

St. Philip's Newsletter

October 2011

Pastor's Letter:

"...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." Matthew 28:19

Our risen Lord, Jesus Christ's, parting words to his closest disciples, to 'baptize all nations in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit', became the foundational work of the early church. Year after year, generation after generation faithful Christians have reached out across the globe to teach all nations, all cultures, the love and mercy of Christ. 2000 years later, we are still reaching out to cultures beyond our own and finding common love centered in the love our Lord shared with his disciples.

One of the ways you as a parishioner of St. Philip the Apostle in Scotts Valley, California, USA, can participate in cross-cultural sharing of Christ's love with people from Africa, is to participate in offering hospitality to members of the "Indaba" teams from our Triad dioceses who will be visiting El Camino Real the first week of November. ('Indaba' is a South African term for a council in which people meet to discuss important issues affecting the community. It is the term used to describe an experimental "triad" relationship amongst various dioceses of the Anglican Communion.)

For 3 years now, the Dioceses of El Camino Real, Gloucester and Western Tanganyika have engaged in an "indaba triad". Teams from each diocese, led by their bishops, have gone across the globe to meet with one another—worshiping, praying, singing, eating, talking—essentially living together in one another's cultural context to better understand who we are as God's people, who we are as Christians, who we are as Anglicans throughout the world.

Stepping into one another's cultural context to fully experience all that we are as "one body of Christ" has allowed those involved to better 'love one another as Christ loves us.' It has opened the eyes of those who didn't get to travel to really see our Christian brothers and sisters as God sees them, and to have compassion for their needs. No longer does the baptismal covenant question "Will you strive for justice and



Bishop Michael Perham & Pastor Mary,
Gloucester England



Cheltenham Vicars' Coffee, England 2010

peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being" sound hollow or 'academic'. "I will, with God's help"... is our response, now seeming more meaningful. If we truly seek Christ in one another, knowing that God is present through the community of people gathered, we see the face of God in those from continents far away, living lives very different from our own, yet filled with Christ's love.

The Indaba Teams from Western Tanganyika, Tanzania, and Gloucester, England, will be visiting our diocese from November 3 –11th. They will attend our Diocesan Convention on Friday, November 4 and part of Saturday

and then will visit a number of churches throughout the diocese on Sunday, November 6th. All parishioners are invited to help with hospitality at the Diocesan convention, helping with registration, serving coffee, tea, etc., and generally being available to help make all our guests from around the globe feel welcomed into our cultural context.

Here at St. Philip's we will be blessed to host The Rev. Jacqueline Rodwell, Vicar of Emmanuel Church, Cheltenham, England, who graciously hosted me during my visit to the Diocese of Gloucester in 2010. Vicar Jacqueline will be with us for worship on November 6. We invite any and all of you who are interested to meet with her for lunch following the service to contact the church office.

Following the convention, for five days, the Indaba teams will be spending time together talking and listening to one another regarding the following issues (1) Deepening the Unity of the Church (parishes, dioceses and Anglican Communion); 2) Creating a multi-generational church proclaiming the gospel within our contemporary culture; 3) Resourcing and sustaining our mission; and 4) Exploring how to combat poverty. [to read more about the Indaba team visits, please go to http://www.edecr.org/subscription_detail.php?si=3]

I do hope you will prayerfully consider how you might contribute your time, talent or possibly treasure to the work of the Indaba Teams who bring us a greater understanding not only of our brothers and sisters throughout the world, but a greater understanding of ourselves and our place in God's kingdom.

Faithfully in Christ's love,
Pastor Mary & Jim Blessing



Emmanuel Church Band

Vicar Jacqueline Rodwell, Cheltenham, England

God Give Us Roots

Long before I lived in the Santa Cruz Mountains I remember camping at state parks as a child with my family and attending the campfire programs. You may remember them. People would gather at the designated area with jackets and flashlights, sit on log benches and sing along to campfire songs projected on a screen. When it was dark enough, a park ranger would offer a slide show and talk about local history, hiking trails or the native flora and fauna. That is where I first learned about the amazing root system of the redwood trees. Despite their impressive height, their root system is relatively shallow. What makes the trees strong enough to withstand gusty winds is that the root system grows laterally quite a distance and is intertwined with the roots of other trees.

