



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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We Are One Bread, One Body in Christ

Dear Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and spirits. Thank you for your commitment to our shared baptismal life at St. Bart's. The abundance of our spiritual journey's connecting with our Epistles in worship, Bible study life stories, at deep sharing over tables of the One Bread, One Body dinners - each moment affirming again and again what binds us together. Whether you have been active at St. Bart's for decades or weeks, attending weekly or through prayer - we are a powerful example of the living church transforming lives in real time.

As one person wrote on the window in the sanctuary, I give "In gratitude for this community of faith that sustains me. Thanking God for God's many blessings. Giving so others can receive." Indeed, it takes a village to build the body Christ in our lives.

I want to be honest. This election cycle has forced me to come to terms with my own weaknesses. Too many nights I have wrestled with the angels when I felt overwhelmed with fear, anxiety, anger,

sadness and, yes, hopelessness as the stress mounts in our lives. I know many of you are weary too. We have heard and shared so many prayers of asking for God's Grace to heal families, friendships, neighbors from turning against each other over political views: a stand on one of the Propositions, frustration after

sacrificing so much to protect our constitution, shared rights for freedom, liberty and the right to vote. When these moments of weakness begin to swell within me, my baptismal alarm bells sound loudly.

I realize in these moments, I am not putting my full trust in

God. I give thanks for my faith family to open my eyes to the power of God working in our midst. As one person wrote on the window, I give "Because St. Bart's was there for me and I want it be here for the next person too."

I realize I am part of a larger community of saints - baptized Christians. I give thanks for each baptism we offer, when we all renew our trust in God. God is with us every minute of every day. As one person wrote on the window, I give because "It's a tangible expression of my faith."



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We Are One Bread, One Body in Christ

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The mission of St. Bart's (and all Christians) is to build bridges of reconciliation between all of God's people. We are called to practice dignity, respect, compassion, generosity and love. God calls us not to celebrate our enemies' fall or their weaknesses. Rather, let us celebrate our common humanity. As one person wrote on the window, I give "to touch the lives of others."

God calls us to extend our hands to all persons - a bridge between a police officer and a black man, a Trump supporter and a Clinton supporter, a Christian, Muslim and Jew. In each case, God calls us to bridge every divide to discover our innate, shared, God-given humanity and common good. The Beatitudes proclaim we are expected to love God's people first. We should not change someone's mind, but open our own heart and their heart to the presence of Christ. When we hear another's story, we are transformed as are they.

I realize in these moments I yearn for the humility to be the benchmark, the shared desire, of every person, especially every politician, religious leader, friend, co-worker, family member and, yes, of me too. As one person wrote on the window "I want to give back to a church family that has given so much to me."

God's voice has been clear for generations. We all sin when we demonize and dehumanize any person, especially those who disagree or see the world differently from us. We sin when we promote fear, lies and bigotry. We sin when we bear false witness. We sin when we degrade women, people of other faiths and ethnic groups. We sin when we shame and blame another person publicly or privately. We sin when we remain silent and seated while another person suffers. It is sin that drives a wedge between families and neighbors.

I realize in these moments I love St. Bart's and the Episcopal Church because I don't have to be perfect and we don't need to agree. I only need to seek forgiveness and offer forgiveness

continuously. One person wrote on the window, "I give to be part of something larger than myself and to help people in need of spiritual guidance through the church".

For generations, St. Bart's has and will continue to seek every opportunity to proclaim the Good News by spreading the water of baptism over the flames of sin. Through our actions and presence, God's mercy and grace will be made tangible and real to our families and neighbors.

In these moments, I love the Episcopal Church's DNA. It is a community of cultures and life stories, gathered into God's gracious arms - welcoming everyone from all perspectives - a willingness to get messy sharing the love of Jesus Christ. What we share in His name is prayer, belief, baptism, forgiveness, bread and a passion to make the world a better place. We share in the one Body of Christ.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit we have been given the God-given ability to counterbalance the venom of evil, pride and injustice as we seek to be agents of justice, goodness and hope. God is calling St. Bart's to make the world a better place and we are doing just that. We can starve fear and feed hope. Together, we can extend our hands to stranger and friend.

