



*St. Clement's Episcopal Church  
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*A Veteran Friendly Congregation*

# The Anchor

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## ***Looking at a glass very nearly full!***

Last month I wrote about seasons, mostly about the seasons of our lives. As we now move into autumn and soon winter, we are reminded by the weather that seasonal climate changes are definitely upon us.

It's not an elegant segue, but I have to note that many of us pursue different dreams at various "seasons" in our individual lives. I have lived my adult life with a writer spouse (fiction and journalism). I write in my work life all the time, too. Without trying to compete with him, I have often wondered what it would be like to write fiction. Some eleven years ago a colleague told me a story about a friend of a friend that got me thinking and imagining. That little idea took a long time to gestate, but slowly my own creation began to emerge. First it was one person's story, then it became clear to me that other members of the story family had to be given their turn. Ultimately, it became a novel in three voices. It was published in late September of this year. I have to say that I am tremendously excited to see a novel – by me! – in print. It even has a Library of Congress number. It is legitimate! (And you can buy it from Amazon.com or from me.)

One thing I am not good at is marketing, so this will be one of the sleeper books of the year. And I have to admit that it's not the Great American Novel, nor will it ever be a candidate for any literary prize. What it is, however, is a good story about people who struggle with family upheaval and find their own ways to deal with it. I think it's a story of redemption, but of course, that's for others to decide. I put a copy in our church lending library in the Parish Hall, but it has disappeared. Maybe it will return.

Oh, the title? "Where's Mother?" The price is \$12.95 plus \$1 sales tax. A few folks in the parish have finished or are reading it. One question I keep getting asked is if the story is autobiographical. It is not. However, writers' own experiences create the lens through which new stories take shape.

I feel very fortunate to have written and published this work. I hope it won't be my last.

Autumn blessings,

Pastor Christine +

## Gratitude (aka Stewardship) Season at St. Clement's

This parish keeps its annual stewardship campaign short and sweet, and almost always in November. We present a theme each year, and recruit parishioners to offer short personal messages or testimonies. We don't talk about 'sacrificial giving.' Instead, we emphasize how we are glad and grateful for this faith community.

Of course, gratitude for God's blessings cannot be confined to a single month. And contributions to St. Clement's are gladly accepted all through the year. But November is the month when we lay out what it takes to operate the parish (it doesn't change much) and invite your pledges for the following year. The theme this year is very pertinent: **"Our future is now!"** Not some years from now, when new generations inhabit Rancho Cordova and the environs, but right now. We live in the present, and our future is grounded in the actions we take today.

We want to assure that present and future members have the privilege of calling St. Clement's their spiritual home. You may not realize it, but our proportion of active involvement is much higher than the statistical average of Christian churches. At St. Clement's we each claim and fulfill our own roles. We pray for those in need. Our congregation is very generous, whether it is singing, setting the altar, serving at the altar, teaching, praying, cooking, driving, running a thrift shop, arranging flowers – or a number of other tasks that people just take on and do, like keeping up with repairs, with no fanfare whatsoever.

Betty Chapman has joyfully served as Stewardship Chair for as long as I've been here and I think much longer. You will be receiving an invitation from her to offer a pledge for 2013 operations on All Saints/All Souls Day, when we kick off our pledge season. Betty acknowledges that "we have all experienced very tough financial times in the past four years. Every family in this congregation has been affected. But, as a parish we have continued to share with the needy in our community through donations to River City Food Bank, the Crop Walk, the Rebuild Haiti appeal and other outreach efforts."

You are also invited to our annual "Ingathering" ritual – when we walk up and place our individual pledges on the altar to be blessed. It is always a powerful moment to appreciate the collective mind of the congregation to move forward – into the future – with hope and conviction. **The Ingathering service is at 9am, December 2.** Please stay for a delicious fellowship brunch and another delightful installment of "It's OK to Laugh in Church," orchestrated by Len Honeycutt. (If you'd like to participate, call him.)

