

# The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



May 24 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.

## Sunday Service Information for Easter 7

[May 24, 2020 Order of Worship](#)

**hymns to practice:**

[#450 "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!"](#)

[#494 "Crown him with many crowns"](#)

Serving this Sunday

Reader: George Rector

Prayer Leader: Abel Despeaux

Prayers of Congregation: Betsy Swift

Email prayer requests to [Muff Lyons](#)

Check out this link for short meditations by Bishop Curry: [Habits of Grace: Presiding Bishop Michael Curry](#). Other important Diocesan links are: [Diocese of Western NC COVID 19 page](#) and [Sign up for Diocesan E-Newsletters](#).

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## Some Timely Information

If you would like a printed copy of *The Coracle* newsletter mailed to you each week (or know of someone who needs this), please contact Carol Payton at 850-585-7241 or leave a message on the office phone at (828)331-1427. Paper copies of the church directory are also available upon request.

### Zoom Update

Beginning May 30th, 2020, Zoom will be enabling [GCM encryption](#) across the entire Zoom platform, providing increased protection for meeting data. Zoom has likely already asked you to install an update when you signed on to a meeting recently. If not, please use this link to [update](#) to Zoom 5.0. After May 30th, all Zoom clients on older versions will receive a forced update when trying to join meetings, as GCM encryption will be fully enabled across the Zoom platform.

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## Notes from the Senior Warden

by Jessica Philyaw, Senior Warden

We had an unexpected visitor with us last Sunday! It was wonderful to have Bishop José with us for worship and conversation. He Zoom-ed in for the entire service and stayed to talk with us at virtual Coffee Hour. Take a look at us together [here](#): (Thanks to Carol Payton for capturing the event!)

As many of you know, our organist Savannah Bennett graduated from WCU this month and is headed to graduate school in the fall. The congregation, vestry, and clergy of St. David's would like to express our thanks to Savannah for having enriched our worship during the years she provided music for us. We would also like to celebrate her accomplishment by giving her a graduation gift that will help her cover some of the upcoming graduate school expenses that her scholarships will not. There is still time to make a monetary contribution if you would like. Send your check to the church at P.O. Box 152, Cullowhee, NC 28723, with "Savannah" on the memo line. To express your thanks and well wishes to Savannah in your own words (for transcription onto a card), please click here [Savannah Bennett card](#).

Peace,  
Jessica Philyaw  
Senior Warden

## A Greeting from our New Rector

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am so incredibly excited and humbled to be your new rector, and I am deeply grateful to the Discernment Committee members, Harry, Maggie, Margot, George, and Marilyn, and Vance for their long conversations, thoughtful questions, and patient answers. I am equally thankful to the Vestry, Jessica, Doug, Vance, Gael, Jake, Sandy, and Treasurer Steve and Clerk Kelley for their conversations, faithfulness, and willingness to partner with me as we move forward in ministry during these new and uncertain times.

I look forward to getting to know each of you over the months and years to come. To begin that process I will introduce myself and invite you to ask questions and to share your own story with me either in person when we can or via email or letter as you are comfortable.



I have been an Episcopalian since “Low Sunday” 1998 when I ventured into St. Mary’s in Asheville. Since then I have been part of many congregations and communities and have a deep appreciation for the gifts and viewpoints each has to offer. I found a home at the Cathedral of All Souls where meaningful liturgy, service, and deep friendships carried me, and many others, through the joys and sorrows of life. I taught primary age children at Isaac Dickson Elementary School, an experiential, hands-on magnet school in Asheville City. I loved teaching. All that I learned, from mindfulness to relationships with students, parents, and the community have guided me and inspired me as I have moved from the classroom to all the new places God has called me.

My spiritual life is deeply shaped by the work and worship of the Order of Saint Helena. Recognizing that God is calling us to an ever more expansive and inclusive view of who God is and who humanity is, I long for a time when all who enter the church can breathe a sigh of relief and recognize that there is room for them—all of them. This experience is what I have found at the Wild Goose Festival and why I continue to work in multiple ways for the festival. I hope that many at St. David’s may also find welcome and respite for their souls in these two places that have given so much to me.

My wife, Sarah, is a nurse anesthetist at the VA hospital in Asheville and our daughter, Peyton, who is an avid basketball player, has just finished the seventh grade. We enjoy working in our garden, walking our Labradoodle, savoring good wine, reading, and traveling whenever we get the opportunity.

I can’t wait to get to know each of you, worship with you, and listen to all the ways God is calling us to service together!

Peace and blessings,  
Mother Gaelyn

## 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)

### The Old Apple Tree

By Maggie Bowles

When Jim and I bought our place near Yellow Mountain in 2002, we noted that there was an old, neglected apple tree in the field in front of the house. Not yet retired, we visited on weekends when we could, basically camping out, dreaming, and planning. A total renovation of the very basic house was imperative, and that would take time. We observed that the apple tree made a few small green apples and were told by the locals that “there was not enough sugar to make them good to eat.” Another local, who is 92 years old now, said he remembered that tree being there when he was a boy.