Friends, I believe God is calling us to be relentless in our pursuit to bring dignity to every person and to be advocates for peace and justice in every corner of the world, our country, our families and the people of St. Bart's. May we all be united in Christ regardless of the results of the election. Let's put our trust in God and build the body of Christ together each day.

We came be one bread, one body in Christ every day. Thanks be to God.

Faithfully yours,

Mark+

Vestry Update

We are moving into the last quarter of the year and our busiest time as a community of Christ. The first of the 2017 Great Music Series conducted by Dr. Angela Yeung was performed on Sunday, October 23 where sanctuary and chancel were transformed into a concert hall. The result was an outstanding performance to an almost full house.

During our monthly meeting, Luis Becerra provided an update on our Strategic Plan. We decided to move from six pillars to four to improve efficiency. At our November meeting we will look at combining Youth and Christian Education as Youth.

Listed here are the four goals that emerged from our Mutual Ministry Review and the people responsible.

1. Improve communication with Vestry/Leadership team and Parish - Dan Crane and Mike Fuqua
2. Define and expand outreach and in-reach - Judy Macemon and Kate McKone-Sweet
3. Ensure St. Bart's has the ability for continued growth and expansion - Bill Angus and Derek Escobar

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What is Truth?

There is much evidence that we're living in a post-factual society, a society in which facts and the truth no longer matter, and it extends well beyond the political field. There are many who believe that global warming is a hoax or conspiracy, that genetically modified foods are dangerous, that vaccines cause autism, that cell phone usage causes brain cancer, that we are alone in a universe with billions of galaxies and trillions of stars, that President Barack Obama is a Muslim and is not a U.S. citizen. None of the foregoing has any basis in fact, and yet the myths persist.

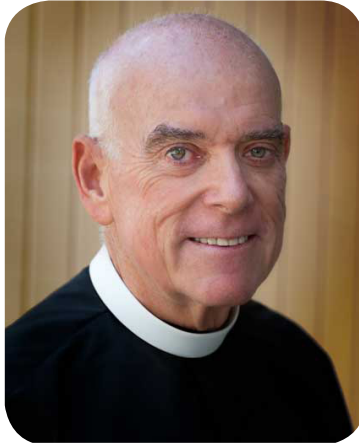
It's not any easier considering how fast change happens these days. In 2004, Facebook had zero subscribers. Today there are 165 million Facebook users. Add to this Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and more. As a result, many people are beginning to feel that we are suffering from Too Much Information (TMI), Too Much Choice (TMC) and Too Much Technology (TMT).

We are awash in misinformation and nonsensical statements. In other words, what used to pass for tribal knowledge is now considered gospel. Was there ever a time in the history of humankind when there was more balderdash, baloney and foolishness than there is now?

And in the midst of this ocean of misinformation sits the church of Jesus Christ.

In a backlash against the post-factual culture, many are looking for a fact-based reality.

But they won't find it in the church. The church doesn't deal in facts. It deals in faith. What adaptations, then, are necessary for the church as it situates itself in a post-factual culture?



First, we must recognize that we ourselves live and move in a world beyond facts. I believe in the virgin birth, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, in an afterlife and that my sins are forgiven because Jesus died on a cross 2,000 years ago.

We have no empirical studies to buttress these claims. I have no support whatsoever, except for something called faith. A reaffirming text from the New Testament, that states faith is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

But I would add that my scientific mind and understanding of Quantum physics, string theory and multiple universes does offer interesting possibilities to explain what we believe in, but is not fact.

However, to say that my belief system has no basis in fact, is not the same thing as saying that my faith is unreasonable.

Here, we resort to some ideas of a super-smart guy, Thomas Aquinas, who developed certain categories about reason - *contra rationem*, *secundum rationem* and *supra rationem* - that which is against reason, according to reason and beyond reason.

For him, theology was a science, in fact the queen of the sciences (although *scientia* didn't mean "science" as we think of science today; hence *Scientia est potentia* - "knowledge is power").

Aquinas said, "There are two kinds of science: natural science (like Calculus and Newtonian Physics) and sacred science (*Summa* 1.1.5.)". Theology is not against reason, Aquinas said, but according to reason, and, in some cases, beyond reason or above it.

