

# September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>14th after Pentecost 2</b> 8am <b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b> 9:30am Trinidad 10am <b>Choral Eucharist</b> (Jerayne Gray Reneberg) <b>Fr. Leo away</b>	<b>3</b> <i>Labor Day</i> 12pm Alanon 6pm Tai Chi 6:30pm Harmonaire	<b>4</b> 9-11am Homeless Coalition ZD 1-5 pm Americarps LH 3:30pm Tai Chi CP 7pm OA PR	<b>5</b> 8-12pm Americarps LH 12pm Alanon PR 5:30pm <b>Healing Service</b> CP 6pm Betty HR 6-8:30pm EfM ZD	<b>6</b> 12pm OA PR 7pm Choir HR 5:30pm <b>Taizé Service</b> CP	<b>7</b> 12pm Alanon PR <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 5pm Wedding Rehearsal	<b>8</b> All day Wedding LH, CH 4pm-6pm N.A. <b>Fr. Leo away</b> → 4pm-6pm N.A. PR
<b>15th after Pentecost 9</b> 8am <b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b> 9:30am Trinidad Morning Prayer (Dr. Michael Burleson) 10am <b>Choral Eucharist</b> (Rev. Eric Duff) 11:30am Vestry Meeting PR	<b>10</b> 12pm Alanon PR 6pm Tai Chi CP 6:30pm Harmonaire LH <b>Fr. Leo away</b>	<b>11</b> 1-5 pm Americarps LH 1:30pm K&C PR 3:30pm Tai Chi CP 7pm OA PR	<b>12</b> 8-12pm Americarps LH 12pm Alanon ZR 8am-7pm HCCC PR 5:30pm <b>Healing Service</b> CP 6pm Betty HR 6-8:30pm EfM ZD	<b>13</b> 12pm OA PR 7pm Choir HR 7-9pm Rose Society LH	<b>14</b> <i>Holy Cross Day</i> 8am-7pm HCCC PR 12pm Alanon ZR	<b>15</b> 9-2pm LW Voters LH 4pm-6pm N.A. PR
<b>16th after Pentecost 16</b> 8am <b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b> 9:30am Trinidad Holy Eucharist (Fr. Leo) 10am <b>Choral Eucharist</b> (Rev. Dr. Susan Armstrong)	<b>17</b> <i>St. Hildegard's Day</i> 9:30am Quilters ZR 12pm Alanon PR 12:30pm Outreach/ECW PR 6pm Tai Chi CP 6:30pm Harmonaire LH	<b>18</b> 9-11am Homeless Coalition ZD 1-5 pm Americarps LH 3:30pm Tai Chi CP 7 pm OA PR	<b>19</b> 8-12pm Americarps LH 12pm Alanon PR 5:30pm <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>and Healing Service</b> CP 6pm Betty HR 6-8:30pm EfM ZD	<b>20</b> 12pm OA PR 7pm Choir HR	<b>21</b> <i>St. Matthew's Day</i> 8am-12pm Americarps ZD 9:30am Humboldt Child Care Council LH 12pm Alanon PR	<b>22</b> 4pm-6pm N.A. PR
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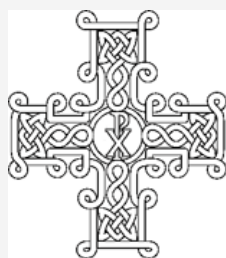
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To the glory of God, the mission of Christ Church Parish is to serve Jesus Christ and all the people of God; to encourage and facilitate spiritual development for people of all ages; to grow as Christians in a loving and forgiving fellowship, thereby confirming, witnessing, and leading others to the faith by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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# From the Interim Pastor...

22 August 2007

Dear Folks,

By the time you read this letter, I will be gone... Sounds like a line from an old County Western song. But in this case, I'll be gone to Thun, Switzerland for a theologians conference and then a little holiday time in Belgium and Netherlands visiting friends.



This year the conference will be exploring the theology of communion, as regards different churches in relationship to one another. This is of particular importance for us in The Episcopal Church as we sort out our relationship with the global Anglican Communion and consequently with the other international churches that we are connected with through the Anglican Communion, such as the Old Catholic churches in Europe and the Church of Sweden. For this reason The Episcopal Church has increased the level of its participation in this year's conference. I trust I will return with new insights to share with you.

Closer to home, we are moving right along- it has been anything but a slow summer. Last evening we had a visit and meeting with Charles Kegg, who is the genius behind our Kegg Pipe Organ. Members of the Organ Installation Committee, our musicians, and interested individuals from the Vestry asked questions and discussed the timetable for the overall project. Earlier in August, we met with representative of Hogan Studios in Crescent City, a long established church design firm, to lay out the structural modifications that will be necessary for the installation of the new pipe organ and the physical improvements to make our beautiful sanctuary handicapped accessible and more conformable to the current liturgical practice of The Episcopal Church.

I know this is very scary business for some, if not many, of us. What will our beloved church look like when it is all done? Where will we get the money for all this?

It is only human and natural to have these feelings in a time of transition, but above all we are a people of faith! We believe God is leading us into a more glorious place and that in the end we will rejoice together as a community, renewed and ready to receive a new Rector and countless souls not yet under our roof.

