

Bede's Journal

The Monthly Newsmagazine of St. Bede's Episcopal Church



We help all ages grow in faith and service.

October 2013

October at a Glance

6:00pm, Saturday 5 October

Arts at St. Bede's presents Duruflé's *Requiem* with combined choirs, performed at Christ Church, Portola Valley

Sunday 6 October

St. Francis Sunday: Blessing of the Animals

11:30am, Sunday 13 October

Pastoral Care meeting

7:00pm, Friday 18 October

FALL GALA

7:30pm, Saturday 19 October

Arts at St. Bede's presents Master Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra

9:00am, Sunday 20 October

Soulwork: Rector's Listening Session

11:15am, Sunday 27 October

Fall Parish Meeting & Elections



Look Ahead and Save These Dates!

5:00pm, Saturday 16 November

FALL GALA sign-up event: Ale Tasting & Appetizers

4:00pm, Sunday 17 November

Arts at St. Bede's presents Matthew Goulart, bass-baritone

Arts at St. Bede's presents:

Requiem of Maurice Duruflé

with the Choirs of St. Bede's & Christ Church, Portola Valley

Performed at Christ Church,

815 Portola Road, Portola Valley

Saturday, October 5, 6pm

This quietly powerful choral piece is a masterwork in the 20th-century canon of choral literature. Performed by two choirs, strings, and Susan Jane Matthews on organ, the piece takes the original Latin chant and clothes it with a modern sensibility evoking peace, mystery, and wonder.

Free will offering



Feast of St. Francis

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, 6 October,

near the end of the 10:15 service

Bring your best animal pals to church for a blessing and we'll celebrate the Eucharist both inside and outside the parish hall!



Call for Nominations

Don't be shy and don't delay!
Now is the time to nominate yourself or another parish member for vestry.

Please see also page 9.



Fall Parish Meeting & Elections

Sunday, 27 October,
at the end of the 10:15 service

Fall Gala

It might not be the harvest moon, but on Friday, 18 October, a full moon will shine on St. Bede's first Fall Gala, celebrating our new season of programs, shared ministry, and leadership of Rev. Gia Hayes-Martin. Gather at 7pm with us for a festive evening of live big band music, hearty appetizers and a dessert buffet, plentiful libations, and silent and live auctions, with proceeds to benefit annual program funds.

Help us build our community by letting the rector know who might require donated tickets, by bringing a friend or several, and by offering or participating in a sign-up event (see some below). Invitations are in the mail, and copies with more auction items will be available at coffee hours through the RSVP deadline of Sunday, 13 October.

October 6th and 13th are also the days we'll be collecting special wines for our silent auction wine cellar; look for David Chu at 9am and 11:30am in Lehman Hall. If you have another item to donate—particularly handcrafted items, event tickets, or dining certificates—contact co-chair Jeanne Cooper; if you can volunteer to help set up on



17 and 18 October, please contact co-chair Anne Vitullo; or leave a message with Carol Shedlock in the parish office.

Here are a few auction highlights—check your calendars and feel free to request a bidder if you can't make the party:

AUCTION ITEMS

November 23: Big Game Tickets

Four fabulous seats to Stanford vs. Cal at Stanford Stadium, *donated by Diane & Mike Spath*

November 2013–June 2014: Coronado Vacation

One week's stay in a 2BR, 2BA Coronado Shores residential condo by the beach with heated pool and close to all San Diego sights (Christmas–New Year's weeks excluded), *donated by Irene Lawrence & David Chu*

February 16-23, 2014: Ski Week on Oahu

A week's stay in a 2BR, 2BA ocean-view villa (sleeps six, with full kitchen and laundry) at Marriott's luxurious Ko Olina Beach Club, *donated by Jeanne Cooper & Ian Hersey*

July 5-12, 2014: Summer Stay on Kauai

A week's stay in a 2BR, 2BA resort condo (sleeps six, with full kitchen and laundry) at The Point at Poipu, *donated by Jeanne Cooper & Ian Hersey*

Pastoral Caregivers Gathering

Everyone who would like to be part of our pastoral care team is invited to a gathering with Gia on **Sunday, 13 October**, in the Ford Room following the 10:15 service. There are many ways to be involved: bringing communion to homebound parishioners, providing rides to and from church, delivering meals, buying groceries for someone with limited mobility, sending cards to express St. Bede's love and care. We welcome all who are willing to serve, whether for one-time opportunities or regular commitments. Training will be provided. If you're interested but unable to attend on the 13th, please talk to Irene Lawrence.



