

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



March 17, 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	Mar 17	Lent 2 St. Patrick's Day, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Tue	Mar 19	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am, Lenten Series: Praying the Rosary, Prayer beads 5:30 pm
Wed	Mar 20	Taizé service 5:30 pm
Sun	Mar 24	Lent 3 Holy Eucharist 11 am, Abrahamic Dinner 6 pm
Tue	Mar 26	Lenten Series: Intro to Contemplative Prayer 9 am
Wed	Mar 27	Celtic Evening Prayer 5:30 pm
Sun	Mar 31	Lent 4 Holy Eucharist 11 am, Soup Supper 5 pm,
Tue	Apr 2	Lenten Series: Walking prayer 9 am, Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Wed	Apr 3	Celtic Evening Prayer 5:30 pm
Sun	Apr 7	Lent 5 Holy Eucharist 11 am,
Mon	Apr 8	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Tue	Apr 9	Lenten Series: Art prayer 5:30 pm
Wed	Apr 10	Celtic Evening Prayer 5:30 pm
Sun	Apr 14	Palm Sunday, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Tue	Apr 16	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Thu	Apr 18	Agape Supper 5:30 pm, Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm
Fri	Apr 19	Stations of the Cross noon, Good Friday Service 5:30 pm
Sat	Apr 20	Holy Saturday 10:30 am
Sun	Apr 21	Easter Sunday, Holy Eucharist 11 am (Easter Egg Hunt noon)
Sun	Apr 28	Easter 2 Holy Eucharist 11 am, Soup Supper 5-7 pm
Fri	May 3	Wine Event (also Fri, Nov 1)

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: George Rector
Reader: Paul Cooper
Music: Savannah Bennett
Coffee: Marilyn Jody &
Melba Cooper
Readings: [Genesis 15:1-12,17-18](#), [Philippians 3:17-4:1](#), [Luke 13:31-35](#), [Psalm 27](#)

Serving during March

Flowers: Judy Robinson
Linen: Nan Watkins
Communion:
3/17 Gracia Slater
3/24 Faye Jacobson
3/31 Margot Wilcox
Bread: Judy Robinson
Greeter: Margot Wilcox

[Sermon Link](#)

**Childcare is available during
the service most Sundays.**

The Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"



Guest preacher this Sunday

Eden Lewis, Missioner for Youth and Young Adults, Diocese of WNC

By The Rev. Valori Mulvey Sherer

Dear St. David's community,

I met recently with Eden and asked her to come visit St. David's and speak to us about youth and young adult ministry, including campus ministry, as we allow God to lead us in the development of this ministry at St. David's. Eden is a gifted young woman with a passion for her ministry. Let's welcome her warmly this Sunday.

Here is some information about Eden from the diocesan website: Eden oversees Christian formation for middle school youth, high school youth and young adults. She coordinates (with the help of youth and youth ministers) programs such as conferences, mission trips, and pilgrimages for middle school and high school youth. She also works with the campus and young adult ministers to provide programming that meets the needs of young adults on college campuses and in our local communities. Source:

<https://www.diocesewnc.org/office-of-the-bishop-s-staff?mobile=0>

Lenten Evening Prayers Change to Wednesdays

One of the priorities that arose from our parish summits was to offer more lay-led services, which precipitated the Lenten offering of Evening Prayers, a lay-led office. The wardens and I discussed this at our meeting last week and have made a decision to move those to Wednesday evenings to enable more people to participate.

Sundays were originally chosen to help establish an experience of Sunday evening worship looking ahead toward the needs of the campus ministry St. David's is gestating. Our local campus ministry colleagues inform us that most students arrive back to campus each weekend on Sunday afternoons, so Sunday evening worship makes sense. We don't, however, have a campus ministry in place yet or student needs to consider this season, so we've decided to wait on that and focus instead on the people at hand – us.

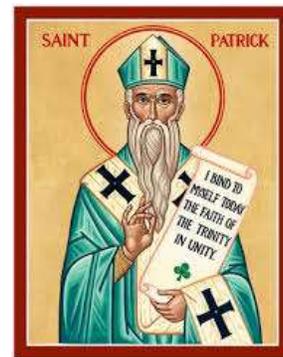
The reality of our mountain life is that two trips to church on a Sunday are difficult to accomplish. Moving these to Wednesday evenings affords more of our members the opportunity to participate and, as one member said, “that extra oomph to get through the week.”

The new dates, posted online on our [homepage](#) and [calendar](#), are: Wednesdays, March 20th, 27th and April 3rd, 10th. The time remains the same: 5:30 pm.

