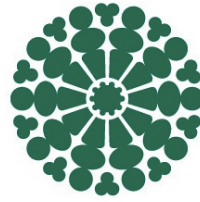


THE EPISTLE



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Following Jesus together in prayer, worship and service.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

A very busy and productive season for St. Paul's comes to a close as we enter into November. We have completed and blessed the Hardin Courtyard. We have completed and blessed the radical refreshment and redecoration of our interior spaces. We have thanked our great leaders throughout this process, Pat Curtis, Steve Avanzino, Keatin Holly and Larry Santucci. We are set to thrive!

What does thriving mean for us?

I invite you to entertain three thoughts. The first is to remember that next year is our 150th anniversary. We are the sacred space where people have been continually worshipping the longest in San Rafael. We have deep roots and a great story to tell. Next year is our great opportunity to let our light shine.

The second is to build on our twelve years of developing The Restoration Project together. We are the center of a compelling experiment in being Christian through the structure of Discipleship Groups. Let's continually seek new ways to share our good work with the Bay Area and beyond.

Finally, what are your dreams about what it means for St. Paul's thrive? We each have gifts to share for the building up of the church. As you offer your gifts, what do you hope will be the spiritual fruit? There are many other ways we can continue to grow together.

Thanks to all of our hard work of renovation over the last six months, we are healthy, strong and ready to enter a new chapter in our life together. Let us make the most of this grace filled opportunity.

Faithfully,
Christopher

Thank You from the Hardin Family

Betty Hardin shared these words of Thanksgiving at the dedication of the Hardin Courtyard.

Standing here in this Memorial Courtyard, I am overwhelmed by the joy, the love, and respect that you have bestowed and given to your servant and friend, Hugh.

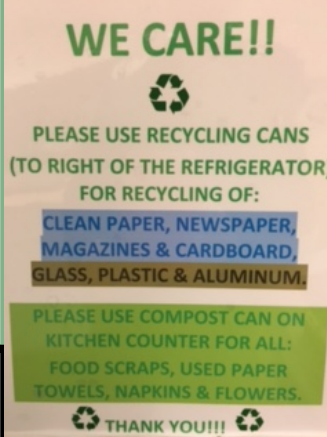
Hugh loved St. Paul's Episcopal Church and spent 28 years of his life ...*(continued on page 4)*



For more information please visit our website at StPaulsSanRafael.org.
Join the community on Facebook and Twitter. Church Office Phone: 415-456-4842

Politics of Virtue Book group, Continued

Our discussion of the book 'The Politics of Virtue' continues on Tuesday, Nov. 21st at 7pm in Duncan Hall. You are welcome to come even if you missed the other discussions. Come for Evening Prayer at 6:30 in the church and stay for refreshments at 8:30pm.



The "We Care!" recycling effort is in full swing at St. Paul's. Many thanks to everyone for being so conscientious in making sure our trash lands in the proper recycling or landfill receptacle. It is so heartwarming to see each member of St. Paul's participate in our recycling program to show that "We Care!" about our home here

at St Paul's and even more importantly our beautiful earth that God created for us to love, enjoy and care for. If you have any questions about recycling, please ask Janie Burtch.

Death Cafe

Sunday, November 5, 4-6 pm, Duncan Hall
 An open and uplifting conversation about death and dying, life and living.
 With Cookies!
 RSVP to chloedmartin@comcast.net

St. Paul's Book Club

St. Paul's Book Club will meet on Friday Nov. 17th at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall. The book we will be discussing is "The Mistletoe Murder" by P.D. James. This book has four mystery stories with a holiday theme written by P.D. James the "queen of crime."
 For information contact Joy Moss (415) 479-6930.

St. Anne's Guild weekly lunch

St. Anne's would be delighted to have anyone who would be interested in our group. Join us on Thursdays. We start at 11:00 in Duncan Hall and some of us knit. We're working on scarves and children's sweaters which we'll offer the parish for sale, and the rest will go to Ritter. Bring your sandwich and we'll have tea and cookies. We have good conversation and enjoy one another.

How can I serve the least of these?

- Teen Success Breakfast:** Serve breakfast to at-risk youth. Contact Ginny Horton at 415.785.7011 or hornlocker@comcast.net.
- San Rafael Health Care:** Help lead a simple worship service with prayers and songs for the residents at the 5th Ave. Health Care center. 11:00 – 11:25 on 1st and 3rd Sunday. Children are welcome. Contact Sue Adamson at 415.461.1798.
- Prison Ministry:** Members of our congregation have committed themselves to a range of service associated with St. Paul's Death Row Ministry, including correspondence and visitation with inmates and hosting family members of inmates coming from out of town for visits. Contact Richard (415.259.9198 or ollipops@comcast.net).

