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THE GOOD NEWS

To know Christ better and to make Him better known

WORSHIP—FORMATION—SERVICE

By the Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson



This is where the rubber meets the road. One of the phrases used by the deacon at the end of the Eucharistic service before we leave church is *Let us go forth with love and serve the*

Lord. The time we spend together as a worshiping and learning community is meant to equip us for what comes next, i.e. they prepare us for being church, the Body of Christ in action in service to the world. One of St. Teresa of Avila's most famous quotes reads: *Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the*

eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours. At St. Paul's we understand that we are called to the service of God's people in Oakland, the United States and the world and our calling manifested in ministries such as the Pantry of Hope, care packages for the homeless, supporting the work of Clausen House and La Clínica de La Raza, the Christmas gift drive, our partnership with Ecolé St. Pierre in Haiti and the biannual drive to support Nets Over the Crèche to name a few. Even more importantly it is manifested in the way each individual member of the parish finds her/himself involved in the community: some serve as tutors, others travel to places where events of nature have taken a toll on human life to assist in relief efforts, some serve on community boards and committees and some have even served as election monitors in other countries.

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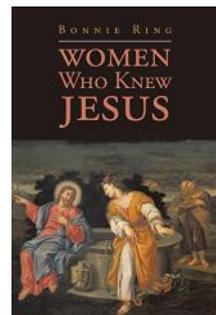
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WOMEN WHO WONDER

Women of St. Paul's, are you looking for a way to connect with other women of St. Paul's? Would you like to explore our common faith? Share a simple dinner?

The Rev. Annie Pierpoint Mertz and the Rev. Anne Jensen are proposing a once a month gathering on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm. Our starting point is a book by local priest the Rev. Bonnie Ring, "The Women Who Knew Jesus." To learn more about the author and the book, click [here](#). The next gathering will be November 15. Please email The Rev. Anne Jensen (annehj@aol.com) if you plan to come so that we can reserve a room. And we plan to have fun!



MEET OUR NEW SEMINARIANS

JENNIFER NELSON



Jennifer Nelson was born in a small village in Kitty, Greater Georgetown in what was previously known as British Guiana, now The Republic of Guyana, in South America to parents who were both teachers.

After attending a four-year college in New Mexico where she received BS degrees in Mining Engineering and Mathematics, Jennifer returned to her home country to work in the bauxite mines as the first female mining engineer for Guyana. She later returned to New Mexico Tech, Socorro to complete a Masters degree in Mining Engineering and upon graduation, moved with her family to Livermore, California.

Until recently, Jennifer has been an active member of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Livermore, where she was part of the St. Bart's choir, and has also served in several other capacities such as eucharistic visitor, counter, deanery representative, vestry member, junior warden, and on altar guild. Additionally, she has served on many SF/SM Cursillo teams and as rectora (Feb. 2011) on the "Serve the Lord with Gladness" team.

In her secular life, Jennifer works as an environmental scientist in Livermore where she has raised her two sons, Roderick and Lawrence.

Additionally, she is also currently attending the Episcopal School for Deacons, Berkeley and has been placed for the 2016-2017 school year with St. Paul's Episcopal Church as our student deacon. She will be working closely with our own Archdeacon Carolyn Bolton on the Pantry of Hope and other upcoming projects.

TAMRA TUCKER

Tamra Tucker is a second year seminarian at Church Divinity School of the Pacific. Cradle Episcopalian and raised in Oklahoma, she has been involved in the church her whole life. She began discerning a call to ordination at the age of 15. This discernment brought her to Boston, Massachusetts to volunteer in the Episcopal Service Corps as the Christian Formation Director and community organizer at an urban mission church, St. Stephen's in the South End.

Tamra stayed in Boston to begin her formal discernment. She was a member of The Crossing, a progressive, emergent congregation of St. Paul's Cathedral, and is sponsored by her home church, Emmanuel. Tamra most recently has been a career parish operations manager. Her deepest passions have been working with houseless communities and designing liturgy for various worshipping groups. She came to Berkeley, California to attend seminary in the Graduate Theological Union. She is excited to dive into the life of St. Paul's. In any spare time, she is on the soccer field or reading. Tamra lives with her partner, Renee, a cat and a new puppy. Please ask for pictures of the pets if you'd like.

PANTRY OF HOPE

Item of the month

Please continue to support the work of our pantry by contributing items to its inventory.

November

Bottles of juice

December

Bottles of juice

January

Bottles of juice

Bring your donations to church and place them in the offering basket in the narthex.

