

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



November 28, 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.

Making of the Advent Wreath

We will construct the Advent wreath on Saturday, November 27th at 1pm. Anyone who would like to help make the wreath is welcome to participate. This usually does not take too long, so we should be done by 2:30 or so. We are also asking for those of you that have them in gardens or on property to please bring evergreens to make the wreath. Remember that the wreath is fairly small, surrounding the Advent candles, so about 5-6 regular size buckets of greenery will do what we need. Those can be delivered to church any time before 1pm and left on the porch. Thank you to everyone in advance! Contact Judy Robinson (judyleroyrobinson@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Thanks,
Judy



Dining With the Students Following Wednesday Advent Services

Wednesday Advent Services will be at 5:30 pm on December the 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Following the service, we will have a meal with the Western students who are a part of our ECM group. It will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know them and let them get to know us. We will be providing the meal and we need volunteers. The meal will consist of two entrees: one gluten free & vegetarian and one that may contain gluten and/or meat, two large salads or vegetable dishes, and dessert.

Please let Faye know if you can volunteer for a meal or a part of a meal.

December 1st: Entrees: one gluten free & vegetarian and one that may contain meat and/or gluten; vegetable and/or salad; dessert.

December 8th: Entrees: one gluten free & vegetarian and one that may contain meat and/or gluten; vegetable and/or salad; dessert.

December 15th: Entrees two—Jake and Faye entrees; they will also do the dessert so only salad/vegetables are needed for the 15th.

December 22nd: the students will be on break, so no meals this evening. The Advent Service will still take place at 5:30.

We are initially planning for 24 but are asking that you let me know if you plan to attend so we make sure to have enough food. College students are generally eager to eat something homemade, so we don't want anyone to go away hungry. Email me at: fayebj50@gmail.com or text me at 828 506-3184. **DO NOT HESITATE TO COME IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED UP.** We want everyone who can come to share in these special dinners. The sign-up number is just an estimate for planning the amount of food.

Advent Devotionals Available this Sunday

This Sunday, November 28th, the devotional *Advent in Full Color* will be available for pick up in the back of the church. *Advent in Full Color* is a modern and theologically rich devotional coloring book that evokes the season's deeper meanings and mysteries, featuring devotional poems, meditations, and practices. This devotional is an intergenerational coloring book that can be used by the whole family. I hope this book adds meaning and creativity to your Advent devotions and meditations. If you would prefer an electronic version instead, please let Mtr. Gaelyn know and she can email you one.



Creation Banner Refurbish

By June Smith

When our beloved Creation banner was taken down to have the sanctuary painted, we discovered that a few of the pieces on the banner needed some TLC. To give our banner the care it deserves, we have scheduled a banner-repair afternoon for Friday, December 3rd, beginning at 1 pm. Neal Howard, our resident fiber artist and weaver of many of our altar hangings, has volunteered to lead our efforts. Margot and I would like to invite anyone who is interested in helping to join us to make a few repairs.



The banner was created during "The Festival of St. Hildegard: Celebrating Spirit and Creativity in Cullowhee, NC," held in September 1997, at St. David's. The entire Cullowhee community was invited to participate. As part of the festival, Elizabeth Worley led the making of the Creation banner. After Elizabeth read the creation story from Genesis, participants prayerfully self-selected one of seven groups to be in to illustrate one day of creation. Spirit and creativity filled the room as the banner came into being. We will be happy to see it rehung in its refreshed state!

A Message from Mtr. Gaelyn

A Special Thank You to Muff

Muff has faithfully prayed, both on Sundays and during the week, for the needs and concerns of the St. David's community for at least as long as I have been rector and quite possibly much longer. While Muff will continue to pray for the St. David's community, she has asked to no longer lead our prayers every Sunday. I am deeply grateful to Muff not only for leading the prayers on Sunday but also for the time and consideration she has given each week as we discuss and discern for whom and where our prayers are needed at this time. Thank you, Muff, for your dedication and service to St. David's and God's people.

Liturgical Changes as We Enter Advent

As we enter each new liturgical season we are invited to reflect on the season and how God may be speaking to us in this time. Liturgically, we also make changes to mark that this time is different from the one we were in. Advent is a season of waiting and of penitence. It is a "lighter" penitence than the season of Lent, but still, one in which we ask God for mercy and reflect upon what in our lives needs to change in order to make our hearts ready to receive Christ.

In order to mark this season during our services on Sunday mornings, we will be using Prayer A in its expansive language version. Prayer A is the prayer within our current prayer book that is most like the original prayer that Thomas Cranmer wrote for the 1552 Book of Common Prayer. In 2018, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church authorized an expansive language version of Eucharistic Prayers A, B, and D. These can be found here <http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/HE2%20Expansive%20Language%20PEW.pdf>. These prayers supplement the Book of Common Prayer as do the Eucharistic Prayers 1, 2, and 3 in *Enriching Our Worship* (prayers 1 and 2 are regularly used at St. David's). The difference between these new trial usage prayers (A, B, and D) and those in *Enriching Our Worship* is that the Episcopal Church is now in a season of pursuing revision to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, previous versions being 1786, 1789, 1892, and 1928. It is essential that congregations and communities pray the prayers considered for revision and be able to offer feedback based on the experience of using these prayers within worship. I hope the use of this prayer adds to your experience of God during this season of Advent. I do hope you will share your experiences of this prayer during this season as we as a church continue to hear what God is saying to God's people.

