

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



January 2, 2022

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

A Message from Mtr. Gaelyn

Dear friends,

Merry Christmas; I hope you have all had a wonderful start to the Christmas season!



The church is so beautifully greened and decorated with poinsettias. I know many people contributed to the poinsettias and wished to have loved ones remembered in the Christmas bulletins. Unfortunately, the email address inadvertently listed in the flowers notice did not go to a St. David's account, and we are unable to access the names that were sent to it. Thankfully, the Christmas season is long, allowing us to enjoy the greens and poinsettias for a while longer. I would like to include your memorials in this Sunday's bulletin, so if you sent names that did not get included, please let me know at rector@stdavidscullowhee.org. Below are the names that we are aware of at present:

*The Rev. Alice J. Mason, Deacon, Frances Parker Watson, David I. Barefield, Jr.
Anita Morris Ware, Jacob Magnuson, Nancy Tuttrup
Byron Guessford and Margaret Guessford Cooper
Richard and Lois Wilcox
Jean Wilcox Morris, Peter Haberland
Newton Smith*

Thank you for your understanding and generosity.

And On a Personal Note,

Dear friends,

I am once again humbled by your gracious outpouring of kindness and generosity in your gift of the Rector's Purse. We have been through so much together during 2021, and I know God has good things in store for us in 2022. It is such an honor to be in this ministry with you. I look forward to our year ahead and the new places God will lead us!

Peace and blessings,

Mother Gaelyn

Epiphany Blessings!

Did you know that the season of Epiphany is the traditional season for services of Home Blessings? According to the Book of Occasional Services, "it is customary to invite the parish priest to the homes of parishioners on the Feast of the Epiphany or during the week following; this blessing may be used. "Peace be to this house, and all who dwell in it." The service can continue throughout the house with a blessing in each room and end with a service of Holy Communion. The service can include various readings from Scripture and even hymns if wanted. This could be a great opportunity to gather with family or friends to share in both fellowship and worship in your own home. There are many options, and the service can be customized as you may wish. If you are interested in having a Home Blessing this Epiphany, please contact Mother Gaelyn by email, phone, or text. rector@stdavidscullowhee.org or (828)331-1427.



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

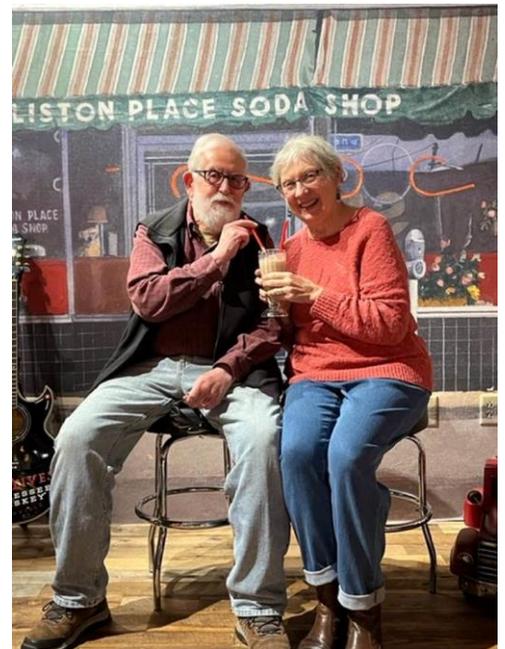
Jan 1 **Dottie Brunette, Hank Sharp**

Anniversary

Jan 4 **Jane & Andy Coburn**

Prayers for the Yanik family; All four of them, Paul, Wesley, Barrett, and Owen have Covid with varying symptoms and are quarantined together at home.

Here is a photo of Paul and Melba Cooper enjoying a malt soda at a favorite place in Nashville, TN. They recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary.



And this from Margot and Tom Wilcox: "As if we hadn't had sufficient blessings this lovely season with all our family with us, we celebrated our 61st wedding anniversary on December 27th—yet one more gourmet meal at the hands of our talented off-spring! And thanks to Herb for thinking to take this picture."



And More from the Wilcoxes

Tom & Margot were blessed with family visits for Christmas and the holidays. Our two older sons Richard and wife Jen came from Utah and Stephen and Anne and daughters Katherine & Naia from California. Chris and Herb are missing from the photo because they had to work that day. Thanks to June Smith who had dropped in to see everyone for taking this picture.

Lake Logan Events

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

Cold Mountain Music Festival	June 4, 2022
Camp Henry	Starts June 12, 2022
Family Camp	June 16-19, 2022

Beware of Scammers!

Please know that 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.

Beans & Rice

Donations of rice and beans may be left in the large containers behind the front doors of the church to be distributed to Vecinos and families.



A sincere thank you from the editor for your submissions! News items and especially photos are always welcome. Let us know what you are up to or anything of interest to your parish friends. Send items to [Maggie Bowles](#).

HAPPENING AT ST. DAVID'S

SUNDAYS

11:00 IN-PERSON AND FACEBOOK LIVE HOLY EUCHARIST

RECTOR IN OFFICE

WEDNESDAYS 7-8 PM EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY AT WESTERN 9 (ECU@WCU) MEETS FOR COCOA, CONVO, AND COMPLINE-ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

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WEDNESDAYS NOON-5 PM

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR IN OFFICE

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

The Right Rev. Jose A. McLoughlin, Bishop
The Rev. Gaelyn Lei Evangreene, Rector
Suzann Cornell, Parish Administrator
Lillian Pearson, Organist

Serving this Sunday

Chalice Bearer, Betsy Swift
Lector, Muff Lyons
Coffee Hour, **Need Volunteer!**
Greeters, Brad & Sherrie Orvis
Bread Baker, Mtr. Gaelyn
Live Streaming, Doug Hanks

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