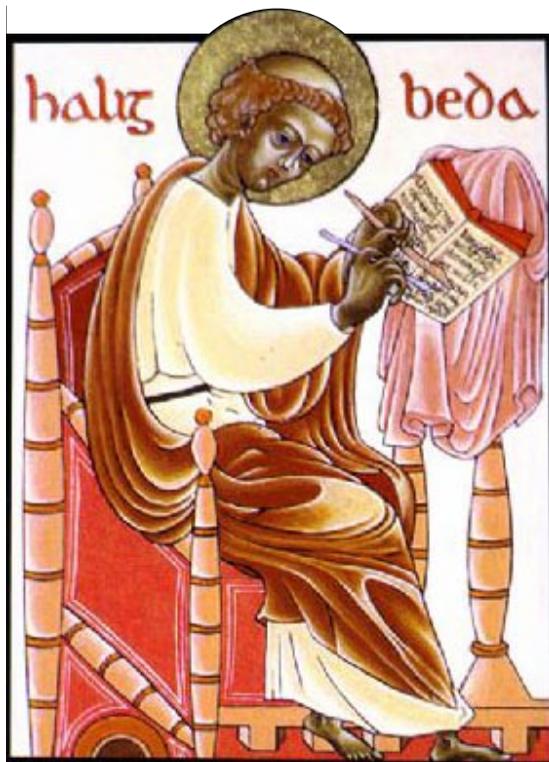


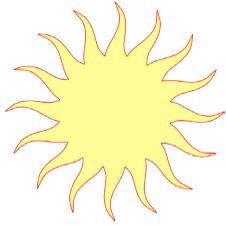
Bede's Journal

The Monthly Newsmagazine of St. Bede's Episcopal Church



We help all ages grow in faith and service.

Summer 2016



Summer at a Glance

8:50am & 11:30am, Sunday 3 July

Treat Sales at coffee hours, benefiting the Seccombe Fund for Outreach

9:00am, Sundays, July 3,10

Soulwork: Psalms

9:00am, Sundays, beginning July 17 & continuing throughout August

Soulwork: The Spirituality of Money

Sunday 28 August

Sunday school resumption & Potluck Picnic



Look Ahead and Save These Dates!

Sunday 4 September

Youth Group resumes

Sunday 11 September

Fall Kick-Off

St. Bede's Choir returns

Sunday 18 September

4:00pm Arts at St. Bede's presents San Francisco Renaissance Voices

Friday 30 September

Annual Gala Fundraiser

Summer Soulwork

Our series on the Psalms, the prayer book and hymn book of the Bible, continues on July 3 and 10. We'll reflect on favorite psalms and explore some lesser-known ones.

On July 17, we begin an eight-week series on the Spirituality of Money. We can't live without it, so how do we use it in ways congruent with our Christian faith? Based on a program from the Faith and Money Network, this series invites us to name the role of money in our lives, compare biblical and cultural messages about money, consider what and how we teach children about money, explore the connections between debt and climate change, and more.

Soulwork meets on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Lehman Hall. Childcare is available by advance request; please call the parish office by the Thursday prior.



Milestone Coming Up?

St. Bede's was honored to celebrate Ed and Carol Brink's 60th wedding anniversary with a special blessing during the 10:15 service on June 19. If you'd like to receive a blessing for a milestone birthday or anniversary, Gia would be delighted to arrange it. Please talk to her to set up a date.



+ Rites of Passage +

Life is marked by significant cycles and events: we are born, baptized, confirmed; some of us are married, families are raised, illness comes, death occurs. Such are the Rites of Passage and such are marked by special prayers in the church.

+ Marriage +

Alexander Stork & Kenya Mitchell
18 June 2016

Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need.

+ Burial +

William Francis Poulson
17 June 1931 – 5 February 2016

Laura Louise Kertz Luque
29 January 1919 – 9 January 2016

John Tower Churchill
25 October 1967 – 26 June 2016

Receive them into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Summertime Children & Youth

From now through August 21, we will hold one Sunday school classroom for all ages, 3 through 12. This year's Sunday Funday theme is "Around the World Adventure: Visiting the World's Christians." We are learning about all the people around the world that practice Christianity, from right here in Menlo Park to Sumatra, Ethiopia, Hungary, Armenia and Syria, and many more! We will have a lesson each day with an interactive activity. We hope you can join us on our Around the World adventure!

