

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



March 5, 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 5	10 am	Bible Study
Lent 2	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 ECW
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 in the *Gathering Place* and wear it in church!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 12	11 am	St. David's Day Celebration with Special Coffee Hour
Sunday, March 26	5-7 pm	Soup Supper
Saturday, April 22	TBA	Kendra Graham wedding shower

First Sundays "Loose Plate" Offering

The vestry has designated, with parish input, six charities to support this year: *The Community Table*, **HERE**, *Jackson Neighbors in Need*, *Vecinos*, *Mainspring Conservation Trust* and *Midwives for Haiti*. At year's end, the total of the First Sundays "loose plate" offering plus the budgeted amount plus what we collect at Soup Suppers will be divided by six and donated to these groups. For next Sunday, March 5th, **HERE** is the highlighted charity.



HERE's mission is to end homelessness throughout Jackson County by providing temporary emergency shelter, housing-focused case management services and short-term financial assistance. Our vision is to secure stable affordable housing and end homelessness throughout Western North Carolina.

HERE uses a "Housing First" philosophy to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness achieve permanent housing outcomes. Our low barrier services are designed to help those in need without judgment so that everyone in Jackson County has access to safe and affordable housing.

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.

Lenten Study Materials Available

A Lenten devotional filled with stories and reflections from our own St. David's community called **Lenten Word of the Day** is available to guide you through the days from Ash Wednesday to Easter. The booklet was inspired by Melba Cooper and her passion for the Season for Nonviolence (<https://www.agnt.today/season-for-nonviolence>) The booklet is 52 pages long, so copies by request.

If you would like a **digital copy**, please send a message to info@stdavidscullowhee.org requesting one. If you would like to read the devotional on your Kindle, send your kindle address and the document can be emailed directly to your device. You can also read the devotional on an iPad. Simply request the pdf by email and follow these instructions <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT205751> to send the document to your Apple book app on your device. The document will be saved to your library.

St David's Day Celebration Sunday March 12th



Whether you are a member or friend of St. David's Episcopal Church, please plan to come to Sunday Services and Coffee Hour on Sunday March 12th, 2023 to help us celebrate St. David's Day. Our celebrations have been constrained during the past two "Covid years," but this year will have no restrictions.

Members of your Altar Guild will be decorating the church with daffodils on Saturday, March 11th at 10 am. Please stop by if you would like to help or just want to say Hi.

We would like everyone who can to please bring a food item to share at Coffee Hour on Sunday. We will be doing potluck as this seems to work well. Please include a few gluten-free foods. Finger foods, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts is a loose guideline for what would work well. It will be a wonderful time to visit and remember our shared history. Please plan to be there.



Episcopal Campus Ministry Dinners

Mar 15	Hanks
Mar 22	Movie Night
Mar 29	Robinsons
Apr 5	Holy Week-no classes
Apr 12	Mtr. Gaelyn
Apr 19	Hanks
Apr 26	St. David's parishioners invited to join ECM for a potluck at the pavilion
May 3	Mtr. Gaelyn
May 10	

Thank you for filling almost all of the slots for providing a meal for the WCU students this spring.

If you can cook but can't get food to the church, email Mtr. Gaelyn, and we will arrange a pickup. Please provide food for 15-18 hungry students. Simple and inexpensive is fine! Vegetarian and gluten free options appreciated.

Signup on Sunday on the board or email rector@stdavidscullowhee.org.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Mar 1 **Mary Michael Hanks**
Mar 8 **Nathan Brown**

Anniversary

Mar 12 **Randi & Jeff Neff**

Good Shepherd Cashiers Plans Fall Pilgrimage to Italy

<https://www.myitaliantreasures.com/pilgrimage-trip-to-rome-assisi-and-florence/>

October 18-29, 2023

Disciples at Work: Exploring the lives of St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Francis, St. Clare, and the Church in Italy through the Renaissance on a Pilgrimage Trip to Rome, Assisi, and Florence with The Rev. Rob Wood and Church of the Good Shepherd, Cashiers, NC. Deposit of \$550 is due by February 28th, 2023. For more information and to check space availability call 828-743-2359.

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](#).

An Easy Volunteer Opportunity

Seeking a person to occasionally give Doug Hanks a break from live streaming the Sunday service. Full instruction in what to do will be provided, and it is remarkably simple to do. Just speak to Doug or [email him](#).

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.

Lake Logan Events

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

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.



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.

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

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



ST. DAVID'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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, Betsy Swift

Lector, Lydia Aydlett

Greeter, Laurie Hulbert

Altar, June Smith, Karen Brown

Linens, Margot Wilcox

Bread Baker, Gracia & John Slater

Live Streaming, Doug Hanks

Vestry Counter, vestry member needed

Coffee Hour, Terri Sanger

Readings

[Genesis 12:1-4a](#), [Romans 4:1-5, 13-17](#), [John 3:1-17](#), [Psalm 121](#)

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