



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, September 18, 2016, the Eighteenth 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		
Opening Hymn	20	Hymnal
Gloria	S-277 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	79:1-9	BCP p. 701
Gradual	S-247	Hymnal
Offertory Anthem	O Light Divine	Alexander Archangelsky

*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 Hymns	572, 324	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	594	Hymnal
Postlude		

The Altar Flowers are given by Jae and Carolyn Eitel to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of their daughter Sarah Eitel.

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Discipleship Group Workshop** will be next Saturday, September 24th from 9am to noon. These small groups, structured for Christian maturity and mission, are the spiritual core of St. Paul's. Come learn about how these groups came into being, about people's first hand experiences of them, and try it out for yourself.

**Community Meeting** about the Hardin Courtyard will be next Sunday, September 25th, from 11:15 to 12:15 in Duncan Hall. The Vestry and other lay leaders will be reporting on the work done over the summer towards the completion of this legacy project for our generation.

**Sunday Afternoons** have just gotten richer in ministry with the addition of a 5pm Eucharist and a 6pm Forum. This shared ministry of St. Paul's, Redeemer and Nativity is at Nativity. The first topic of the forum is exploring God's repeated statement in scripture and sacrament 'do not fear.'

**St. Anne's Book Sale** will be the weekend of October 8th and 9th. Keep bringing in your great used books!

## SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Daniel London
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Brigitte McCulloch, Chris Olson, Chris Hammond
Readers:	Brigitte McCulloch, Chris Olson, Neville Armstrong
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Steve Avanzino, Pamela Barnes

## CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

"As we experience change in our churches, we remember that God says, in word and sacrament, 'do not fear.'"

That sentence is one of seven sentences carefully crafted by the twelve priests-in-charge of the twelve Marin Episcopal Churches over the last two years. On Sunday afternoon at 6pm I have the honor of beginning a series of weekly conversations about these seven statements. I want to begin with this one on fear because the words 'fear' and 'change' are so rich for all of us. Scripture and our own experiences have much to teach us about where God is in our experiences of fear and change.

The conversation will take place at 6pm at Nativity. It is one part of a new weekly Sunday afternoon experience shared by the three San Rafael Episcopal Churches. First, there is a Eucharist at 5pm. The Rev. Kirsten Snow-Spalding, the Rev. Daniel London and I will be leading it together. That will be followed by the return of the Marin Episcopal Youth Group and the debut of this Sunday evening conversation time.

For most of this weekend I will be with my son Harper at a men's weekend. The Rev. Daniel London will be leading services and the spiritual forum in the morning. I will be back in town by 5pm at Nativity to help inaugurate this new shared ministry among St. Paul's, Redeemer and Nativity.

Blessings,  
Christopher

## PRAYER

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

## 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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