



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.

Thoughts from Kate

Christmas has come and gone during a tough year economically and psychologically. The days are short and the darkness cold and dreary. January is a time when our homes can be a sanctuary, a warm and light filled space...a place of retreat and solace.

We are still hovering in the Christmas season, the twelve days of celebration so often overlooked. The final day of Christmas commences with the feast of the Epiphany, the de-greening of the church, gathering for worship, and remembering the tale of the three magi journeying from the east. It is a kind of mystical day, marked with fire and food and light.

The church of my childhood skipped the drama of the Christmas pageant and instead, opted for an annual Epiphany Pageant. It wasn't until I was an adult and away from home that I realized other churches didn't share this custom. The Epiphany pageant at Grace Church was quite the event in our community. We started with the typical manger scene and of course, brought along the three wise men or the three wise "women" if my mother had done the casting. But it didn't stop there.

Next, came the narrator's deep steady voice telling the story of Jesus' ministry and before you know it twelve apostles came filing down the aisle, eleven apostles in robes and mitres and the twelfth, Judas, dressed in black from head to toe. Judas was the coveted role in the whole production because Judas got to make a grand exit. While the other apostles lit their candles from the Paschal candle at the crèche, Judas dramatically shook his head, blew out his candle, and exited as all the lights went out and the organ boomed ominous notes in a minor key. To wrap up this lengthy performance, a new apostle is appointed and then comes the procession of apostolic succession represented by a bishop, a priest, and a deacon.

Apparently, the 1950's era rector of Grace Church in Ponca City, OK had too much time on his hands one year and dreamed up this magnificent pageantry for generations to enjoy and endure. Rest assured, we won't be recreating the elaborate scene described above at Church of the Holy Spirit this year, but we will observe the feast day with reverence, joy, and celebration. There is an opportunity to engage the mystical aspect of our faith in this liminal time between Christmas and Lent. Come; join us on December 6, the Twelfth Day of Christmas. There might even be some marshmallows to roast over the fire...

Yours in Christ,
Kate

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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In an emergency call the Rev Kate Wesch, (512) 680-1927

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 Multifaith 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 Priest-In-Charge, Rev Kate Wesch, and 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, Chair, 463-5062; Megan Belia, 463-3657; Sue Bucy, 463-6345;
Hunter Davis, 567-4530; Wally Fletcher, 567-0068; Susie Kirschner, 567-4086;
Peggy Queary, 463-1977; Bob Weir, 463-3234

ON CALL:

Sue Bucy—463-6345	Dec 28-Jan 10
Peggy Queary-463-1977	Jan 11-Jan 24
Bob Weir-463-3234	Jan 25-Feb 7

Epiphany House Blessings

*"Visit, O blessed Lord, our homes with the gladness of your presence, Bless all who live in them with the gift of your love; and grant that they may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives they touch.
Amen."*

It is a custom in the Episcopal Church to bless homes during the season of Epiphany. If you are interested in having your home blessed, please contact the office for more information.

2009 Winter Feast for the Soul

Just imagine people on Vashon becoming part of a global community that desires personal and planetary peace. The Winter Feast is a 40 day worldwide spiritual practice period for all who care about peace. Come to the opening event at the Land Trust Building Monday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. Your spiritual practice could be prayer, meditation, yoga, art, journaling -whatever creates inner peace for you. For more information, watch for the upcoming Beachcomber article, check out www.winterfeastforthesoul.com, or contact Zubin Goldman at 463-2620 or zubinmary@gm.com

-Melania Weller

Your Vestry, until after the Annual Meeting!

Senior Warden: Amelia Powers, 463-0780; Junior Warden: Katharine Golding, 567-4614;
George Heidorn, 463-4266; Edgar Lee, 567-5002; Deb Dammann, 567-4268; Laurie Tucker, 463-9812;
Diane Ward, 567-4589; Connie Frederick, 463-3029; Lou Gellermann, 567-4654

December Vestry Summary

The Vestry met on Wednesday, Dec. 10. At the meeting, Gib Dammann reported that the crumbling outdoor wiring for the lights has all been replaced and the indoor exit signs are now up to code. The parking lot lighting has been improved, and there is power to the sheds. The bell tower has not been lighted; he suggested that lighting the bell tower be approved by the Vestry as a separate item in the future. Deb Phillimore stated that three replacement fans have been ordered; they will have remote control devices. Kate said that by the time you read this, the east windows will have been washed. The current condition of the Hermitage was discussed. The Vestry determined that more information was needed before any decisions about improving it could be made. The historical use of special offerings on Christmas Eve and Christmas is being researched by Doug Clarke for Kate. The Vestry approved Kate's Mutual Ministry statement, outlining the church's expectations of our Priest-in-Charge, after amendment to everyone's satisfaction. The next Annual Meeting will be held on January 25, 2009. The Vestry approved sponsoring a bus trip to the Pacific Science Center to view the Lucy exhibit. Sally has had contact with a carpet representative who is interested in working with CHS in replacing the carpeting in Bennett Hall. She will explore this possibility further. There continues to be a problem with securing Bennett Hall and the Sunday School room. Parishioners are reminded to make sure all doors are securely closed and locked.

-Megan Belia

Religious Exploration Schedule

Along with Bill Carr and Beng-Imm Low, John and Kit Bean have agreed to help facilitate our Religious Exploration program. Throughout January we will continue the series, *Living the Questions*. This second DVD series is entitled *Saving Jesus*.

