

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



November 14, 2021

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

Vestry News

Dear Friends,

The Vestry met by Zoom on Monday, November 8th. At each meeting we begin with sharing concerns and needs for prayer that we are aware of in the parish and in our own circles beyond St. David's. I find this practice very grounding, bringing the needs of our community and the concerns of our hearts into focus as we then turn our attention to the business of the parish.

Revisiting our Covid precautions is always on the agenda. After reviewing the county statistics, and diocesan guidelines, we decided to stay the course. So, expect to continue wearing your mask during worship, bundling up appropriately, and keeping a 6-foot distance from others indoors. Vestry member Karen Brown reminded us that we have a parish epidemiologist, namely Harry Brown, who says that singing with masks on is low risk for transmitting virus. Therefore, we will resume singing all the usual parts of the service. Hallelujah!

As sure as the clocks are changing and leaves falling, Stewardship letters have gone out, and we are prayerfully considering what our financial commitment will be in 2022. Look for your fellow parishioners sharing their stewardship journey during the service on the next few Sundays. We are grateful for their willingness to give of themselves in this way.

For other details, see the Vestry meeting minutes, included in this issue of the Coracle, and posted in the Gathering Place and on the website each month.

Lovingly,
Betsy Swift, Senior Warden

Links for Minutes of Recent Vestry Meetings

[October 18, 2021](#)

[November 8, 2021](#)

In time, minutes of all vestry meetings will be available on the website.

Upper Room Celebration

Save the Date, November 21st, for a Special Coffee Hour to celebrate the completion of our new small group gathering area and library in the Upper Room.

Enjoy conversation and good food in our comfortable living-room-style space that opens onto the furnished deck.



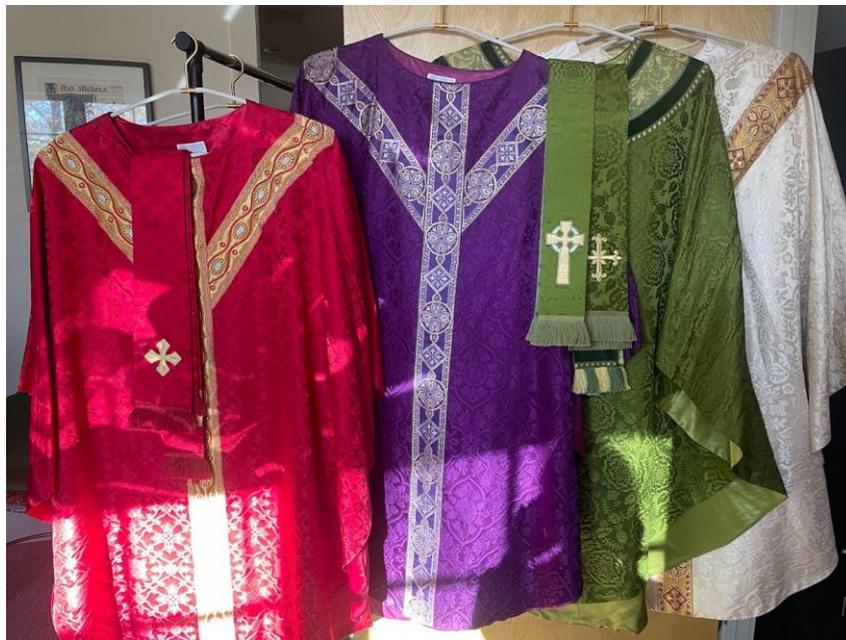
Rice and Beans

Donations are down lately, and the need continues!

Church Calendars

Last call for 2022 church year calendars. Please contact [Margot Wilcox](#). She is ready to place the order.

Saint David's Receives Donation of Vestments



The Church of the Incarnation in Highlands, the Rev. Bentley Manning, Rector, and the Rev. Kellan Day, Assistant Rector, have generously donated a set of five chasubles with matching stoles to St. David's. The set includes two white chasubles and four stoles, one purple chasuble, one red chasuble with two stoles, and one green chasuble with two stoles. Thank you, Fr. Bentley and Mtr. Kellan, for your generosity!

