

NEWSLETTER

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News and Notes

Parish Clean up and Work Party for St. Giles' Hall 9/27

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun (Yes! Fun!) as we prepare Christ the King for the 2015-2016 Program Year. Following Worship, Christ the King will provide a BBQ Lunch before a Parish Clean-Up Day and Work Party. There will be chores for people of all skill levels: everything from pulling weeds and vacuuming to window washing. Please come to church dressed casually for the work which will follow worship. See you then!

Sunday School Teachers Wanted

Our Lego Sunday School Curriculum is designed for "drop-in" teaching—each lesson can be taught without prior preparation. Fr. Matt will hold an evening training in late September for those interested. If you would like to volunteer in our Sunday School, please see Fr. Matt.



Joe and Heather Way celebrate the Final Inspection Completion of St. Giles' Hall's renovation.

Building faith brick by brick

St. Giles' renovation has taught me about discipleship

For years, Christ the King has adopted our Diocesan Mission of *Making Disciples, Raising up Saints, and Transforming Communities for Christ*. In my experience Mission Statements are rarely considered by organizations once they are adopted; the goals are either too lofty to implement, or so banal that organizations don't even waste the time to engage them.

Our parish is different.

For two and a half years, I have seen the St. Giles' Renovation project from vision to near completion. What began as a wish soon coalesced around two grant proposals, and through the hard work and dedication of our parishioners, the revitalization of St. Giles' Hall will soon be a reality.

But this project has not only transformed our parish campus, I believe it has transformed the spiritual lives of our parishioners, as well.

Making Disciples

Time and time again, I have heard several parishioners describe their efforts as the product of being "called" to this work. There isn't a lot of glory in shoveling gravel or pressure-

St. Giles' Celebration October 4th

A special service celebrating the opening of St. Giles' Hall will be Sunday, October 4th. Representatives from the Office of the Bishop, The Diocese of Northern California, and Episcopal Community Services will be on hand to recognize the grant contributions that began this renovation project over two years ago! A special service will thank our volunteers and contributors, as well as bless the building before opening it to the public. A lunch celebration and open house will follow the service.

Bible, Beer, and Questions (BBQ) Series begins Oct. 14th

Fr. Matt will be leading a six week course investigating the question "Who wrote the Bible?" this fall. The course will trace the development of the Biblical canon from the earliest oral traditions of the Hebrew Scriptures all the way through to the Revelation of John. The style of the course will be relaxed, fun, and informative. No prior biblical knowledge is required. The course will be hosted in St. Giles' Hall, and is open to the public. Visitors and guests are encouraged!

testing sewage pipes, but I have yet to see a frown on any of our volunteer's faces (apart from Joe Way evaluating the handiwork of the Vicar). Renovating a building can be grueling work, but so many of you have shared a holy pride in the task we are accomplishing. That, essentially, is the essence of discipleship: the recognition that we are called to work on behalf of the kingdom, and fruits of that labor will not reflect our own glory, but God's.

Raising up Saints

I marvel at how the St. Giles' Renovation allowed me to see Saints in action. Saints are not just the pious luminaries of centuries past. The saints surround us, and the witness of their faith deepens our own. What has been so inspiring about this project has been the way in which it has galvanized our parish. Parishioners have been so encouraged by the good work of others, that they have taken on new and complimentary tasks in and around the church. That is why we worship in community!!! Christianity is not a solitary pursuit—our faith is engendered by lives of others, and it is our faith which shall encourage others to follow in the Gospel of Christ.

Transforming Communities for Christ

This third sphere of our mission has always been the external goal of our renovation plan. Our hope is that St. Giles' Hall will be a resource for our community, and serve as an introduction and invitation to join our parish. There is a deep yearning in our community for what our parish can offer, and I pray that St. Giles' can help provide for those needs.

I have been talking with parents who are excited about our new Lego Sunday School, with seekers who are being drawn into the life of Christ, our community, but I was not prepared for how this renovation would transform our worshipping community *internally*.

