

THE EPISTLE



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Following Jesus together in prayer, worship and service.

From the Rector

Dear Friends-

As we enter the Christian season of Easter, which lasts until Pentecost on May 20th, there are three things to bear in mind.

First, I'm encouraging us to read a book together, as I like to do from time to time. It's called **Healing: How Mary Magdalene Was Made Well**. It offers 18 short meditations on the life of this great saint and close companion of Jesus. I bought several copies and am happy to sell one to you.

Second, on Wednesday, April 18th I will be offering my one man play, **Pelican**, at 7pm in the church. The debut of this play was at the PrayWorshipServe Retreat and many have you have asked to either see it or see it again. I'm honored you've asked and happy to offer it again. It will be followed by a reception in Duncan Hall.

Finally, the next Wednesday, April 25th, is the first of a series of classes called **A User's Guide to the Book of Common Prayer**. That red book in our pews is filled with spiritual treasures that can help you in your daily life, in life's most challenging and joyful moments and in the great transitions of birth, marriage and death. Come and learn to use this book to enrich your life. It will be preceded at 6:30pm each Wednesday by Evening Prayer, and the class will start at 7:00, with a chance to stay for beverages and conversation afterwards.

Happy Easter,

Christopher (cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org)

Open House at the Martins'

Sunday, April 15

4-6 pm

In lieu of Coffee Hour

Please join us for our Spring Open House. It's a chance to welcome and meet newcomers, share fellowship and some nice refreshments. We will not have a coffee hour after the 10am service that day to encourage **all** to come do your socializing at our home. RSVP to chloeadmartin@comcast.net for the address, or just show up!



Demonstrating Agape: Christian Love. A warm thank you to our brothers and sisters at Grace Church and Bay Marin Church for hosting an absolutely beautiful dinner before the Maundy Thursday Service.

For more information please visit our website at StPaulsSanRafael.org.
Join the community on Facebook and Twitter. Church Office Phone: 415-456-4842.

Downing Library Book of the Month by Tom Witt

As you all probably know by now, Donn Downing has graciously gifted to St. Paul's a sizable number of books

from his personal collection. The sweep of this collection charts the major social, intellectual and cultural changes that have been brought on by advances in technology and communications media over the past 500+ years, and how current advances point to changes we might see in the next 50+ years.

In our excitement to share the rich resources of our new Downing Library, we are now adding a new feature to each monthly Epistle. It will be called (drum roll)...Book of the Month!

This month's featured book is the New York Times best seller, **Leonardo da Vinci** by Walter Isaacson (Simon & Shuster, 2017).

"To read this magnificent biography of Leonardo da Vinci is to take a tour through the life and works of one of the most extraordinary human beings of all time and in the company of the most engaging, informed, and insightful guide imaginable. Walter Isaacson is at once a true scholar and a spellbinding writer. And what a wealth of lessons there are to be learned in these pages."

—David McCullough, Pulitzer Prize-winning author

We invite you to visit the new Downing Library on the second floor above Duncan Hall. To borrow any book, just fill out a library card with your name, book title and author and date. There is a feast of knowledge, inspiration and good learning waiting for you on our shelves.

St. Anne's Guild weekly lunch

St. Anne's would be delighted to have anyone who would be interested in our group. Join us on Thursdays. We start at 11:00 in Duncan Hall and some of us knit. Bring your sandwich and we'll have tea and cookies. We have good conversation and enjoy one another.

How can I serve the least of these?

Teen Success Breakfast: Serve breakfast to at-risk youth. Contact Ginny Horton at 415.785.7011 or hornlocker@comcast.net.

San Rafael Health Care: Help lead a simple worship service with prayers and songs for the residents at the 5th Ave. Health Care center. 11:00 – 11:25 on 1st and 3rd Sunday. Children are welcome. Contact Sue Adamson at 415.461.1798.

Prison Ministry: Members of our congregation have committed themselves to a range of service associated with St. Paul's Death Row Ministry, including correspondence and visitation with inmates and hosting family members of inmates coming from out of town for visits. Contact Richard (415.259.9198 or ollipops@comcast.net).

What is Your Next Spiritual Step?