Saint of the Month: Patrick of Ireland, ca. 461

Patrick was born about 390, in southwest Britain, somewhere between the Severn and the Clyde rivers, son of a deacon and grandson of a priest. When about sixteen years old, he was kidnapped by Irish pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland. Until this time, he had, by his own account, cared nothing for God, but now he turned to God for help. After six years, he either escaped or was freed, made his way to a port 200 miles away, and there persuaded some sailors to take him onto their ship. He returned to his family much changed, and began to prepare for the priesthood, and to study the Bible.

Around 435, Patrick was commissioned, perhaps by bishops in Gaul and perhaps by the Pope, to go to Ireland as a bishop and missionary. Four years earlier another bishop, Palladius, had gone to Ireland to preach, but he was no longer there (my sources disagree on whether he had died, or had become discouraged and left Ireland to preach in Scotland). Patrick made his headquarters at Armagh in the North, where he built a school, and had the protection of the local monarch. From this base he made extensive missionary



journeys, with considerable success. To say that he single-handedly turned Ireland from a pagan to a Christian country is an exaggeration, but is not far from the truth.

Almost everything we know about him comes from his own writings, available in English in the *Ancient Christian Writers* series. He has left us an autobiography (called the *Confession*), a *Letter to Coroticus* in which he denounces the slave trade and rebukes the British chieftain Coroticus for taking part in it, and the *Lorica* (or "Breastplate," a poem of disputed authorship traditionally attributed to Patrick), a work that has been called "part prayer, part anthem, and part incantation." The *Lorica* is a truly magnificent hymn, found today in many hymnals (usually abridged by the omission of the two stanzas bracketed below). The translation into English as given here is by Cecil Frances Alexander, whose husband was Archbishop of Armagh, and thus the direct successor of Patrick. She published nearly 400 poems and hymns of her own, including the well-known "There is a green hill far away," "Once in royal David's city," "Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult," and "All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small."

*Note: This source offers a more literal translation of Patrick's Lorica which is worth looking at, so I offer the link to it: Source: [James Kiefer's Christian Biographies](#). [Editor's note: The literal translation referenced and also the full text of the *Lorica* can be found by clicking the link given and then clicking "March 17" on the left.]*

Collect for this feast day: Almighty God, who in your providence chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle of the Irish people, to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of you: Grant us so to walk in that light, that we may come at last to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.

Valeri+

Abraham's Table:

A family reunion

Join us for dinner as we explore the commonalities and uniqueness shared by the children of Abraham: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim.

Sunday, March 24
6:00 to 8:00 pm

All are welcome as we celebrate our common roots and diverse practices in an era of political division.

St. David's Episcopal Church
385 Forest Hills Rd, Cullowhee
(across from the Ramsey Center)

We invite you to bring a pot-luck item or just come as you are. Food will be plentiful.



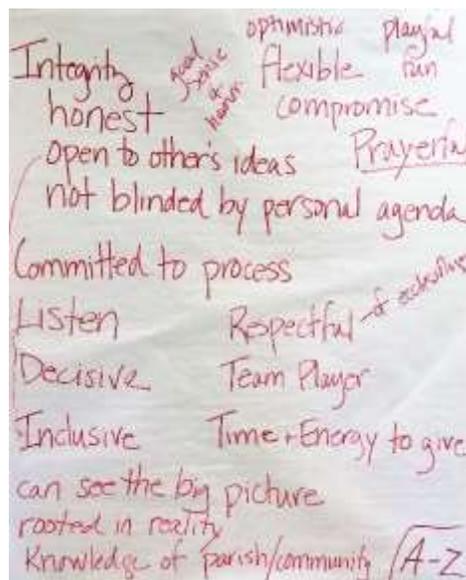
The lamps are different
but the light is the same. ~Rumi



From the Vestry re Rector Search

Your vestry had a very informative and productive meeting with Canon Augusta Anderson on Wednesday, March 13th. We have summarized the highlights of our meeting below; more details will be shared during announcements in the March 17th church service and coffee hour in the Gathering Place after church. We will also send parish-wide emails with more details about additional components during the next week (your Sr. Warden needs time to compose these and have them approved by the Vestry before we send them). These tasks were accomplished:

- ✦ Your vestry elected Vance Davidson to be the Vestry member who will join the Discernment Committee as a full member of that group.
- ✦ Canon A spent a full hour explaining all the steps involved from this point forward to calling the new rector.
- ✦ We spent time developing a list of characteristics and skills that we thought were important for any Chair of the DC (Discernment Committee). That list is shown here and is also hanging on the door where we store chairs in The Gathering Place. We generated a list of possible parish members to be DC Chair, discussed and discerned, and came to consensus on a candidate. As soon as the DC Chair is confirmed, we will publish that person's name.
- ✦ Once the DC Chair is confirmed, that person will meet with the Vestry, and together they will form the complete DC, totaling five members, including the DC Chair and Vance Davidson from the Vestry.
- ✦ Once the DC is formed, one of the members will be assigned to be the liaison and "guru" for the CAT (Church Assessment Tool) survey program online. That person will be responsible for learning how it works and facilitating parishioners' use of the survey.