To me that's a powerful metaphor for the relationship between individuals, the faith community and God. It's when we remain connected with one another and God that we not only have the strength to weather storms, but also have the fruitful lives we were designed to live. Joan Chittister puts it this way: "I will nourish your dreams and prod all the potential that is within you." Or as Jesus describes in the 15th chapter of the gospel according to John, "No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." (John 15:4)

On three October Sundays you will be hearing from those who will be sharing how their lives have been strengthened or made fruitful (given roots and wings) by the power of God in their lives. I invite you to join in the discovery of the generous provision of our amazing God.

Grace and peace,

Sally Sutter and the Stewardship Committee



Deanery Doings

On Saturday, September 24th, Diocesan Delegate Jane Ellis attended the meeting of the Monterey Deanery at Epiphany Lutheran and Episcopal, Marina.

Much of the meeting was focused on issues relating to the 31st annual Diocesan Convention, which will be held November 4 & 5 in Salinas. It will be a particularly exciting convention since the bishops and **Indaba*** teams of our partner Dioceses of Gloucester and Western Tanganyika will be present.

- Volunteers who are not Diocesan Delegates are needed to help with registration, hospitality and ballot counting.
- Contributions are being requested to help cover the cost of hospitality for the Indaba teams. (Hosts are being sought to accommodate guests in the Monterey/Seaside area close to Mission House. We are too far away, but we can help financially).
- Materials covering the resolutions to be voted on, registration details etc. will be distributed about a week into October
- Richard Mueller presented the proposed Diocesan budget for questions and discussion.
- Roger Barney presented the updated Diocesan Strategic Plan which will be voted on at convention. The draft plan was presented earlier this year to the deaneries, and we had a discussion of it at St. Philip's also. All the feedback received has resulted in a refinement of the plan, and this continued even during Saturday's meeting. Key features of the plan include:
 - A Mission Statement: The mission of the Diocese of El Camino Real is to strengthen local ministries and connect our common life with the wider Church and the world.
 - Defining our values: Christ-centeredness, Reconciliation, Passion, Innovation, Integrity
 - Development of three Strategic Objectives: Cultivate the treasures within our neighborhoods; Build leadership for the future; Strengthen our connection to one another and to the wider world. Three or four goals have been developed in each of these areas.

With the anticipated adoption of the Strategic Plan at the convention, Roger is inviting anyone interested in being part of a task force to work on a particular area to contact Brian Nordwick. For more details on the plan, follow the link on the Diocesan website www.edecr.org.

Other items:

- Brian Nordwick presented on the continuation of the Western Tanganyika scholarship program, whereby contributions from members in our Diocese have enabled students in our partner diocese to attend school, which they wouldn't otherwise be able to afford. Anyone interested in hearing more about this program, please talk to Jane Ellis or visit the Diocesan website.
- Bishop Mary talked about her recent trip to England, where she was invited to give the keynote address September 19 at a conference on women's ministry in the Church of England, hosted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. A transcript and audio download of her speech can be reached from the Diocesan website

* **Indaba** - The term comes from a [Zulu language](#) word, meaning "business" or "matter". The [Archbishop of Canterbury](#), [Rowan Williams](#), used the expression when he announced, in April 2008, the introduction of "middle sized groups for discussion of larger issues", saying: - "...we believe that Bishops learn to be better Bishops when they are learning from one another - learning from people working in very different contexts with very different ideas and challenges to deal with..."

We have given these (middle-sized groups) the African name of indaba groups, groups where in traditional African culture, people get together to sort out the problems that affect them all, where everyone has a voice and where there is an attempt to find a common mind or a common story that everyone is able to tell when they go away from it. This is how we approached it. This is what we heard. This is where we arrived as we prayed and thought and talked together".