Second, although the church should be a prophetic voice crying in the wilderness, it must not forget that it exists to make disciples and help people be "right" with God, since, through Christ, God is right with the world.

Third, when people know God, then the church helps them to walk with God humbly and to be kind and just and so on. The church must align itself with everything that stands for justice, peace and love, for without justice there can be no peace.

Finally, the church must confront the peddlers of falsehoods, especially those dressed in political cloth, and call them out. At the same time the church needs to stick fastidiously to the truth, as well as to the faith. Because without faith we have nothing. What do you think?

~The Rev. William Zettinger



ANNUAL PLEDGE 2017

**Mark your calendar!
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November 5 & 6**

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www.stbartschurch.org/pledge

Vestry Update

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4. A clear inspirational message of where we're going, why, what it's going to take, where we are now, and what more is needed to get there – Clergy

The Rector's Report from Fr. Mark reviewed a new vision for the management and parental involvement of the preschool as well as a discussion on a need for the Vestry to live into St. Bart's Mission statement and Vision. This discussion centered on the need of doing the right thing and living into building bridges during a potentially divisionary time.

Additional announcements included:

- Jim and Judy Macemon will lead the Capital Campaign Committee.
- The annual meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2017. Deacon Chris Harris will set the theme, format and goals.
- \$30,000 has been raised for the Epiphany School in Haiti and Fr. Noe is expected to visit and speak at St. Bart's in December.
- A Girl Scout Troop is looking to help raise funds for Haiti over four years.

- St. Bart's recently filled the position of Assistant Sexton and the Thrift Shop is looking for an Assistant.

The Vestry voted on the Treasurer's report where we have a current monthly operating deficiency of \$5,736. Of this deficit, 55% is due to payment timing of pledges.

At the next Vestry meeting on November 16, we will be taking a first review of our 2017 budget. This will be presented to the Vestry by the Treasurer, Bill Angus. Four outgoing members of the Vestry, Jerry Blanton, Dan Crane, Jeff LaBerge and Dan Morrissey, will make up the 2017 nominating committee for new vestry members. Dan Crane filled a vacancy (for no more than two years), so he will be eligible for re-election to a three-year term. The nominating committee will begin recruiting in December. If you're interested in running for Vestry feel free to contact any of the committee members.

~Dan Crane

Advent & Christmas

at St. Bartholomew's



The Cantor and the Psalms: Humanity “at full stretch”

The office of cantor began in early Christian communities following the Jewish practice of a hazan (cantor or music leader) chanting prayers in the temple. As singing psalms became daily prayer for monastics by the third century, the role of the cantor leading singing in liturgy also became more established. The cantor began to lead newly forming choirs (scholae cantorum, or “schools of singers/cantors”) as a “precentor,” one who intones a psalm or chant before the choir begins. In time, the cantor became a full-fledged choir director, composer, and administrator: J. S. Bach’s official job in 1723 in Leipzig, Germany—teaching and providing music for four churches and a school—was as Cantor of the St. Thomas School at St. Thomas Church, a title many Lutheran churches to this day retain for their music director.

In more recent years, however, many churches have reinvigorated the ministry of cantors in the early church model primarily as singers of psalms. Psalms are originally sung prayer in the Jewish tradition and often illustrate an emotional conversation with God, depicting what my teacher Don Saliers calls “humanity at full stretch,” from praise to lament, despair to hope. “Responsorial or antiphonal psalmody” — in which the cantor sings continuous verses while the people respond with a repeated, unchanged verse (or antiphon)—highlights both the dialogic and the meditative, personal nature of psalm-prayer. Rather than simply read through a psalm from beginning to end, we are invited to meditate on and return to our repeated phrase as the cantor moves through the verses of the psalm. In this way we hear the conversational prayer and are reminded of our part in giving voice to that emotion, no matter what we personally feel at the time.

Psalms are Scripture, and so, like the other readings, are sung from the ambo, a medieval Greek word for “rim,” describing the often elevated and ceremonial place, again from Jewish practice, where the rabbi read Scripture to the people. Cantors sing the psalm from our ambo to recognize it as Scripture and also to highlight in a fully visible and embodied way the dialogic nature of the psalms, the back-and-forth verses of cantor and assembly.

