



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)

Happy Golden Anniversary!

We'll get the gold! This is not an Olympic race, but our anniversary! On Sunday May 1st, we will have one service at 10 a.m., followed by an anniversary celebration. We will remember the first service at our church building 50 years ago. In our case, the first service in our worship space was also very near the beginning of our church. Back at that time, the diocese decided to buy the land and build the first structure for a new congregation in Carmichael – all before there was any congregation! Once the building was ready, the diocese called Oliver Nixon to be the first priest, who started to gather a congregation. So we have been about Jesus' ministry for the past 50 years since that beginning.

The way this anniversary celebration has come about says a lot about the current style and character of our parish. Back in January, Bishop Beisner visited us, and during his visit he commented that this is our 50th anniversary year. For most of us, this was a surprise. We had no idea special way as we celebrate the eucharist. As we share the bread and wine, we are opened to Jesus' risen presence. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus said that he is present through those who are in need. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Many have experienced the risen Jesus through community; we find Jesus as we come together as a Christian community for worship, learning, service, and fellowship. Others have found Jesus in the work of God's Spirit in their hearts, as the Spirit guides them to Jesus.

Where on earth do *you* find Jesus? This is a very personal question with no right answer. Easter Season is a fifty day season that begins on Easter Sunday and concludes on Pentecost Sunday. During this season, I encourage us all to be open to the Risen Lord's presence, to be prepared to "see" Jesus in new ways, to be surprised by where he might show up.

† **Father Ray**

SENIOR WARDEN

Spring is a beautiful time of the year. There is much change to behold that is beautiful and dramatic. Trees bud out. Flowers blossom. Grasses turn green. Animals become very active. Yet, it is comforting that these changes can be counted on like clock work. More or less, at the same time each year, Spring returns with these glorious changes.

Spring is somewhat of a metaphor of St. George's. We are constantly changing in beautiful ways, yet the beauty of these changes can be counted on to occur over and over. People come and go. The Vestry turns a new leaf each year. New challenges are presented and are tamed. Yet the love and care that embodies St. George's is something that can be depended upon like the constant of the North Star.

On May 1st, St. George's celebrates 50 glorious years. This is a fun and exciting time to reminisce and be proud of how far our small church has come. And, to think about where we were in our lives over the past 50 years. I love all of the "Where were you..." segments that have been shared by Deacon Bob.

What gets me excited is to look ahead 50 years. Where will St. George's be 50 years from now? I can't even begin to fathom all the changes that will occur between now and then. But, I feel confident that the same love and caring will continue to be pervasive throughout our future. Here is to a wonderful 50 years, and to another 50 more. Cheers!

Ryan Saunders, Senior Warden

WOMAN'S GUILD

It has been fun reading and hearing what members of St. George's were doing and where they were 50 years ago. I am hoping to hear more of those stories at the Anniversary service and party on Sunday, May 1. The Women's Guild presence will be in evidence helping the Vestry put on the party portion. Coffee, tea, cups, plates, napkins, etc. - all available thanks to those who have contributed monetarily over time to the guild's coffers by way of the first Sunday of the month 'Hospitality Envelopes' or leaving something in the 'jar' on the refreshment table on Sundays.

Monetary help is important and just as important are the volunteers who bring in the goodies on Sundays for all to enjoy with their coffee or tea while visiting with others and who help with the clean-up before heading home. It would not be the same without all the help.

There will be a Guild business meeting on Wednesday, May 18 at 11:00 am. This will be the last 'official' meeting before the summer break. The business portion does not take long and then we have time to visit while enjoying our snack/lunch.

For those who cannot attend the meeting, we hope many will attend the luncheon at the Olive Garden on Sunrise Blvd. on May 14 at 1 pm. There is a sign-up sheet at church or you can leave a message on the church office phone saying you plan on attending. [We need a head count for the restaurant reservation]

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



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

8—Peter & Diana Perparos
10—Cruz Siaz & Bill Keye

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

7—George & Pam Takeoka
15—Dennis & Jan Fazekas



Young at Heart

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Aaron Downing
- 5—Mel Rose
- 7—Bill Keye
- 16—Carol Adkins
- 16—Rose Clark
- 17—Genie Schavey
- 18—Carolyn Caye
- 20—Diana Turner
- 24—Bill Owens
- 28—Audrey Mangels
- 30—Natalie Saunders
- 31—Nathan Benbow
- 31—Father John
- 31—Timothy Breen

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 4—Lani Hahn
- 11—Pam Takeoka
- 15—Dolores O'Brien
- 15—Ryan Jeske
- 24—Gail Peterson
- 27—Robert Freie

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



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.

