

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



February 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.

A Message from Mother Gaelyn

"All may, none must, some should"

This aphorism is commonly heard in the Episcopal Church and accurately sums up our approach to Reconciliation of a Penitent. Those desiring to participate in this sacrament to prepare for Lent or just curious to know more are invited to contact Mtr. Gaelyn. The Book of Common Prayer states, "The Reconciliation of a Penitent is available for all who desire it. It is not restricted to times of sickness. Confessions may be heard anytime and anywhere." To read through the rite see pages 447-452 in the BCP or at www.bcponline.org. Not sure you want to make a confession but just want to talk about it? We can do that, too!



Peace and Blessings,

Mother Gaelyn

News from the Vestry

by Jessica Philyaw

Vestry met on Monday, February 8th and welcomed new members Karen Brown and George Rector. As a new vestry beginning the year, we devoted most of the meeting to a focus on our working together and the spiritual foundation of that work. Mtr. Gaelyn led us in a Bible study and discussion of our spiritual work as a group. It was a welcome foundation for beginning the year together, and it is work that we will continue during the Vestry Retreat at Lake Logan March 18-20th.

At the church service this Sunday, Karen and George will be welcomed to their new ministry as vestry members.

Mark your calendars for March 7th, when Bishop José will lead us in a celebration of new ministry for Mtr. Gaelyn. It is sobering to realize that this important event in our lives and mission together had to be postponed from the summer because of the pandemic, and that even the new date, almost a year out from the first stay at home order, will still require careful precautions and limited numbers of us gathering for in-person worship. But we have been practicing flexibility, gratitude, and ingenuity since this all began, so we will put those skills to good use as we plan for a special day on the 7th.

Dial-arounds have begun again as a way to stay in touch with each other. You will also be receiving a separate call from Steve Steinbrueck, Margot Wilcox, or Carol Payton to ask you to confirm your contact information and details in the church's membership database.

Our next vestry meeting will be held as part of the March retreat. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me (seniorwarden@stdavidscullowhee.org or 828-506-4478) or any other vestry member.

Jessica Philyaw, Sr. Warden
Doug Hanks, Jr. Warden
Karen Brown
George Rector

2021 Vestry

Vance Davidson
Jake Jacobson
Steve Steinbrueck, Treasurer
Kelley Dinkelmeyer, Clerk to the Vestry

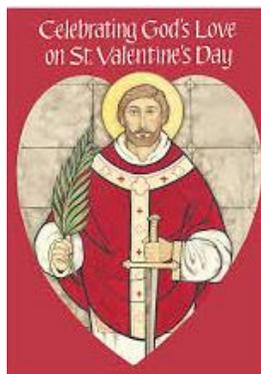
Service Information

Sunday, 2/14/2021 at 11 am

[Facebook Live](#) (Church Service) [Bulletin](#)
[Coffee Hour Zoom Link](#)

No Internet or
Smartphone? Dial +1
929 205 6099 and enter
meeting ID number 857
5147 5913 to join in for
Zoom Coffee Hour after
church.

Lector: Randi Neff
Prayers: Muff Lyons
Flowers: Judy Annis
Music: Lillian Pearson
Email prayer requests
to [Muff Lyons](#)



Wednesday Service

Morning Prayer 9:30 am on [Zoom](#)

Email [Mtr. Gaelyn](#) to meet with her for
conversation or prayer.

Additional Information

- Feb 14 Liturgy of the Word 11 am [Facebook Live](#)
Feb 17 Morning Prayer on [Zoom 9:30 am](#)
Lenten Bible Study 4 pm on [Zoom](#)
Ash Wednesday 5:30 pm on [Facebook Live](#)
Feb 21 Liturgy of the Word 11 am [Facebook Live](#)
Feb 24 Morning Prayer on [Zoom](#)
Mar 7 St. David's Day/Mtr. Gaelyn Celebration

Episcopal Campus Ministry WCU

Sign-up for Wednesday Walks with
WCU campus missionary Kelsey Davis:
1:1 outdoor walk around campus, no
strings attached. Anyone is welcome.

[Walk sign up](#)



Beans & Rice

Please remember our ongoing collection
of rice and especially beans for our Vecinos
families and farm workers. Donations may be
left in the big containers inside the church
doors at any time.



[Facebook Link for Past Services](#)

Ash Wednesday 2021



Our Ash Wednesday service will be on Facebook Live at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, February 17th. Because we will not be gathered together, everyone is encouraged to come by the church to pick up a *Lent at Home Kit* which will include a small envelope of Ashes made from last year's palms. There will be kits available specifically for individuals, couples, and families. The ashes may be kept throughout Lent as a reminder, "*remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return*" or you may wish to put them on your forehead in the manner we would usually do at church. If you have palms from last year at home behind a cross or icon, please return them to the church, so they may be included in the burning of the palms. The palms that become ashes remind us that though we return to dust, we are also raised to new life in the One we hail with palm branches and cries of Hosanna!

Lenten Bible Study

Who: everyone! You, your family, your neighbor...

What: a simple, reflective study of the gospel for the following Sunday

When: 4:00 on Wednesdays in Lent beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17th

Where: Zoom

Why: to deepen our understanding of the gospel, what it means for us right now, and what next steps God is asking us to take



Mark your calendars for March 7th, St. David's Day!

Bishop José will preside for Mtr. Gaelyn's Celebration of New Ministry.

Spring 2021 Volunteer Work Weekend at Lake Logan

March 5th-7th, 2021

There will be time for work, recreation, and fellowship during Volunteer Weekend. Project leaders and workers are needed. Leaders will come in on Friday evening for prep, and all other volunteers will join on Saturday morning. Housing is provided for volunteers who work on Saturday and Sunday.

For all projects, we will practice physical distancing, and volunteers must wear face coverings when working inside or near other volunteers.

There is no charge to attend this weekend; however, a suggested donation of at least \$50 per volunteer will help us cover the cost of your meals. If you can give more to cover the cost for volunteers who want to help but can't afford to donate, we thank you. And if you can only donate your time, that's okay too.

Please register by Monday, March 1st. For more information and to register, please [click here](#).



Parish News & Notes

Birthday

Feb 17	Terry Kinnear
Feb 19	Rosa Reily
Feb 20	Barrett Yanik

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[St. D's Private Group Forum](#)

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