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Epiphany Pilgrimages / January Journeys



As I bask in the afterglow of the Christmas season and the resplendent Epiphany service on Tuesday, I continue to reflect on the Magi, those mysterious Zoroastrian astrologers who were likely spiritual descendants of the Hebrew Prophet Belteshazzar.¹ The Magi were also the first Christian pilgrims, the first seekers to embark on a long, transformative journey to a sacred site where the presence of Christ is especially palpable. For the Magi, the presence of Christ manifested in the tangible flesh of a newborn baby. For those of us embarking on Christian pilgrimages today, we seek and hope to discover the presence of Christ in cathedrals, relics, grottos, and the burial places of saints, etc. This month, I will be embarking on three pilgrimages as I travel to Healdsburg, Sacramento, and Florida. Next week, as I celebrate the twelfth anniversary of my ordination, I will be

travelling to Healdsburg to lead a contemplative experience of shared spiritual reflection at an Art Gallery called 222 in Healdsburg (located conveniently at 222 Healdsburg Ave). The event, called "What Moves You?", is offered every second Wednesday of the month and is coordinated by the Rev. Sally Hubbell, the rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Healdsburg. I will be leading this event (which is essentially a version of the *Lectio Divina* we offered during Advent) on Wednesday January 14. Then, the next day, I will be celebrating Eucharist at Ensō Village, a Zen-inspired retirement community in Healdsburg. The texts for both the *Lectio Divina* and the Holy Eucharist will be the writings and Scriptures associated with the patron saint of my priestly ordination: St. Aelred of Rievaulx, the medieval English Cistercian abbot who wrote *On Spiritual Friendship*.²

Aelred explored the idea of "God as Friendship," which is an idea that resonates deeply with the ecumenical work that I will be doing the following week in Sacramento as I participate in a special annual event during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18 – 25). This event, featuring a panel discussion and worship service focusing on unity across denominations during divisive times, will take place from 12:30 to 3 PM at Pioneer Congregational Church in Sacramento; and, if you don't want to drive all the way down there, you can participate by watching online here: <https://www.youtube.com/@pioneerucc467/streams>.

¹Belteshazzar was the Babylonian name given to the Hebrew prophet Daniel (Daniel 1:7)

²Watch a video of my visit to the abbey ruins of Rievaulx here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0Bm9IKqk_E

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Although I will be travelling a lot, I do not intend to miss any Sundays this month, but soon after worship on Sunday January 25, I will be catching a plane to SF to Newark to Sarasota Florida, where I will be attending the Winter meeting of the EDEIO Executive Committee. (EDEIO stands for “Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers.”) In November 2024, Bishop Megan appointed me as the Ecumenical Officer for our diocese and then, this last August, I was appointed to serve as the coordinator for all the Ecumenical Officers in the Episcopal dioceses West of the Rockies. These dioceses compose Province 8 of The Episcopal Church and, as the Province 8 Coordinator, I am now part of the Executive Committee which means I am expected to attend their meeting which takes place from January 26 to 29. Fortunately, I will be flying back in time for Candlemas on Sunday February 1 and then, of course, for our Annual Meeting on February 8, when we will gather for one combined service at 9:30 AM.

While I’m looking forward to all these adventures, I will admit I’m feeling a bit overwhelmed. However, I pray and trust that Christ’s presence will be made manifest in all these Epiphany pilgrimages. I can’t help but imagine that the Magi also felt overwhelmed by their journey of “many a hundred miles,”³ and, according to T. S. Eliot, yet they had no regrets, and they would do it again. With your prayers, I trust that my January journeys will also be “(you may say) satisfactory.”⁴



³Lancelot Andrewes, “Christmas Day Sermon 1622,” <https://www.cai.cam.ac.uk/discover/chapel/recent-sermons/lancelot-andrewes-christmas-day-1622>

⁴T. S. Eliot, *The Journey of the Magi*

Epiphany at Christ Church



CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. AELRED OF RIEVAULX

What Moves You? (Lectio Divina)

Wednesday January 14 at 5:30 PM at 222 Healdsburg Ave



Holy Eucharist Thursday January 15 at 10:30 AM at Ensō Village



*Special Annual Event for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
on Tuesday, January 20, 2026*



You are invited to attend a Special Annual Event on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Sponsored by the North State Ecumenical Conference (NSEC), which was established in 1968 and is comprised of Christian faiths in the Greater Sacramento Area.

You are invited to attend this event in person at:

Pioneer Congregational Church (916-443-3727)
2700 L Street
Sacramento, California 95816

Event Schedule:

11:30am-12:30pm - Lunch and Presentation

12:45pm-1:45pm - Panel Discussion in Church

2:00pm-2:45pm - Worship Service in Church

For more event details, please contact Deacon Paul Friedrich at pfried28@gmail.com. There is no charge for this Special Event. Donations may be made to Midtown HART. To donate please click on the following link: <https://www.hartstogether.org/midtown> (when making a donation please make reference to: NSEC Special Event). Thank you!

Please RSVP via the appropriate Jotform link below.

Public: <https://form.jotform.com/233367380273155>

Clergy: <https://form.jotform.com/233377460213149>

SPECIAL ANNUAL EVENT FOR WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ON TUESDAY JANUARY 20

Sponsored by the North State Ecumenical Conference (NSEC), which was established in 1968 and is comprised of Christian faiths in Sacramento.

You are invited to attend this event in person at Pioneer Congregational Church.

