

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



September 18, 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

Sunday 10:00-10:40 am

Bible Study

Pentecost 15

Holy Eucharist 11 am Guest Preacher Rev. Anna Shine (see
info below)

Please try to remember to pick up your name tag in the *Gathering Place* and wear it in church!

Friday evening, September 23rd and Saturday, September 24th

St. David's—Past, Present, and Future, a Guided Workshop with
Pan McCaslin. All members of St. David's are invited to reflect on
our past, consider our present, and look toward our future and
what God is inviting us to. Exact hours TBA

Sunday, September 25th at 5:30

Soup Suppers Return!



Upcoming Events:

Saturday, September 17th 3:30pm

WCU Football Game 3 volunteers needed to help with parking.

Monday, September 19th 1:30 pm

Come sing Michael's hymns at Vero/Mountain Trace nursing
home.

Saturday, October 1st at 3:30pm

WCU Football Game 3 volunteers needed to help with parking.

Saturday, October 8th

Diocesan History Day at St. David's "Episcopal Church Women in
WNC" with Katerina Whitley. This day is just one part of the
diocese's Centennial Celebration. Please visit
<https://www.diocesewnc.org/centennial> to learn how the diocese
is reflecting on the past 100 years and planning for the next. There
are many events across the diocese that all are encouraged to join.

Saturday October 15th

Wine Tasting drop-in opportunity 12:30-6 pm with art show.

Saturday, October 22nd at 2:00 pm

WCU Football Game 3 volunteers needed to help with parking.

Saturday, November 5th at 2:00 pm

WCU Football Game 3 volunteers needed to help with parking.

Friday-Saturday, November 11th-12th

Diocesan Convention, Trinity Church Asheville

Saturday, November 19th at 1:00 pm

WCU Football Game 3 volunteers needed to help with parking.

Guest Preacher Rev. Anna Shine this Sunday

The Rev. Anna Shine returned to St. Luke's in July 2020, after having regularly attended as a child. She serves as St. Luke's Missioner for Creation Care and Social Justice and as campus minister for the Presbyterian Episcopal Campus Ministry (PECM) at Appalachian State University.

Anna's longing to learn about other faiths spurred a study of Judaism and Islam at Elon University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Religious Studies and a minor in German in 2009.

Born to a German mother, Anna's dual citizenship allowed her to spend a gap year studying Middle Eastern languages and cultures at the University of Tübingen in Germany. While there, she enjoyed friendships with students of many different faiths.

Anna delved deeper into Christianity upon returning to the U.S., receiving a Master of Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School in 2012. Although she identified with the narrative of Jesus, Anna struggled with the institution of the Christian Church and its past. She experienced a transformation in her faith journey while attending The Wild Goose Festival — an annual event that combines music, art, spirituality, and faith-inspired social justice.

After much study, prayer and reflection, Anna answered the call to attend Virginia Theological Seminary. She earned a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) in 2018, was ordained that same year and served as Curate at Church of the Holy Cross in Valle Crucis before coming home to St. Luke's.



Creation Cycle Begins

Prayer Globe

In the Celtic tradition, we give thanks to the Earth this creation cycle, which runs from September 4th-October 9th. As Eco theologian Thomas Berry writes, "In our totality we are born of the earth. The earth is our origin, our nourishment, our support, our guide. Our spirituality itself is earth derived." Everyone at Saint David's in the Valley is invited to add their prayers and their thoughts to a prayer globe which will be hanging from the rafters of the *Gathering Place* covered walkway. A basket of cloth and markers will be available on the outside bench. This practice was inspired by time spent at the Wild Goose Festival.

Creation Cycle Windows

This Creation Cycle the parish is invited to offer thanks for the beauty of God's creation by bringing objects to decorate our windowsills. Do you pick up stones, moss, acorns, leaves, shells, pinecones, and other beauties while on walks in the woods or on the beach? Maybe you give thanks for the little gourds and pumpkins that are beginning to appear in the markets? All those items and others we haven't listed are welcome additions. Whatever small objects that give you pause and open your heart to thank God for the goodness that surrounds us, we hope you will bring that offering to share with others. At the end of Creation Cycle (October 9th) all objects can be retrieved either from the windowsill at the end of the service or from the side table in the parish hall.

A Note from the Treasurer

Randi and Jeff Neff will be traveling to Ireland and Switzerland from Sept. 4th-18th. All checks and other donations will be placed in the lock box in the sacristy and will be deposited on Thursday Sept. 22nd. Any financial questions can be emailed to treasurer@stdavidscullowhee.org, but there may be a delayed response.

Come Sing Along this Monday!