What is Your Next Spiritual Step?

- **Morning Prayer:** Tuesday & Thursday at 7:30am in the church.
- **20 minute meditation sit in church:** Tuesday 5:00pm, Thursday 5:45
- **Bible Studies:** Wednesdays 10-11am: Acts
 Thursday 6:15-7:15pm: Letters of Paul
- **Spiritual Forum:** Sundays 9-9:40am-Exploring the soul. Duncan Hall.
- **Christian meditation:** 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7pm in the Upper Room.
- **Discipleship Groups:** small groups with a longer term commitment focused on spiritual maturity and loving community with the poor. Talk to Christopher about joining a group.
- **Basic Discipleship** (Starting Oct. 1). Saturdays 8am-9am, Sundays 12:00pm-1:00pm. Talk to Christopher.

St. Paul's offers many ways for you to learn, pray and grow spiritually

St. Paul's History Corner

By Joy Moss

Leading up to St. Paul's 150th anniversary, let's take a look at some of the former church members who are memorialized with their gifts to the glory of God and in remembrance of loved ones.

St. Paul's Centennial Memorial Organ was dedicated on February 27th, 1972. The cost of the new organ was paid for by the parishioners over and above their regular pledges. Commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of St. Paul's Church, the performance of Rev. Al Price was accompanied by San Rafael High School students playing trumpets, trombones and tympani.

The organ was built to the specifications of the Rev. Al Price, the organist and choir master at the time. The organ was built in Germany by the Augustus Laukauf Company. There are two manual keyboards, a pedal board and about 1000 pipes.

The plaque on the organ reads:

Centennial Memorial Organ
Dedicated to the Glory of God
Feb. 27, 1972

In memory of the parishioners who were the body of Christ
the first 100 years

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
1868-1968

The Rev. Al Price was the organist/choirmaster at St. Paul's from 1966 to 1974. To introduce the organ to the parishioners and the community, there were four organ recitals featuring local organists.



*The Rev. Al Price playing the
Centennial Memorial organ
Photo from the Independent Journal*

Leavened, Sweetened, Blessed



Our communion bread is lovingly baked by Briggite McCullough. Here is the recipe:

6 cups of whole wheat flour*
2 cups warm milk
3/4 cup good veg. oil
1/4 cup honey*
2 envelopes of yeast

* This batch was made from the honey Christopher and Eric extracted from the bee hive that lived on our church wall - liquid gold.

The flour was grown from heirloom grains at the Bishop's Ranch and harvested and hand ground by the Rev. Elizabeth deRuff and volunteers. The Body of Christ.

Children and Youth at St. Paul's

Contact Kati at kdombrosky@gmail.com 415-846-1700

Sundays:

Nursery Care available during 10 am service.

For elementary school-age children:

1st Sundays - Family Sunday (no Sunday School)

2nd and 4th Sundays - Godly Play

3rd Sundays - Music Sunday with Libby

Marin Episcopal Youth Group: Most Sunday nights from 6:00-7:30 pm at Church of the Nativity. Contact Daniel London: daniel.london@gmail.com.

Hardin Thank You, *Cont'd*

here as the Parish Priest. When we came to St. Paul's the parking lot was not paved (there are many who will remember) and in the winter it was quite muddy: a new organ was desperately needed; the stained glass windows needed repair, and were unprotected; the altar was against the back wall, and the priest had his back to his parishioners. There were several SPRIFF campaigns to repair and improve the buildings, the grounds and the health of the church. All of our children remember the night when the Marin County Court House burned down. Some of them helped man the hoses to protect the church. When we returned to St. Paul's as parishioners you were in the midst of this SPRIFF III campaign: the creation of the new redesigned courtyard and refurbishment of the parish hall rooms.

Hugh spent many hours in our own family garden. The garden was a source of inspirational joy in the abundance of life's beauty, refreshment of the soul, and a connection to God. Now you, the people of St. Paul's have given him an honor that would astound Hugh. A well designed courtyard and beautiful garden in his name.

For the full test, please visit the website.

Save the Dates

St. Paul's 150th Anniversary Celebration

<p>Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 7pm Choral Evensong With The Right Reverend Marc H. Andrus followed by Dessert Reception</p>	<p>Saturday, January 27, 2018 St. Paul's Parish Dinner/Dance Details and invitations to follow</p>
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Sunday, May 6, 2018
Open House

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