Thanks!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night before going to bed.



ALL SOULS' REMEMBRANCE

As part of the observance of the feast of All Saints' and All Souls' this coming Sunday, November 6, you are invited to bring pictures of your loved ones who have departed to be one of those remembered in our prayers. Alternatively you may add your loved one's name to a card which will be provided at the service.



May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

A GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER AT ST. PAUL'S

"Sell your possessions and give alms" – Luke 12:13

Yep, its time for some garage sale fundraising! The proceeds will be applied to our parish ministries – Food Pantry, Senior Resources, Children's Program, among others.

When: Saturday, November 26, 2016

To know how you can participate and for additional info please contact Tom McGarrell at tgmgarrell@aol.com or (267) 808-1921

We will endeavor to keep the "fun" in fundraising

CONSECRATION SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON ON NOVEMBER 13, 2016

Please join us as we celebrate the results of our discernment during our annual stewardship campaign at St. Paul's. This is always a happy time because we have once again pledged our support to the great work of St. Paul's in our community and our lives. As Christians and Episcopalians we are called to follow the light of Christ. So come and tip your glass to your fellow parishioners and to yourselves for living up to that call.

The luncheon will take place on November 13 at 12:30 p.m. (after the 10 a.m. service) in the parish hall. Please RSVP with Mia Gamboa in the church office if you have not already done so.

Pledge cards will be distributed beginning Sunday, November 6 and will be available on the website as well.



2016 OFFICERS OF THE VESTRY

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson – *Rector*
Elizabeth (Liz) Hook
Senior Warden
William (Bill) Davis
Junior Warden
Thomas (Tom) McGarrell
Treasurer
James Kadleck
Clerk

VESTRY BY CLASS

Class of 2016
Elizabeth (Liz) Hook
Thomas (Tom) McGarrell
Sharon Pilmer

Class of 2017
William (Bill) Davis
James Kadleck
Yuri Sikkema

Class of 2018
Alice Brilmayer
George Strait
Saundra Anderson

DEANERY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES 2015

Delegates

Izabella (Bella) Sempari
Scott Buckingham

Alternates

Pam Buckingham
Sheila Sims

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

SPECIAL MUSIC IN NOVEMBER

SERVICE MUSIC

Sunday, November 6, 2016
ALL SAINTS' AND ALL SOULS' DAY
10:00 am, Choral Eucharist

Rose Hill Mass, Hirten; Light's glittering morn, ed. Lee; Ruh' in Frieden (Rest in peace), Franz Schubert; O quam gloriosum, Victoria
 Sung by St. Paul's Choir; David Montgomery, Music Director; St. Paul's Bell Choir, Paco Bellamy, Director.

4PM, EVENSONG
Chapel College Ensemble of Men & Boys

Evensong is a short Anglican service combining the end-of-day monastic offices of Vespers and Compline. Since the latter part of the 16th century, England's greatest composers have contributed to the rich musical tradition of this uplifting and beautiful liturgy.
 Christopher Kula, Director.

Sunday, November 13, 2016
CONSECRATION SUNDAY
10:00 am, Choral Eucharist

Creator of the Starry Height, Praetorius; This little light of mine; Ubi caritas, Cornelius-Bates. Sung by St. Paul's Choir; David Montgomery, Music Director; St. Paul's Bell Choir, Paco Bellamy, Director.

Sunday, November 20, 2016
LAST SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST/CHRIST THE KING

Rise, my soul, to watch and pray, Bach setting; O Christians, Now Lift Up

Your Voices, Anon. 18th century; Os justi, Bruckner. Sung by St. Paul's Choir; David Montgomery, Music Director; St. Paul's Bell Choir, Paco Bellamy, Director.

November 24, 2016
THANKSGIVING DAY

Honor and Majesty are before him, Greene; Exsultate justi, Viadana; O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit, Tallis.
 Sung by St. Paul's Choir; David Montgomery, Music Director; St. Paul's Bell Choir, Paco Bellamy, Director.

November 27, 2016
ADVENT I
LESSONS & CAROLS FOR ADVENT

Savior of the nations, com, Bach setting; In the beginning, Haydn (from *The Creation*); The Desert shall Rejoice, Patterson; Now let all the heavens adore Thee, Nicolai-Bach; Rorate caeli, Byrd. Sung by St. Paul's Choir; David Montgomery, Music Director; St. Paul's Bell Choir, Paco Bellamy, Director.

