



# By George!

Growing with You in God's Love and Service

October 2016

## 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)*

### **Let It Flow!**

A few years ago, Deborah and I went on a diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Bishop Beisner. On our pilgrimage, we visited the Dead Sea. Along with many from our group, I was able to go swimming in the sea. You really don't swim in the Dead Sea, you float because the water is so full of salt and other minerals. So I floated on my back for a few minutes in the sea! The Dead Sea is "dead" because water flows into it from the Jordan in the north but does not flow out in the south. The water stagnates and becomes very salty; it cannot support fish or other life because of this.

The Dead Sea is a good teacher about the need to flow. In the fall season, we usually think about stewardship, especially the stewardship of money as we consider our financial pledges for the coming year. The idea of stewardship is that all we have is a gift of God. We do not own anything permanently; we are caretakers temporarily on God's behalf. We get to enjoy God's gifts, and we are responsible to God to use those gifts well to help others and care for God's world.

We are given time, money, and talents by God – the gift of life itself. These gifts are created to flow through us to the world. If we hang onto the gifts, the gifts stagnate and cease to give life. On the other hand, if we share generously with others of our money, time, and talents, our gifts become life-giving and multiply.

On Sunday November 6th, we will have one service at 10 a.m. After the worship service, we will have our annual "Event" where we highlight stewardship and invite each other to make our financial pledges for 2017. This is an opportunity to have some fun together and to be generous for the ministries of our parish. I hope that we will let our gifts flow through St. George's for the ministries of Jesus Christ!

*Yours in Christ,*  
† *Father Ray*

## Senior Warden

Back in July, the Vestry participated in our annual Mutual Ministry Review. Our review was facilitated by Cannon Andrea McMillion, and we were joined by another Episcopal congregation from St. Clements in Rancho Cordova. We spent most of a Saturday discussing our goals and accomplishments from the previous year, as well as looking ahead to the coming 12 to 18 months and establishing new goals and objectives for our congregation. I would like to highlight some of the items that we viewed as accomplishments from 2015/2016. As well, I would like to focus on the goals our Vestry have set out for 2016/2017.

**Accomplishments:** As a Vestry, we all agreed that we had many accomplishments from the past 12 months and much to be proud of at St. George's. Some accomplishments were much more visible (think stained glass windows) while others were more subtle (think transition of Community Garden administration). Here are the highlights of our accomplishments from 2015/2016:

We continue to successfully use the Community Garden as an outreach vehicle to bring more folks to St. George's. We have pursued opportunities for Children's Ministry and have continued to offer a Sunday School program (when we have participants!). Deacon Bob was able to successfully transition the day to day management of the Community Garden to Roger Jenkins and Jan Mironne. And, most visually, we completely renovated the sanctuary, replaced the trash enclosure fence, replaced the parking lot lights, restrained a few of the parking stalls in our lot, and installed our spectacular stained glass windows. A tremendous thank you to Mel Rose, Bob Olsen, and Bill Kaler (among a cast of others) that led the way on these facility improvement projects. These positive changes make us all proud to call St. George's "home."

**Goals and Objectives:** As we worked through our Mutual Ministry Review, a few themes rose to the surface relative to goals for 2016/2017. Some goals were more immediate; others longer in duration. To meet these goals, the Vestry has formulated committees that will work on these objectives and report back each month. Our ability to meet these objectives will hinge on multiple participants, input from the congregation, as well as diligence and focus throughout the next 12 to 18 months. Here are our goals and objectives for St. George's in 2016/2017:

**Improve the exterior appearance of the church and the entry experience.** Some of the focal items of this goal include improving the landscaping and signage on

Winding Way, pursue branding opportunities, and improve the experience from the rear parking lot into church. The committee members focusing on this goal are Cathy Crosby, Bob Olsen, Cruz Siaz, Aaron Adkins, and Joy Allmuth

**Outreach.** This committee will be focusing

on leveraging the Community Garden, our Website, and our AA Groups to do outreach and create paths and bridges between our congregation and individuals associated with St. George's that don't necessarily participate on Sundays.