Cantors also proclaim litanies, a series of prayers, as we heard at the invocation of the Holy Spirit at Rev. Mary Lynn’s ordination and will hear on All Saints’ Day in the Litany of Saints. By gesture and facial expression, cantors both demonstrate and lead the gathered people in song, coaxing a collective voice from the assembly and inviting them more deeply into prayer and sung responses. The office of cantor is not just for professional musicians but is a ministry for anyone with a strong, clear voice and a willingness to be trained in leading song and to be formed by sung prayer.

Might you be called to the ministry of a cantor? How well do you know the psalms? How do responsorial psalms invite you to meditate on a particular phrase? How do the psalms embody for you the fullness of human life and emotional stretch?

~Nathan Costa, Interim Music Director

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St. Bart's Preschool

St. Bart's Preschool is abundant with blessings. We're happy to share that the Preschool is a full house this year with 91 students, including many new families. Several of these new families transferred from other area preschools. We have a reputation within the community as a loving, nurturing home for preschool and Pre-K-age children. Our next step is to build a stronger community through parent involvement.

After considerable thought and prayer, we have decided, and it has been affirmed by Fr. Mark and the Vestry, that we will create a new Preschool Advisory Committee. The daily schedule is overseen by myself under the guidance and counsel of Fr. Mark and the daily administration at the preschool is efficiently handled by Jen Shah, our new administrator. Mtr. Mary Lynn began leading weekly Chapel this school year and



is serving as the Chaplain for our families and preschool staff. With the daily routines firmly in place, we will change our focus to building community.

While still in the planning stage, our goal is to create a Parent Advisory Committee made up of 5-7 parents. They would, ideally, be responsible for annual fundraising, welcome wagon for new parents, family social events, teacher appreciations, working with staff to offer special events, school promotions, opportunities for outreach including: nursing homes, clothing/toys swaps, helping families in need, helping local schools with holiday needs, worship and chapel support, and hopefully a parent drop off/pick up safety patrol.

~Cheri Hoffman, St. Bart's Preschool Director

Ministry Spotlight: Angel Tree Outreach

You may know that Angel Tree brings gifts and the Gospel to the children of incarcerated men and women. Did you know that this transformational program began with one woman who was once on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List?

Mary Kay Beard's criminal career began when she met a man on a blind date. Mary Kay fell for his good looks and charm and married nine days later. Six months into their marriage, her new husband revealed his past. He was one of the most skillful safecrackers in the country and Mary Kay blindly followed him right into a life of crime.

Mary Kay earned herself a spot on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list by the age of 27 and was wanted in four different states. When the FBI finally arrested her she stood trial and was sentenced to 21 years and 1 day for armed robbery and grand larceny. "I thought that my life was over" Mary Kay said. However, God was about to step in. He had other plans for Mary Kay. Alone in her cell and desperate for hope, Mary Kay knelt on the concrete floor and surrendered her life to Christ. She had a Bible in her cell and read "For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose," Philippians 2:13. God began to open her eyes to the needs around her. She witnessed the struggle that incarcerated parents faced. She saw her fellow inmates saving up whatever little items they could - soap, socks, toothbrushes - to ultimately give to their children for Christmas. At that moment, God placed a mission on Mary Kay's heart. A mission that would reconcile families and turn lost hearts to Jesus.

Mary Kay Beard started Angel Tree when she was released from prison in 1982. She would help incarcerated parents show their love to their children at Christmas by giving a gift and the Gospel message to them. Angel Tree served 556 children in the state of Alabama in its first year of existence. Now, 2016 an estimated 3 plus million or so children have a mom or dad in prison. Angel Tree is now in 50 states and 102 countries throughout the world. The number is huge, but so is the opportunity. Mary Kay has said over the years "I am just a pile of dirt that God put a seed in." Mary Kay passed on April 17, 2016. She will be remembered worldwide for this incredible ministry.

When we allow God to work in our hearts and minds, there is no end to showing his love to our fellow man! Praise God for the many opportunities to love and serve Him and to shine His Light!