We are still looking for volunteers to help with Sunday Funday on July 31 and August 21! At this point it is just a great opportunity for you to get to know the kids of St. Bede's and I will run the lesson and interactive activity. We hope that it will be a nice environment to learn something about the wider Christian world, while also providing an easy curriculum for families to join as often or as few times as they can! All are welcome, young and old, returning and new!

Note for Sunday Funday attendees under age 3: Nursery care will also be available upon advance request. We will need to know by no later than the Thursday before if you will need a nursery attendant. The Nursery room, however, will be made available every Sun-

day for your own use, we just can't promise an attendant without prior notification.

Some dates to mark for the end of the summer and beginning of fall are:

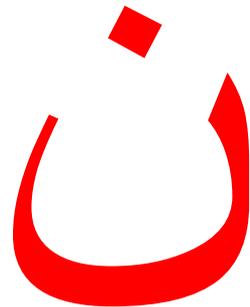
August 28th: Start of Sunday school with a potluck picnic (RSVP email to come)

September 4th: First Youth Group gathering of the year

September 11th: Fall Kick-Off with bounce houses and frozen treats!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns on the Children's and Youth Ministry here at St. Bede's I am available on campus on Tuesdays all summer as well as reachable at michaela@stbedesmenlopark.org.

– *Michaela Eskew*
Children's & Youth Minister



From the Rector

You Are All One Person in Christ Jesus

The following is a sermon offered on June 19; the Rector has received a number of requests for it.

[Proper 7C: Isaiah 65:1-9, Psalm 22:18-27, Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39]

I wish I could preach a puppy-dogs-and-rainbows kind of sermon today. Something about kittens, and Jesus loves the little children, maybe a few rounds of "Kumbayah" to make everyone feel good. Unfortunately, we don't live in a world like that. I feel the need to include a content warning for this sermon; I'm going to mention sexual assault and gun violence, and if either of those is a difficult subject for you, please do what you need to do to take care of yourself.

These last couple of weeks have reminded us vividly that the world we live in is broken, hurting, messed up. We woke up a week ago to news of a mass shooting at a gay nightclub in Orlando. Forty-nine people died and fifty-three were wounded before the shooter was killed by police. It was Latin Night at the club, and most of the victims were people of color. They'd gone to dance and have fun, maybe fall in love to the thumping bass line and swirling disco lights. The scale of the loss, the sense of violation, are unbearable. So many people, and so young. And in a gay bar, an institution that has long been a safe space

for the LGBTQ community, oftentimes the only place gay people could be themselves without fear of harassment or violence.

The news of Orlando came only days after the sentencing of a Stanford student for sexually assaulting a young woman while she was unconscious. The prosecution asked for six years; the judge gave him six months. Both the judge and the rapist's father expressed more concern for the rapist's swimming career than for the woman he attacked. She, the survivor, read a searing, scathing letter at the sentencing, which she then made public online. If you haven't read it, you should. It was all my friends talked about for a solid four days: the woman's bravery in speaking; the importance of teaching children and teens about consent; how even when a man is caught in the act of committing rape, women's bodies and our lives are less valuable than the man's ability to swim really fast.

These news stories are so jarring to us in part because our society has made such visible progress. A woman is the presumptive



presidential nominee of a major party. We have a black president. Marriage equality is the law in all fifty states. We might allow ourselves to believe that we've solved sexism, racism, and anti-gay prejudice. The shooting of so many LGBTQ people of color, the paltry sentence for three felony counts of sexual assault tell us that we haven't solved them. LGBTQ people and people of color are still targeted for being who they are. Women's lives and bodies are still worth less than men's lives and bodies. We've made some progress, yes, but we are nowhere near done.

Sadly, Christianity throughout its long history has too often contributed to these problems instead of making them better. Christians have told women to be quiet and subordinate, silenced women and written them out of the Christian story. They have defamed and debased Mary Magdalene, a key supporter of Jesus, the first witness to the resurrection, by claiming she was a prostitute. If you can't erase her, make up a terrible reputation for her so she can't be a role model. Christians have cast Jesus as a white man with blue eyes and flowing blond hair, preposterous coloring for a Middle Eastern person, to imply that white people look like God, perhaps even are God. They have claimed that enslaving black and native people was God's will. They have set up private academies to avoid integration in the public schools. Christians have told

LGBTQ people that they were possessed by demons. They have tried to "pray away the gay," encouraged parents to disown their children for coming out. They have even tried to make it impossible for transgender people to use the bathroom. For all that we might like to blame other religions or a Godless society for the prejudice in the world, our Christian forebears carry a lot of responsibility for it.