The committee

members focusing on this goal are Merle Crawford, Cruz Siaz, Cathy Crosby, and Lani Song.

**Capital Improvement Projects.** It is evident that facility improvement generates tremendous pride amongst our congregation. With that in mind, the Vestry would like to continue many of our capital improvement initiatives. These projects include renovating the Parish Hall, renovating the hallway near the restrooms, renovating the kitchen, and planning for parking lot asphalt resurfacing. The committee members focusing on this goal are Ryan Saunders and Cathy Crosby

As you can see, we have some lofty goals for the coming 12 to 18 months. But, I believe many, if not all, of these goals can be met. But the Vestry cannot do it alone. We will need everyone's help. If any of these committees interest you and you would like to participate, please reach out to a committee member to express your desire to help out. Thank you!

*Ryan Saunders, Senior Warden*

## WOMAN'S GUILD

### Harvest Season already! Time does fly.

Discussions at our September Guild meeting lead to some fresh ideas for activities and mini fund raisers. Some research and planning needs to be done then we will start the publicizing so be on the lookout for news.

One activity I can tell you about now comes from a question/suggestion at the last Vestry meeting. Someone wondered about the forming of dinner party groups. This is something done at St. George's in the past and now seems a good time to revive this fun idea. As not everyone likes to be out and about after dark, we are going to put out a sign-up sheet asking for interest in being part of either a lunch group or a dinner group [or even both]. Depending on the interests, groups can be formed and the participants can decide on the format [restaurant meals or shared meals at rotating homes, etc.]. Look for the sign-up sheet on Sunday or call the church office to have your name included.

The next Women's Guild meeting will be Wednesday, October 19. All women attendees of St. George's are automatically members of the Guild. We hope to see some 'new' faces on the 19<sup>th</sup> and look forward to any comments or ideas you would like to share.

*Carol Adkins, Women's Guild President*



## 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.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Young at Heart

- 1—Leslie Thelen
- 5 —Ryan Saunders
- 7—Song Hahn (’1936)
- 9—Janet Jenkins
- 11—Jenny Pierce
- 20—Cathy Crosby
- 20—Jan Mirrione
- 25—Marilyn Ditzen
- 26—James Landers
- 27—Sheron Olsem
- 28—John Borgman

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

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## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2—Jim & Rene Cress
- 26—Ryan & Angela Saunders



St. George's Bible Study Group hopes you are enjoying the lending library of spiritual literature. When I first joined the Episcopal Church several years ago, Bishop Beisner encouraged reading spiritual material. I thought that reading "Forward Day By Day" or opening up my Bible now and again met that requirement, this is fine beginning, but it is just the tip of the iceberg, so to speak, in building our relationship with our Lord through His Word.

I was raised in the Catholic Church and educated quite thoroughly in the Catechism, attending mass and receiving communion daily; the Bible was never included or mentioned. It took some time, but I eventually joined the bible study at St. George's with Fr. John Mangels and Deacon Bob Olsen, and I must admit, it was quite daunting and difficult but a step in the right direction.

And then, I discovered Berean Christian Book Store; my whole spiritual world moved to a whole new level! A plethora of exciting reading material became available to me including bible references and commentary literature as well as wonderful contemporary reads.

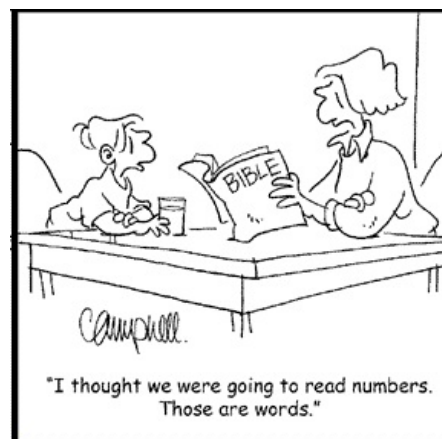
With the wisdom of Fr. Bob Gould, our new bible study leader whom we considered a biblical scholar, and the vast assortment of books I had purchased at the Christian book store (which is now "New Life") my faith has grown in leaps and bounds. On the back page of "Day by Day" is a daily prayer, a portion of which reads, "Grant me this day some new vision of Thy truth." The library we have established will truly accomplish this--guaranteed!

