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Growing with You in God's Love and Service

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Rule of Life

for St George's

Based on our spiritual values and practices, this is our commitment to each other.

We:

- *Nurture ourselves with the Bible and spiritual books*
- *Care deeply about each other, including in prayer.*
- *Fellowship together and have fun.*
- *Are grateful, glad and giving stewards of God's creation.*
- *Reach out to the world, living and spreading the Word.*

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Thoughts From Our PIC

(Priest in Charge)

One in Christ Jesus

This month we celebrate Independence Day, our national remembrance of the founding of our nation in freedom. A year ago, Deborah and I visited Philadelphia and went again to see the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Christ Church, and many other historic sites. Last October, we were also able to go to Williamsburg, Virginia for a few days. It was wonderful to relive the beginnings of our nation. I heard a stirring speech by Thomas Jefferson and was able to thank him for this (every day some of the important people from our colonial history come “alive” through amazing actors who perform “living history”).

Over the summer, we will also have the mixed experience of the election season heating up as we look to the fall voting. Our mailboxes, airwaves, and internet will be full of politics! Part of me enjoys the political season, but part of me also dreads this, especially the divisiveness which seems to go with it.

Within our parish, we have many political views represented. This is good; we do not need to agree on things like this to be a parish community. As disciples of Jesus, we do all have a shared vision of what God desires for humanity. In his letter to the Galatians, Paul said, “There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.” According to Paul, God’s will for all people is that we be one. Ultimately, it does not matter if we are Republican or Democrat, black or white, gay or straight; we are one in Christ Jesus.

In this political time of year, we have a Christian witness to make that we all belong in God’s kingdom, that love and unity are the most important values, that we are reconciled to God and to one another in Christ. In the midst of the divisiveness and bickering that sometimes comes in our elections, we can be people of justice, understanding, reconciliation, and healing. This may be the most important contribution we can make as citizens of the United States who are followers of Jesus Christ.

I wish us all a good Independence Day and an exciting, positive, and constructive election season!

† *Father Ray*

SENIOR WARDEN

I've been listening to the song "Peace Train" by Cat Stevens a lot lately. The lines that resonate in particular right now are "I've been crying lately/ Thinking about the world as it is/ Why must we go on hating?/ Why can't we live in bliss?" In our world today, there is so much conflict between countries, religious groups, ethnicities, and politics. I can't understand why people don't focus more on peace, and less on conflict. I wanted to write an article about this song, but I really feel that the song lyrics speak for themselves.

Peace Train

By Cat Stevens

Now I've been happy lately
Thinking about the good things to come
And I believe it could be
Something good has begun
I've been smiling lately
Dreaming about the world as one
And I believe it could be
Something good's bound to come

For out on the edge of darkness
There runs the peace train
Peace train take this country
Come take me home again

Peace train sounding louder
Ride on the peace train
Hoo-ah-eeh-ah-hoo-ah
Come on the peace train

Peace train sounding louder
Ride on the peace train
Hoo-ah-eeh-ah-hoo-ah
Come on the peace train
Peace train's a holy roller
Everyone jump upon the peace train
Hoo-ah-eeh-ah-hoo-ah
This is the peace train

Get your bags together
Come bring your good friends too
Because it's getting nearer
Soon it will be with you
Come and join the living
It's not so far from you
And it's getting nearer
Soon it will all be true

Peace train sounding louder
Ride on the peace train
Hoo-ah-eeh-ah-hoo-ah
Come on the peace train

I've been crying lately
Thinking about the world as it is
Why must we go on hating?
Why can't we live in bliss?

For out on the edge of darkness
There rides the peace train
Peace train take this country
Come take me home again

Peace train sounding louder
Ride on the peace train
Hoo-ah-eeh-ah-hoo-ah
Come on the peace train

Come on, come on, come on the peace train

Songwriters: CAT STEVENS, YUSUF ISLAM

Ryan Saunders, Senior Warden

WOMAN'S GUILD

For a Spring Guild event, several church members enjoyed a pleasant lunch at the Olive Garden Restaurant in May. It was an opportunity to enjoy each other's company at a pace more leisurely than the usual time available between or after church services.

No Guild meetings are scheduled for July or August but rest assured that we will be making sure that the kitchen is staying supplied and we will be available if any function should need our help. As always, all church members are encouraged to sign up to take a turn providing coffee hour nibbles for either the 9 or the 10:30 services. Nothing fancy required, just something to go with coffee, tea, or juice. The sign up page is on the board next to the church kitchen window.

Hoping everyone has a pleasant and safe summer.

*Carol Adkins, President
St. George's Women's Guild*



with all our heart
Bob & Sandy



Young at Heart

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 5—Bill Kale
- 6—Andrew Jeske '07
- 11—Richard Roy
- 12—Pauline Delander
- 12—Robert Olsen

(If your name was not included, please let Sandy know so she can add your name.)



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 7—Roger & Janet Jenkins
- 9—Darren & Rose Clark
- 25—Dave & Joy Allmuth ('54)
- 26—Fr. John & Anne Mangels (')
- 26—Jim & Genie Schavey



HOSPITALITY *Sunday*

Hospitality Sunday will be the 1st Sunday of each month, special offering envelopes are included in the bulletin. These are used by the Women's Guild to provide weekly coffee hours, special receptions and other events for parish members. Please make checks payable to St. George's Church with a memo note in the left corner for HOSPITALITY.