In the letter to the Galatians, Paul offers us a portrait of what a better world is like. He reminds us that in Christ Jesus we are all children of God through faith. *All*: white, black, Asian, Latino, Native; male, female, trans, gay, straight; senior citizen, toddler, middle-aged, teenager; engineer, day laborer, barista, student, doctor. Our identity in Christ embraces all those categories and more, so that *all* are children of God. The ways we divide into us and them, into haves and have-nots, into the powerful and the powerless, they are meaningless in Christ. All of us are one in Christ Jesus—or, as another translation puts it, "You are all one person in Christ Jesus" (*Revised English Bible*). It's a vision of radical equality in Christ and radical unity in Christ. Paul doesn't speak of this as a hypothetical or a conditional. He says this is how it *is*. We *are* all children of God. We *are* all one person in Christ Jesus. It's not a dream or a hope; it is reality.



Whenever anyone stands on the outside of that equality and unity, Jesus brings them in. Look how many boundaries he crosses, how many taboos he breaks in this gospel story. He and his disciples have crossed the Sea of Galilee to the eastern side, the non-Jewish side, the pork-eating side. There they meet a man who is, to put it mildly, in a very bad way. He is naked, shackled, wild, barely human any more. He has lost himself so thoroughly that he doesn't even know his own name. And he lives among the tombs, as though he is already dead. He must have seemed beyond all care, beyond all help. No wonder that his own people avoided him. Yet Jesus speaks to him. Jesus sees the human being beyond the wild hair and violent behavior. Jesus has compassion for him, and Jesus heals him of whatever is

tormenting him. Jesus brings him back into the human community. There is no place Jesus will not go to reach us. There's no distance he won't cross, nothing we can do that will scare him away. No matter the form of our bodies or the color of our skin or whom we love, Jesus comes to find us. He has compassion on us, he claims us as his own, he knits us into his community, his body. In him, we are all children of God. In him, we are all one person.

Being one person with our fellow children of God sounds puppy-dogs-and-rainbows. Everyone is loved! Everyone belongs! Isn't that wonderful? Well, tell that to the Gerasene people. Far from singing "Kumbayah" and celebrating the healing of this man, his restoration to the



community, they ask Jesus to leave. Jesus disrupts their way of doing things too much for them to be comfortable. He upsets the social order. Better to make him go away before he can heal someone else, restore someone else to the community, make the Gerasenes even more uncomfortable.

I hope this reaction disturbs us, because this turning away, this closing of doors and hearts, is exactly what Paul and Jesus would have us resist. Yes, it's hard to be one person in Christ Jesus with people who are vastly different from you. It's hard to love someone as a fellow child of God without expecting them to change.

For those of us on the inside, it's hard to give up our position, our power, so that someone on the outside may come in. That's why Jesus is with us, because it is hard.

Yet that portrait of radical equality and radical unity means there is always a place for us, too. If we are all children of God, no one can ever turn us away. We are all one person in Christ Jesus, and we will always belong to him, no matter what.

A couple of weeks ago, I told you about a conference I went to where we were able to have some very difficult discussions about sexism and alcohol abuse in the Church. When it came time to share our stories, many of us were nervous about whether the group was truly a safe space, whether we could speak our truth without fearing some

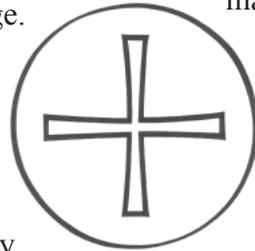
kind of blowback. One wise woman said, "There's no such thing as a completely safe space. Telling our stories always makes us vulnerable. But we can make a courageous space, where we have the courage to be who we are and tell our stories in spite of our fears." I've been coming back to her words a lot in the last couple of weeks. University campuses and gay bars don't seem like safe spaces after Stanford and Orlando. Churches have often not been safe spaces for those who are not white, straight, and male. I don't think it's possible for St. Bede's to be a completely safe space. But we can make this a courageous space, where

we dare both to be fully ourselves and to love others for being fully themselves. We can make this a courageous space where there is no "them," because there is only ever us. And we can take that courage we find here, the confidence we find in being one person in Christ Jesus, into the world, to make the world both safer than it is and more courageous.