Fall Stewardship Campaign is Underway

October and November are stewardship months and we hope to conclude our fall campaign by Thanksgiving. Look for your packet in the mail and mark your calendars for our Fall Meeting on 27 October. At this luncheon meeting we will gather pledges, discuss our goals, listen to parish concerns and suggestions, and focus our energies and spirits on new paths and relationships under Gia's leadership.

— Ann Latta Senior Warden

SIGN-UP EVENTS

Saturday, November 16, 5pm:

Ale Tasting & Appetizers for up to 12, *hosted by Ed & Carol Brink and Rani Fischer, at the Brinks' home*

Sunday, December 8, noon-3pm:

Gingerbread House Decorating Party with lunch and movies for children—a three-hour getaway for parents!—in Lehman Hall, *hosted by Diane Spath & Jeanne Cooper*

December Saturday TBA:

Christmas Cookie Baking Party, *hosted by Nancy Stork at her home*

Sunday, January 5, 8pm:

"Downton Abbey" Premiere Party for six, *at the home of Rev. Gia & Melville Hayes-Martin*

Sunday, February 2, noon:

Champagne Tasting Lunch for up to 12, in Lehman Hall, *hosted by Jeanne Cooper & Ian Hersey*

Saturday, May 3, 11am:

Gourmet picnic luncheon and Gamble Gardens tour for six, *hosted by Vicki Blayney*



Questions for the New Rector



What should we call you?

Please feel free to call me by my first name, Gia. If you wish to use a title, I prefer Reverend Gia. I know, I know, “Reverend” is technically not a form of address, but I dislike it less than the other options. Trinity School children are calling me Chaplain Gia.

What fulfills you the most about being a priest?

First and always, the deep relationships I get to have with people as we walk together through times of joy and sorrow, and hearing where God is active in people’s lives. It humbles me every single time to be invited into people’s trust in this way. I

enjoy the process of developing sustainable programs, building structures and systems that outlast any one person so that our ministries can thrive over the long term. The enthusiastic, creative energy that can be unleashed during that process is a thing of wonder and a sign of the Holy Spirit at work. You’ll hear more about this, I’m sure! And I really like preaching—not just delivering a sermon on Sundays, but the prayer, reflection, and writing that goes into preparing a sermon. I have come to know and appreciate the Bible so much better through preaching, and it’s where I engage the big questions of life, meaning, and faith.

What are you most excited about at St. Bede’s?

A brief list: Fun, interesting, warm, and friendly people of all ages and backgrounds. Your longing to know, love, and serve God and God’s people. The spiritual depth at the heart of this parish and the seriousness with which you take your faith. Your passion for outreach to a hurting world. Your appreciation of beauty in art, music, architecture, and liturgy. Your hopes for growth and your desire to share the good news of Jesus with those who haven’t heard it. Our hardworking, collegial, and highly competent staff. The strong relationship between St. Bede’s and Trinity School.

What’s the most important thing you hope to accomplish in your first year?

Ministry is a marathon, not a sprint, as a wise priest once said—which means we don’t have to accomplish everything all at once, thank God! Many projects are already on my radar screen: searching for a permanent music director, developing and strengthening our programs for children and youth, and supporting our existing ministries, among others. While all those things are important and will receive my attention, my primary goal for my first year is to form solid, healthy relationships with all of you, so that we learn to trust and love one another. That’s the foundation for everything we will do and be together in the coming years.

When are you available?

What’s the best way to contact you?

I’m around Mondays through Thursdays during office hours. I can’t promise to be at St. Bede’s that entire time—visits and meetings will take me off campus sometimes—but that’s when you have a good chance of finding me. Fridays are my day off. The best ways to contact me are via the main church number (650-854-6555), my cell phone, and my church email (gia@stbedesmenlopark.org). In a life-threatening situation such as a serious accident or major medical emergency, especially one that occurs outside of office hours, please call my cell phone.