During Advent, we will also be making a few changes in our service music. We will be singing the Trisagion, asking God's mercy, rather than the Gloria and the tune for the Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy) and Fraction Anthem (at the breaking of the bread) will change. The Sanctus, while perhaps not one that has been used before at St. David's, is likely familiar as it is the tune for hymns 304 (I come with joy to meet my Lord) and 620 (Jerusalem, my happy home).

It is my sincere hope that these changes help us all to mark this season of waiting and expectation and increase our experience of seeking God during this time.

Peace and blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mother Gaelyn". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned at the bottom of the page, below the text "Peace and blessings,".

Upcoming Events

Wednesdays, December 1st 8th, and 15th: Advent Service of Light at 5:30 (in the church and on Facebook Live) followed by a shared meal with Episcopal Campus Ministry. ECM meets from 7-8 after the meal.

Friday, December 3rd: Refurbish Creation Cycle Banner at 1 pm in The Gathering Place

Wednesday, December 22nd: Advent Service of Light at 5:30 (in the church and on Facebook Live)

Thursday, December 23rd: Greening of the Church and Brunch at 10 am

Friday, December 24th: Candlelight Christmas Eve service of Holy Eucharist at 4 pm

Sunday, December 26th: First Sunday of Christmas, Service of Lessons and Carols at 11 am

St. David's Food Ministry: A Gift of Time and Talent

The Food Ministry at St. David's is not only rewarding for those of us who provide food but is greatly appreciated by the recipients. It fills a real need when someone is ill or recovering from surgery. Family members can concentrate on caring for their families in stressful times. Mtr. Gaelyn or I make a phone call or send an email to see if food might be helpful. Once meals are confirmed, I get all the information our volunteers will need: food allergies, special diets, directions to their home, best contact information, and the number of days needed. I send out a request for volunteers to the people who are on my list. Everyone on the list does not participate each time. In fact, I send out an email and the slots are usually filled by the next day. Many members have been on both the receiving end and the giving end of this ministry and never fail to express that the meals were more than just food for their body.

Food for special events is another part of this ministry and is fun for everyone. Several times a year we have a special Coffee Hour, like the one last Sunday, or celebrate some significant event in the life of a parishioner. We at St. David's like any opportunity to get together to eat, drink and be merry! Many members participate so no one is asked to bring multiple dishes or to volunteer at all if it is not convenient at that particular time.

If you would like to be part of this gift to our parish, please contact me at: fayebj50@gmail.com or text me at 828 506-3184. This ministry means so much to me because I can help when help is needed. If you join us, I am sure you will have the same experience.

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.



EPIPHANY

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Dec 1 **George Rector**
Dec 3 **Scott Philyaw**
Dec 3 **John Slater**

Anniversary

Dec 5 **Michael Hudson & Barbara Hardie**

Congratulations to Nancie Wilson on being elected to serve on the Diocesan Commission on Ministry and to Mtr. Gaelyn to serve as clergy representative for the Western Deanery to the executive council.

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

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](#).

Beware of Scammers!

Please know that no the St. David's clergy or staff contact the parish via email requesting money or gift cards! Please do not respond to or forward suspicious emails, and never give out



member of will ever or text

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.

Sylva Garden Club Annual Pecan Sale

Once again, the Sylva Garden Club is selling pecans to fund our two scholarships, one to WCU and one to SCC. This sale also funds our beautification projects, which is especially important this year since the county has decommissioned their greenhouses and can no longer help us with plants.

Sylva Garden Club

Fresh Georgia



2021 Annual Pecan Sales Fundraiser

Whole Halves	12oz Bag	\$10.00
Dark Chocolate	12oz Bag	\$12.00
Milk Chocolate	12oz Bag	\$12.00
Caramel Pecan Clusters	10oz Bag	\$12.00

Cash or Check (payable to Sylva Garden Club)

Pecans are available at these local merchants

- City Lights Bookstore
- Ray's Florist
- KrisMart
- Country Road Farms
- Tuckasegee Trading Company

You can also go to www.sylvagardenclubnc.com for information

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

All proceeds provide

Yearly Scholarships to

Sylva Beautification



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, Vance Davidson
Lector, Paul Cooper

This Sunday's readings are:

[Jeremiah 33:14-16](#), [1 Thessalonians 3:9-13](#), [Luke 21:25-36](#), [Psalm 25:1-9](#)

Coffee Hour, Betsy Swift
Greeter, Steve Steinbrueck
Muff Lyons, Intercessor
Flowers,
Bread Baker, Steve Steinbrueck
Vestry Counter,
Sunday Communion, Linda Kinnear & June Smith

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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

RECTOR IN OFFICE

WEDNESDAYS NOON-5 PM

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR IN OFFICE