The world we live in is broken, hurting, and messed up. It needs us even more to be who we are: children of God; one person in Christ Jesus. And it needs us to live courageously so that in all the world there is no longer "them," but only and always us.

Peace,

Gia+



Time to Prepare for Fall Gala 🍁

Summer may yet be young, but St. Bede's Fall Gala can use your support sooner than some may realize.

This year's event will take place **Friday, September 30**—a month earlier than our wonderfully successful gala of 2015, when we raised more than \$12,000 to support parish programs and outreach ministries. In addition to a New Orleans/All Saints' Day theme, last year's gala focused on "Sharing Our Gifts," with parishioners providing entertainment, handmade auction items, sign-up dinners and workshops, and other donations of time, treasure, and talent reflecting their personal interests.

While details of the 2016 fundraiser are still being planned, we hope you will join us in sharing your own gifts. The most important may be the gift of time.

Please save the date! Adults, children, and friends are welcome; invitations will be mailed before the Fall Kick-off on Sunday, September 11, when we'll ask for RSVPs and specific volunteers for the event.

Also, please consider what interest, talent, or item you'd like to share with our community, and **contact auction chair Jeanne Cooper by August 13** to arrange the details. She can also help you come up with ideas.

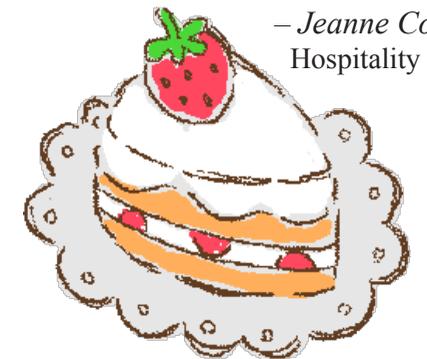
We'd like to publicize our sign-up events and as many other auction items as possible in the September *Bede's Journal*, which has a submissions deadline of August 15.

Hospitality Update

Thanks to all who have answered the call so far for help with summer coffee hours, when many of our stalwart hosts are travelling. Please continue to chip in with clean-up, set-up, or bringing finger food, as able; Carol Shedlock can tell you which Sundays need additional help.

As a reminder, we keep a cart stocked with the paper goods and other dry supplies needed. Thank you for returning washed creamers, unused cups, sugar packets, *etc.* to the cart at the end of the 10:15 coffee hour; specially labeled Bunn carafes should be returned to the pantry. Thanks to David Chu for his ongoing help with washing the carafes.

We keep cookies and savory treats on the bottom shelf of the cart, too, as well as Minute Maid lemonade in the refrigerator, so it's easy to set a table. Thank you to Ed and Carol Brink for continuing to provide lemonade, enjoyed by our Sunday school as well as coffee hour patrons.



— Jeanne Cooper
Hospitality Chair

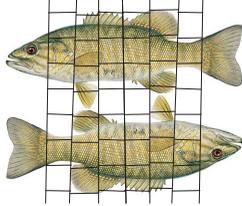
July 2016 at St. Bede's Episcopal Church