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*

Lessons can be found on our website

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



Sherrill Scholarship presentation will be on Sunday, May 22 at the 10:30 service. Please come and meet this year's winners!

Dear Friends in Christ:

Grace and peace to you, as you gather to celebrate this important milestone in your journey together: fifty years of witness to Jesus Christ, crucified and risen; fifty years of compassionate outreach in His Name; fifty years of fellowship, spiritual friendship, and pastoral care; fifty years of transformational presence in in your community; fifty years of engagement in the life of the larger Church, as part of a diocese, and a global communion; fifty years of welcoming and healing and sharing the Good News of God in Christ; fifty years as a sign of Christ's reconciliation in this world; fifty years of prayer, study, and worship.

That is one significant, full, and busy half century. I congratulate you and thank you, and thank God for you on this occasion. And I pray that the next fifty years will be richly blessed, and even more glorious than the past in which you now rejoice. It is a very great joy to be your bishop.

Eastertide blessings,
+Barry

Education for Ministry

One of the best resources for in-depth adult education in the Episcopal Church is Education for Ministry (EfM). Deacon Virginia McNeely from All Saints, Sacramento is one of the organizers for EfM in our diocese. She says, "This is a program designed to develop lay leaders. In studying the Hebrew Scriptures, New Testament, Church History and theology they become more grounded in their faith and more comfortable in leadership roles in the church community and the greater community. EfM helps to develop mature spirituality and discernment of gifts that invite graduates to be leaders."

EfM is a four-year course of study which centers around a weekly meeting for study, discussion, and reflection. Each group has a trained mentor who facilitates the course. There are openings to join a new group starting this fall. The current EfM class meets at St. Francis Episcopal Church, Fair Oaks on Monday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

There are brochures about Education for Ministry at the back of our worship area. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Deacon McNeely at 916-444-0720 or at

virginiamcneely@sbcglobal.net.

May/June/July

MAY 1st

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22, 22: 5

John 14: 23-29

CELEBRANT: † Fr. Ray Hess

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Karen Lolmaugh

LECTOR: Anne Mangels & JoAnn Cookman

ALTAR GUILD: Angela Saunders & Vicki Karsten

USHER: Conrad Cookman & friend

MAY 8th

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, J16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26

CELEBRANT: † Anne McKeever

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Dave Allmuth

LECTORS: Aaron Adkins & Joan Tennis

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Karsten & Barbara Cooper

USHER: Carol Adkins & friend

MAY 15th

DAY OF PENTECOST

Acts 2: 1-21

Psalm 104: 25-35, 37

Romans 8: 14-17

John 14:8-17, [25-27]

WORSHIP LEADER: Becky Freie

PREACHER: Mel Rose

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Ryan Saunders

LECTORS: Sophia Saunders & Anne Mangels

ALTAR GUILD: JoAnn Cookman & Joy Allmuth

USHER: Conrad Cookman & friend

MAY 22nd

TRINITY SUNDAY

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5: 1-5

John 16: 12-15

CELEBRANT: † Fr. Ray

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Aaron Adkins

LECTORS: JoAnn Cookman & Becky Freie

ALTAR GUILD: Angela Saunders & Joy Allmuth

USHER: Cathy Crosby & friend

MAY 29th

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 Kings 18: 20-21, 22-29], 30-39

Psalm 96

Galatians 1: 1-12

Luke 7:1-10

CELEBRANT: † Susan Plucker

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER : Diane Perparos

LECTORS: Carol Adkins & Aaron Adkins

ALTAR GUILD: JoAnn Cookman & Barbara Cooper

USHER: Conrad Cookman & friend

JUNE 5th

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 Kings 17:8-16, [17-24]