Indaba Bishops

Food Pantry Marks One Year Anniversary

Trust the unexpected nature of God's provision. Sounds like an oxymoron, doesn't it? But that's just what has happened for a basic program with hopeful prospects which celebrated a year last month. We'd expected to provide food for families with young children and ended up serving a different segment of our community. We began serving a handful of people and are now serving up to two dozen. It's taken us in directions we could not have seen a year ago and it's been a remarkable journey.

It's been remarkable to find donations of food show up on our doorstep left by anonymous (or, occasionally named) donors. This has been extremely helpful in supplementing the food we receive from Second Harvest Food Bank. On behalf of the recipients, a heartfelt thanks.

It's been remarkable to get to know the gracious, generous staff at Second Harvest who make our food distribution possible.

It's been remarkable to see the faces of recipients and hear their expressions of gratitude. We are feeding more than bodies here.

We owe these remarkable things to the efforts, energy and enthusiasm of Carter Potts for getting this valuable program started. Though her current academic schedule doesn't permit direct participation, she's still encouraging us from behind the scenes.

If you're looking for a way to make a difference in the lives of others, please consider contributing a couple of hours on a Thursday (even once a month) to drive to Watsonville to pick up the food from Second Harvest or in the evenings to distribute the food. Don't be surprised if an unexpected impact happens right in your own heart. It has for me.

Grace and peace,

Sally Sutter for the St. Philip's Food Pantry



'St. Philip's develops "Covenant" in "Cluster Church"--experiments in community and worship.'



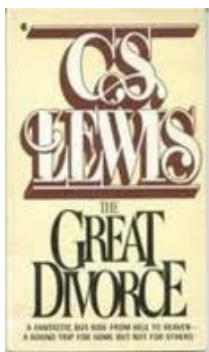
Did You Know?



- Barbara Lyon, our Altar Guild Director, Stewardship Chair and Meditation Leader, will be traveling and undergoing knee surgery and recovery this Fall. We will miss her gracious presence in many ways from mid-September until mid-November, but are pleased that many will do their best to cover her duties. The Friday 11:00 Meditation in the Sanctuary will continue under the leadership of Julie Levy. Prayers and blessings to Barbara for safe travel and successful surgery!
- St. Philip's leadership will be preparing us for a "Bible-based Strategic Plan Process" chaired by Lay Preacher, Bill Dolby, with visionary guidance from Pastor Mary. Ground work for this process will begin this Fall; full participation of the entire congregation will begin with our Annual Meeting in January 2012.
- The Upstairs Rentals have been beautifully painted and halls decorated with paintings by Donna Seelbach. Office Manager, Elizabeth Forbes, has successfully rented out vacant offices. She also manages our hourly conference room, available to those who seek a quiet, comfortable space for counseling or business meetings (\$10.00 per hour). Contact Elizabeth 10-2, Monday-Thursday, in the Church Office for details 438-4360, or email her at stphilips.sv@gmail.com.
- Samantha Haycock, Youth Minister and recent graduate of UCSC, is seeking part-time employment in the field of psychology which will enable her to continue working at St. Philip's 10-15 hours per week. If you know of any opportunities for Sam, who has extensive experience working in "group home" settings as well as with church youth and children, please contact her at samanthahaycock@gmail.com.
- We are in the process of creating a Lending Library, to be housed in the "Blue Room". We received a long-term loan of two book shelves which will serve as the holding place for religious and church-related books suitable for circulation. Pastor Mary is adding items to the book collection which was formerly available in the Parish Hall but was stored during the kitchen renovation project. As we complete reconstruction of a wall in the Blue Room (and the outside stairwell) we will organize these books and a catalogue/lending system for members' use. If you are interested in being on a "library team" to select and manage these books, please contact Pastor Mary.
- The Outside Stairwell to the Upstairs Rentals is undergoing reconstruction due to water damage. This entails temporary closure of that stairwell for some Saturday and holiday time-periods. Renters will be notified of pending closures and will be able to access the upstairs by going through the church foyer.

