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Love Generously

Grace-Healed Eyes

The Rev. Mark McKone-Sweet

Dear Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you and those you love and pray for in good health and spirits.

Over the past few weeks, we have heard testimonies of people's love for St. Bart's and their yearning to know a God who loves them and their families. Were you not inspired by George's survival in the segregated South and his amazing academic achievements? By Sofia's dream of singing? By the life-changing moment when Vanessa was literally within hours of death, and her parents' struggle to love her for who she is?



Jesus challenges us to look at the world through what Irenaeus would call "grace-healed eyes." With grace-healed eyes, we hear their prayers: George's hope that his three grandchildren can be raised know to Jesus Christ's unconditional love, free from racism, at St. Bart's. Teenager Sofia's hope that the "miracle" continues to happen—that she can spend her life singing with the choir from a place of deep joy, for the glory of God. Vanessa's hope that she and

her wife will finally be able to explore their relationship with Jesus Christ. Each prayer is a vulnerable expression of the power of the generous love of God.

Jesus further challenges us to be generous with his love for all creation. To seek, receive, and give God's love and thus to be transformed in God's likeness. To not fear death, but to embrace steadfast hope and

new life. We at St. Bart's are called to continue the tradition, to build on the DNA of those who came before us and choose the Jesus Movement—the Way of Love. It will continue to take a great commitment of our time, talent, and treasure.

One of the fruits of God's generous love made real and tangible—to all people, no exceptions—is the gift of empathy. This fruit makes it possible for us to embrace the truth that sings from our hearts: there is a "sweet, sweet spirit in this place" that dwells with us through both sad and joyful moments.

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Grace-Healed Eyes

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The Rev. Mark McKone-Sweet

I want to draw your attention to a few other grace-filled, tender moments of vulnerable love:

- Liz Angus, who has faithfully embodied the spirit of our thrift shop for over 25 years, came to terms—along with the leaders of the thrift shop, the staff, and all our faithful volunteers—with the realization that the season had come to close the doors. Over this past year, it was remarkable to watch and pray with Liz and the thrift shop leadership team, vestry, finance team, and the outreach ministries we support, as month after month they placed their hope in a new beginning, trying again and again to find a viable path forward. Although it was painful, it was beautiful to see the power of God’s generous love at work.
- In our “What Is an Episcopalian?” class, I was inspired by the hope families and individuals are placing in our witness to the power of God’s generous love.
- Feeding San Diego continues to evolve. As with all new ministries, there have been moments of organizational challenge, and we have questioned whether we can keep it going. Recently, in the midst of a leadership transition, the vestry affirmed a vision to triple the number of families we serve each week. And then Ron Getz stepped up and the fire was rekindled.
- Lisa and Lt. Col. Ryan (and their children) will be leaving the area soon (an anticipated military move). They were quick to say, “We are coming back in one to three years.” They are keeping the house they purchased in the expectation of making St. Bart’s and this community home for their young family. In the meantime, we are working to find them a church and preschool near their next station.
- We have two new adult youth mentors joining Gerardo and Murphy, and both Chris and Rachel have discovered deep joy as they integrate with the youth.
- The children’s choir is growing. What a delight to see them rehearsing after church, and an absolute joy to hear their voices in worship.
- I must share the joy of chapel: the preschool children singing “God loves me, God loves you,” the music, praying for each child by name, the practice of centering prayer. It is deeply relaxing and restorative.

Next year, 2020, is taking shape to be a historic year as we live boldly into our mission to spread the Good News, the love of Jesus Christ, without exception. We stand strong and defy the

decline of Christianity—not in selfish self-preservation, but rather to seek deeper and deeper reconnection with Jesus. By faithfully following his commandments in our personal and public lives, not just on Sundays but seven days a week, we discover the deep joy of sharing that gift of love with others.

With a joyful tear in my eye, I give thanks to God for our shared ministry today and tomorrow.

