

## Bede's Journal

The monthly newsletter of St. Bede's Episcopal Church • June 2020



Dear People of St. Bede's,

In a recent Zoom meeting with clergy and wardens throughout the Diocese, Bishop Marc Andrus reminded us that, although the physical doors to our churches may still be closed, we have all found creative and successful ways to celebrate our faith while sheltering at home. Indeed, the doors to our hearts are never closed to the Holy Spirit.

I know that that many of you are eager to know when and how we will reopen St. Bede's for in-person worship. A team of people in the Bishop's office has developed the guidelines for re-gathering to ensure everyone's safety, following the science and the guidance of state and local health officials. In the meeting, Bishop Marc noted that we are taking a more measured, conservative approach to reopening than other churches. Each church within the Diocese must prepare its own plan, which will be reviewed and approved by the Diocese before we can reopen. Given the work needed to prepare our own detailed reopening plan and have it approved, I expect it will be early to mid-July before we can again offer in-person services here at St. Bede's. And, as I've noted previously, we will plan to continue gathering virtually via Zoom or offer an online version of our services for those of you who cannot join us in person.

I so appreciate your patience as we work through the details over the next several weeks. In the meantime, I hope you will join us for Morning Prayer Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom.

In faith and peace,

– *Anne Vitullo, Senior Warden*

### Looking Ahead: Key Dates on Our June Calendar

June 9: Finance Committee meeting, 4 p.m. via Zoom

June 16: Vestry meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom

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## ST BEDE'S Search Committee News

Dear People of St. Bede's,

Your Search Committee continues to make progress on our tasks. Our first tasks are to gather parishioner input in order to update our website, write the Parish Profile and respond to the questions on the Office of Transition Ministry (OTM) Narrative. We meet regularly, often with Denise Obando from the Diocese, and continue to meet our timeline targets. Here is an update on our progress:

**Website.** Our website will be the first place potential applicants will look to learn about St. Bede's. The site continues to be updated and looks great! Check it out! Several pages have been rewritten to better reflect the current times and happenings in our parish. Ann Latta is the Search Committee representative working collaboratively with Anne Vitullo, Brendan Deocariza-Nee and other volunteers to update various pages. We plan to add search FAQs shortly. You can track the search process on the **Rector Search** page.

**Congregational Participation.** Almost 50 parishioners participated in eight listening sessions via Zoom, or contributed written responses to session questions. Although we wish we could have held these discussions in person, so everyone would have a chance to hear one another, we moved forward in order to keep to our timeline. All responses were reviewed and discussed by the full committee. Miranda Pinckert analyzed the responses and outlined trends that emerged. Pages 3-4 contain a summary of what we heard from you.

**Next Steps.** Now that we have gathered valuable information for you, we are drafting the Parish Profile and OTM Narrative. Doug Blayney and Steele Harris have prepared drafts of these documents for the committee's review this month, with a goal of providing final documents for Vestry and the Office of Transition Ministry to approve in June. These documents will then be shared with all parishioners.

We are pleased to serve as your Search Committee. We remain confident that we will find just the right rector for our parish! If you have questions or thoughts to share, please contact Sue Sartor or Doug Blayney at [searchcommittee@stbedesmenlopark.org](mailto:searchcommittee@stbedesmenlopark.org).

*Search Committee Members: Jon Backlund, Doug Blayney, Steele Harris, Ann Latta, Miranda Pinckert and Sue Sartor*

## Highlights from the Listening Sessions

Thank you to all of you who participated in a Zoom session or contributed your responses to our questions in writing. Participants in each session responded to the same five questions. Committee members facilitated the meetings, taking notes to supplement the recorded transcripts.

These sessions helped us see more clearly the qualities we are seeking in a new rector, priorities for ministries, what you hope to see change, and what is dear to you and should be maintained. Many responses addressed similar concepts, so we looked at those collectively to capture the essence of your responses.

The **Quick Snapshot** below shows the top general trends/recurrent themes based on how often the idea was mentioned overall, regardless of the question. That list is followed by a more detailed breakdown of responses for each question. Please be assured that if your particular response is not included here, it was reviewed carefully by the committee and will be considered as we draft the Parish Profile and respond to the OTM Narrative questions.