In January, 2005, Jim retired, and we moved up here for good. Gradually, the house and yard took shape. We pruned and fertilized and sprayed the apple tree, and it perked up and made some decent-sized apples, which I discovered made excellent pies, being very similar to Granny Smith apples.

Then one year in a storm, the tree blew over. We cut away and carried off most of it, leaving a bit of trunk still in the ground on one end and an attached branch stuck in the ground on the other end, sort of in an arch shape. After a while, sprouts appeared that eventually grew into branches. In the spring there were blooms, and then apples appeared, more and more each successive year. 2019 was a good year for apples; there were so many, and they were so nice and big, that I made quite a lot of apple sauce lest they go to waste. And oh, with staying at home due to COVID, that applesauce has been a treat at the end of many late-winter meals.

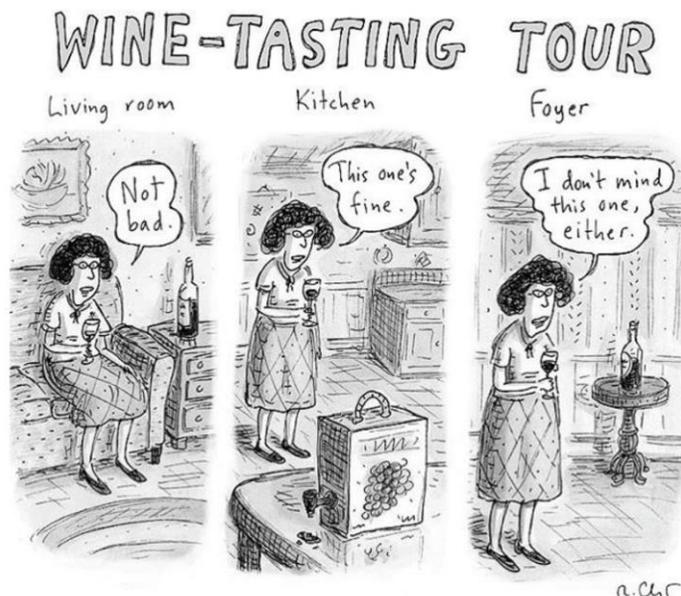
In the background are two small apple trees. These are clones of the old apple tree that Jim successfully grafted onto new rootstock. They produced their first few apples last fall.



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### And Speaking of Coping

Perhaps a new format for our wine event fundraiser?



## Is This Prophetic or What?

Margot Wilcox recently came across an email message sent to her in 2013 by our beloved Chief Church Mouse Susan Rush, now deceased. (You may need to enlarge it on your screen.)

### Church Service (Likely In The Near Future!)



**PASTOR:**  
Praise the Lord.

**CONGREGATION:**  
Halleluiah!

**PASTOR:**  
Can we please turn our tablet PC, iPad, cell phone, kindle bibles to 1 Cor. 13:13....!  
And please switch on your Bluetooth to download the sermon.... !



**PASTOR:**  
Let us pray committing this week into God's hands.  
Open your WhatsApp, BBM, Twitter and Facebook and chat with your God. Come on...



**PASTOR:**  
Please have your credit and debit cards ready as we shall now take tithes and offerings.  
You can log on to the church Wi-Fi using the password Lord909887.

[Ushers circulate mobile card swipe machines among the worshipers. Those who prefer to make electronic funds transfers are directed to computers and laptops at the rear of the church and those who prefer to use iPads allowed to flip them open. Those who prefer telephone banking are allowed to take out their cell phones to transfer their contributions to the church bank account!]

The holy atmosphere is truly electric as the cell phones, iPads, PCs and laptops beep and flicker!



[Announcement]  
**SECRETARY:**

This week's cell meetings shall be held on the various Facebook group pages where the usual group chatting takes place.  
Please don't miss out. Thursday's bible teachings will be held live on Skype at 1900hrs GMT.

Please don't miss out.

**You can follow Pastor on Twitter this weekend for counselling and prayers.**  
God bless you and have a wonderful week!



# Parish News & Notes

## Birthdays

May 27 Art Campana

May 30 Steve Steinbrueck

## Anniversaries

May 25 Courtney Smith & Mark Tomczak

May 29 Barbara Hardie & Michael Hudson

May 31 Caroline & Brad Ulrich

Prayers for Dottie Brunette as she recovers from surgery.

Prayers for Kendra Graham as she goes through a work up at Duke for back pain.

### Regular

### Activities

During normal times

2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays

Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-Apr

Mondays 10:30 am

2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays

Rice & Beans Ministry

Soup/Bread Community Supper

Cullowhee Men's Group 10:30 am

Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm

Accessible Mindfulness 10 am

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

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[Lectionary Page 2020](#)

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### Diocesan Links:

[Diocese of Western North Carolina](#)

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

Gael Graham

Jake Jacobson

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

Sandy Frazier, Jr. Warden

Vance Davidson

Doug Hanks