



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, August 13, 2017, the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

We especially welcome visitors and newcomers today. Please fill out the newcomer card in the pew and place it in the collection plate or give it to a member of the clergy. Following the service, the clergy will be standing near the doors to greet you. We encourage you to join us for coffee hour in Duncan Hall. For more information about St. Paul's, please visit www.StPaulsSanRafael.org or call our office at 415.456.4842.

At St. Paul's we are all called to follow Jesus together in worship, prayer and service.

WORSHIP

The service begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Prelude	Voluntary	John Stanley
Opening Hymn	637	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280	Hymnal
Psalm	105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	BCP p. 738
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Nicene Creed		BCP p. 358
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	482	Hymnal

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome to receive initiation into the church through the sacrament of baptism.

Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP p. 367
Sanctus	S-129	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	401	Hymnal
Postlude	Voluntary	John Stanley

The Altar Flowers are given by Bobette Hanley to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her husband, Edward Hanley
and her mother, Hazel Knowles Rose.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Downstairs Bathroom** remodel is in progress. For the next few weeks please use the upstairs bathroom next to the Upper Room. (A stair chair is available for those with mobility issues.) Also, there are two bathrooms available on the second floor of the education wing, at the top of the stairs.

St. Paul's Book Club will meet on Friday, August 18th at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall. We will be discussing the book, "The Inheritance" by Charles Finch. This is a mystery that takes place in London in the 1870s. A lawyer is shot and a scientist's life is threatened. What is the connection?

The **Parking Lot** will be resurfaced starting Monday, August 21st. The parking lot will not be usable during that week.

Tuesday Morning Prayer is back at 7:30 am in the Church.

Wednesday Bible Study at 10am begins again on August 30th. We continue our study of the book of Acts.

The Recommended Book for Summer is "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction." This is a complicated title for a simple and accessible book. The popular Christian writer Eugene Peterson writes reflections on the 15 "Psalms of Ascent." These are short psalms (numbers 120-134) that the ancient Hebrews would sing on their regular pilgrimages to Jerusalem. Peterson invites us to imagine that these psalms apply to our own Christian pilgrimage through life.

Fall Book Study. On the first Tuesdays of September, October and November, Walter Tanner and Christopher will be hosting a book study of *The Politics of Virtue: Post-Liberalism and Human Future*. This book, by John Milbank and Adrian Pabst, is a Christian critique of our moment of crisis. It names four facets of what it names the "metacrisis of liberalism": capitalism, democracy, culture and the nations. For each, it then proposes alternatives that come from a radically Christian orthodox position. These discussions will be from 7pm to 9pm and are likely to have the feel of a graduate school seminar.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Jim Terstegge, Chris Olson, Eric Guastavino
Readers:	Jim Terstegge, Chris Olson, Kate Sprague
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Felicia Demann, Ann Lisk, Steve Avanzino, Holly Pritchard

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Don't worry! This season of many campus improvements will soon come to an end! Remember, we are pursuing a great flurry of activity now so that we can enjoy and share our revived campus next year, the year of our 150th.

In the meantime....

- The **Hardin Courtyard** is nearly complete. All that remains is to put "Hardin Courtyard 2017" on the rock and then have a Sunday where we celebrate and bless the new courtyard. This should happen in the early fall. We'll also be creating a permanent display for Duncan Hall.
- The **downstairs bathrooms** are currently being remodeled. It will probably take at least another ten days to complete the project, which has revealed some deeper work that need to be done. In the meantime, please use either the remodeled bathroom next to the Upper Room or the bathrooms on the second floor of the education wing.
- The **Parking Lot surface** is scheduled to be replaced starting on Monday, August 21st. It should take through Friday, during which time we must park on the street. We won't be having Bible Studies or St. Anne's that week, at least.
- The Vestry also approved repainting the exterior of much of our buildings and attending to some much needed roof work. These are not yet scheduled, but should be less disruptive than the courtyard, the bathrooms or the parking lot.

These projects are, by far, the greatest investment we have made in our campus in my thirteen years here and probably in decades. These aren't extra luxuries. Having a secure, beautiful, warm and welcoming campus is essential for our Christian work together. In a world going increasingly virtual we remain stubbornly incarnational. We follow the one who was the Word made flesh and dwelt among us, so being together, in person, is at the heart of who we are and what we do.

Come and revel in our increasingly beautiful campus.

Blessings,
Christopher

PRAYER

Arty	Della Holloway	Jim	Marcella Hermstad
Bill Donnelly	Gary Westover	Kevin & Tara	Mark Hardin
Brenda Paupst	Gina	Laurel	Mika Kappen & Family
Dan Pollart & Family	Grace Michael	Laurie Hubbard	Nancy S (surgery 8/2)
Dawn Rice	Jennifer Fritz	Lisa R	Richard F

SERVICE

Teen Success Breakfast: Serve hot breakfast to at-risk youth. Contact Beverly Armstrong at 415.454.4015 or nevbev@sbcglobal.net.

San Rafael Health Care: Services 1st and 3rd Sundays, 11:00 – 11:25. Help us with the simple service. Children are welcome. Contact Sue Adamson at 415.461.1798.

Prison Ministry: St. Paul's has been engaged in regular visitations and correspondence for 20 years with Joseph Cook, a death row inmate at San Quentin who was confirmed by Bishop Swing as a member of our Church. The prison ministry has grown and the rector and other parishioners are now visiting Joe and six other inmates. For further info contact Richard Olive (415.259.9198 or ollipops@comcast.net).

ONGOING

Plate Cash: 1st Sunday of the month goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund; 3rd Sunday goes to Outreach.

Childcare: Sundays from 9:30 to 11:00am, childcare is available in the Basement Level classroom.

Marin Episcopal Youth Group: Sundays from 5-6:30pm at Church of the Redeemer in San Rafael. Middle and high school students from 5 Marin churches. Daniel London, youth minister, daniel.london@gmail.com.

Centering Prayer: Meditation in the Christian tradition. Join us in Duncan Hall on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, 7:00-8:30 pm. Leave a message for Chris Olson at the parish office at 415.456.4842.

Our Spiritual Core: Discipleship Groups are the spiritual core of St. Paul's because they are where we encourage one another to follow Jesus in worship, prayer, and service. Contact Christopher Martin at 415.456.4842 or cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org.

Altar Flower Dedications: Looking for a way to honor a loved one, give thanks or remember a special occasion? You can by dedicating the flowers at the altar. A donation of \$40 is suggested. Contact Alex Elliot at 415.488.7930.

Memorial Wall Plaques: Contact the office if you would like to purchase a plaque to be inscribed with the name of a loved one who has died.

St. Anne's Guild: St. Anne's Guild meets Thursdays at 11:00am. All are invited - bring a bag lunch.

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