



# The Lindisfarne

*Lin.dis.farne:* An island off the northeast coast of England, for centuries considered holy.

*The Newsletter of The Church of the Holy Spirit (Episcopal). Serving Vashon Island, Washington since 1912.*

## A Message from Deacon Sally Carlson



Dear Friends.....

Last week I read a letter from the office of Bishop Greg Rickel outlining my re-assignment to St. John the Baptist in West Seattle. As I explained at the time of the announcement, I have been expecting this since John's retirement. It is standard procedure in the Episcopal Church to re-assign all clergy at the time new clergy arrives. This is wise in many ways, and allows Spirit to move in new ways, bringing fresh perspective and an openness that might otherwise not be given a chance to grow. The reason this hasn't happened before now is that I was asked to remain here during the transition of supply priests immediately following John's retirement and also during the transition time accompanying Kate's arrival. So, you see...this re-assignment is overdue. Kimbrough is here now with a steadying influence. He has unique gifts that will lead this parish through the next steps of growth that need to be taken. He has filled the vacuums that developed over the past 18 months, and is bringing stability and peace to this place. He is spending time exploring the wounds that need healing so things can once again move forward in a joyful and positive way. All this is so very good and necessary so CHS can be made whole and new once again.

I have spent the better part of my adult spiritual life walking and growing among you all. Joel was raised among you. I was raised up by you all for Holy Orders. It was a gift to have been assigned to CHS after ordination. Normally, newly ordained are not sent to their home parishes. So that fact that we had all this time together has been a blessing. Were I to be ordained today I would be assigned elsewhere immediately following ordination. All the events and days lived in your midst are sacred with the holiness only a loving community can provide. To have lived and breathed with you all during all these times has made my life so much richer than it would have been without you. I will continue to be a part of this local community...living here and continuing to minister here to the greater community. I just will not be worshipping with you at this time. However, because of this re-assignment I will be able to worship with you once again when my years of active ministry come to an end in retirement. As you know, the bishop recommends that once work within a parish has been completed worship is to take place in another location. My location of choice will be CHS when that time comes.

So dear friends, let's all move forward with what "is" and remember what a joyous and borrowed time it has been for us to be together. Let us treat one another with kindness and love, remembering that we are all children of God and none of us is perfect. Let's celebrate the differences, and hold a light up to all those we love. Let's remember to act from our highest self, or "BIG me", not from the "small me." Let's all not only allow change to occur, but embrace it. It's a new time and place.

Many blessings to you all for a peace filled and joyful Thanksgiving. I am thankful for the many gifts you have shared with me, and that you all are in my life. And, what a good life it is!

Ever,  
*Sally*

### How to get in touch with us

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You may leave a message at any time. Messages from the different boxes are recovered throughout the week.

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## Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team began at Church of the Holy Spirit in 2002 with training by and the guidance of Trudy James, of Multi faith Works in Seattle, who has provided pastoral care for many years. We receive on-going training through reading, discussion, workshops, classes and retreats. We work closely with our Deacon, Sally Carlson.

ALL PASTORAL CARE CONTACTS ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Our mission is to serve the people of our church and community through home and hospital visits, prayers, cards, e-mails, telephone calls, and in other practical ways. Each member of the team is licensed by the Diocese as a Eucharistic Visitor who can bring the Eucharist to you and celebrate it with you.

While each member is "on call" during two week rotations throughout the year, you may contact any member of the Pastoral Care Team at any time.

Our current members are:

Betty Hawkins, 463-5062; Megan, 463-3657;  
Hunter Davis, 567-4530; ; Wally Fletcher, 567-0068  
Susie Kirschner, 567-4086;  
Peggy Queary, 463-1977; Bob Weir, 463-3234;  
Barbara Smith, 463-2249

ON CALL:

Betty Hawkins, Nov 29 - Dec 12, 463-5062  
Megan, Dec 13-Dec 26, 463-3657  
Bob Weir, Dec 27-Jan 9, 463-3234

## Greetings from the Jungers

Dear Parishioners of CHS,

Joellen and I have completed two weeks in beautiful Kauai, Hawaii, and now are in Yuma, Arizona for the winter. The weather in Kauai was both sunny and rainy, but the temperature was 78-81 degrees Fahrenheit, and it took only a few minutes and your clothes dried right out.

We are both fine and enjoying ourselves (swimming, bridge, pinochle, happy hours and communal dinners). All our neighbors came by to say "hi" and "welcome home".

