

The Elizabethan

Rev. Debbie Hawkins, Interim

July Services & Events

- 7/4 Sunday 8AM & 10 AM Holy Communion
Happy 4th of July
- 7/6 Tuesday 7PM Healing Service
- 7/11 Sunday 8AM & 10 AM Holy Communion
- 7/12 Monday Bishop Committee Meeting 7PM
- 7/13 Tuesday 7PM Healing Service
- 7/18 Sunday 8AM & 10 AM Holy Communion
- 7/20 Tuesday 7PM Healing Service
- 7/25 Sunday 8AM & 10 AM Holy Communion
- 7/27 Tuesday 7PM Healing Service
- 7/31 Saturday - Munch Bunch 5:30PM location TBA

August Services & Events

- 8/1 Sunday 8AM & 10 AM Holy Communion
- 8/3 Tuesday 7PM Healing Service
- 8/8 Sunday 8AM & 10 AM Holy Communion
- 8/10 Tuesday 7PM Healing Service
- 8/15 Sunday 8AM & 10 AM Holy Communion
- 8/16 Monday, Bishop's Committee 7PM
- 8/17 Tuesday 7PM Healing Service
- 8/22 Sunday 8AM & 10 AM Holy Communion
- 8/24 Tuesday 7PM Healing Service
- 8/28 Saturday - **Rummage Sale & Munch Bunch**
- 8/29 Sunday 8AM & 10 AM Holy Communion
- 8/31 Tuesday 7PM Healing Service

What's Going on?

St. Elizabeth's 4th Day Group met for the first time Wednesday, June 17th at 7 PM. Eleven women met to pray and meditate, study Faith and discuss what forms of action the group would like to take within the communities. The group will meet again on Wednesday, July 21 at 7 PM. Current Cursillistas as well as those who might be interested in experiencing a Cursillo are welcome. A free will donation is welcomed.

Rummage Sale - Saturday, August 28

9AM - 4PM The committee is accepting your slightly used, in good working condition, and clean items starting August 11.

Bishop's Ranch Conference just around the corner.

September 10, 11 and 12, That is 2 nights and 5 meals, plus time for God, time for community and time for reflection. Cost for adults is \$166; cost for youth (13-18) is \$111 and cost for children (3 -12) is 83. Sign up sheet in the narthex or contact Diane FitzGibbon or Ellen Jones.

SCRIP When you buy Scrip, St. Elizabeth's benefits. See Claudia at 10AM service or Julie at 8AM service.

From the Vicar's Desk

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Such a lovely greeting. It is no wonder St. Paul used it in so many times in his letters. No matter what was to follow - a commendation, a word of encouragement, a heartfelt plea to remain true to his teachings - it reminded those listening to the letter they were all part of a single community, servants of the living God, and followers of the Way of Christ. No matter what the changes and chances of their lives, they were assured there was nothing that could separate them from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

I am very pleased to have been called to serve among you as your Interim Vicar at St. Elizabeth's. Sometimes interim periods are looked on as holding times to be gotten through before being able to get back to the real work of being church. As St. Paul would say, "By no means!" We have work God is calling us to do together. These are very exciting times as we move forward while recalling all the blessings of the past.

Let me tell you a little about myself. I was born in San Mateo and graduated from Burlingame High. I went to UC Davis as a biochemistry major. There I met Dan Hawkins. We were married at St. Matthew's, San Mateo and then settled in Vacaville for a few years before we moved back to Davis. Dan worked for many years as a classical music announcer at the public radio station in Sacramento. I worked at Calgene, in Davis. We have a daughter, Caroline, who is currently in her last year at Chico State.

I liked working in a lab but after many years I found God nudging me to work with people. Volunteering as a chaplain a few hours a week at a homeless day shelter in Sacramento eventually led me to seminary at CDSF and, finally, ordination. For the past 3 years I have been serving in various capacities at St. Matthew's in Sacramento. I led bible study groups and grief support groups, worked in the food closet and health outreach, designed liturgies and vacation bible school, and many other things. I was ordained to the priesthood at St. Matthew's, Sacramento in January of this year.

