



## St. Clement's Episcopal Church

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### ***Embracing Change***

Just when you think you've got the hang of your life, it turns you inside out! Making the decision to retire was not easy for me because I love the people of St. Clement's and I feel so privileged to be your pastor. But a little voice (I do believe it was from God) was telling me, more than once, that with only a short time before I would be canonically required to retire from rectorship, it would make for a smoother transition if I were to bow out before that end date and make room for new lay and clergy leadership. That is what is happening now.

So we're in "transition" while I am still here as your rector. It is a new way of doing succession planning, when you have the gift of time to do it intentionally and in advance of the rector's departure. The Vestry is forming at least five teams that will help guide the parish over the next six months and then manage all temporal, pastoral and liturgical affairs until the new Priest-in-Charge is in place.

These teams will become a strong leadership group going forward. Bp Dan Edwards of Nevada has said that if you want to grow your church you need to expand the core of active people; the outer circle of more casual parishioners will inevitably get larger. According to Bp. Dan this is as close to a law of physics that group dynamics can get. The teams are Transition, Worship, Administration, Grounds and Parish Care. If you are asked to help one of these teams, or to pitch in in some other way, we all pray that you will say an enthusiastic "Yes!"

As of March 1, I move to half-time status. This can mean different things in different places. The Vestry and I have agreed that I will preside at Eucharist every Sunday except one each month, and I will be in the office all day on Tuesday. Full time is considered five days a week, including Sunday and one day away from the office for reading and sermon preparation. In addition, every clergy person is expected to participate in work for the diocese. For the last several years my contributions to the diocese has been as chair of the Christian Formation Commission, in which I organized the diocesan Bible Challenge and sent quarterly support messages. I continue to

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be a member of the board of the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California. Both of these activities reflect well on St. Clement's. Then there are other events at which clergy-in-charge are expected to participate, such as Clergy Conference, Convocations, Congregational Leadership Conferences and so on – plus whatever advance preparation is required. Lastly, there are pastoral visits, often made on an emergency basis.

My schedule up to now has been to work two days in the office and another two days (not one) at home for phone calls and study, because all my office time is spent in interpersonal contact. Anyone who has ever stopped by on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday knows that our church office is a very lively place! In future Anchor issues I will be posting my "Rector's Report to the Vestry" which summarizes my activities for the previous month. I included those activities, in general, in this column. Specifically, I attended an all-day Saturday Congregational Leadership Conference on Feb. 8 at Faith Church, Cameron Park, and a Capital Deanery meeting at River City Food Bank from 8:30 to 11 am on Feb. 20. On Feb. 28 I will participate in a two hour board meeting of the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California, and I have spent many hours assembling the Bishop's Bible and the BCP Challenge 2014. I have finished several assignments for the diocese, and my obligations should be minimal for the rest of this year.

Half-time should be half of the full-time schedule, but in my case it will be three to three-and-a-half days a week, including Sunday. Once a month either the team of Fr. Jimi Benesh and David Bridges will preside and preach, respectively, or the parish will hire a supply priest. I will also preside at special services, such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday, so there should be little to no interruption to our normal worship schedule.

The next six months at St. Clement's will be full of change. Let's keep looking forward together with an attitude of abundance and grace. The door is wide open and we are beckoned into the future.

With blessings and anticipation,

*Pastor Christine +*

# Bible Readings

for the month

Revised Common Lectionary  
Year A

## **March 2**

The Last Sunday After the Epiphany

Exodus 24: 12-18

PSALM 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

## **March 5 (Wednesday)**

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2,12-17

PSALM 103

2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6:10

Matthew 6: 1-6,16-21

## **March 9**

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

PSALM 32

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

## **March 16**

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12: 1-4a

PSALM 121

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

John 3: 1-17

## **March 23**

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17: 1-7

PSALM 95

Romans 5: 1-11

John 4: 5-42

## **March 30**

Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

PSALM 23

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-41

## **World Café at St. Clement's**

On February 23, the Parish met to answer questions designed to build a parish profile for a Priest-in-Charge. For two hours the Parish Hall was turned into a "World Cafe" complete with red checkered table cloths, flowers, candles and a variety of foods. Each table sported a different question to be discussed and logged. The questions were:

1. In what way does St. Clement's nurture your spiritual, emotional and physical well being?
2. What do we think the Church of the future will look like? How are we preparing ourselves to meet its challenges? (*Note: This question refers to the broader Episcopal Church*)
3. How do you want your time, talent and treasures to influence the mission at St. Clement's? (Mission Statement: "To know God, to love God, to make God's love known to others.")
4. How have you experienced conflict at St. Clement's? How would you want to see conflict resolved?
5. How does change affect your experience as a member of St. Clement's? What do you need to help you accept or embrace change?
6. What traits, skills and gifts will the new Priest-in-Charge need to sustain us spiritually and help us live out our mission? What would be your red flags in considering a new Priest-in-Charge?

