

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



September 1, 2019

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

Calendar

Sun	Sep 1	Pentecost 12, Parish Meeting CAT interpretation
Tue	Sep 3	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Sep 8	Creation 1: Land, Book Study: <i>Prayers of the Cosmos</i> after church, Rice & Beans Sunday
Mon	Sep 9	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Sun	Sep 15	Creation 2: Water, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> after church
Tue	Sep 17	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Sep 22	Creation 3: Climate Change, Coffee Hour Honoring the Kirwans, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> follows
Sun	Sep 29	Creation 4: Need not Greed, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> after church, Soup & Bread Community Supper 5 pm
Tue	Oct 1	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Oct 6	Creation 5: Biodiversity, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> after church
Sun	Oct 13	Creation 6: Stewardship, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> after church, Rice & Beans Sunday
Mon	Oct 14	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Sat	Oct 19	Yoga Retreat- <i>Life is Hard: Find the Joy</i> 9 am-noon
Sun	Oct 20	Creation 7: Proper 24, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> after church
Sun	Oct 27	Creation 8: Proper 25, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> after church
Fri	Nov 1	Fruit of the Vine Wine Event 6:30 pm

[Sermon 8/18/2019 The Rev. Nick McDonald](#)

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: Judy Annis

Reader: Vance Davidson

Music: Savannah Bennett

Coffee: **ALL**

Readings: [Jeremiah 2:4-13](#),

[Psalm 81:1, 10-16](#), [Hebrews](#)

[13:1-8, 15-16](#), [Luke 14:1, 7-14](#)

Serving during September

Flowers: Rosa Reily

Linen: Gael Graham

Communion: Laurie Hulbert &

Muff Lyons

Bread: Wesley Satterwhite

Greeters: Hank Sharp &

Jake Jacobson

[Sermon Link](#)

This Sunday, September 1st, After Church Special Parish Meeting to Review Cat Survey Results

Please come if you possibly can and take part in this meeting. Copies of the executive summary will be available, and other documents will be posted on the church website. Discernment Committee Chairman Harry Brown will make a summary presentation, and he and other members of the DC will be on hand to answer questions.

Please bring finger food to share for Coffee Hour. There will be peach cobbler for dessert.



Prayers by George Rector, Discernment Committee Chaplain

Parish Reconciliation Meeting 8/25/2019

Almighty God, let this be our prayer: that our presence today expresses our desire for unity and that our unity is established through a spirit of peace and trust. In all our conversations with one another, we pray to speak with humility and patience, to always search for your truth and to always speak that truth with love. Let your love bind us together as a single heart and soul within a single body as we strive to serve You, to honor your creation and to be faithful to the church. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Almighty God, You have loved us with selflessness, even in our imperfections. Let us work, then, to love one another in the same fullness of spirit. We pray that in this time of transition we will seek and discover ways to grow in unity; for our bonds of unity to allow us to more fully grow in faith; for our faith to be the enduring expression of our desire to love and serve You and to love and serve one another. Let us always live with the understanding that we are the many members of a single body. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

[Discernment Committee Prayer Collection by George Rector](#)

Creation Season, 2019

By the Rev. Valori Mulvey Sherer

This year the global celebration of Creation Season happens September 1st through October 6th (six weeks). In keeping with our practice and the diocesan resolution of 1996, we will be celebrating for eight weeks beginning September 8th and continuing through October 27th. We will share with the global community the topics, prayers, and texts for each week, adding two more for the final two weeks from our Episcopal lectionary for Pentecost, the content of which fits perfectly into the theme already going.

The theme for Creation Season this year is **The Web of Life**. The weekly focus at St. David's is as follows:

- Week 1: Land
- Week 2: Water
- Week 3: Climate change
- Week 4: Need not greed
- Week 5: Biodiversity
- Week 6: Stewardship
- Week 7: Stewardship
- Week 8: Stewardship

We will also dedicate this Creation Season to our 2020 pledge campaign. More on that soon from your vestry.

I would like to extend an invitation to those who are licensed Worship Leaders to preach during this season. Fr. Nick will be here for two weeks in October, but otherwise, please let God lead you to the topic that speaks to you so that God can speak through you. If no one feels moved to preach, that's fine, but I feel led to extend the invitation.

There are two resource guides for this year. One is from Canon Rachel Mash, a long-time leader in this field and founder of [Green Anglicans](#). The other is from the [Anglican Communion's global network](#). I have taken information, prayers, and lectionary materials from both sources for our use this year.

