

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



November 24, 2019

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

Sun	Nov 24	Pentecost 24, Holy Eucharist 11 am, Soup Supper 5 pm
Sun	Dec 1	Advent 1, Holy Eucharist 11 am,
Wed	Dec 4	Advent Wednesday Evening Service 5:30 pm
Thu	Dec 5	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Dec 8	Advent 2, Holy Eucharist 11 am, Rice & Beans
Mon	Dec 9	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Wed	Dec 11	Advent Wednesday Evening Service 5:30 pm
Sun	Dec 15	Advent 3, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Wed	Dec 18	Advent Wednesday Evening Service 5:30 pm
Thu	Dec 19	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Dec 22	Advent 4, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Tue	Dec 24	Lessons & Carols 5:30 pm
Wed	Dec 25	Christmas Day, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Sun	Dec 29	Christmas 1 Holy Eucharist 11 am
Thu	Jan 2	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Jan 5	Christmas 1, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Sun	Jan 12	Epiphany 1, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Mon	Jan 13	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Thu	Jan 16	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Jan 19	Epiphany 2, Holy Eucharist 11 am, Annual Parish Meeting
Sun	Jan 26	Epiphany 3, Holy Eucharist 11 am, Soup Supper 5 pm

[Sermon Link](#)

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: Judy Annis
Reader: June Smith
Music: Savannah Bennett
Coffee: Judy & Jere Annis
Readings: [Jeremiah 23:1-6](#),
[Canticle 16](#), [Colossians 1:11-20](#),
[Luke 23:33-43](#)

Serving during November

Flowers: Judy Robinson
Advent Wreath: Judy Robinson
& group
Linen: Nan Watkins
Communion: Linda Kinneer &
June Smith
Bread: Judy Robinson
Greeter: Gracia Slater

Serving during December

Flowers: Judy Robinson
Muff Lyons Dec 25
Linen: Gerlinde Lindy
Communion: Gracia Slater &
Margot Wilcox
Bread: John Slater
Greeter: George Rector &
Joan Byrd

November Soup Supper

Please come to this month's soup supper on Sunday November 24th at 5pm. Donations from this supper will be used to purchase hygiene items for HOMEBASE, the WCU program that serves students who are without family or community support.



Everyone in our wider community is welcome to soup supper; you do not need to bring a thing. However, please let Wesley Satterwhite know if you plan to bring soup, bread, or dessert. wesleysatterwhite@hotmail.com

Hope to see you there!



Rector Search

Update from the Discernment Committee

By Harry Brown, Discernment Committee Chairperson

[Parish Profile 2019](#)

The Discernment Committee has great news to share with the members of St. David's. On Monday, November 18th, the job announcement for our new rector was posted on the national site for the Episcopal Church. The announcement will stay open until Friday, December 27th. Following that, the Discernment Committee, with the aid of the Bishop's office, will examine all the applications to find the ones that best fit who we are at St. David's. After that the actual interviewing of candidates will take place.

The Discernment Committee, with input both formal and informal, put much energy into developing the [Parish Profile](#), a document that tells potential applicants about who we are, where we live, and our vision for the future. This document is on the St. David's website under the "Rector Search" tab.

This is an exciting time in the life of our parish. The Discernment Committee thanks everyone for their prayers and support. Please continue to pray for us. There is a prayer in *The Book of Common Prayer* for a new rector (p. 81):

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on St. David's, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Any time you have questions about the new rector search, please ask one of the Discernment Committee members (Maggie Bowles, Harry Brown, Vance Davidson, Marilyn Jody, George Rector, or Margot Wilcox).

[Discernment Committee Prayer Collection by George Rector](#)

Discernment Committee members take time to celebrate the milestone of having finished the Parish Profile and of it being published as a job announcement nationally. Marilyn Jody, the major wordsmith of the project, was unable to be there due to illness, and she was greatly missed.



Call for Nominations to Serve in the Ministry of the Vestry

By The Rev. Valori Mulvey Sherer

The Nominating Committee for the vestry is comprised of those members whose term of ministry on the vestry is coming to conclusion. This year those members are Judy Robinson and Muff Lyons. This committee will put together a slate of nominees for election to the vestry. We will elect **two new members for a 3-year term**. The slate will also include nominees for **two delegates and two alternates for Diocesan Convention** which will be held in November, 2020 in Shelby. Nominees who are elected to vestry also must be able to attend the vestry retreat, which is scheduled for Saturday, February 15th from 9 am–4 pm.

We also are seeking a Clerk (Secretary) for 2020 to record the minutes of the vestry meetings upon Donna Ross' retirement. It is not required that the Clerk be an elected vestry member. Clerks not serving on vestry do not need to be nominated. If you feel called to serve as Vestry Clerk, please email [Valori+](#). If you feel called to serve on the vestry and serve as Clerk, please contact Judy or Muff.

All members of the community of St. David's are invited to nominate someone for the vestry. Please be sure the nominee has agreed to be nominated, then email Judy or Muff with the name of your nominee, a short bio, and a picture (if possible) for the Coracle announcements. They will present the slate of nominees to the vestry at their regular meeting on December 9th. This slate will be published weekly in the Coracle beginning December 13th until the vote at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 19th.

To be eligible to serve in the ministry of the vestry a person must be 16 years of age or older, confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church, and a member in good standing, which is defined in the canons as: 'All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing.' (Title 1, Canon 17, section 3)

Thank you in advance to all who pray and discern God's call to offer themselves and their gifts to this important ministry at St. David's.

