

# The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



April 25, 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

Dear friends,

Like the rest of America, our church is moving into the post-lockdown phase. Hopefully, vaccination numbers will rise, and infection rates will drop, and we can continue to move back into social gatherings and worship. At this time, we are gathering for worship inside with 25 or fewer people on Sundays. So far, we have not reached our maximum number so please know there is room for you if you are wanting to attend in-person worship. If we reach our limit before it is safe to allow more people in the church, we will add additional services to accommodate worshippers. That would be a joyful situation that I would welcome!

As in the past at St. David's, we use a variety of resources during our worship. For those worshipping online this has been all included in a single document on our website. Because we care about the environment and waste, we do not print this inclusive bulletin for in-person worship except for special services. This means that each week two separate bulletins are created which many have assured me is unnecessary. Beginning next week, we will post the in-person bulletin online for those worshipping at home. We will also post links where you can always find the Scripture readings (the lectionary) and the Eucharistic prayer currently being used. Soon we will create a separate tab on the website with more worship, or liturgy, information.

Liturgy is important to the people of St. David's, and I would welcome conversation and questions about what we are doing, where it comes from, and so forth. Spring is here and I would be happy to meet on the deck or inside with individuals or small groups. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Peace and blessings,

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## Dial-Arounds on Pause

by Jessica Philyaw, Senior Warden

As you know, we have been contacting members of the parish regularly in order to stay in touch, find out about pastoral concerns, and just be sure we are connecting with each other. Several of us on vestry, with several other volunteers, have been making these calls and contacts. The happy news is that with the availability of vaccines, many of us are able to get out a bit more and in general feel a bit less isolated. The general feedback that we have received is that these regular calls are perhaps not "needed" in the same way that they once were. As a result, our calling group will put this project on pause for the moment, but it's critically important that everyone knows that connection is just a phone call away. If you have a need of any kind, or just want to talk to a familiar voice, please reach out to any of us, or to Mother Gaelyn. Our contact information is below.

Mother Gaelyn 828-331-1427 or 828-545-9956 (call or text)

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## Service Information

Sunday, 4/25/2021 at 11 am

**Sign up for in person church service**

[Facebook Live](#) (Church Service) [Bulletin](#)  
[The Lectionary](#)

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: Maggie Bowles

Chalice: Vance Davidson

Prayers: Muff Lyons

Music: Lillian Pearson

Bread: Karen Brown

Communion: Muff Lyons & Gael Graham

Flowers: Judy Robinson

Linen: Gael Graham

## Wednesday Services

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

**Outdoor Eucharist** Noon (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays)

Email [Muff Lyons](#) with prayer requests

[Facebook Link for Past Services](#)

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

## Additional Information

Apr 18 Holy Eucharist 11 am [Facebook Live](#)

Apr 21 [Zoom link for Morning Prayer 9:30 am](#)  
Outdoor Eucharist Noon

Apr 25 Holy Eucharist 11 am [Facebook Live](#)

Apr 28 [Zoom link for Morning Prayer 9:30 am](#)

## 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.



## From the Diocese



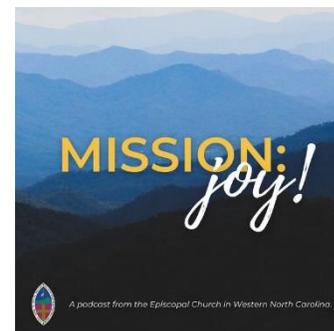
Join our Missioner for Communications Virginia Taylor for a webinar all about keeping your parish safe in the digital world. We'll discuss topics ranging from avoiding scams to the basics of copyright law. Have questions you'd like answered at the webinar? Email [vtaylor@diocesewnc.org](mailto:vtaylor@diocesewnc.org) prior to the event to have your question answered during the webinar. All are welcome.

[Register here](#)

## New Diocesan Podcast

Mission: Joy! is a podcast dedicated to sharing stories that inspire and transform us to be people of God. With a new episode dropping every month, we'll present topics ranging from women in ministry to faith and social media, connecting with people around and beyond the diocese to help share these stories.

<https://www.mission-joy.com/>



## The Nomad

By Margot Wilcox

There's a new 'resident' in *The Gathering Place*, and he's called **The Nomad**. As his name suggests, he has seen a bit of the world before ending up in Cullowhee. He started life as a tree in Wales, and after the tree was felled, a sculptor was inspired to release him, at least partially, from the tree trunk.

During the first days of our first pilgrimage to St. David's, Wales, an art exhibit in the Cathedral Hall included this handsome fellow; Nancy Joyner was taken with him at first sight. The exhibit closed, he disappeared, but she continued thinking about him. A few days later while we were all on a field trip, we spotted Workshop Wales, the gallery that had placed **The Nomad** in the exhibit. We had fun exploring their galleries and their sculpture garden. And lo and behold, **The Nomad** was there! But Nancy still couldn't quite resolve to buy him. The days slipped by, and soon we would be leaving. Then on June 1<sup>st</sup>, she finally decided she could not leave without him! But how to get back to the gallery? Most of the group had plans for that day to hike the Pembrokeshire Coast Trail from St. David's to the village of Solva. Nancy was not a hiker! And she wanted to buy that sculpture! Tom & I had a rented car, and while we would have enjoyed the hike, we also knew we'd enjoy a day with Nancy and her partner Coye, so we offered to take them back to the gallery.

We had an ulterior motive. We'd seen a painting there that we liked. So, while Nancy took the sculptor outside to persuade him to sell **The Nomad** to her, we negotiated with his wife, the painter. She was delighted to think that with our purchase, she could then claim to be "an international artist." However, she told us, our friend was wasting her breath because her husband had decided he was not going to sell **The Nomad**, and she added emphatically, "He is a very determined man!" We replied that he was talking to a "very determined woman." Shortly thereafter, Nancy came back inside with a most contented smile on her face, ready to have **The Nomad** packed up and shipped to North Carolina.



The reason I remember the date? It was my birthday! On our return drive to St. David's, Nancy treated us all to a nice pub lunch—mostly in celebration of her new acquisition but also to celebrate my birthday!

**The Nomad** eventually arrived in Jackson County via motor freight, packed in a large wooden crate, custom-made for his transport. Tom met the truck in Sylva, taking **The Nomad** to Nancy's Cullowhee house where he lived for several years before he and Nancy moved to Chapel Hill. Knowing the folks of St. David's admired and had a proprietary interest in her Welsh sculpture, Nancy bequeathed him to us in her will. Both in life and in death, Nancy was a generous benefactor to this parish! Thanks be to God.

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## Parish News & Notes

### Anniversaries

Apr 25 **Norma & Eric Hendrix**

Apr 27 **Gracia & John Slater**

### Ink Cartridges Up For Grabs

Margot Wilcox has one color and two black ink cartridges to give away (free!) to anyone who can use them.



**St. David's Links and Contact Information:**

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[St. D's Public Facebook Page](#)

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

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