~Rosalind Duddy, Angel Tree Ministry

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: **Angel Tree Sunday is Sunday, November 20** :
: The actual angels will be available for your selection at :
: both all services that weekend. Your wrapped gifts will be :
: due back to church on Sunday, November 27. If you have any :
: questions regarding gift selections, contact Rosalind Duddy, :
: 858-485-1770 or rosalindduddy@sbcglobal.net. :
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An Election Season Prayer

God, I know that I don't have to get angry.
I don't have to get worked up.
I don't have to get depressed.
And I don't have to throw anything at the TV.

I just have to use
my conscience
and vote.

So help me remember
what Jesus taught in the Gospels,
and what our church teaches,
especially about the poor, the refugee, the migrant,
the sick, the homeless, the unborn, the disabled,
the hungry, the elderly and the lonely.

Help me remember the "least" among us,
and help me ponder in my heart
how to cast my vote for the good of all.

God, I know that no candidate is perfect,
because I'm not perfect either,
the last time I checked.

So free me of the burden of having to
vote for someone who satisfies
all my desires for a candidate.
My candidate will be imperfect,
like me.

Help me to be grateful for the ability to vote,
because not everyone has that privilege.

And when I meet people voting for someone else,
Help me to take a deep breath and
give them the benefit of the doubt,
because they are following their consciences, too.

Help me remember
that even though they sometimes drive me nuts,
I don't have to argue with them,
I don't have to convince them,
I don't have to hate them,
And I don't have to demonize them.

Then, after the election, help me work for unity.
Because I know that's what you want.

Amen.

~From the Facebook of Fr. James Martin, SJ.



**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 8
12 P.M.**

Our love of God, and each other, is bigger than any political party. Come to Election Day Communion to pray, reflect, and witness the reconciling love of Christ.

Invite your friends to this ecumenical service!

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
Treasurer's Report – First Nine Months of 2016

This report is intended to accompany the financial statements of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Poway, CA, for September, 2016.

For the first nine months of 2016, operating income was \$766,356, (\$15,556) less than forecast. The shortfall is primarily attributable to, lower than expected pledge receipts for the period, (\$47,852) below forecast, a 7.8% shortfall. 55% of the shortfall to date is due to the payment timing of pledge commitments that are still on track for 2016. Operating expenses for the period were \$840,980, under budget by \$22, 997. It should be noted that we have not had an electric bill since June due to software billing problems on the part of SDG&E. For the nine-month period, the operating loss was (\$51,627), \$7,441 better than forecast.

Year to date operating expenses have averaged \$90,887 and income has averaged \$85,151, resulting in an average monthly loss of (\$5,736).

The General Operating Fund balance sheet reflects liquid assets totaling \$84,932, a reserve for major repairs and replacements of \$15,625 and advanced 2016 pledge and non-pledge gifts of \$27,750 and payables of \$3,674. Therefore, our actual available free cash totals \$37,883 including trusts and bequests in the operating fund.

The Preschool shows a year to date operating loss of (\$7,040) and total net assets of \$177,930. The year to date operating loss is totally attributable to the use of surplus to fund \$8,500 of refurbishment projects for the pre-school.

The Outreach Fund at the end of nine months reflects Vestry Designated Reserves of \$99,605 including \$17,193 of thrift shop operating surplus, Thrift shop truck sinking fund of \$30,357 and Scholarship funds of \$52,055. Temporarily restricted assets total \$39,632 comprised primarily of domestic and general outreach funds totaling \$22,661 and the Haiti fund totaling \$9,393. Year to date, the outreach fund has disbursed \$14,732 domestically and \$8,500 internationally.

The Endowment Fund shows total net assets of \$741,313 including \$78,500 of permanently restricted endowment and \$605,593 in unrestricted and Vestry designated endowments. Additionally, there is \$539 in Heide fund earnings available to fund scholarship grants and \$40,041 in accumulated permanent endowment earnings available to support ministry.

The columbarium shows total net assets of \$108,899.

The Rector's Funds (Parish Development, Clergy Special Expense, and Pastoral Needs) and associated funds total \$22,883.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Angus, Treasurer

Regular Meetings

SUNDAY

Interfaith Community Services (ICS) - Merle's Place

4-6 p.m. on the first and third Sunday of the month.

Contact Jill Henderson at 760-807-8445.

