

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



January 8, 2023

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 January 8	10 am	Bible Study
	11 am	Holy Eucharist
	12:45	Vestry meeting
Tuesday	1 pm	Women of a Certain Age (LOL) meet in the <i>Gathering Place</i>
Thursday	1:30 pm	Needlework/craft interest group

Please try to remember to pick up your name tag in the *Gathering Place* and wear it in church!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 22	after church	Parish Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 29	5-7 pm	Soup Supper

From the Vestry

Dear Friends,

I am writing to provide you with an update on our budgeting process.

Our recent Stewardship Campaign concluded successfully with broad participation from parishioners. However, we did fall short in that our total pledges were about 9% less than projected expenses for the upcoming year. After making considerable cuts where possible and planning for fundraising, it is nonetheless necessary to come back to the revenue side of the budget and consider how we might cover the shortfall.

Earlier this week, we emailed pledging members to ask them to consider an increase in their pledge, along with some numbers to help put the "ask" in context. (Missed it? [Read it here.](#))

Each one of us will have our own calculation and process of discernment, but we are all asked to make a pledge, or to consider increasing our pledge if we can.

Gratefully,

Betsy Swift, Senior Warden

A Note from Mtr. Gaelyn

Dear Saint David's family,

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift. I am honored to be in this community and to serve as your rector. It is a blessing to work alongside you, as we listen to God and work to further God's kingdom here in Cullowhee. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us in 2023!

Epiphany blessings,

Mtr. Gaelyn

Trying Something New

We are exploring having a way to sign up online for doing things at St. David's. To try it out, here is a link to use to sign up to pick up Michael Hudson and bring him to church on a Sunday morning. [Michael Hudson sign up](#). Even if you can't actually do this, try clicking the link to see if you can fill in your name. If it works for everyone, perhaps this could be modified and used to supplement the full white board sign up. Problems or questions, contact the [Parish Administrator](#).

If you can commit to bringing Michael to church, here is the information you will need. He is at Vero Health and Rehab of Sylva, which is located at 417 Cloverdale Rd, Sylva, NC 28779 and is just off Hwy 116 near Webster. Call ahead (828-631-1600) so they will have him ready. When you enter Vero, the receptionist will have you sign in and give you his room number. Go upstairs and find his room, and you're all set. When you go back downstairs, you will sign him out. Sign him back in when you return and walk with him back to his room. Although he cannot converse as he once did, he is so happy to see you that it doesn't matter. It is a real joy to make him happy!

Parish News & Notes

Birthday

Jan 10

Heidi Dinkelmeyer

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](#).

An Easy Volunteer Opportunity

Seeking a person to occasionally give Doug Hanks a break from live streaming the Sunday service. Full instruction in what to do will be provided, and it is remarkably simple to do. Just speak to Doug or [email him](#).

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.

Lake Logan Events

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

Securing Our Property

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

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.



Church Membership Directory

Should you wish to have a directory emailed or mailed to you, please contact our parish administrator, Graydon Elliott, at info@stdavidsculowhee.org.

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

The Right Rev. Jose A. McLoughlin, Bishop

The Rev. Gaelyn Lei Evangreene, Rector

Dr. Lillian Pearson, Organist

Graydon Elliott, Parish Administrator

Serving this Sunday

Chalice Bearer,

Lector, Vance Davidson

Greeter, Michael Jenkins

Bread Baker,

Live Streaming, Doug Hanks

Vestry Counter,

Pick up Michael,

Readings

[Isaiah 42:1-9](#), [Acts 10:34-43](#), [Matthew 3:13-17](#), [Psalm 29](#)

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Regular Schedule at St. David's

Sundays

10:00-10:40 Bible Study in the Upper Room

11:00 In-Person and Facebook Live Holy Eucharist,

Rector in office

2nd Sundays at 12:45

Vestry in the *Gathering Place*

Tuesdays at 1 pm Women of a Certain Age (LOL) meet in the *Gathering Place*

Wednesdays

Episcopal Campus Ministry@WCU at 5:30

Thursdays at 1:30 pm Needlework/craft interest group

Last Sundays except December and May-August

Soup Supper



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