

# The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



May 10, 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.

## Update on the Search for a New Rector

by Jessica Philyaw, Senior Warden

The rector search has been a long process, and while we are in the final stages, I understand that reviewing the procedure we are following may be helpful at this time.

As you know, the DC was tasked with creating the parish profile that would be the basis for our search, and for conducting preliminary interviews with candidates. The DC's final responsibility was to bring the name of one or more finalists to the vestry, which they did at the end of March. From there, the process calls for vestry to carefully and prayerfully review a finalist's full application portfolio (as did the DC) and conduct their own interviews. This is where we are now in the process.

From here, after we feel we have enough information on which to base our decision, vestry will vote on whom we wish to call to be the next rector of St. David's. But it is the bishop's final decision, and meeting the bishop is part of a finalist's interview process. It will be my pleasure, as senior warden, to call Bishop Jose as soon as vestry has taken its vote and ask him to support our choice. However, the name of the candidate still cannot be made public at that time. There is more to do.

Once a letter of agreement (laying out all details of responsibilities) between the rector-to-be and St. David's has been drafted, finalized, and signed, the candidate will make an announcement to their current parish. Once that announcement of departure is made, we can issue an announcement of welcome. Until that time, confidentiality must be maintained as a courtesy to all parties involved.

I will be delighted to notify the parish community when I have "made the call" to the bishop letting him know vestry's choice, but at that point, I will be unable to share any further details until the process has been finished and the candidate has made their leaving announcement.

This is an exciting time for St. David's, and I know how anxious we all are to be able to welcome a new rector. While I must maintain the confidentiality of the entire process, I can say that vestry is currently in substantive conversation with a candidate that we feel extremely good about.

Please continue your prayers for this process, in which we see God's grace actively working.

**UPDATE!      UPDATE!      UPDATE!**

The St. David's vestry has made a joyful and unanimous vote to ask the bishop's blessing to call our chosen candidate to be the next rector of St. David's. Bishop José has given his enthusiastic agreement, and the candidate accepts wholeheartedly! We will retain the full confidentiality of the process until we are able to welcome our new rector by name, hopefully very soon.

# Hallelujah

## Info for Zoom Church Easter 4

### [Order of Service Easter 5 May 10th](#)

Opening Hymn will be #518 “Christ is made the sure foundation”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NDftL6sfVI0&app=desktop>

Closing Hymn will be #457 “Thou art the Way, to thee alone”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qgz9MEd3Utc>

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## Worship Notes from Caroline+

You have heard May 31<sup>st</sup> announced as the earliest date for in-person worship to resume in this Diocese. Here is the latest update:

In consultation with the Presiding Bishop's Office, ERD, other bishops in our region, as well as public health officials in the state and diocese, Bishop José is developing safety requirements for all parishes of the diocese to use in discerning when and how to return to public, in-person worship. Individual parishes are asked not to try to develop their own policies until diocesan-wide guidelines have been finalized and disseminated.

The guidelines from Bishop José will provide a framework for each congregation to discern, develop and implement ways to worship that will meet the needs of all concerned, recognizing that the coronavirus will be with us for a while yet.

To make the best decisions at St. David's, everyone's input will be important. Stay tuned! Trust the movement of Spirit! Remember, God is good—all the time!

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## A Quick Note About Financial Matters

By Steve Steinbrueck, Treasurer

In a nutshell, we're doing fine, but are behind in pledges. Giving statements for the first four months of the year were sent out recently. If you are a bit behind and able to do so, I encourage you to “catch-up” during this Easter season of hope and promise. We pick up mail at least once a week, so mailing your contributions to PO Box 152, Cullowhee, NC 28723 is an easy way to stay current. I also encourage you to consider recurring payments through your bank or credit union's bill pay system; many find this a convenient way to automate their monthly giving.

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## RIP

### John Hubschmitt

*May he go from strength to strength in a life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom.*

John was very active in the parish, serving as a chaliceist and lay reader. He and Vance Davidson worked together to begin our wine tasting fund-raisers. He and his husband, Andy Golley, had moved to Florida a number of years ago.