Please look through these resource guides, and if you are inspired to organize an event such as a tree planting or community workshop, let me know, and I'll be happy to do what I can to support you.

I look forward to a blessed season of Creation with you all.



FALL BOOK STUDY
 In the Gathering Place
 After the 11:00 Sunday service
 September 15 and following till we're finished :)
 Bring a bawn-bag lunch if you need more than coffee hour sustenance

The fall book study starts September 15th following the church service.

You Are Invited

to

A wine education & tasting event

Friday, November 1
6:30 pm
 at
St. David's Episcopal Church
385 Forest Hills Road
Cullowhee, NC 28723

"You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart..."
(Psalm 104: 14-15)

Our favorite sommelier, Sonia Hooper, will lead our gathering once again this year.

Participants will have opportunity to taste each variety offered, learn of its origins, history, and suggested food pairings – Sonia's expertise! – and its impact on the modern environment/economy, then purchase the samples of their choice.

Deliveries will be made to St. David's Church within approximately 7 - 10 days. Purchasers will be notified of pick-up times.



Light refreshments provided. Please enjoy dinner before you arrive.

Free, safe transportation home provided for any who may need it.

"May God give you of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine."
(Gen 27:28)



Life is Hard: Find the Joy

A yoga retreat with Chad Hallyburton and Jane Coburn

October 19th
9 am-noon
The Gathering Place

Special Coffee Hour September 22nd

By Faye Jacobson

The Kirwans will be moving at the end of September, and, since they have been members for 50 years and such a vital part of St. David's, we would like to give them a special send off. There has been terrific response to the email message I sent regarding food for the occasion, so everything there is covered.

We hope that all of you can be on hand for this special event.

From the Vestry

St. David's Rector Search—Cost comparisons for funding a $\frac{3}{4}$ time or a full time Rector

Here is the information requested by parish members:

These numbers are based on information gathered from our Diocesan CFO, knowledge of what we are currently paying our Interim Rector, and recently made available cost increases in medical coverage for 2020. PLEASE NOTE, these are ball-park estimates, and specific amounts of compensation will be negotiated with any new Rector based on their experience, needs regarding health coverage and other negotiable components.

The projected 2020 Diocesan Full Time Minimum Rector salary is \$55,500 (for someone right out of Seminary)—\$64,000 (for someone with about the same amount of experience as our Interim Rector)

Therefore:

Full-Time Rector Projected Salary		\$55,500–\$64,000 (includes housing)
18% pension		\$9,990–\$11,520
Medical Insurance	Single	\$10,000 (four options available, this is good ball park)
	Family	\$29,760 (also four options available)
Travel Expenses		\$1,200 (negotiated, this is max, and receipts turned in)
Professional Development		\$1,500–\$2,500 (negotiated)
Total Cost for Full Time (Single medical):		\$78,190–\$88,220

The best guess we can make for 2020 $\frac{3}{4}$ Rector Salary is \$41,300 (for someone right out of seminary)—\$49,000 (for someone with about the same amount of experience as our Interim Rector)

Therefore:

$\frac{3}{4}$ Rector Projected Salary		\$41,300–\$49,000 (includes housing)
18% pension		\$7,434–\$8,820
Medical Insurance	Single	\$7,000 (these are tied to 30 hours/week and projected
	Family	\$19,675 figures come from CFO)
Travel Expenses		\$1,200 (negotiated as above for full time)
Professional Development		\$1,000 (good guess for part-time)
Total Cost $\frac{3}{4}$ Time (Single medical):		\$57,934 - \$67,020

So, the difference in costs for a $\frac{3}{4}$ Rector and a Full Time Rector could be \$20,256–\$21,200 annually, depending on the level of the person's experience. It would be quite a bit more (nearly \$20,000) if they needed full family medical coverage. There are also rates for Rector and spouse only, which is an in-between cost.

Factoid: Nationally, within the Episcopal Church, a Full Time Rector is no longer the norm in a majority of parishes. (This is not meant to be a comment to sway opinion either way, but rather a point of information, as they do it on the PBS News Hour).

Senior Warden, Judy Robinson
Sandy Frazier
Vance Davidson
Steve Steinbrueck, Treasurer, is ex-officio to the vestry.

Junior Warden, Muff Lyons
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Ashby Church Calendars

By Margot Wilcox

I am only ordering pre-ordered calendars this year, having ended up in recent years with leftovers. If you would like one of these calendars for 2020, please reply via email to me. I'll collect your money when the calendars are delivered. The price will be \$10; profits (tho' slim) go to the Altar Guild.

