



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, August 21, 2016, the Fourteenth 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	Voluntary	John Stanley
Opening Hymn	561	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(S)ervice music found in front of hymnal</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	71:1-6	BCP p. 683
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Offertory Hymn	307	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	562	Hymnal
Postlude	Voluntary	John Stanley

The Altar Flowers are given by Carolyn and Ripley Hunter to the glory of God
and in loving memory of their parents.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Helenclore's Service. The funeral for our sister, Helenclore Cox, will be held in the church on Saturday, August 27th at 11:00 am.

Death Cafe. Our 3rd Death Cafe will be on Sunday, September 11, from 4-6pm in Duncan Hall. Death Cafes are gatherings for the purpose of talking about death. They are a chance to have an open conversation about any aspect of death. There is no agenda. There is no expert. But there will be cookies. :) Chloe Martin will be hosting and facilitating this conversation, and all in the St. Paul's community and beyond are welcome to come--so feel free to bring a friend or family member (adults only please). That said, we would like to limit the numbers to a manageable size, so please RSVP to secure your spot. chloeadmartin@comcast.net, or call/text 415-464-7149. To learn more about Death Cafes, go to deathcafe.com

Community Meeting. Today, after the 10am service, we are having a community meeting in our newly re-floored Duncan Hall to share with you all the work that has happened so far, to share with you the current thinking of the Vestry and other lay leaders, and gather your reactions and ideas.

Epistle. Thanks to the initiative and work of Chloe Martin we have a newsletter again. Our hope is to produce one at the end of each month, previewing the month to come. Please send your information to Chloe by the 18th of each month at chloeadmartin@comcast.net. Thank you, Chloe!

Your Next Spiritual Step? There are seven weekly or biweekly ways you can learn, pray and grow spiritually at St. Paul's beyond weekly worship and regular service of the poor:

- Sunday Forum every week from 9:00am to 9:40am. We're currently exploring the nature of our souls.
- Morning Prayer every Tuesday at 7:30am.
- Bible Study on Wednesdays (10am).
- Christian meditation on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month at 7pm.
- Discipleship Groups, which are small groups with a longer term commitment focused on spiritual maturity and loving community with the poor.

Talk to Christopher to find out more about any of these.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Michael Green, Chris Olson, Ronnie Dodds
Readers:	Michael Green, Chris Olson, Jack Beggs
Altar Guild:	Michael Green, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Steve Avanzino, Pamela Barnes

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

The rhythm of the year at St. Paul's is like the way school years used to be. We slow down for the summer just after Memorial Day and we ramp up again after Labor Day. September features a series of start-ups and events that launch us into a strong year together.

This email is an overview of the month. (Get out your calendars!)

9/6-9/8. The return of our full weekly schedule. This means:

- Morning Prayer, Tuesdays at 7:30am
- Bible Study, Tuesdays at 12:30pm
- Bible Study, Wednesdays at 10am
- St. Anne's, Thursdays at 11am
- Bible Study, Thursdays at 6:15pm

9/11 The return of our Sunday Schedule and a Death Cafe. This means:

- Holy Eucharist without Music at 8am
- Spiritual Forum at 9am
- Holy Eucharist with Music at 10am
- Kids leave church for Sunday School at 10:10am
- Death Cafe at 4pm (Just on 9/11)
- Centering Prayer at 7pm (2nd and 4th Sundays)

9/18 The Debut of The Sunday Afternoon Episcopal Quartet. This means, every Sunday at Nativity, in a ministry shared with three other Episcopal Churches (hence the "Quartet"):

- Holy Eucharist without music at 5pm
- Marin Episcopal Youth Group at 5:45pm
- Northern Marin Episcopal Forum at 6pm

9/24 Discipleship Group Workshop at 9am

9/25 Hardin Courtyard Community Meeting at 11:30am

This schedule does not mention many of the most important things that make St. Paul's a vibrant community. These include Choir rehearsals, our five weekly Outreach ministries, the various church support ministries and, above all, our six Discipleship Groups.

If you make extra time for any one event this fall, please make it **the Discipleship Group workshop on Saturday, September 24th, from 9am to noon.** Discipleship Groups are the heart of St. Paul's.

Blessings,
Christopher

PRAYER

Arty	Helenclore Cox	Mika Kappen & Family	Ruth Orovich
Bart L	Jennifer Fritz	Nancy S (surgery 9/6)	Sandy G
Bill Tate	John Leydecker	Norman Rosenstein	Stephen Topol
Cathy	Jonathan Smith	Orlando Victims & City	Syrian Refugees
Dallas Officers & City	Laurel	People & Victims of Nice	
Dan Pollart & Family	Lisa R	Rainie Joses	
Grace Michael	Lokita	Rosa Montes	

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 other parishioners are now visiting Joe and six other inmates. For further info contact Richard Olive (415.259.9198 or ollipops@comcast.net).

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.

Children's Choir. Rehearsals on Friday afternoon and some Sundays. Contact Alison Blume at alisonblume@comcast.net

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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