I look forward, God willing, to the day when I can hear the new pipe organ rattle the rafters as we all sing together that wonderful hymn that Bishop Hunt introduced here: "Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live."

Please pray for my safe travel and know that I keep each of you in my heart. I love you dearly-

God love you,

Fr. Leo+

*"We believe God is leading us into a more glorious place and that in the end we will rejoice together."*

## Bishop George Hunt's Surgery a

### Success!

News that +George's August 8<sup>th</sup> surgery in San Francisco to repair a thoracic aneurysm was successful was good news, indeed! He was able to return to his Windsor home on August 13. (For newcomers to Christ Church: +George served as our interim pastor from November 2005-March 2006.) As of August 16, new entries on the blog <http://checkingongorge.blogspot.com> were discontinued because +George was progressing well, and no more "news" was anticipated. We ask that you continue to hold him in your prayers as he recovers and regains strength. His mailing address is: The Right Reverend George Hunt, 249 Moll Drive, Windsor, CA 95492.

# World Shelters Youth Event

On Saturday, June 30, 16 high school- and middle school-aged youth and five adults participated in a significant Ecumenical Youth Group event.



Assisted by \$600 grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, participants gathered at Round Table Pizza in Arcata for food and fellowship, then traveled to the office of World Shelters, Inc., for inspiring hands-on activities, snacks and a free World Shelters T-shirt.

Three teams took on such diverse activities as assembling "clip kits" to secure the laminated sheeting which creates flexible temporary shelters, cutting the sheeting, and painting a new, corrugated plastic geodesic dome. The World Shelters staff was appreciative, and youth had a great community service experience while becoming acquainted with kids from other local churches. Many thanks to the local Thrivent branch!



More Ecumenical Youth Group activities will be planned for next year; suggestions would be gratefully received by Jeri Gray-Reneberg,

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or email: [jeraynegr@gmail.com](mailto:jeraynegr@gmail.com).

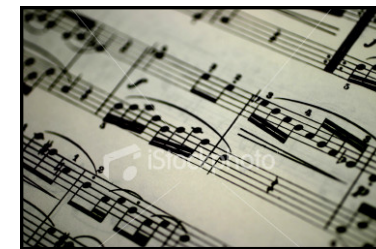
## Book Club

We are reading "Christianity for the Rest of Us" by Diana Butler Bass. You are just in time to become involved in the discussion. This month we are going to begin looking at the main part of the book, Signposts for Renewal: Hospitality, Discernment, Healing, Contemplation, Testimony, Diversity, Justice, Worship, Reflection, Beauty. If you need a book, let me know and I will order one for you. The ones I saw were \$15.00.

September meeting: Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup>. Heritage Room. 12.00 sack lunch. 12.30 discussion.

Elizabeth Harper-Lawson 445-1726

# Choir Corner



Where did the summer go? It is time for the new choir season to lift their voices singing praise. We look forward to the continuing choir members return and are hopeful that new voices will join us. This may be the season that you feel a need to have the joy that singing brings to your spirit. The first Sunday back is September 9<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsal begins at 9:00 am in the church. We will learn the song for that service during this rehearsal. Choir practice will begin at 7:00 p.m. the following Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Please do not feel that you need to be in great vocal condition. If you are singing in the shower, then come on out and try it with a group! I would like to share this quote from Igor Stravinsky: "I haven't understood a bar of music in my life, but I have felt it." Come and join the fun!! Call me if you have any questions.

Betty Burton 442-4069

# Transportation Ministry

Starting the end of July, CAE Medical Transport has been stopping at Silvercrest and Timber Ridge every Sunday to transport members of Christ Church to and from the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service. This transportation service has been designated "Transportation Ministry" under Outreach as of the Vestry meeting held Sunday, August 19th. Because of this ministry, T.R. Wilson, Catherine Joyce and Dorothy Henderson are able to attend Sunday services. With enough funds donated in the future,



they, along with possibly others, will be able to attend not only 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. Sunday services but also other events like the Stewardship Dinner.

If you would like to help this ministry be a success, note on your donation to Christ Church that the funds are to be used for the "Transportation Ministry".

Anne Pierson  
442-2025

# This & That

## Coffee Hour

*Can You Provide a Name by September 16<sup>th</sup>?*

Would you like to help out at the 10.00 A.M, Coffee Hour without cleaning out all those messy coffee pots? **What about bringing some food on the first Sunday of the month?** Maybe you just baked cookies, have some left over cake, or picked the plums. If so, drop some off at the kitchen on your way into church, and they will be served during the Coffee Hour. Since you do not know what you will get, it is "pot-luck," but is not intended to be extravagant! So, if you have a good name for this idea we are trying out, phone or email me by the 16<sup>th</sup> of September, and we will publish the winning name in the October Chronicle.

**October 7<sup>th</sup> is the start date.** Of course you can still volunteer to head the Coffee Hour, help set up, or clean up those coffee grounds! An updated sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Lewis Hall.

Thank you to all who have helped with Coffee Hour over the summer!

Elizabeth Harper-Lawson  
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## Fall 2007 SEARCH

The candidate applications deadline for the Fall 2007 SEARCH is September 24.

The weekend is scheduled for October 12th-14th at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Woodland.