Mark+



Interfaith Outreach Opportunity

Jill Henderson

Individuals, couples, families, and friends welcome to serve. Interfaith’s New Recovery & Wellness Center Needs volunteers to prepare and serve dinner to residents of their sobering program. The Center provides a safe place for homeless and low-income individuals to recover from drug and alcohol abuse in a long-term residential setting. St. Bart’s has committed to sending 2-3 people twice a month to help the Interfaith cook prepare and serve meals to this growing population of residents. Please consider helping on one or more of these dates. Contact Jill Henderson, jfh@cox.net, for more information.

1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays, 4-6 p.m.

Next open dates:

December 1, 15 & 29

Inspiring Stewardship Witness

The first weekend in November is Celebration Weekend. Yes, we collect pledges for the coming year. But it's more than that. We come together to give thanks for all we have experienced here and pray for expanding our faith and participation in the many ministries at St. Bart's. In the weeks leading up to Celebration Weekend services, parishioners offer their witness to the radically welcoming faith community we have at St. Bart's. Standing in front of the congregation, sharing your personal experience of faith can be intimidating, especially for a young parishioner. This year, one of St. Bart's youth, Sofia Grandinetti shared what she loves about St. Bart's.

Hello, my name is Sofia Grandinetti. I am a 12-year-old girl currently in 7th grade at Bernardo Heights Middle School. I have been attending St. Bart's for a bit more than six years now, and in these six years, I have some of the best moments in my life.

I love St. Bart's, it's like a second home to me. St. Bart's has so many fun and exciting activities to be a part of. I am in the chorus, youth crew, I'm an acolyte, and I'm in the youth hiring committee, also if you didn't know, I went to Haiti four years ago, with my good friend Maya.

Maya at the time was in 7th grade, while I was in 3rd grade. She kept talking of this really cool group at church, that meets on Wednesdays. I wanted to join, but you had to be in 6th grade. As the years came, I eventually was able to join the youth group, when I started going to youth group on Wednesday nights everyone was just so kind and happy to have me there, I felt very welcomed and accepted, even if I was the youngest one there.

One memorable moment I had with the youth group was at the beginning of the year is when the youth group went to Vida Joven, an orphanage St. Bart's supports in Tijuana. Everything went smoothly up until we were leaving.

I made many inside jokes with the little kids and with members of the youth group. We were supposed to get back to St. Bart's around three, only an hour waiting for the borderlines.

We ended up waiting in that packed van for six or seven hours! I ate about five quesadillas. Banged empty water bottles on multiple people's heads. And got out of the van three or four times, for food, drinks, and to use the restroom. Overall, I got closer to everyone in the van, so the trip was a double thumbs up for sure.

Another activity I have joined at St. Bart's is the choir. I went all the way from only going because my parents were in a meeting, to now wearing a fancy blue and white robe. Singing was always a big part of my life, you can ask my parents about that as well. I

used to be so excited to sing "happy birthday" to a relative, or just to get my plastic microphone from Chuck E. Cheese's, and to sing the ABC's on the so-called "stage" of our old apartment.

Music is a way to create peace and happiness for me, it can pump me up even on my worst days. So to be able to sing in this choir was a miracle. As soon as I joined I realized that there is way more to music you would think, sixteenth notes, time signatures, and much more. With the help of some good friends and great advice from directors, I was able to learn most of these complex musical definitions.

Just simply singing in the shower got way better once I joined the choir here. Honestly, so thankful for everyone that has helped me get to where I am in this choir now.

Last summer was the first summer I didn't have a summer program to go to. With the youth group in the whole diocese, we went to Camp Stevens for a weekend in the winter. Then one day, after church the director at Camp Stevens came to talk about their summer program, I was interested and joined the summer camp. It was really fun, and I had a great time. We went on many nature hikes, saw the comets go by in the starry night above, and making some really good friends.

Two of the main things I remember while there were that the bread is so good and the vegetarian options are amazing! If you couldn't tell, Camp Stevens, was definitely a good part of my summer.

In these past six years, I have absolutely loved it at St. Bart's. It's a huge part of my life, and hopefully will be for much longer. All these activities have really brought me forward in life and I'm so thankful to have the opportunities to do them.

