



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, January 15, 2017, the Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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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	Arcangelo Corelli
Opening Hymn	59	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	40:1-12	BCP p. 640
Gradual	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	370	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 A		BCP p. 361
Sanctus	S-129	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymns	439, 324	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	616	Hymnal
Postlude	Trio	J. S. Bach

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Archdeacon David Stickney** is our preacher today. He is working with churches in Marin to create a Team Deacon Marin so we can share the important ministry of ordained Deacons.

**Basic Christianity** begins today. This five part class, from 11:30 to 12:30 on Sundays, tells the whole Christian story from creation to the end. It includes time for discussion.

**Death Cafe.** Our next Death Cafe is today, from 4-6pm in Duncan Hall. Death Cafes are gatherings for the purpose of having a safe and open conversation about any aspect of death. There is no agenda, and no expert, but there are cookies! Chloe Martin and Pat Steuer 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). 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)

**A Bid for the Hardin Courtyard** will be chosen at this Tuesday's Vestry meeting at 7pm in Duncan Hall. As always, all in the parish are welcome to attend. Should the courtyard be all concrete, all pavers, or a blend?

**Stop Hunger Now** will be in Duncan Hall next Sunday afternoon from 12:45 to 3pm. Join Christians from Redeemer and Nativity to assemble meals for the most hungry people in the world. Sign up online after the service on Christopher's lap top.

**Three Funerals on Three Saturdays.** The next three Saturdays we have the funerals of three beloved members of St. Paul's. Roger Danford's in on the 21st at 1pm, Rainie Joses' is on the 28th at 11am and Paul Temple's is on February 4th at 11am.

**The Annual Meeting** is on Sunday, February 5th at 11:15. In this essential meeting we elect new members of the Deanery and the Vestry, review the year that has past, and look forward to the year to come.

**Book Club.** St. Paul's Book Club will meet on Jan. 20th at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall. The book we will be discussing is Jade Dragon Mountain by Elsa Hart. This mystery takes place in China in 1700. There is information about the politics of China in that era as well as a description of various types of poison. All are welcome.

**Re-Finance Your Spirituality.** Invest in a 3-Day Weekend of discussion, laughter, music and superlative food. In return you get a lifetime of renewed joy and confidence in the future. Give you faith a chance to blossom and grow:

2017 Men's Cursillo Weekend- March 23-26

2017 Women's Cursillo Weekend- March 30- April 1

Contact Linda Bell for information. 408-373-3537. [www.marincursillo.com](http://www.marincursillo.com)

## SERVING TODAY

Preacher:	The Rev. David Stickley
Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Michael Green, Chris Hammond, Eric Guastavino
Readers:	Michael Green, Chris Hammond, Kay Blackwill
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Felicia Demann, Ann Lisk, Steve Avanzino, Holly Pritchard

## CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

This Sunday, the 15th, I begin teaching Basic Christianity. The next Sunday, the 22nd, we (of nearly all ages!) get to prepare thousands of meals for the most hungry people in the world.

In **Basic Christianity** I tell the Christian story from creation to when Jesus comes again to make all things right. Over the course of five sessions, I share a half hour of teaching and then facilitate a half hour of consideration and conversation. I carefully lay out the whole scriptural story so you can finally see how creation, incarnation, the crucifixion, the resurrection, the church and the end times all make one whole story. Every time I teach this, almost everyone has an A-HA! moment, where finally, some puzzle piece falls into place. It's from 11:30 to 12:30 in the Upper Room.

The following Sunday, from 1pm to 3pm, I encourage you to join me in Duncan Hall as we prepare meal packages for the most hungry people on planet earth. Our sister church of Redeemer had a wonderful experience last year with another church with the organization **Stop Hunger Now**. On Sunday the 22nd, in Duncan Hall, people from Redeemer, Nativity and St. Paul's will gather and work together to assemble these meals. Stop Hunger Now brings all the food and the packaging. They also bring the organizational know how. All we need to do is show up, follow instructions and then work side by side with our brothers and sisters in Christ from the other Episcopal Churches in San Rafael for a few hours. Our joint Youth Group will be joining us and children four and older are welcome. Come roll up your sleeves and make a difference. Register here. (Please note that the Safari browser is wonky with this registration. If you use Firefox or Chrome it works fine.)

There, over two weekends, is the essence of life at St. Paul's: Faithful reflection together followed by faithful action together.

Happy New Year.

Blessings,  
Christopher

## PRAYER

Arty	Gina	Marcella Hermstad	Rainie Joses
Bill Donnelly	Grace Michael	Mark Hardin	Roger Danford
Bill Tate	Jane F	Mika Kappen & Family	Roger Titus
Cathy	Jennifer Fritz	Mike R	Rosa Montes
Chuck Sisemore	Kairos Inside San Quentin	Pat David Binkley	Ruth Orovich
Dan Pollart & Family	Laurel	Paul Temple	Sandy G
Dana Testa	Lisa R	Peter	Syrian Refugees
Deborah	Lokita	Phyllis	The Rev. Stefani Schatz

## SERVICE

**Teen Success Breakfast:** Serve hot breakfast to at-risk youth. Contact Beverly Armstrong at 415.454.4015 or [nevbev@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 20 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](mailto: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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