

# The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



August 2, 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

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

Dear friends,

The gospel of Matthew mentions the Kingdom of heaven or the Kingdom of God (which are the same thing) thirty-seven times, far more than any other gospel. We are not to interpret the kingdom of God as the church but as God's reign of justice and righteousness which we yearn for and participate in as co-creators here on earth and that is also the promise of what is to come. On this side of the veil we only get glimpses of God's reign as other false kingdoms angle for power and our attention.

Right now, it sometimes feels as though we are moving further and further away from God's reign as sickness, death, division, and fear dominate our awareness and reality. But there is also an opportunity here for us to co-create with God a new path forward; a path in which justice and righteousness are abundant and spread to all. This path is what Dr. Hawkins is referring to in the prayer below. We are not called to any of this alone; we have each other and God's help. I look forward to co-creating this new reality with God's help and the people of St. David's.

Peace and blessings,

*Mother Gaelyn*

A prayer written by the Rev. Dr. Barney Hawkins

*A Prayer for an Online Service of Parishioners When Regular Services Have Been Canceled*

Almighty God of the Cross and Loving God of Community, we are not in a church building today but Church is never canceled. We are not wise, and not very often kind. But we are the Body of Christ in your suffering world. We know that our vocation is to be the Light of this Christ whose Body we are. Give us courage to be the Church and to keep our minds on what matters—which is to keep loving the world which you have called good. Buildings crumble; the Church Year passes; but your Church endures from generation to generation. Make this for us a Feast Day of your Protection, your Plenty, your Purpose, your Plan and your Peace. All this we ask, as we pray in silence, with all the Saints and with each other. Amen.

(Echoing the poetry of Mary Oliver)

## Service Information for the Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

### Sunday Service Online

Join us Sunday at 11 am in real time on [Zoom](#) or [Facebook LIVE](#).

[Link for Bulletin](#)

### No internet or smartphone?

You can still join St. David's Zoom church meeting by phone by dialing +1 929 205 6099 and entering the meeting ID number 857 5147 5913. You can even use \*6 to toggle mute/unmute.

[Facebook Link for Past Services](#)

### Serving this Sunday

Lector: Paul Cooper

Intercessors: Jessica Philyaw & Betsy Swift

Organist: Lillian Pearson

Email prayer requests to [Muff Lyons](#)

### Worship in Person

If you need some "in person" worship time, please [SCHEDULE](#) here for small gatherings on Monday at 5 pm or Wednesday at 9:30 am, or to meet with the rector for conversation and/or prayer.

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## Call for Virtual Ushers!

Would you like to help St. David's virtually? Sign up to be a virtual usher. In this position, you would log onto Zoom at 10:30 as a host. You would host the pre-service gathering and the post-service coffee hour. During the service, you would share the livestream through Zoom. Training is easy and will be provided. All you need is familiarity with Zoom and a good internet connection. To sign up for a Sunday, please go to this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4caca828aafc1-stdavids>

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## St. David's Book Club

By June Smith

I hope many of you will join Gaelyn, fellow parishioners, and me next Wednesday at 4 pm for our first Zoom book club discussion. At the suggestion of several of you, we will begin our book club by reading "*do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about*": *A History of St. David's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church, Cullowhee, NC, 1883-2017*. For August 5<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss the Prologue and Chapters 1, 3, and 4. Carol Peyton will send out the Zoom link.

Our current life at St. David's has been shaped by our history, even as we as a congregation have made history, in Cullowhee and in the Episcopal Church USA. I believe that understanding our past gives us a powerful platform from which to better live out our future. It's not that we want to repeat the past but rather employ the best parts of it to weather our stormy present and be inspired to think and act anew. Mahatma Gandhi said, "A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history." We have done this before, and we can do it again.

As you read these chapters, kindly note any questions you might have or ideas you would like to know more about. I think we can have a lively discussion. The book is available at City Lights, with all proceeds going to support St. David's and its mission. I hope to see you next Wednesday!

### Schedule

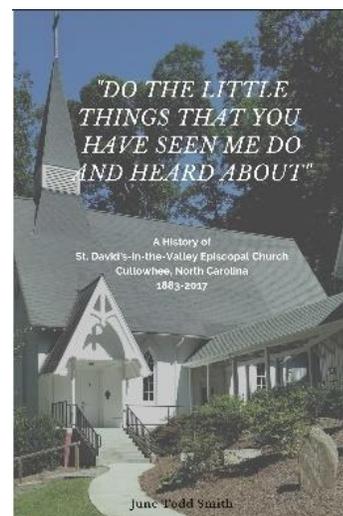
August 5<sup>th</sup>: Prologue and Chapters 1,3,4 (1856-1967)

August 12<sup>th</sup>: Chapters 5, 6, 7 (1967-1992)

August 19<sup>th</sup>: Chapters 8, 9,10 (Michael Hudson's ministry 1992-2017)

August 26<sup>th</sup>: Chapter 2-St. David and Celtic Spirituality

Ask questions in advance [HERE!](#) This will help us shape the discussion.





