

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



January 8, 2017

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

Calendar

Sat	Jan 7	Monthly Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Jan 8	Epiphany 1, Rice & Beans Sunday
Tue	Jan 10	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Sat	Jan 14	Memorial Service for Alice Mason 2 pm
Sun	Jan 15	Epiphany 2
Tue	Jan 17	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Jan 22	Epiphany 3
Sun	Jan 29	Epiphany 4, Soup & Bread Supper 5 pm
Sat	Feb 4	Monthly Mindfulness 10 am

Childcare is available during the church service.

Would You Like a Visit from the Rector?

Michael would be happy to visit; just let him know in person or by email stdavids1879@gmail.com.

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: Newt Smith
 Reader: Wesley Satterwhite
 Coffee: Pat & Steve Steinbrueck
 Music: Nan Watkins
 Readings: [Isaiah 60:1-6](#),
[Ephesians 3:1-12](#), [Psalm 72:1-7,10-14](#),
[Matthew 2:1-12](#)

Serving during January

Bread: John Slater
 Flowers: Margot Wilcox
 Linen: Faye Jacobson
 Eucharist: Gracia Slater & Margot Wilcox
 Greeters: Jake Jacobson & Muff Lyons

Regular Activities

Mondays 7:25 am	Mindfulness Meditation
Mondays 9-10:30 am	Centering Yoga
Mondays 10:30 am	Cullowhee Men's Group
Tuesdays & Thursdays 6 am	Sunrise Strength Flow Yoga
1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays	Accessible Mindfulness
1 st Saturdays 10 am	Monthly Mindfulness
Last Sundays 5-7 pm	Soup/Bread Community Supper

The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Rest in peace, dear saintly Alice, our beloved deacon.

Memorial Service

Saturday, January 14th at 2 pm

Obituary for The Rev. Deacon Alice J. Mason

The Rev. Deacon Alice J. Mason passed from this life on Thursday, December 22nd, 2016 after a four-year battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease). She was the daughter of the late Albert Mason and Edna Carey Mason. She was born in Grand Rapids, MI on August 5th, 1934 and moved to North Carolina in 1977. A grandson, Jacob Magnuson predeceased her as did her former husband, Arnold N. Magnuson, Jr.

Alice was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church in 1984 and served the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina until her death. She has served at St. David's Episcopal Church in Cullowhee, NC as a deacon since 1992. Alice was co-founder of Clean Slate, a program that provides support for women recently released from prison. She also served as a chaplain for female inmates at the Jackson County Correctional Facility and was chaplain for Harris Regional Hospital, Cherokee Hospital, and Memorial Mission Hospital.

Alice was a member of the Board of Directors of Region A Partnership For Children and the Jackson County Transit Authority. She was a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow.

She is survived by her children: Laura Lenihan (Thomas) of Taylor, MI, Elizabeth Mason of Lake Lure, NC, Arnold Magnuson III of Norfolk, VA, and Erik Magnuson (Sabrina) of Orlando, FL. She is also survived by her life partner, Nancie Wilson, of Sylva, NC and her two "fur babies," Jessie and Graycee of the home. Also surviving are her grandchildren: Matthew Lenihan of Lexington, KY, Karrie Magnuson of Mobile, AL, Colleen Kincaid (Josh) of Taylor, MI, James Vance (Hannah) of Black Mountain, NC, Caitlin Vance of Asheville, NC, Nathaniel Magnuson of Orlando, FL, and Joshua Magnuson of Orlando, FL, great-grandchildren Conner and Kadie Kincaid of Taylor, MI, and Olivia Vance of Black Mountain, NC. Also surviving is her sister, Shirley Wells (Leonard), of Grand Haven, MI.

A memorial service will be held at St. David's Episcopal Church in Cullowhee, NC on Saturday, January 14th, 2017 at 2 pm. The Rt. Rev. José McLoughlin, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, will officiate. Interment will be in the St. David's Cemetery.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be given to the Clean Slate Program, P.O. Box 455, Webster, NC 28788 in Alice's memory.

Circles of Hope Meal Request

St. David's Church has been asked, via Ron Robinson, the director of Circles of Hope Jackson County, to provide a meal for 20 people on January 31st. Ron and his wife, Judy, will provide the meat and one side dish, so additional sides, bread, dessert, etc. are all that is needed. Contact Ron Robinson (mountainronrobinson@gmail.com) if you can provide something for the meal.



