



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, May 24, 2015, the Feast of 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	I Want to Be Ready	Nathaniel Dett
Opening Hymn	Send Us Your Spirit	<i>See insert</i>
Gloria	S-280 (<i>Service music found in front of hymnal</i>)	Hymnal
Psalm	104:25-35, 37	BCP p. 736
Gradual	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	We Are the Light of the World	<i>See insert</i>

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	Send Down the Fire	<i>See insert</i>
Postlude	Untitled Hymn	Chris Rice

The Altar Flowers are given by Messrs. Elliot and Levy to the glory of God
and in loving memory of William O'Brien.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Funeral for Hugh Hardin. The funeral for the Rev. Hugh Hardin, Rector of St. Paul's for 28 years, will be on Saturday, May 30th at 11am.

Brain Fitness Workshop. This Thursday, May 28th at 10am in Duncan Hall there will be a brain fitness workshop sponsored by Senior Access. Come and learn to have fun as you exercise your brain!

End of the School Year. Sunday, June 7th will be the last Sunday for both the Chancel Choir and the kids Sunday School before the summer break. Stay after the 10am service for our annual Ice Cream buffet!

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Jim Ward
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Brigitte McCulloch, Jane Santucci, Pamela Barnes, Eric Guastavino,
Readers:	Brigitte McCulloch, Jane Santucci, Jack Beggs
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Wendy Olson, Lena Supsupin, Judy Rowcliffe, Alex Elliot
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Lena Supsupin, Rose Lapicto

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Last Sunday I (barely) christened our new solar panels through a prayer from the Book of Common Prayer and the high arcing toss of a water balloon. That moment was the culmination of many months of effort led by the strong work of Jay Luther and Chloe Martin, faithfully supported by our Vestry. We are in their debt for a job well done.

In church, I was asked to say a word about why I thought this was a theologically important move for us to make. As is often the case, I turned to Genesis chapter one to sort my thoughts and feelings. There, we learn three things that are central. First we learn that humankind was made in the 'image and likeness of God.' Then, we learn that we were given stewardship of the earth. (The word in the NRSV is 'dominion.') Finally, we learn that, at the end of the sixth day of creation, God saw that all that God created was 'very good.'

These words led me to three thoughts. In descending order of magnitude they are:

- I also believe that Global Warming is happening and has at least an element of human action as a cause. By investing in capturing the renewable energy of the sun and thereby not using carbon based energy, we are being better stewards of the planet.
- We are also, in a smaller scale, stewards of one of the most beautiful sacred spaces in the Bay Area. It is our charge to be sure that the church is open for future generations so that our children's children can come into this very space and be still before God. If we play our cards right, the solar panels mean not just a small saving in the short term, but also virtually eliminating energy costs after 2030, saving the future at least \$15,000 a year in today's dollars. That's good stewardship of our Sacred Space.
- On a personal level, we are a community of Christian practice. Our mission is to follow Jesus together in Prayer, Worship and Service. As those of you in Discipleship Groups know, the next of the seven vows of Discipleship Groups is to take good care of our money. Likewise, we are called, in small personal ways, to take good care for our planet. We are each called to practice good earthly citizenship with our use of all things, including water, plants and light switches. These solar panels are yet another small way we can each practice personal daily virtue.

In all, I am making a very earthy, Benedictine, appeal here. Moses teaches that the Word is very near us, a teaching echoed in so many ways by Jesus. Truly, God is in the details.

Blessings,
Christopher

*Each week our rector, The Rev. Christopher H. Martin, sends an email message.
Email him at cmartin@stpaulsanrafael.org to get on the list*

PRAYER

Betty Hardin	Felicia's family in Liberia	Jim Thomas	Rainie Joses
Blaine Marshall	George Westfall	Kathy G	Sally Ettling
Charlotte & Peter	Gerry O	Ken Asay	Stephen Topol
Chloe H	Greg	Kevin, Yvonne & Kendrick	The People of West Africa
Chris & Jennifer M	Jason	Lisa Rose	Tim Hixon
Dan Pollart & Family	Jay Taggart	Marielos Chavarria	Walter Dods
Daphne	Jeffrey Katz	Norman Rosenstein	
Dorothy Smith	Jennifer Fritz	Rachel Wilde	

SERVICE

Teen Success Breakfast: Serve hot breakfast to at-risk youth. Contact Keira Vicente at 684.2670 or keiravicente@yahoo.com.

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

Prison Ministry: St. Paul's has been engaged in regular visitations and correspondence for 17 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 four other parishioners are now visiting Joe and three other inmates. In the coming weeks there will be more information about this growing ministry, including opportunities for everyone to be involved in an action heralded by Christ in Matthew 25:36: "I was in prison and you came to visit me." Are you being called to this ministry, perhaps by corresponding with one of the four inmates we've been visiting? For further info contact Richard Olive (415.259.9198 or ollipops@comcast.net).

Young Moms Marin: On Fridays, St. Paul's is now hosting Young Moms Marin, a group for mostly teen moms and their children led by our friend Teresa Ashby. The group meets from 3pm to 5:30pm in Duncan Hall.

ONGOING

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

Godly Play: Sundays in Room 6. Kindergarten thru 3rd grade. Meet in the courtyard at 9:45am.

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 Nativity in San Rafael. Middle and high school students from 5 Marin churches. Daniel London, youth minister.

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 The Rev. Christopher Martin.

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.

Bible Studies: Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30, Wednesdays from 10 to 11:15; all in Duncan Hall.

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