Will you be Facebook friends with me?

Sure. Send me a friend request, along with a message that you’re a member of St. Bede’s. My rule for myself is that I’ll accept friend requests from parishioners, but I won’t initiate them—there may be things on your timeline that you don’t want your priest to see. This way, you aren’t in the awkward position of refusing a request from me. You can find me at [facebook.com/ghayesmartin](https://www.facebook.com/ghayesmartin).

And just for fun, what’s the last concert you attended?

A Toad the Wet Sprocket gig. Before that, the San Francisco Symphony.

Peace,

Gia+

Soulwork:

Rector’s Listening Session

As we begin a new program year, Gia wants to hear your input on the Soulwork series of Christian formation for adults. Where does your spirit long to grow? What do you want to learn more about—the Bible, prayer, science and religion, ethics, or something else? What makes for a good series for adults? Are there sessions you are interested in leading? Which outside speakers should we consider inviting to St. Bede’s? Share your thoughts with Gia on **Sunday, 20 October**, at 9:00am in Lehman Hall. Childcare will be available.

 PLEASE JOIN US 
IN CELEBRATING THE START
OF A NEW SEASON AT ST. BEDE'S

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

FALL GALA

FRIDAY, OCT. 18, 2013

7 TO 9 P.M.

LEHMAN HALL



SAVORIES & SWEETS

LIVE MUSIC & DANCING

SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS

\$50 ADULTS  RSVP BY OCT. 13

SHUTTLE AVAILABLE FOR SENIORS

COCKTAIL ATTIRE



Vestry Elections, Fall 2013

Are you interested in serving on Vestry?
Do you have any suggestions for who might
be a good Vestry member?

If so, please speak to Gia, a member of the
Vestry, or to anyone on the Nominating
Committee (see below).

Curious about what a Vestry does?

The canons of the Episcopal Church tell us
that "the Vestry shall be agents and legal
representatives of the Parish in all matters
concerning its corporate property and the
relations of the Parish to its Clergy."

What does this mean in plain English?

Parishioners in good standing will be elected
to a three-year term. "Good standing" means
a communicant who the previous year has
attended services and is a pledging member
of the parish.

We meet once a month, every third Tuesday,
from 7-9pm, and keep track of St. Bede's
budget, pledges, buildings and grounds,
staff, relationship with Trinity School, com-
mittees, outreach, and worship. In all of this,
we are guided by the Senior Warden and by
our new Rector, who actively participates in
Vestry meetings.

The Vestry helps set the direction for the
future of St. Bede's and decides where to
allocate funds.

St. Bede's Vestry has a tradition of collegi-
ality, conviviality and ending meetings on
time. If you would like to meet and serve

with others dedicated to the continuing of
St. Bede's mission, please consider running.
You will not regret it!

You will be part of an interesting and in-
terested governing body committed to the
future of the church and our parish.

The workload is not onerous; we promise!

Make your voice heard and help us guide
this ship across the wide sea!

– Nancy Stork St. Bede's Vestry

*Nominating Committee (Vestry Classes of
2013 and 2014):* Tanya Gulevich, Ann
Latta, Mathai Mammen, Nancy Stork, Will
McDowall, Abby Mintz, Megan Sell

Bede's People

The *Turner* family—*Andrea, Steve*, and
daughters *Maggie* and *Ellie*—left Menlo
Park in late July for "a year-long world ad-
venture." We look forward to hearing their
stories when they return.

Susan & Jacques Fajon, of Paris, passed
through Menlo Park in September and
stopped to reminisce in St. Bede's sanctu-
ary, where they were married in 1978 by Fr.
Richard Ford.

Claire Lawrence will appear in Woodside
Community Theatre's staging of "The Pro-
ducers" October 25-November 3.