## Bible Readings

for the month

Revised Common Lectionary  
Year A

### November 4

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

Ruth 1:1-18

PSALM 146

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

### November 11

Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Ruth 3:1-5:4:13-17

PSALM 127

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

### November 18

Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

1 Samuel 1:4-20

PSALM 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (as a Canticle)

Hebrews 10:11-14

Mark 13:1-8

### November 25

Last Sunday After Pentecost

2 Samuel 23:1-7

PSALM 132:1-13 (14-19)

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

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## At a Glance

Saturdays	Thrift Store open 9-1
Bible Study	Tuesday 7:00pm
	Friday 10:30am
November 4	Combined Coffee Hour
	Holiday Craft Fair
	Daylight Savings Time
	ENDS
November 8	Lunch Bunch 12 noon
November 15	Anchor Deadline
November 22	Thanksgiving day

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

November 1	Bonnie Wade
November 4	Pam Quarles
	Victoria McKinney
November 5	Paul Sunderman
November 9	Winston Thrasher
November 12	Zoe Mitchell
November 19	Rich Osborn
November 24	Elizabeth Polana
	Ray Stults
November 25	Cathy Voetsch

## Clergy and Lay Eucharist Visits

Please call the church office(635-5282) or send an e-mail to the church (st.clements@hotmail.com) if you would like communion brought to you or a family member.

**The Rev. Christine Leigh-Taylor, Rector**

**Harry Shippy, Editor**

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## We Honor Veterans – November 11

Every one of us owes so much to the men and women who serve in our nation's military. As a designated "Veteran Friendly Congregation" (by CareForTheTroops, an Episcopal veteran support organization headquartered in Georgia), we pray for the veterans whose names we know, and all veterans. But more than that, we look for ways to make veterans welcome in our congregation and ways to reach out to veterans in other ways. Our goal is not – necessarily – to grow St. Clement's by recruiting veterans, but, rather, to find ways to make their transition to civilian life successful.

I'll bet some of us don't know the history of Veterans' Day. Here's some information from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

World War I – known at the time as "The Great War" - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the *eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month* (italics added). For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

In 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, acted to replace the word "Armistice" with "Veterans."

The Uniform Holiday Bill, passed in 1968, was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. This did not sit well with various veteran organizations, and was also confusing. Some years later, Veterans Day was exempted from the Uniform Holiday Bill.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. Restoring observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: a celebration ...of America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

At St. Clement's we want to honor our veterans. We've lost several of them in the past year, and we want to cherish those who remain among us. In the history of this parish, Air Force veterans have been the predominant category (because of Mather Air Force Base), but these days we have several younger veterans of different wars and different services. We salute all of our veterans, no matter the military branch, extent of service, or whether the duty was in combat or not. ***Every one who presented him or herself for service demonstrated dedication to country for which we express our gratitude.***

So, please come to church on Sunday, November 11, Veterans Day, to thank our veterans for their service. We will have some special prayers for them, and for you!

## ***The Bible Challenge goes Viral –well, almost!***

St. Clement's embarked on ***The Bible Challenge*** – reading the entire Bible in one year - on Ash Wednesday of this year. Eighteen of us committed to the daily reading schedule. I hope most of us are on track to finish on time.

NOW, there's a new option. Bishop Beisner has invited the whole diocese to take ***The Bible Challenge*** with him beginning Epiphany 2013. We will bring our Bibles to church on Epiphany Sunday so they ***and we*** can be blessed. The readings begin on Monday, January 7, 2013. Our bishop is tremendously excited about the prospect of reading the appointed chapters along with a "cloud of witnesses" (all of us!). He is anticipating a spiritual renewal across the diocese from this communal effort in getting more acquainted with the Scriptures.

I am chair of the diocesan Christian Formation Commission, and this group has volunteered to "roll out" the logistics for this diocesan-wide spiritual activity that is, simply, ***reading the Bible together every day***. If you refrained from joining St. Clement's preliminary project last Ash Wednesday, this is your opportunity to join a much larger effort – with the whole diocese of Northern California.