### Quick Snapshot

Sermons/preaching/intellectual/traditional Episcopalian	23
Growing the congregation	13
Music	13
Youth/family focus	13
Outreach to community	12
Connections within church/creating community	11
Adult spiritual learning	10
Inclusivity/openness	9
Trinity School	9

#### 1. What have we done well?

Five areas were mentioned by a majority of respondents:

- We are a caring community for one another and those outside of our parish
- We have an excellent music program including the choir, organist and director
- We have a beautiful, well-maintained facility and campus
- We have a strong working structure of committees and financial planning to provide stability and continuity
- We are a welcoming, inclusive parish opening our doors to all

#### 2. What are the two most important strengths you wish our Rector to have?

Although many respondents used slightly different terms, the following attributes were expressed by most participants:

- Ability to maintain the integrity of the liturgy, quality preaching and intellectual inquiry
- Warm, approachable, compassionate, empathetic and responsive
- Strong leadership with excellent, detail-oriented management skills
- Interested in children and youth; enjoys working with Sunday School, Youth Group and Trinity School
- Able to build the congregation by recruiting new members and retaining those that come
- Community oriented: knows the needs of, and participates actively in, the parish, Trinity School and Menlo Park communities

### **3. What three ministries at St. Bede's would you like to see continued and strengthened?**

The first response below was expressed by a large majority of participants. The other responses listed were from fewer, yet more than one respondent:

- Maintain our services as is; keep the integrity of the liturgy and intellectual inquiry as a focus
- Continue to provide a strong music program
- Maintain our focus on outreach to the unhoused and those in need
- Continue and expand adult education opportunities

### **4. What needs changing and why?**

There was quite a bit of consensus on areas where we can grow and change. Below are those that most participants mentioned during the listening sessions:

- Increase our focus on ministries and activities that support families with children of all ages
- Increase the number of congregants, and the number of those who attend services, by attracting new members and retaining those who are currently attending
- Consider offering services of different formats, such as Morning Prayer, children-led, Evening Compline, online streaming or combining 8:00 and 10:15 into one service *on an occasional basis*
- Leadership that is upbeat and cheerful while maintaining an intellectual perspective
- Engage with the parish, school and local communities in a hands-on, visible manner
- Improve communication both within and outside of the church

### **5. What do you look for in staying connected in a spiritual community?**

There were varied responses to this question, which shows that there are many ways for parishioners to stay connected in our spiritual community. Those listed below were mentioned most frequently:

- Being connected to other churches in the area
- Being part of a community that extends beyond the church; opportunities to come together, learn and develop friendships
- Serving others through outreach; being of service to Christ and each other
- Participating in coffee hour and small groups to discuss topics of inquiry, Soul Work
- Being a part of a church community that understands and accepts all people; one that has a perspective of inclusivity

## **Vestry View**

*This periodic report on the Vestry's actions and decisions is part of our commitment to serving the St. Bede's community. Following is a brief recap of key issues discussed and actions taken at the May Vestry meeting.*

**Vestry welcomes new member.** Dick Zeren was unanimously voted into the Vestry on Tuesday, May 19. His term will begin in July 2020 and end in January 2022.

**Search Committee update.** The Search Committee and Personnel Committee reviewed and updated the rector's job description, which was approved by the Vestry. The Search Committee is now finalizing the Parish Profile and Office of Transition Ministry (OTM) Narrative, to be reviewed by the Vestry and the Diocese. Once this is complete, the job will be posted. Any questions or feedback can be directed to [searchcommittee@stbedesmenlopark.org](mailto:searchcommittee@stbedesmenlopark.org). Visit the Rector Search section of the website for more information, including a timeline of the process: [stbedesmenlopark.org/rector-search](http://stbedesmenlopark.org/rector-search).

**Ad Hoc Housing Committee update.** After careful and thorough review of options for rector housing, the Ad Hoc Housing Committee is leaning towards the creation of a rectory for St. Bede's. They will prepare and deliver a plan at the June Vestry meeting.

**Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan.** Thanks to the tireless work of the Finance Committee, St. Bede's secured a PPP loan to help with payroll and other expenses during shelter-in-place. The Finance Committee is preparing a revised budget for the balance of 2020, which will be presented at the June Vestry meeting.