For more information, please visit [www.dnc.org/youth/search](http://www.dnc.org/youth/search)

Or call or email Janice Stenzel, Search coordinator at (916) 663-9620 or [jstenzel95658@yahoo.com](mailto:jstenzel95658@yahoo.com)

## Sunday School

Sunday School starts September 9.

We will have only two classes this year. One will be pre-K, K, and 1st and the other will be 2,3,4 and 5. Vickie Patton (707) 443-1825

## September Birthdays & Anniversaries



Congratulations to you!

### Birthdays

- 1 Margaret Van Zandt
- 2 Kendra Johnson
- 13 Joe McClaran
- 15 Lynn Bain
- 15 Marcia Marling
- 16 Eris McClarty
- 21 David Toy
- 26 Peg Gardner

### Anniversaries

- 2 John & Vickie Patton
- 8 Greg & Lynn Bean
- 13 Joe & Eve McClaran
- 25 Nancy & Richard Streufert
- 26 Dan & Kendra Johnson

## Humboldt County All-Faith Gathering at River Lodge in Fortuna

On Sunday afternoon, September 30th, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., join representatives from local faith communities to share and hear news of social action activities in Humboldt County. Snack on light refreshments, celebrate what is working and explore innovative solutions to continuing social problems. For more information, call Jeri Gray-Reneberg at 825-8613. See you at the beautiful River Lodge!

## Ecumenical Youth Group Fall Beach Event

Moonstone Beach is the place to be on Sunday afternoon, September 9th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Bring a friend and enjoy games, food and fellowship! All middle- and high-school-aged youth are welcome. A schedule for the year will also be distributed. Don't forget – add it to your calendar!

## Millennium Development Goals

We have just received some Gifts for Life catalogs from Episcopal Relief and Development. One billion people live in extreme poverty worldwide. For many finding enough food to eat is a daily struggle. Episcopal Relief and Development's (ERD) food security programs help people secure a reliable, adequate and long term source of nutritious food.

One critical means of aiding disadvantaged communities is to provide people with animals such as chickens, pigs, goats, fish and even bees. This program transforms communities by helping people produce healthier and more nutritious food to support their families or for profit in the marketplace.

Consider Gifts for Life for Christmas presents in the name of your loved ones. Choose from more than 25 items to save and build lives. Thanks, and call if you want to talk about it. The Gifts for Life program goes a long way to meeting our Millenium Development Goals. Stephanie Schultz, 444-3949, Parish Rep, ER

If you are anxious to get moving on this, you can also go online to [www.er-d.org/giftsforlife](http://www.er-d.org/giftsforlife), and click on the Gifts for Life catalog. The catalog is available throughout the year for any gift-giving occasion. By phone: 1.800.334.7626, ext.5129

By mail, there is an order form in the catalog we have here at church.

# Wrestling with the Word 2007-2008

## Don't Miss!

The Deanery-wide **Wrestling with the Word** course is being offered again this year beginning on Saturday, September 15. This popular course designed by Robin Hobson of St. Alban's Church in 1999 is being repeated for the third time. Although the outline remains the same, it is different each time as various presenters, both clergy and lay present their personal insights on the topics. The course has two major objectives: 1.) To deepen one's understanding of the Episcopal Church, its history, liturgy, theology and practice. 2.) To provide an opportunity for training for the licensed ministries (Preacher, Worship Leader, Eucharistic Visitor, Catechist/Teacher).

This is also a great opportunity to meet people from the various Deanery churches. This year St. Michael's Church Fort Bragg is participating, too, in addition to St. Francis Fortuna, St. Mary's Ferndale, Christ Church, St. Alban's and St. Paul's Crescent City. There is no charge for the course so come for learning, fellowship and a free lunch!

The workshops will be held the third Saturday of each month from September through February at the various churches. There will an additional workshop in January for those interested in becoming Catechists. This class is optional for other participants. The course concludes in February with a retreat. All workshops will begin promptly at 10 am and continue until 3 pm. Come early for coffee and fellowship.

**September 15:** Morning Prayer (Fred and Craig)

Introduction to the course.

The BCP and hymnal (usage, how to find things, order of service, liturgy) and the sea-

sons of the Church.

LUNCH

Basics of public speaking, conduct of worship, practice. At the end of this class students should be able to put together a service (with hymns) appropriate for the season. A sign up for leadership of Morning Prayer at future meetings will be distributed, with all students participating in the design and leadership of one service.

LEADERS: Fred Moore and Craig Klein

LOCATION: St. Michael and All Angels, Fort Bragg

**October 13:** Morning Prayer

The Holy Scriptures, contents and background, use of commentaries and research for sermon preparation.

Use of prayer in writing sermons.

LUNCH

Holy Scriptures and sermon writing continued.

LEADERS: Doug Thompson, Alice Reid and Teresa Martin

LOCATION: Christ Church, Eureka

**November 17:** Morning Prayer

Church History, current structure of the church, canons, and creeds.

LUNCH

Christian ethics and moral theology. Church doctrine (catechism) with attention paid to the struggle of the church with various heresies.

LEADERS: David Owren, Eric Duff and Susan Armstrong

LOCATION: St. Francis, Fortuna

**December 8:** Morning Prayer

Homiletics/pastoral care/ practice leading services and giving sermons.

