



# The Lindisfarne

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

## Sunday September 13th - SAVE THE DATE -

It's the Church of the Holy Spirit End of Summer Barbecue-Potluck  
Given by us, for us.

Why? Because we want to get together.

When? After the 10:15 Service.

What to Bring? Food or Drink.

Any Surprises? Well, no big announcements or big requests,  
but we may have some easy-listening music.

Anything I can do? If you really want to, you can help set up tables  
or help Ron Albers barbecue, as it's more fun with  
more than one.

Anything else? Not really, just want you there.



## Unanswered Mystery of the Ancient World Revealed!

The headline is a bit of a stretch, but it is hoped that it grabbed your attention. The secret isn't from the ancient world; it is from right here in the parish of Church of the Holy Spirit, Vashon. Here is the revelation: to have a choir, you need singers. Choir numbers had fallen perilously low when summer break came along, and now one of those former singers is the organist, reducing the total by one more.

Do you like to sing? CHS's choir practices on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am, before the late service; and again for about 60-90 minutes after the service. No weeknight practices. Please speak with the organist if you have any interest; you are welcomed with open arms and much rejoicing.

### How to get in touch with us

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs 7:30-11:30 Wed 12:30-3:30  
Tel: (206) 567-4488.

You may leave a message at any time. Messages from the different boxes are recovered throughout the week.  
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*Below you will find an article from the Indianapolis Star. The "Young Priest" is Les Carpenter, son of parishioners Jean & Scott Carpenter*

Young Indianapolis church-goers find meaning under the Archway

August 2, 2009

Program combines old, new to meet young adults' needs

*By Robert King robert.king@indystar.com*

The priest is wearing a collar but has ditched the bright robes of a cleric for blue jeans and a black shirt.

There are still hallelujahs in the hymn book, but there's no organ. And the choirboys are missing in action.

And while a sermon is in the offing, don't look for the preacher to ascend a lofty perch and deliver the word from on high. Soon, he will be stepping out in the middle of the congregation to take questions.

This new take on the Sunday service isn't from some upstart evangelical church. It is an innovation from perhaps the starchy-est of all Protestant denominations: the Episcopal Church. And some say it could be an early take on the next 500 years of Christianity. Under the majestic arches of St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the Northside, the Rev. Les Carpenter and a small but enthusiastic crowd of 20- and 30-somethings have designed a Sunday evening service known as Archway that blends timeless symbols from the past -- bread and wine of the Eucharist, burning incense and light filtered through stained glass -- with a group chat. "It's a beautiful space, and it feels sacred when you walk into it but completely approachable at the same time," said Katie MacDougall, 27. "I feel like I belong."

Churches trying to appeal to younger crowds have, in the past couple of decades, experimented by introducing amplifiers and rock bands into Sunday worship. Others have tried acoustic guitars and candlelight. But St. Paul's Archway community purposely clings to some churchy symbols while breaking down traditional walls.

It is an Episcopalian interpretation of what's commonly known as the emergence church, a movement that is ill-defined but -- at its heart -- aims to help spiritual seekers find an authentic faith that is relevant to today.

"For a long time, as established churches like the Episcopal Church struggled to do this thing, they had the funny notion that the drop-down screen and a loud band was what it was all about," said Phyllis Tickle, author of "The Great Emergence" and one of the movement's chief chroniclers. "That is a superficial definition of it. What it is about is a conversational thing. It is about wiki church."

Tickle says the movement's size is hard to gauge, but she estimates there are millions of people in emergence churches. Archway's effort, which began in March, averages about 50 people a week.

But just as the online encyclopedia Wikipedia was built from the contributions and collective knowledge of millions of computer users, this new wiki church is steered not so much by bishops and priests but by the folks in the pews.

"It is not a place where someone just preaches to you," Carpenter said. "The preaching comes from the whole congregation."

An example was last week's service, in which the Scripture passage covered King David's affair with Bathsheba. Carpenter suggested it shows that many biblical heroes had very real flaws. He related it to the mistakes we make, the flaws we have.

"What," he asks, "pops out at you?"