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## From the “Desk” of the Jr. Warden

By Sandy Frazier, Jr. Warden

If you have visited the church lately you no doubt noticed some changes. No, I’m not talking about the new roof and cross, as beautiful as they are. I’m writing about the projects that Kyle Jones, Marilyn Jody’s nephew, has undertaken in the past weeks. Kyle, who lives in Greenville, South Carolina found himself “sheltering-in-place” with Aunt Marilyn. He decided he wanted to volunteer some of his time and talents to any of the nonprofit organizations in the area and especially to St. David’s. As with most things in life, timing is everything!



You see, Muff, Vance and I had just completed a “walk around” and identified fifteen maintenance items that needed attending to (I have since added several more). I shared the list with Kyle, and he immediately identified several that he was willing to tackle. He has been pressure cleaning, painting, and adding new mulch to the garden areas. The tasks that Kyle has accomplished thus far look phenomenal, and we are so blessed to have him with his time and talents. Thanks, Kyle.

I’ve included that list of maintenance items that we identified. Some are underway but others need “help.” If you have time or a talent that you would like to pitch in, please give me a call at 828-369-1600. We are an equal-opportunity organization, and no offer will be declined!

### Jr. Warden Work List

April 26, 2020

These are some of the maintenance items that need tending:

1. Repair sign (on roadside below the Cemetery)—Jim Bowles
2. Investigate installation of a parking lot light—Sandy Frazier
3. Clean up bird droppings (ongoing)—Kyle Jones
4. Remove bird nests (after fledging occurs)
5. Investigate and fix origin of leak on walkway—Sandy Frazier
6. Reinstall Children’s Playground and fencing—Seeking Bids
7. Clean squirrel droppings on portico—Kyle
8. Investigate plan for evicting squirrels from church buildings
9. Finish railings—Kyle and other volunteers
10. Repair and paint damaged stucco
11. Paint Fence around AC—Kyle
12. New mulch in garden area—Kyle
13. Paint touchup—Kyle
14. Complete grounding of steeple cross—Sandy Frazier
15. Repair several graves (cave ins)—Cemetery Committee
16. Determine what to do with old cross—Congregation
17. Repair walkway ties—Seeking Bids
18. Replace damaged outside water tap—Sandy Frazier



## Another Corona Coping Column

Please feel free to submit a story anytime. And remember to send pictures! [magbowles@gmail.com](mailto:magbowles@gmail.com)

### Distraction “in the time of Corona”

By Judy Robinson

Yard work, not refined enough in her hands to be called gardening, is always a pleasure. Like yoga and the long dog walk through the woods, sometimes she doesn't really feel like it before she begins. But once doing it, and afterwards, it always feels time well spent.

On this cool and sunny spring day, she dead heads the pansies in the flower pots, and the dog, who seems to understand her canine role as cleaning up, eats the dying flowers as they are tossed to the ground. As dogs often are, she is exactly in-step with her mistress, and would never eat the blooming pansies out of the pot, although she could easily reach them.



She moves to the one long flowerbed that winds atop the rock wall and down to the bottom of the bank. A small rake lifts the degenerating autumn leaves and she picks out what's left with her fingers. The leaves smell a little bit of mold, a little bit of earth and a lot of just being outdoors. Welcome other scents erupt as she picks leaves from beneath the lavender plant that is just starting to green, from around the Russian sage with two inches of new growth, and from the small shoots of the chocolate mint plant that she is glad to see made it through the winter. A few small wild purple violets have made a home in the bed, and she is careful not to disturb them. Higher up, something has chewed the leaves of the red rhoddy they planted last year, but just a bit, and it has several buds. Further up from there, four St. John's Wort plants are coming into leaf, and look healthy with that robust green of early spring. At the other end of the bed, the new purple columbine looks happy after its first week's residence. Maybe this one will make it as the



perennial it is supposed to be. Two of the three fringe bushes are doing well with vivid new growth, another may have to be given up on, but not yet, as there is one spot with new buds. Her wild geraniums are beginning to leaf out, as are some of the half dozen ferns she transplanted from the woods in past years. The delicate yellow Iris from her friend Rosie is working hard; there are a dozen green shoots from only one plant just two years ago. The Lenten Rose has been in its spot for two weeks and is doing well with new buds and flowers. Funny plant, beautiful but somehow, it looks antique.