**St. Bede's Treasurer.** After nearly 20 years of service, Hal Louchheim stepped down as St. Bede's Treasurer. The Vestry confirmed Finance Committee member Julie Backlund to replace Hal, and she began as Treasurer on June 1.

**Children's & Youth Ministry.** St. Bede's prepares to welcome Brendan Deocariza-Nee as Children's & Youth Minister beginning July 1. Brendan will resign as Junior Warden before joining St. Bede's staff, per our bylaws. If you haven't seen the new Children's & Youth Ministry newsletter, read past issues and subscribe to future issues here: [bit.ly/infinite-bedes](http://bit.ly/infinite-bedes).

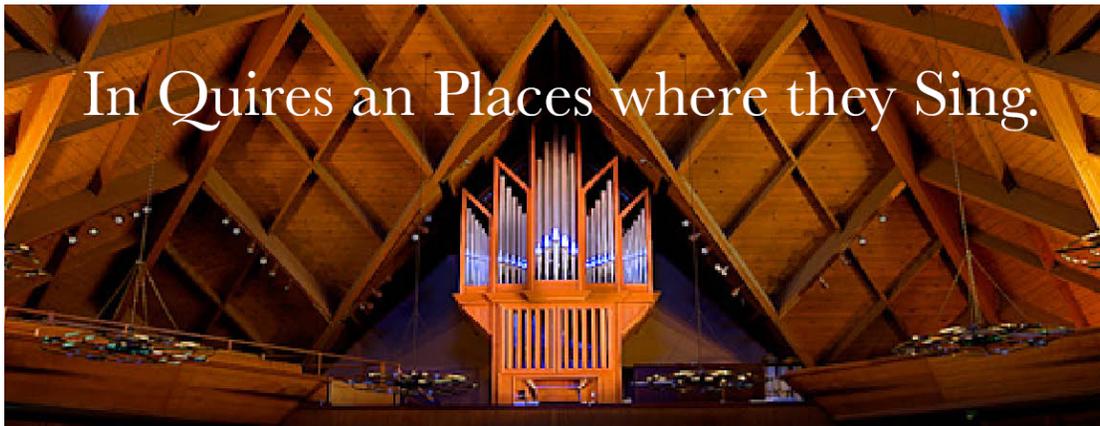
**Trinity School Board Trustee.** Ann Latta was elected by the Vestry to another term on Trinity School's Board of Directors.

**Nomination to Postulancy.** The Vestry voted to support Brendan Deocariza-Nee as he discerns a call to ordained priesthood. Nomination is the first of five phases which include seminary and other training. If you want to learn more about the discernment process or feel your own call to ministry (lay or ordained), visit [www.diocal.org/resources/discernment/discernment-resources](http://www.diocal.org/resources/discernment/discernment-resources).

**Next Vestry meeting: Tuesday, June 16** at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact Anne Vitullo, Senior Warden, or Brendan Deocariza-Nee, Junior Warden, if you wish to offer community input so that we can ensure there is time on the agenda for you.

– *Brendan Deocariza-Nee, Junior Warden*

**Sing Aloud to God Our Strength. Shout for Joy to the God of Jacob. (Psalm 81:1)**



The Bible is full of references to song. A quick survey of the Book of Psalms finds the words *sing* or *singing* no fewer than 54 times. God's people offer praise and thanksgiving through song, they sing for joy, they sing songs which recount stories of deliverance, of God's glory and steadfast love, of God's faithfulness, of justice, of historical battles. They delight to sing new songs. Even the trees of the forest, the hills, valleys and meadows sing God's praise.

Singing is an inextricable part of worship in the Episcopal tradition, an inheritance from the Church of England. During the Reformation, even the most ardent of Protestant Anglicans embraced musical settings of the psalms as well as hymn singing. For services of Matins and Evening Prayer, the 1662 prayer book made specific provision for a choral anthem *In Quires an Places where they sing*.