11:30 am-12:30 pm - Lunch and Presentation

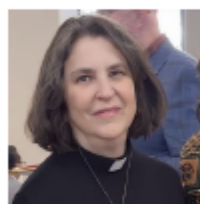
12:45 pm-1:45 pm - Panel Discussion in Church

2:00 pm-2:45 pm - Worship Service in Church with the St. Francis Elementary School Choir

Special Guests:



Rev. LaTaunya M. Bynum
Regional Minister
Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
of Northern
California-Nevada



Rev. Karen Sapio
Executive
Presbyter
North Central



Most Rev. Bishop Rey
Auxiliary Bishop,
Diocese of
Sacramento



The Rev. Daniel London
Episcopalian
Diocesan Ecumenical
and Interfaith Officer



Bishop Sandra K. Olewine
United Methodist
Church, California
Nevada Conference



Most Rev. Bishop Soto
Bishop, Diocese of
Sacramento



Fr. Thomas P. Bonacci
Ministers at the
Christ the King
Passionist Retreat
Center, Religious and
Ecumenical
Commission for the
Catholic Diocese of
Sacramento and the
Interfaith Peace



Bishop Megan Traquair
Bishop of the
Episcopal
Diocese of
Northern
California.



Rev. Dr. David C. Bocock
Pastor of Pioneer
Congregational
Church



The Rev. Dr. Charlane Lines
Assistant to the
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Evangelical
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Church in
America



Rev. Dr. Daniel Smith
Lutheran Church
of the
Incarnation,
Davis



Rev. Davena Creer-Jones.
Conference
Minister for the
Northern California
-Nevada
Conference of the
United Church of
Christ.

For donations and to RSVP, please see our parish website!



January 2026

Christ Episcopal Church

Wednesday Chapel Services

Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour | 9 am

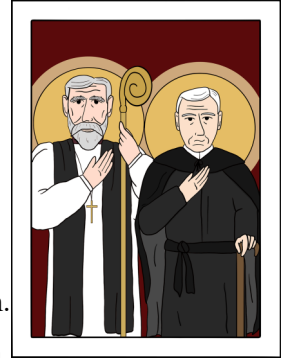
January 14 — Morning Prayer

Commemorating Richard Meux Benson, Priest, and
Charles Gore, Bishop, 1915 and 1932

Richard Meux Benson and Charles Gore are remembered for their role in the revival of Anglican monasticism in the nineteenth century.

Richard Meux Benson was born in London in 1824. He was educated at home until he went to Christ Church, Oxford, where he studied under Edward Bouverie Pusey. He was subsequently ordained as a priest and served as vicar of the village of Cowley, not far from Oxford. In 1858 Fr. Benson conducted the first of many silent retreats for priests for which he later became well known. He was the founder of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, the first religious order of monks in the Anglican Communion since the Reformation. In the late 1800s the Society spread to the United States, India, and South Africa. Fr. Benson himself visited the community in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and remained there for a number of years before returning to England, where he died in 1915.

Charles Gore was born in 1853 in Wimbledon and was educated mainly at Oxford. He was ordained in 1876 and served in positions at Cuddesdon and Pusey House, Oxford, both of which were focused upon theological education and the formation of clergy. While at Pusey House, Gore founded the Community of the Resurrection, a community for men that sought to combine the rich traditions of the religious life with a lively concern for the demands of ministry in the modern world.



January 21 — Holy Eucharistic: Rite II

Commemorating Prayer for Christian Unity; Agnes and Cecilia of Rome, Martyrs

Since 1908, the eight days between the feast of the Confession of Saint Peter (January 18) and the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul (January 25) have been observed ecumenically as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Agnes and Cecilia are two of the most venerated early Christian martyrs, and were both killed during persecutions in Rome. As a young girl around twelve or thirteen years of age, Agnes was denounced as a Christian when she rejected propositions from men who wanted to marry her. She refused to change her mind or to sacrifice to the Roman gods, and so she was tortured and executed. The early fathers of the church praised her courage and chastity and drew upon parallels with her name, which means “pure” in Greek and “lamb” in Latin.

Cecilia is the patron saint of singers, organ builders, musicians, and poets. According to fifth-century sources, Cecilia was of noble birth and was betrothed to a pagan named Valerian. Cecilia’s witness resulted in the conversion of both Valerian and his brother, Tiburtius. Because of their conversion, the brothers were martyred and, while Cecilia was burying them, she too was arrested. After several failed attempts to put her to death, she died from injuries sustained by the ordeal. The date of her martyrdom is generally believed to be 230.

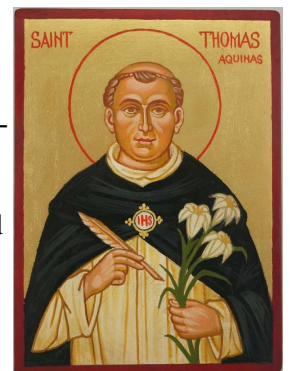


January 28 — Morning Prayer

Commemorating Thomas Aquinas, Friar and Theologian, 1274

Thomas Aquinas is one of the most influential theologians in the history of Western Christianity. Born into a noble Italian family, probably in 1225, he entered the new Dominican Order of Preachers as a young man, and soon became an outstanding teacher in an age of intellectual ferment.

In December 1273, after decades of churning out theological writings at an astonishing pace, Thomas suddenly stopped, leaving his great Summa unfinished. When pressed as to why, he could only say that he had experienced a mystical encounter so profound that all of his former words seemed empty to him now. “All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me!” Thomas died in 1274, just under fifty years of age. In 1369, on January 28, his remains were transferred to Toulouse. In addition to his many theological writings, he composed several eucharistic hymns. They include “O saving Victim” (The Hymnal 1982, #310; #311) and “Now, my tongue, the mystery telling” (The Hymnal 1982, #329; #330; #331).





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OFFICE OF
THE BISHOP



Dear Friends,

Many of us were shocked and dismayed by the killing of a woman by an ICE Agent in Minneapolis. I commend the thoughtful, and scriptural reflection written by Bishop Craig Loya, Bishop of Minnesota.

We too, like the Magi, are called to take another road home, for God is creating a path before us. (Matthew 12:2) I believe we will see, even in the midst of our grief, that God is already at work bringing healing and connection out of chaos. Please pray for all touched by the events and that a spirit of peace may replace all anger and fear on that site.

Thank you, Diocese of Northern California, for the love, compassion, and practical care you show our neighbors, new and old.