See you all later,  
Bob & Joellen

## New comers: What Can We Do?

Are you watching the pews on Sunday mornings? We have had people visiting our parish. They are made welcome; they go to coffee hour; they have conversations with many people, and with the priest. But there is no formal follow-up to make contact with these folks outside of church. We currently have no New comer's Committee. No one stands at the ready to reach out in a special way, to help connect people to be a part of the congregation. There are so many ways that this can be done

## Lessons for the Month of December

December 6, Advent II: Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

December 13, Advent III: Isaiah 12:2-6; Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

December 20, Advent IV: Luke 1:46b-55; Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55

December 24, Christmas Eve: Psalm 97; Isaiah 62:6-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-20

December 25, Christmas Day: Psalm 98; Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-14

December 27, Lessons & Carols: The Story told in scripture and song

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION SCHEDULE  
DECEMBER/JANUARY 2009

ADVENT: On the four Sundays of Advent we will explore different aspects of how we each experience Advent. Discussion leaders are listed but all are invited to bring any thoughts, readings etc. that they feel will enhance the conversation.

December 6 Dickens "The Christmas Story" from a Jungian perspective. Kimbrough

December 13 Honoring the feminine aspects of Advent. Margaret Rothschild

December 20 Wrapping it up. Celebrating our sharing. Bring a new thought or an old story you would like to share

**NO RE DECEMBER 27 OR JANUARY 3**

**JANUARY**

January 10 Peace and Reconciliation: The Message of Coventry Cathedral John and Kit

January 17 Peace and Reconciliation: Thich Nhat Hahn John and Kit

January 24 Living the Questions, Out Into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christians

January 31 Living the Questions, Restoring Relationships

New Year's Eve Labyrinth Walk

Church of the Holy Spirit is holding our annual New Year's Eve Labyrinth Peace Walk, December 31st, 5 - 7pm. It's a lovely event and we would encourage families, children, adults to attend. Participants can ahead of time fill out their intention for the year on a piece of paper and bring it to put in the burning bowl at the center of the labyrinth.

Community New Year's Eve Party

The Vashon Presbyterian Church is hosting an alcohol-free New Year's Eve party on December 31st from 7-10 pm. (Although hosted in the church building, it is not a religious event.) Plans are underway for interactive video games, foosball & bingo. Favorite card or board games may be brought, and specific activities for young children will be provided.

The very popular special feature of the evening will be a *New York New Year* at 9 pm. Families with young children or anyone else desiring a shorter evening will enjoy the early countdown to "midnight" with hats, noise makers and balloons. All this is followed by a make-it-yourself ice cream sundae bar.

Coffee and ice cream sundaes will be provided. Those able are asked to bring a favorite snack or non-alcoholic beverage to share for the rest of the evening. Any desiring a safe and fun evening will be comfortable attending.

Call Carol Potter, 463-6749, or Pastor Dan Houston, 948-7746, with questions.

Thanks from Betsy and Patrick

Dear Church of the Holy Spirit,

Patrick Mahoney and I had a celebration of our commitment to one another on August 22ns, which was officiated by the Reverend Ann Saunderson.

We were both raised in the Episcopal Church, and it was wonderful to hold the service there, with all of our children and grandchildren.

Gratefully,

Betsy Schultz and Patrick Mahoney

Food For Friends

A coordinator for the Food for Friends Committee is needed. This is the group of people who cook for those of our parish community who are experiencing a rough spot in their lives for whatever reason; it is a vital ministry in our congregation. Gourmet cooking is not a requisite. Simple meals can give people the lift they need to heal. Please speak with Deacon Sally Carlson, 463-5204 or [sally.carlson@comcast.net](mailto:sally.carlson@comcast.net)

Blood Drive

There will be a Puget Sound Blood Center blood drive on Thursday, January 7th from 1-7 pm at the Lutheran Church.

Wreaths and Swags Support Vashon High Class of 2010

Clara Kappelman is one of our graduating seniors at Vashon High School this year. The class of 2010 is raising funds for their end-of-year celebration, and one of the ways they are doing this is with the sale of wreaths and swags for the holidays. If you are interested in supporting this project, contact Clara at 463-4727.

There is an ecumenical youth group on Vashon. It is open to all students, 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades. The CHS office will make every attempt to keep the youth in our parish informed about upcoming events via email and announcements. If you wish to be on an email list to be contacted for upcoming events, call or email the church office.

Lessons and Carols

On the first Sunday after Christmas, we will be having the Service of Lessons and Carols. There are nine lessons we will be using this year, to tell the story of the coming of the Savior. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex so that Lectors can choose which lesson they would like to offer at this service.