The way singers breath – inhaling deeply, retaining air in the farthest reaches of their lungs, and exhaling with a strong, sustained, controlled airflow to create vocal sound – forcefully projects both sound and tiny droplets. While speaking, coughing and sneezing all result in droplet spread, singing does so to a far greater degree. So the coronavirus pandemic has temporarily, but quite effectively, stopped live choral singing in its tracks, both here at St. Bede's and throughout the world.

So, for now, we sing separately, with technology to the rescue. There are software programs (Jamulus, Audacity, GarageBand), platforms (JamKazam), and apps (Spire, Choir Player, ChoralLine, ChoralClass, Acapella) that provide ways for individual singers to learn, practice and record their own voices, and for choral directors to combine pre-recorded files to create virtual performances. While it's a far cry from the joy of making music together in person, it's what we have, and it is much better than not singing at all!

St. Bede's musicians have been using the Spire app to record organ and vocal music to share with the community in our worship services. In the coming weeks, we'll be experimenting with additional ways to use technology to keep our musical skills sharp and increase our capacity for creating music to sing the Lord's song.

– Katherine McKee, Music Director

## **Caring for Our Beautiful Church and School Campus**

At St. Bede's and Trinity School, summer is always a busy time for special projects and ongoing maintenance and, even with COVID-19 restrictions, 2020 is no exception.

Major facilities projects are initiated and managed by our Buildings and Grounds Committee. Financial support comes from the 2010 campaign for the Maintenance Endowment, supplemented by the operating budget when available. Vestry reviews our Capital Projects Five-Year Plan annually and approves expenditures for the upcoming year. This is a rolling five-year plan, a living document that is updated as our needs change and new situations arise that require significant funds. It represents our best estimate of the future investment required to preserve and renew our cherished facilities.

Last week we completed one such project. The main sanitary drain line, which is about 5 ft. underground and runs about 200 ft. along Monte Rosa Drive, has been in place since 1962, and has many tree root intrusions. There have been several plugging problems resulting in emergency activities at inopportune times. After months of investigation and consultation, it was clear we needed a long-term solution. The entire line was replaced successfully at a cost of \$28,769 on May 29.

Another noteworthy capital project, approved in 2019 and completed in January 2020, was the Lehman Hall HVAC project. Three new energy efficient heating and cooling packages replaced the aging equipment on the east side of Lehman Hall. Total cost was \$30,044.

On the landscaping front, we are replacing some of the soil and plants in the raised beds in the courtyard, and replacing the ground cover around the labyrinth. The irrigation systems are getting their annual adjustments and repairs to ensure minimal water use consistent with plant health and maintenance. The berm has been mowed for fire safety, and additional tree pruning and brush clearing is scheduled.

The St. Bede's Buildings and Grounds Committee is here to maintain our campus and keep it attractive, safe, efficient and accessible. It is currently comprised of Siri Huntoon, Mike Sartor, Mo-Lan Chan (Trinity School staff), Jon Backlund and the Rector (ex officio). Monthly meetings, held at noon in the Ford Room (or via Zoom temporarily), are informal and open. Community input is always welcome.

– *Jon Backlund, Buildings and Grounds Chair*

## Community Outreach

With our community service projects still on hold during the COVID-19 shelter-at-home, the outreach team coordinated two events in May to keep parishioners connected to one another and continue our support of those in need.

First, we launched another round of “in-reach” to St. Bede’s parishioners. We phoned or emailed all in our church family to hear how folks are faring and who might need some assistance. Even with the stay-at-home challenges, we heard continued reports of “doing fine,” gratitude for God’s blessings, and “looking forward to being back in church.” Whether we connected with you or not, please reach out to one of us if you have questions, need help or just want to chat. Thank you to those who made the calls: Julie Backlund, Liz Bellock, Vicki Blayney, Irene Lawrence, Kathy McKee, Sue Sartor and Kathy Thompson.