LEADERS: Bill Osbourne, Herbert Barker and Jeri Gray-Reneberg

LOCATION: St. Alban's, Arcata

**January 5:** CATECHIST/LEM/LEV WORKSHOP (for those preparing for these licenses.)

Role of a catechist. Small group dynamics and the role and responsibilities of the Leader. Preparation for Baptism. Teaching aids and resources. LEM/LEV practice.

LEADERS: Craig Klein, Susan Armstrong, practicing LEM/LEV lay leaders

LOCATION: St. Francis, Fortuna

**January 12:** Morning Prayer

Homiletics/pastoral care/practice leading services and giving sermons.

LEADERS: All participants

LOCATION: Christ Church, Eureka

**February 9:** RETREAT

LEADERS: Eric Duff and David Owren

LOCATION: St Paul's, Crescent City

### Who should come to Wrestling with the Word?

Everyone who loves their church and wants to know more about it!

### Who must come to Wrestling with the Word?

Everyone who is licensed as Preacher, Eucharistic Visitor, Worship leader, Catechist or is interested in becoming licensed for these ministries. Please contact Shakeh at the Church office to sign up:

[christchurch@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:christchurch@suddenlinkmail.com) / 442-1797

For questions and further info: Sister Teresa, 442-3304 or [termar@ctwest.org](mailto:termar@ctwest.org)



## Deacon's Digest

Hello, everyone. The days of summer certainly seem to be flying by. Since last I wrote, I've completed my communication workshops at St. Paul's in Crescent City, and am nearly done with a School for Deacons video, the first of its kind that describes the Diaconate in America. Those projects aside, what I really wish to draw to your attention is the beginning of an exciting and richly detailed program that begins this month (September) and continues once per month

through February. Called "Wrestling with the Word" it's really a program of training and licensing for lay leaders. This is a far more detailed and comprehensive set of offerings than the one-day workshop the diocese sponsors in each deanery each year (which was recently held at the church). I invite you to consider the description of the program above, and contact me ASAP if you're interested in participating. That participation does involve some travel throughout our area, but only two of the six meetings are at a distance from Eureka, and another two are at Christ Church. I hope that some of you can participate, and I am happy to discuss this at anytime. – Deacon Craig

# From the Senior Warden...



With Sep- at sporting events where I'm coaching -- tember just although the proportions are much closer - around the - I see more women than men involved. corner, it's Granted, some of this may be attributable time to start to the fact that I'm raising daughters, but I t h i n k i n g still think the point is valid.

about Stew- This all speaks volumes for women, but ardship once it does not say much for men. Men seem again. In to have fallen down on the job in the most our church, I important area of their lives. Yes, men are see our la- supposed to be the providers, and many dies as the provide for their families far beyond the glue that basic financial necessities. But, by provid- keeps our ing the monetary support, are they then Church alive and vital. Most Eucharistic ministers and lectors are women. Most of the people on various committees, council, and commissions are women. When some- thing needs to be done in the parish, women step up. My question is: *where are all the men?*

The way that I was raised, Men are sup- posed to be the spiritual leaders of their families. A former priest in our parish once told me that in all his years of experi- ence he had found that -- almost without exception -- a family with a father as the spiritual leader was a healthy family.

Yet, lay men are noticeably absent from leadership roles in the Church. Huh? Then we look at today's families. When I look at single parent households, it is generally women carrying the load. At school meetings and or PTA meetings for parents, again, I see mostly women. Even

**"We can, and often do, provide too much of the material things and not enough of the spiritual..."**

Men who are reading this article, how involved are you in our parish? If the an- swer is not very, be concerned that you are failing in your role. To be the spiritual leader of your family is the most important

role we have. We are responsible for rais- ing healthy, productive members of our society and for ultimately getting each member of our family into heaven. Every other responsibility we have pales in comparison. Beyond providing for the necessities of our family, the role of

provider diminishes rapidly in proportion to this responsibility. We can, and often do, provide too much of the material things and not enough of the spiritual and emotional things that make a family a fam- ily. In the process we can ruin or families and our marriages.

Have your ever wondered why so mari- riages today fail, and why some many families are broken? I believe the juxtapo- sition of priorities listed above is the reason.

What our families really need is God in our lives. The best way of putting God in the life of our family is by loving God our- selves. We teach our children the love of God by loving God. We teach our children the love of God by trying to live godly lives. We teach by example!

If we are valuing other things in front of God, that also is the example we are teaching to children and spouses. We wit- ness to our children each day, no matter how old they are, by our faith. When we cut ourselves off from the Church, or minimally participate, we have no spring from which to draw our wa- ter. Then we have little life-giving water to provide for them.

Men, if you are not already doing so you need to become the spiritual leader of your family. You need to get involved, deeply involved, in the life of your parish. In doing so, watch your fami- lies flourish!

Stewardship changes our lives in a wonderful way...if you practice it. Fred Moore (707) 442-8569

# Outreach News

**LET'S PITCH IN AND HELP!**  
(Outreach news--opportunities to help your community!):

1. **CAN-A-WEEK:** Food Bank is really low on food, although the demand and need for food by needy families and seniors is greater than it has ever been! Outreach Committee asks that everyone please bring a can of food (or box of non-perishable food) to Church every Sunday, so they can deliver this to the Food Bank to help solve the hunger problem in our commu- nity. Please check carefully for expiration dates. (More than one can a week is welcome too, of course!)