Save Your Inkjet Cartridges and Cell Phones

We are part of a very simple rebate program for ink cartridges and cell phones. Please bring your used cartridges to church. It helps keep the earth green, and gives us a tad of income in the process

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Contribute to CHS when you shop!  
Whenever you plan to buy something at either [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) or through [Ebay](http://Ebay.com), go to the Church website at [www.holyspiritvashon.org](http://www.holyspiritvashon.org) first! There you will find links to both these services. Use them, and the Church will get a commission from your purchase. Nothing extra will be added to your bill.  
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Your Vestry

Senior Warden: Katharine Golding, 567-4614;  
Junior Warden: Deb Dammann, 567-4268;  
George Heidorn, 463-4266; Edgar Lee, 567-5002; Laurie Tucker, 463-9812; Megan Belia, 909-6079;  
Mariette Spence, 463-4777; Bill Carr, 463-2669; Jolene Yelken, 567-5941

## Transition information from your Senior Warden

In September, Bishop Rickel, the Reverend Kimbrough Besheer, and the Senior Warden on behalf of the Vestry signed a Letter of Agreement. Developmental Tasks for the interim period are spelled out in the Letter of Agreement. They include:

**History:** *coming to terms with the history of this congregation and its relationships with previous clergy.*

**Current Identity:** *discovering the congregation's special identity, what it dreams of being and doing apart from previous clergy leadership.*

**Lay Leadership Shift:** *dealing with shifts in leadership roles that naturally evolve in times of transition, allowing new leaders to come to the fore constructively.*

**Diocesan Linkages:** *renewing and reworking relationships with the diocese, so that each may be a more effective resource and support to the other.*

**Commit to a New Future:** *building commitment to the leadership of the new rector in order to be prepared to move into the future with openness to new possibilities.*

The Letter of Agreement is available to all who want to read it in its entirety. Copies are in the office.

The Call Committee has been appointed by the Vestry. The committee is chaired by Mark Yelken. Serving with him are Ray Bucy, Crystal Culp, Hunter Davis, Susie Kirschner, Nancy Pendergast, Rusty Squire, Muriel Watts, and a Vestry representative to be appointed.

The Call Committee will meet with Joan Anthony, the Canon to the Ordinary on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December to review the call process. In January the Call Committee will begin its work. Our financial situation will dictate who they will be able to consider.

***This consideration of prospective candidates must remain confidential throughout their process so that a prospect's current employment is not jeopardized.***

Providing that the process laid out by the Diocese remains as in the past the following will occur.

When the Call Committee has made a selection, that name will be presented to the Vestry for its determination. Following a vote by the Vestry, the Bishop's concurrence is sought, the individual is called, and only at that time is the congregation informed.

There may yet be changes in the procedures being created by the Diocese, however there will be ***no change to the requirement for confidentiality.***

Any information which can be shared will be made available.

-Katharine Golding

Thirty poinsettias have been ordered for Christmas. If you would like to adopt one or more, sign the sheet on the narthex bulletin board. Please pay at time of signing; they are \$11 each.

# DECEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 11-noon: Silence & Sharing 6:45 pm Alanon	2 12:30 HE 2 pm Staff meeting 5:30 pm WND	3	4 7:30 AA	5
6 7:45 am HE 9 am RE 10 am CS 10:15 am HE 11:40 am Choir 7 pm AA	7 7:30 AA	8 11-noon: Silence & Sharing 6:45 pm Alanon	9 12:30 HE 5:30 pm WND 7:30 pm Vestry meets	10	11 7:30 AA	12 7-10 pm Game Night!
13 7:45 am HE 9 am RE 10 am CS 10:15 am HE 11:40 am Choir 7 pm AA	14 7:30 AA	15 11-noon: Silence & Sharing 6:45 pm Alanon	16 12:30 HE 5:30 pm WND	17	18 7:30 AA	19
20 7:45 am HE 9 am RE 10 am CS 10:15 am HE 11:40 am Choir Greening of Church after later service 7 pm AA	21 7:30 AA	22 11-noon: Silence & Sharing 6:45 pm Alanon	23 12:30 HE 5:30 pm WND	24 7 pm Christmas Pageant, HE 10:30 HE	25 10:15 am MP 7:30 AA	26
27 7:45 am HE 9 am RE 10 am CS 10:15 am HE- lessons & carols 11:40 am Choir 7 pm AA	28 7:30 AA	29 11-noon: Silence & Sharing 6:45 pm Alanon	30 12:30 HE 5:30 pm WND: CHS is host this week	31 5-7 pm Labyrinth Peace Walk		

**LEGEND:** AA = Alcoholics Anonymous    HE=Holy Eucharist    MP = Morning Prayer    CS=Church School  
 EP= Evening Prayer    RE=Religious Exploration    WND= Wednesday Night Dinner  
 VCCC = Vashon Community Care Center    WND = Wednesday Night Dinner

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