Our **Disco Bingo Extravaganza** on Saturday, May 16 was a big, glittering hit! 26 people and a few pets gathered virtually in the Zoom Room decked out in disco attire, ready for some fun and games! The Bingo Blayneys, Doug and Vicki, were our hosts leading us through several rousing rounds of Bingo. Disco DJ Deb Blackmore managed the music and kept spirits high with favorites such as “Stayin’ Alive”, “YMCA,” and “I Will Survive.” Prize Lady Angela Sherry awarded Bingo winners gift cards to support local restaurants that are struggling to stay open during the quarantine. Winners also “won” gift cards for food and supplies that will go directly to local families supported by Ecumenical Hunger Program. All prizes were underwritten by Community Outreach Steering Committee members. Proceeds from buying bingo cards were earmarked for the Seccombe Outreach Fund to support those in need. Overall, we raised nearly \$1,800 in just one night, with \$400 going directly to EHP families! Congratulations and thank you to all who participated!

*Community Outreach Steering Committee Members: Liz Bellock, Deb Blackmore, Vicki Blayney, Sue Sartor and Angela Sherry*

## Disco Bingo Revisited

**Disco Bingo**, a theme originally proposed for our St. Bede's Spring Fundraiser for the Seccombe Fund by **Vicki Blayney** last November, looked to be dead in the water just a few weeks ago. Our local shelter-in-place guidelines prohibited the lively get together that we had planned for May 2 and there was no end in sight to the restrictions.



Then, inspiration struck to offer ninety fast-paced minutes of vintage dance music and old fashioned, low-tech bingo through Zoom. It seemed do-able to the ever-optimistic members of the Community Outreach Steering Committee although first there were a few high-tech "thingys" that had to be conquered. Not to worry; we can do it!

Undeterred by their collective lack of modern tech savvy, members of the committee jumped in with both left feet. **Vivacious Vicki** discovered a smart phone app called "Bingo Number Generator" to use in place of traditional numbered balls tumbling in a cage. **Sizzlin' Sue Sartor** leapt into the fray by purchasing a Zoom subscription and conferring with gentle and patient **Brendan Deocariza-Nee** about the art of online hosting. **Sue and Siri** worked together to create a snazzy invitation and got it into circulation ASAP.

**DJ Deb Blackmore** coaxed a Cisco retiree friend to create a set of sixty unique .pdf bingo cards, getting herself off the hook for long expired Excel spreadsheet skills. "Deb from Detroit" then volunteered to play disco music by building an iTunes Playlist thereby forever betraying her soulful Mo-Town heritage.

**Angelic Angela Sherry** coordinated with the leaders of the Ecumenical Hunger Program, tracked our proceeds from bingo card sales, and offered to play "Prize Lady." And **Laughin' Liz Bellock**, the ghostly, never to be seen "Admin" on our Zoom screens, became the voice of fun in our midst. (We never did figure out how we permanently cancelled her camera.)

"It'll come right on the night," was our credo and so it did. We built it and they came. We'll never forget the sight of **Jon Backlund** sashaying sideways across our screens ... **David Chu** in a straw fedora brandishing a beer bottle with a pink Post-It on his nose ... **Doug Blayney** sporting a neon orange velvet disco shirt ... and too many other grins of enjoyment to share here.

Thank you all for being such good sports and for supporting a fundraiser that will benefit so many families in distress. And, by staying home, we were "Stayin' Alive!"

– DJ Deb Blackmore

## Celebrating St. Bede: Sunday, May 24

This Sunday wears many hats. As the church calculates it, the most important hat is that it's a Sunday in the Easter Season. It is also the Sunday after the Ascension, which was last Thursday; 40 days after Easter, if you're keeping count. The Collect and Lessons were selected with Easter and Ascension in mind. Today is also the Sunday before Memorial Day this year, as we will remember in today's prayers. And it's the Sunday before May 25, which is the feast day of the Venerable Bede, also called Saint Bede, to whom our church is dedicated. We are remembering him in today's liturgy by our prelude, our opening hymn (whose text he wrote), in the prayers and in this homily. This seemed like a good opportunity to think about his life, and why our predecessors thought he was worthy to have this church named after him.

What is a saint, anyway? Well, it depends on who you ask and what the context is. In the context of the Creeds, the Communion of Saints means the whole Church, all the faithful, living and dead, known and unknown, including us. In the Roman Catholic Church, *saint* now means a particular person who has been processed through a slow and elaborate bureaucratic procedure, although older saints, like Bede, were grandfathered in. In the Episcopal Church, General Convention handles the official list, through the work of the Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music. It's worth noting that both our church and the Roman Catholic Church acknowledge that there are many more saints than those on the official lists, and unofficial saints may be honored in both churches.

