



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, September 6, 2015, the Fifteenth 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	Aria	G. F. Handel
Opening Hymn	410	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	125	BCP p. 781
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	390	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	522	Hymnal
Postlude	Procession	G. F. Handel

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open House. Christopher and his family are hosting an Open House for all St. Paul's parishioners on Sunday, September 13th from 4pm to 6pm at their house, 148 Hilldale Dr, San Anselmo.

Ushers Needed. Anyone interested in serving as an usher for the 10:00am service, please see Eric Guastavino or call him at 415-785-7164.

Morning Prayer. This half hour, lay lead service is Tuesdays at 7:30 am. The entire service is printed out on an 11 by 17 bulletin. It's easy to jump right in.

Hebrews. Study of this great, under-appreciated book in the New Testament is Tuesdays at 12:30pm. We begin tomorrow with an overview and beginning the experience of hearing the whole book, which was originally a string of sermons, read aloud.

Genesis. No book in the Bible is better suited to wide ranging conversations of great depth. Come Wednesdays at 10am and begin 'in the beginning' with this first book of scripture.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Jacob Moody, Dawn Rice, Demelza Rice
Readers:	Jacob Moody, Dawn Rice, Jack Beggs
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Linda Danford, Wanda Rice, Jennifer Wallace, Jane Santucci
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Alice and Bob King

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

A week from this Saturday we host a three hour workshop on Discipleship Groups. We did this workshop in the spring and there were thirty of us there representing nine congregations.

Please come. I consider this event just as important as Christmas and Holy Week in expressing the core of who we are growing up to be together here at St. Paul's.

Here is the announcement that appeared yesterday in DioBytes, the weekly email newsletter for all Bay Area Episcopalians:

Strengthen your spiritual core: Discipleship group workshop

[St. Paul's](#), San Rafael is offering a series of workshops that train both individuals and churches to place the core Christian practices and beliefs at the center of their spiritual lives. The first is on Saturday, September 12, and is a Discipleship group workshop. Discipleship groups are small groups structured for spiritual maturity through a BCP-like liturgy that includes vows to pray, worship, serve, give, learn, listen, and join. St. Paul's has had discipleship groups for ten years and currently has six groups. The workshop will be a mix of teaching, story telling from discipleship group veterans, and experience of a group. The spring session of the workshop had thirty people and started at least two groups.

When: Saturdays, September 12, September 26, October 10, and October 24, 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Where: [St. Paul's](#), 1123 Court Street, San Rafael

Cost: \$20 donation per session requested

Contact: Christopher Martin, cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org, 415.456.4842

Links: <http://stpaulssanrafael.org/church-events/> and <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulssanrafael/events>

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

PRAYER

Alice	Gael Shumway	Jonathan B	Rachel Wilde
Blaine Marshall	Gary Pennington	Kathy G	Rainie Joses Sally
Charlotte & Peter	Gerry O	Kevin, Yvonne & Kendrick	Ettling
Chloe H	Greg	Lisa Rose	Stephen Topol
Chris Olson	Jason	Norman Rosenstein	Tim Hixon
Dan Pollart & Family	Jay Taggart	Mika Kappen & Family	Walter Dods
Daphne	Jennifer Fritz	Monique Unger & Family	

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 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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