For the next 20 minutes, the church service became a discussion group. One man even brought up a controversial theory that King David, in addition to being an adulterer, had a homosexual relationship with his kinsman Jonathan.

Carpenter said he hasn't studied that theory enough to comment -- and he moved on. "I am very committed to making sure that every perspective that is brought to Archway is honored," he said later. "That's not to say I'm going to agree with everyone."

That sort of approach was important to Ryne Webb, a 24-year-old television and video engineer, whom Carpenter drafted to join the design team that put together Archway. Too many priests, he said, struggle to relate to young adults.

"When you allow every age group in the congregation to have a voice and ask any question and comment on any part of the Bible story," Webb said, "I think it just gives a vastly greater view."

Such openness isn't without its drawbacks.

Critics of the Episcopal Church, including a breakaway arm of congregations who object to the church's liberalization of its views on homosexuality, say the church has too readily abandoned traditional, more well-defined interpretations of Scripture. And they see the embrace of the "emergent" church as another step down that road.

"I think the younger generation is looking for authenticity. I'm not sure they are interested in fuzziness," said Bishop Martyn Minns, leader of the "orthodox" movement that has left the church, the Convocation of Anglicans in North America. "They are interested in truth. That's something in which we don't sell them short on."

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## Religious Exploration Schedule Fall, 2009

### September

13 Living the Questions DVD : An Invitation to Journey	Kit and John Bean
20 LtQ Taking the Bible Seriously	Kit and John Bean
27 Parish finance meeting	

### October

04 Visit to Brazilian healer John of God	Margaret Rothschild
11 LtQ Thinking Theologically	Kit and John Bean
18 LtQ Stories of Creation	Kit and John Bean
25 The Church's Commitment to our Environment	Julia Lakey and Jim McRae

### November Kit and John Bean

08 LtQ A Passion for Christ: Paul	Kit and John Bean
15 LtQ Out Into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christians	Kit and John Bean
22 Environmental Issues Are Social Justice Issues	Julia Lakey and Jim McRae

The Rev. Ann Saunderson will be available for Priestly Pastoral Care for the next several weeks.

She can be reached either by cell phone

253-973-5414

or email [annms@wamail.net](mailto:annms@wamail.net) .

We are most appreciative of her providing this care to our Parish  
along with the Pastor Care Committee.

### 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

#### ON CALL:

Susie Kirschner, 567-4086	August 23-Sept 5
Hunter Davis, 567-4530	Sept 6-Sept 19
Betty Hawkins, 463-5062	Sept 20-Oct 3
Bob Weir, 463-3234	Oct 4--Oct 17

## Islanders, Meet Your Neighbors!

Dorothy Hall-Bauer, longtime Vashon resident, has created photo journals containing the stories of some of our Island neighbors. We are very fortunate to have them available for sale in the church office.

The cost is \$15 each. The books cost Dorothy \$10 to produce (she does the punching and binding herself to keep prices down) and the extra \$5 goes directly to the Interfaith Council on Homelessness. Books One and Two are now ready; Book Three is in the works.

This is a wonderful chance to read about some of the folks who make Vashon the wonderful community it is, and to contribute in a very real way to the preservation of our uniqueness.

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But Tickle says there are boundaries -- they just aren't set by a church hierarchy.

"If somebody gets way out of line, somebody is going to jump his case," she said. "Just like on Wikipedia."

"The Great Emergence," as she calls it, is still taking shape. Unlike the past decade or so, when emergence churches cropped up in coffeehouses, online or in warehouses, the movement is now being shaped by established churches, Tickle said. Some Lutheran and Presbyterian groups have set up teams to promote the movement under their own umbrella.

Bishop Catherine Waynick, leader of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis, is a subscriber to the theory that the emergence is the latest revolution in Christianity, the kind that seems to come along every 500 years.

"A lot of people are seeking and are looking for some way to connect to God and to a community," Waynick said, "but haven't been able to find it in what the traditional churches have been offering.

"The church is going through some kind of reawakening, never leaving the old completely behind but finding ways for people who are seeking and searching to find their own authentic voice."

In the shadow of the emergence is a lingering question: Will denominations survive?

