

# The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



May 8, 2022

Called to embody God's love by welcoming everyone who enters  
and by empowering all who stay to make a difference in the world.

## Conflict of Interest Policy

By George Rector

The Vestry has defined a conflict of interest as "...a transaction or relationship that presents or may present a conflict between a member's or an employee's obligation to St. David's Episcopal Church." Areas of potential conflict may occur in either personal or business relationships. In personal relationships the best practice is to avoid "dual relationships," which may potentially happen when a member of the clergy relates to an individual as both a parishioner and as a parish employee. To avoid dual relationships the following practices are advised:

1. If possible, parishioners should not hold paid staff positions within the church.
2. A clergy member's spouse, partner or family members should not serve as parish staff or be placed in advisory positions (vestry, convention delegate, church officer, etc.).
3. No more than one member from a family may serve on the vestry at the same time.

In business relations the full disclosure of actual or potential conflicts must be considered by the Rector and Vestry. Any contract or financial transaction between the church and one of its members requires the recusal of that individual from any discussions or votes related to that matter.

The conflict-of-interest policy outlines the procedures to follow in order to disclose and address personal and business relationships:

1. Disclosure of conflict is required prior to Vestry or committee action on employment, a contract, or transaction.
2. Any person who makes a presentation to the Vestry or to a committee must be absent from the meeting during any discussions or votes related to that presentation. No attempt should be made to influence the Vestry or a committee regarding the presentation.
3. When it is determined to be appropriate, the Senior Warden of the Vestry or committee chair will appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to a proposed transaction or arrangement.
4. If the Vestry or committee determines that a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, the member will be informed and given an opportunity to explain the alleged failure of disclosure.

An annual review of this policy by the Vestry is required to ensure that the church operates within the bounds of its charitable and faith-based mission. The minutes of the review will be documented in the minutes of a regularly scheduled Vestry meeting.

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## Securing Our Property

**Please remember to lock any doors that you may have opened either upstairs or in the *Gathering Place* when you leave!**

## Happening Soon at St. David's

Sunday 10:00-10:40 am Bible Study  
Altar Guild Brunch (tentative) May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am  
Rogation Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> Special Service-Bring a picnic lunch

You can find dates and information about attending the Diocesan [Deanery Dinners](#) at this link.

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### Rogation Sunday Procession and Picnic on May 22<sup>nd</sup>

By Mtr. Gaelyn+

Traditionally, Rogation Days (from the Latin term rogatio, "asking") are the three days before Ascension Day, which falls on May 12<sup>th</sup> this year. Rogation can also be observed on the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. The observance originated in Vienne, France, in the fifth century, when Bishop Mamertus introduced days of fasting and prayer to ward off a threatened disaster. In England they were associated with the blessing of the fields at planting. The vicar, wardens, and choir boys "beat the bounds" of the parish, processing around the fields reciting psalms and the litany. In the United States, they have been associated with rural life and with agriculture and fishing. The propers in the BCP (pp. 207-208, 258-259, 930) have widened their scope to include commerce and industry and the stewardship of creation.

Given our deep love and respect for creation at St. David's, observing Rogation Sunday is a perfect time to celebrate and ask God's blessing on our land. On Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> following our 11:00 service of Holy Eucharist, we will process through the Cemetery and onto the Nature Trail, offer prayers, and ask for blessings at Jo's Playground, and bless our gardens. Please bring a picnic lunch, so we can enjoy some fellowship and this beautiful space we have been blessed to steward.

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## Parish News & Notes

### Birthdays

May 8 Karen Brown  
May 9 Tom Wilcox  
May 9 Maggie Bowles

Margot Wilcox greatly appreciated all your prayers for her well being last week when she was briefly admitted to the hospital. All is well now.

Congratulations to Frank Lockwood on his retirement from WCU.

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Karen and Harry Brown sent some photos from their visit to the San Diego Zoo and enjoying their first meal with friends on the cruise ship.



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](#).

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### **Beware of Scammers!**

Please know that 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.

### **Lake Logan Events**

<https://www.lakelogan.org/events/>  
[Link for Diocesan Newsletter](#)

### **Beans & Rice**

Donations of rice and beans may be left in the large containers behind the front doors of the church to be distributed to Vecinos and families.



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## **St. David's in the Valley, Clergy and Staff**

The Right Rev. Jose A. McLoughlin, Bishop  
The Rev. Gaelyn Lei Evangreene, Rector  
Lillian Pearson, Organist

### **Serving this Sunday**

Chalice Bearer, George Rector  
Lector, Lydia Aydlett

Readings:

[Acts 9:36-43](#), [Revelation 7:9-17](#), [John 10:22-30](#), [Psalm 23](#)

Coffee Hour, Lydia Aydlett  
Greeter, Gael Graham  
Altar Set Up, Muff Lyons  
Linens, Margot Wilcox  
Bread Baker, Karen Brown  
Live Streaming, Doug Hanks  
Vestry Counter, George Rector

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## **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

### **Mondays and Wednesdays**

Rector in office

Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00: Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM) meets for dinner, conversation, and prayer. All students welcome.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 5:30**

Vestry in the Gathering Place