

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



June 21, 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.

Service Information for the Third Sunday of Pentecost

June 21st marks a transition at St. David's as we say farewell to our Interim Rector. To honor the occasion, The Rev. Canon Augusta Anderson will preach. We will celebrate Caroline's time with us during the virtual coffee hour after the service.



[Zoom service](#)

[Order of Service](#)

(Hymns are printed at the end of the Order of Service.)

Serving this Sunday

Reader: Vance Davidson

Prayer Leader: June Smith

Special Prayers: George Rector

Prayers of the Community: Betsy Swift

Email prayer requests to [Muff Lyons](#)

From the Interim Rector

Beloved Sisters and Brothers at St. David's,

We have journeyed together, since mid-February, in a confluence of the most turbulent and disheartening events ever experienced during most of our lifetimes. In this, the writings of Julian of Norwich come to mind. Julian was a highly educated nun who lived and wrote during similar catastrophic events in the second half of fourteenth-century England.

Bubonic plague appeared in the year 1348, at a time when England was engaged in the Hundred-Years-War with France. During the next half-century, while an estimated 40-60% of the population died from plague, England went through a war with Scotland, internal struggles between king and barons, and a major peasant revolt.

History reveals that it was these very conditions which inaugurated a paradigm shift in England's repressive social structures. The Hundred Years' War was suspended almost immediately. Shortages of labor put an end to the slave-like conditions of serfdom. Calls for reforming the church began laying the groundwork for the future Protestant reformation. English art and spirituality flourished. Julian wrote one of the most profound expressions of God's love working through mercy and grace in all of Christian literature. Excerpts from Julian's *Revelations* offer reassurance and inspiration to us today.

"For love's sake, let us all pray that we may work together with God, thanking, trusting, rejoicing. That is the prayer our good Lord wants. ... God will give us grace to love God and cling to God."

"I often desired to know what our Lord's meaning was. After more than fifteen years, I was answered in spiritual understanding: What? Would you know your Lord's meaning in this thing? Know it well: love was the meaning. Who showed it to you? Love. What did God show you? Love. Why did God show it? For love. Hold on to that, and you will understand more of the same. But apart from that, you will never understand anything."¹

In my departure from St. David's as your Interim Rector, I hold you in my heart and leave you with this blessing:

May the Light of God surround you; May the Love of God enfold you; May the Power of God protect you; May the Presence of God watch over you. Wherever we are, God is – and "All will be well, and all will be well, and every kind of thing will be well!"²

¹ Beasley-Topliffe, ed. *Encounter with God's Love: Selected Writings of Julian of Norwich*. Upper Room Books, 1998, p. 65.

² *Encounter with God's Love*, p. 30.

Vestry News from the Senior Warden

by Jessica Philyaw

Please join us via Zoom this Sunday, June 21st at 11:00, when Caroline+ will welcome The Rev. Canon Augusta Anderson to preach as we transition to a new era. Join us after the service to celebrate Caroline's time with us during the virtual coffee hour.

Mtr. Gaelyn Evangreene joins us as our new rector on Tuesday, June 23rd, which will be her first day in the office. Our Sunday worship on the 28th will be by Zoom. Look for the link to be provided a few days in advance, as always. Please also refer to the next issue of the Coracle for more details on how we can all meet and welcome Gaelyn and her family.

Corona Coping Column

By Muff Lyons

On a perfect spring day, I asked Kathy Davidson if she would give me some pointers for planting containers as I had heard she had a wonderful eye for combinations of color and texture. She agreed and off I went with mask in hand.

What I had heard turned out to be quite true as you can see from the pictures—glorious combinations of colors, heights, and textures. In fact, the containers were everything the gardening magazines and books show you.



And Kathy was kind enough to demonstrate exactly how she does it! A garden tour of the yard rounded out the visit. It is spectacular with native boulders from excavations having been placed in strategic locations to define borders and native plantings,

A quick tour of the house showcasing Vance and Kathy's dream for their forever home was just the icing on the cake for me—there were so many wonderful additions in construction and art to illustrate that dream.



Maybe when we are all back together, Kathy can share her talents with a group of interested gardeners.



Please feel free to submit a story anytime. And remember to send pictures! magbowles@gmail.com

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Jun 21 **Taylor Rodes**
Jun 22 **Lydia Aydlett**
Jun 25 **Wesley Satterwhite**
Jun 26 **Bob Dodd, Robert Lindy**
Jun 27 **Caroline Ulrich**

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