

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



February 2, 2020

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	Feb 2	Epiphany 4, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Tue	Feb 4	Bishop Visit with Confirmation 5:30 pm
Thu	Feb 6	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Feb 9	Epiphany 5, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Mon	Feb 10	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Sat	Feb 15	Vestry Retreat 9am-4pm
Sun	Feb 16	Epiphany 6, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Thu	Feb 20	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Feb 23	Epiphany 7, Holy Eucharist 11 am, Soup Supper 5-7 pm
Wed	Feb 26	Ash Wednesday
Sun	Mar 1	Lent 1, St. David's Day, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Thu	Mar 5	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Mar 8,	Lent 2, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Mon	Mar 9	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Sun	Mar 15,	Lent 3, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Thu	Mar 19	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Mar 22,	Lent 4, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Sun	Mar 29,	Lent 5, Holy Eucharist 11 am

Serving this Sunday

Chalice:

Reader:

Music: Savannah Bennett

Coffee: Betsy Swift & Barb Manke

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24:7-10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Serving February 4th Bishop Visit

Chalice: Nancie Wilson

Reader: June Smith

Music: Lillian Pearson

Coffee: **ALL**

Serving during February

Flowers: Judy Robinson

Linen: Nan Watkins

Communion: Karen Brown &

June Smith

Greeter: Steve Steinbrueck

[Sermon Link](#)

[George Rector's Prayer Collection for Discernment](#)

From the Interim Rector

By The Rev. Valori Mulvey Sherer

Cause to celebrate

At our Annual Parish Meeting the congregation of St. David's elected two new servant leaders to the 2020 class of the vestry: Jessica Philyaw and Doug Hanks. Immediately following the annual meeting, the vestry elected the Executive Committee: Jessica Philyaw as Senior Warden, Sandy Frazier as Junior Warden, and Steve Steinbrueck as Treasurer. These elected servants represent a great start to the 2020 journey and is truly cause to celebrate. We thank them, and we thank God for them. May God bless them in their ministries.

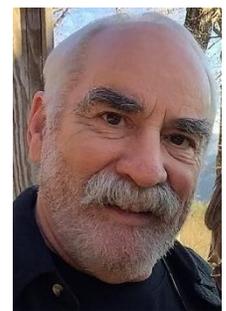
Jessica Philyaw



Doug Hanks



Steve Steinbrueck



From the Senior Warden

Just a brief note to introduce myself as Judy Robinson's successor as Senior Warden, and a new vestry member. I'd also like to welcome continuing vestry member Sandy Frazier as Junior Warden. This is an exciting time to serve St. David's, as we continue to progress through a time of transition, and I feel privileged to have the opportunity to support this parish and help it thrive. I encourage you to contact me or any other vestry member with any questions, ideas, or concerns as we move forward together.

A few quick announcements:



Bishop José will be with us this Tuesday, February 4th at 5:30 for the confirmation/reception of Gael Graham, Abel Despeaux, and Gerlinde Lindy. We hope everyone can attend, and thanks to all who are bringing food for the meal that will follow the service. The collection taken up that day will go to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Your contribution will enable the bishop to respond to important pastoral needs within our diocese that cannot be responded to otherwise.



Also, a reminder that there will be a vestry meeting on Monday, February 10th at 5:30. And of course, please join us in celebrating Valori+'s ministry on Sunday, February 9th.

Jessica Philyaw, Senior Warden

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Cailee Ladd

By Joan Byrd

Cailee Ladd grew up in the Holy Innocents Episcopal Church near her hometown of Mount Olive, North Carolina. The handmade gown in which she was baptized as a baby is carefully folded away, along with her tiny socks, decorated with lace by her mother. Her childhood was shared with a brother, two years older in age, and a lively menagerie that included, among others, chickens, rabbits, and ducks. Cailee's father is a veterinarian, and her parents were involved in animal rescue then as they are today: the family has had as many as 25 dogs in its care at one time, though the number of cats has been held to 8. In Cullowhee Cailee

has found a welcoming home within the Catman II complex where she spends several hours a week caring for the cats in the shelter and helping to socialize them.