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| <p>THOUGH I WALK IN THE MIDST OF TROUBLE, YOU KEEP ME SAFE; YOU STRETCH FORTH YOUR HAND AGAINST THE FURY OF MY ENEMIES; YOUR RIGHT HAND SHALL SAVE ME.</p> | | | | | 1 5:00p Home & Hope service | 2 7:30a Sunrise AA* 9:00a Alcoholics Anonymous* Altar Guild work 5:00p Home & Hope service |
| 7 Pentecost 3 Treat Sales at coffee hours benefit Seccombe Fund 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00a Soulwork-Psalms 9:00a Nursery by request 10:15a Sunday Funday 10:15a Holy Eucharist Rite II | 4 Independence Day Parish office closed 9:00a Counting Crew | 5 9:00a Trinity School camp 2:00p Staff meeting 8:00p Narcotics Anonymous* | 6 8:00a Holy Eucharist 9:00a Trinity School camp noon Bldgs & Grounds mtg 3:00p Benefit planning mtg* 7:30p Highland Pipe Band* | 7 9:00a Trinity School camp noon Alcoholics Anonymous* | 8 9:00a Trinity School camp noon Parkinson's Caregivers* | 9 7:30a Sunrise AA* 9:00a Alcoholics Anonymous* Altar Guild work 11:00a L. Luque interment 1:00p J. Churchill mem svc 7:00p Folk Dance* |
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| 9 Pentecost 17 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00a Soulwork-On Money 9:00a Nursery by request 10:15a Sunday Funday 10:15a Holy Eucharist Rite II | 18 9:00a Counting Crew 9:00a Trinity School camp | 19 <i>Macrina</i> 9:00a Trinity School camp noon Parkinson's Caregivers* 2:00p Staff meeting 7:00p Vestry mtg 8:00p Narcotics Anonymous* | 20 <i>Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Ross Tubman</i> 8:00a Holy Eucharist 9:00a Trinity School camp 7:30p Highland Pipe Band* | 21 9:00a Trinity School camp noon Alcoholics Anonymous* 7:00p POE planning mtg* | 22 St. Mary Magdalene 9:00a Trinity School camp | 23 7:30a Sunrise AA* 9:00a Alcoholics Anonymous* Altar Guild work |
| 10 Pentecost 24 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00a Soulwork-On Money 9:00a Nursery by request 10:15a Sunday Funday 10:15a Holy Eucharist Rite II | 25 St. James 9:00a Counting Crew 9:00a Trinity School camp | 26 <i>Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 9:00a Trinity School camp 2:00p Staff meeting 8:00p Narcotics Anonymous* | 27 <i>William Reed Huntington</i> 8:00a Holy Eucharist 9:00a Trinity School camp 7:30p Highland Pipe Band* | 28 9:00a Trinity School camp noon Alcoholics Anonymous* | 29 <i>Mary and Martha of Bethany</i> 9:00a Trinity School camp | 30 <i>William Wilberforce</i> 7:30a Sunrise AA* 9:00a Alcoholics Anonymous* Altar Guild work |
| 11 Pentecost 31 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00a Soulwork-On Money 9:00a Nursery by request 10:15a Sunday Funday 10:15a Holy Eucharist Rite II | <p>THE LORD WILL MAKE GOOD HIS PURPOSE FOR ME; O LORD, YOUR LOVE ENDURES FOR EVER; DO NOT ABANDON THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS.</p> | | | | |  |

Psalm 138:8-9

**use of St. Bede's facilities in outreach to the broader community*

August 2016 at St. Bede's Episcopal Church

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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|  | <i>Joseph of Arimathea</i> 1 9:00a Counting Crew | 2 2:00p Staff meeting 8:00p Narcotics Anonymous* | 3 8:00a Holy Eucharist noon Bldgs & Grounds mtg 7:30p Highland Pipe Band* | 4 noon Alcoholics Anonymous* | 5 | The Transfiguration of Our Lord 6 7:30a Sunrise AA* 9:00a Alcoholics Anonymous* Altar Guild work 7:00p Folk Dance* |
| 12 Pentecost 7 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00a Soulwork-On Money 9:00a Nursery by request 10:15a Sunday Funday 10:15a Holy Eucharist Rite II | <i>Dominic</i> 8 9:00a Counting Crew | 9 2:00p Staff meeting 3:00p Pipe Organ Encounter concert* 7:00p Finance Cmte mtg 8:00p Narcotics Anonymous* | <i>Laurence of Rome</i> 10 8:00a Holy Eucharist 7:30p Highland Pipe Band* | <i>Clare of Assisi</i> 11 noon Alcoholics Anonymous* | <i>Florence Nightingale</i> 12 noon Parkinson's Caregivers* | <i>Jeremy Taylor</i> 13 7:30a Sunrise AA* 9:00a Alcoholics Anonymous* Altar Guild work 5:00p Rehab benefit event* |
| 13 Pentecost 14 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00a Soulwork-On Money 9:00a Nursery by request 10:15a Sunday Funday 10:15a Holy Eucharist Rite II | St. Mary the Virgin 15 9:00a Counting Crew | 16 Parish hall floor refinished (hall closed 1 week) noon Parkinson's Caregivers* 2:00p Staff meeting 8:00p Narcotics Anonymous* | 17 8:00a Holy Eucharist 7:30p Highland Pipe Band* | <i>William Porcher DuBose</i> 18 noon Alcoholics Anonymous* | 19 | <i>Bernard of Clairvaux</i> 20 7:30a Sunrise AA* 9:00a Alcoholics Anonymous* Altar Guild work |
| 14 Pentecost 21 Coffee hours outdoors 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00a Soulwork-On Money 9:00a Nursery by request 10:15a Sunday Funday 10:15a Holy Eucharist Rite II | 22 9:00a Counting Crew | 23 2:00p Staff meeting 8:00p Narcotics Anonymous* | St. Bartholomew 24 8:00a Holy Eucharist 7:30p Highland Pipe Band* | <i>Louis of France</i> 25 noon Alcoholics Anonymous* | 26 | <i>Thomas Gallaudet with Henry Winter Syle</i> 27 7:30a Sunrise AA* 9:00a Alcoholics Anonymous* Altar Guild work |
| 15 Pentecost 28 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00a Soulwork-On Money 9:00a Nursery 10:15a Sunday school 10:15a Holy Eucharist Rite II | 29 9:00a Counting Crew | 30 2:00p Staff meeting 8:00p Narcotics Anonymous* | <i>Aidan and Cuthbert of Lindisfarne</i> 31 8:00a Holy Eucharist 7:30p Highland Pipe Band* | They cast their nets in Galilee just off the hills of brown; such happy, simple fisherfolk, before the Lord came down. Contented, peaceful fishermen, before they ever knew the peace of God that filled their hearts brimful, and broke them too. <div style="text-align: right;">Hymn 661</div> | | |