2. **SHELTERS FOR BATTERED WOMEN AND FAMILIES:**  
How can you help?

A. **BRING YOUR EXTRA SHEETS AND TOWELS TO CHURCH:** The shelters always need more sheets, pillowcases, towels, washclothes and hygiene items (little shampoos, soaps, toothbrushes, sanitary supplies, etc.) Outreach Committee will ensure what you bring is delivered to the shelters' secret loca- tions. Designated bins are in the parish hall.

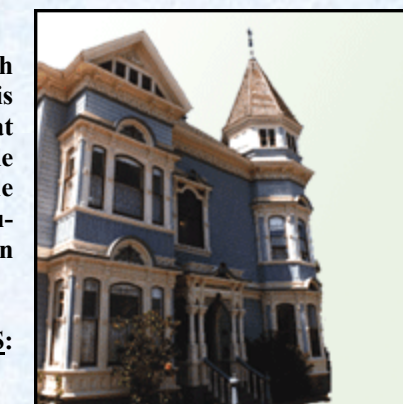
B. **OUTREACH MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 12:30--ALL ARE WELCOME!:** Patricia Samson, Commu- nity Resource Director of the Humboldt Domestic Violence Services, will describe the services and needs of the shelters at the meeting and will be available for questions and discussion. Bring a brown bag lunch.

3. **FRESH FRUIT AND VEGGIES FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY:** Please mark the last Sunday of every month to bring fresh fruit and veggies to church to share with the less fortunate at the St.

Vincent de Paul Dining Program for the homeless and needy. Outreach Committee will make sure they are delivered. We are currently the ONLY church or other organization supply- ing any fresh fruit or vegetable to this worthy cause. We un- derstand that close to 400 meals are served daily to the needy in our community, many of them children. \*Note: please only bring fresh items the last Sunday of the month. Thanks to everyone for your help!

4. **MAC CENTER:** The Multitple Assistance Center for the Homeless has a continuing need for personal hygiene items, (shampoo, conditioner, soap, razors, combs, sanitary items). They also are requesting a wood bench, if anyone can contrib- ute it. MAC is operated by RCAA (Redwood Community Ac-

tion Agency).



FOR LIFE: The Christ Church/Six Rivers Running Club Relay for

5. **NEW ALZHEIMER'S CENTER:** Seeking mone- tary contributions. If you would like to contribute, please contact Chris Hamer, or Joyce Hayes at the Senior Center, Hum- boldt Senior Resource Center - phone 443-9749

OUTREACH COMMIT- TEE NEWS: ACS RELAY



Life Team

(American Cancer Society) raised approximately \$2,500 and came in second out of hundreds of teams, in the number of laps run or walked! YAY US! We are already accepting money toward the 2008 Relay for Life, and taking names of people who would like to be on the team next year! See Chris Hamer or Sharon Powers.

Chris Johnson Hamer (707)822-1771

# Letter from Garnett Stanberry

To my church family:

Thank you, thank you all for being my "family" of friends in God's love- I will never in my life forget it.

1. A wonderful deliverance from the heart from Fr. Leo.
2. Heavenly music from our fabulous or- ganist Doug.
3. Unending work and management from the women of the church with the fabulous arrangement and decoration and food in the Great room and special tribute to the women working, and working, and work- ing some more.

Anne Pierson Anne Schmit

Peg Gardner

Lee Albright

Elizabeth Harper-Lawson

Lynne Dougherty

(I hope I didn't miss anyone)

I thought I understood how the church extended beyond the most far flung ex- tremities of my imagination, but I have certainly experienced it in the deep con- cern of humanity for others in a most mag- nificent degree.

From all of you at Christ Episcopal Church I can never begin to thank all of you for your prayers, gifts, concern- and God sent care for my family.

Fay Judy

Ruth Cazel

Jaqueline Hubbard

It was truly mind boggling- and eased the mind boggling existence of mourning and doing all that has to be done at a time when a person (me) was stunned and not quite tracking well (as I was).

Thank you from the bottom of my heart and all of John's family as well.

My friends from outside the Church were truly impressed by the magnificence of the Church and the deliverance of everything. Thank you all for being there.

My sincere thanks,

Garnett Stanberry and family

## Office Closed September 7th

The office will be closed Friday, September 7th. Normal office hours are still Tuesdays through Fridays from 9a.m. to 1 p.m. The secretary is there until 5p.m., but reserves the afternoons to run errands and take lunch. If you need to come in after office hours, during the afternoons, be sure to call and set up a time to be sure the secretary or Fr. Leo will be there to meet with you. Have a wonderful Labor Day weekend!

# Taizé Service

As in August, the Taize Service for September will be held on the first Thursday. We hope this schedule will work for those who wish to attend, including friends who would enjoy the service.

Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 p.m. in the Chapel

For those who are unfamiliar with Taize, it is a contemplative worship service using thoughtful excerpts from scripture, music and candlelight to create an atmosphere for prayer, reflection and communion with God and those around you.

Do you attend the Taize Services? Let us know what you enjoy and what could be improved. If you don't attend but would like to, what day and time would be better? Your input is welcome.