The talking points discussed at each table are posted in the Parish Hall and will remain there for three weeks for the Parish to peruse and add their own ideas. After that period of time, a subcommittee of the Vestry will take

your input from these questions to draft answers to 11 questions that need to be answered on the Community Ministry Portfolio. The entire Vestry will then review and edit if needed. The completed Community Ministry Portfolio will be sent to Canon Britt who will post it on the national Episcopal Website. Interested priests can then submit an application through the Transition Minister at our diocese (Canon Britt Olson).

**A question that has been raised several times came up again at the World Café: How is a Priest-in-Charge different from a Rector?** A Priest-in-Charge is the term used for a part time priest, whereas the term "Rector" refers to a priest who is full time. The qualifications, skills and responsibilities for both types of positions are the same.

If you have any questions related to St. Clement's Priest in Charge process, please call the people's warden Bobbie Keill (916-852-6837 or [bkeill@comcast.net](mailto:bkeill@comcast.net)).

## **Empty Bowls Lunch March 11**

You and I may have enough to eat, but many of our neighbors in Sacramento County (and all around the world) don't know where their next meal might come from. They are called "food insecure," and sometimes they can only stare into empty bowls. This annual soup lunch is the major fund raiser for River City Food Bank, the only food bank in Sacramento open every week day (and founded by the Episcopal Church in our diocese). RCFB served more people last year than any year before! You can help this vital ministry by going to the Empty Bowls Lunch on Tuesday, March 11. Everyone gets to choose a hand-made bowl as a reminder and gift. Pastor Christine is going to the 11:30 am seating and can provide transportation. There is a second seating at 12:30 pm. The lunch is by reservation only! Get your ticket (\$30) at [rcfb.webconnex.com/emptybowls](http://rcfb.webconnex.com/emptybowls) or at the Cathedral Bookshop.

## **Why do we observe Lent?**

We begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Services will be at 12 noon and 6 pm.

If it has not been your practice to observe Lent, here is a quick primer on what it is about. Lent is a penitential season, and it spiritually coincides with Jesus' forty days in the wilderness where he retreated after his baptism. It starts with a special service on Ash Wednesday, in which we are invited to remember that we do not live forever, and therefore we want to focus on the important things. What is important varies with each of us. But we all know that we often get distracted with little worries and competitions that *do not* draw out our finest selves. On Ash Wednesday we are marked with a smudge of ashes to remind us that we, too, will turn to dust at the end of our lives. (The ashes are optional.)

Lent is not all gloom and doom. In Lent we are encouraged to take on some sort of personal discipline to be in solidarity with Jesus' period of preparation in the wilderness – before his public ministry. Because we are all ministers! Sometimes we need to step back and consider our ministries and whether they are being called to a new purpose. Willpower only goes so far; Lent offers each of us community support for our disciplines.

Take a time of prayer to ask what God may be challenging you to do this season, and then offer that practice – whether it is a fast or a new activity – to God's glory.

Lent ends at Easter, when we rejoice that death did not conquer Jesus and it does not conquer us, either. When we are part of Jesus, the Body of Christ, we are immortal!

No Lunch Bunch this  
month

## **The Bible and the BCP: Challenge 2014**

Our bishop invites us to a Lenten study of the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer. The reading load is light, and it is framed in the context of the Daily Devotion "In the Morning." Please join me in reading a Psalm, a chapter of the New Testament (in order) and a little nugget from the Book of Common Prayer – each day. A reading schedule is printed out for you in the Narthex, or you can download the schedule from [www.norcalepiscopal.org](http://www.norcalepiscopal.org) (wait for the banner about Challenge 2014, and go to "daily reading schedule"). It would be helpful to know who is embarking on this program, so there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We will begin the Challenge at the Ash Wednesday services. +Bishop Barry asks us all to engage in this Challenge during Lent. After Easter you can decide if you want to continue the Challenge through to the end of December. This Challenge explores all aspects of The Book of Common Prayer, in addition to the entire New Testament and the Psalter.

### **Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Dinner – March 4, 6 pm**

Lent is a period of self-discipline, so our last chance to feast is the Tuesday before Lent begins – Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday. There are many traditions around the world, and we have used a number of them at St. Clement's. This year we offer a robust Mardi Gras dinner of Gumbo, French bread, salad and Kings cake. There will be two versions of the gumbo, one with meat and the other vegan/veggie. Please sign up for which you would like, so our cooks make the right amounts. Then let the Lenten fasts begin!

