  
Bishop of Seoul and Presiding Bishop of Korea

**December 25**

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

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

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

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

The Anglican Church of Melanesia  
The Rt. Rev. Leonard Dawea, Archbishop

**January 1**

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

All Saints Episcopal Church, Redding  
The Rev. Aidan Rontani, Rector

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**





La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

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



# December 2022

SUN	M	T	W	Th	F	SAT
				<b>Office closed</b> 1	2	3 Altar Guild Preparation 10 AM
FOOD FOR PEOPLE—Just One Can 4  <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka">https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka</a>  5:00 PM Advent Music Program & Evensong	5  <b>Office closed</b>  Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour	5  <b>ADVENT SOUP SUPPER</b> Lewis Hall 5:30 pm 	7  Choir Rehearsal Heritage Room 5:30 PM	8  Office closed  Rose Society Lewis Hall	9	10  Altar Guild Preparation 10 AM
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 11 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka">https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka</a>  7:00 PM BACH ON! String Orchestra	12  <b>Office closed</b>  Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour	15  <b>ADVENT SOUP SUPPER</b> Lewis Hall 5:30 pm 	16  Choir Rehearsal Heritage Room 5:30 PM	17  <b>Office closed</b>	18	19  Altar Guild Preparation 10 AM
<b>FRESH PRODUCE SUNDAY</b> 18  <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka">https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka</a>  5:00 PM Advent Music Program & Evensong  VESTRY MEETS — ZOOM	19  <b>Office closed</b>  Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour	20  <b>ADVENT SOUP SUPPER</b> Lewis Hall 5:30 pm 	21  Choir Rehearsal Heritage Room 5:30 PM	22  <b>Office closed</b>	23	24  <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 7:00 PM Music Prelude and Holy Eucharist: Rite II 
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 25  <i>One Service Only</i> 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka">https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka</a>	26  <b>Office closed</b>	27  <b>Office closed</b>  Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour	28  <b>Office closed</b>	29  <b>Office closed</b>	30	31

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