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CHRIS TUMILTY

Starting the game out right

Bishop Mary D. Glasspool gives a confident thumbs-up before throwing out the first pitch at the 22nd annual Episcopal Night at Dodger Stadium Sept. 18. She got the ball right over the plate and into the waiting hands of pro-tem catcher Susan Russell, senior associate priest at All Saints Church, Pasadena, who won the honor of that position by selling the most tickets for the night. Canon Greg Larkin, rector of St. Columba's Church, Camarillo, was coordinator for the event, as he has been since its inception in 1993. The Dodgers prevailed 6 - 2 over the visiting Pittsburgh Pirates.



SUSAN RUSSELL

Oct. 17 workshop will guide church leaders in social media strategies

Social media strategist Justin Baker of Los Angeles will keynote a Saturday-morning workshop set for congregations of the diocese on Oct. 17, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at the Cathedral Center, 840 Echo Park Ave., Los Angeles. The workshop is co-sponsored by the diocesan Program Group on Communication and Bloy House, the Episcopal Theological School at Claremont.



Justin Baker

Offered at no charge to participants, the program will open with a plenary presentation followed by two practicum sessions, one for beginners and another for advanced social media practitioners. Teams of two or more representatives from each congregation are encouraged to participate, with advance registration requested by email to media@ladiocese.org. Individuals are also welcome.

Titled "Social Media Strategies for Congregations," the workshop will instruct participants in best practices for integrating online media with a congregation's wider communication plan. Recommendations will include practical steps for integrating free advertising, video, blog posts, and other web-based resources for the upcoming Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter seasons.

Baker brings to the workshop helpful perspective as a certified social media professional (CSMP) and operator of his own public relations and media consulting firm. An independent filmmaker also experienced in network television, Baker combines his media expertise with his background as a professional musician. His current projects include the documentary "American Chorister" featuring the Great Music program of St. James' Episcopal Church, Los Angeles.

The workshop will be co-hosted by diocesan communication staff members Bob Williams, Janet Kawamoto and Chris Tumilty. †

Funds sought to help Christian schools continue work in the Holy Lands

The American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem has issued an appeal for funds to continue the education of children at diocesan schools in the Holy Land. The schools are in financial crisis because the Israel Ministry of Education has cut aid to all Christian schools in Israel — cuts so severe that schools of many different denominations have chosen to strike in protest, and some have been unable to open for the fall term.

The cuts mean that the budgets of many Christian schools will be reduced by more than 70%. In order to make up the difference, the schools must either raise their tuition rates drastically — putting them beyond the means of most Palestinian families — or seek other funding sources.

"This is about preserving the heritage of Christian education in Israel," said the Rev. Fuad Dagher, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Shefa Amr. "We want to continue the tradition of excellence they offer."

The Ministry of Education considers

Christian schools to be "recognized but unapproved." Until about six years ago, the Ministry funded between 60 and 75 percent of the costs of approved independent schools, with parental contributions and fundraising filling the gap. The Christian schools serve students of all backgrounds and faiths; about half their students are Muslims.

Among the Episcopal schools hardest hit are Christ School in Nazareth and St. John's in Haifa. At both schools, as well as most others in the diocese, the cost of keeping a child in school for one year is \$1,500 to \$2,000. AFEDJ is seeking full scholarships as well as sustaining gifts of \$25 or \$30 per month to "ensure a bright future for these small stewards of our Holy Land," writes Anne Lynn, president of AFEDJ.

Contributions may be made online at www.afedj.org (select "Donate Now") or sent by postal mail to AFEDJ, 25 Old King's Hwy No., Suite 13, Darien, CT 06820. †

—Adapted from AFEDJ and Anglican Communion News Service reports.

— SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 —

4 p.m. **Interfaith Meditation Garden Dedication**
St. George's Episcopal Church
950 Spruce Street, Riverside
Information: 626.862.1502

5 p.m. **A Jazz Service**
St. Francis of Assisi Church
280 Royal Avenue, Simi Valley
Information: 805.526.5141

— TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 —

7:30 - 9:30 p.m. **Versed: Hard Truths - A Study of Prophecy** (Session 2)
Cathedral Center of St. Paul
840 Echo Park Avenue, Los Angeles
Information: 213.482.2040
Registration bit.ly/10N50A9

— SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 —

10 a.m. **Celebration of New Ministry**
All Saints-by-the-Sea
83 Eucalyptus Lane, Santa Barbara
information: 805.969.4771

12 noon **Decoding Rituals & Symbols of Hinduism**
Vedanta Society's Hollywood Temple
1946 Vedanta Place, Hollywood (Los Angeles)
Reservations: www.TheGuibordCenter.org

5 p.m. **A Movie Night Under the Stars**
The Episcopal Residence
3435 E. California Boulevard, Pasadena
Information: frank.ramirez3r@gmail.com

6 p.m. **Lobster Fest**
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
10354 Downey Avenue, Downey
Information: 562.862.3268

7 - 9 p.m. **Middle East Ministry Fall Film Series - Parts Unknown: "Jerusalem"**
All Saints Episcopal Church
132 N. Euclid Avenue, Pasadena
Information: allsaintsmem@yahoo.com

— SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 —

4:30 p.m. **Choral Evensong**
Church of Our Saviour
535 West Roses Road, San Gabriel
Information: 626.282.5147

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Select "Calendar" on the navigation bar.

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Are any among you suffering? They should pray

By Diane Jardine Bruce

I may have said this before, but the Epistle of James may be my favorite Epistle in the Bible. I love reading it, inwardly digesting the words — and then trying to move out, as the author suggests, and *live* the Words — the words of Jesus. I have always felt that when we accept Jesus into our hearts, minds and lives there is a response that is required. Our “yes” to Jesus begs the question — what do I do with this faith now? For me, it means, as the author suggests, that we be *doers* of the Word and not hearers only.

Today's Epistle begins with a question that I find disturbing to even ask — and then follows it up immediately with an answer. “Are any among you suffering? They should pray.” I find this question disturbing because when I start to *think* about the question, I become overwhelmed by all the images of suffering not only in our diocese but throughout this country and the world. People are homeless, without jobs, dying from all sorts of diseases, bullied because of who God made them to be, hungry, forced to leave their home countries because of their faith or their ethnicity. People are hated, discriminated against, killed. In the midst of their suffering, what they can

do is pray. What *we* can do besides praying for them (which we should be doing anyway) is do something about this suffering! Laundry Love, the shower program at St. Luke's in Long Beach, Seeds of Hope, IRIS and various food pantries/kitchens/feeding programs are among the ministries in this diocese that address the needs of those who are suffering.

Beyond this diocese we receive information from our Episcopal Church Center in New York about various ways we can participate in helping to alleviate or end the suffering of our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus — and *all* our neighbors. To learn more, visit Episcopal Relief & Development at episcopalrelief.org for immediate and long-term aid to and investment in communities; Episcopal Migration Ministries at www.episcopalmigrationministries.org and its local affiliate, IRIS, at iris.ladiocese.org to help refugees and immigrants; and the Episcopal Public Policy Network at advocacy.episcopalchurch.org to advocate for government action.

Won't you be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only? Please join me in prayer and action. †



Movie night at the Brunos' to feature 'The Pink Panther'

By popular demand, Bishop Jon and Mary Bruno will once again host A Movie Night Under the Stars at their Pasadena home on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 5 p.m., featuring *The Pink Panther*, starring Steve Martin, Kevin Kline, and Beyoncé. Food and drinks will be available. All proceeds support the Hands in Healing/Educate for Hope program for the education of Christian youth in

the Diocese of Jerusalem. Suggested donation: \$50. For information or reservations, send an email to frank.ramirez3r@gmail.com or call the Cathedral Center reception desk at 213.482.2040. Donations are also welcome: checks may be sent to The Diocese of Los Angeles, 840 Echo Park Avenue, Los Angeles 90026 (please write "Educate for Hope" in the memo line). †

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