Arts at St. Bede's presents

*Master Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra
with Maestro Ramadanoff*

Saturday, October 19, 7:30pm

The MSCO is hailed as “one of the best sounding orchestras on the Peninsula,” with “the most interesting programs,” giving “dynamic and scintillating performances.” The program includes Maurice Ravel’s *Le Tombeau de Couperin*, Mozart’s *Concerto for Oboe and Orchestra in C Major, K. 314* with Soloist Laura Griffiths, Principal Oboe of the San Francisco Ballet Orchestra, and Beethoven’s *Symphony No. 6 in F major, “Pastoral”*, heard also in Disney’s *Fantasia*. Join us for exceptional music and a reception following. www.mastersinfonia.org

Tickets: In advance \$20 gen/\$15 sr/\$10 student

At door \$25 gen/\$20 sr/\$15 student/free under 18



Community Service Opportunities

Parents: Does your middle-schooler or older child need community service hours? Please contact Jeanne Cooper for information on an easy service project they can do at home. Thanks to Maddie Stewart and William Wenstrand for their help in sorting donations to the Service League’s greeting card drive for county jail inmates to keep in touch with their families and friends.

Reading volunteers needed

Los Ayudantes, an independent nonprofit incubated at St. Bede’s, seeks volunteers for its Wednesday after-school book club for Fair Oaks Elementary fourth- and fifth-graders. If you can’t make weekly hourlong meet-

ings, volunteers are also needed to substitute for parishioners John Hickson, Ann Latta, and Jeanne Cooper from time to time.

Volunteers are also welcome to join Trinity School’s new Spanish instructor and Ayudantes program coordinator Estela Roldan on Monday mornings at Fair Oaks, when mothers of young children come for tutoring in English, or on Wednesday mornings at MIT in Redwood City, where Los Ayudantes offers tutoring to small groups of middle-schoolers. Contact her at losayudantes.estela@gmail.com for information.

You can also speak with a St. Bede’s parishioner on the Los Ayudantes board: Julie Backlund, Ann Latta, Sue Sartor, Michelle Swenson, or Becky Zeren.

Faith in Action

Thanks to a record turnout of patrons and volunteers—not to mention all the parishioners who cleaned house and donated their unwanted items—our Labor Day weekend rummage sale raised \$1,639 on behalf of Home & Hope, the transitional family shelter program that’s the focus of St. Bede’s local nonprofit fundraising this year.

More than fifty shoppers from the community lined up in our courtyard an hour before the sale started, and many parishioners who came to Rev. Gia’s first Sunday with us made purchases during a festive coffee hour that included Brian Douglas as a barista/coffee vendor, which raised further donations. Fred Langhorst’s coordination of an “e-cycling” electronic waste drive that kicked off at the rummage sale and continued two weekends also showcased our efforts to help our community.

Adding monies raised over the summer, St. Bede’s Seccombe Outreach Fund was able to send a check for \$2,100 to Home & Hope, a longtime community service partner that has been struggling to deal with funding cuts. While we’re awaiting details of a fundraising run/walk/bike-athon on 17 November that’s meant to involve all the Episcopal churches on the Peninsula (our “deanery”), please note we’ll also be helping Home & Hope

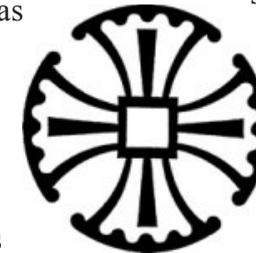
with hands-on service at least two more nights this calendar year—and more often as volunteers are available.

If you think you might like to prepare and serve dinner (entrees will be purchased), socialize with adults, play with kids or fill the critical role as overnight host during the week of 17-24 November or the week of 16-20 December, please let John Hickson, Megan Sell, or Jeanne Cooper know. Our exact nights have not been finalized but we will keep interested parties informed when they are.

During this fall season of parish-wide stewardship, the Community Service Committee primarily focuses on hands-on service opportunities and gifts of in-kind donations (mini-toiletries, canned food, usable clothing, etc.) We certainly appreciate all the donations of time, talent, and treasure so far this year—including deposits to the Seccombe Outreach Fund from eScrip.