In Christ,

Bishop Megan

Bishop Loya's response to Events in Minneapolis



Beloved in Christ,

Matthew's account of Epiphany, the feast we celebrated yesterday, shows that there are two responses to the manifestation of a poor, helpless, migrant child lying in a feeding trough as the place where the God of the whole cosmos resides: fear and joy. King Herod meets the news of King Jesus with fear that quickly turns into a murderous rage as he slaughters an untold number of infants to eliminate the threat to his power. The wise men who had been watching the skies for a sign are overwhelmed with joy at the good news that Herod's campaign of terror through violent force has met the unstoppable power of God's love

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The Herods of the world, and their fear driven campaigns of terror, are ever with us. Today in Minneapolis, after deploying thousands of federal immigration agents in recent days, an individual was shot and killed by those agents. The news is crushing, to be sure, but we ought not be shocked. The federal government has been making good for a full year on its promise to enforce immigration policy through a racially narrow lens and with a cruel delight. An incident like the one today in Minneapolis was inevitable, and such violence is likely to remain a feature of our common life as long as federal agents are being deployed to cities seen to oppose the current administration for the sole purpose of provocation and intimidation.

As people of the Epiphany, our call is to stand in the midst of a world where Herod continues to flex and posture, not in outrage or with reciprocal violence, but gazing in wonder and expectation for the joyful manifestation of Jesus wherever the poor, the outsider, the weak, and the oppressed are to be found. As people of the Epiphany, in the midst of a world where cruelty tries to pose as power, we continue to rejoice in the assurance that absolute and final power resides in poor and crucified Jesus, who alone is the true king. Our Epiphany joy is not some naive and shallow notion that everything will be ok, when everything is so obviously not ok. Our Epiphany joy is the deep, defiant, revolutionary hope we have in the assurance that love is the most powerful force in the universe. Like the wise ones searching for Bethlehem, we wait, we watch, we follow where love leads, knowing that only God's action in the world can finally and fully heal all that the lust for a false and hollow power had broken down, world without end.

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

Making Disciples, Raising Up Saints & Transforming Communities for Christ



One Body, One Spirit

The Rev. Jeri Gray-Reneberg, Associate Priest



Happy New Year!

And I'm well aware that we're in the month of January, but for a moment, please bear with me. This year, the first Sunday of October falls on October 4th, which also happens to be the commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi. Episcopalians and many Christians have a tradition of blessing animals and honoring creation on that day. This last year, our first observance of The Season of Creation concluded on that day.

However, if you happen to visit a United Church of Christ congregation on the first Sunday of October, this year or any year, you might be a little confused. Of course, you may be aware that they are less liturgical and more spontaneous than most Episcopal parishes, but the most striking thing might be that there is no mention of St. Francis anywhere! Instead, you might encounter an observance called "World Communion Sunday," which began with Presbyterians in 1933 and has since spread to many Christian denominations worldwide. It is a day especially notable among those that may not offer a weekly Eucharist. Those who observe it include Holy Communion on that day as a statement that they are all sharing in the Eucharist/Holy Communion/Lord's Supper together on the same day. (Those of us who celebrate the Holy Eucharist every Sunday may be aware of the day, but we don't have a need to notice that any particular Sunday includes the "bread of heaven" and "cup of salvation," since all do, whenever possible.)

Similarly, if you chance to attend a Lutheran church (of any stripe) on the last Sunday of October, which this year is October 25th, you will likely not hear the texts for Proper 25 (which this year is the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost), but will hear the texts for Reformation Sunday, and may sing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (1982 Hymnal #687-688), which is based on Psalm 46, and is Martin Luther's most famous hymn. You may notice that the liturgical color of the day is red, which is the color of the actions of the Holy Spirit. But if you return to that same congregation the next Sunday, you'll find the familiar All Saints Sunday observance with white paraments and vestments, with subsequent Sundays leading up to Christ the King and the First Sunday of Advent.



Pastor Jeri Gray-Reneberg at the installation of Bishop Mark Holmerud 2008.



Pastor Jeri Gray-Reneberg: Installation at Grace Lutheran 2008.

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Christians come in many flavors: some, like Roman Catholics, Episcopalians, ELCA Lutherans, and others, with more “high church” sensibilities; and some with “lower” or “broader” sensibilities. Some emphasize the primacy of Biblical texts, others the influence of the Holy Spirit, and Episcopalians the “three-legged stool” of scripture, tradition, and reason. We may not often participate in Christian ecumenical activities on the local level. However, the month of January offers a unique opportunity called “The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,” which is always bookended by The Confession of St. Peter on January 18 and The Conversion of St. Paul on January 25. And every year, the World Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church agree on a theme for that year’s observance. This year, it is Ephesians 4:4 – “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.”

For the Adult Forums on January 18 and 25, Fr. Daniel (January 18, The Confession of St. Peter) and I (January 25, The Conversion of St. Paul) will be leading a discussion of Christian Unity and what it means to venerate the two most important apostles of the early church, with their unique contributions. It seems particularly appropriate that Fr. Daniel will speak of St. Peter, the “rock” upon which Christ built his Church, and the subsequent catholic tradition with its emphasis on the Apostolic Succession; and I will speak of St. Paul, the Church’s most influential systematic theologian, and one that many churches in the Reformation tradition (as well as theologians like The Rt. Rev. N.T. Wright, former Bishop of Durham) highly esteem.

The Book of Common Prayer is the authorized source of Episcopal worship and belief, with other supplements being approved as appropriate. Yet as we look at our essential Christian unity (that is, those who follow our incarnate, crucified, risen, and ascended Lord) among all denominations, a phrase that was first composed in the 17th century and is widely used today comes to mind:

“In essentials, unity;
In non-essentials, liberty;
In all things, charity.”

I hope to see you for the Adult Forums on January 18 and 25 as we pray for, and acknowledge, our essential Christian unity, and our siblings in Christ who may also worship and believe differently. Maybe as never before, we all need to see Christ in each other and in the world we are called to love.