*use of St. Bede's facilities in outreach to the broader community

SAVE THE DATES!

The Arts at St. Bede's 2016-2017 Season

All events are at 4:00pm.

Sunday, September 18 — San Francisco Renaissance Voices*Devoted Daughters & Weird Sisters*: Music of Carissimi, Leveridge, & Johnson**Sunday, October 23** — Evensong & organ recital

The Choir of St. Bede's & guest organist Jin Kyung Lim: Music of Tudor England

Saturday, November 12 — All Souls Memorial Service

The choirs of St. Bede's & Christ Church Portola Valley: Music by Purcell and Croft

Sunday, November 20 — Collage Vocal Ensemble*Seasons of the Heart***Sunday, December 11** — KitkaAnnual *Wintersongs* concert and CD release**Sunday, January 29** — MUSA ensemble*Art Inspiring Art III*: Music of Benjamin Pesetsky and Marin Marais**Sunday, February 12** — The Albany Consort**Sunday, March 19** — Evensong & organ recital

The Choir of St. Bede's & guest organist/composer Angela Kraft Cross

Sunday, April 2 — Soprano Rachele Perry & Mezzo-soprano Sally Mouzon*An Afternoon at the Opera*: Arias & Duets**Sunday, May 21** — Clerestory Men's EnsembleThe ARTS AT ST. BEDE'S Concert Series
resonates throughout the greater community

At four of the 2015-16 Arts at St. Bede's series events, box office proceeds were donated to charities both nearby and far from home. A total of \$4,091 was raised by Collage Vocal Ensemble's concerts in November and May, the service of Evensong in September, and the choir's May concert.

Proceeds from these Arts at St. Bede's presentations went to *Los Ayudantes*, LifeMoves (formerly the InnVision Shelter Network), the Music in the Schools Foundation, and Holy Trinity Music School in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. In addition, the Arts at St. Bede's Concert Series funded the expansion of the November art exhibit by local artist Michael Killen to include a presentation to the students of Trinity School. Many thanks to all who contributed—both on stage and behind the scenes—to the success of these endeavors!

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Raising Up Organists

The Palo Alto/Peninsula Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is sponsoring a Pipe Organ Encounter (POE) summer camp for teens, August 7-13, 2016.

Please join us at the following *free recitals open to the public* at Memorial Church, Stanford University —

Sunday, 7 August, 8:00pm: Robert Huw Morgan

Monday, 8 August, 8:00pm: Angela Kraft Cross

Tuesday, 9 August*, 8:00pm: Barbara Baird and Meaghan King

Wednesday, 10 August, 8:00pm: Alcee Chriss III

Thursday, 11 August, 8:00pm: Adam Detzner and Weston Jennings

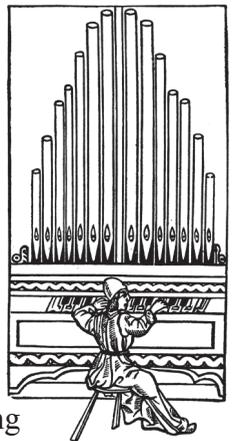
Friday, 12 August, 7:00pm: POE Students

*Also Tuesday, 9 August, 3:00pm: Paulette Grundeen *at St. Bede's*

Special thanks go to the Office for Religious Life and the Music Department at Stanford University and to the many donors who have made the POE possible.

