



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, July 19, 2015, the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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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](http://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	Fuge	J. S. Bach
Opening Hymn	372	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	89:20-37	BCP p. 715
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	383	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	412	Hymnal
Postlude	Prelude	J. S. Bach

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Summer Vacation.** Tuesday Morning Prayer at 7:30am, Tuesday Bible Study at 12:30pm and Wednesday Bible Study at 12am are all on hiatus for the summer. All three resume the first week of September.

**A Hum of Activity.** Although some things are on summer break, many other things continue. Sunday services will continue at 8am and 10am led by the Rev. Jim Ward with help from the the Rev. Stacey Grossman and the Rev. Daniel London. Our six Discipleship Groups will continue to meet as will St. Anne's and six of our seven Outreach relationships. Child Care continues as well.

**Mark Your Calendar.** On Sunday June 28th the parking lot across the street will be closed due to the Street Painting festival. On Saturday, July 11th at 7pm we host a Harpsichord Concert.

### **Three Books for Summer Reading from Christopher.**

1. The Restoration Project. I recommend my book not just for self-promotion, but because in the book I do my best to present the core practices that are so essential to our shared life here at St. Paul's.
2. Toxic Charity by Robert Lupton is a book I've recommended several times. It helps us stay clear and healthy in the way we follow Jesus' teaching to serve the least.
3. Sticky Faith by Kara Powell and Chap Clark. This book is filled with practical and research based ideas for building lasting faith in our children. I recommend this book not just for parents but for all who want to do the best they can to hand down their Christian faith to the generations after them.

**Sabbatical.** A standard part of the contract with a Rector in the Episcopal Church is that the Rector accrues a month of sabbatical for every year she or he serves. Five years ago, after Christopher had been at St. Paul's for six years he took two months sabbatical. That's when he walked the Camino. This year, his eleventh, he's taking one month to be with family, to travel and to write. He returns August 11th.

## SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Daniel London
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Michael Green, Chris Olson, Jane Santucci
Readers:	Michael Green, Chris Olson, Kay Blackwill
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Steve Avanzino, Pamela Barnes
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Alice and Bob King

## CHRISTOPHER'S SUMMER MESSAGE

Saturday we leave for our summer break. Everything is in great shape for the summer. With Judy Rowcliffe, Mike Struck, Jim Ward and your many other leaders, all will be well.

Here are three dates to save now so that we start strong together in the fall.

**Baseball!** The San Rafael Pacifics have their last home game starting at 1:05pm on **Sunday, August 30th** versus the Stompers. Our St. Paul's Choir will be singing the national anthem and so we're making this an all generation kick off event. The park is a short walk from the church.

**Discipleship Group Workshop.** On **Saturday, September, 12th** we kick off the first of our four-part series Strengthen Your Spiritual Core with a three hour Discipleship Group workshop from 9am to noon. Join people from around the Bay Area as we learn about, and share stories of, this powerful form of Christian life.

**Open House.** Chloe and I have hosted many St. Paul's parties at our house in San Anselmo. On **Sunday, September 13th** from 4pm to 6pm we host our first ever Open House for the whole St. Paul's family. Come on by to our home in San Anselmo and meet those great people from the other Sunday service that you rarely see and hardly know!

I'm looking forward to a deeply restful summer and I hope the same for you. My first Sunday back is August 16th.

Blessings,  
Christopher

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

## PRAYER

Alice	Gael Shumway	Kathy G	Robyne Talley
Blaine Marshall	George Westfall	Kevin, Yvonne & Kendrick	Sally Ettlting
Charlotte & Peter	Gerry O	Lisa Rose	Stephen Topol
Chloe H	Greg	Marielos Chavarria	Tim Hixon
Chris & Jennifer M	Jason	Nancy S	Walter Dods
Chris Olson	Jay Taggart	Norman Rosenstein	
Dan Pollart & Family	Jeffrey Katz	Rachel Wilde	
Daphne	Jennifer Fritz	Rainie Joses	

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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. Contact Carolyn Eitel at 415.214.2560 or ceitel@mvmgmt.com.

## 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 Nativity 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 Judy Rowcliffe at 415.606.4355 or jlrowcliffe@comcast.net.

**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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