

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



March 3 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

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
Tuesdays	1 pm	Women of a Certain Age (LOL) meet in the <i>Gathering Place</i>
Friday-Sunday March 8-10		Vestry Retreat
Sunday, March 10	10 am	A Deeper Dive: Reflection and Conversation in the Upper Room
	11 am	Holy Eucharist followed by Coffee Hour



Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus!

Happy St. David's Day!

March 3rd, 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



First Sundays “Loose Plate” Offering

The vestry has designated, with parish input, six charities to support this year: *The Community Table, HERE, Jackson Neighbors in Need, Vecinos, Mainspring Conservation Trust and Midwives for Haiti*. At year's end, the total of the First Sundays “loose plate” offering plus the budgeted amount plus what we collect at Soup Suppers will be divided by six and donated to these groups. For next Sunday, March 5th, **HERE** is the highlighted charity.



HERE's mission is to end homelessness throughout Jackson County by providing temporary emergency shelter, housing-focused case management services and short-term financial assistance. Our vision is to secure stable affordable housing and end homelessness throughout Western North Carolina.

HERE uses a “Housing First” philosophy to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness achieve permanent housing outcomes. Our low barrier services are designed to help those in need without judgment so that everyone in Jackson County has access to safe and affordable housing.

Lenten Art Experiences

March 17th, Fifth Sunday in Lent: Peaceful Words Painting

-use canvas and acrylic paint to illuminate a word to draw yourself into the peace of God



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

March 24th, Palm Sunday: The Color of Lent

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

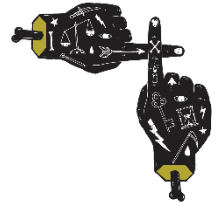
-following Matisse's lead, we will create symbols and images to "pray with our pencils" (and scissors and paint brushes)



[Lenten Art Photo Album](#)

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.



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.

The Little Free Pantry is a Hit!

The Little Free Pantry has been discovered and its initial supply of provisions already depleted! Therefore, there is a need to restock with foodstuffs and other items that a student might need. Simple, filling, and easy to use or prepare is good with nutritious having special value.



There is a basket under the piano in the *Gathering Place* where you can place items if you don't want to put them directly into the pantry.



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.

Parish News & Notes

Birthday

March 1

Red Hanks (formerly known as Mary Michael)

What a great name, and born on St. David's Day, too!

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.

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.

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

2nd Sundays at 12:45

Vestry in the *Upper Room*

Tuesdays at 1 pm

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

3rd Thursdays 9-11 am

Church Workday

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



ST. DAVID'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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: Betsy Swift
Lector: Paul Cooper
Altar: June Smith/Karen Brown
Linens: Margot Wilcox
Bread Baker: Mtr. Gaelyn
Greeter: Gael Graham
Vestry Counter: Paul Cooper
Coffee Hour: ALL
Live Streaming:
Flowers:

Readings

[Exodus 20:1-17](#), [1 Corinthians 1:18-25](#), [John 2:13-22](#), [Psalm 19](#)

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