If you would like to volunteer to bake snacks for the 23 students or drive them to lessons, please let me know.

— Rani Fischer Organist, St. Bede's



Vestry View

Prior to our meeting in June, several vestry members as well as Rev. Gia, Carol Shedlock, and Hal Louchheim met with a representative from American Solar to discuss the possibility of adding solar power generation to our campus. No firm decisions have yet been made; American Solar will submit a proposal for further review by the Finance and Buildings & Grounds committees.

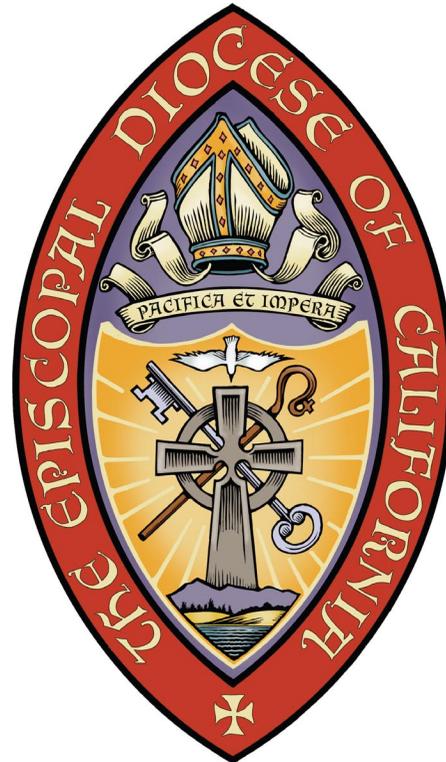
Our vestry meeting began with a spiritual practice to teach the use of guided imagery.

Each vestry meeting includes time for community input. This month, Jeanne Cooper joined the meeting with a proposal to display a rainbow banner during Pride Week to show our parish's support for the broader LGBT community in light of the recent massacre in Orlando, FL. We voted to proceed with Jeanne's proposal and a rainbow flag will fly by our parish signage on Sand Hill Road. A small committee was also formed to explore ways to reaffirm our parish's position of welcome to all people, specifically including LGBT folks.

Vestry was joined by Treasurer Hal Louchheim to discuss parish finances. Overall our day-to-day finances are secure and reasonably in line with planned income and expenses. We were able to defer a planned

distribution from the maintenance endowment this quarter.

Rev. Gia introduced the possibility of a capital campaign in the next one to two years. The diocese is presently in the early stages of a capital campaign to raise more than \$30M for use in a number of high-yield projects and programs such as funding for global mission, clergy housing, programs for congregational vitality, grants to parishes, and increased endowment to Episcopal charities. The diocese is inviting parishes to join the campaign; a donor has covered the cost of fundraising consultants for each parish that



chooses to participate. We are not committed to join this campaign yet but Vestry agreed to move forward with further investigation of the possibility of participation.

Rector's report: Rev. Gia offered the Trinity School update. Graduation was June 8, and this was a festive affair. Of note, some space remains throughout the school and especially in the preschool and kindergarten classes for the upcoming school year. If you know a family in need of a quality school, don't hesitate to steer them toward Trinity! In other news, work is underway to form a standing committee for stewardship. And Rev. Gia will be away in continuing education from July 11-14.

Irene Lawrence, one of our deanery reps, reported on the recent special diocesan meeting to discuss the structure of two local Episcopal retirement homes that are church institutions; these organizations are the subject of ongoing litigation.

Next, we received the Senior Warden's report. Jon Backlund reported that the sexton's job description has been finalized. Jon continues to work with PG&E on removal of the dead Monterey pine trees out on our berm along Sand Hill Rd. And, as above, the B&G committee is working with American Solar to investigate the addition of solar panels to our campus.

As Junior Warden I offered a report on Community Service happenings this month. We are in the midst of a busy Home & Hope season with St. Bede's folks slated to serve over four dates in June/July at both Transfiguration and Trinity Church. The Community Service committee is also planning a festive coffee hour on 3 July with pie à la mode and espresso drinks to benefit the Seccombe Outreach Fund.

Katie Machemer led us in Compline to end the meeting.