What do you need to do? Whether you were an early reader or want to join now, please do one of two things to sign up: Either 1) Fill in a flyer in the Narthex and leave it for the office to mail in, OR 2) send an email to [biblechallenge@norcalepiscopal.org](mailto:biblechallenge@norcalepiscopal.org) listing your name, email address (so you can receive updates and encouragements from the bishop), mailing address and church.

As an early participant in ***The Bible Challenge*** I urge the whole St. Clement's community to start over with the diocese on January 7, 2013. Those of you who began the program early could either discontinue the rest of the readings on our Lent-to-Lent schedule, or perhaps devote some time to the books of the Apocrypha. Or, just start again

on January 7. For those who think the reading schedule is too intense, you can choose what part of the Bible to engage – the Old Testament, the Psalms, the New Testament. The goal is to read the Bible every day as a regular practice.

Please sign up and please come with the Bible you will be reading to have it blessed on Epiphany Sunday, January 6, 2013.

Pastor Christine +


## **All Saints/All Souls Day November 4**

These two feasts of the Church year are one day apart on the calendar – November 1 for All Saints and November 2 for All Souls. Both are related to All Hallows Eve – or Halloween. We celebrate them together at St. Clement's because who knows what "souls" become "saints"? In the early church constant reference was made to the "saints in Jerusalem" – which was the faithful followers of Jesus.

November 4 is the date this year. At both the 8 and 10 am services we will read aloud the names of those loved ones whom we see no longer, so please add your names to the list in the narthex. You are welcome to also place photos of your loved ones on the window sill. At the 10 am service, which is normally a more informal "family" service on the first Sunday of the month, we will encourage children to go to Sunday School.

We are having a special, combined coffee hour at 9 am on November 4 for the purpose of getting folks who attend each service to sit down together to socialize. For that to be a success, ***we ask the 10 o'clockers to make a little sacrifice: please come at 9 to share in fellowship with your 8 o'clock brothers and sisters.***

This should be easier because November 4 is the date daylight savings time ends this year, so everyone has extra time that morning when we all "fall back" one hour. Please show your support by attending your regular service and either staying on or coming early to the combined coffee hour. Coffee will still be available after the 10 am service, but few snacks.



You are cordially invited  
to attend the  
**Madrigal Boar's  
Head Dinner**  
at St. Clement's Manor  
on Sunday evening  
**December 16, 2012**

at 6 o'clock in the evening

Period dress is encouraged  
but not necessary

Tickets available until December 9

\$30 adults

\$15 children's half-plate

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Clement's Madrigal Boar's Head Dinner – December 16**

Tickets will go on sale November 4, and end December 9. 85 adult tickets (at \$30 each) and 15 children's (half-plate tickets at \$15 each). The Madrigal is a joyous feast and fellowship event, a seasonal entertainment (with a brief concert) and also a Nativity play – all rolled into one. Our dinner will be catered, the servers will be Sea Cadets (they did a beautiful job last year) and the entertainers will be mostly the St. Clement's choir, with additions. Please buy your tickets now to be sure to be part of this wonderful and historic Christmas family celebration, which begins at 6 pm. (it's over around 8:30).

### **Holiday Craft Fair November 4**

Many churches organize craft fairs. Why not St. Clement's? We have lots of creative folks and lovely items to offer: holiday table decorations, beaded book marks, greeting cards for various purposes, Anglican rosaries and prayer bracelets, and other goods. If you have something to offer – either craft or backed goods or pickles, etc - please speak to Pastor Christine. Our hope is that a holiday craft fair can grow in future years. For now, however, we will have these delightful wares on display and for sale at the coffee hour on November 4. If it seems appropriate, we will offer them on one or more subsequent Sundays. All proceeds will go to St. Clement's Operating Fund.

Do you have a will?  
Have you remembered the Church in  
your will?