Pastor Jeri Gray-Reneberg with N. T. Wright at clergy conference.

In Memoriam | The Rev. Dr. Susan Armstrong

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of the Rev. Dr. Susan Armstrong, who served as priest at Christ Church Eureka for ten years, including four years as Priest in Charge from 2012 to 2016. She also served as an Associate Priest at St. Alban's in Arcata and was passionately involved in our diocesan summer camp: [Camp Living Waters](#) in Redwood Valley. Dr. Armstrong was the first woman hired on the faculty of the Philosophy department at what is now Cal Poly Humboldt, where she received an "Outstanding Professor" award in 2004. Her dissertation, "The Rights of Nonhuman Beings: A Whiteheadian Study," is considered the first dissertation written on environmental ethics. In addition to a number of articles and book chapters on process philosophy, her books include [Environmental Ethics: Divergence and Convergence](#) and [The Animal Ethics Reader](#).

She is survived by her daughter, Emily Buck, longtime director of Camp Living Waters. A memorial service will be held at St. Alban's, Arcata at a date to be determined.

As we give thanks for Mother Susan and grieve her passing, may we also find comfort in knowing that she is now in a place of refreshment and everlasting blessedness, resting with all God's saints in eternal habitations.

*O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light:
Grant that your servant Susan, being raised with him, may know
the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory;
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Please keep Susan's daughter Emily and Susan's family in your prayers as they grieve; and may we remember that "for God's faithful people, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens."

In the Hope of the Resurrection,

Fr. Daniel +

*Right: Mother Susan and Bishop
Barry Beisner at Armstrong's in-
duction as priest-in-charge on June
13, 2013*



May 23, 1941 - January 4, 2026





Left: Mother Susan pictured here (with angelic wings!) with the Associates of the [Community of the Transfiguration](#) on March 6, 2018. The Rev. Sister Diana Doncaster of the Community of the Transfiguration said, “Mother Susan was friend, mentor and encourager during my time of discernment and formation for the priesthood. Since my ordination, she has been wonderfully generous in sharing pulpit and altar with me, and has taught me by example a great deal about compassionate leadership and pastoral ministry. She loves, she cares and she shares a deep and lively faith.”



Above: Mother Susan pictured here with past and present clergy of Christ Church Eureka during a sesquicentennial celebration on January 26, 2020.



At an Easter service in 2016, Mother Susan preached, “Easter is about something that happened, not about ideas in people’s heads...It is true now just as it was true long ago. God’s new creation has begun; the kingdom of God has appeared on earth as it is in heaven, and you’re invited to be part of it. You are called to make it happen in the world ...”



CENTERING PRAYER

Tuesdays | 6:30 pm | Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour



Quilters + Knitters

Inviting all crafters, stitchers, knitters, and quilters!

The day: Wednesday, January 14

The time: 9:30 AM

The place: Lewis Hall

Welcome to 2026! After a brief break, the Quilters, Knitters and Crafters are set to meet at 9:30 am in Lewis Hall on Wednesday, January 14. We have some fleece throws to work on for foster youth. This is an easy project and materials are provided. Harry Wells, our knitting guru, provides great instruction and works wonders when you need a problem-solver. You are welcome to bring your own projects. Stephanie Schultz has prayer shawl instructions and information about warm items needed for middle and high school youth in Navajoland. All are welcome. Newcomers, come check us out! We also have coffee, snacks and enjoy visiting with each other.

Questions? Call Peg Gardner 443-9627 or Belinda Zander 442-4222.



SUNDAY ADULT FORUMS 2026

Sundays | 9:15 am | Lewis Hall
(between services)

Please join us on Sundays
at 9:15 am in Lewis Hall
(between services)
for discipleship
and conversation on
a variety of
topics in 2026.

- January 4 – Tule Lake presentation - Merry Phillips
January 11 – Ordination process / Anglican Communion – Fr. Daniel
January 18 – Confession of St. Peter – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Fr. Daniel
January 25 – Conversion of St. Paul – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Pastor Jeri - Religious Life Sunday
February 1 – Candlemas – Mtr. Nancy
February 8 – Annual Meeting - Forum Break
February 15 – Transfiguration Community presentation by Stephanie Schultz and Associates –
advertise Lenten Quiet Day – Saturday February 28
February 22 – Gospel of John and the Five Senses – Fr. Daniel
March 1 – Lenten Book Series – *Speaking of Sin* by Barbara Taylor
Mtr Nancy – Introduction – Ch 1
March 8 – Lenten Book Series – *Speaking of Sin* by Barbara Taylor – Mtr Nancy – Ch 2
March 15 – Lenten Book Series - *Speaking of Sin* by Barbara Taylor – Mtr Nancy – Ch 3
March 22 – Lenten Book Series - *Speaking of Sin* by Barbara Taylor – Mtr Nancy – Postlude
March 29 – Palm Sunday – Forum Break
April 5 – Easter Sunday – Forum Break
April 12 – Low Sunday – Forum Break
April 19 – St. Anselm – Fr. Daniel
April 26 – Good Shepherd - David Lochtie and the Lamb
May 3 – Recovery Sunday
May 10 – Julian of Norwich – Fr. Daniel
May 17 – Forum Break
May 24 - Pentecost

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Vestry Highlights ...from the meeting on December 18, 2025

Next Vestry meeting: January 27, 5:30 pm, Pierson Room

- The November Financial Report was accepted. Review of the Draft 2026 Budget was deferred to January so that the Finance Committee could have time to review and discuss before presenting to the Vestry.
- The Vestry approved a \$1,000 expenditure by the ad hoc Committee on fundraising for the solar project for a professional fundraising consultant. The specific proposal will be shared with the Vestry when received.
- The draft minutes from November were pulled and will be reviewed in January and posted when approved.
- The Annual Meeting will be February 8, 2026. A brunch will be offered during the meeting, immediately following the worship service. Note: the meeting begins during the worship service and there will be only one service at 9:30 am.
- Outgoing Vestry members (Roni Carlson, Lin Chase, and Heidi Erickson) comprise the Nominating Committee for new Vestry members and Convention Delegates.
- An ad hoc committee to oversee funding/fundraising for the solar project (and other creation care efforts) was approved. Members are: Steve Preston, Perry Gray-Reneberg, Michal Moore, Byrd Lochtie, and Merry Phillips, convener. Fr. Daniel and Treasurer Francis Rivinus will be consulting members.
- Junior Warden, Heidi, will work with Elizabeth H-L to get an estimate for painting the Smullin House.
- Updated and revised Letters of Agreement (LOA's) for two staff were reviewed and approved.