8 PM, COMPLINE

Gregorian chant, polyphony of Byrd, Tallis, Victoria, in candlelight. Compline, a service of psalms and prayers, has been sung 'at the close of day' in monasteries, convents and churches for many centuries, and is one of the best-loved services of the Church. Sung by St. Paul's Choir. Philip Saunders, Director.



Newsletter contributors sought

We are interested in hearing from writers and photographers; please email us if you would like to donate your talents.

The deadline for each edition is the 15th of the month previous to publication.

Please send your submissions of no more than 500 words to: halice@pacbell.net.

NETS OVER THE CRÈCHE: GIVE THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON PROTECTING

A mosquito net over Baby Jesus' bed during Advent this year will remind St. Paul's parishioners of a chance they have to help prevent malaria, the number one infectious killer in the world. Every two minutes, a child in Africa dies of the disease, each year it infects 300-500 million people and kills 1 million of them.

Episcopal Relief and Development has, for the last ten years, partnered with NetsforLife (be sure to view the great video) to successfully lower child mortality on that continent.

In 2010, a child died of malaria every thirty seconds. While the current rate is one quarter of that, it is still far too high, and continued use of the nets is essential if the ground that has been gained is to be maintained.

Your family's contribution of \$12 will give an African family the protection of a net; thirty nets from our "village" of St. Paul's will protect an entire village. For more information, please get in touch with Carolyn Knapp by email at csknapp@earthlink.net or by phone at (510) 658-6547.



GIVING TREE IN NARTHEX

Sunday November 20, the St. Paul's Annual Giving Tree will be in the narthex. This will not be a Christmas tree (it is too early!), but a tree of branches that will hold gift tags for the families that the Center for the Vulnerable Child (CVC) has matched with St. Paul's.

The CVC serves foster children, homeless families, and families at risk for homelessness. They match St. Paul's with families in need, give us the families' hoped-for gift list, and we put the gift tags on the tree. Please come pick up a tag on the 20th (and be sure to sign the gift list so we know who has what tag). Then please buy the present, which could be a new toy or an item of clothing or a gift certificate and

bring it back, wrapped, with the tag, to the church on or before Sunday, December 4.

And please volunteer to help the Giving Tree Team! We need people to help with the logistics, sometimes to wrap presents, to help in this sweet mission.

This is an opportunity for us to share with those less fortunate. Sharon Pilmer says "The children and families who receive these gifts face extraordinary circumstances that are almost beyond the imagination."

Please contact Paula Hawthorn at pbhawthorn@mindspring.com if you can help.

SAVE Stands-Ins against gun violence

SAVE (Soldiers Against Violence Everywhere) Oakland is taking a non-violent stand against the rampant murders in our community by having "Stand-Ins" from 11 a.m. – noon near where a person was recently killed. Please contact Paula Hawthorn, 510-601-8388, if you would like to participate. Upcoming dates and locations are:

- 11/12/16
73rd and Bancroft

Contact Save@Truevine-Ministries.com to be put on the email list for future Stand-Ins.

SAINTS OF THE MONTH

MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND, 1093

WORSHIP ROTA ONLINE

The current rota for the Sunday worship services is posted on the St. Paul's Web site at :
http://
www.stpaulsoakland.org/
RotaSchedule

The rota includes the names of readers, sub-deacons, intercessors, and lay Eucharistic ministers.

New volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Fr. Mauricio or the Ven. Carolyn Bolton to volunteer or if you have any questions.



Shakespeare made familiar the names of Macbeth and Macduff, Duncan and Malcolm; but it is not always remembered that Malcolm married an English princess, Margaret, about 1070.

With considerable zeal, Margaret sought to change what she considered to be old-fashioned and careless practices among the Scottish clergy. She insisted that the observance of Lent, for example, was to begin on Ash Wednesday, rather than on the following Monday, and that the Mass should be celebrated according to the accepted Roman rite of the Church and not in barbarous form and language. The Lord's Day was to be a day when, she said, "we apply ourselves only to prayers." She argued vigorously, though not always with success, against the exaggerated sense of unworthiness that made many of the pious Scots unwilling to receive Communion regularly.

Margaret's energies were not limited to reformation of formal Church practices. She encouraged the founding of schools, hospitals, and orphanages, and used her influence with King Malcolm to help her improve the quality of life among the isolated Scottish clans. Together, Margaret and her husband rebuilt the monastery of

Iona and founded Dunfermline Abbey, under the direction of Benedictine monks.