I am now in Maya's shoes, as I am influencing my little brother Cal to be a part of both the youth group and serving as an acolyte. As you can see, St. Bart's is a place for everyone, of all ages. I'm very appreciative of St. Bart's, "All are welcome, no exceptions".

You can listen to other stewardship witnesses from the Sermons page on our website.

stbartschurch.org/connect/sermons

December and Christmas Music

John-Luke Addison

Believe it or not, we are approaching the season of Advent, and the St. Bart's Music Ministry is eagerly starting to prepare all of the beautiful music programming that will be part of the season.

First, the Greater San Diego Music Coterie will present a **Messiah Sing-Along on December 1, 4:00 p.m., and December 6, 7:30 p.m.**, with members of the St. Bart's choir as part of the chorus. The concert will incorporate full orchestra and soloists and will be a great opportunity to usher in the season as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth.

Second, we will be having our annual **Festival of Lessons and Carols service on December 22, 4 p.m.** This event is a family-friendly service, with exciting musical offerings from our choirs and instrumental ensembles, in the traditional service developed from King's College Cambridge with seasonal lessons and congregational carols.

Finally, our **Christmas Eve** programming will incorporate our various ensembles, as we present joyous music to celebrate the season. Come 30 minutes prior to each of our services to hear exciting preludes and solos offered by members of our ministry. The **4 p.m.** service will involve the children's choir and handbell ensemble, the **7 p.m.** service will involve the full choir and strings, and the **9:30 p.m.** service will involve full choir and brass.

I hope you will share in our music-making, and invite your friends and family to participate, as we navigate the hope, peace, joy, and love of Advent, in our anticipation of the Christ child entering our midst once again.



Sunday
November 17
4 p.m.
in the Chapel

Join us for an evening of deepening our faith and relationship through praise music, prayer, testimonials, Eucharist, and fellowship.

This is an engaging service for people of all ages.



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Thrift Shop Announcement

The Rev. Mark McKone-Sweet, The Rev. Canon Allisyn Thomas, Sumner Rollings, Carla Morrisey, Liz Angus

It is with both sadness and joy that we announce the closing of the St. Bartholomew's Thrift Shop at the end of February 2020. Since we were informed that leases in the shopping center would not be renewed, our thrift shop team, including Sumner Rollings, Liz Angus, Carla Morrisey, and Bill Angus, have worked tirelessly to locate another location. Their efforts included meeting with City of Poway officials (who indicated city planning efforts were moving away from thrift shops), untold number of meeting with real estate professionals and even scouting locations outside of Poway such as Escondido.



But most importantly thank you to every volunteer who has offered their time and talent to this important ministry. This will feel like a death in the family and it's ok, and expected, that you mourn. And as Easter people, we also know God will use all of us in new ways to further the mission of this community.



Please remember that St. Bart's Thrift Shop is in business until the very end. We are accepting donations through February 1 and open for business. Stop by to chat and shop for Christmas. Maybe give a volunteer a hug too.



After much prayer and discussion, we realize that this ministry is moving through its life cycle. While we are saddened by the end of our Thrift Shop, we are also joyous recounting the many ways we had a positive impact on so many lives.

St. Bartholomew's Thrift Shop grew from a church rummage sale to a retail operation serving Poway and surrounding communities from a 5,000

square foot store on Poway Road. For the last 53 years, our Thrift Shop has been a ministry of outreach to the hundreds of lives we touched every day – those who shop as well as those who volunteer. Of course, sales from the Thrift Shop benefited St. Bart's Outreach programs.



So much of what we have accomplished goes beyond pricing and selling items. We have listened to each other, shared celebrations, shared photographs of grandchildren and special vacations, shared aches and pains, and found an excuse to have lunch together. This last 53 years has meant being there and opening our hearts to one another. This ministry, this community will be missed.



We thank the St. Bart's Vestry and Finance Committee who worked so hard to assist us in developing a viable business plan to go forward.