A Message from Mother Gaelyn

Dear friends,

Next week, the week of the 14th, I will be away on silent retreat at the Hermitages at Valle Crucis. I have long enjoyed the benefits of silent retreats and have sought out various places to take them. The Poor Clare sisters in Travelers Rest have a retreat house where I first experienced a retreat of any kind back in 2002. The Order of Saint Helena, the Episcopal Women's Community with whom I am an Associate, also offers wonderful retreats (pre-pandemic).



Thankfully, even in a pandemic our own Valle Crucis Conference Center continues to offer retreat

accommodations for members of both the clergy and laity. There are four self-sufficient hermitage cottages and a shared chapel which can be accessed 24 hours a day. I will spend my days praying, reading, hiking, knitting, and resting. I hope, whether you get away or make a retreat in your own home, that you are able to set aside an extended period of prayer, contemplation, and rest; a time to listen to God and reflect on where God is moving in your life. I am including some pictures from previous retreats, as you can see Valle Crucis is truly a beautiful place! [Photos of The Hermitages at Valle Crucis](#)



Peace and blessings,

Mother Gaelyn

WCU Students Meet in the Upper Room

By Kelsey Davis, Campus Missioner to ECM at WCU



Episcopal Campus Ministry at WCU is going strong this Fall! Our students have been gathering on Wednesday evenings for dinner, evening prayer and reflection. Additionally, we have hiked together, and in October, we even held a special night of pumpkin painting! ECM is incredibly grateful for St. David's, the beautiful sacred space to pray and rest in upstairs, a kitchen space to dine in, and lovely homemade meals provided by parishioners. Thank you for your love, support, and creating a home for ECM students! Here is a link to more [photos of the students](#).

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Nov 14 Mira Williams
Nov 17 Claire Marsh
Nov 19 Angus Despeaux

Prayers for Henry Hanks for a speedy recovery from his second oral surgery.

From Rosa Reily

Greetings from Atlanta to all of my Saint David's friends! It has been over a year now that we moved back to Atlanta to be nearer family given Mike's failed eyesight. I miss everyone, Cullowhee, Sylva and the beauty of the mountains and Saint David's but I am doing my best to "bloom where I'm planted."

This photo is after yesterday evening's All Souls Service at Epiphany Church in which we sang Gabriel Faure's Requiem. As you know I love church music, so I was thrilled to sing this as a tenor in the first big choir I've ever been in. I started with this choir back in May and on that day the choir director, Julie Ryder, said that we would be singing Faure's Requiem in November. It was meant to be! as I had practiced this with Bob Holquist and the WCU Community Chorus and we were to perform it in the spring of 2020, but it got cancelled due to Covid. I'm hoping all is well at Saint David's, maybe the prettiest church anywhere.



Peace and love...Rosa Reily 🙌



Worth a Smile

by Judy Robinson

I think many of you know that since retirement, I have spent most Tuesday mornings volunteering at the Oconaluftee Visitor Center in Great Smoky Mountain National Park. This photo was snapped by one of the other volunteers. Penelope the pig has been this year's summer resident at the Mountain Farm Museum. Here, she enthusiastically greets a young male elk who stopped by to check out her accommodations. She has been just as adventurous with children and other visitors. Come on out to meet Penelope and walk the River Trail during this beautiful Fall.

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](mailto:Maggie.Bowles).

Lake Logan Events

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

Upcoming Events	
Thanksgiving at Lake Logan	November 25, 2021
Cold Mountain Music Festival	June 4, 2022
Camp Henry	Starts June 12, 2022
Family Camp	June 16-19, 2022

Diocesan Convention

The 99th Annual Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina will be held November 12-13th, 2021, hosted by the Foothills Deanery.



The Convention will be entirely virtual, with the Business of Convention taking place solely on Saturday, November 13th.

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.



HAPPENING AT ST. DAVID'S

SUNDAYS

11:00 IN-PERSON AND FACEBOOK LIVE HOLY EUCHARIST

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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 week:

Chalice Bearer, Betsy Swift
Lector, George Rector

This Sunday's readings are:

[Daniel 12:1-3, Psalm 16, Hebrews 10:11-14 \(15-18\) 19-25, Mark 13:1-8](#)

Coffee Hour, Gael Graham
Greeter, Caroline Ulrich
Muff Lyons, Intercessor
Flowers, Danny and Salette Austin
Bread Baker, Steve Steinbrueck
Vestry Counter, Doug Hanks
Sunday Communion, Linda Kinnear & June Smith

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