## August Altar Flowers

By Judy Robinson

Sunday ZOOM church is being held in our sanctuary, so we have a weekly need for fresh altar flowers. August is volunteer-of-the-week month for flowers. Several members of the Altar Guild provide flowers throughout the year, but August is an opportunity for anyone in the parish who would enjoy doing this to take a turn. One can purchase flowers, but they can come from your gardens or be gathered in the woods, as you prefer. If anyone would like a turn to share their creativity in this way during August, please email Judy Robinson ([judyleroyrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:judyleroyrobinson@gmail.com)). Muff Lyons will take care of this Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.



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## Flowers at Our Driveway Sign

By Judy Robinson

If you have driven or stopped by our church recently, we are sure you have noticed the lovely and colorful impatiens flourishing underneath the St. David's sign. They are the result of Laurie Hulbert's caring hard work. Laurie's parents, Phyllis and Ellerd Hulbert, were longtime members of St. David's church and altar guild. Thirty years ago, they started a family business, Twin Brooks Nursery. They had nine greenhouses and grew flowers and vegetables for retail and wholesale purchasers. Laurie moved back home to become part of the workforce, along with her sister Diane. When the St. David's Auction was a yearly event, the Hulberts always donated beautiful hanging baskets to be auctioned off. Also, about 30 years ago, they built, provided flowers for, and maintained the St. David's Sign. Laurie is following tradition by taking over the care and planting of flowers below the sign. It is obviously a labor of love that is a joy to behold. Thank you very much, Laurie.



# Parish News & Notes

## Birthdays

Aug 5 **Ruth Hardie-Hudson**

Aug 9 **Joan Byrd**

## Anniversary

Aug 3 **Maggie & Jim Bowles**

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Healing prayers for Kendra Graham who is having surgery on her back on Friday.

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## Robinson Family Fun

By Judy Robinson

Ron and Judy Robinson enjoyed a week with 11-year-old grandchildren Dex and Ani. They are first cousins, and Judy's son, Dan, drove them to NC from the Midwest for a visit while he worked in Winston-Salem. They eagerly hiked Judy's favorite trail off the BRP (trailhead across from the Rough Butt Bald pull out), raced up to the tower on Clingman's Dome and explored the woods around their grandparent's home with Flame the dog. The week also included river play at East LaPorte Park and a SORRY game tournament each evening. Dex's dad, Dan, joined them for kayaking on the Tuck before they headed home. Mask wearing, handwashing and distancing was observed by all whenever out and about, including Dan while working. All remain healthy and hopeful to stay that way. Ron and Judy feel it was worth taking an "exposure chance" for a week of joyful memories. And the grandkids have already asked when they can come again.



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## Face Mask Causing Your Glasses to Fog Up?

Pat Steinbrueck sends this [link](#) to a short YouTube video that demonstrates how to use a Kleenex with your face covering to keep your glasses from fogging up.

## **“Let’s Kick Ash!”**

Trinity church in Asheville is selling raffle tickets to raise money to renovate one of the cabins at Lake Logan. The prize is a stay at Old Edwards Inn in Highlands!

A couple years ago, Lake Logan began a campaign for churches or groups of churches to adopt a cabin. Trinity chose Ash—a 4 bedroom/4 bathroom, with living room, kitchen and large porch—one of four cabins built in the 1970’s nestled along the lake. Since then, a small group of volunteers have repainted the outside. “Let’s Kick Ash!” is our campaign to completely renovate the inside. Plans are now underway with demolition to begin December 1<sup>st</sup>.

To raise the funds, we are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a glorious luxury stay at The Old Edwards Inn in Highlands. Your \$1500 gift certificate can be used any time of the year, yet it will buy you extra goodies in the off season—like spa treatments, dinner at Madison’s, golf or more nights! Tickets are \$100 and 500 will be sold, as that is the cost of renovation.

Once all are sold the winner will be announced. Tickets are available from several of Trinity’s Trailblazers, who are regular supporters of Lake Logan. Please consider purchasing a ticket or two. They make for great gifts!

To purchase tickets please contact Carlyn Pheil at [carlynpheil@gmail.com](mailto:carlynpheil@gmail.com) or Nancy Swann at [ndswann@mindspring.com](mailto:ndswann@mindspring.com). To join the work team please contact David Pheil at [david@pheil.com](mailto:david@pheil.com). There will be a ribbon-cutting celebration sometime next March to celebrate!

### **St. David’s Links and Contact Information:**

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[St. D's Public Facebook Page](#)

[St. D's Private Group Forum](#)

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