

# The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



July 3, 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.

## Happening Soon at St. David's

Sundays 10:00-10:40 am

Bible Study

Pentecost 4

Holy Eucharist 11 am

Day of Mindfulness with Trish Thompson

**Rescheduled (Again!) for Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**

End of Life Planning Workshop

Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

### Note Change of Date Below!

Please email [info@stdavidscullowhee.org](mailto:info@stdavidscullowhee.org) only if you have signed up but cannot come on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### ST. DAVID'S IN THE VALLEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR

### A DAY OF MINDFULNESS

### "Reverence is the Nature of My Love"

In the Tradition of

The Plum Village Community of Engaged Buddhism

WITH



**TRISH THOMPSON**

**DHARMA TEACHER, ORDAINED BY THE  
ZEN MASTER THICH NHAT HANH**

**SATURDAY, 16 JULY 2022, 9:15 AM - 3:30 PM**

*To include the practices of: Guided Sitting Meditation, Walking Meditation,  
Mindful Movements, Mindful Eating, Total Relaxation, Dharma Sharing*

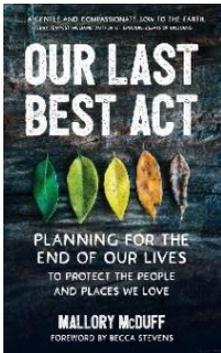
- Bring:**
- Yoga mat
  - a cushion or pillow for sitting on the floor (chairs available)
  - a small blanket or shawl
  - a personal, plant-based lunch in a bag.
  - Wear comfortable clothing

**LOVE - OFFERING ONLY**

For info on Trish and her work in Vietnam, visit <http://www.lovingworkfoundation.org>

## End of Life Planning Workshop

Planning how we want to end our lives is as important as planning how we want to live our lives. The End-of-Life Planning Workshop on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-2:00 will cover four essential areas of planning: medical decisions, advance directives, wills, funeral plans, burial and cremation options. These are plans everyone needs; they not only mean your wishes can be known and followed but are a gift to your loved ones. The workshop will be led by Harry Brown, MD, Vance Davidson, JD, David Moffitt of Moffitt Family Funeral Care, and the Rev. Gaelyn Evangreene. To help the presenters better prepare, please register by emailing Mtr. Gaelyn at [rector@stdavidsculowhee.org](mailto:rector@stdavidsculowhee.org)



### Women of a Certain Age–LOL

Some of St. David's women-of-a-certain-age got together a few months ago to talk about a book called *The Inner Work of Age: Shifting from Role to Soul*. We have found our wide-ranging conversations about growing older a rewarding experience and want to invite other women who are interested in the topic of aging to join our future discussions. Starting July 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be reading *Our Last Best Act* by Mallory McDuff. If you are interested, join us on Tuesdays at 1:00 in the *Gathering Place*. The book is available at City Lights bookstore.

### Book Basket

Lydia Aydlett is starting a St David's book exchange. There will be a basket painted gold in *the Gathering Place* with available books in it. Take them and enjoy, returning finished books to the basket. Books that languish will go to Friends of the Library.



### Introducing Our New Parish Administrator

By Graydon Elliott



My name is Thomas Elliott, but I go by my middle name, Graydon. I am originally from Hendersonville, North Carolina, and my original Parish was St. James. I moved up to the Cullowhee/Sylva area to pursue my college education. I am a double major in History and Secondary Education and hope to teach at the high school level once I graduate. As I have always had a love for history and a need to help others, this translates well into my degree field. I also have an associate degree in Business Administration that I earned while in community college. Some of my favorite hobbies are running, writing, and cooking! I also love to spend time with my family and my friends. I look forward to serving the parishioners at St. David's as the new Parish Administrator and am grateful for the opportunity to do so.

## Help Mikayla to Become a Teacher

Mikayla Caroon is a member of St. David's community and of the Episcopal Campus Ministry here. She will be travelling to Kenya to learn how to teach in the country as part of her Elementary Education major at Western Carolina University. \$1,700 collectively is the goal that she will be working towards to help her afford the cost of this trip. She is set to leave this Fall. Below is an excerpt from her GoFundMe page as well as a link to the page itself.