Anne Pierson 442-2025



# Stewardship

At one time or another, we have learned about comparison in the English language;



positive, comparative, and superlative. In the year 2005-2006, our pledges in the Annual Stewardship Drive were *good*. Last year, 2006- 2007, our pledges were *better*. They surpassed the previous year. Now it is time to pledge again for 2007- 2008. Let's try to make our pledges reach the superlative stage or the *best* ever.

As stewards, we believe God is the source of all gifts, spiritual and material. Our faithful response, in gratitude, is to be givers and creators ourselves. Joyful giving results in spiritual growth.

Pledge cards for 2007- 2008 will begin to be available in the Parish Hall after September 23, You may return the completed card anytime by bringing it to the office, by mailing it, or by leaving it on the collection plate during the Sunday service. We would like to encourage you to complete the cards and return them as promptly as possible. The Church saves expenses if we do not have to mail the cards or reminder letters to you.

Saturday evening, October 20, 2007, has been chosen for our annual Stewardship dinner. We hope everyone will plan to attend. The year ahead promises to be another exciting one: and let us pray for guidance as we do our best to support our Church, ministry, and mission.

Stewardship is everything we do after we say, "We believe..." It is our living relationship with God. It is our response to God's unconditional love. It is our superlative or *highest* commitment.

Helen Taylor 825- 8189

# Vestry Notes



The August Vestry meeting was re-scheduled for Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> in order to obtain a quorum. Several im-

portant items were on the agenda.

Of high importance and interest was the presentation of the Parish Profile for Vestry approval. The Vestry approved the Profile, which will be forwarded to the Bishop's Office after a final proofing. The Office of the Bishop will indicate whether any changes are needed. After final approval by the Bishop, the Profile will be printed, posted on the Christ Church website, and shared with the congregation. The Vestry is very appreciative of the outstanding work of Bill Walser and the entire Profile Committee.

Roger Cutler, Calling Process Facilitator appointed by the Bishop, will be meeting with the Vestry to explain the Applicant Review Committee (AR) process. This part of the process starts after the development of the Profile. The Diocesan Calling Process policy guidelines indicate that the AR Committee works under the direction of the Facilitator until field visits to potential candidates for rector begin.

The Vestry will hold a retreat on Fri. evening and all day Sat., Oct. 5-6. Roger Cutler will be the facilitator.

In response to Presiding Bishop Katharine's appeal for funds from each Diocese to help with Katrina relief in the Dioceses of LA and MI, Bishop Beisner has requested that churches in the Diocese of Northern California forward donations to Sacramento by mid-Sept. The Vestry is asking individual parishioners to consider this request carefully and respond with individual checks with "Katrina" on the memo line or cash donations in labeled

envelopes. In addition, cash offerings from services on Aug. 26, Sept. 2 and 9, will be designated for Katrina relief.

Church School classes will resume on Sept. 9. After replacing the flooring in the classroom closest to the patio and Chapel, the classroom will be repainted and transformed into the nursery. This same room served as the nursery in the past and has the advantage of being much closer to the bathrooms.

The church is in the process of obtaining bids to repair the east end of the Thompson Building (closest to Lewis Hall). The doors need to be replaced and any surrounding dry rot removed. We are also seeking a solution to the roofing/drainage problem over the walkway connecting Lewis Hall to the Thompson Building.

Helen Taylor will be chairing the Stewardship Drive for pledges that then fund operational expenses. The Drive will culminate with a dinner on Sat., Oct. 20.

The Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition will hold its first Homeless Connect Day at the Church in Oct. Proof of insurance coverage is to be provided.

Roger Hogan Studios representatives met at the church on Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>. An informational report was shared with the Vestry. Charles Kegg's visit follows on Aug. 21. Roger Hogan Studios and Kegg Organ Company have been communicating as they develop plans and recommendations to present for Vestry approval.

The Vestry authorized establishing a "Transportation Ministry" fund to enable people with special needs to attend services. This is coordinated by Anne Pierson and the Pastoral Care Committee. Individuals are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to participate by marking "Transportation Ministry" on the memo line of checks or labeling envelopes with "Transportation Ministry."

Peg Gardner, 443-9627

# New Zealand Prayer Book Eucharist Ceremonial Action

## Posture

Humans are not pure spirits. Nor are we disembodied minds. Our worship of God involves our whole selves including our bodies. Many Episcopalians clap during certain songs, and at other times raise their hands in the biblical posture of prayer. Liturgical dance is becoming more common. There is a growing insight into the interrelationship between body, mind, and spirit. Standing embodies the risen life that we, the baptised, share with Christ. At the council of Nicaea (325 AD) astonishment was expressed that some were kneeling on Sundays, and during the fifty days of the Easter season. It was then ruled that prayers be made to God standing. This practice continued until the Middle Ages.

Kneeling on Sundays became common only when priests were seen to be doing something *for* the passive congregation. With the renewed insight that all, clergy and lay, celebrate the Eucharist together, it seems more appropriate if all have the same posture as the presider. As a community discusses such changes there needs to be an acceptance of diversity as some, for example, may find long periods of standing difficult.

Kneeling stresses the individual and penitential. A community may decide to kneel for the confession only in the season of Lent. At other times, standing together stresses the communal "we have sinned, we have failed to support one another and to be what we claim to be."