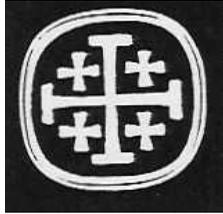
eScrip gives the fund a small percentage of purchases from registered credit cards, supported by merchants at no cost to those who register their cards. If you’re new to the parish and haven’t signed up with eScrip yet, or you think the cards you listed might have expired, please visit www.escrip.com or ask Fred Langhorst for help.

—Jeanne Cooper
Community Service volunteer



Planned Giving

When You Give It All Away



A local rabbi recently noted that while we often think of God as the great Giver, God is actually the great Loaner. All we have been given—even

life itself—is only on loan. A time will come when we will give it all away—and this is actually a great opportunity, for nothing any longer need be held back for contingencies. All contingencies will be gone. We may then freely and completely distribute whatever God has loaned to us.

Here are three simple ways to remember your church as an expression of gratitude to the Font of every blessing:

1. Make Your Church a Beneficiary of Your IRA/401(k)/403(b)

Call the toll-free number on your monthly plan statement and ask for a “Change of Beneficiary” form. Or download it online. Add your church as a beneficiary. (No attorney needed!) You continue to access these funds for as long as you live; but when you no longer need them, they may pass tax-free to the church.

2. Make Your Church a Beneficiary of a Life Insurance Policy

Just call the insurance company and ask for a “Change of Beneficiary” form. Or download

it online. Add your church as a beneficiary. (Again—no attorney needed!)

3. Leave a Bequest to Your Church

Add a codicil to your will or an amendment to your trust, providing a specific dollar amount or a percentage of the remainder—for example, “To My Church, My Town, California, I leave 10% of the remainder of my estate.”

There are many different ways to include your church in your personal legacy. The best way for you depends upon your circumstances and your intentions. To further explore your options, contact your Gift Planning Officer or visit www.EpiscopalGift.org.

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 is Tuesday 15 October.



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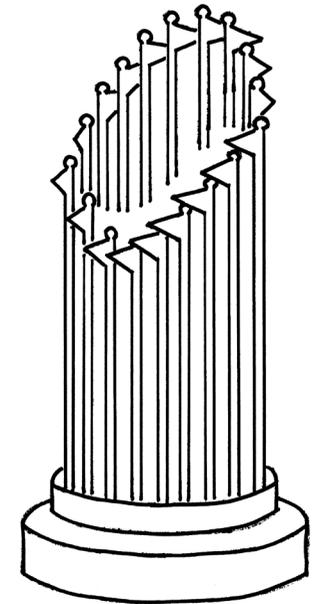
In the Month of October

Birthdays

- 1 Ed Brink
 Chris Morace
 Lauren von Thaden
- 2 Margaret Monroe
- 5 Ann Poulson
- 14 Barbara Pease
 Meredith Pellegrin
- 15 Steve Boisvert
- 20 John Vermylen
- 21 Joseph Leen
- 23 Amelie Dunn
 Julia Langhorst
- 25 John Churchill
 Melville Hayes-Martin
 Olivia Stork
- 27 Allan Harris
 Cooper Stewart
 Silas Stewart
- 28 Saira Ramasastry

Anniversaries

- 1 Jeff & Noelle Roux Dunn
- 4 Nancy & Robert Shurtleff
- 6 Dave & Megan Sell
- 10 Al & Betsy Harris
- 29 Jon Poe & Anne Vitullo



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The purpose of Bede's Journal is to keep members and friends of the congregation informed of activities and opportunities for education, worship, and fellowship within the parish and beyond.

The Rev. Gia Hayes-Martin *Rector*
The Rev. David A. Sheetz *Priest Assistant & Interim Music Director*
The Rev. John Oda-Burns *Priest Assistant*
Carol Shedlock *Parish Administrator*
Rani Fischer *Organist*
Angela Sherry *Bookkeeper*

Sunday Services

Holy Eucharist 8:00, 10:15am
(Nursery 10:00, Sunday school 10:15am)

Weekday Service

Holy Eucharist Wednesday 8:00am

Parish Office Hours M-F 9:00am-5:00pm
650-854-6555

Trinity School + Preschool-Fifth Grade



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