St. Elizabeth's is a community that takes seriously Jesus' command that we love one another as he has loved us. The new labyrinth is a rock solid sign the parish is committed to reaching out to minister to the spiritual needs of the wider community. The pastoral needs of the church family are a primary concern, as well. While I am on the Peninsula 3-4 days a week, returning home the other days, I am always only a phone call away. Do not hesitate to call me whenever you need to.

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Selection Committee Progress Report:

The Selection Committee officially kicked off on June 6, 2010 with a two hour training session. The committee members are as follows: Kathy De Simone, Diane FitzGibbon, Yvonna Giordano, Kevin Hass, Diane Knight, Norma Liedtke, Sue McNaughton, Shirley Myers, Claudia Quinn, Bill Scism and Maggi Thomas. The training for the committee was conducted by The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe. The selection committee has the responsibility of selecting our replacement vicar.

The committee held its second meeting on June 13, 2010. Appointments were made to the following positions: Secretary, (Kevin Hass) Recording Secretary, (Diane FitzGibbon) Treasurer, (Norma Liedtke) and Chaplain, (Diane Knight). The process of selecting a new vicar requires that we do a self study of Saint Elizabeth's before actually beginning the interview process. As part of the self study, we will be conducting town hall meetings, possibly focus groups and one on one interview's. We really need the congregation's participation in helping us define who we are at Saint Elizabeth's and our vision of what we want Saint Elizabeth's to be in the future.

When the self study is completed, we will know what skill set is desired for a replacement vicar to achieve our goals, and can adjust the interview and selection process to select the best candidates that meet the requirements of Saint Elizabeth's. In order for us to succeed, we will need the prayers and contributions of the entire congregation at Saint Elizabeth's.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Scism, Selection Committee Cochairman

New Website

We are working on a new website for St. Elizabeth's that should be available this July. We hope to have information about our church, events planned and a calendar as well as our next issue of the Elizabethan on the site.

Labyrinth Facilitator Training

Our Labyrinth Facilitator Training in June was a uplifting experience. Zara Renander returned from Minneapolis to work with 11 of us for one and a half days on walking and helping others to walk and learn from the labyrinth

Some topics were: Setting intentions, Reflecting on walks, Myths and meaning of the labyrinth, Language of the labyrinth, Publicity and marketing, and Committee work

We watched an inspiring DVD on the use of the labyrinth. We all participated in a tandem walk – a way to learn trust or perhaps lead someone who is blind.

Those participating were Diane Knight, Yvonna Giodanno, Ron McNaughton and Sue McNaughton from St Elizabeth's. Other participants came from St Paul's, Burlingame, San Francisco Night Ministry, Church of the Redeemer, San Rafael, St Jude's, Mountain View and our SSF neighbor, St Veronica's.

We ended the weekend with prayers from Zara and Mother Debbie anointing us with oil.

A special thanks to Nancy Rauch, Anne Wade, Dar Masamori, Diane FitzGibbon for the wonderful lunch, snacks, drinks and flowers! Many comments were made on the wonderful hospitality St Elizabeth's provided!

Sue McNaughton received an e-mail today (July2) from Zara - "You were all a marvelous group to work with and I loved my time with you all."

Our Labyrinth Committee will soon be meeting and would love your energy. Anyone interested (you don't have to have attended the workshop!) can contact Diane Knight or Sue McNaughton.



Walking the Labyrinth



Walking the Labyrinth in tandem

Laughter is good for the Soul

Shirley & Marcy

A mom was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. She said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally she said to Timmy, 'Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?'

Timmy nonchalantly replied, 'Yeah, I know who she is.' The little girl said, 'Well, who is she?'

"That's just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied, 'and her daughter Marcy.' Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she and why is she following us?

Well, Timmy explained, 'every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always.

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