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## Building up STEAM in Rancho Santa Margarita

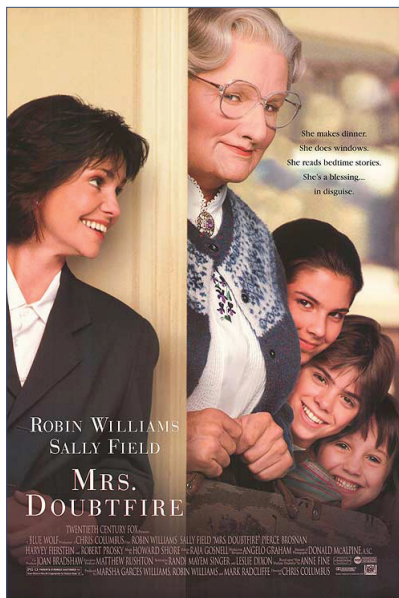
Bishop Suffragan Diane Jardine Bruce helps cut the ribbon on Sept. 12 to open the new Johnson STEAM Center at St. John's School, Rancho Santa Margarita, along with Michael Pratt, head of school, and Dick Johnson, representing his family, major donors for the building project. The Rev. Dr. Dan Heischman, National Association of Episcopal Schools executive director, and St. John's School chair Celia Coulter were among the speakers. Rancho Santa Margarita Mayor Tony Beall, members of the city Chamber of Commerce, local dignitaries, and representatives attended the event. The new center is built of modular units, and includes a technology center, robotics lab and space for projects that will follow the STEAM model for integrating science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics.

## Outdoor screening of 'Mrs. Doubtfire' at Brunos' home to benefit Holy Land scholarship fund

Bishop Jon Bruno and Mary Bruno will host a screening of the Robin Williams comedy "Mrs. Doubtfire" at the third annual Movie Night Under the Stars, 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1 at their Pasadena home.

The event will raise funds for Educate for Hope, a Hands in Healing ministry that for the past 10 years has provided scholarships for the education of Christian youth in the Holy Land.

Food and drinks will be provided as attendees enjoy the film, in which Robin Williams plays a father who disguises himself as a middle-aged female housekeeper in order to stay close to his beloved children after he and his wife (Sally Field) separate. Tickets are \$50 each, payable at the door; for reservations, email to [frank.ramirez3r@gmail.com](mailto:frank.ramirez3r@gmail.com) or call the reception desk at the Cathedral Center at 213.482.2040. Donations are also welcome. A flyer with the address and information is at [bit.ly/2cEiJBL](http://bit.ly/2cEiJBL). †



## Conference on diaconate slated at Bloy House

Bloy House (The Episcopal Theological School at Claremont) invites the diocesan community to "The Diakonia of All Believers," a one-day conference on the history of the modern diaconate and its impact on the future of the church, on Saturday, Nov. 12, 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., led by the Rev. Susanne Watson-Epting, author of *Unexpected Consequences: the Diaconate Renewed*.



Watson-Epting

This event is designed to offer Episcopalians from across the region an opportunity to learn more about what the diaconate is about and to engage in rich and thoughtful discussion about what the contemporary diaconate can teach about living more deeply into baptismal ministries.

The event will begin with a plenary session with Watson-Epting, followed by workshops, including:

- ♦ *The History of Deaconesses and Contemporary Efforts at Breaking the Glass Ceiling*, led by Watson-Epting;
- ♦ *Being Yeast*: Stories about inspiring initiatives that took root in local congregations, led by Archdeacon Joanne Leslie and a cadre of deacons in the Diocese of Los Angeles;
- ♦ *Diakonia*: Missional ministry as servant ministry, led by the Rev. Bob Honeychurch and Chaplain David Kitch;
- ♦ *Diaconal Preaching*, led by Dean Sylvia Sweeney and Deacon Dennis Sheridan.

Participants will be able to attend two of the four offered workshops. Cost for the conference is \$30 before Oct. 15 and \$35 for late registration.