BOOK SALE

The women's Guild is happy to provide the book corner for your enjoyment. We appreciate the books you all donate. However, I would like to remind you to bring fiction, non-fiction,

historical or humorous books. Please NO self-help or study books. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

CDs...\$1

BOOKS...\$1

PAPERBACKS...50¢

Happy reading!
Janet Jenkins

Intercessory Prayer Group

Our Intercessory Prayer Group currently has ten members. They receive the full four-week list of prayer requests. The weekly bulletin includes new prayer requests recently submitted, along with the current week's prayer requests. If you are interested in joining the group, please talk with Jan Mirrione ([916-233-7649](tel:916-233-7649)), or call the church office ([916-487-5600](tel:916-487-5600)). The list is sent to members via email or, if you prefer, U.S. mail. If you have questions, please talk with Jan. Thank you.

Jan Mirrione

VESTRY MEETING

*2nd Wednesdays
@ 6:45*



*Last Monday
@ 11 a.m.*



Bible STUDY
THURS @ 10:30

July/August

JULY 3rd

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Kings 5:1-14

Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Psalm 30

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

WORSHIP LEADER: † Deacon Bob

PREACHER: † Deacon Bob

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Aaron Adkins

LECTORS: Karen Lolmaugh & Carol Adkins

ALTAR GUILD: JoAnn Cookman & Barbara Cooper

USHER: Carol Adkins & friend

JULY 10th

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Amos 7: 7-17

Colossians 1: 1-14

Psalm 82

Luke 10:25-37

CELEBRANT: † Fr. Ray Hess

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Ryan Saunders

LECTORS: Joan Tennis & Anne Mangels

ALTAR GUILD: Joy Allmuth & Angela Saunders

USHER: Cathy Crosbie & friend

JULY 17th

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Amos 8:1-12

Colossians 1: 15-28

Psalm 52

Luke 10:38-42

CELEBRANT: † Fr. Ray Hess

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Dave Allmuth

LECTORS: Aaron Adkins & Becky Freie

ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Cooper & Vicki Karsten

USHER: Conrad Cookman & friend

JULY 24th

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Hosea 1:2-10

Colossians 2: 6-15 [16-19]

Psalm 85

Luke 11:1-13

CELEBRANT: † Susan Plucker

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Karen Lolmaugh

LECTORS: Joan Tennis & JoAnn Cookman

ALTAR GUILD: Joy Allmuth & Cruz Siaz

USHER: Conrad Cookman & friend

JULY 31st

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Hosea 11:1-11

Colossians 3:1-11

Psalm 107: 1-9, 43

Luke 12: 13-21

CELEBRANT: † Anne McKeever

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Diana Perparos LECTORS:

Anne Mangels & Becky Freie

ALTAR GUILD: Angela Saunders & Joy Allmuth

USHER: Carol Adkins & friend

AUGUST 7th

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Psalm 50:1-18, 23-24

Luke 12:32-40

CELEBRANT: † Susan Plucker

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Dave Allmuth

LECTORS: Aaron Adkins & Carol Adkins

ALTAR GUILD: Angela Saunders & Cruz Siaz

USHER: Cathy Crosbie & friend

Lessons can be found on our website

www.stgeorgeca.org



I realize that we are back, but when your road trip is 9825 miles, you get a lot of time to quietly think as you watch the country side roll by. Maybe not so much while driving in NYC, Washington DC, New Orleans or LA, all place where you need every bit of your concentration and courage.

However, as we drove around the country, literally, we met a lot of nice folks that made the journey go easier. I was thinking about this and some of my musing as we drove, when I put together the planning sheets for the Worship Committee for July and August. For the first four Sundays in July there seemed to be a common thread in the Collects. Maybe I just see the thread as a deacon, even a retired deacon. As a deacon I can't absolve, bless or consecrate – rather my ministry focuses on those in need and those who aren't in need to help those who are. For me the diaconal message is Love God, Love your neighbor. Actually the collect for July 3rd, says that pretty plainly:

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The other Sundays, are more about how we live into doing that, July 10th "...grant that...[we] may know and understand what things...[we] ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them." On July 17th, we recognize our need of God: "...Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things...we dare not, and...cannot ask..." And on July 24 for protection from this world "...with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal..."

I think that last one can be the most difficult for us, as we get pulled this way and that just trying to get through the day, let alone the weeks and months. It is so easy to forget the end game – our immortal souls. But the good news is that even if we wonder off, God hasn't given up on us and welcomes us back like the prodigal son. Not because we deserve or have earned it, but because God loves us. Our job is to show that love to others.

Amen.

† *Deacon Bob*



SUNDAY SERVICES

Family Service 9 a.m.
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Traditional Service 10:30 a.m.

BOUNTY BAG

We're collecting dry goods, canned goods, dried cereals, soaps, toothpaste tooth brushes or any non-perishables,

We collect Bags ANYTIME!!
NO TIME TO SHOP a check to St. Georges with memo to River city Food Bank (everything is welcome).

Articles are always welcome...**BUT KEEP it short!** The best way to submit an article is via my new e-mail sandyolsen8070@gmail.com