Of course, she has to add something. A small red poppy plant with two huge buds seems promising. She has no idea about the feasibility of a poppy in this mountain rain forest, but they remind her of a childhood memory: fields of grass strewn with the vivid red flowers on soft summer days in Eastern Europe. She plants it where it will get full sun, fingers crossed. The best finds this season has been the native woodland phlox already about 6 inches high and in full bloom. She plants eight of them. Three in the flower bed and the others in different likely spots on the property. They have a gentle smell that is reminiscent of stock, but much more subtle. After planting, they droop a bit, but she waters them, and is rewarded with their stalks at attention a half hour later. Job well done for a Saturday. She sips a glass of water sitting on the deck and the dog laps hers from the bowl. She can almost hear the rebirth around her. It is spring, it smells of life and it is strong.



Then her husband pops his head out the door and asks if she is coming in to watch the BBC news, an evening ritual. She sighs and takes a long look at the phlox softly billowing in the flower bed. She and the dog walk slowly into the house, and the dog lies down beneath the tv, with her own audible sigh.



# Parish News & Notes

## Birthdays

May 14 Carol Hill  
May 15 Emily Lamm  
May 16 Katherine Ulrich, Ed Hamlet  
May 17 Zachary Smith

## Anniversary

May 16 Wesley Satterwhite/Paul Yanik



Congratulations to Jake Coburn who graduated Magna Cum Laude from the Honors College at the University of Alabama.



## More photos from Kevin's 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Drive By

"It is such a huge blessing to have so many people love and pray for your child. Kevin is a miracle and it makes Donna and me so humbled by how demonstrative everyone's love was."

Nicole



## Sloan's Black Bean Pockets

### Dough

1 ½ teaspoons yeast  
1 tablespoon honey  
1 cup warm water  
1 ½ teaspoons salt  
2 ½-3 cups flour  
Soften together yeast, water, and honey. Add salt and flour to make a soft dough. Knead 10 minutes or until smooth and elastic, adding flour if necessary, to keep from being sticky. Cover and let rise until doubled (about 1 hour). Punch down. Divide into 8 sections and roll out into rounds ¼ inch thick.

Sauté ½ a sweet pepper minced and ½ a sweet onion, chopped, and set aside. Place 1 can of Bush's seasoned black beans, drained into a bowl. Add the sautéed veggies, 2 ears of corn, cooked and cut off the cob (or sub frozen). Add some oregano, chili powder, cracked black pepper, Jane's Crazy Mixed Up Salt or whatever you like, chopped pickled jalapenos (or not). Grate a block of Cabot extra sharp cheddar.

Divide the dough in 8<sup>ths</sup> and roll each out to about 6 or 7 inches, plop on some filling and some cheese. Run a wet finger around the edge and bring the edges together to form a pocket shape. Pinch it tight so you don't get blowouts and place seam side down on parchment. Glaze with egg. Decorate with a pepper or whatever you like. Bake at 425° for 15-20 minutes until nice and brown. Let rest on the counter to sweat and soften.

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[www.lakelogan.org](http://www.lakelogan.org)

<b>Regular Activities</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sundays	Rice & Beans Ministry
	Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-Apr	Soup/Bread Community Supper
During normal times	Mondays 10:30 am	Cullowhee Men's Group 10:30 am
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mondays	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am

**St. David's Vestry**

Jessica Philyaw, Sr. Warden

Sandy Frazier, Jr. Warden

Gael Graham

Vance Davidson

Jake Jacobson

Doug Hanks

Steve Steinbrueck, Treasurer, is ex-officio to the vestry.

Check out the freshened-up look of the [St. David's website](#)

[Sermon Link](#)

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