### **We have a new roof!**

The Vestry hears lots of proposals for improvements to St. Clement's. In early summer the vestry decided that the most pressing concern for our facilities was to repair the roof. A partial repair was done about ten years ago, but you will all note that we have had to place a bucket under leaks in the chancel area every winter. (Note, some folks think that a church without a bucket to collect roof leaks is not a real church!)

The Vestry decided that this was an urgent repair, and bids were solicited. Ultimately, we received five bids; they were all within a few hundred dollars of each other. We chose the bidder with whom a vestry member had several successful dealings (no relation or connection) and executed the contract. It turned out that, as we suspected, there were some rotted panels in the roof, so about 8 sheets of plywood also had to be installed. A crane was also required to lift off and re-install the AC/Heating units so that roofing could be done under them (and a proper curb installed for one of them).

All the work was completed in five days, by Friday, October 19 – before the recent rainstorm. The total cost was slightly over \$20,000. We greatly appreciate any and all donations to the Raze/Raise the Roof Fund. – Pastor Christine +

### **Lunch Bunch is November 8**

Remember that we've moved our monthly Lunch Bunch noon service and fellowship meal to the **second** Thursday of each month. New people show up all the time, and new cooks, too. How about you? A call to the office to say you're coming helps us prepare the right amount of food.

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## Lay Ministry Schedule St. Clement's Church November 2012

	SUNDAY Nov 4 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	SUNDAY Nov 11 24th Sunday after Pentecost	SUNDAY Nov 18 25th Sunday after Pentecost	SUNDAY Nov 25 Last Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild	Irene Grant Phyllis Rayburn	Debbi Honeycutt Len Honeycutt	Jennifer Yee Stephen Soullman	Deidra White Kara Magdaleno
Ushers	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood
Ushers 8:00 a.m.				
Ushers 10:00 a.m.	Pam Quarles	Ray & Sherry Stults	Kent Ransom	Bill Murray
Acolytes 8:00 a.m.	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Janelle Fallan	Harry Shippy
Acolytes 10:00 a.m.	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt	Kathleen Gallagher	Debbi Honeycutt
Lectors 8:00 a.m.	Janelle Fallan	Ken Dunham	Chris Wash	Jim Wash
Lectors 10:00 a.m.	Bobbie Keill Chuck Maxson	Muriel Murray Mike Chapman	David Bridges Bill Murray	Kent Ransom Bobbie Keill
Intercessors 8:00a.m.	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Jim Wash	Chris Wash
10:00 a.m.				
E.M. (Chalice) 8:00a.m.	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Janelle Fallan	Harry Shippy
E.M.(Chalice) 10:00 a.m.	Debbie Popp	Sharon Burke-Polana	Deidra White	Muriel Murray
Coffee Hour 8:00 a.m.	Harry Shippy	Phyllis Rayburn Mary Norsweather	Jim & Chris Wash	Randy Grimwood Irene Grant
Coffee Hour 10:00a.m.	Carol Cartwright	Mickey Boughton Pam Quarles	Betty Chapman Victoria McKinney	Bobbie Keill
Counters	Ray Stults Stephen Soullman	Sherry Stults Guido Polana	Muriel Murray Harry Shippy	Sharon Burke-Polana Bill Murray
PIE 8:00 & 10:00a.m.	Betty Chapman	Mickey Boughton	Muriel Murray	Debbi Honeycutt



# St Clement's Episcopal Church November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Bible Study 10:30am	Thrift Store open 9:00am – 1:00pm NA 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Eucharist 8:00&10:00am Holiday Craft Fair Combined Coffee Hour AA6:30pm	Rector's Day Off	Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00 pm	Lunch Bunch 12:00noon	Bible Study 10:30am	Thrift Store open 9:am – 1:00pm Daut of the King 10:00am NA 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
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# NOVEMBER 2012

## REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M. RITE I HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 A.M. RITE II HOLY EUCHARIST

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FOLLOWING EACH SERVICE



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