We ended the meeting with the Canon feeling quite positive about her understanding of St. David's needs, our own understanding of our upcoming tasks, and the support we will receive from the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Robinson, Senior Warden

Vestry Members

Senior Warden, Judy Robinson Junior Warden, Muff Lyons
Sandy Frazier Gael Graham
Vance Davidson Jake Jacobson
Steve Steinbrueck, Treasurer, is ex-officio to the vestry.

Dine Around



The St. David's Dine Around Groups will begin again in early spring, hopefully in May. If you would like to participate or have any questions, please email Pat Steinbrueck at patsteinbrueck@gmail.com.

For those of you unfamiliar with the concept, the groups (usually about 6 people to a group) meet for a pot-luck meal monthly at the members' homes. The total number of groups depends on how many people sign up. The group members rotate on a quarterly basis so at the end of the year, you'll have had a chance to meet a variety of the amazing people of St. David's.

Wildflowers Abound!

This series first appeared in *The Coracle* in 2012 when we were first exploring and making a walking path in the green space above the church. Early springtime seems an appropriate time to revisit it.

Find the Flower CHALLENGE

This wildflower, one of the spring ephemerals, has been spotted in the green space above the church and all, young and old alike, are challenged to see if they can find it.

Its common name is toothwort. A native member of the Mustard family, sometimes included in the genus *Cardamine*, it usually has three stem leaves deeply parted or divided into 5-9 segments, 1-3 inches long. These plants, with flowers only ½ inch or less broad, are perennial from small, deeply set, fleshy tubes or jointed rhizomes. It is most abundant in alluvial woods in the mountains and piedmont.

(Wildflowers of North Carolina, Justice and Bell)



Daffodils Do Too!

A hearty thank-you to Muff Lyons and Judy Robinson for planting the daffodils. They look so lively along with the heather and quince also in bloom.



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Mar 17

Melba Cooper

Mar 23

Adam Philyaw

Travel Sketching with Pen, Ink and Watercolor

Haidee Wilson is offering a course called **Travel Sketching with Pen, Ink and Watercolor** on Saturday, March 23rd, from 10-12:30 at Haywood County Arts Gallery, Main St., Waynesville. The fee is \$30.00 for HCAC members, and \$35.00 non-members. Reservations required-limited space. Sign-up at the Gallery (828-452-0593, Haywoodarts.org). [Click here](#) for full information about the course. Come be inspired, informed, and have joy with others in the art world. Bring a friend!

Haidee will also have the two oil paintings shown below at The Stecoah Art Gallery starting in March. Local landscapes of Lake Junaluska, and Looking Glass Rock come feast your eyes and support local talent.



Diocesan Youth Events



WNC Episcopal Service Corps Fundraising Event

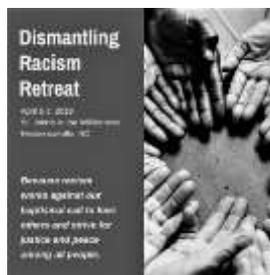
Thursday, April 4th from 6 pm to 9 pm
Trinity Episcopal Church, Asheville

Join us for an evening to benefit

[WNC Episcopal Service Corps!](#)

Silent Auction at 6 pm; Dinner and Live Auction at 7 pm \$50/individual ticket or \$300/table (seats 8).

RSVP [here](#) by March 25th, 2019.



