

# The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



February 25, 2024

Called to embody God's love by welcoming everyone who enters and by empowering all who stay to make a difference in the world.

## Happening Soon at St. David's

Sunday, February 25	10 am	A Deeper Dive: Reflection and Conversation in the Upper Room
Lent 2	11 am	Holy Eucharist followed by Coffee Hour and Lenten Art Experience
	6 pm	Soup Supper
Tuesdays	1 pm	Women of a Certain Age (LOL) meet in the <i>Gathering Place</i>
Saturday, March 2	10 am	Bring daffodils and help decorate for St. David's Day
Sunday, March 3	10 am	A Deeper Dive: Reflection and Conversation in the Upper Room
	11 am	St. David's Day Celebrated, Canon Augusta Guest Preacher
Friday-Sunday March 8-10		Vestry Retreat

## Lenten Art Experiences

Mindfulness Mandalas were created the first Sunday in Lent to begin our Lenten Journey. After a nourishing bowl of soup and homemade bread, participants settled into the creation of a glowing design for personal meditation and prayer. The *Gathering Place* fell silent as each person became engaged in a miniature world of beautiful design making. Indeed, a much needed "tech fast". As Matisse wrote, "What I dream of is an art of balance, of purity and serenity... a soothing calming influence on the mind."

February 25<sup>th</sup>, the Second Sunday in Lent, *Art Pops Ups* will be led by Haidee Wilson. Haidee will gently lead you through the creation of a meditative drawing (trust the process!). Enjoy a close-up encounter with our St. David's love for our daffodils. Along with the daffodils enjoy a soup and bread lunch. Matisse believed art should soothe and restore. He believed that art is for everyone.



**Note: If you missed the Mandala opportunity, see Melba Cooper. She will happily provide you with take home instructions and supplies. Perhaps you would like to share with a friend.**



**March 17<sup>th</sup>, Fifth Sunday in Lent: Peaceful Words Painting**  
-use canvas and acrylic paint to illuminate a word to draw yourself into the peace of God

### March 24<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday: The Color of Lent

-move into Holy Week with the imagery of palms, Holy Eucharist, foot washing, and the cross

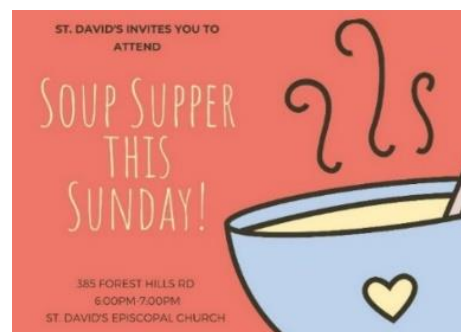
-following Matisse's lead, we will create symbols and images to "pray with our pencils" (and scissors and paint brushes)



"In my own way, I have always sung the glory of God and creation."  
+ Henry Matisse

## Soup Supper This Sunday at 6 pm! Bring soup, bread, dessert, friends, or just yourself!

Please take just a moment and email [Myranda Warfield](mailto:Myranda.Warfield) if you are coming and what you plan to bring, just so we will know how many tables to set up and whether to line up an extra pot of soup. But please come, regardless of whether you bring anything other than yourself.



**Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus!**

**Happy St. David's Day!**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**



### **Coffee Hour**

Coffee Hour will be All. Many of us have been to St. David's in Wales and have a few Welsh recipes. If you would like to bring one of those dishes, it would add to the celebration, or just bring something you like to make. If you don't have time to cook, just bring yourself.

### **Daffodils: The Flower of St. David**

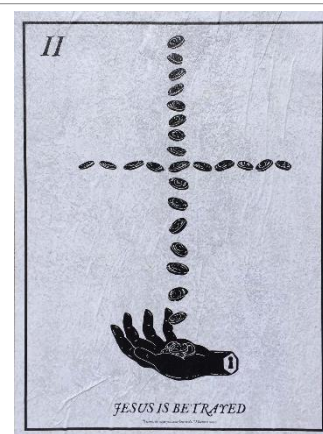
If you have daffodils blooming that you would like to share, please bring them to the *Gathering Place* on Friday the first or Saturday morning the second. We will be arranging flowers and decorating the sanctuary on Saturday starting at 10 am. Please feel free to join us.

If you have any questions, please contact Faye Jacobson: Text: 828 506-3184, Email: [fayebj50@gmail.com](mailto:fayebj50@gmail.com)



### **Stations in the Street**

Here is a website link for more information about the artwork on display in the church <https://www.scottericksonart.com/arts/stations-in-the-street> And this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Ot3s5JUO1s> is for a YouTube presentation about it.



## Outdoor Projects in the Works this Spring

The vestry has approved two projects that will improve access to the cemetery and woods above the church.



