



St. Paul's at Midweek

Where Grace happens & All are welcome

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on your journey of Faith, we welcome you to our inclusive faith community.

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Wednesday – November 13, 2013



*Saint Paul's
Episcopal Church,
a part of the Anglican
Communion*

*The Episcopal
Church Welcomes
You*

This Weekend of November 16-17

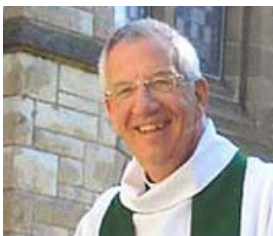
On Saturday & Sunday

"Scotland comes to Saint Paul's"

On the weekend of November 16 and 17 we will celebrate some of our Episcopal, Scottish roots. On November 14, in the week before, we commemorate the ordination in Aberdeen, Scotland of Bishop Samuel Seabury, the first Bishop of the Episcopal Church USA.



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On Saturday, November 16 we will gather here at St. Paul's for the *Kirkin' O' the Tartan* at 5pm. The Reverends Heather Mueller and Bob Woods, priest at St. Sherrian's in Kernville, are arranging this service, which celebrates this Scottish-American tradition.

Each Clan is called to bring their tartan forward for blessing. The tartans are sprinkled with

holy water, as a sign of God's blessing of us through our baptism into the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Dean Logan will speak on "The Episcopalian Connection to Scotland" through the ordination of Samuel Seabury, the first Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States.

On Sunday at the 10am service, we will welcome Dean Logan as preacher. **At a special 11:30am Forum** following Eucharist, he will provide some of the history about Bishop Samuel Seabury and the founding of the "Protestant Episcopal Church" in 1789. The Rev. Heather Mueller will be celebrant at 10am and the members of St. Andrews, our guests.

The evening of the 17th, there will be an **Evensong service at St. Andrew's in Taft**, beginning at 5pm. Dinner will follow.

Feast of the Consecration of Samuel Seabury

Pentecost Twenty-six

Proper XXVIII
November 17, 2013



8am

Taizé Holy Eucharist

10am

Holy Eucharist

Sunday School, Youth Group
& Childcare

11:30am

St. Paul Forum

"The First Episcopal Bishop and the Scottish Connection"

Sunday's 10am Service:

Celebrant: The Rev. Heather Mueller *Heather is Priest-in-Charge at St. Andrews, Taft. We welcome her and members of the congregation.*

Preacher: The Very Rev. Logan McMenemy, *Dean at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. At the Forum following this service, he will speak about Bishop Samuel Seabury, first Bishop of the Episcopal Church and the Scottish connection through his ordination.*

Assisting: The Rev. Dr. Tim Vivian, Priest-in-Charge

Eucharistic Ministers: Philip Holt & Miriam Raub Vivian

Lectors: Devon Chambers & Gary Enns

Verger: Philip Holt

Crucifer: Hunter Ross

Torches: Gwen Mangum & Poppy Stewart

Pianist: Jason Sliger

Bagpipe: Robie Byrne

Cello: Aaron Conner

Choir Director: Christopher Borges

Altar Guild: Allison Perkins-Thomas; Sara Chan Pettiford & Jerry Pettiford

Greeters: Becky Rule & Kathy & Tom Harlan

Ushers: Greg Glenn & Paul McWilliams

Diocesan Prayer Cycle - We pray for the work and ministry of the Diocese of Haiti and the congregation of St. John's, Tulare.

In the Communion of Saints and all holy men and women, we remember the week of Nov 17:

- Mon, Nov 18 – Saint Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680
- Tue, Nov 19 - Elizabeth, Princess of Hungary, 1231
- Wed, Nov 20 – Saint Edmund, King of East Anglia, 870
- Thu, Nov 21 - William Byrd, 1623, John Merbecke, 1585, and Thomas Tallis, 1585, Musicians
- Fri, Nov 22 - Saint Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c. 280, and Clive Staples Lewis, Apologist and Spiritual Writer, 1963
- Sat, Nov 23 - Saint Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100



Friday, November 15

7am **St. Paul's Breakfast Group;** Tina Marie's, 2000 Chester Ave

Saturday, November 16

9:30am **Sophia's Circus** (St. Paul Women) at Marilyn Metzgar's.

5pm **Kirkin' O' the Tartan;** Church

Sunday, November 17

8am **Taizé Holy Eucharist;** Chapel

10am **Holy Eucharist, Sunday School & Childcare**

11:30am **St. Paul Forum: Dean Logan**

McMenemy speaking about Bishop Samuel Seabury, first Bishop of the Episcopal Church and our Scottish connection through his ordination.

