



By George!

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)

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH – A REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY

As we celebrate Independence Day in our nation, it is helpful to remember that the Episcopal Church is organized in a very similar way to our country. This was no accident; many of the people who designed the structure of our new nation in the late 1700s were members of the new Episcopal Church, such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Ben Franklin. Their desire was to form a church that was governed by its people. This is what happened!

The Episcopal Church is set up as a representative democracy, where people at the parish level elect leaders to represent them. Each parish has an Annual Meeting where members of the vestry (the church board) are elected by parishioners. The Annual Meeting also elects delegates to the Diocesan Convention, which makes decisions for the diocese. Our St. George's delegates for 2018 are Sandra Crenshaw, Aaron Adkins, and Becky Freie. Alternates are Mel Rose and Deb Hess. The Diocesan Convention meets once a year, and this year will be at the Redding Civic Center in Redding on November 9-10.

The Diocesan Convention elects Deputies to General Convention, which meets every three years to make decisions for the whole Episcopal Church. Each diocese elects four clergy and four lay deputies. All diocesan bishops also are voting members of General Convention. General Convention moves around to different cities across the United States. General Convention meets this year in Austin, Texas from July 5 – 13. I was a deputy from our diocese at the General Convention in 2012 in Indianapolis, Indiana. It was an amazing experience to be part of this gathering of thousands of Episcopalians!

In the Episcopal Church, our bishops are elected by the people, not appointed from on high. Bishop Beisner will be retiring in June of 2019. A profile of our diocese has been created for prospective candidates, and a nominating committee has been formed. The nominating committee will present a slate of candidates to our diocese later this year. On February 9, 2019, there will be a special Electing Convention of our diocese at Trinity Cathedral. Those who are current diocesan delegates will vote to elect our new bishop. The new bishop will be consecrated at a service on June 29, 2019.

As you can see, our Episcopal Church is set up as a representative democracy, where power comes from people in local congregations. As with our nation, the whole structure depends on active, informed people who get involved in our church's life. Please keep our representatives and our church governance in your prayers for God's guidance.

Happy Independence Day!

*In Jesus' love,
Father Ray*

Senior Warden

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Summer! 'Tis the season to travel, go on road trips, have barbecues and picnics, go camping, visit the ocean, go swimming, and celebrate the 4th of July. Summer to me also means sleeping in late, reading, taking naps and making deeper connections with family and friends. With all these activities, no wonder summer is the time when attendance at church declines. However, summer also begins with the season of Pentecost when we remember the church's mission to be Christ on earth. Christ rose and left us behind to complete his work but with the help of the Holy Spirit. Now, it's up to us with the Holy Spirit to be Jesus in the flesh to each other and to the world. So let's take our mission with us on our summer endeavors, keeping our eyes, ears, and hearts open to people in need. Also we can keep connected by checking our emails. Deacon Bob keeps us updated on various events including important prayer requests from fellow parishioners. And when family and friends visit from out of town, invite them to a Sunday Service at St. George's. We would love to meet and get to know them. Lastly, as Father Ray said in his sermon last Sunday, "Let us be open to the wonderful, wild working of God's Holy Spirit in our midst at St. George's and in our personal lives."

*Yours in Christ,
Sandra Crenshaw, Senior Warden*

WOMENS GUILD

It's Summer Time and the living is easy!
Maybe for some people--not so much for me.
How about you?

Recently, several church members enjoyed lunch at an area restaurant. I always enjoy when we can get together to share a meal and visit with one another. Guild members are always looking for activities that all church members might like to participate in. If anyone has suggestions for activities, in addition to luncheons, please let us know.

Thank you to all who have taken part in our 'Virtual Tea'. The response has been wonderful and gratefully appreciated. The funds allow us to continue to keep the church kitchen supplied with essentials [coffee, tea, plates, napkins and such], which is one of the Guild's main focuses. All church members (not just the ladies) are encouraged to take a turn bringing goodies for Fellowship times. Check the sign-up page on the bulletin board and pick a day to take your turn.

Happy Summer to all.

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



5—Bill Kaler

6—Andrew Jeske '07

11—Richard Roy

12—Robert Olsen

28—Robert Rugg

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

JULY ANNIVERSARIES



7—Roger & Janet Jenkins

25—Dave & Joy Allmuth ('54)

26—Jim & Genie Schavey



**Happy
Independence
Day**



HOSPITALITY *Sunday*

Women's Guild 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.



