

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



September 15, 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 15	Creation 2: Water, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> after church
Thu	Sep 19	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
Thu	Oct 3	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
Thu	Oct 17	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
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

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: George Rector

Reader:

Music: Savannah Bennett

Coffee:

Readings: Lectionary: Eze 47:1-12; Ps 65; Rev 22: 1-5; Jn 4: 4-15

Serving during September

Flowers: Rosa Reily

Linen: Gael Graham

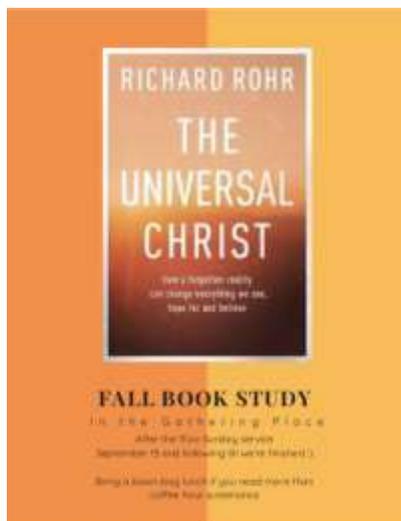
Communion: Laurie Hulbert & Muff Lyons

Bread: Wesley Satterwhite

Greeters: Hank Sharp & Jake Jacobson

[Sermon Link](#)

Fall Book Study Starts This Sunday



Special Coffee Hour September 22nd

By Faye Jacobson

The Kirwan's Going-Away Coffee Hour and celebration of their many years at St. David's is almost here. The only additional food item we need is a fruit tray.

There will be a basket for cards if you would like to write a personal note. A card can be such a valuable remembrance.

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The Bible, the BCP, and Textual Criticism

By the Rev. Valori Mulvey Sherer

No one has asked about this yet, but I wanted to share that the lectionary for Creation season doesn't reference the corresponding page in the Book of Common Prayer because the Psalms in the BCP are worded differently from the Psalms in the Bible. Since Creation is not an "official" season in the Episcopal lectionary, I have two sources from which to copy the content: the online BCP or the online Bible. The Psalms in the online BCP are heavily formatted and don't copy/paste well, so I used the online Bible.

I don't know why the wording is different in the BCP, only that it is. It's always interesting to me to compare the two and wonder about how the differences were decided upon and by whom.

Which brings up an interesting point about reading the Bible. The Episcopal Church offers a [list of approved translations](#) for use in the liturgy. The translations we may choose to read for our personal devotions have been "interpreted" and "translated" over the generations and for various reasons. Some early scribes made theological "corrections" to some of the texts reflecting the beliefs of their time. In other places, scribal mistakes, whether inadvertent or intentional, changed the meaning of the text entirely.

Thankfully, as Episcopalians, we don't read the Bible literally. As Swiss Reform theologian Karl Barth famously said, "I take the Bible too seriously to take it literally." We're with him on that.

We believe the Holy Spirit inspired it and wrote it through imperfect humans. We also believe that the Holy Spirit continues to guide and inspire us as we read the biblical texts as they have been handed down to us.

As research in biblical textual criticism leads us to a fuller understanding of the journey these texts have traveled as they were interpreted, translated, etc., we can allow that what we discover can be integrated into a greater understanding of the Bible texts in their current form. A good resource for this is a book called, *Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why* by Bart D. Ehrman, a New Testament scholar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

One of the beliefs we did not get on board with as Anglicans during the Reformation was *sola Scriptura*, the belief that Scripture is the sole source of authority for Christian belief, life, and practice. We believe it is one of the authorities that guides us, but we also hold tradition and reason/experience as authoritative, a concept attributed to Anglican priest and theologian Richard Hooker in the late 1500s.

A person to be ordained priest or deacon makes this affirmation in our ordination service: "I solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation..." What we don't declare is that everything that is in the Bible is necessary to salvation. Some of it isn't. Discernment is the key, and it's a spiritual skill we build over time and in community. This is why regular Bible studies can be so helpful in parishes.

Happy reading!

Life is Hard: Find the Joy

A yoga retreat with Chad Hallyburton
and Jane Coburn



October 19th
9 am-noon
The Gathering Place

You Are Invited

to



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)

From the Vestry

Dear St. David's Community,

You have heard via church announcements that our Financial Pledge Stewardship drive is occurring earlier than in previous years: September and October, with pledges due October 31st.

The main reason for this change is that the funds we have available for the coming year (2020) will guide us in regard to calling a new rector. Parishioners have asked that the Vestry and DC consider a full time as well as a part time rector for our next step. We must know how we are able to financially support that person when they arrive and in the years that follow. This year's pledge will be a good indication of what is possible. So, please think about it and pray about it. Pledge forms will be available at church and online for printing before the end of September.