"My name is Mikayla, and I am fundraising so that I can study abroad in Kenya for two weeks this coming October! As an Elementary Education Major, I will be teaching in Kenya, in both an urban and rural setting. This amazing opportunity will give me credit hours towards my teaching degree at Western Carolina University, as well as give me hours towards my elementary internship. This will be a great opportunity for me to dive into a new culture and learn different teaching strategies for cross cultural education. Your donation will not just impact my life, but also the lives of the students that I will be blessed to teach while I am on my journey."

<https://gofund.me/9dd3a05b>



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## Diocese Adopts New Shield

(Excerpts from Bishop José's letter; read the full letter [here](#).)

Some of you may know that the quote from Isaiah 2:2 (the mountain of the LORD's house will be the highest of all) that frames the left side of the shield came to Bishop Horner as he stood outside the front doors of St. Matthias in Asheville and looked at Mt. Pisgah in the distance. The other symbols in the old shield reflect the world view of early 20th century church leadership. The cross in the lower level reveals our connection to the wider church. Similarly, the hand holding the ornate gold cross above the image of Mt. Pisgah reflects the colonialism of the early European settlers into all regions of North Carolina.

As a diocese committed to the work of Building Beloved Community, especially racial reconciliation, equity, justice, and inclusion with people of color and our Native American brothers and sisters, the original shield seemed out of step with our current understanding and practices of mission and ministry.



The new shield contains many of the same elements from the original shield, but with some refinements. The motto remains the same. The rendition of the mountains is variegated to reflect grandeur of Blue Ridge mountains. Likewise, the cross at the top is designed as a rustic wood cross that is more in keeping with the natural elements of our diocese. Finally, at the bottom, we added the dogwood flower, the state flower of North Carolina and superimposed the cross in the center, adding seeds to remind us of our mission to spread the Good News of God's love for all people.



As we move towards the next 100 years as a diocese, may this updated seal signify our commitment to acknowledging and celebrating all of those who comprise our diocese. Our story is still being written, but may this seal represent who we are, where we've been, and where we're going.

# Parish News & Notes

Birthdays  
July 2 Brad Orvis  
July 4 Elizabeth Frazier  
Kendra Graham

Anniversary  
July 8 Betsey & Ed Hamlet



## WHO ARE WE?

Wild Goose Festival is a transformational community grounded in faith-inspired social justice. Wherever we come together – at our nationwide festival, smaller local and regional gatherings, or social spaces online – we learn and grow by co-creating art, music, story, theater, and spectacle, engaging in a wide variety of robust, respectful conversations with each other and with thought leaders and artists from other communities. We refuse to be enemies with anyone.

## WHO IS INVITED?

We are welcoming and hospitable to people of all faiths – or no faith – who join us in seeking the common good. We fully affirm and celebrate people of every age, ethnicity, gender, gender expression, sexual identity, education, bodily condition, religious affiliation, and economic background, particularly those who are most often marginalized.

## WHAT DO WE MEAN BY FAITH-INSPIRED SOCIAL JUSTICE?

We are rooted in Progressive Christianity. For us this means moving beyond belief to center ourselves in justice and compassion, to walk toward those in need and to solidarity with the marginalized and the oppressed, acknowledging our own privilege and actively working to use our power to alleviate suffering and achieve wholeness.

Taking Place this year July 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> at VanHoy Campground in Union Grove, NC. Buy tickets here <https://wildgoosefestival.org/tickets/>

Glamping spots still available, tent camping included in ticket cost, and hotels 15 minutes from our new location.

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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](#).

## Securing Our Property

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

### 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/>

### 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.



## 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, Betsy Swift  
Lector, Lydia Aydlett

Readings:

[2 Kings 5:1-14, Psalm 30, Galatians 6: 7-16, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20](#)

Coffee Hour, Lydia Aydlett

Greeter,

Altar Set Up, Laurie Hulbert & Muff Lyons

Linens, Faye Jacobson

Bread Baker, Doug & Mary Michael Hanks

Live Streaming, Doug Hanks

Vestry Counter,

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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

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

Vestry in the Gathering Place