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*

JULY/AUGUST

JULY 1st

6th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8: 7-15

Mark 5: 21- 43

CELEBRANT: † Ann McKeever

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Diana Perparos

LECTORS: Carol Adkins & Aaron Adkins

ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Cooper & Wendy Nelson

USHER: Carol Adkins & friend

JULY 8th

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10

Psalm 48

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

Mark 6: 1-13

CELEBRANT: † Ray Hess

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Dave Allmuth

LECTORS: Aaron Adkins & Becky Freie

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Karsten & Joy Allmuth

USHER: Carol Adkins & friend

JULY 15th

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Samuel 6: 1-5 12b-19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Mark 6: 14-29

CELEBRANT: † Ray Hess

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Aaron Adkins

LECTORS: JoAnn Cookman & Karen Lolmaugh

ALTAR GUILD: JoAnn Cookman & Barbara Cooper

USHER: Conrad Cookman & friend

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JULY 22nd

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a

Psalm 89: 20-37

Ephesians 2: 11-22

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

CELEBRANT: † Bill Rontani

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Ryan Saunders

LECTORS: Karen Lolmaugh & Carol Adkins

ALTAR GUILD: Joy Allmuth & Angela Saunders

USHER: Jenny Smith & friend

JULY 29th

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Samuel 11: 1-15

Psalm 14

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6: 1-21

OFFICIANT: Mel Rose & Becky Freie

PREACHER: Deacon Bob

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Karen Lolmaugh

LECTORS: Aaron Adkins & Becky Freie

ALTAR GUILD: Wendy Nelson & Joy Allmuth

USHER: Carol Adkins & friend

AUGUST 5th

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Samuel 11: 26-12: 13a

Psalm 51:1-13

Ephesians 4: 1-16

John 6: 24-35

CELEBRANT: † Anne McKeever

PREACHER: Mel Rose

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Diana Perparos

LECTORS: Marsha Hutchison & Karen Lolmaugh

ALTAR GUILD: Joy Allmuth & Wendy Nelson

USHER: Jenny Smith & friend

Where your heart is.



A couple of weeks ago, during his sermon, Fr Ray noted his Mazda MX-5 had been backed into by a neighbor. Having his “baby” dinged up was disconcerting and that it took some time for him to remember things are things and it is our relationship with God and others that is important. I apologize in advance if I’ve misquoted his sermon. While he didn’t quote Matthew or Luke – “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also,” it got me to thinking about the things in my life and their “importance.” Now we named our little red sportscar Ralphie, after the main character in “A Christmas Story” as I mentioned to Sandy the evening we got the car I might not be able to tuck the car under my pillow as Ralphie did his Red Rider BB-Gun, I could snuggle up to the owner’s manual. Anyway, about three months after we bought Ralphie, a fellow backed into me in a parking lot. Needless to say, I was upset that my almost brand-new baby had been damaged. However, I discovered it was hard to stay angry when describing how our car was hit by a boat. Oh, the guy who backed into us was towing a boat and the prop put a gash in the front of the car. No one was hurt, the car was drivable, could be fixed and while Ralphie was my baby, it was still just a car.

Over the years I’ve had other vehicles hit - our ‘59 Triumph TR3 (Sandy’s car when we got married) by a fellow in a hurry to get to the police station to apply to be a policeman. I still wonder how that interview went. Or when Sandy told me our brand-new 1971 Toyota Station Wagon had been hit by a Columbus Georgia garbage truck, the image in my mind was a crumpled heap of blue metal. No one was hurt, our little car was drivable with just a little dent in the rear fender and the City owned up to the accident. When telling people our car was hit by a garbage truck – not your everyday occurrence, I couldn’t help but chuckle.

Being a California boy coming of age (meaning 16) in the 60’s meant cars and driving has played a big part in my life. However, among the good qualities I learned from my dad, I keep cars for at least 10 years or 100,000 miles and maybe a bit longer. As such, regardless of naming them, or going to sleep with the owner’s manual under my pillow, they have always been simply transportation. I think that has helped me keep “things” in perspective, there is nothing I own that I couldn’t do without, not so for the people in my life.

So this article doesn’t become a book, I’ll mention just two. Even though Biblical Archeology Digest is the last of the magazines I’m getting for Fr Zea, I still think of him often as he saw the good in everyone. He loved God and all of his neighbors, even some that I thought of as “difficult.” Fr Bob Gould had much that same quality, a gentle soul whose greeting and good bye always include “love”. I pray that I and all of us can follow their example.

*Amen.
Deacon Bob*



Taking a summer break



Wednesdays @ 10:45



The choir will be taking a summer break starting June 10th



2nd Wednesday @ 6:45 pm

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).



SUNDAY SERVICES

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

Articles are always welcome...BUT KEEP it short! The best way to submit an article is via my e-mail sandyolsen8070@gmail.com, July 25th will be the deadline for the August issue of the By George

