



St. Clement's Episcopal Church

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A Veteran Friendly Congregation

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Half a world away...

I am sitting on the deck of a wooden sailboat in a cove nestled into the rocky coastline of Turkey. The water along the shore is a brilliant turquoise, darkening in hue as the depth increases. It is Friday, April 19, and I am half-a-world away from the life I know. Yet, this moment is somehow familiar. How can that be?

We carry around so many expectations that it is almost impossible to experience even a nano-second of life in a neutral state. Every minute we interpret our sensory inputs through internal filters.

For example: I wanted to visit Turkey because I expected to see an exotic land and exotic people. I knew there were interesting historical sights, including early Christian ruins. I had also seen photos of fantastical and beautiful landscapes. I was prepared to spend time in a culture not as developed as my own.

Normally, David and I enjoy traveling on our own. In this case, because of my many assumptions about the strangeness of our destination, and because we did not speak the language, I chose to join an organized tour. Not a luxury tour, however, but an adventurous trip with lots of physical activity and local interaction.

My expectations were completely UN-FULFILLED! Instead of a developing third-world country, I found a modern, prosperous European nation. Since 1923, when Turkey became a secular republic, the country has pursued an aggressive agenda of social, economic and technological change. There is free medical care for all and free higher education, too, for those who score well enough on standardized tests. Two-thirds of the country's energy comes from hydroelectric power, and virtually every house has solar hot-water heating on the roof. There are laws governing every aspect of life to guarantee health and safety. For instance, our tour bus was stopped by police twice so they could examine the 24-hour operating history, recorded automatically in a black box with print-out capability; this was to make sure the bus driver had been given his

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required break after every two hours at the wheel. High taxes – on everything – pay for all these services. The crime rate is apparently low, and there is no homeless problem. In addition, Turkey is welcoming the thousands of refugees fleeing violence in Syria.

Turkey is 99% Muslim, but there is complete separation of church and state. Turkey has been a member of the European Council since 1949 and NATO since 1952. The nation is currently weighing membership in the European Union, although that brings both positives and negatives.

In our travels we stayed one night with a family in a small village, had lunch with another family in a different town and tea with a goat-herder in a high valley. One would think such folks would be cut off from the modern world, but even the goat-herder had solar panels, cell phone, satellite dish and a TV! His little daughter stays with an aunt in a nearby city so she can attend school, then comes home to her parents' one-room house on weekends.

Not as many people speak English in Turkey as in other European countries, but that will probably change in another ten years.

So, on the other side of our "island home," as Eucharistic Prayer C describes planet Earth, people in Turkey are remarkably similar to Americans – and people everywhere. Landscapes captivate our eyes, regional dishes delight our taste buds, local handcrafts lure our pocket books and historical sites broaden our understanding. Despite these attractions, it is the people who make foreign travel enriching.

Nonetheless, I am thankful to be home!

Spring blessings,

Christine +

**Ready to be baptized? Pentecost is the ideal
time for the Holy Spirit to descend upon
YOU**

Bible Readings

for the month

Revised Common Lectionary
Year C

May 5

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15

PSALM 67

Revelation 21:10,22-22:5

John 14:23-29

May 12

Seventh Sunday of Easter:

The Sunday After the Ascension

Acts 16:16-34

PSALM: 97

Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

John 17:20-26

May 19

Day of Pentecost

Genesis 11:1-9

PSALM: 33:12-22

Acts 2:1-11

John 7:37-39a

May 26

Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31

PSALM: 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

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At a Glance

Saturdays

Thrift Store open 9-1

Tuesdays

Bible Study 7:00pm

May 9

Lunch Bunch 12:00noon

May 11

Daughter's of the King

10:00am

May 15

Anchor Deadline

May 18

Spring Tea 2:00-4:00

May 18

Lest We Forget 8:00pm

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 1

Louise Haywaed

May 7

Jessica Smith

May 9

Barbara Knox

May 11

Mickey Boughton

May 13

David Garcia

May 24

Irene Grant

May 26

James Manown

Mark Long

May 28

Aubry Quarles

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.

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Spring Tea May 18

Six St. Clement's members are hosting tables of six or eight for an afternoon tea on Saturday, May 18 at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$12.50 for this delightful fund-raiser for our church community. We have room for two more table hosts. This tea is for men and women, and all are invited to wear a hat. Victoria McKinney is the organizer, so please call her if you would like to host, or make yummys or help clean up.

Each table host will bring her own tea service, decorations, and tea (s). Savory and sweet finger foods will be arranged on a buffet table. It's going to be a fun and tasty event.

Pentecost is May 19

Pentecost is the feast of The Church that celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means fiftieth in Greek; it is celebrated 50 days after Easter. Pentecost existed in Judaism, observed 50 days after the Passover. There are many references to the Holy Spirit in the Hebrew Bible. Jesus promised that he would send the Holy Spirit to his followers when he was no longer physically present to guide them.

With Pentecost we complete the cycle of major feasts in the Liturgical Year, which begins with Advent. The balance of the Church year we call the "season after Pentecost" or, colloquially, "ordinary time."

Lunch Bunch May 9

Come one and all to our May Lunch Bunch, with a short service at 12 noon and a fellowship meal at 12:30 pm. We need a chef for this month. A call to the office to let us know you're coming is always helpful.

Check out what's going on in the diocese by reading the twice-a-month e-mail communication, called simply E-Newsletter. It's brief, non-invasive and full of information. Sign up at www.norcalepiscopal.org, and go to the bottom right of the home page.

Diocesan Convention 2013 will be held in Sacramento!

Diocesan Convention 2013 will be held at the beautiful and spacious Red Lion Woodlake Hotel and Conference Center in Sacramento November 7 – 9, 2013. Our guest speaker for the Friday night banquet will be Bishop Michael Curry from the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina.