11th Year of Trunk or Treat

Maureen Hovannesian & Karen Matsumoto

Thank you, everyone, for joining us for this year's Trunk or Treat. We had over 30 cars decorated in cute, scary, funny, and very original themes! Over 150 people gathered to kick off the Halloween season. Kids, adults (like our bee-utiful music director), and even pets dressed up, trick or treated, got a face painting, and ate dinner together. Once the votes were tallied, 4 cars won the prestigious awards of best decorated! Thank you to everyone who helped make this event so successful. See you next year!



See all photos from Trunk or Treat on St. Bart's Flickr page or access Flickr from the St. Bart's app.
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Greater San Diego
Music Coterie presents
the annual

Messiah

SING AND PLAY ALONG

Sunday
December 1
4 p.m.

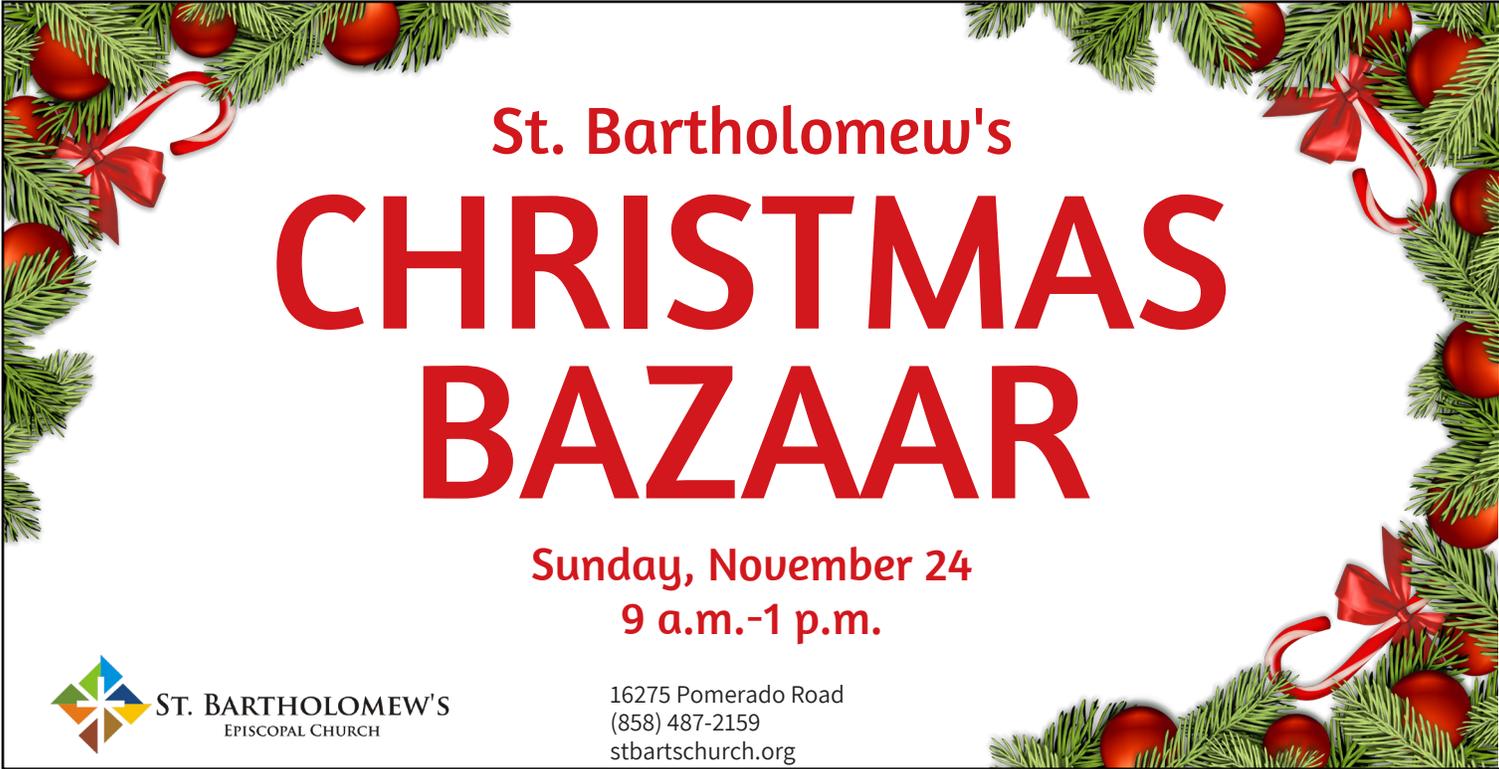
Friday
December 6
7 p.m.