Vestry minutes, treasurer's reports, and other documents are posted by the Clerk of the Vestry, Peg Gardner, on the bulletin board in Lewis Hall.

If you have questions or concerns about parish activities, please contact a member of the Vestry!

Please prayerfully consider running for an elected Vestry or Convention Delegate position at the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Merry Phillips, Senior Warden

Honoring the God-given Talents Shared by Musicians During Worship

For the past two months I have written articles focusing on our core values (Hospitality and Outreach in November and Discipleship in December). This month I'm moving on to "Worship" – prompted by an anonymous suggestion from our "Suggestion Box." I shared the suggestion with Fr. Daniel and he encouraged me to write about it. My first reaction was "I'm not touching that with a ten foot pole!" It's actually something I've written about before, and after giving it some thought, I feel that now I am writing from a different perspective, I can be a bit more objective ... well, maybe.

The note I found in the suggestion box read: *"I hope we could applaud after the choir sings. They are just such beautiful singers and it is so moving."*

I couldn't agree more that we are blessed with wonderful singers in the choir and that choir anthems greatly enhance our worship experience. I personally would rather offer our dedicated and talented choir members thanks individually after the service rather than applauding during the service. The following quote is always present in my mind:

"When ministry becomes performance, then the sanctuary becomes a theater, the congregation becomes an audience, worship becomes entertainment, and man's applause and approval become the measure of success. But when ministry is for the glory of God, his presence moves into the sanctuary. Even the unsaved visitor will fall down on his face, worship God, and confess that God is among us." (1 Corinthians 14:25) – Warren & David Wiersbe.

As a former church musician, this quote has always spoken to my heart. That said - and yes, I confess to being an old 'fuddy-duddy' – I imagine this quote is from long ago and reflects an older and more conservative notion of worship from a different time, and so may not be as relevant today.

Many of you know how I felt about applause at the end of the closing voluntary – early in my tenure as the former Organist/Choir Director I shared my thoughts in a *Chronicle* article, hoping to discourage the practice, obviously to no avail. I found it highly disconcerting and did not understand the point of it. I came to realize that it was a conditioned response at Christ Church and I that the only change I could make was to my own mind set. So I adapted my thinking, and set my own intention/purpose for the closing voluntary. In my mind, I needed to interpret the applause at the end as a great "Alleluia," giving thanks for our entire worship service.

And so, I keep returning to the idea that the question of whether to applaud or not is not the question we should be asking ... the primary question should always be "why" - why do we have a closing voluntary, why do we have a choir anthem, why do we sing hymns, etc. What is the liturgical purpose of music in our corporate worship?

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In the September 2018 *Chronicle* I wrote:

With the return of the choir, it is an opportune time to think about why we have a choir. What role does a choir serve in our corporate worship? My summer reading has included a book by Marti Rideout titled *All Things Necessary: A Practical Guide for Episcopal Church Musicians*. ... Here is part of what she had to say about the role of the choir:

“Just as music is integral to the liturgy, the choir is integral to the worship life of the parish. Just as the music leader is pastor, teacher, and performer, the choir also serves in the same capacities (Rideout, p. 47).”

“In its *pastoral* role the choir faithfully sings and leads congregational song; ... provides confident musical leadership to inspire the congregation to sing their song; ... offers worthy texts and music to the glory of God; ... and practices hospitality to new choir members.”

“As *teachers* the choir members teach new hymns, canticles, psalm settings, and service music to the congregation; lead in worship, offering an example of preparation and participation to those in the pews; and model good worship habits (standing in unison, refraining from talking, being attentive, and actively participating in the liturgy).”

“As *performers*, the choir enriches congregational singing with descants and harmony; ... performs anthems appropriate to the texts of the day, season, or special liturgy, and within their ability to sing well.”

In the June 2016 *Chronicle* I wrote:

As church musicians we have God-given talents and the gifts of time to develop them. Is it important to have standards for the music offered in the context of our corporate worship? Of course it is. But while aesthetic standards help us to give of our best, “the intent of the heart and its openness to God” is perhaps an equal if not better measure of excellence for church music. Standards matter, “but not for the same reason that standards matter in purely aesthetic contexts: rather, for a far more important reason” (*CMQ*, March 2016, p. 8).

I clearly have not succeeded in maintaining objectivity on this subject with this article in which I have shared some of my thoughts from the past. I set out to write this as Senior Warden and quickly reverted to my past role as church musician. Sometimes it is hard to ‘let go.’ So, perhaps this question and these ideas will spark a conversation among our Worship Committee members. Clearly, I cannot provide an answer to the question from the Suggestion Box – though I am grateful for it and give thanks to the person who asked it. It is important to think about and discuss these ideas.