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

Thank you, Len Honeycutt

After close to four-and-a-half years managing the St. Clement's office, Len Honeycutt has accepted a new position as of early May. Len has capably juggled Sunday bulletin production, along with all the other special tasks, predictable and unpredictable.

We are now searching for a new Office Manager/Church Secretary, and would prefer someone who is an Episcopalian (or someone who understands our liturgies) but not a parishioner at St. Clement's. If you know someone you think would be good at this 12 hour per week position, please let Pastor Christine know. Facility with Microsoft Office, especially Word, and PageMaker are important requirements, as is a welcoming attitude as the face and voice of our parish to visitors and callers.

In the meantime, we do need interim help in the office – one person or several.

Gifts that keep on giving

A number of faithful participants in the St. Clement's community have passed on to glory over the past year-and-a-half. Each of them was a regular pledger during their years here, but that ended with their deaths. What if they had planned ahead of time to treat St. Clement's as if it was a member of their immediate family? What if they had named St. Clement's in their estate documents, to receive some gift that would continue to support the parish long after they had entered their heavenly rest?

Including your church – and other

favorite organizations – in your estate plans is a way to keep on giving, without giving up anything. Making such arrangements brings joy to the giver and the recipient. Have you raised St. Clement's to the status of family yet?

Our Deanery has a new name!

The Southeast Deanery, of which St. Clement's is a part, has changed its name to Capital Deanery! With the expansion of deaneries from four to seven, approved at Diocesan Convention over a year ago, our deanery has also trimmed down to a more manageable size: 14 congregations, instead of 26 or so before.

These are the churches in Capital Deanery: Faith, Cameron Park; St. George's and St. Michael's, Carmichael; St. Mary's, Elk Grove; St. Francis', Fair Oaks, Trinity, Folsom, St. Luke's, Galt; Our Saviour, Placerville; St. Clement's, All Saints, St. Matthew's, St. Paul's and Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento; and Trinity, Sutter Creek.

Capital Deanery Spring Convocation May 18

The theme of the Spring Convocation of our deanery is "shared ministry." There are so many things that congregations could do together for a more effective impact. The convocation will be Saturday, May 18, probably from 9 am to noon. The location will be somewhere in the Sacramento area. Pastor Christine will be attending; vestry members and others are encouraged to go.

"Lest We Forget"-An armed forces salute...

The Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra salutes all veterans in a stirring program featuring music of Vaughn Williams, Randol Bass, Vangelis, Leo Arnaud and John Williams. This concert will be on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 8:00pm in the Sacramento Community Theater downtown (1301 L Street). See Len Honeycutt for advance tickets.

Lay Ministry Schedule St. Clement's Church May 2013

	SUNDAY May 5 6th Sunday of Easter	SUNDAY May 12 7th Sunday of Easter	SUNDAY May 19 The Day of Pentecost	SUNDAY May 26 Trinity Sunday
Altar Guild	Jennifer Yee Stephen Souلمان	Deidra White Kara Magdaleno	Irene Grant Phyllis Rayburn	Debbi Honeycutt Len Honeycutt
Ushers 8:00 a.m.	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood
Ushers 10:00 a.m.	Kent Ransom	Ray & Sherry Stults	Jennifer Jones	Bill Murray
Acolytes 8:00 a.m.	Janelle Fallan	Harry Shippy	Jim Wash	Janelle Fallan
Acolytes 10:00 a.m.	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt
Lectors 8:00 a.m.	Marj Heineke	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash	Marj Heineke
Lectors 10:00 a.m.	Chuck Maxson Bobbie Keill	Kent Ransom Pam Quarles	David Bridges Muriel Murray	Chuck Maxson Kent Ransom
Intercessors 8:00a.m.	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Harry Shippy	Harry Shippy
10:00 a.m.	Bobbie Keill	Ray Stults	Bill Murray	David Bridges
E.M. (Chalice) 8:00a.m.	Janelle Fallan	Harry Shippy	Jim Wash	Janelle Fallan
E.M.(Chalice) 10:00 a.m.	Deidra White	Debbi Honeycutt	Debbie Popp	Sharon Burke-Polana
Coffee Hour 8:00 a.m.	Harry Shippy	Mary Norsweather Phyllis Rayburn	Jim & Chris Wash	Irene Grant Randy Grimwood
Coffee Hour 10:00a.m.	Debbie Popp Ray Stults	Pam Quarles Mickey Boughton	Ray & Sherry Stults	Marla Bridges Bill Murray
Counters	Harry Shippy	Sharon Burke-Polana Stephen Souلمان	Guido Polana Muriel Murray	Kent Ransom
PIE 8:00 & 10:00a.m.	Muriel Murray	Debbi Honeycutt	Mickey Boughton	Muriel Murray

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			AA 6:00 pm			Thrift Store open 9:00am – 1:00pm NA 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Eucharist 8:00&10:00am AA6:30pm	Rector's Day Off	Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00 pm	Lunch Bunch 12:00noon		Thrift Store open 9:00-1:00pm Daul of the King 10:00am NA 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
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Baccalaureate Service for High School Grads

Do we have anyone graduating from high school this spring? There is a wonderful service next Sunday afternoon (May 5 at 4 pm) at Trinity Cathedral to honor graduates. Please contact Pastor Christine immediately.

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REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M. RITE I HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 A.M. RITE II HOLY EUCHARIST

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

FOLLOWING EACH SERVICE



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Donations come from people like you. If you have a loved one who is having a birthday or you want to commemorate any special person or event in your life, consider donating flowers for the Altar. There is a sign-up chart in the narthex. Floral tributes to God's altar leave you feeling good and glorify Him.