— *Emilee Wilhelm-Leen*
Junior Warden

Places at Trinity School

Trinity School, serving Preschool through Grade 5 students and families, is accepting applications in select grades for Fall 2016 enrollment. Please contact Marie Campbell at admission@trinity-mp.org for further information. Visit the website at www.trinity-mp.org.

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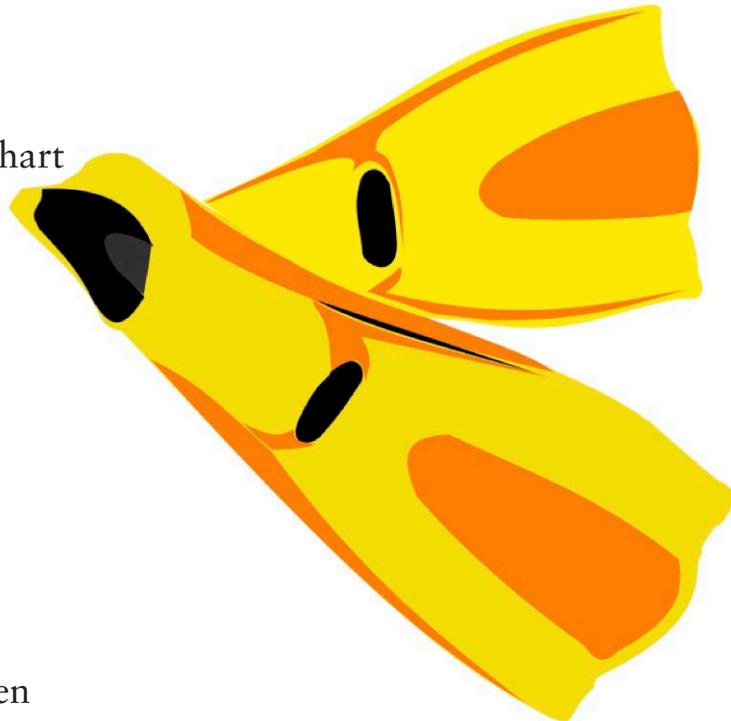
In the Month of July

Birthdays

- 1 Chris Talbot
- 4 Cristina Harris
Marcel Hayden-Gephart
Dominique Rose
Tina Talbot
- 8 Ann Mason
Nancy Stork
- 10 Toffie Kopczynski
- 15 Jeanne Cooper
- 16 Cyrus Hayden-Gephart
- 17 Eileen DiGiorgio
Jack Wenstrand
- 19 Brian DiGiorgio
- 20 Curtis Grisham
- 21 Ray Ross
- 23 Taylor Whitney
- 24 Will McDowall
Marge Posthauer
- 25 Isabel Gable
- 28 Ed Chapla
- 29 Dave Sell
Emilee Wilhelm-Leen

Anniversaries

- 5 Fred & Julia Klasson Langhorst
- 6 Jon & Julie Backlund
Meagan & John Wenstrand
- 13 Doug & Vicki Blayney
- 24 Jeanne Cooper & Ian Hersey



In the Month of August

Anniversaries

- 3 Bertita & Michael Graebner
Melville & Gia Hayes-Martin
- 6 Katherine McKee & Colby Roberts
- 9 Matt & Melanie Hayden-Gephart
Brian Leen & Emilee Wilhelm-Leen
- 23 Anne & Wes Poulson
- 26 Elaine & Randy Kriegh
- 27 Diane & Mike Spath
- 29 Dora Ho & Pedro Lo
Tim & Tanya Brugh
- 31 Chris & Linda Brown

Birthdays

- 2 Alexandra Spath
- 4 Elaine Kriegh
- 5 Alex Coleman
Jeanette Latta
- 7 Mathai Mammen
Rosemary Reynolds
Luke Terra
- 8 Julie Backlund
David Chu
- 9 Doug Ross
Megan Sell
- 14 Megan Terra
- 17 Peter Nunn
- 19 Christopher DiGiorgio
- 22 William Wenstrand
- 26 Abigail Macheemer
- 27 Tanya Brugh
- 31 Bill Harris
Allison Mintz



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Michaela Eskew *Children's & Youth Minister*
Katherine McKee *Music Director*
Rani Fischer *Organist*
Angela Sherry *Bookkeeper*

Sunday Services

Holy Eucharist 8:00am, 10:15am

Sunday Programs

Adult Education 9:00am — *childcare available*

Nursery 10:00am

Children's Sunday school 10:15am

Weekdays

Holy Eucharist Wednesday 8:00am

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