The first is an Eagle Scout project for March and early April, pending approval by the Boy Scout Council, to be executed by a young man named Orion Cass from Troop 999. It will give the trail from the cemetery entrance to the entrance by the upper room an upgrade using landscape timbers and mulch. The Boy Scouts will provide labor; some donations for materials may be requested.

The second is a semester-long project cleaning up the grotto area by a graduate student at WCU named Kayler DeBrew. It will include placing an informational sign, for which she is applying for grant funding, and re-marking the long trail for future project planning purposes. Brad Orvis and his son have already downed and cut up a tree that needed to be removed.



**Always we begin again.**

St. Benedict

### Walk the Wednesdays in Lent

The labyrinth can be a powerful tool for spiritual reflection and healing. Walking a labyrinth as part of a regular spiritual practice can be particularly helpful.

During the Wednesdays in Lent consider taking time to explore the labyrinth in the field of St. Luke's, Chunn's Cove.

On Wednesdays from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. a spiritual friend will be on site to hold the sacred space while others walk. The time will be set apart for communal silence, personal reflection and meditation.

Dates are Wednesdays: February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20 and 27. The location is 219 Chunn's Cove Road, Asheville. Please park in the lower parking lot.

Wear warm clothing and comfortable shoes. Feel free to bring a journal. In case of inclement weather the parish hall will be open for meditation, and hand-held labyrinths will be available.

Blessings to you on your Lenten journey.

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## Parish News & Notes

### Birthday

February 26

Jeff Neff

Ruth Hudson, daughter of former rector Michael Hudson, has set up a GoFundMe site at this [link](#).

## Abraham's Table: A family reunion

Join us for dinner as we explore the commonalities and uniqueness  
shared by  
the children of Abraham: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim

Sunday, March 17  
7:00 to 9:00 pm

All are welcome as we celebrate  
our common roots and diverse practices  
in an era of political division

Western Carolina University  
Cordelia Camp Building  
Room 134

(take the main entrance to campus and the bridge across the  
creek where Parking and International Programs & Services are located).

We invite you to bring a pot-luck item  
or just come as you are.  
Food will be plentiful.



The lamps are different but the light is the same.

~Rumi

### [Resources for the Conflict in the Holy Land](#)

The Office of Government Relations in The Episcopal Church has released a webpage of resources to follow the conflict in Gaza, Palestine, and Israel. The page includes ways to take action to support the citizens affected by the conflict, statements from leaders, partner resources, prayers, social media, and a list of press releases. The page is being updated as the situation develops.

#### **Beware of Scammers!**

No member of the St. David's clergy or staff will ever contact the parish via email or text requesting money or gift cards! Please do not respond to or forward suspicious emails, and never give out your personal information to anyone over the internet or through email.

#### **Securing Our Property**

Please remember to lock any doors that you may have opened either upstairs or in the *Gathering Place* when you leave!

#### **Church Membership Directory**

Should you wish to have a directory emailed or mailed to you, please contact our parish administrator, Graydon Elliott, at [info@stdavidscullowhee.org](mailto:info@stdavidscullowhee.org).

#### **Lake Logan Events**

<https://www.lakelogan.org/events/>

#### **Vestry Minutes**

Vestry minutes may be found in a white notebook in the library upstairs.

#### **Beans & Rice**

Donations of rice and beans may be left in the large containers behind the front doors of the church. They go to the Community Table and United Christian Ministries.



#### **St. David's Little Free Library**

Borrow a book or donate a book to the lending shelf located in the *Gathering Place* next to the Sacristy.

## St. David's in the Valley, Clergy and Staff

The Right Rev. Jose A. McLoughlin, Bishop  
The Rev. Gaelyn Lei Evangreene, Rector and Campus Missioner  
Dr. Lillian Pearson, Organist  
Graydon Elliott, Parish Administrator

### Serving this Sunday

Chalice Bearer: George Rector  
Lector: June Smith  
Altar: June Smith  
Linens: Margot Wilcox  
Bread Baker: Mtr. Gaelyn  
Greeter: Laurie Hulbert  
Vestry Counter:  
Coffee Hour: Betsy Swift  
Live Streaming:  
Flowers:

### Readings

[Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16](#), [Romans 4:13-25](#), [Mark 8:31-38](#), [Psalm 22:22-30](#)

### Contact us:

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## Regular Schedule at St. David's

### Sundays

10:00-10:40

Reflection and Conversation in the Upper Room

11:00

In-Person and Facebook Live Holy Eucharist

5:30

Episcopal Campus Ministry@WCU

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 12:45**

Vestry in the *Upper Room*

**Tuesdays at 1 pm**

Women of a Certain Age (LOL) meet in the *Gathering Place*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 9-11 am**

Church Workday

**Last Sundays except December and May-July-Soup Supper at 6 pm**



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