

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



June 28, 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.

A Message from Mother Gaelyn

Dear friends,

First, thank you all for your warm welcome and the special efforts you have made to ensure I feel welcome and appreciated. I love the chalk mural, welcome messages, emails, visits (socially distanced, of course), cards, flowers, texts, Facebook messages, and phone calls. I look forward to getting to know each of you over the days, weeks, and months ahead. While we cannot have a large gathering, there are some creative ways we can get to know each other which I will be sharing with you all soon.

Central to my calling as a priest is the inclusion and welcome of all, at the table, the font, into the life of the church, and ultimately into our hearts. That being the case, please know that as I consider how we might safely meet and deepen our relationships with each other during the pandemic, I am considering a variety of means knowing that many people will not be able to leave their homes until there is an effective vaccine and others are able and comfortable participating in socially distanced activities. As the body of Christ it is vital that we move forward together as we grow in the love and knowledge of God and each other.



Jesus the Good Shepherd said, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). In a time when stores and restaurants are closed, gatherings are off-limits, division seems to be on the rise, and social unrest is becoming a societal norm, as Christians we are still called to follow the one who came to bring us abundant life. Sometimes the abundance of life is easy to see. This week it was as if abundance was washing over me as I began this call to be your rector. But at other times for all of us, it is as if the thief has become our neighbor and companion. John 10:10 is a passage that I often turn to when perplexed with a challenging passage of scripture; I ask myself, "where is the abundant life in this passage?" I now find myself asking that question about our world. Riots in the streets: where is the abundant life? Fear and sickness: where is the abundant life? Uncertainty and anxiety: where is the abundant life?

I am more fond of questions than answers, so that is a help in this practice! And also, asking the question moves us from dichotomy to possibility and grace and that is where we find the Holy. It is my prayer for you wherever you are in life right now that considering the question "where is the abundant life?" will open you to seeing what may have been hidden or call you to create and unleash abundance for someone else. I am honored to be alongside you all as your rector as we prayerfully do this work together.

Blessings and peace,

Mother Gaelyn

Church Mice Welcome Mother Gaelyn



Service Information for the Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

The St. David's community welcomes The Rev. Gaelyn Evangrene as our new rector. Join us this Sunday to welcome her via [Zoom worship](#) Sunday at 11 am. Click here to open the [Order of Service](#), which includes the hymns, to print or use on Sunday

Serving this Sunday

Reader: George Rector
Prayer Leader: Gracia Slater
Prayers of the Congregation: Margot Wilcox
Email prayer requests to [Muff Lyons](#)

Wanted—Outdoor Furniture

Does anyone have any outdoor furniture they are no longer using? On the backside of the Gathering Place is a beautiful outside deck which could become a wonderful place for our new Rector (or anybody else) to have a morning cup of tea, a relaxed lunch with nature all around, an afternoon respite, a meeting with staff or parishioners, and the list goes on and on. So, if anyone out there has some gently used outdoor table(s), chairs, or other patio furniture that they no longer want or need, please call Sandy Frazier at 828-369-1600.

Seeking the Internet

Thanks to Nancie Wilson for passing on this information from the IT department at SCC. If your home is out of reach of reliable internet service, this might be a viable option for you to get connected this fall.

For those who are completely out of reach of the internet from cellular or wireline internet service, a new satellite service from SpaceX is accepting beta signups now. <https://www.starlink.com/> This new service will be available later this year everywhere in the United States. The performance and price are claimed to be "like cable modems", but exact details have not been published. Unlike existing geostationary based satellite services, the latency will be much lower since the satellites are only at about 500 miles altitude. While not everyone will be able to afford this service, its presence in the market will force rural ISPs that have refused to build out to either improve their service or face loss of customers.

Also, a couple of parishioners have passed along the information that there is great WIFI in the SCC parking lots and gazebos as well as at the solar hammock area at WCU.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Jun 29 **Marilyn Jody**
Jul 1 **Ann Suggs**
Jul 4 **Elizabeth Frazier, Kendra Graham**

Anniversary

Jun 30 **Betsy Swift & Barb Manke**

Congratulations to the Brown family. Daughter Ponya and her husband Troy welcomed baby Cora on June 22nd. Both Mom and baby are doing very well.

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