



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, October 18, 2015, the Twenty First 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	Aria	Wilbur Held
Opening Hymn	232 ( <i>vs. for St. John</i> )	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 ( <i>Service music found in front of hymnal</i> )	Hymnal
Psalm	104:1-9; 25,37b	BCP p. 735
Gradual	S-247	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form IV	BCP p. 388
Offertory Anthem	Richard de Castre's Prayer to Jesus	R. R. Terry

*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 A		BCP p. 361
Sanctus	S-130	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymn	339	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	680	Hymnal
Postlude	Toccata	Dennis Janzer

The Altar Flowers are given by Scott Hastings to the glory of God and in loving memory of his parents, Sarah Jane and Tom Hastings.

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Service as Spiritual Practice.** Where can we find the face of Jesus in our service of the poor? Jesus teaches that 'surely as we did it to one of the least of these we did it to him.' How can we see him? On Saturday, October 24th, the priests-in-charge of St. Paul's, St. Francis, Redeemer and Nativity will offer reflections and time for reflection on this fundamentally important Christian spiritual dynamic. 9am to Noon, at Nativity, just off the corner of Lucas Valley Road and Las Gallinas

**Memorial Plaques.** Do you have a loved one who has died whose life you'd like to honor with a Memorial Plaque on our beautiful marble wall? If so, please contact Larry Santucci at [ljsantucci@aol.com](mailto:ljsantucci@aol.com). Larry will soon be putting in an order for a new set of plaques.

**St. Anne's Guild.** St. Anne's Guild, a warm and welcoming group dedicated to raising money for the benefit of St. Paul's, would be happy to have new members. All members of St. Paul's are invited to join. The group meets in Duncan Hall at 11:00 a.m. each Thursday for an hour of working on projects. **Members have access to our wide variety of yarn, knitting needles and craft materials for creating warm stuff for children and the under-privileged.** This is followed by an hour for lunch and happy conversation. Bring your lunch and we will have tea and cookies for you. We are looking forward to our annual book sale in the spring but, sadly, we won't be hosting our annual bazaar this year. Those of you who will miss that event, join us to be an important part of creating one next year.

## SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Michael Green, Ronnie Dodds, Pamela Barnes
Readers:	Michael Green, Ronnie Dodds, Jack Beggs
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Steve Avanzino, Pamela Barnes
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Alice and Bob King

## CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

The retreat this past Saturday was a profound experience. A few of us were reflecting on it the next day that it set for us a very deep, quiet tone to not only the rest of the day but, speaking for myself, a tone that continues far into this week.

I plan to share this again in Lent. It will be repeated then along with the Discipleship Group workshop and the workshop that comes a week from Saturday, on the 24th, on finding Jesus in the faces of the least of our neighbors.

In the meantime, there are a range of little things that I want to be sure you are at least aware of.

- We're aware that the **parking lots** have become more of a challenge on Sunday mornings because people from Saint Raphael's have been using our two lots in greater numbers. The folks on the staff of our neighbor church are aware of this and doing the best they can. We're also talking steps in the next month by putting flyers on people's windshields and posting people at the entrance to the lots. Please help. Together we can graciously stem this tide.
- Because of a fire inspection last year we've installed a **new alarm system** for both fire and burglary. If you regularly need access to the offices or the sacristy, please contact me so I can give you pointers on the new system.
- A **children's choir** is slowly coming into being! We have a few families that have expressed strong interest and a potential leader. Please talk to me or Tenesa if you're curious.
- On Sunday mornings I'm now planting myself in the conversation area of **Duncan Hall from 9am to 9:40am for some fun and serious conversation**. I'm calling it 'Our Deep Christian Roots, Our Grand Christian Story.' Just by casually mentioning it there have been 4-6 people the last two Sundays. Would you like to rearrange your schedule a bit and drop by from time to time?
- You can also expect some shifts in our post 10am service **coffee hour**. Neville is taking pictures of people for some posters that will feature our names. Name tags are now out most of the time. I'm more committed than ever to spending that time in conversation with people, especially those that are new or returning after a time away. And we continue to look at other ways to increase our hospitality. That coffee hour is our most regular time of broad community building.
- Work continues on a flexible **sound system** to help those who have trouble hearing at the services.

And, as always, our Sunday program for children and our Marin Episcopal Youth Group hum along, our Discipleship Groups are slowly adding people, our choirs sound great, St. Anne's continues its craft-filled and sociable work and our seven outreach programs do their good work of serving the least in Marin.

Onward!

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	Kevin, Yvonne & Kendrick	Sally Ettling
Blaine Marshall	Gary Pennington	Lisa Rose	Stephen Topol
Charlotte & Peter	Gerry O	Norman Rosenstein	Syrian Refugees
Chloe H	Jay Taggart	Mika Kappen & Family	Tim Hixon
Craig Family	Jennifer Fritz	Monique Unger & Family	Walter Dods
Dan Pollart & Family	Jim & Jane Passman	Rachel Wilde	
Daphne	Jonathan B	Rainie Joses	
Fire Victims	Kathy G	Rich B	

## 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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