For our purposes, I'd like to define a saint as someone whose life shows us what living the Gospel means in some way—the particular way, of course, being determined by the gifts and talents of the individual saint, as well as the opportunities available to them. We are told that living out the Gospel is a matter of loving God with heart, soul, mind and strength, and loving our neighbor as ourselves. No one does all of these equally well, and St. Bede's life concentrates on loving God with mind, and using that to love neighbors.

Most of what we know about Bede comes from what he mentioned of himself in his writings, or what we can infer from his writings themselves. Personally, I find him one of the more appealing and accessible of the early saints, partly because somehow he escaped the competition among chroniclers to make their saint the most important by telling of the astounding miracles they wrought. Bede, in contrast, was not a miracle worker. Bede never faced martyrdom by a fire that refused to burn him. Bede never levitated and had to be pulled down from the ceiling. Bede, unfortunately, never turned water into beer. Bede just lived his quiet, monastic, scholarly life to the glory of God.

The only legend that developed about him was about how he got his unusual title, Venerable, more than a century after his death. The story goes that after his death his fellow monks couldn't decide on the wording of his tombstone. They came to an agreement about most of it, but were stuck on an adjective that best described their brother: "This grave contains/the (something) Bede's remains." Beloved? Distinguished? Devout? Learned? They agreed to sleep on it, and during the night an angel filled in the blank: Venerable.

Despite the fact that we have surrounded him with Celtic saints at St. Bede's, he was probably a Saxon—at any rate, his name is Saxon. He was born about 673 and lived in what was then the kingdom of Northumbria, in the north of what is now England. At the age of seven, he was sent to the local newly formed Benedictine monastery, and a few years later, when an associated monastery, St. Paul's, was formed at nearby Jarrow, he was sent there. Benedictine monks are not cloistered, but they do practice

what they call stability, and Bede remained at Jarrow for the rest of his life, with only a couple of excursions on scholarly business outside the monastery. He died on May 25, 735.

Although Bede was sent to the monastery at age seven, we don't know whether the intention was for him to become a monk from the beginning or merely to get an education. Both practices were common in his day. However it came about, it was the right place for him. When he was a teenager, a plague struck the area; many died, but Bede survived. Since he was a good singer, he may have been the boy who, with one other monk, kept the monastic daily offices going without interruption during the plague. He was ordained deacon at age 19, unusually young, and became a priest at age 30.

Although Bede didn't compete in the miracle stakes, he was a remarkable man. He was an author, translator, teacher, historian and scientist (within the context of his time). He knew Latin and Greek and possibly a little Hebrew; he wrote Biblical commentaries, theological works, Latin and Anglo-Saxon (Old English) poetry, translations of church fathers, translations of the Bible into Old English, and textbooks for the education of the children and young monks at Jarrow.

He also researched chronology, including making an independent calculation of the date of creation. A couple of his calculations still affect us today. For one, he was instrumental in determining how we calculate the date of Easter. Although the English church had decided to follow the Roman system of calculating Easter shortly before Bede was born, the Roman system was ambiguous and could produce more than one possible date. Bede's research removed the ambiguity and was accepted into the official Roman calculations. So Bede is at least partly responsible for the table of dates in the back of the Prayer Book.

Also, in the ancient world, it was the custom to record years by king's reigns: "in the year that king Uzziah died...." or "In the sixty-eighth year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth." Bede was not the first to suggest the use of Christ's birth as the defining date, but his use of the system was so influential that it became the standard to this day.

Bede's most famous single work is the book *Ecclesiastical History of the English People*, completed about 732. It is still our most important source for English history from the Roman invasion of Britain up to Bede's time. It is significant not only for its content, but because Bede was not merely a compiler of the stories he heard, but he attempted to find and use independent sources (again, subject to the limitations of his time). In that sense, he was the first critical historian. The book is still in print, and you can buy it on Amazon.

Altogether Bede wrote some sixty books—maybe he does have a stake in the miracle sweepstakes after all. Many of them have survived these thirteen centuries, which is a testimony to Bede's gifts and the influence he has had on the church, especially in the West.

