



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, September 4, 2016, the Sixteenth 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	Trio	J. S. Bach
Opening Hymn	391	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	139:1-5, 12-17	BCP p. 794
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Offertory Hymn	383	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
Communion Music	Vocalise	Sergei Rachmaninov
Closing Hymn	381	Hymnal
Postlude	Evening Hymn	Henry Purcell

The Altar Flowers are given by Della Holloway to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of her husband, Bobby Holloway.

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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](mailto:chloeadmartin@comcast.net), or call/text 415-464-7149. To learn more about Death Cafes, go to [deathcafe.com](http://deathcafe.com)

**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](mailto: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. Kirsten Snow Spalding
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Jacob Moody, Dawn Rice, Demelza Rice
Readers:	Jacob Moody, Dawn Rice, Kate Sprague
Altar Guild:	Michael Green, Linda Danford, Wanda Rice, Walter Tanner, Jane Santucci

## CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

This week, in as few words as possible, I describe three things for families, four things for worship, five things for service and six things for learning. All are available to you at St. Paul's in September.

Three things for Families:

- Childcare every Sunday from 9:30am to 11:30am.
- Sunday School from after the opening Collect up to Communion at the 10am service starting on 9/11.
- Youth Group from 5:45 to 7:00 at Nativity starting on 9/18.

Four things for Worship:

- Holy Eucharist at 8am every Sunday without music.
- Holy Eucharist at 10am every Sunday with music.
- **Holy Eucharist at 5pm (NEW!) every Sunday at Nativity without music starting 9/18.**
- Morning Prayer at 7:30am every Tuesday with song and incense.

Five things for Service:

- Teen Success Breakfast every school day served at the County Community School for probationary youth.
- Visits and letters written to our North Seg Seven on Death Row- Joseph, Tim, RC, Daniel, Steve, Ted and Johnny.
- **St. Monnica's Commons, a partnership with Mutual Housing of California to bring supportive housing to the Young Moms Marin population.**
- Worship, with music, led at the San Rafael Helath Care Center every other Sunday at 11am.
- Our Homeless Neighbors served through our partnerships with Ritter Center, St. Vincent DePaul and the Marin Interfaith Street Chaplaincy.

Six things for Learning:

- Spiritual Forum every Sunday from 9am to 9:40am in Duncan Hall.
- **Quartet Colloquium(NEW!) every Sunday at 6pm at Nativity starting on 9/18.**
- The Gospels every Tuesday at 12:30pm starting on 9/6.
- The Torah every Wednesday at 10am.
- Paul's Letters every Thursday at 6:15pm starting on 9/8.
- **Basic Discipleship(NEW!) every Saturday at 8:30am for 6 weeks starting 10/1.**

Have at it!

Blessings,  
Christopher

## PRAYER

Arty	Grace Michael	Lisa R	Rosa Montes
Bart L	Jennifer Fritz	Lokita	Ruth Orovich
Bill Tate	John Leydecker	Mika Kappen & Family	Sandy G
Cathy	Jonathan Smith	Nancy S (surgery 9/6)	Syrian Refugees
Chris Olson (surgery 8/29)	Kairos Inside San Quentin	Phyllis	The Rev. Stefani Schatz
Dan Pollart & Family	Laurel	Rainie Joses	

## 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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