The shelves on the right side contain bibles as well as excellent reference books and commentaries. The ones on the right are from my private library where you will find contemporary literature by many well-known authors and some not, but wonderful books I am certain you will enjoy. As you peruse through this library I would like to recommend two of my favorites: "King's Cross" by the Rev. Timothy Keller (I have read it three times!); "Love Story" by Nichole Nordeman, a wonderfully talented young woman (singer, composer, author) whom I had the honor of meeting at an Amy Grant concert last summer. Her book is delightful and I think you will enjoy it (another book I have read more than once).

I encourage you to join us for Bible Study on Thursday mornings. It is a fine learning experience not only working slowly through the bible but entertaining very interesting conversation, questions and answers; studying maps and reference books; watching related religious videos, all of which lead us on our quest for a deeper relationship with our God.

*Wishing you peace,*

*Rene' Cress*



# October/November

## OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>

### 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Lamentations 1: 1-6*

*Psalm 137*

*2 Timothy 1: 1-14*

*Luke 17: 5-10*

CELEBRANT: † Anne McKeever

PREACHER: Mel Rose

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Dave Allmuth LECTORS:  
Anne Mangels & Aaron Adkins

ALTAR GUILD: Angela Saunders & Cruz Siaz

USHER: Carol Adkins & friend

## OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>

### 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7*

*Psalm 66:1-11*

*2 Timothy 2:8-15*

*Luke 17:11-19*

CELEBRANT: † Susan Plucker

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Diana Perparos

LECTORS: Karen Lolmaugh & Joan Tennis

ALTAR GUILD: JoAnn Cookman & Joy Allmuth

USHER: Conrad Cookman & friend

## OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup>

### 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Jeremiah 31:27-34*

*Psalm 119: 97-104*

*2 Timothy 3:14-4: 5*

*Luke 18:1-8*

CELEBRANT: † Anne McKeever

PREACHER: Mel Rose

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Aaron Adkins

LECTORS: JoAnn Cookman & Carol Adkins

ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Cooper & Vicki Karsten

USHER: Cathy Crosby & friend

## OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup>

### 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Joel 2: 23-32*

*Psalm 65*

*2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18*

*Luke 18:9-14*

CELEBRANT: † Diana Turner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Dave Allmuth

LECTORS: Aaron Adkins & Anne Mangels

ALTAR GUILD: JoAnn Cookman & Cruz Siaz

USHER: Carol Adkins & friend

## OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>

### 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Habakkuk : 1:1-4; 2: 1-4*

*Psalm 119:137-144*

*2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12*

*Luke 19: 1-10*

CELEBRANT: † Susan Plucker

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Aaron Adkins

LECTORS: Carol Adkins & Becky Freie

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Karsten & Barbara Cooper

USHER: Cathy Crosby & friend

## NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>

### 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Haggai 1:15b-2: 9*

*Psalm 145: 1-5, 18-22*

*2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17*

*Luke 20:27-38*

CELEBRANT: † Fr. Ray Hess

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Karen Lolmaugh

LECTORS: Aaron Adkins & JoAnn Cookman

ALTAR GUILD: Angela Saunders & Cruz Siaz

USHER: Conrad Cookman & friend

Lessons can be found on our website

[www.stgeorgeca.org](http://www.stgeorgeca.org)

## Hello Everyone

As your new Field Education student from CDSP (Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley), I have been encouraged to become a regular fixture in the By George! Therefore, I will be attempting each month to bring to your attention any fun events and opportunities I might be engaging in and also will be encouraging each of you to become a part of them too.