This is an important part of SEOL (the Stewardship of the Entirety of Our Lives) as it so deeply affects the life of our dear church. With thanks in advance for your discernment and generosity,

Your Vestry

St. David's Vestry

Senior Warden, Judy Robinson

Sandy Frazier

Vance Davidson

Steve Steinbrueck, Treasurer, is ex-officio to the vestry.

Junior Warden, Muff Lyons

Gael Graham

Jake Jacobson

Rector Search



The documents related to the CAT survey are posted on the church website: stdavidscullowhee.org under the Rector Search tab. They are password protected so you need to register as a member if you have not already done so.

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

Accessible Mindfulness Changes Meeting Day to Thursdays

By Betsy Swift

For several years now a small group has met twice a month for what Michael called "Accessible Mindfulness." Usually there are just three or four of us, and we spend about an hour with a simple check-in, reflection on a text, about 10 minutes of silent meditation, and ending with intentions for our practice until we meet the next time.

The "regulars" (George Rector, Joan Byrd, Betsy Swift, Mary McGlaflin) say : "We meet now on the first and third THURSDAYS every month at 10 am, usually upstairs in the Gathering Place, and you would be most welcome to join at any time."

Needed: Virtual Closet Manager

Claire Marsh has ably performed this ministry for a number of years, but where she lives now her internet service is poor. It's a pretty easy job: keep a list of items that parishioner have that they are willing to lend when the need arises—primarily medical-related stuff but could be anything. Coordinate between the lender and borrower to facilitate their utilization. If interested, contact clairemrsh@gmail.com or Maggie at magbowles@gmail.com.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Sep 16 **Jim Bowles**

Sep 17 **Emmett Kirwan**

The Hulbert family would like to express our gratitude and thanks to everyone who helped with our father's funeral. The effort was extraordinary and the service and the reception were very special and beautiful. Yesterday was a wonderful celebration of our father's life and it was so fitting for a man who loved this church so much. We will always remember Friday and all the people who made it so special.

Laurie Hulbert

Cathy Simpson

Dianne Wilcox

The Lost and Found Department



I'm lost. Can you help me find my owner? I was left at June Smith's book-signing Coffee Hour. I can be retrieved from the Gathering Place.

This from Margot Wilcox:

My large stainless spatula went to church to serve lasagna at the first Holy Conversation. Before I could grab it to take it home, it was in the dishwasher and then put in the utensil drawer in the Gathering Place. About a week back I spotted it there, took it out of the drawer, and mindlessly laid it down somewhere in that room vs

putting with my purse. When I remembered and went looking for it, it had disappeared. I really hope to get it back, as it's something I use a lot. And it's part of a set (witness the spoon). The handle is about 9" long and the head has 4 or 5 parallel slits. Thanks for your help in recovering my missing utensil!





Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina
September 12, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I'm excited to invite you to join me at the *Green Faith Forum* hosted by Grace Episcopal Church, Morganton on September 28 and 29, where our former Presiding Bishop, the Right Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, will be the keynote speaker. Her topic will be "Climate Change: Grief, Growth, Gratitude, & Grace," and she will discuss the Church's role in responding to this crisis through advocacy, stewardship, and sustainability efforts. Bishop Katherine's address will begin at 7 p.m., followed by a panel discussion with me on Christian engagement and the environment. A reception and book signing will conclude the event on Saturday.

As followers of Jesus, we have promised to place the care of God's Creation at the heart of our common life. Together, we can act in order to safeguard the integrity of Creation and to sustain and renew the life of the earth. This is especially important as we see the chaos and tragedy that results from natural disasters, as the least among us often suffer the most.

In addition to Bp. Jefferts Schori's keynote talk, she will lead a Sunday School discussion and preach at the Sunday, Sept. 29, 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist. Again, the public is invited.

For additional information, [download this PDF](#) or contact the Rev. Marshall A. Jolly, 828-437-1133 or at rector@gracemorganton.org.

I hope to see you there!

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a cross symbol and followed by the name "José A. McLoughlin".

The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin
VII Bishop of Western North Carolina

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.

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)			

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The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop

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St. David's Vestry Members:

Judy Robinson, Senior Warden

Muff Lyons, Junior Warden

Sandy Frazier—Gael Graham

Vance Davidson—Jake Jacobson

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.

Regular Activities	2 nd Sundays	Rice & Beans Ministry
	Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-Apr	Soup/Bread Community Supper
	Mondays 10:30 am	Cullowhee Men's Group 10:30 am
	2 nd Mondays	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am