Working around our parish campus has given many of us the opportunity to serve Christ in very individual ways. Whether it has been demolition, shoveling, painting, insulating, or through supporting this work financially, I have seen this project deepen our faith. This project has transformed our parish campus, but it has also transformed our hearts, as well.

I look forward to our next chapter...

-Fr. Matt

Prayer List

Birthdays:

Anniversaries:

For those expecting a child:

In thanksgiving for newborns:

For those in the hospital:

For those in need of healing:

- Chris
- Margaret
- Torrey
- Klytia
- Leila
- Quincy
- Robin
- Joseph
- Betty

For those who have died:

For those in need:

For those who travel:

- Ken
- Emily

Special Concerns:

- Christians in the Holy Land
- Syrian Refugee Crisis

For those about to be Baptized

CTK Mission Priorities

St. Giles' Hall Renovations:

St. Giles' Hall has received its final building permit approval!!! This is a tremendous accomplishment, and would not have been possible without the time and talents of Joe and Heather Way.

Work continues in St. Giles' we hope to have flooring installed in the coming weeks, but we need to raise additional funds to purchase chairs and tables.

Weekly Attendance:

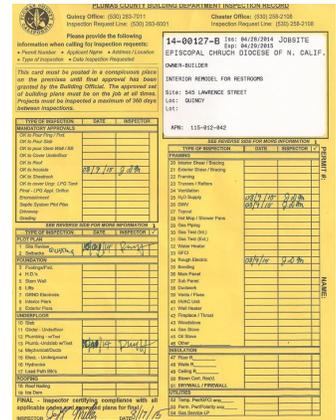
Here is a comparison of our June attendance reports from 2014 and 2015:

Monthly Attendance	August 2015	Previous Year
Week 1	17	16
Week 2	17	14
Week 3	20	20
Week 4	14	80 (Worship in Park)
Week 5	70 (Worship in Park)	13
Year to Date	565	449

Anglican/Episcopal Brand Awareness:

Fr. Matt has been promoting Christ the King at the Quincy Farmers' Market. Fr. Matt has been passing out rack cards promoting our Lego Sunday School and renovation of St. Giles' Hall as well as information about our worship times.

Christ the King has been active on Facebook, and we are seeing increases in "likes" and post engagement. When you see a post from CTK, be sure to like and share to help evangelize members in our communities. It's free advertising for our parish, and it helps spread the word about all the good things going on at CTK!



September Worship Schedule

Date	Reader	Chalice	Coffee	Lessons
Sunday September 6 Pent. XV, Proper 18	Batson/McNett	Muñoz	Batson/McNett	Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37
Sunday September 13 Pent. XVI, Proper 19	Gimbel	Gimbel	Warren	Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-8; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38
Sunday September 20 Pent. XVII, Proper 20	Muñoz	Muñoz	Muñoz	Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37
Sunday September 27 Pent. XVIII, Proper 21	Way	Way	Way	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Budget Update

The Mission Committee would like to share an update on our the state of our parish finances. The St. Giles' Hall Renovation has proven to be an incredibly ambitious goal for a parish of our size. Over the two year course of the project, Christ the King has allocated nearly an additional year's budget to complete the work. While we are hopeful that St. Giles' Hall will help us attract new families to help augment our parish finances, it is clear that we our current budget shows signs of stress.

Currently, we are nearly \$4000 below our anticipated income. In addition, we are also owe roughly \$3500 on two accounts (Fr. Matt's retirement and Continuing Education).

We hope to make a concentrated push to meet our Capital Campaign Goal so that we can furnish St. Giles' Hall with tables and chairs when it opens. November will see a more formal pledge drive so that we can more accurately forecast our budget for 2016.

	2015 Budget	2015 Received	Difference
Pledge Income	\$13,650	\$11633	-\$2017
Restricted Pledge	\$7000	\$5250	-\$1750
St. Giles' Hall Capital Campaign	\$8000	\$4240	
	\$28650	\$21123	-\$3767