"The Great Thanksgiving is a unity." Changing posture within it destroys this unity. After the Invitation to Communion, people can wait to join the Communion procession by being seated. The silence after Communion may be broken by the presider standing to say "Let us (stand to) pray."

Whatever our practice, it is not possible to "do nothing" in terms of actions. Holding a book, holding hands together, or by one's side, are actions. Just as studies of early Christian prayer texts have lain at the heart of modern textual revision, so the scholarly study of early ceremonial has rediscovered ritual of noble simplicity which is both functional and expressive. Gestures can be confusing. If actions are not self-explanatory, it is worth reflecting on their value. Do they need to be abandoned or does their rationale need to be included in education programs? Getting the words right is only a part of the renewal of worship. Liturgy flows best when presider and people learn by heart greetings they address to one another. Care needs to be taken that ceremony does not highlight the secondary at the expense of the basic structure of the Eucharist (e.g., does the ceremonious putting out of the candles give the impression that it is more important than the Dismissal of the

Community?) Ceremony ought to help to make the text intelligible rather than being imposed upon it from a way of celebrating, say, the Roman rite.

Ceremonial gestures, like all ceremony, can be divided into four categories: practical, interpretive, signficatory, and allegorical. Practical actions are functional. They are required for the smooth running of the service. We stand, for example, for the Peace. Interpretive actions are those which bring out the meaning of the text. For example, the presider may raise the hands at "Lift up your hearts." The presider's hands are open wide in welcome at the greeting which establishes a relationship between presider and community. The presider can appropriately trace a sign of the cross over the people in the Absolution at the word "cross." Many in the community will cross themselves at this point as well. Signficatory actions relate directly to the service. Like signs generally, however, (and road signs make a good example) they may require some explanation. They may have a teaching element, such as wearing red for a martyr's feast. Or they may express an attitude. Some bow in prayer before the holy table before proclaiming the Gospel (if there is a deacon reading, this may be replaced by the presider blessing the deacon.) At the announcement of the Gospel some in the community make the sign of the cross on forehead, lips, and breast in

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Gospel book after concluding "This is the Gospel of Christ." The presider may kiss the holy table at first arriving there and on finally leaving it. This expresses that Gospel book and holy table are signs of Christ's presence in the community. Allegorical actions are those which have no relationship to the text or service, but are imposed upon it. Practical, interpretive, and signficatory actions, suitably explained in a community's education, can be meaningful. Allegorical actions are highly questionable and are being removed from liturgy in most denominations even where they were previously prescribed.

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# September Feasts

September 14 *from Lesser Feasts and Fasts*

## Holy Cross Day

The historian Eusebius, in his *Life of Constantine*, tells how that emperor ordered the erection of a complex of buildings in Jerusalem “on a scale of imperial magnificence,” to set forth as “an object of attraction and veneration to all, the blessed place of our Savior’s resurrection.” The overall supervision of the work — on the site where the Church of the Holy Sepulchre now stands — was entrusted to Constantine’s mother, the empress Helena.

In Jesus’ time, the hill of Calvary had stood outside the city; but when the Roman city which succeeded Jerusalem, *Aelia Capito-*

*lina*, was built, the hill was buried under tons of fill. It was during the excavations directed by Helena that a relic, believed to be that of the true cross, was discovered.

Constantine’s shrine included two principal buildings: a large basilica, used for the Liturgy of the Word, and a circular church, known as “The Resurrection” — its Altar placed on the site of the tomb — which was used for the Liturgy of the Table, and for the singing of the Daily Office.

Toward one side of the courtyard which separated the two buildings, and through which the faithful had to pass on their way from Word to Sacrament, the exposed top of Calvary’s hill was visible. It was there that the solemn veneration of the cross took place on Good Friday; and it was there that the congregation gathered daily for a final prayer and

### Prayer

*Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*



Holy Cross Day

dismissal after Vespers. The dedication of the buildings was completed on September 14, 335, the seventh month of the Roman calendar, a date suggested by the account of the dedication of Solomon’s temple in the same city, in the seventh month of the Jewish Calendar, hundreds of years before (2 Chronicles 7:8-10).

## September 17 Hildegard of Bingen

Hildegard of Bingen, born in 1098 in the lush Rhineland Valley, was a mystic, poet, composer, dramatist, doctor, scientist. Her parents’ tenth child, she was tithed to the Church and raised by the anchoress Jutta in a cottage near the Benedictine monastery of Disibodenberg.



Hildegard of Bingen

Drawn by the life of silence and prayer, other women joined them, finding the freedom, rare outside women’s religious communities, to develop their intellectual gifts.

They organized as a convent under the authority of the abbot of Disibodenberg, with Jutta as abbess. When Jutta died, Hildegard, then 38, became abbess. Later she founded independent convents at Bingen (1150) and Eibingen (1165), with the Archbishop of Mainz as her only superior.

From childhood, Hildegard experienced dazzling spiritual visions. At 43, a voice commanded her to tell what she saw. So began an outpouring of extraordinarily original writings illustrated by unusual and wondrous illuminations. These works abound with feminine imagery for God and God’s creative activity.

In 1147, Berard of Clairvaux recommended her first book of visions, *Scivias*, to Pope Eugenius III, leading to papal authentication at the Synod of Trier.