Reading/Prayer Group: "The Great Divorce"

Our morning book-study and prayer group meets on Thursdays from 9:30-11 AM. It's been a great spiritual and educational experience, and we want to invite anyone who might be interested in small-group study and spiritual enrichment to come join us.



Beginning this coming Thursday, Sept. 29, we will be discussing C. S. Lewis' The Great Divorce, a wonderful allegory of eternal life.

Hope to have you with us soon,

Fran Soule



Sarah Joy and Jeremy Gabrielson
with their new baby Havilah

Music and Praise

Wednesday evenings, 7pm-8pm, in the Church Sanctuary, musicians and vocalists meet for “Music and Praise”. This is a prayerful sharing in song: sometimes “leader/response”, sometimes following along with our hymnal or other sheet music, sometimes a bit of “improv”, and always a time when we invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit to bring a calm and joyful presence, uplifting our mid-week slump! Please come if you love to sing and/or worship the Lord. No experience necessary. Bring a friend! All are welcome.

NOTE: On Wednesday November 2 at 7pm in the Sanctuary our “Music and Praise” will be a special offering of prayers for “All Souls”—the day the Anglican/Episcopal Church “Commemorates All Faithful Departed.” Please add the name of your loved ones’ who have gone on before us on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer, and come pray with us for your loved one and all whom we love who have gone on before us.



Bible Study: 'How to Encourage One Another'

Everyone needs encouragement! Whether it is to take on a challenge or to deal with a setback or just to get up to face the day, we all can use some encouragement. But real encouragement often needs more than a pat on the back and the words “hang in there, it will get better.” The scriptures give us many practical ways to encourage one another that are based on truth and really work. Come learn ten or more techniques to encourage your family members, coworkers and friends in a way that will build them up and equip them to handle life’s challenges. Perhaps you will find encouragement too!

September 25 to October 30, 9am, in the Blue Room. Led by Lay Preacher, Bill Dolby

Thank you,

Bill Dolby, Lay Preacher

Baptism and Confirmation Classes: Going Deeper

This Fall many of those who participated in our Winter “St. Philip’s 101” class are now “going deeper” in their reflection upon their faith journey.

Pastor Mary is offering Baptism preparation for “All Saints” baptism Sunday, November 6, 2011. Times for preparation “classes” to be announced based on scheduling needs of candidates for Baptism.

Confirmation classes for youth and adults will be offered this fall. Youth Minister Samantha Haycock, and Pastor Mary are “team teaching” a 9-week course “I Will with God’s Help,” to run from Sept. 25 through Nov. 20 (except for Thanksgiving Week). Eight adults and three youth are spending either Sunday afternoons 4pm-5:30pm or Wednesday afternoons 2pm-3:30 pm reflecting upon their baptismal covenant, considering where God is in their lives now, and what it means to be a Christian in the Anglican/Episcopal tradition.

Many of these ‘faith-journeymers’ will choose to be fully accepted into the Episcopal Church during Bishop Mary’s visitation on December 4, either through Confirmation, Reception, or Renewal of Faith. If you are interested in participating, please see Samantha Haycock (youth) or Pastor Mary (adults).

Confirmation date: December 4, 2011. To sign up or ask questions, please contact: samanthahaycock@gmail.com, or pastor.stphilips.sv@gmail.com, or the Church Office 438-4360.



St Philip's Harvest & Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair 2011

The 9th Annual St Philip's Harvest & Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair will be held on **Saturday, October 29th** from **9am-4pm**.

If you would like to help with the planning of this event, please notify me at jeanne@gallagher.net or my cell 234-7786 . We will need plenty of bakers and canners as well. If you can donate home baked or canned goods, contact Lucy Gowan at mummpo@sbcglobal.net .