Surely we can trust the Google “AI Overview” robot to have an objective response which I will share here. I especially appreciate the suggestions for compromise at the end:

Applauding the choir in church is a mixed practice: some traditions view it as a performance-focused distraction, shifting focus from God to people, while others see it as a valid, biblical expression of praise (like in Psalms) if motivated by honoring God, not the performers. [Catholic guidance](#) suggests it's generally discouraged for solemnity but may be acceptable at events like ordinations or for general thanks, while some Protestant traditions encourage it as bodily worship, emphasizing the heart's intent over strict rules. Ultimately, it depends on the church's custom and the worshiper's sincere intent to glorify God. Arguments Against Applause (Focus on God, Not Performance)

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- **Shifts Focus:** Applause can make worship feel like entertainment, drawing attention to the musicians rather than God.
- **Breaks Solemnity:** It interrupts the flow and reverence of the service, especially in more traditional settings.
- **Not New Testament:** Some argue it's not explicitly commanded in the New Testament for worship, unlike older psalms.
- **Praise for God Only:** The ultimate praise is for the Creator, not the creation (the choir).

Arguments For Applause (Expression of Praise)

- **Biblical Precedent:** Psalms like 47:1 and 98:8 encourage clapping for God.
- **Expresses Joy:** It's a physical, heartfelt way to show enthusiasm and thankfulness for God's work in the music.
- **Cultural Context:** In some churches (charismatic, Hispanic traditions), it's a common, accepted part of worship.
- **Motivation Matters:** If the heart's intent is to praise God, it can be a beautiful expression.

Common Compromises & Considerations

- **Context is Key:** Acknowledge the specific church's tradition and customs.
- **After the Fact:** Applauding after the service or during specific moments (like after an ordination) is often more accepted.
- **Focus on the Music's Message:** Sing along, participate, or offer silent prayer as alternative ways to engage with the music.
- **Heartfelt Intent:** The most important factor is whether the action (clapping or silence) truly reflects a desire to honor God.

Vision of Christ Church

A community of companions walking together in the Way of Christ's Love for all.

Mission of Christ Church

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

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

From the Junior Warden Heidi Erickson



IT'S A NEW YEAR ALREADY?

Happy New Year everyone!

Wow, it feels like I just wrote that last month. It's amazing how a year goes by so quickly.

2026 looks like it will have one or two "big ticket" projects on the horizon, much like 2025 had. The Education building is having its roof replaced; the Labyrinth in McCarthy Meadow should be completed this year. And eventually, there will be solar panels on the Education building.

One thing that I've learned from being the Junior Warden of Christ Church, is that things just keep on moving forward. Whether we're ready or not, there is always more work to be done. Something will break, or something will wear out and need to be replaced. Such is the life of the Junior Warden.

With that said, it has been my absolute honor and privilege to have been your Junior Warden for the last 2 years. I have enjoyed so many aspects of this position. Especially learning the history of our fabulous buildings and grounds.

With God's guidance, and your help, we've been able to continually improve the buildings and grounds of our beautiful church campus.

While it is not yet known who the next Junior Warden will be, I'm sure that he or she will keep us all updated on the progress of each "big ticket project" for 2026. And I know that the next Junior Warden will appreciate your prayers as much as I have. And I pray that the next Junior Warden will remember to appreciate and work to maintain the historical beauty of our beloved church.

I'm going to cut this month's article short, as I need to prepare the BIG Junior Warden's annual report for our meeting next month. There is a lot to say about last year.

So, from the bottom of my overflowing grateful heart, THANK YOU, for giving me the best gift of being your Junior Warden in 2025.

May God bless you all with excellent health and an overabundance of joy in 2026.

With love and gratitude,

Heidi



Snacks for the Hungry

Have you noticed a line up of paper bags on the kitchen counter? These paper bags are for those who may need a little something to eat. The bag usually contains crackers, a protein bar, canned or fresh fruit, dessert and a drink. You are welcome to hand these out to people in the proximity of our church who ask for food, or you think might welcome a snack.

The seed money we received for this ministry came from Bishop Megan in summer 2025. Bishop Megan received a donation to her discretionary fund upon the closing of St. John's Episcopal Church, Marysville, in July 2025. St. John's was integral to the community, providing nutritional support for many years. In the spirit of St. John's ministry, it was decided to use the money from Bishop Megan to start our Snacks for the Hungry.

Parishioners can donate to Snacks for the Hungry fund by listing this ministry in the memo field of your check or donation envelope. The donations will ensure that this ministry continues and helps those in need.

Thanks to Roni Carlson for keeping the supply stocked and stocking bags as needed



Youth group

Christ Episcopal Church Eureka

SUNDAYS @ 5PM
MEET IN THE CHAPEL
15TH & G STREETS, EUREKA
(PARKING LOT AT 14TH & G STREETS)

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL AGES WELCOME!

Questions? Contact: christchurcheureka@gmail.com (707) 442-1797

Labyrinth Quest...

Epiphanies on the Path

Kathryne DeLorme, Veriditas Certified Labyrinth Facilitator



As the Christmas lights dim and the new year begins, let us remember this truth:

The same star that led the Magi still shines for us today.

Epiphany isn't just about ancient travelers or distant stars. It's about you and me. It's about allowing Christ's light to enter our hearts.

The Magi's journey symbolizes a quest driven by faith, curiosity, and determination. Their willingness to follow a star until they reached their destination reflects humanity's innate search for truth.

An epiphany is often described as a sudden realization or understanding that brings clarity and insight into a previously confusing situation. It can be a moment that shifts one's perspective, inspiring profound changes in how we view ourselves and others.

Think of it as a light switching on in your mind, illuminating your heart as well.



Walking the labyrinth is a willingness to follow a path, beckoned by a star shining in the center of our own being, and opening our minds and hearts to receive renewal. The impact of such epiphanies—both positive and challenging—can be transformative, leading to new ways of living, thinking, and understanding one's place in the world.

The Magi faced distance, danger, and doubt. Yet by the time they reached Bethlehem, they were no longer the same men who had set out. The journey itself had changed them.

The path toward Christ is a path of transformation. We start with questions and find ourselves changed by the very act of seeking.

Embarking on a labyrinth walk demonstrates our willingness to seek, to trust the path, and to give birth to a higher perspective.

Every soul, in some way, holds a Bethlehem within it—a place where Christ desires to dwell. The Magi's search is our own: the lifelong pilgrimage of faith that begins with curiosity and ends in adoration.