In addition to her zeal for Church and people, Margaret was a conscientious wife and the mother of eight children. Malcolm, a strong-willed man, came to trust her judgment even in matters of State. She saw also to the spiritual welfare of her large household, providing servants with opportunity for regular worship and prayer.

Margaret was not as successful as she wished to be in creating greater unity in faith and works between her own native England and the Scots. She was unable, for example, to bring an end to the bloody warfare among the highland clans, and after her death in 1093, there was a brief return to the earlier isolation of Scotland from England. Nevertheless, her work among the people, and her reforms in the Church, made her Scotland's most beloved saint. She died on November 16, and was buried at Dunfermline Abbey.

O God, you called your servant Margaret to an earthly throne that she might advance your heavenly kingdom, and gave her zeal for your Church and love for your people: Mercifully grant that we who commemorate her this day may be fruitful in good works, and attain to the glorious crown of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

RICHARD HOOKER, PRIEST, 1600



In any list of Anglican theologians, Richard Hooker's name would stand high, if not first. He was born in 1553 at Heavitree,

near Exeter, and was admitted in 1567 to Corpus Christi College, Oxford, of which he became a Fellow ten years later. After ordination and marriage in 1581, he held a living in Buckinghamshire. In 1586 he became Master of the Temple, in London. he served country parishes in Boscombe, Salisbury, and Bishopsbourne near Canterbury.

A controversy with a noted Puritan led Hooker to prepare a comprehensive defense of the Reformation settlement under Queen Elizabeth I. This work, his masterpiece, was entitled *Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*. Its philosophical base is Aristotelian, with a strong emphasis upon natural law eternally planted by God in creation. On this foundation, all positive laws of Church and State are grounded—from Scriptural revelation, ancient tradition, reason, and experience.

Book Five of the *Laws* is a massive defense of the Book of Common Prayer, directed primarily against Puritan detractors. Hooker's arguments are buttressed by enormous patristic learning, but the needs of the contemporary worshiper are paramount, and he draws

effectively on his twenty-year experience of using the Book. Hooker's vast learning, and the quality of his style, reveal him to be a man of moderate, patient, and serene character.

Concerning the nature of the Church, Hooker wrote: "The Church is always a visible society of men; not an assembly, but a Society. For although the name of the Church be given unto Christian assemblies, although any multitude of Christian men congregated may be termed by the name of a Church, yet assemblies properly are rather things that belong to a Church. Men are assembled for performance of public actions; which actions being ended, the assembly dissolveth itself and is no longer in being, whereas the Church which was assembled doth no less continue afterwards than before."

Pope Clement VIII is reported to have said that Hooker's work "had in it such seeds of eternity that it would abide until the last fire shall consume all learning."

O God of truth and peace, you raised up your servant Richard Hooker in a day of bitter controversy to defend with sound reasoning and great charity the catholic and reformed religion: Grant that we may maintain that middle way, not as a compromise for the sake of peace, but as a comprehension for the sake of truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Dear Readers:
In an effort to reduce paper waste and printing/ mailing expenses, we are asking anyone who gets the on-line version of The Good News and no longer needs a paper version mailed to his or her home to let us know. If you don't get the newsletter online and would like to, or if you want to take yourself off the snail-mail list, please contact Parish Administrator at 834-4314, Ext. 501 or admin@stpaulsoakland.org. Many thanks.



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Services

SUNDAYS

8 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*
10 a.m. *Choral Eucharist*

4 p.m. *Evensong*
(*First Sundays, Oct.-June*)

8 p.m. *Compline*
(*4th Sundays only*)

WEDNESDAYS

12:10 p.m. *Holy Eucharist*
(*with Healing prayer on*
the 1st Wednesday of the
month)

SERVICE

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Could we be doing more? Definitely. Are there people in need in our local and global communities? Absolutely, yes. The ministry and work of the body of Christ does not end or stop until there are no more hungry, there are no more thirsty, all widows and orphans are cared for and the prisoners are set free. Our mission will be complete when all those seeking justice have found it, when all those who have been trampled upon are lifted up with all of God's children live as equals.

I would like to suggest that our next steps to ministry are awaiting us just outside the doors of our church on any given day. You may not have noticed,

though I hope you have, the issue of homelessness in our city and the bay area most of California is not going away but rather is a growing problem. Each day more and more people find themselves unable to afford living conditions that keeps a roof over their head and food on the table. You may also be aware that gun violence continues being a problem not only in the streets of Oakland but in other communities of the United States.

I leave you with these words from the Book of James: *You have faith and I have works. Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith. James 2:18.*