Tickle thinks they will, albeit in a different form. But Carpenter says the survival of the institutional church isn't his top priority -- helping young people find a real, relevant and authentic relationship with God is.

"God will work everything out," he said. "We are not here for the institution. The institution is here for the mission."

### Additional Facts

#### An emerging church

In March, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 6050 N. Meridian St., started its Archway worship service. It is aimed at reaching young adults. Here's a look:

- **Time:** 6 p.m. on Sundays.
- **Target audience:** Adults ages 21-34, though all are welcome.
- **Size:** About 50 people.
- **Features:** Lasting 45 minutes to an hour, Archway services feature hymns, responsive readings and a Communion service, as well as a "sermon conversation" that involves questions and comments from the audience.
- **Web:** [www.archwayindy.org](http://www.archwayindy.org).

## Needs Shared Can Become Needs Met

Lives and times are looking very different for some if not many of us in our community and diocese. There are more people looking for work at this time than there have been since most of us can remember. It follows that if people are looking for work, there are other areas of their/our lives that are also being affected. Many are finding needs never before experienced. If you have a need/needs, please contact Deacon Sally Carlson. She has many resources available that perhaps can make a difference. All information will be held confidentially. Sally can be reached at 206-567-4488 X#3.

Dear Members and Friends  
of the Church of the Holy Spirit,

The family of Jim Boulé would like to thank you for your cards, prayers, and support of our father, Jim, during his illness and time of death.

The Church of the Holy Spirit meant so much to our dad, and he spoke often of the church and his friends with affection. Dad had a strong faith and enjoyed the worship and fellowship of CHS so much.

A special thanks to Debbie and to everyone at CHS who made his funeral so memorable for his family and friends.

Blessings,  
The children of Jim Boulé:  
Martha Boulé Arneson  
Margie Boulé  
Buzz Boulé  
Peter Boulé

### Let's All Read a Book

"CHS Reads" is the name of the plan. The titles of three books are posted on the narthex bulletin board. Put your checkmark next to the one you would like best to read and discuss with your fellow parishioners.

The titles are *Three Cups of Tea*, *Leaving Church*, and *The Book of God: the Bible as a Novel*.

After we have had time to read and digest the book we choose, we will have a Religious Exploration hour to talk it over.

### Sunday School is Coming

Mark Yelken has agreed to take on the Sunday school for our K-5th graders again this year.

Mark recently attended a Godly Play workshop at St Mark's Cathedral, and is considering using this model for the sharing of the Good News with our children. Godly Play is highly acclaimed as a way for children to experience God and grow in their faith.

If Mark uses this model, there are classroom "manipulatives" (sets of symbolic items and Biblical/liturgical characters and items) that go with each session. These can be made by the congregation, in support of the Sunday school.

Talk to Mark. Find out how you can help. The education of our children isn't just a Sunday morning event. It can grow out of a loving church family and be something in which all of us have a part.

### The Priory Spirituality Center

The Priory Spirituality Center is located in Lacey, Washington. It is not a long drive off the south end of the Island.

The Center offers many and varied classes and retreats year 'round. Most are only one day long.

If you feel the need to rest, retreat, and nurture your spirit, investigate the list of happenings currently going on at the Priory. It is posted on the landing bulletin board.

The Center also offers hospitality for a nominal fee for those desiring personal retreats. They can be contacted at (360) 438-2595 or by email at spiritualityctr@st.placid.org

Some of the upcoming events: *Nightmares as Spiritual Resources* and *Forgiveness: Portal to Wisdom*.

The Western Washington Labyrinth Network is holding a Fall Labyrinth Pilgrimage  
September 12 from 1 pm to 4:30 pm.

Three labyrinths are included; the day begins at St Alban's in Edmonds. Check out the poster in the narthex for more information. Carpooling is encouraged. Talk to Betty Hawkins if you have questions.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 7:45 am MP 10:15 am MP  7 pm AA	7   7:30 pm AA	8 11-noon Silence & Sharong  6:45 pm Alanon	9 12:30 HE  5:30pm WND 7:30pm Vestry	10 1-3 pm Bennett Hall in use	11   7:30 pm AA	12
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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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