Last year the raffle turned out to be larger than ever. Please consider if you or any companies or individuals you know would donate goods to the raffle. Ideas for raffle prizes include movie tickets with candy and popcorn, a spa package with soaps and lotions, a dog or cat basket of goodies, tickets to sporting or other events, gift certificates or cards for local restaurants or businesses, etc. Donations can be brought to church any Sunday and left in the office with a note labeling it for the Harvest Raffle.

Of great importance is the need for quilts. Our quilt display is the hallmark of this event, attracting many people to the Fair. Please consider lending a quilt for our beautiful display. You may contact Lizz Bietzel wbeitzel@prodigy.net or Julie Levy julie@edwardslevy.com for further details.

Jeanne Gallagher, Harvest Fair Chair



Quilts at the Harvest Fair

The quilt display in our sanctuary is, for many people, a very special gift. Last year the rain apparently drove in some who otherwise might have skipped this part of the fair. As docent I had the great pleasure of walking several new comers through the display. Much appreciation of the beauty and peace this installation creates was expressed. Once again I am asking for quilts donated for the one day display. Generally speaking size is not a problem, quilts range from small wallhangings to large bed covers. One of the little extras added last year was a short note about the background of the quilt. Was it won at a raffle? A gift? The first attempt by someone? To place your quilt in the display contact Lizz Beitzel via email at wbeitzel@prodigy.net or 336 8518 by phone.

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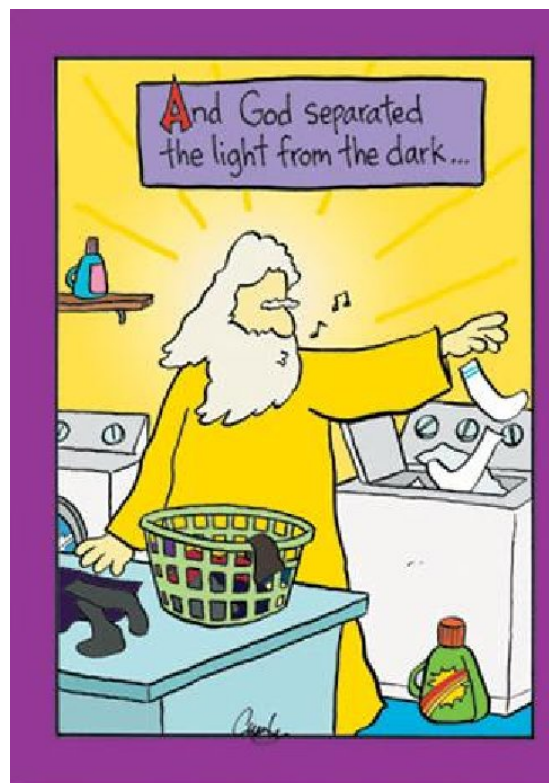


Homemade Baked and Canned Goods Needed for Harvest Fair

Calling all bakers and canners—your culinary talents are greatly needed to make delicious homemade treats to sell at the St. Philip's Harvest Fair. Canners: Jams, Jellies, pickles, chutney, salsa, whatever you'd like to bring, we would love to have.



Bakers: cookies, cakes, pies, breads, muffins and more are all needed to make our Harvest Festival a big success. Please consider helping us out with this important piece of the Harvest Fair puzzle—everyone loves home-made food!



Holy Moses! Sunday School Starts Biography Series

The 3rd-5th grade Sunday School class has begun a year-long Biography series. Each week they will learn about an important character from the Bible.

The series kicked off with Moses, whose life is so rich it is going to take **THREE** Sundays to cover it. The first week the kids performed a skit about Baby Moses in the bulrushes. That was followed by a character study, with the kids choosing an adjective that described Moses as he made his way through some very famous Old Testament episodes: the burning bush, the ten plagues, and the parting of the Red Sea. We learned that Moses was loyal, afraid but brave, humble, and persistent.