Daughters of the King

Third Sunday at 9:15 a.m., Room 3E

MONDAY

Boy Scouts:

7 p.m., Parish Hall

Health and Wellness Ministry:

First Monday at 6:30 p.m., Education Building, Room 3AB

Hand Bell Choir

Mondays, 7 p.m., Choir Room

TUESDAY

Centering Prayer:

5 p.m., Education Building, Room 3AB

The Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry:

Tuesdays (except fifth Tuesday) at 6:30 p.m., Quilt Room

WEDNESDAY

Interfaith Community Services (ICS):

Serve breakfast, fourth Wednesday at 6:00 a.m.

Contact Denny Walters at 760-432-8518.

Thrift Shop Work Night:

Last Wednesday at 4:00 p.m., Thrift Shop

Schola

Wednesdays, 5:15 p.m., Choir Room

String Ensemble

Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Choir Room

THURSDAY

Book Guild:

Fourth Thursday, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room

B.P.U.S.A. - Bereaved Parents:

Fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

P.A.S.S. - Parent Advocates Seeking Solutions:

Third Thursday, 7 p.m., South Parish Hall

Choir

Thursdays, 7 p.m., Music Room

AA MEETINGS:

Sundays, 6 p.m. - Conference Room

Mondays, 9:30 a.m. - Parish Hall (Women only)

Tuesdays, 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - South Parish Hall (Women only)

Wednesdays, 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall

Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. - Parish Hall

Thursdays, 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall (Beginners)

Fridays, 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall

AL-ANON:

Mondays, 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall

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Christmas Shop Opening

St. Bart's Christmas Shop opens the weekend of November 19 and 20 right inside the Art Gallery next to Fr. Al's Nook. The Christmas Shop will be open every Sunday (8:45 a.m.-12 p.m.) until December 17. During the opening weekend, the Christmas Shop will be open Saturday afternoon prior to service and extended hours on Sunday.

St. Bart's Christmas Shop Opening Weekend

Saturday, November 19, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, November 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

It's Thanksgiving Basket Time

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and it's time, once again, for our annual (17th!) Thanksgiving basket drive. Since 1999, St. Bart's parishioners have donated more than 1,100 complete Thanksgiving dinners to families living in transitional housing with Interfaith Community Services (ICS) here in North County. On the weekends of November 5/6 and 12/13, pick up an empty laundry basket on the church patio along with a shopping list of all ingredients necessary for a traditional, home-cooked Turkey Day meal. You purchase the ingredients (usually around \$50 total) and return the filled baskets to the St. Bart's Conference Room the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 20). If you would like to participate, but aren't able to shop or return your basket on November 20, we will happily accept a cash donation and do the shopping for you. Contact JD Cowart, ccowart@san.rr.com, with questions.



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Celtic Worship on Saturdays in Advent

Over the summer and into the fall, we have been meeting, praying, singing and developing responses to God's voice to embrace forms of prayer and worship that can meet the growing needs of our parish and the community around us. Advent begins the new church year and embraces a four-week season of anticipation, preparation and new-life for the re-birth of Jesus Christ in ourselves, our families, our communities and the world. We continue to hear voices asking for St. Bart's to offer a worship for all generations to be at peace together, to experience respite in a new form.

Two weekly chapel times for St. Bart's Preschool, youth-led worship on Wednesday evenings, regular Choral Evensong, The Feast of All Saints with the John Rutter *Requiem* and the Litany of Saints are all new offerings for our parish and neighbors.

This Season of Advent we will all offer a Eucharist in the Celtic worship tradition at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday evenings. If you are unfamiliar with Celtic worship, here is a brief introduction.



Celtic worship resonates with creation and highlights the balance between silence and sound, word and song, response and listing, light and darkness. Celtic worship is deeply rooted in scripture and liturgical tradition and affirmed by music that draws both individual and community into the palm of God's hand.

Allow us to describe what you might expect: an opening ceremony of light that calls attention to the coming evening; beautiful music (some of it from the Hymnal and some from sources new to St Bart's); scriptural readings from the prophets and the Gospels appropriate for the season of Advent; a homily (reflection offered by a clergyperson); breaking bread together and partaking in the sacrament. The energy and pace will be noticeably different – with more silence and breathing encouraged. Our goal for the four Saturday evenings this Advent is to offer a service of worship that counterbalances the energy of the world around us and draws out the Spirit within each of us.