For January the individual titles are:

1st Sunday: Jesus' Program: The Kingdom of God

2nd Sunday: Jesus' Ministry of Compassion

3rd Sunday: Killing Jesus, Part One: Who Killed Jesus?

4th Sunday: Killing Jesus, Part Two: The Atonement

Each video is 20 minutes followed by discussion. As before, the hour starts at 9:00 and attendees pull themselves away around 10:00. Child care is available during this hour.

If you have any questions, please call John or Kit Bean, 567-4372; or Bill Carr or Beng-Imm Low, 463-2669.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for Church of the Holy Spirit is on Sunday, January 25th, directly following the 10:15 service (about 11:30). Please bring finger food to share.

These meetings have historically been succinct and to-the-point; please don't stay away. We need everyone's input and presence.

Those of you who are committee heads or group facilitators, please get your written report to the church office by Thursday, January 15th, so the booklet can be compiled. Email is the best way to submit a report. You should all receive reminders in the very near future for these submissions; however, if you do not and you still wish to put something in about a ministry or group at CHS, all are welcome to do so.

Christmas Season Schedule

Tuesday, January 6th, 6:30 pm

Epiphany service, potluck, degreening of church and bonfire followed by a potluck dinner

“My Faith, My Life” for Jr. and Sr. High Students

We are all on a journey-- a journey inward to know the person God made us to be and an outward journey to use our gifts to fulfill God's dreams for creation.

Please contact the office if you have a teenager in your home willing to explore their life and faith through an 8-session journey with the Rev. Kate Wesch. Classes will be scheduled based upon interest and the schedules of the participants. At the end of the course, participants will have the opportunity to renew their baptismal vows or choose to be confirmed at the Bishop's visitation on Palm Sunday.

The Diocese of Olympia, Integrity Puget Sound and St. Andrew's Church, Seattle, host

BISHOP GENE ROBINSON,

THE BISHOP OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

January 12, 2009

EUCCHARIST FOR THE FEAST OF ST. AELRED

St. Mark's Cathedral, 4:30 p.m.

Bishop Robinson celebrating and preaching


A COMMUNITY SPEECH BY BP. ROBINSON

Town Hall, 119 8th Ave, Seattle, 7:30 p.m.,

Tickets: \$15.00 general, \$10.00 students and seniors

Proceeds from this event benefit Integrity's ministry at Lambert House and

low income counseling at St. Andrew's Counseling Center.

Tickets available at  1-877-278-4842 or online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/50391>

CHORAL EVENSONG AND SERMON

January 13, 2009, 7 p.m.,

St. Andrew's, Seattle,

Inquirers Class

The Inquirer's class is intended to help people, non-Episcopalians and confirmed Episcopalians alike, share their journeys of faith and learn more about the distinctive traditions of the Episcopal/Anglican Communion and the Church of the Holy Spirit.

Inquirer's class participants will discuss:

- Church history
- the Bible
- the Book of Common Prayer
- the catechism within the Book of Common Prayer
- the sacraments especially the Baptismal covenant and the Eucharist

The Inquirer's class is open to all adults especially those who:

- are new to the Church of the Holy Spirit or
- would like to be received or confirmed into the Episcopal church or
- would like to renew their baptismal vows

The Reverend Kate Wesch leads the Inquirer's class with the assistance of lay members of the parish. Classes begin Sunday, February 8 from 4:30pm-6:00pm and continue for six sessions.

**IF WE WERE A BIG INSURANCE COMPANY, OR A BANK,
OR A CAR MANUFACTURER...then we could get a bail-
out from our Uncle Sam, or....**



**IF WE WERE MAGICIANS, then we could
get money out of a hat.**

But since we are none of these, we have to rely on you, our Parishioners to provide us the money we need to operate. To meet our budget for next year—and it is a bare bones one—we must have roughly \$180,000 in pledges. So far we are some \$40,000 short of this amount. If you haven't sent in your pledge yet, please do so as soon as possible. And if you have, but believe you could give a little more, please let us know.

Commemorative Service for Dr Martin Luther King, Jr

On January 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, the community will once again come together to celebrate the birth and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This Interfaith Commemorative Service has been held here every January 15th for 20 years, each time hosted by a different faith group. Because of the historic nature of the election this will truly be a celebration. Please join us for gospel music, a sing along and birthday cake ! The event is free but a goodwill offering for the Interfaith Council on Homelessness would be appreciated.

It was 45 years ago that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. and closed his famous "I Have a Dream" speech with these words:

"Free at last, free at last, thank God almighty, we are free at last".

It has been 146 years since President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, setting slaves free in this country, thus ending a trail of shame that had torn our nation to pieces. It was 138 years ago that the 15th Amendment to the Constitution gave African-Americans the right to vote.

In the lifetime of most living Americans, just 44 years ago, President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act ending segregation.

Regardless of our political affiliations or feelings about party rhetoric; regardless of our economic woes and the challenges around the world, we should all feel enormous pride that, as a nation, we have come to this day.

For information or questions call Emma Amiad at 463-4060.

JANUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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LEGEND: AA = Alcoholics Anonymous HE=Holy Eucharist MP = Morning Prayer CS=Church School
 EP= Evening Prayer RE=Religious Exploration YG=Youth Group
 VCCC = Vashon Community Care Center WND = Wednesday Night Dinner

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