Annual Messiah Sing- and Play-Along with the Greater San Diego Chamber Orchestra and Chorus, directed by Dr. Angela Yeung. Singers can bring your own score or rent one (\$5) at the door. Instrumentalists please contact Dr. Yeung in advance for parts. Both performances are free admission with free-will donation at the door. Visit <https://gsdmusicoterie.org> for details.



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St. Bartholomew's
**CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR**

Sunday, November 24
9 a.m.-1 p.m.



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Prayer Chain—Requests and New Members Welcome!

Janice Miller

The members of the St. Bartholomew's Prayer Chain have made a commitment to pray daily in private for anyone requesting prayer for themselves, a friend, or a family member. To request prayers from the prayer chain or if you'd like to join the prayer chain team, please contact Janice Miller at janiceRmiller@hotmail.com. Prayer requests can also be submitted on the St. Bart's web site. A commitment to pray daily is all that is needed to join our team, and prayer requests are kept confidential.

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Regular Meetings

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Children's Choir Rehearsal (ages 7-13)

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Interfaith Community Services (ICS) - Merle's Place

1st & 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m.

Contact Jill Henderson, 760-807-8445

MONDAY

Boy Scouts

7 p.m., Parish Hall

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7 p.m., Choir Room

TUESDAY

Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry

Tuesdays (except fifth Tuesday), 1 p.m., Quilt Room

Centering Prayer

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

Our Space

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Education Building 1st Floor

WEDNESDAY

Interfaith Community Services (ICS)

Serve breakfast, fourth Wednesday 6 a.m.

Contact Jill Henderson, (760) 807-8445

Thrift Shop Work Night

Last Wednesday at 4 p.m., Thrift Shop

Schola Cantorum Rehearsal

6 p.m., Choir Room

Youth CREW

6 p.m., Youth Room, September-June

String Ensemble Rehearsal

7 p.m., Choir Room

THURSDAY

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

4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m., 3AB

Choir Rehearsal

7 p.m., Music Room

Support Groups

AA MEETINGS

Sundays, 6 p.m., South Parish Hall

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, 6:45 p.m., Parish Hall

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

Fridays, 9:45 a.m., South Parish Hall (Women only)

Fridays, 12 p.m., South Parish Hall and 6 p.m., Room 3AB

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m., South Parish Hall

AL-ANON

Mondays, 12 p.m., South Parish Hall

Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Parish Hall

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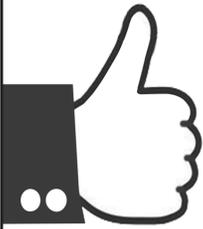
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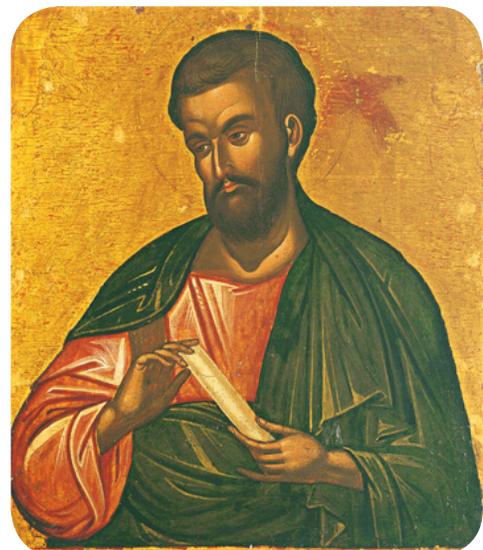
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