

# The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



May 17, 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.

## Welcome to Our New Rector

by Jessica Philyaw, Senior Warden

Dear St. David's Community:

On behalf of the vestry, and for all of us, I would like to thank the Discernment Committee for their utterly essential role in the news I am about to share. Harry Brown, George Rector, Marilyn Jody, Margot Wilcox, Maggie Bowles, and Vance Davidson have worked tirelessly and listened prayerfully and with patient purpose since the DC was formed in March of 2019. To say their work has borne fruit is a serious understatement. I speak for all of the DC and all of the vestry when I say that we could not have imagined a better match between us and our new rector.

It is my great honor and pleasure to announce that we have called The Reverend Gaelyn Lei Evangreene as Rector of St. David's. She is currently curate at Grace-in-the-Mountains in Waynesville and is a longtime member of the diocesan family.



She says, "For 16 years, I happily and successfully taught elementary school in the Asheville City Schools and served my church until God called me to a new ministry as a priest. My years of teaching and lay ministry have led to my passion for preaching and liturgy that inspires all God's people to know and experience welcome at the font and table. I am keenly aware that we experience God's welcome through each other and therefore must continually challenge ourselves to look beyond our immediate circle to see who is left out, longing to know God's love, and then we must invite and welcome them in."

The Rev. Gaelyn Lei Evangreene was ordained to the priesthood in June 2019, is currently curate at Grace-in-the-Mountains, and is an associate with the Order of St. Helena. She has an A.A.S. in Horticulture from Haywood Community College, a B.A. in Sociology with a K-6 Teaching Certification from the University of North Carolina at Asheville, and a Masters of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary. She loves the outdoors and spending time with her wife, Sarah, and daughter, Peyton.

She will start with us on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. More information and details about our transition will be coming soon.

God is good, all the time!

Peace,  
Jessica Philyaw  
Senior Warden

## Info for Zoom Church Easter 6

[Order of Service Easter 6 May 17](#)

488 “Be thou my vision, o Lord of my heart”

<https://youtu.be/DtDiX2BgC9A>

344 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=NofzlODij2k>

### RIP

**Larry Hill**

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

Older members of St. David’s have many lovely memories of Larry and his wife Carol from when they were an integral part of our community. Carol has been joining us the past few weeks for Sunday services online. Larry had been living in a memory care facility for some time. If you want to send Carol a card or a note, her address is: 9550 College View Rd, #130, Bloomington, MN. 53437. Email: [carol2002jean@gmail.com](mailto:carol2002jean@gmail.com)

## Got the pandemic blues? Bishop’s humorous videos are must-see relief

From the Episcopal News Service, April 30, 2020

Let us state for the record that the COVID-19 pandemic is a serious global health crisis, the likes of which few of us have ever seen. With more than 3 million cases confirmed worldwide, at least 200,000 have died.

At the same time, some laughter now and then might make it a bit easier for all of us to live through this crisis and the disruptions to normal life it has caused. For that, Western North Carolina Bishop José McLoughlin is up to the task.

Introducing “Quarantine with Bishop José.”

[Episode three](#) of the video series landed on the diocese’s YouTube page on April 26, and it has been viewed more than 3,000 times in its first week. McLoughlin stars alone in the video — because of social distancing. Throughout the three-minute video, he shows off his sense of humor in scenes that range from unsurprisingly affirmative conversations with the bobbleheads on his desk to a show-stopping Billy Idol dance number. (You just have to see it to believe it.)

Here are links to all four episodes available thus far:

[Quarantine with Bishop José Episode 1](#)

[Quarantine with Bishop José Episode 2](#)

[Quarantine with Bishop José Episode 3](#)

[Quarantine with Bishop José Episode 4](#)

## The Corona Coping Column

If you have a story you wish to share, please send it in! And remember to send pictures! [magbowles@gmail.com](mailto:magbowles@gmail.com)

## Parish News & Notes

### Birthdays

May 22 David Bowles

May 23 David Philyaw, Ann Hallyburton

### Anniversaries

May 22 Donna Ross & Frank Lockwood

May 25 Courtney Smith & Mark Tomczak

|                           |   |                                |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| <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   |

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The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop

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[Camp Henry Facebook page](#)

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

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

[Sermon Link](#)

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

**St. David's Vestry**

Jessica Philyaw, Sr. Warden

Sandy Frazier, Jr. Warden

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Vance Davidson

Jake Jacobson

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