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# THE GOOD NEWS

To know Christ better and to make Him better known

## *I WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP*

By the Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson



I've had bungee jumping on my mind for a few days. I am terribly afraid of heights and I've discovered, not too recently, that the idea of walking on a

bridge is definitely not my cup of tea. So, the concept of jumping off the side of a bridge is so farfetched for me that it would take more than God's help to get me there.

Maybe the reason I've been thinking about the bungee thing is because I've also been thinking about ministry. What would motivate someone, particularly me, to go into a life of ministry in the church? Having been in it for a while now, I have noticed all the perils that ministry can present. These perils may seem like what someone might encounter as they throw themselves blissfully into the abyss

with only a large rubber band tied to their ankles. A river may contain a boulder or two, maybe a hungry alligator, crocodile or hippo. Who knows, the rubber band may snap at the most inconvenient moment. Anyone who has ever been involved with churches can attest to the fact that ministry comes with its own set of dangers and perils. Many are the former clergy persons who have been run over by human realities of life in the church. Now, I present to you my source of hope and comfort. The rubber band that holds us up in ministry is none other than God's help.

When we decide to make a commitment to service in God's church, the church asks us to promise to do so with God's help, as the wisdom of those who come before has proven that without God's help we stumble, fall and are unable to complete the task to which we are committed. The most important part of our commitment to serve God in the church is to love God and to love our

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## *Upcoming Youth Events @ St. Paul's!*

If you are interested in being part of this new ministry, please contact Jose Daniel Pinell, our new Director of Youth and Children's Ministries: [youth@stpaulsoakland.org](mailto:youth@stpaulsoakland.org)

Youth Afternoon at Boomers! - October 26

Harry Potter Day at Grace Cathedral! - November 16 10 am - 3:30 pm

Mlk Sleepover at Grace Cathedral - January 19 - January 20th

Confirmation at St. Paul's - November 2.

## MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

### Evensong with the Chancel Choir October 6 at 4:00 pm

Evensong is a contemplative service of psalms, canticles, hymns, and anthems, a quiet alternative to the traditional Sunday morning Holy Eucharist.

#### PANTRY OF HOPE

##### Item of the month

This short Anglican service combines 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.

The process of restocking the inventory is on the way and we are hoping to receive your donations of strawberry or grape jelly and juice.

Thanks for your continued support and prayers.



### Save the Date!

All Soul's Requiem Mass on Friday November 1st at 7:30 pm

Special Music for All Saints November 3rd 10:00 am service

## COMPLINE

Sunday, October 27th

Since October of 2002 the choir of St. Paul's has sung Compline on the fourth Sunday of every month at 8:00 pm. The transcendent quality of the Gregorian Chant, along with the beauty of St. Paul's Church bathed in candlelight, has made the service an oasis of peace in the lives of those who attend, both Christians and Non-Christians. The candles are lit at 7:50 and the church remains open for a half hour after the service ends (usually around 8.40). With St. Paul's Compline Choir. Christopher Kula, Choir Director.

## DONATIONS TO ST. PAUL'S

Using your Smartphone, scan this QR Code to make a digital offering to St. Paul's Church. Your donation will be processed through SPEC's PayPal account.





# SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020

5:00PM – 10:00PM

We kick-off our sesquicentennial anniversary celebration with a Mardi-Gras themed Fundraising Gala Dinner dance.

Details forthcoming, including other activities that lead up to our January 2021 anniversary date.



Photo credit: Milan Bhatt Photography

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## 2019 OFFICERS OF THE VESTRY

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson – *Rector*  
 Irene Plunkett – *Senior Warden*  
 Will Cowart – *Junior Warden*  
 Pamela Kruse-Buckingham – *Clerk*  
 Sandra Anderson – *Treasurer*

## VESTRY BY CLASS

**Class of 2019**  
 Pamela Kruse-Buckingham  
 Irene Plunkett  
 Will Cowart

**Class of 2020**  
 Allison Sass  
 Dylan Versteeg  
 Bill Davis

**Class of 2021**  
 Madyé Parrish  
 Sergio Prieto  
 Erica Terry-Derryck

**Future meetings:**  
 October 22  
 November 26

## DEANERY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES 2015

### Delegates

Melanie Blake  
 James Kadleck  
 Tom McGarrell

### Alternates

To Be Appointed

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## SAINT OF THE MONTH

### Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley



#### 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 25th of the month previous to publication.*

*Please send your submissions of no more than 500 words to:  
[halice@pacbell.net](mailto:halice@pacbell.net).*

Hugh Latimer was the outstanding English preacher of the Reformation. His sermons against ecclesiastical abuses led to several trials for heresy, but no proof could be established against his orthodoxy. Latimer was little interested in the refinements of doctrine; his zeal was concentrated on the moral life of Christian clergy and people.

Born of yeoman stock about 1490 in Leicestershire, Latimer graduated from Clare College, Cambridge, and became a Fellow in 1510. Though a conservative, he was attracted to the new currents of reform stemming from the Continental Reformation of the 1520's. King Henry VIII made him a royal chaplain in 1530, and five years later appointed him to the See of Worcester, a position he relinquished in 1539 in opposition to the king's reactionary policies against the progress of the Reformation.