To register, visit the school's website at [www.bloyhouse.org](http://www.bloyhouse.org). Bloy House is located at Claremont School of Theology, 1325 N. College Avenue, Claremont 91711. †

— SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 —

**5–8 p.m. Concert Across America to End Gun Violence**

St. Francis' Episcopal Mission Center  
3621 Brunswick Avenue, Los Angeles 90039

— WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 —

12:30 p.m. **Organ Recital: Sean O'Neal** (organist,  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Covina  
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels  
555 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles 90012  
Information: 213.680.5200

— THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 —

**9 a.m.–3 p.m. Communications Workshop on Millennials: 'What About Sunday'**

Claremont School of Theology (Butler 201)  
1325 N. College Avenue, Claremont 91711  
Reservations: [bit.ly/2cl3xrC](http://bit.ly/2cl3xrC)

— SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 —

**10 a.m. Presentation of Chinese Christian Art**

Church of Our Saviour  
535 W. Roses Road, San Gabriel  
Information: 626.282.5147, ext. 32

**5:30 p.m. Enchanted Evening Dinner-Dance**

St. Ambrose Episcopal Church  
830 W. Bonita Avenue, Claremont 91711  
Information: 909.626.7170

— SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 —

**2 p.m. Chamber Music at St. Bede's**

St. Bede's Episcopal Church  
3590 Grand View Blvd., Los Angeles 90066  
Information: [stbedesla.org](http://stbedesla.org)

**5 p.m. Choral Evensong**

All Saints' Episcopal Church  
504 N. Camden Drive, Beverly Hills 90210  
Information: [www.allsaintsbh.org](http://www.allsaintsbh.org)

— WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 —

**6 p.m. Bridges of Faith: Understanding Islam**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
242 E. Alvarado Street, Pomona  
Reservations: [stpaulspomona@yahoo.com](mailto:stpaulspomona@yahoo.com)

For more events and program details, visit [www.ladiocese.org](http://www.ladiocese.org) and select "Calendar," then choose Arts Calendar or Events Calendar.

## Opening doors to God's love

By Diane Jardine Bruce

*Salvation is not something that happens only at the end of a person's life. Salvation happens every time someone with a key uses it to open a door he could lock instead.*

—Barbara Brown Taylor

The story of Lazarus and the rich man, which is our Gospel reading for today, is always a reminder to me of how things change yet stay the same.

On any given day walking around the Cathedral Center I encounter people who are homeless, some sleeping on the Cathedral Center grounds or on the shore of Echo Park Lake. I watch people walk by them, ignoring them as if they weren't there. I'm guilty of this too. More often than not I'm without food to offer them — although if I'm heading over for a scone at the Boat House café I will pick up an extra one or two and give them away.

Our own Frank Alton, provost of the Cathedral Center and pastor of St. Athanasius' Church, lives in the neighborhood, as do di-

ocesan staff members Chris Tumilty, Lorenzo Lebrija and Troy Elder. I've watched them reach out and care for the people in the neighborhood. Like Building Superintendent Luis Garibay, they all know the names of those who frequently make the Cathedral Center their "home" at night. They have reached out to help them. Frank recently began a "Cooling Station" ministry in the sanctuary. When it is hot outside he opens up the doors and welcomes people who are homeless to come in and rest, and have something to eat and drink.

I'm wondering today how often I've locked a door instead of opening it. How often have I acted the part of the rich man, not caring for those whom God brought by me? May we all work together to open doors to help those who so desperately need not only our help, but who need to know and feel God's love and grace — not only for their salvation, but for ours as well. †

**Save the date: Feb. 24–25, 2017**

## Thistle Farms founder to keynote ECW meeting

The Rev. Rebecca Stevens, founding of Thistle Farms, will be keynote speaker as the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Los Angeles come together Friday, Feb. 24 (4–9 p.m.) and Saturday, February 25 (9 a.m.–5 p.m.) for their annual meeting at All Saints Episcopal Church, Pasadena.

Stevens founded Thistle Farms in 1997 to provide referral and case management services for women who have escaped from the sex trade. Its programs teach the women vocational skills in manufacturing, packaging, marketing, sales, food service and administration. Stevens is author of several books, in-

cluding *Letters from the Farm: A Simple Path for a Deeper Spiritual Life*. Recently, she was featured in the PBS documentary "A Path Appears," named Humanitarian of the Year by the Small Business Council of America as well as the TJ Martell Foundation, inducted into the Tennessee Women's Hall of Fame and was conferred an honorary doctorate by Sewanee: The University of the South.

The meeting also will feature workshops. Bishop Suffragan Diane Jardine Bruce will celebrate Eucharist; Stevens will preach. Further information is online at [ecwlosangeles.org/angels/news](http://ecwlosangeles.org/angels/news). †

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