Next on Biography: The Promised Land!

Karin Clift, Sunday School Teacher



Performing a skit about
Baby Moses in the bulrushes



The kids with their chosen adjectives
describing Moses

KIDNAPPED!

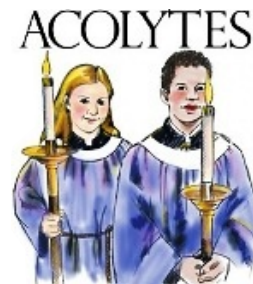
Sixth Graders received their traditional introduction into Youth Group by being kidnapped by kids and adults. Costumes, pajamas, and good times ran rampant!



Of Sharks and Minnows and New Acolytes

September has been a great month for the St. Philip's Acolyte Program.

To begin with, we are thrilled to announce the addition of two new acolytes: Matthew S-J and Connor M. Connor's first day as acolyte will be this Sunday, October 2, at the Blessing of the Beasts service. Matthew will be starting later in the month. Please congratulate and welcome these two wonderful boys into this new ministry, they may be a bit nervous at first and words of support and praise from the congregation will go a long way in increasing their self-confidence.



On September 25, the acolytes were hosted by Pastor Mary at her neighborhood pool for a raucous swim party! We ate pizza and salad at the picnic tables and then all the kids (in this context the word "kids" includes our own free-spirited Pastor Mary) jumped in the lovely heated swimming pool. They played water polo and Sharks and Minnows, punctuated by the occasional big-splash cannonball. The acolytes are all wonderful swimmers and I think this was probably the most fun of all the acolyte excursions to date. Even the rain couldn't dampen their high spirits! The best part of the day for me was getting a chance to chat with parents and grandparents, what a wonderful group of people! We finished the day off with yummy Halloween-themed shortbread cookies and I have no doubt that all the acolytes slept very soundly that night :)

Karin Clift, Acolyte Coordinator



Bishop's Committee Significant Dates to Remember 2011:

BC meetings will be held the 2nd Thursday of each month starting March 10, 2011, 7-9:30pm

Sept. 11, 2011: Homecoming Sunday

October 2, 2011: Blessing Animals Service


November 6, 2011: ALL SAINTS CELEBRATED


December 4, 2011: BISHOP'S VISITATION: CONFIRMATIONS

December 24, 2011: Christmas Eve is a Saturday

December 25, 2011: Christmas Day is a Sunday

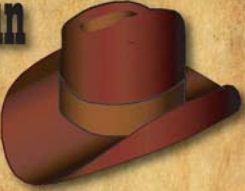



SCOTTS VALLEY
 Performing Arts
 presents


ANNIE
Get Your Gun

Music and Lyrics by Irving Berlin
 Book by Herbert Fields and Dorothy Fields

Directed by Paul Sawyer
 Musical Direction by Rachel Nachison
 Choreography by Jennifer Gorgulho



September 30 to October 16, 2011
 7:30 pm Fridays and Saturdays
 2:00 pm Sundays
Bethany University Community Theatre
 800 Bethany Drive, Scotts Valley, California

SVPA Presents Annie Get Your Gun

Come join the fun as Annie Get Your Gun rolls into town this week. Performances will be Friday and Saturday nights (7:30) and Sunday afternoons (2:00), from September 30 through October 16 at the Bethany University Theater (yep it's back in business) in Scotts Valley. For more information and to buy tickets visit <http://www.svpaa.org>, email info@svpaa.org or call 831-818-1516.

Featuring lyrics and music by Irving Berlin and a book by the brother/sister team of Herbert and Dorothy Fields, the story is a fictionalized version of the life of Annie Oakley (1860–1926), a sharpshooter from Ohio, and her husband Frank Butler. This show is the closest thing we have to an American fairy tale, as much a part of us all as apple pie or baseball. Annie Get Your Gun is about the glimmer of the marquee, the roar of the crowd, and the spectacle of a love story set against the great American backdrop of the traveling Western show.