The arts have a special place in Cailee's life, and she has happily joined in making the Advent wreath at St. David's. She and her mother both love to work in the medium of fiber and at one time ran a craft business together on Etsy. But Cailee's primary interest at an early age was math and science. As a teenager she embraced the challenge of attending the North Carolina School of Science and Math in Durham. Although she expected to continue on a similar path when she enrolled at Western in 2015, her interest was soon drawn to actuarial science, and later she settled on a major in accounting.



About a year ago, however, the shape of her future was transformed by a spiritual insight she experienced on the death of a beloved member of her family. "I had never before had a close relationship with God," she remembers, "but as I was mourning, I realized I was with God." When she returned to campus, she changed her major to philosophy with a concentration in religion. Cailee will graduate in December 2020, after which she plans to work for few years before entering an Episcopal seminary. Having been inspired by priests who attended the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, she hopes to study in the three-year program in the university's School of Theology.

Cailee has enjoyed taking part in the worship services at St. David's and has participated in church activities including the blessing of the animals. In 2018 she attended a parish summit, at which she spoke to the point of view of the Western students. Cailee praises St. David's for being "very open to new people" and she appreciates the warm welcome she has received here.

Soup Supper and Abraham's Table



A Family Reunion



Volunteer Help Needed



Help is needed to fix a hot water leak in the sacristy sink and to reset the dishwasher in the kitchen—it somehow has become catywampus and the door won't close without straightening the entire appliance. Maybe we can avoid calling in an expensive plumber if someone can volunteer to help with these tasks.

Parish Directory Available on Church Website

Our new Parish Administrator, Carol Payton, has put the [Parish Directory](#) onto the website. Please check it out and report any updates needed [here](#). It is password protected so you will need to register for access to the website if you have not already done so.

Living the Way of Love: Courageous Conversations About Diversity

At this two-day retreat **February 7th to 9th at Lake Logan Conference Center**, participants will

- Examine their own attitudes about the continuum of diversity, inclusion, equity, and belonging and the role our faith plays
 - Meet people with differing backgrounds and viewpoints.
 - Generate open, honest, and frank dialogue at the retreat and a desire to continue the conversation after the weekend.
 - Understand the relationship between diversity, inequality, socio-economic-political power, and faith
- Identify and incorporate changes in communication which promote inclusion
- Leave with a clear individual action plan for “what next?” in their own lives, churches, and communities.



Date	Program
February 7-9	Living the Way of Love: Courageous Conversations About Diversity
March 2-6	Lenten Retreat: Icon Writing
April 13-16	Clergy Rest Days
April 20-21	Parish Administrators Retreat / Youth Ministers Retreat
May 7	Altar Guild Workshop
June 5-6	Cold Mountain Music Festival
June and July	Camp Henry
July 11	Music Series
August 15	Music Series
September 12	Music Series
October 5-7	Artists in Residence
November 9-12	Fly Fishing Retreat
November 26	Thanksgiving Feast
December 4-6	Advent Retreat

LAKE LOGAN CONFERENCE CENTER

PROGRAMS

2020

Lake Logan offers a variety of fun, spiritual, and educational events open to the public throughout the year. Check our website for the latest program updates.

Parish News & Notes

Heidi Dinkelmeyer's Girl Scout Cookies are for sale! She has a selection on the piano in The *Gathering Place* at St. D's for any of you that want some. Thank you for your support of her troop! \$4/ box



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.

Regular Activities

2nd Sundays
 Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-Apr
 Mondays 10:30 am
 2nd Mondays
 1st & 3rd Thursdays

Rice & Beans Ministry
 Soup/Bread Community Supper
 Cullowhee Men's Group 10:30 am
 Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
 Accessible Mindfulness 10 am

2019 Outreach Support

From 1st 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)

St. David's Vestry

Sandy Frazier	Gael Graham
Vance Davidson	Jake Jacobson
Doug Hanks	Jessica Philyaw
Steve Steinbrueck, Treasurer, is ex-officio to the vestry.	

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.

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