Advent Wednesday Evening Services

The time has come to prepare for our Advent Wednesday Evening Services. The dates this year are: December 4th, 11th, and 18th. Please email [Valori+](#) if you'd like to officiate or speak at one of these services.

Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols

Good news! We have musical support—lots of it now—for this service, so we WILL gather for Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist on Christmas Eve. Responding to various requests, I am making a pastoral decision for the safety and well-being of our members to move the time of this service to 5:30 pm. There are five (5) readings at this service, so we'll need five (5) people to serve as Lector. Please contact [Valori+](#) and sign up on the white board if you'd like to read or serve as chalice, lector, greeter(s). Joyful thanks to Rosa Reily (organ), Courtney Smith (violin) and Zephyr Smith (flute) for offering their musical ministries to us at this service!

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

Also responding to various pastoral requests (this year and last year), we will have our Christmas Day service of Holy Eucharist at 11 am. It will be just like our Sunday Eucharist but with the added joy of singing favorite carols for our hymns. Please email [Valori+](#) and sign up on the white board for the needed liturgical ministries: chalice, lector, greeter(s). Joyful thanks to Lillian Pearson (organ) and Jessica Sherer (flute) for offering their musical ministries at this service!

Valori+

From the Vestry

Pledges for the Stewardship of the Entirety of Our Lives

It is with pleasure that we let you know that 39 pledges, in the amount of \$108,940 have been received for 2020. You Vestry wholeheartedly thanks everyone for your thoughtful contributions and generosity. We have once again demonstrated that St. David's is the little parish that "can do."

Roof Repair

We are continuing to wait for the result of the two grant applications. We are checking with the grantors regularly and will let you know as soon as we hear. The roofer, Litespeed, has signed the contract locking in the cost, and the cross is being made, so we are moving along with the project.

Our Altar Guild

We are working on membership and the task calendar for 2020. Everyone is welcome to join our guild. Members help with preparing the altar for communion, baking communion bread, weekly flowers for the sanctuary, washing linens, and parish hospitality needs. Every member chooses their own level of involvement. Please consider joining!

St. David's Vestry

Senior Warden, Judy Robinson

Sandy Frazier

Vance Davidson

Steve Steinbrueck, Treasurer, is ex-officio to the vestry.

Junior Warden, Muff Lyons

Gael Graham

Jake Jacobson

The Advent Wreath

By Judy Robinson

Hello dear people with greenery in your yard and creative urges! We will be assembling our Advent wreath on Saturday, November 30th. That is not ideal, as it is the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend, but I am hopeful enough of us can participate to make it work, as the first Sunday of Advent is December 1st. Please bring us greenery from your yard. (The Kirwan's always contributed a lot of greens, and they have moved away, so we have a need.) You can leave the greenery next to the bench on the porch if you need to bring them on Friday rather than Saturday.

We also need several people to help assemble the wreath. All are welcome. (We will very much miss Betty Lynn Kirwan, as this is the first time in many years that she will not be part of wreath making). We will gather on **Saturday, November 30th at 10 am in the church** to build the wreath and should be done in a couple of hours. This is always a joyful task. Please let Judy Robinson know if you will bring greenery and/or come to help make the wreath. judyleroyrobinson@gmail.com



Olive Oil Is Here!

Melba Cooper will have oil for pick up by those who ordered it on Sunday after church in The Gathering Place. Cash or check. \$16 per bottle. Make checks out to Ann Courmouzis.



The last gathering of the Bluebirds was at Tom & Margot Wilcox's home. It was warmer than Waterrock Knob! L-R: Judy Robinson, John Slater Ron Robinson, Tom Wilcox, Gracia Slater, and Margot Wilcox.

The Chickadees met at the Brown's home. Pictured are Paul & Melba Cooper, Haidee Wilson and Karen Brown. Lillian Pearson and Harry Brown were not able to attend.



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Nov 25

Gabe Wood

Nov 27

Alicia Kirwan

Virtual Closet

If you need medical-related equipment or have something you can offer, contact [Nancie Wilson](#). She keeps a list of who has what to facilitate sharing.

Box Tops for Education

There is a basket under the white board in the Parish Hall where you can place any of these box tops you may have. This is an ongoing project for our children.

Vestry Stewardship Covenant 2019

St. David's Episcopal Church

We believe that God loves us unconditionally and desires that we love one another without exception; that God wants us to use the gifts we've been given including the gifts of listening, discerning, and doing. We trust in God's abundance and can respond in generosity and love by serving our community and creation in ways we never thought possible.

We commit to fostering a broad vision of stewardship as encompassing our physical church, our congregation, the community that surrounds us, and all of creation.

We invite the St. David's family to explore how we can embody God's love and promise of abundance in our process, practice, and reflection.

2019 Outreach Support

	From 1 st Sunday's loose plate offering and Soup Suppers		
Jan	Circles of Hope	Aug	School Supplies drive
Feb	Clean Slate	Sep	Vecinos
Mar	Community Table	Oct	Midwives of Haiti
Apr	Mainspring Conservation Trust	Nov	to be determined
May	(general)	Dec	(general)
	May-Jun-Jul-Aug-no Soup Suppers (general outreach)		

	2 nd Sundays	Rice & Beans Ministry
	Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-Apr	Soup/Bread Community Supper
Regular	Mondays 10:30 am	Cullowhee Men's Group 10:30 am
Activities	2 nd Mondays	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am

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The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop

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St. David's Vestry Members:

Judy Robinson, Senior Warden

Muff Lyons, Junior Warden

Sandy Frazier—Gael Graham

Vance Davidson—Jake Jacobson