5pm **Evensong and Dinner;** St. Andrew's Episcopal, 703 Woodrow, Taft. Concluding service with Dean Logan McMenemy.

Monday, November 18

6:30pm **Bishop's Committee;** Forum

Tuesday, November 19

7pm **Choir Rehearsal;** Choir Room

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS . . . The office is open Monday through Friday from 9am until 1pm. Stephanie Antongiovanni will be there to help you with your needs or questions. Call her at 661-869-1630.

Clergy Office Hours at St. Paul's –

Tuesdays: Deb DeBoer, 10am to Noon

Fridays: Tim Vivian, 11am – 1pm

Readings for Sunday

[Isaiah 65:17-25](#) [Psalm 98](#)

[Acts 20:28-32](#) [Luke 21:5-19](#)

“Between the Wednesdays” at St. Paul's

Wednesday, November 13

8am **Morning Prayer,**

Grace Chapel

6pm **Evening Prayer,**

Grace Chapel



For further information on all things “St. Paul”, go to our website:

<http://www.stpaulsepiscopalbakfield.org/index.html>

OR



Please send announcements, corrections and pictures to

- **Melinda Hill at ms48hill@hotmail.com for Midweek at Saint Paul's**
- **Fr. Vern at vwmshill@gmail.com for the weekly bulletin**
- **Lori Toia at ltoia867@yahoo.com for the website**
- **Please send your information to all three of us!**



Letters from Prison



Below is an excerpt from a letter from "Kevin," a prisoner at CCI Tehachapi, who corresponds with Hank and Tim, and whom they visit. He's commenting on Tim's

sermon from October 27.

Hmmm . . . read the Oct. 27 sermon. No sugar-coating here. Locks and poo, and a food-closet. Homeless in the back alley, and inclusion in the community, unease/displacement, and outreach.

Hindsight may say you should've focused more on building your community before reaching out to the larger community, but my guess is that you'd rather have that regret than the reverse.

I don't know what Sundays look like, but Monday through Saturday look vibrant in the pages of Midweek. . . week-by-week I see growth, not retreat. I read about a growing community reaching out and reaching out. Reminds me of the Noonday Collect "Blessed Savior . . . at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms."

So St. Paul's is feeling a bit uncomfortable . . . I bet those nails hurt a bit and made reaching out more difficult. But you're still doing it, still stretching out your loving arms. I'm glad that "nails" like dangerous parking, locks, piles of crap, bad lighting, and tenuous finances aren't holding back the stretching out—the library, the food closet, the welcoming inclusivity, the music, the retreats, the potlucks and meals together, the weddings and blessings, and the Holy Eucharist, for his tender mercy's sake. Amen.

You (St. Paul's) are my inspiration, you help me keep the faith. Thank you.

St. Paul's Advent Retreat Day Saturday, November 23rd

9:30am to 3pm

Gather in the Fireside Room at St.
Paul's



Advent is a time of joyful preparation. We are pregnant with Christ within, nurturing a healthy birth, which is celebrated at Christmas. Setting aside a day to prepare our spiritual wombs through community, shared meals, discussion, guided meditation, periods of silence, and the Eucharist is a special way to honor this precious season. We will gather in the Fireside Room from 9:30 to 10 and begin the program at 10am. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Bring a sack lunch. The day will be led by Debby and Mal. Childcare will be provided if needed; let Tim know. Come for part, come for all. - Debby



An update on the St. Paul's organ

The pipe organ we have was installed in the late 1990s. It is one of the finest organs in this area of California and has played an important role in establishing St. Paul's

as a site for music and the arts. After being gone for nearly four months, I came, music in hand, with the expectation of having a fine afternoon becoming acquainted. Shortly after sitting down and playing just a bit, the air disappeared as if someone had pulled the plug and I was left with an ugly, unhappy silence.

Part of the difficulty in getting a quick repair is one of my education. There has been the need to work back through the several people who have been responsible of the instrument's upkeep. Most of these people have not been local. Sue Wagner, the former organist, has been very helpful in this. After a consultation last Friday, the problem seems to be electrical – perhaps something as simple as a hidden fuse, a wiring failure, or it may be something in what is called the "starter" which literally starts the blower (located in the basement). I hope to find out much more tomorrow (Thursday). I will be meeting an electrician from McKee Electric (long time local people) in the afternoon. McKee is familiar with the organ and, perhaps we will soon be hearing the addition of the organ pipes with the piano on Sunday mornings. – Vern+

St. Paul's Planner



This Saturday is coming up and that means Sophia's Circus will be having a

gathering! Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 16 at 9:30 am. Marilyn has offered to host the gathering at her home. To RSVP and get her address and directions,

contact either her at marilynmetzger01@gmail.com

or me, Cathy Ellenwood-Bader at cathyeb2011@icloud.com.

