

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



March 19, 2023

Called to embody God's love by welcoming everyone who enters and by empowering all who stay to make a difference in the world.

Happening Soon at St. David's

Sunday March 19	10 am	A Deeper Dive: Reflection and Conversation in the Upper Room
Lent 4	11 am	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	1 pm	Women of a Certain Age (LOL) meet in the <i>Gathering Place</i>
Wednesday	5 pm	Contemplative Celtic Evening Prayer followed by ECM
Thursday	1:30 pm	Needlework/craft interest group meets in the <i>Gathering Place</i>

Please try to remember to pick up your name tag at the back of the church!

Forms for requesting name tags are located next to the name tag display rack.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 26	5-7 pm	Soup Supper
Saturday, April 22	TBA	Kendra Graham wedding shower

Lent at St. David's

Each Wednesday in Lent, including Holy Week, a service of Contemplative Celtic Evening Prayer will be offered at 5 pm in the church at St. David's. This short service will follow *Book Two: Journey and Promise* from J. Philip Newell's book *Celtic Treasure: Daily Scriptures and Prayer*. The service will include a short passage of Scripture, prayer and intercession, and a time of extended silent reflection and contemplation. I hope you will join us and that this offering deepens your experience of the Holy in this season of Lent.

Episcopal Campus Ministry meets for prayer, conversation, fun, and dinner at 5:30 in the *Gathering Place*. All students are welcome.



Live Streaming Training Scheduled

Live streaming of the church service is an important ministry for many who cannot make it in person for a variety of reasons as well as occasionally for those of us who normally attend in person.

If you're interested in learning how to do the live-streaming of our Sunday services, plan to meet with Doug Hanks Sunday, March 19th after the Sunday service. Doug will show you how to set up and take down the camera and other equipment used in St. David's live streaming. It's not difficult to do, and once Doug gives the hands-on instruction he will provide written instructions for reference once the training is completed.

There is a spot on the whiteboard for live-stream sign-up. Your involvement in this very important ministry is much appreciated.

An Opportunity to Dive Deeper on Sunday Mornings

We have renamed and are bringing a fresh approach to the 10 o'clock hour. **A Deeper Dive: Reflection and Conversation** takes place every Sunday morning in the Upper Room.

Beginning March 26th, we will be reading and discussing *The Story of Romans: A Narrative Defense of God's Righteousness* by Katherine Grieb (an amazing New Testament professor at Virginia Theological Seminary). **Books will be available soon at City Lights.**

During Lectionary Year A (our current year), we will read almost all of the book of Romans. Romans has many wonderful passages and is a key text in our Christian tradition. However, it is also a text that has perplexed some and outraged others. **Come decide for yourself in A Deeper Dive as we reflect and enjoy conversation.**

Breaking Bread Together

Would you like to get to know your fellow parishioners better? We hope so.

We would like to revive the idea of "Meals Together" that Pat Steinbrueck did such a wonderful job coordinating in years past. Terri and Phil Sanger would like to build on her idea. Conceptually, we are thinking groups of six to eight present and/or inactive St. Davidites. We would create the groups and rotate the mix each quarter. Meeting approximately three times in a quarter for breakfast, lunch or dinner- The goal is a meal together with time and space to visit and share.

How each group does it is flexible!!

One option: in one of your homes where the host makes the entrée and others bring sides.

Another option: just get together at a restaurant.

Other options?????

The objective is to create the possibility of getting to know each other.

You will be receiving an email from phillip.sanger@gmail.com next week asking whether you would like to join us and whether you would be willing to host and/or lead a group.

Feel free to make suggestions on how this could work well.

Farewell to Kelsey, But Not Until May

Bishop José has announced that Kelsey Davis, Diocesan Missioner for Campus Ministry and Director of the Blue Ridge Service Corps, is leaving the Diocese in May.

Kelsey has been invited to return to serving the athletic community in the role of Player Affairs Manager for the National Women's Soccer League Players Association (NWSLPA).

We will miss her but wish her well in her new endeavor.



Save the Date: April 22nd
Celebrate With Kendra and Tyler
Showers Aren't Just for Ladies Anymore. All Are Invited.

WHAT: Shower for Kendra and Tyler

WHEN: April 22nd

WHERE: The Gathering Place, St. David's

TIME: Drop-in: 3-5 with gift opening at 4

Registry: The Knot, Wedding Registry, Find a couple: Kendra Graham and Tyler Pope

RSVP: fayebj50@gmail.com or call/text 828 506-3184 if you would like to help with food for this party.



And congratulations to Mikayla Caroon and Logan Chapman on their engagement

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Mar 17

Melba Cooper

Mar 23

Sallie Rivers

Mar 27

Courtney Tomczak

Randi and Jeff Neff celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with quite a festive party at Lake Logan last Saturday.



Some St. David's Day Photos



Gael Graham and Nan Watkins led everyone in singing the Welsh National Anthem which was followed by a spontaneous rendition of Michael Hudson's song *The Week of the Leek*.



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!

No member of the St. David's clergy or staff will ever contact the parish via email or text requesting money or gift cards! Please do not respond to or forward suspicious emails, and never give out your personal information to anyone over the internet or through email.

Vestry Minutes

Vestry minutes may be found in a white notebook in the library upstairs.

Church Membership Directory

Should you wish to have a directory emailed or mailed to you, please contact our parish administrator, Graydon Elliott, at info@stdavidscullowhee.org.

Securing Our Property

Please remember to lock any doors that you may have opened either upstairs or in the *Gathering Place* when you leave!

Beans & Rice

Donations of rice and beans may be left in the large containers behind the front doors of the church. They go to the Community Table and United Christian Ministries.



Lake Logan Events

<https://www.lakelogan.org/events/>

St. David's in the Valley, Clergy and Staff

The Right Rev. Jose A. McLoughlin, Bishop
The Rev. Gaelyn Lei Evangreene, Rector
Dr. Lillian Pearson, Organist
Graydon Elliott, Parish Administrator

Serving this Sunday

Chalice Bearer, George Rector
Lector, Paul Cooper
Greeter, Laurie Hulbert
Altar, June Smith, Karen Brown
Linens, Margot Wilcox
Bread Baker, Gracia & John Slater
Live Streaming, Doug Hanks
Vestry Counter, George Rector
Coffee Hour, The Browns
Pick up Michael, Marilyn Jody

Readings

[1 Samuel 16:1-13](#), [Ephesians 5:8-14](#), [John 9:1-41](#), [Psalm 23](#)

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Regular Schedule at St. David's

Sundays

10:00-10:40

Bible Study in the Upper Room

11:00

In-Person and Facebook Live Holy Eucharist

Rector in office



ST. DAVID'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2nd Sundays at 12:45

Vestry in the *Gathering Place*

Tuesdays at 1 pm

Women of a Certain Age (LOL) meet in the *Gathering Place*

Wednesdays

Episcopal Campus Ministry@WCU at 5:30

Thursdays at 1:30 pm

Needlework/craft interest group

Last Sundays except December and May-August Soup Supper