Hildegard became famous, eagerly sought for counsel, a correspondent of kings and queens, abbots and abbesses, archbishops and popes.

She carried out four preaching missions in northern Europe, unprecedented activity for a woman. She practiced medicine, focusing on women’s needs; published treatises on natural science and philosophy; wrote a liturgi-

cal drama, *The Play of the Virtues*, in which personified virtues sing their parts and the devil, condemned to live without music, can only speak. For Hildegard, music was essential to worship. Her liturgical compositions, unusual in structure and tonality, were described by contemporaries as “chant of surpassing sweet melody” and “strange and unheard-of music.”

Hildegard lived in a world accustomed to male governance. Yet, within her convents, and to a surprising extent outside them, she exercised a commanding spiritual authority based on confidence in her visions and considerable political astuteness. When she died in 1179 at 81, she left a rich legacy which speaks eloquently across the ages.

### Prayer

*God of all times and seasons: Give us grace that we, after the example of your servant Hildegard, may both know and make known the joy and jubilation of being part of your creation, and show forth your glory not only with our lips but in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you. Amen.*

## September 21 Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Matthew, one of Jesus’ disciples, is probably to be identified with Levi, a tax collector (“publican”) mentioned by Mark and Luke. In the Gospel according to Matthew, it is said that Matthew was seated in the custom-house when Jesus bade him, “Follow me.” When Jesus called him, he at once left everything, followed the Master, and later gave a dinner for him. Mark and Luke also note that Levi was a tax collector.

### Prayer

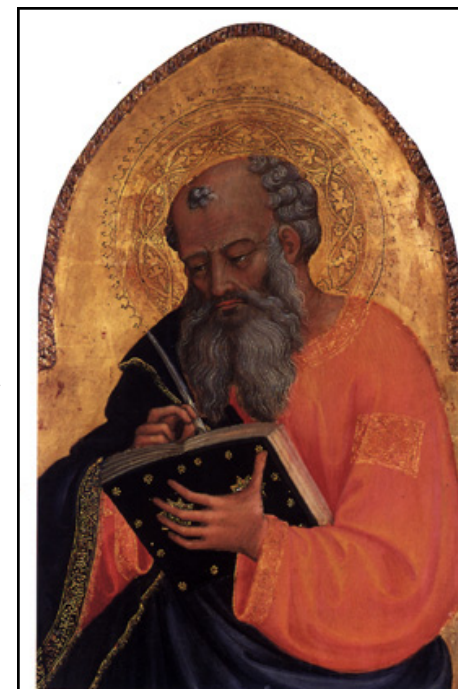
*We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

In all three accounts, Jesus is severely criticized for eating at the same table with tax collectors and other disreputable persons. Tax collectors were viewed as collaborators with the Roman State, extortioners who took money from their own people to further the cause of Rome and to line their own pockets. They were spurned as traitors and outcasts. The Jews so abhorred them that pious Pharisees refused to marry into a family that had a publican as a member. Clearly, Matthew was hardly the type of man that a devout Jew would have had among his closest associates. Yet Jesus noted that it was the publican rather than the proud Pharisee who prayed the acceptable prayer, “Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner.” There is fre-

quent favorable reference to publicans in the many sayings of Jesus in the Gospel according to Matthew.

Matthew was called early in Jesus’ ministry, but that he wrote the Gospel that bears his name is seriously doubted by scholars. It is, however, generally accepted that his “logia” or “sayings of Jesus” have been included in that Gospel. It may be that the author of the First Gospel took from Matthew’s work some of the numerous parables and comments that make that Gospel so popular a source for homilies and teaching. Through this Gospel, especially, Jesus speaks not only of faith and eternal life, but of duties toward one’s neighbors, family, and even enemies.

Tradition has it that Matthew, having converted many persons to Christianity in Judea, traveled to the East; but there is no certain evidence for this. He has been venerated as a martyr, but the time and circumstances of his death are unknown.



Saint Matthew

## September 29 Saint Michael and All the Angels

The scriptural word “angel” (Greek: *angelos*) means, literally, a messenger. Messengers from God can be visible or invisible, and may assume human or non-human forms. Christians have always felt themselves to be attended by healthful spirits — swift, powerful, and enlightening. Those beneficent spirits are often depicted in Christian art in human form, with wings to signify their swiftness and spacelessness, with swords to signify their power, and with dazzling raiment to signify their ability to enlighten. Unfortunately, this type of pictorial representation has led many to dismiss the angels as “just another mythical beast, like the unicorn, the griffin, or the sphinx.”

Of the many angels spoken of in the Bible, only four are called by name: Michael, Gabriel, Uriel, and Raphael. The Archangel Michael is the powerful agent of God who wards off evil from God’s people, and delivers peace to them at the end of this life’s mortal struggle.

“Michaelmas,” as his feast is called in England, has long been one of the popular celebrations of the Christian Year in many parts of the world. Michael is the patron saint of countless churches, including Mont Saint-Michel, the monastery fortress off the coast of Normandy that figured so prominently in medieval English history, and Coventry Cathedral, England’s most famous modern church building, rising from the ashes of the most devastating war of our time.

### Prayer

*Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



St. Michael and All the Angels