We both look forward to seeing you there. All women are welcome.



Christmas Shopping Made Easy!

Living Gift Market

November 24 and December 1



What's on your Christmas shopping list this year? World

peace, clean water in Africa, education for 12-year old girls in India, ending poverty in Appalachia? Good news! You can give those things by making a gift to Heifer International.

Heifer International works to transform peoples' lives in over 40 countries by gifting animals or plants to families and educating them in caring for them. As those families become successful, they share the gifts with friends and neighbors, thus creating a self-sustaining community.

Aunt Ophelia may not want another vase gathering dust. Just how many ties does your brother-in-law need? Wouldn't they rather have a gift made to Heifer in their honor?

Saint Paul's will sponsor a Living Gift Market after church Nov. 24 and Dec. 1 in the courtyard during Coffee Hour. Avoid Black Friday! Plan now to do your Christmas shopping at Saint Paul's.

Really, wouldn't Aunt Ophelia rather have you spend \$10 in her name for a Share of Orange Tree Seedlings so a family in Zambia can clothe and educate their children than to have another dusty vase?



Saint Paul's Rummage Sale

Rummage Sale

Saturday, Dec. 7 from 7 am to 2 pm in the Parish Hall. Bring your "stuff" during office hours or before/after church and leave it behind the curtains on the stage. For help in transporting items, contact Lori at ltoia867@yahoo.com.



Our next Ministerio Latino meeting is Thursday, November 21 at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Bienvenidos a todos! - Rev. Deb



Love for Thanksgiving

This year St. Paul's has joined the efforts of more than 10 Bakersfield churches, student groups and assorted others is feeding our neighbors on Thanksgiving. Watch the video to see a glimpse into the action.

<http://vimeo.com/m/54190284>

Last year *Love for Thanksgiving* fed more 2000 people, and this year we hope to feed even more, with your help. St. Paul's will cook the yams for the meal (recipe provided) and serve as a distribution site, where families can come to pick up their complete meals to take home to their families. These will be folks who have signed up through Franklin Elementary and as many as we have counted who could use a meal.

Please see Rev. Deb or contact her by phone at (661) 342-9495 or email deb@stpaulsepiscopalbakersfield.org if you are interested in volunteering as a cook, assembler, distributor, or any combination thereof. I'd like to have an organizational meeting on Wednesday, November 13th, at 7 p.m. Please let me know if you can make it. This is a generous and compassionate church! Thanks ahead for the love!



Communion of Saints

William Byrd, John Merbecke, and Thomas Tallis



John Merbecke was born in 1505. As a young man he was a chorister at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, and from 1541 until near the time of his death in 1585, he served as chapel organist. Only a small handful of works by Merbecke have survived, most notably the *Booke of Common Praier Noted, 1550*, composed to accompany the 1549 Book.



Thomas Tallis was born near the beginning of the fifteenth century and very little is known of his early life. After a succession of appointments as a church musician, he spent most of his vocation in service to the Crown as musician to the

Chapels Royal under four successive monarchs. Although always a Roman Catholic, Tallis had the political savvy to survive the shifts in ecclesial loyalties and the musical acumen to respond to the changing needs of the Church of England. He is regarded as the father of English Church music since the Reformation.



William Byrd was a student, colleague, business partner, and successor of Thomas Tallis. Most likely born in Lincolnshire in 1543, he was appointed organist and choirmaster of Lincoln Cathedral in 1563 and served until he joined Tallis as a gentleman of

the Chapels Royal in 1572. Like Tallis, he was a lifelong Roman Catholic but was successful in winning the support for his music among Anglicans of Puritan tendencies, though not without occasional difficulties.

His liturgical compositions cover a variety of musical forms: mass settings, motets, graduals, psalm settings, English anthems, and occasional music for the great feasts of the church. Byrd composed for the keyboard and wrote works perhaps best described as consort music for the more popular enjoyment of the court.



Bible Study in the New Year!

Reading the Bible Again For the First Time: Taking the Bible Seriously but Not Literally

On **Thursdays** in January and February, from 7-8:30 in the Forum, Tim and Nate Boles will lead Bible Study using Marcus Borg's *Reading the Bible Again For the First Time* (http://www.amazon.com/Reading-Bible-Again-FirstTime/dp/0060609192/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1375464017&sr=1-2&keywords=borg+meeting+the+bible).

The cost of each book is \$12.27 (you may order used copies more cheaply at Amazon). If you wish to order a copy through the parish, please give a check to Tim (payable to St. Paul's; memo "DF") by **December 1**.

You need not have a book to attend.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you would like a scholarship book, please see Tim.

CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED!