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The “manifestation” continues today. Every act of kindness, every prayer, every moment of forgiveness reveals Christ again to the world.

As the Wise Ones were guided by the star, walking the labyrinth is a heartfelt way to receive guidance and blessings as we move into the new year.

Let the star in the center of our labyrinth beckon you!

Join us on Saturday January 17th for our next Labyrinth Walk. Drop in anytime between 2pm and 5pm. After your walk, share a few comments in our ***Labyrinth Walk Reflection Journal***. Stay for Labyrinth Art Activities: Coloring a printed labyrinth pattern or learn to draw a labyrinth. Healthy snacks are provided. Invite a friend!

If you’re not up for the walk with your feet, we have some beautiful ***Finger Labyrinths*** (also called *Lap Labyrinths*), so you can sit by the labyrinth and have an enriching experience in our serene environment.

Our theme for the New Year’s Walk is “***Epiphanies on the Path.***”



Finger Labyrinth



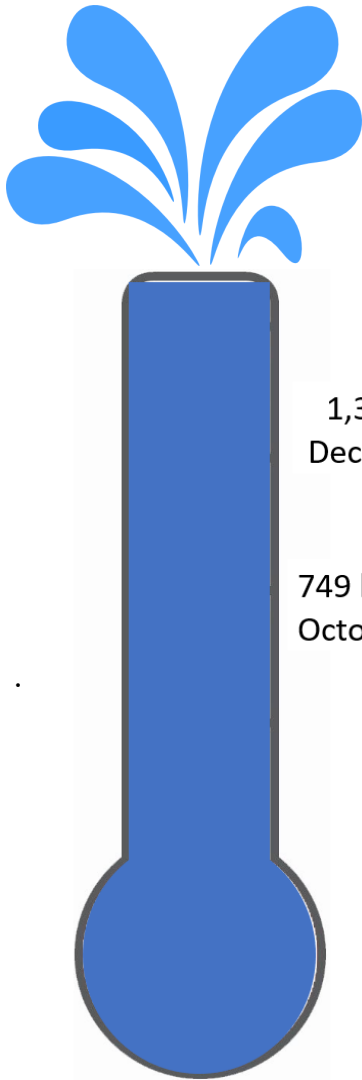


Food for People

The Food Bank for Humboldt County

Your Support Changes Lives.

Bring a Can Every Sunday!



Over 1500 lbs. of food donated to Food for People!

1,389 lbs.
December 7

Thank you for your generous donations of non-perishable food in 2025 ! As a result of your concern, kindness and compassion we exceeded Bev's goal of 1,000 lbs and then Fr. Daniel's goal of donating 1,500 pounds of food to our community's Food for People program this year.

Please continue to find the food donation baskets in the Heritage Room next to Lewis Hall.

749 lbs.
October 26

The need continues. Food insecurity is real.



FRESH PRODUCE SUNDAY FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S ON JANUARY 16



Fresh Produce Sunday is January 16 Baskets will be placed at the back of the nave to collect donations of fresh produce which will be blessed and then taken to St. Vincent de Paul's dining facility on Monday morning. Thank you parishioners for remembering to help each month with your gifts of potatoes, carrots, apples, oranges, bananas, lettuce, onions, cabbage, kale, avocados, peaches, kiwis, and, and, and....



Support the Missionary Diocese of Navajoland

The Crafter's Group are seeking handmade or gently used items for the Missionary Diocese of Navajoland. This year the request is for hats, scarves and gloves for middle school and high school aged children. They have some need for baby blankets and always Prayer Shawls. Contact Stephanie Schultz (707.498.1058) if you would like a simple Prayer Shawl pattern to knit or crochet.

Here is a little background information. At the 2023 Convention of the Diocese of Northern California, former Bishop of our diocese, Barry Beisner gave a report on the people of Navajoland, where he had been appointed as Provisional Bishop. Bishop Barry had received a request asking for toys. He was in contact with the Episcopal Sisters of the Transfiguration, with whom he has a relationship as an Associate of the Community. The sisters had a shipment waiting for a place to go and sent boxes to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in S. Dakota and to Navajoland, headquartered in New Mexico.

Here are some facts Bishop Beisner shared at convention. Navajo Nation is the largest band in the US with a population of 400,000 members, most of whom live in rural areas. It covers people of Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. The median income is \$20,000. There is 40% unemployment and 40% of households live in poverty. Issues include addiction, violence and the struggle of the people to maintain their culture. The Bishop noted that the people there are living an exciting dialogue between traditional Christianity and their culture.

As of June 2025, the people of this area are no longer a mission, but the Missionary Diocese of Navajoland. They will hold an election of their first bishop some time in June 2026.

Christ Church sent shipment of items in November that were blessed at our Thanksgiving service. Thank you to all who participated!

If you would like more information or to join in this project, please call or text Stephanie Schultz, Oblate, Community of the Transfiguration at 707.498.1058. There is a bin labeled Navajoland in Lewis Hall for your donations. Thank you.



Advent Quiet Day at Christ Church, Eureka

An Advent Quiet Day was held by the Associates, and Oblate of the Community of the Transfiguration on Saturday, December 6, 2025. It was our desire to renew this wonderful tradition the Sisters created when once a month they would open Transfiguration House for rest and renewal for women in the community. The Quiet Day was held for over 30 years and was attended by Christians, Buddhists, Quakers, agnostics or those of no religious affiliation at all. This year men were encouraged to attend as well.

The day consisted of hospitality before launching into silence. There were many activities one could partake in if they wished. There was a labyrinth available to walk, a table with art supplies, and Associates brought their favorite books for a table made available for the day. Participants could come and go as they wished. Some comfy couches were available for reading and dosing. Some brought their own craft projects, reading, and journals. The Nave, Chapel and Fr. Doug Thompson Library were made available.