The Venerable Bede is the patron saint of scholars and researchers. May he continue to inspire scholars and researchers to seek out the truth that God has embedded in creation, and inspire us to use our minds to love God and our neighbor.

*This homily was preached on May 24, 2020 by Irene Lawrence*

## **We're Gathering Photos!**

*We're looking for your best photos of Bede's people and events*

We know many of you around the parish have taken lovely photos of people, programs and events here at St. Bede's. Please share them with us!

We are using an **online photo sharing site** called Smug Mug to gather, organize and archive recent church photos for use on our website, in print materials and for other promotional purposes. We expect there are a lot of useful photos sitting on people's smart phones and digital cameras that we just need to capture!

We are looking for digital photos taken over the past three years that show:

- General images of the church and our facilities
- Special services like Christmas, Easter and Evensong
- Arts at St. Bede's concerts
- Choir practice and concerts
- Children and youth programs
- Community outreach events such as the LifeMoves dinners, Home & Hope, and family sharing
- Social events like the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, special coffee hours and the annual Gala.

Please look through your digital photos and select the best shots to share with us. Contact Parish Administrator Siri Huntoon ([shuntoon@stbedesmenlopark.org](mailto:shuntoon@stbedesmenlopark.org)) for the log-in and password when you're ready to upload your photos.

### **Copy Deadlines for *Bede's Journal***

Help keep everyone informed by contributing church-related news to our monthly *Bede's Journal*.

News articles are due to Siri Huntoon in the parish office ([shuntoon@stbedesmenlopark.org](mailto:shuntoon@stbedesmenlopark.org)) about the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following month. The Journal is e-mailed the first week of each month, and posted to the website. Here are the deadlines for the rest of this year:

<b>Month</b>	<b>News articles due to Parish Office</b>
July	Friday, June 19
August	Wednesday, July 15
September	Monday, August 17
October	Tuesday, September 15
November	Thursday, October 15
December	Monday, November 16
January 2021	Tuesday, December 15

## Celebrations: June Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays:

3	Richard Zeren
7	Megan Ancker
7	Luke Norman
8	William Kopczynski
10	Joan Sanders
11	Susan Sartor
12	Rani Fischer
14	Helen Greenwood
15	Mike Sartor
16	Anna Poon
17	Elizabeth Bellock
18	Katherine McKee
19	Evan Deocariza-Nee
20	Catherine Clover
24	Randall Kriegh
26	Cameron Skey
28	Elizabeth Churchill
30	Linda Brown

### Anniversaries:

2	Clark & Melissa Barrett
8	Matthai Mammen & Anna Poon
12	Dick & Becky Zeren
13	Carol & Hal Louchheim
15	Ed & Carol Brink
17	Megan Ancker & Ed Perez
19	Jeff & Staci Homrig
19	Mike & Sue Sartor
21	Bill & Cristina Harris
23	Brendan & Evan Deocariza Nee
25	Elizabeth & Michael Skey

Please let the parish office know if you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month!

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### St. Bede's Episcopal Church

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**Sunday Services:** Morning Prayer, 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

#### Vestry

Deb Blackmore  
Vicki Blayney  
Carol Brink  
Brendan Deocariza-Nee, Junior Warden  
Van Jepson  
Irene Lawrence  
Nancy Stork  
Anne Vitullo, Senior Warden  
Dick Zeren (effective July 1)

#### Staff:

Katherine McKee, Music Director  
Rani Fischer, Organist  
Siri Huntoon, Parish Administrator  
Angela Sherry, Bookkeeper

#### Committee Chairs and Volunteer Leaders

**Altar Guild:** Deb Blackmore, Elaine Kreigh and Sue Sartor, Captains  
**Buildings and Grounds:** Jon Backlund, Chair  
**Community Outreach:** Sue Sartor, Liz Bellock, Deb Blackmore, Vicki Blayney and Angela Sherry  
**Finance:** Julie Backlund, Treasurer; Michelle Swenson, Assistant Treasurer  
**Hospitality:** Laura Gable, Helen Greenwood and Kathy Thompson, Captains  
**Search:** Doug Blayney and Sue Sartor, Co-Chairs