Psalm 146

Galatians 1:11-24

Luke 7:11-17

CELEBRANT: † Anne McKeever

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Ryan Saunders

LECTORS: Sophia Saunders & Karen Lolmaugh

ALTAR GUILD: TBA

USHER: Carol Adkins & friend

JUNE 12th

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 Kings 21:1-10, [11-14], 15-21a

Psalm 5: 1-8

Galatians 2:15-21

Luke 7:36-8:3

CELEBRANT: † Fr. Ray Hess

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Aaron Adkins

LECTORS: Carol Adkins & Becky Freie

ALTAR : TBA

USHER: Carol Adkins & friend

JUNE 19th

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 Kings 19:1-4, [5-7], 8-15a

Psalm 42

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

CELEBRANT: † Fr. Ray Hess

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Karen Lolmaugh

LECTORS: Anne Mangels & Becky Freie

ALTAR GUILD: TBA

USHER: Cathy Crosby & friend

JUNE 26th

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

CELEBRANT: † Susan Plucker

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Dave Allmuth

LECTORS: Joan Tennis & Karen Lolmaugh

ALTAR GUILD: TBA

USHER: Conrad Cookman & friend

JULY 3rd

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 30

Galatians 6:[1-6], 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

WORSHIP LEADER: Deacon Bob

PREACHER: Deacon Bob

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Ryan Saunders

LECTORS: Aaron Adkins & Sophia Saunders

ALTAR GUILD: TBA

USHER: Cathy Crosby & friend

WHERE WERE YOU, WHERE WILL YOU BE?



This issue will come out just before our Celebration of 50 Years as St George's. I've enjoyed going back through photo albums and scrap books learning more of the history of St George's. It has been just as much fun reliving the past 25 years, as learning about St George's first 25 years. Getting out of the Army the spring of 1990, Sandy and I were here for all of the 25th Year Celebration and events in 1991.

Looking back at photos of events and the people who made up the congregation over the years brought back a lot of fond memories. And yes we have had a lot of folks come and go over the past 25/50 years. Finding an old directory from 1971, I learned that Barbara Cooper and Vicki and John Karsten were at St George's when they put out a pictorial directory. We've done a bit better over the past 25 years, with a dozen of us still attending.

As I reflected on what I had read and the photos two things came to mind. First, even though we've turned over a lot of members during the past 25 and 50 years, I've come to realize how active the majority of congregation has always been, melodramas, craft fairs, animal blessings and on and on. Now I can't speak for the first 25 years, other than from stories passed on to me by others, but for the last 25 years regardless of folk's comings and goings, while they are/were here at St George's they were active in the life and ministry of the church. With all our moves Sandy and I have made and the many Episcopal Churches we have been members of, I can only think of one congregation where the percent of the congregation who were active in the various ministries of the church was as large as St George's. Not surprisingly, it was a small church in North West Tennessee where by necessity pretty much everyone had to help with the day-to-day life and ministry of the church. I'm thinking it probably took a quarter or more of the congregation to fill the mission committee positions.

The second thought that crossed my mind was – where will I be at the 75th or 100th Anniversary. Now for the 100th, I'm very confident that I'll be in residence in the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, as I have little expectation of hitting my 119th birthday. On the other hand it isn't outside the realm of possibility to be around for my 94th birthday, having Fr Bob as an example.

What will St George's be like in 25 years? My wish and prayer is that although many of the faces will be different, it will still be the same wonderful congregation of loving and caring people it is today. And based on the past 25/50 years I don't see why not.

† *Amen, Deacon Bob*



Stained Glass Window Fund Drive

Dear St George's,

Now that we have the stained glass windows installed, it is time to raise the money to pay for them. You can contribute to the fund or make a donation in memory of someone. We are trying to raise \$6,000.00.

Donations can be made to the Stained Glass Fund, donors or those memorialized will be listed on a plaque near the windows. Please return the coupon below along with your check to St George's, with SGW Fund in memo.


Donor

Amount donated
\$ _____



Choir Rehearsal

Talk to Tess for more info!



WOMENS GUILD
3rd Wednes @ 11 am



Sunday School
@ 9 a.m.



Vestry Meeting

Second Wednesday @ 7:00 pm



Round Table

Last Monday @ 11 a.m.




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