### **St. Patrick's Day Party**

The Ukulele Club (or clubs) invite you to a St. Patrick's Day gathering at 6 pm Friday, March 21 in the Parish Hall. Of course there will be refreshments and music! Come on by!

St. Clement's Episcopal Church March 2014						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Thrift Store 9-1pm NA 10:00am AA 7:00pm
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Eucharist 8:00&10:00am AA 6:30pm	Rector's Day Off	Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Dinner 6:00pm	Ash Wednesday services 12:00 noon and 6:00pm AA 6:00pm	Ukulele club 6:00pm		Daut King 10:00am Thrift Store 9-1pm NA 10:00am AA 7:00pm
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Eucharist 8:00&10:00am AA 6:30pm	Rector's Day Off					
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### *Coming Attractions*

Saturdays            Thrift Store Open  
9:00am-1:00pm

Tuesdays            Beginner's Ukulele 6:00pm  
Bible Study 7:00pm

Thursdays           Ukulele club 6:00pm

March 4                Shrove Tuesday-Mardi Gras 6:00pm

March 5                Ash Wednesday  
Services 12:00 noon and 6:00pm

March 8                Daughter's of the King 10:00am

March 9                Vestry Meeting 1:00pm (Portable)

March 11               Empty Bowls

March 15               Anchor Deadline

March 22               Community Organizing Workshop, St. Matthews 12-5:00pm

## LAYMINISTRY SCHEDULE - March 2014

	SUNDAY March 2	SUNDAY Mar 9	SUNDAY Mar 16	SUNDAY Mar 23	SUNDAY Mar 30
	The Last Sunday	The First Sunday	The Second Sunday	The Third Sunday	The fourth Sunday
	After the Epiphany	in Lent	in Lent	in Lent	in Lent
Altar Guild	Deidra White	Irene Grant	Debbi Honeycutt	Jennifer Yee	Stephen Souلمان
	Kara Magdelano	Randy Grimwood	Len Honeycutt	<b>ALTAR HELP</b>	<b>ALTAR HELP</b>
Ushers					
8:00 a.m.	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood
Ushers		Ray Stults			
10:00 a.m.	Kent Ransom	Sherry Stults	Pam Quarles	Bill Murray	Kent Ransom
Acolytes					
8:00 a.m.	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash
Acolytes					
10:00 a.m.	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt	Debbi Honeycutt
Lectors	Marj Heineke	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy
8:00 a.m.					
Lectors	Bill Murray	Mureil Murray	Kent Ransom	Deb Bickford	Chuck Maxson
10:00 a.m.	Pam Quarles	Chuck Maxson	David Bridges	Len Honeycutt	Bill Murray
Intercessors					
8:00a.m.	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Jim Wash	Chris Wash	Janelle Fallan
10:00 a.m.	Chuck Maxson	Kent Ransom	Bill Murray	David Bridges	Ray Stults
E.M. (Chalice)					
8:00a.m.	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash
E.M.(Chalice)					
10:00 a.m.	Debbi Honeycutt	Len Honeycutt	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>	Deidra White	Sharon Burke-Polana
Coffee Hour		Janelle Fallan		I. Grant	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
8:00 a.m.	Harry Shippy	Ken Dunham	Chrs & Jim Wash	Randy Grimwood	
Coffee Hour					
10:00a.m.	Sherry Stults	Trish Staff	Jennifer Yee	Zoe Mitchell	Mickey Boughton
Counters	Muriel Murray	Ray Stults	Sharon Burke-Polana	Kent Ransom	Ray Stults
	Guido Polana	Bill Murray	Stephen Souلمان	Sherry Stults	Harry Shippy
PLE					
8:00 & 10:00a.m.	Muriel Murray	Mickey Boughton	Debbi Honeycutt	Muriel Murray	Mickey Boughton

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## **What is Community Organizing?**

### **Find out Saturday, March 22**

From 12-5 pm we have the opportunity to learn the basics of building community strength to deal with social issues. This workshop will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Sacramento on Saturday, March 22 from 12-5pm. The leader will be from ACT (Area Churches Together). The event will follow the Capital Deanery Spring Convocation in the morning. Lunch will be available by reservation from the Taco Truck at St. Matthew's.

### **Birthdays**

March 3	Marla Bridges
March 6	Ken Dunham
March 9	Sofia Quarles
March 10	Jimi Benesh
March 17	Gail Sullivan
March 23	Steve Menser
March 24	Sarah Standfield
March 25	Esther Sullivan
March 27	Sherry Stults
March 30	Sarah Sullivan

### **Clergy and Lay Eucharist Visits**

Please call Len Honeycutt(362-5170) or the church office(635-5282) or send an e-mail to the church at [info@saint-clements.com](mailto:info@saint-clements.com) if you would like communion brought to you or a family member.

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

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