In the tradition of the format the Sisters created, the day began with an overview of the day, including a guided meditation, poetry and a reflection on Advent. We then went into silence, which created a very beautiful way of being together in a rich and deeper knowing of one another. A simple soup lunch was enjoyed in silence. At the end of the day, the group came together in a circle the same way it began. Then participants were encouraged to reflect on their experience of the day.

Nan Merrill, who founded the Friends of Silence newsletter says this about Silence.

Silence is not always our friend. She can be demanding, unpredictable. She draws us through surrender, through the ache of letting go, until all that remains is what is real and true. To stretch out one's hand to Silence is to consent to be changed.

All members agreed it had been a day of renewal with insights found and much needed time to pause, reflect and listen for the voice of Silence in a too noisy world. It was decided we would have another Quiet Day in the spring and would invite more participation from the larger community to share the peace, and beauty of our church environment. Thanks to all who made this a day to remember.

Stephanie Schultz, Oblate, CT



Christ Church Concert Series
presents internationally acclaimed concert organist

Damin Spritzer

in recital



Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 4:00pm

Christ Episcopal Church
H & 15th Streets, Eureka, CA 95501

Spritzer's performances have been hailed as "expressive and musical" (*American Record Guide*),
"stylish" (*The Tracker*), and "elegantly assured" (*Dallas Morning News*)

Suggested donation: \$20 per person

A reception will follow the recital

Called to *Serve*

LAY MINISTRY by Marty Vega



Did you find joy in our Advent and Christmas events, just as I did? From the serene Compline services that offered a moment of reflection, the calming of a Quiet Day, to the heartwarming and fun Family Christmas service; the magic of our candlelit Christmas Eve, and the uplifting carols on Christmas Day—it was a wonderful celebration!

Many members of our Ministries were involved in bringing these events to life, each contributing in meaningful ways. I'd love to hear which event resonated with you the most. If you're interested in joining this wonderful fellowship, please reach out to the leader listed below. You'll be so happy to start your New Year with such a vibrant community!

Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers	Royal McCarthy	→707 498-1215
	John Patton	→707 448-4536
Altar Guild	Kathy Clague	→kjc7001@humboldt.edu
Associates & Oblates of the		
Sisters of the Transfiguration	Stephanie Schultz	→707 498-1058
Child Care	Vickie Patton	→707 498-4538
Choir	David Powell	→davidbpowell@gmail.com
Coffee Hour 8 am	Peg Gardner	→707 443-9627
Coffee Hour 10:30 am	Lynne Bean	→707 822-6086
Christ Church Concert Series	Elizabeth Harper-Lawson	→eaharperlawson@suddenlink.net
Contribution Counters	Francis Rivinius	→805 254-4055
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Green Team	Steven Preston	→213 304-3715
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Ushers and Greeters	Sharon Kalberer	→707 630-3100
	Ian Haynes	→ihaynes66@gmail.com
Welcome Bags	Belinda Zander	→707 442-4222



January Birthday Wishes

Watch over your children, 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.**

Joanne Loureiro	1/05	Karen Price	1/13
Janet Yale	1/07	Evan Smithler	1/17
Shirley Davis	1/11	Joseph Stephen Powers	1/19
Kathleen Lake	1/11	Robin Cardona	1/28



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.**

Bill & Barbara Walser	1/11
Jim Hendry & Lyn Klay	1/18



Did we miss your special day? The staff apologizes 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 January 2026 Cycle of Prayers

for our Diocese and the Anglican Communion

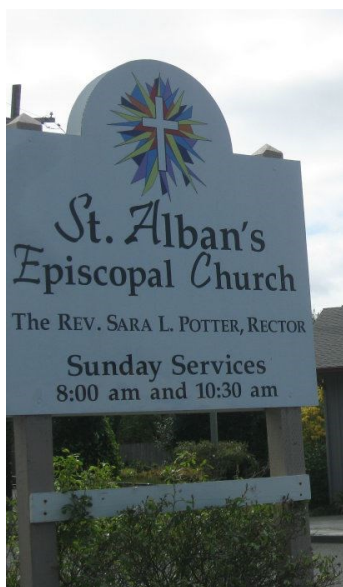
Please pray for the diocese, congregations, and clergy listed below on the Diocesan and Anglican cycles of prayer as well as those prayers requested by our Bishop, Dean and Diocesan Search & Transition Committees.

Every Sunday, the Diocesan Transition Committee requests that we pray for our bishop.

Every Sunday in January The Very Rev. K. Lesley McClohrrie, Dean of our Semper Virens Deanery, has asked us to pray for the people of St. Alban's, Arcata.

Intercessor: We pray for the congregations of our Deanery. This month, we pray for St. Alban's, Arcata. Spirit of the Living God, in this season of Epiphany, help them follow your guidance to be of service to their neighbors. May they enter the world with clarity and courage to share the blessings of your love. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.



January 4

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

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

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church of the Province of Central Africa
The Most Rev. Abert Chama
Archbishop of Central Africa
and Bishop of Lusaka

January 11

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

All Saints' Memorial Episcopal Church, Sacramento
The Rev. Jana Branson, Rector

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Elk Grove
The Rev. Linda Huggard, Priest-in-Charge

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
The Most Rev. Juan David Alvarado Melgar
Primate of IARCA and Bishop of El Salvador

January 18

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Belfry Episcopal & Lutheran Campus Ministry,
Davis
The Rev. Portia Hopkins, Pastor

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
The Most Rev. George Titre Ande
Archbishop of Congo and Bishop of Aru

January 25

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Christ Episcopal Church, Eureka
The Rev. Dr. Daniel London, Rector
The Ven. Pam Gossard, Archdeacon
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Napa
The Rev. Robin Denney, Rector

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
The Most Rev. Enrique Lago Zugadi
Primate of the Anglican Church of Chile and
Bishop of South of Chile

February 1

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Christ the King Episcopal Church, Quincy

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church of 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 2023-2026 Anglican Cycle of Prayer for you. Deacon Anne.



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Bishop
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