Although a lot of folks search the internet for the information found on these calendars, some of us still like having the actual calendar on hand. For those to whom these calendars are an unknown quantity, the Ashby Church Calendars provide valuable worship service information for each Sunday — Liturgical season and color, Bible lessons for the day in accordance with the Revised Common Lectionary, Feast Days and more — especially handy to have if you're on the altar guild or serve as lector. Looking forward to receiving your order. mtwilcox@frontier.com

Our Yard Sale Once Again a Great Success

By Judy Robinson

It is with pleasure that the yard sale team lets you know that we made \$1,496.90 to support our outreach for this year. This will go towards our donations to the five local and one global agencies that we support. Big



thank you to all who contributed and bought items. Special thanks to the Kirwans as they prepare to move and to Fraziers as they divested of dear Lois' things. Their items were a major contribution. And THANK YOU to all on

the Yard Sale Team: Joan Byrd, George Rector, Nancie Wilson, Betsy Swift, Gerlinde Lindy, Donna Ross, Pat Steinbrueck, Boot Hanks, and Muff Lyons. Much appreciation to George Rector, Steve Steinbrueck and Ron Robinson for the after-sale trips to trash/recycling, Goodwill and Circles Thrift Store.



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

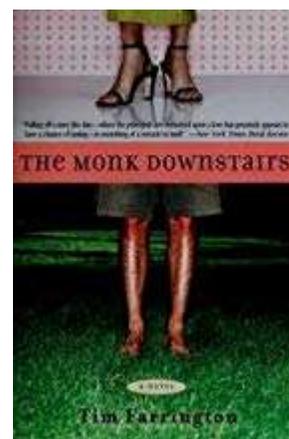
- Sep 1 **Andy Coburn**
- Sep 4 **Phil Sanger**
- Sep 6 **Margo White**
- Sep 7 **Harry Brown, Robert Reily**

Anniversary

- Sep 3 **Jere & Judy Annis**

This book was left on a bench in *The Gathering Place* on Sunday, July 28th. A sticky note was on the book cover bearing the name Pat Steinbrueck. The book has disappeared. If you borrowed it, kindly let us know. If you have seen it lying around, kindly tell us where.

Thanks! June and Pat



Regular Activities

2nd Sundays
Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-Apr
Mondays 10:30 am
2nd Mondays
1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Rice & Beans Ministry
Soup/Bread Community Supper
Cullowhee Men's Group 10:30 am
Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Accessible Mindfulness 10 am

2019 Outreach Support

From 1st Sunday's loose plate offering and Soup Suppers

Jan	Circles of Hope	Aug	School Supplies drive
Feb	Clean Slate	Sep	Vecinos
Mar	Community Table	Oct	Midwives of Haiti
Apr	Mainspring Land Trust	Nov	to be determined
May	(general)	Dec	(general)
May-Jun-Jul-Aug-no Soup Suppers (general outreach)			

Meditation Opportunities at St. David's

Accessible Mindfulness: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 10-11:15 am. This is especially geared for those new to mindfulness meditation.

Other Meditation Opportunities

WCU Mindfulness and Meditation: Thursdays at 4 pm 224 Bird Building. For details, call 227-7469 and ask for Michelle. To view a flyer, [please click here](#).

Mindfulness Meditation: 9:15 am on Thursdays at Sylva Yoga above Lulu's on Main Street in downtown Sylva. Meditation gives students the opportunity to focus on the deep interconnection between mind and body, which can be experienced directly by practice in mindfulness.

Virtual Closet

If you need medical-related equipment or have something you can offer, contact Claire Marsh: clairemrsh@gmail.com She keeps a list of who has what to facilitate sharing.

Box Tops for Education

There is a basket under the white board in the Parish Hall where you can place any of these box tops you may have. This is an ongoing project for our children.

Vestry Stewardship Covenant 2019

St. David's Episcopal Church

We believe that God loves us unconditionally and desires that we love one another without exception; that God wants us to use the gifts we've been given including the gifts of listening, discerning, and doing. We trust in God's abundance and can respond in generosity and love by serving our community and creation in ways we never thought possible.

We commit to fostering a broad vision of stewardship as encompassing our physical church, our congregation, the community that surrounds us, and all of creation.

We invite the St. David's family to explore how we can embody God's love and promise of abundance in our process, practice, and reflection.

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