- **Morning Prayer:** Tuesday at 7:30am in the church.
- **Bible Studies** Wednesdays 10-11am: Gospel of Luke
Thursday 6:15-7:15pm: Letters of Paul
- **Spiritual Forum:** Sundays 9-9:40am-Exploring the soul. Duncan Hall.
- **Christian meditation:** 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7pm in the Upper Room.
- **Afternoon 20-minute meditation in the church:** Tuesdays at 5pm
Thursdays at 5:45
- **Discipleship Groups:** small groups with a longer term commitment focused on spiritual maturity and loving community with the poor.
- **Users' Guide to the Book of Common Prayer.** Wednesdays 7pm starting April 25th. Evening prayer at 6:30. Hospitality to follow.

St. Paul's offers many ways for you to learn, pray and grow spiritually

**St. Paul's
History Corner**
By Joy Moss

As we celebrate St. Paul's 150th anniversary, let's take a look at some of the former church members who are memorialized with their gifts to the glory of God and in remembrance of loved ones.

Some of the gifts to Saint Paul's do not have any plaques. One such gift were the designs of several banners which hang by the altar. These were designed and created by Pat Leo in 1988. The designs were



Pat Leo

all painted on white silk and they symbolized the different church seasons. The hangings bring a feminine vision to the church. Besides the hangings Pat designed the Easter Chasuble that Christopher is wearing today. Also Pat designed the patterns for the Communion kneelers that were worked by Tex and Ellie Lea and others.



Children and Youth at St. Paul's

These past few months have been full of young smiling faces, messy art projects, singing and of course giggling! A BIG THANK YOU to Libby for the beautiful art on the children's wall in Duncan Hall. If you haven't seen it yet, please check it out and see the pictures of the artists.

April 1st--Easter Sunday! Easter egg hunt in the courtyard following the 10am service

April 8th - No Sunday School - Spring break

April 15th - Music Sunday School with Libby

April 22nd - Godly Play

April 29th - BABY SHOWER for the Spragues and the Fairbairns hosted by US, the Families and Children of St. Paul's (sign-up genius will come out after Easter)

Nursery care is available during the 10 am service in the lower classrooms.

For more information please contact Kati Dombrosky, kdombrosky@gmail.com 415-846-1700

Marin Episcopal Youth Group

MEYG is now meeting

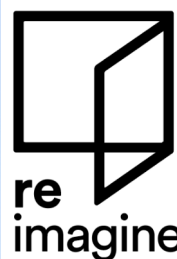
upstairs at Church of the Nativity (333 Ellen Drive in San Rafael) on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30 PM on the first, third and fourth Sundays of each month. On the second Tuesday of each month, 5:00-6:30 PM, we support the Wellness Gathering and dinner organized by the Marin Interfaith Street Chaplaincy, in Canoles Hall at First Presbyterian Church (1510 Fifth St.) in San Rafael. We'll join in the Wellness Circle and prayer, in serving the food, and in sharing the dinner with those attending. It is our way of reaching out to the less fortunate among us in reflection and in fellowship. For more info contact Rev. Gerry Caprio (415-786-3949) geraldcaprio@hotmail.com. Co-led by David Hardin and Diana Singer.



St. Paul's 150th Anniversary Celebration Continues

Sunday, May 6 ❖ 1-5 pm
An Afternoon in the Courtyard

Bring your friends and wax poetic in our special courtyard. A warm, sunny day with friends, new and old--what could be better? We will be inviting other Episcopal churches, as well as our neighboring churches right around us for an afternoon of showing off our beautiful campus and life-changing ministries. Do not miss this opportunity to listen to Jay Luther's informative tour of our church, Joy Moss's historical talks, presentations from our various outreach ministries, the altar dressed in its finest with our beautiful vestments on display from the Altar Guild, and some fun souvenirs (free or at a most reasonable price). Neville's olde English music in the background as you enjoy some wine, or ale, and tasty English fare (made by our own Chef Cynthia) at no more than \$5.00 per glass or plate. At the end of the day, what could be even more fitting than **Evensong at 4pm** with Mike and our great choir. Those of you who heard it in January know how inspiring the service was, and will be yet again. A special tribute to our very own Sacred Space and our English tradition. See you then--don't miss it!



End of Life

"Hello"
A game about
living, dying, and
what matters most

Sunday, April 22
4-6pm in
Duncan Hall

Chloe Martin will be hosting this event as part of a week-long experience called **Reimagine**, with more than 150 events all exploring big questions about life and death. Our intention is to help break down taboos and inspire brave conversations across the city.

Check out the whole schedule at letsreimagine.org.

Tickets must be purchased in advance at <https://bit.ly/2GnIrYD> for more info:
email chloeadmartin@comcast.net

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