



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, September 11, 2016, the Seventeenth 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	Allegro (from concerto of Telemann)	Johann Walther
Opening Hymn	645	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	14	BCP p. 598
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Offertory Hymn	397	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	398	Hymnal
Postlude	Allegro (from concerto of Telemann)	Johann Walther

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God
and in gratitude for the ministry of Michael Struck.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book Club. St. Paul's Book Club will meet Friday Sept. 16th at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall. Chloe Martin will be our guest discussion leader. The book we will be discussing is "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes. Along with the book discussion we will be learning about California's "Right to Die" law. All are welcome.

Death Cafe. Our 3rd Death Cafe will be today, 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

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. Kirsten Snow Spalding
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Jim Terstegge, Pamela Barnes, Linda Bell
Readers:	Jim Terstegge, Pamela Barnes, John Dury
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Joan Peterson, Felicia Demann, Ann Lisk, Holly Pritchard

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Last week I wrote to you with an overview of what our weekly schedule looks like during the school year. I listed three things for families, four things for worship, five things for service and six things for learning. This week, I chart our course through the next three weekends. Each has at least one powerful experience for you.

9/11 Death Cafe. 4pm to 6pm. This will be the third time that Chloe has hosted one of these powerful and open-ended discussions about a topic that affects us all- death. Like the other two, I expect the conversation will be lively and strangely liberating and empowering. Tea, cookies and other munchies will be served. This is part of a broader effort that Chloe is leading with Michael Green to get us all thinking and acting with more wisdom and clarity around issues of legacy- this includes things like creating wills, advanced healthcare directives and funeral plans. If you haven't already, please fill out one of their brief surveys to help shape a speaker series. Here's the link.

9/18 New Eucharist, New Colloquium, Youth Group. This Sunday, the 18th, from 5pm to 7pm is the launch of our new shared ministry with other northern Marin Episcopal Churches. These events are at Nativity, off of Lucas Valley Road.

9/24 Discipleship Group Workshop. Twice a year we gather as a community to strengthen our six Discipleship Groups, invite new people of St. Paul's into this central ministry and introduce the practice to other Bay Area Christians. It is from 9am to noon. The next Saturday morning, October 1st, I begin one or more classes of Basic Discipleship, which is the best introduction to being in one of these small groups.

9/25 Community Meeting on the Hardin Courtyard. Tonight, Tuesday, the Vestry meets to consider and vote on two long resolutions that express our consensus as to the best plan for our new courtyard and the best way to pay for it. On Sunday, the 25th, from 11:30 to 12:30, we will host an all-community meeting to share our work with you and listen carefully to your thoughts and reactions as we all consider together the best possible way forward on this essential legacy project.

On a final note, if you've ever been curious about our ministry on Death Row, tomorrow night is the perfect time to find out more. We have a quarterly meeting of all who participate in the ministry from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Upper Room. You can treat it as a 'Come and See' with no obligation at all.

Blessings
Christopher

PRAYER

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