I am very interested in learning more about St. George and the wonderful people I will be worshipping with. While I work during weekdays as a Special Ed para-educator in the Davis school district, I would love to meet up with anyone interested in sharing your story and/or the stories of St. George, possibly for a coffee or a meal some evening or after church. Let me know if you are interested and we can make a plan!!

Another part of my work with you this year will include being involved in many of the activities already going on at St. George and also to offer some additional opportunities. One thing that I am interested in starting with you is a possible monthly Evening Prayer and possibly a monthly (or bi-monthly depending on interest) evening Bible study at the church. Likely these events would be on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm. If you are interested in these opportunities, please be in touch. (My contact information is below.)

I look forward to getting to know each of you better throughout the year and please feel free anytime to come introduce yourself or ask me questions. Most of all, thank you all for including me in your church family for this year!!!

*In Christ's Love,*

*Julie D. Vice*

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## DIOCESAN CONVENTION

**McClellan Conference Center**

**NOVEMBER 3 - 5**

Holy Eucharist on Thursday November 3, @ 7 p.m. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Katherine Jefferts Schori, the former Presiding Bishop will preach.

Bishop Lamb will be the guest speaker at the Convention dinner.

The dinner is November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m., tickets can be purchased on line at [www.norcalepiscopal.org/convention-registration](http://www.norcalepiscopal.org/convention-registration) Tickets must be purchased by September 30, 2016.



**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*



*“...not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests...”*



The title of my article comes from the prayer book, page 445, and what I spoke about in my sermon on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Rather than restate that sermon, and quadrupling the size of the By George, I'll do the cliff notes: When you make/update your will consider leaving something to St George's – thanks.

The Diocesan Foundation had always had a planned giving program but recently put out a binder for churches to use in doing a planned giving campaign. In talking with the Vestry, we concluded that developing a planned giving strategy for St George's, drawing up potential donor lists and devising a multi-point sales pitch was way too commercial for us. Instead we would simply ask folks to think about leaving something to St George's.

In my sermon I mentioned that Trudi Campe, a member of St George's who passed away in 2010, had left a substantial cash estate at her passing. In her will she had designated the various charities that would get bequests. One of the agencies she designated was Episcopal Community Services (ECS) of the Diocese of California, rather than the ECS of our diocese. I was serving on our diocese's ECS board when she asked me to be her executor. And while we went through her trust instructions I never thought about suggesting she might support our Diocese's ECS. It only dawned on me when I was writing the \$25,000 check to the ECS over in the Bay Area. A story I didn't share in my sermon was one from a member of the Foundation. I forget now if her grandfather was a bishop and her dad was a priest or vis versa, anyway the church has been a major part of her life, but it wasn't until a meeting of the Foundation and discussing the need to ask that she realized she had made provisions in her trust/will for her beloved doggie, but hadn't left anything to her church.


Having been Trudi's executor and learned a few lessons, when Sandy and I got around to setting up a trust, to replace my 40 year old will from when I was in the Army, we included provisions for a bequest to the church at our passing. As I mentioned in my sermon, the Vestry shouldn't get excited as we have nowhere near the assets of Trudi.


The church does not sell indulgences, so leaving something to St Georges, or other charities won't buy you an EZ-pass into Heaven. Rather a gift is a way to continue the work you have been supporting during your life and which has meant so much to you. But like the widow's mite, how much we leave won't be measured in earthly standards, but God's standards.

In you don't have a will or trust – get one. If you are able, please consider a bequest to St George's and other charities. Now that I've made the ask on behalf of St George's, this concludes the planned giving campaign.

*Amen, Deacon Bob*

 **Vestry Meeting** **Second Wednesday @ 6:45 pm**

 **The choir will now be meeting Thursdays @ 6:15**  
**Choir Rehearsal**

*Last Monday @ 11 a.m.*  **Round Table**

  
**Annual Convention**  
**November 3-5**

  
**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

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

 **Sunday School @ 9 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](mailto:sandyolsen8070@gmail.com)