In the reign of Edward VI, Latimer became prominent again as a preacher, but he refused to resume his see. With the accession of Queen Mary in 1553 he was imprisoned, and on October 16, 1555, he was burned at the stake in Oxford alongside Bishop Nicholas Ridley.

Nicholas Ridley was born in Northumberland, and was educated at Pembroke

College, Cambridge. While there he belonged to a circle of young men deeply attracted to the currents of reform inspired by the Continental Reformation.

A supporter of Archbishop Cranmer's reforming agenda, Ridley became the Archbishop's Chaplain in 1537, and vicar of Herne, Kent, in 1538. He was chosen Master of Pembroke in 1540, and chaplain to Henry VIII and Canon of Canterbury in 1541. Two years later he was acquitted of a charge of heresy.

Early in the reign of Edward VI, Ridley was made Bishop of Rochester and participated with Cranmer in the preparation of the first Book of Common Prayer. He was translated to the See of London in 1550, where he was a strong advocate for and administrator of the principles of the Reformation. His unwillingness to recant of his Protestant theology and his opposition to the accession of Queen Mary led to his condemnation and his execution at the side of Bishop Latimer.



### Peace Awards Ceremony

On September 21st, the International Day of Peace, St. Paul's hosted the Peace Awards event sponsored by True Vine Ministries', *Soldiers Against Violence Everywhere* <https://www.save-oakland.com/>

Our own Paula Hawthorn spearheaded the annual event, this time inviting S.A.V.E. to enjoy St. Paul's hospitality. The award winners were a spectacular cross-section of social justice inspired people working very hard to make a difference in Oakland.

These are the Oaklanders and their important work that the awards recognized: Zimbabwe Davis has created a number of venues where community and police can come together to build bridges for better understanding and cooperation; Larry Edmond, a successful business consultant, has volunteered his considerable abilities and contacts to fight violence and assist the homeless in Oakland; Melvin Cowan works with local politicians and police, as well as creating grassroots initiatives that focus on developing leadership willing to fo-

cus on social justice issues; Almaz Yhidego uses her public administration skills to help African diaspora residents meet a wide-range of problems in their interface with an American life, culture, and bureaucratic habit; Antoine Towers, whose life trajectory included foster care, juvenile hall, boys' homes, jail, and the penitentiary, is a community activist who brings from his own experiences a passion for helping people grow in harmony and to solve problems together.

About fifty people listened, applauded and were excited to validate the importance of these awardees' work as they strive to make Oakland a safer and better place for everyone. St. Paul's was proud to host such an exciting awards ceremony!

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### 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.

Contact [Save@Truevine-Ministries.com](mailto:Save@Truevine-Ministries.com) to be put on the email list for future Stand-Ins.

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## Photos from Choir Retreat



### 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.



### ***SPECIAL EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S THIS FALL***

- October 6: Episcopal Schools Celebration
- October 13: Blessing of the Animals
- October 27: Youth Sunday
- November 1: All Soul's Requiem Mass
- November 2: Diocesan General Confirmation
- November 3: All Saints Service with Special Music





## Volunteers needed for Convention

The annual diocesan convention at Grace Cathedral would not be possible without our wonderful volunteers! If you're interested in helping this year, please contact one of the following members of diocesan staff.

**To help with registration on Friday and/or Saturday**, contact Amy

Cook: [amyc@diocal.org](mailto:amyc@diocal.org)

**To help with Saturday morning coffee set-up**, contact Davey Ger-

hard: [daveyg@diocal.org](mailto:daveyg@diocal.org)

**To help with Saturday lunch and be a climate champion by helping with recycling & composting**, contact Ashley Schutte: [ea@diocal.org](mailto:ea@diocal.org)

## ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY YOGA

4:30pm-5:30pm every Monday (except for school Holidays)



St. Paul's Church will be offering a free, weekly, all levels yoga class to our extended St. Paul's family! The practice will consist of mindfulness meditation, strength building, stretching, stress resilience, and deep relaxation. All bodies, ages and abilities welcome! Come take care of yourself, unwind, and recharge for the week ahead.

Please wear comfortable movement clothes and bring a mat if you have one.



Some shared mats will also be available if you need to borrow.

**Dear Readers:**

**In an effort to reduce paper waste and printing/ mailing expenses, we are asking anyone who gets the online 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](mailto:admin@stpaulsoakland.org). Many thanks.**



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## Services

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### 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*)

neighbors. It is also the most difficult, particularly because sometimes it's hard to find a loveable aspect of a person who has grieved our spirit or soul.

I don't do much posting on Facebook, but I do read other's posts. I am amazed at how many people are considered the best at the same thing: *the best dad ever, the best mom ever, the best friend anyone could ever have,* and on and on. It makes me believe that everyone is someone's best something ever. The human eye by itself is unable to see all there is in others, but God's help can reveal aspects that can transform an individual into a child of God to whom we can closely relate, even if it doesn't mean

we've gained a new BFF. It is incredible how God's help can help us see the presence and face of Christ in one another, calling us to share God's love with them.

I can say in all honesty that I will never attempt bungee jumping. I can also honestly say that, with God's help, I will never give up the possibility to finding the face of Christ in everyone God places before me.