



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, September 13, 2015, the Sixteenth 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	Every Valley	G. F. Handel
Opening Hymn	427	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	19	BCP p. 606
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	675	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	473	Hymnal
Postlude	Descend Kind Pity	G. F. Handel

The Altar Flowers are given by Jae and Carolyn Eitel to the glory of God
and in loving memory of their daughter Sarah Eitel.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Strengthen Your Spiritual Core. The second part of this series is on Saturday, September 26th from 9am to noon. It's in the church where Christopher will tell a rich allegorical and imaginative story that tells how we got to this secular age we are in and how God might be guiding us into a good future. It includes time for conversation and discussion. Each of the four sessions stands alone.

Book Club. The St. Paul's Book Club will meet Friday, Sept. 18th at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall. The book we will be discussing is Lila by Marilynne Robinson. We previously read Gilead by the same author. All are welcome.

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:	Jim Terstegge, Ronnie Dodds, Pamela Barnes
Readers:	Jim Terstegge, Ronnie Dodds, Kay Blackwill
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Joan Peterson, Felicia Demann, Ann Lusk, Holly Pritchard
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Tenesa and Brian Vuillemenot

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

It's a big weekend at St. Paul's. There are three things to know.

- Saturday from 9am to noon is the **second Discipleship Group workshop**. The first one this spring had thirty people representing nine congregations. Half the folks were from St. Paul's and you all were awesome! Come or come again and either discover or deepen an appreciation for this core ministry of St. Paul's. At the end, I'm going to **propose a new ministry for St. Paul's**, one that has already received the support of the Bishop and our Vestry. We'll be handing out surveys to get your ideas and reactions right from the start.
- Sunday morning is our **first Family Sunday of the year**. That means our worship includes celebrations of birthdays and anniversaries. Our family ministry goes from strength to strength thanks to the good, strong leadership of Tenesa. Our children join us in learning to follow Jesus together in prayer, worship and service.
- Sunday afternoon the Martin family will host our first ever **all parish Open House**. Come to our home in San Anselmo, just above the United Market on miracle mile, from 4pm to 6pm. I hope to have people taking photos of everyone for poster boards in Duncan Hall. Come get to know the good people of your Christian community in the heart of Marin County!

Blessings,
Christopher

*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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