**Friday, April 5th at 7 pm–
Sunday, April 7th at 2:30 pm**
Youth must commit to
the entire weekend.

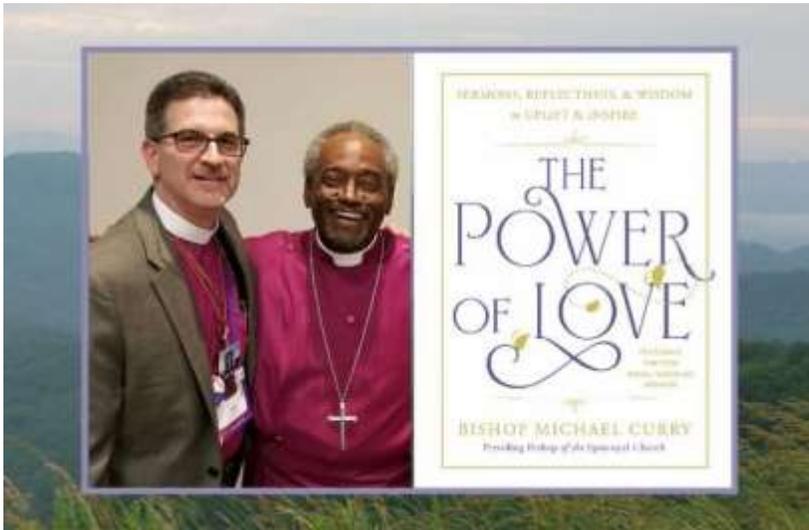
Location: St. John in the
Wilderness, Flat Rock.

We will be spending the weekend at the church using the parish halls for lodging, meals, and program.

Cost: \$20, per youth. Scholarships are available.
Registration is through CampDoc software [here](#).

Glory Ridge Camping & Service Retreat
May 4-5, 2019

[Glory Ridge Camp](#)
Middle School Youth Only



Last week, the Diocese of WNC announced a very special evening event with our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael Curry. On Wednesday, June 26th at 6 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asheville, Bishop José will host and facilitate a conversation with Bishop Curry talking about his new book, *The Power of Love*. You can learn more about the event [here](#).

Regular seating for this event sold out very quickly! They are offering overflow seating in Trinity Episcopal Church's Tuton Hall. Seating in this space will allow you to watch live video of the conversation.

Tuton Hall seats are not in the event space and do not include a book. These overflow seats are being offered free of charge. Overflow seating is limited and each person must have a ticket to attend. Tuton Hall tickets include signing line privileges with a book purchase. Attendees must have a ticket and a book to join the signing line. Books will be available for purchase at the event. Malaprop's Bookstore/Cafe will also send an email to all ticket holders when books for this event are in stock in April. Tickets for Tuton Hall seating may be reserved online here: <https://www.malaprops.com/event/evening-bishop-michael-curry>.

Because of the overwhelming response and the desire to make this event as inclusive as possible, tickets for Tuton Hall seating will be limited to four (4) per transaction.

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\$40 PER TICKET, \$75 PER COUPLE

Meditation Opportunities at St. David's

Accessible Mindfulness: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 10-11:15 am. This is especially geared for those new to mindfulness meditation.

Other Meditation Opportunities

WCU Mindfulness and Meditation: Thursdays at 4 pm 224 Bird Building. For details, call 227-7469 and ask for Michelle. To view a flyer, [please click here.](#)

Mindfulness Meditation: 9:15 am on Thursdays at Sylva Yoga above Lulu's on Main Street in downtown Sylva. Meditation gives students the opportunity to focus on the deep interconnection between mind and body, which can be experienced directly by practice in mindfulness.

Virtual Closet

If you need medical-related equipment or have something you can offer, contact Claire Marsh: clairemrsh@gmail.com 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	2 nd Sundays	Rice & Beans Ministry
	3 rd Sundays 5:30 pm	Taizé Service 5:30 pm
	Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-Apr	Soup/Bread Community Supper
	Mondays 10:30 am	Cullowhee Men's Group 10:30 am
	2 nd Mondays	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
	1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays	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 Land Trust	Nov	to be determined
May	(general)	Dec	(general)
Jun-Jul-Aug-no Soup Suppers (general outreach)			

Vestry Stewardship Covenant 2018

St. David's Episcopal Church

We believe that our community is called upon to fully trust in God's promise to provide. Sometimes, however, we are fearful that it won't happen due to our lack of trust, our fear, and our need to control.

We commit to remember who we are in God and for the world, near and far: beloved servants. We commit to make financial decisions remembering that God provides for us, sometimes in surprising ways, by keeping the Gospel promise of abundance as our guide and touchstone, and by constantly evaluating this new way of thinking.

We invite everyone to join the vestry in reflecting on the grace and good luck that pervade our lives which leads us to a natural and comfortable means of sharing the abundance with which we have been blessed.

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www.lakelogan.org

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Judy Robinson, Senior Warden

Muff Lyons, Junior Warden

Sandy Frazier—Gael Graham

Vance Davidson—Jake Jacobson