Parish News & Notes

Birthday
Jan 10 **Heidi Dinkelmeyer**

Here is a photo of Vance Davidson painting the trim on the lift.



From the Diocese

The Rev. Augusta Anne Anderson named as Canon to the Ordinary and Chief of Staff

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great excitement that I announce the hiring of The Rev. Augusta Anne Anderson to serve as Canon to the Ordinary and Chief of Staff. Her talents for administration, hospitality, interdisciplinary thought, and strategic planning will certainly be assets in this new role.



Augusta is passionate about clergy health and well-being, equipping the ministry of all the baptized, empowering young adults for their ministry in the world, and building community partnerships between the church and other organizations. She has also been an early advocate for exploring emerging models of mutual ministry between clergy and lay leadership in small congregations.

The Reverend Anderson currently serves as the Rector of the Church of The Transfiguration in Saluda, and as co-facilitator of Fresh Start for new clergy in the diocese and is a member of the Commission to Dismantle Racism. Beyond our diocese, Augusta is on the faculty for Biblical Studies in the Deacon school for the Dioceses of Virginia, Southern Virginia, and Southwest Virginia.

Since arriving in the Diocese of Western North Carolina in 1999, Augusta has served as Canon to the Dean of Cathedral of All Souls, rector of St. Thomas in Burnsville, adjunct clergy at Trinity in Asheville, and as assistant rector at St. James in Black Mountain. Augusta has served on Executive Council, the Camp Henry Board and the Mission and Ministry Conference planning team. She has also represented the diocese as Deputy to General Convention (2003, 2006) and was appointed as a member of the Standing Commission on the State of the Church. During this past year, Augusta ably led our diocese during a time of transition as the President of Standing Committee.

Augusta was ordained in 1999 and holds a Master in Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Arts from Hobart & William Smith Colleges. Augusta grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area and Honolulu, Hawaii. She lives in Asheville with her husband, Steve, and four children, Jack, Anna Rose, Ruby Mae, and Mary Love.

The Rev. Anderson will begin her duties on February 1, 2017.

Join me in congratulating Augusta!

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin,

VII Bishop of Western North Carolina

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "José A. McLoughlin".



**Annual Youth Ski Day
February 12
Cataloochee Mountain, NC**

Join us for a day of fun and celebration at Cataloochee Mountain, NC for an Episcopal Youth Mountain Takeover! Ski/Snowboard equipment and clothing available to rent. Debbie Cox is coordinating the details for this trip. So please email her (debbie@trinityasheville.org) by February 6th with your details such as numbers of ski, snowboard, and other equipment rentals. Register and pay online [here](#).

**Camp Henry Registration
for 2017 is OPEN!**

To register, go to
www.camphenry.net.

If you have any questions, call Kathryn Florack at 828-475-9264 or email camphenry@diocesewnc.org.

That is our own Emily Lamm towards the back on the right in this photo of Camp Counselors.



Project Panama 2017

Sandy Frazier has provided updated information regarding the Panama Journey March 24-April 3. Here are links for [Project Panama 2017 Overview](#) and [Project Panama Application Form](#).



[Cullowhee Mountain Arts 2017 Workshops and Retreats](#)

Meditation Opportunities at St. David's

Mindfulness Meditation: Mondays 7:25-8:30 am in the Parish Hall. Our practice is Contemplation of Wise Texts (Lectio), Sitting Meditation, and Informal Dialogue.

Accessible Mindfulness: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 10-11:15 am. This is especially geared for those new to mindfulness meditation.

Monthly Mindfulness: First Saturday of each month from 10 am until noon in the Parish Hall.

Other Meditation Opportunities

WCU Mindfulness and Meditation: Thursdays at 4 pm 224 Bird Building. For details, call 227-7469 and ask for Michelle. To view a flyer, [please click here](#).

The **Tuesday Meditation Group** meets in the undercroft at St. John's Episcopal Church in downtown Sylva on the **2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 1 pm**. The format is to meditate for 15 minutes at the beginning and 15 minutes at the end. The inspirational material for the half hour in between will be decided by whoever volunteers to facilitate that week.

Mindfulness Meditation: 9:15 am on Thursdays at Sylva Yoga above Lulu's on Main Street in downtown Sylva. Meditation gives students the opportunity to focus on the deep interconnection between mind and body, which can be experienced directly by practice in mindfulness.

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[Parish Mailing List \(sign in required\)](#)

[2016 Altar Guild Schedule](#)

[2016 Greeter Schedule](#)

Diocesan Links:

[Diocese of Western North Carolina](#)

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