On Monday, September 19th at 1:30 pm, we will have a singing, using Michael's hymnal *Songs of the Cycle*, with Michael and other residents at Vero/Mountain Trace Nursing Home. Marilyn Jody, Vance Davidson, and Lydia Aydlett have arranged for the cafeteria to be available and for Nan Watkins to play the piano. Join us for fun and music.

Sign Up to Visit Michael

Michael enjoys having visitors and dislikes having to be alone, so a calendar has been set up to spread out the visits so multiple ones do not come at the same time. For the month of September, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays are covered but other days are open at present. You can sign up on a calendar in the *Gathering Place*, email Lydia with your desired time, or just show up.

From the Vestry

Dear Friends,

St. David's Vestry met on Monday, September 12th. As always, we began by sharing concerns and needs for prayer. I have looked at this practice as practical (helps Mtr. Gaelyn update the prayer list in church) but also see how it serves to ground us in prayer and service to our community. It is a good way to begin the work of the Vestry which is, for the most part, very prosaic and routine. (Of course, there is excitement on occasion—the infestation of the organ by mice! Wow, what a summer we've had!)

Episcopal Campus Ministry is now an officially recognized campus group, having done a lot of work last academic year to achieve that. Congratulations! The ECM meetings have started back up for the semester, every Wednesday evening. On the first Wednesday of each month, the meeting begins with praying the office of Compline at the Clock Tower on campus at 5:30 pm, then moves over to the Gathering Place for supper. On the second Wednesday of each month the group is studying and discussing the Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's invitation to *The Way of Love*, an intentional commitment to a set of practices. Third Wednesday is a student-led program. On fourth Wednesdays there is Eucharist. Supper is always part of the evening, and the parish will be providing the meal twice a month. Look for that sign-up in the Gathering Place after Church if that is a way you would like to participate in ECM.

Our annual Stewardship Campaign will begin on October 9th, 2022, and continue through November 6th, 2022. Vance Davidson has graciously agreed to lead it again this year. Thank you, Vance!

The Vestry voted to nominate Nancie Wilson to the diocesan Standing Committee. Nancie has served on the Standing Committee before, and her nomination will be voted on at the diocesan convention in November. Mother Gaelyn brought to our attention that there are many opportunities to serve at the diocesan level, which is a great way to have a sense of our belonging in the wider church. Many positions go unfilled for lack of volunteers to fill them. If you would be interested in serving in this way, talk to Mother Gaelyn for more information.

Junior Warden George Rector reports that we will be getting the carpets cleaned in the church and Gathering Place just as soon as we can get on the schedule of the carpet-cleaning professional!

Game Day Parking begins this Saturday, September 17th. Muff Lyons and Jake Jacobson will mark spaces, and a banner will advertise our available space. Wish us luck! Lots of opportunities to train as an official St. David's parking attendant remain—see the sign-up list in the Gathering Place or email me at bswift4252@gmail.com

Gratefully,
Betsy Swift, Senior Warden

Soup Suppers Return!

Save the date and spread the word! Soup Suppers are returning this fall. Starting September 25th, St. David's will once again host monthly Soup and Bread Community Suppers the last Sunday of each month (September-April) 5:30-7pm. ALL ARE WELCOME. A (gratefully needed) time to come together, try delicious soups, break bread, and simply have conversations. Invite friends! For more information contact Wesley Satterwhite at wesleysatterwhite@hotmail.com.



Back by Popular Demand: Wine Tasting Event!!

Saturday, October 15th, 2022

A drop-in tasting opportunity from 12:30–6 pm

In addition to the wine tasting, we will have a talk and art exhibit by local artist Roger Stephens.

Ordering wine also may be entirely contact-free, for those who prefer.

Please put us on your calendar now and plan to “drop in” anytime on the afternoon of **October 15th**!

Gathering Place Kitchen Area

We would like to ask that everyone help keep the kitchen in some order by noting where you take something from and putting it back in place when you are done. Also, please take care of dishes you use. Either wash them and put them in the drainer or rinse and place in the dish washer. It seems we have gotten in the habit of leaving used glasses or mugs in the sink for someone else to clean, but there is no one to come along and do that.



Our *Gathering Place* and kitchen remain a wonderful space for all our needs. Let's please help keep it for the comfort and use of the next user. Many thanks to all.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays
Sep 22 David Mathewes
Sep 25 Betty Lynn Kirwan

Anniversary
Sep 20 Linda & Terry Kinnear

June, Courtney, Mark Smith, and Mark Tomczak taking in the amazing beauty of southeast Alaska.



It's Harvest Time!

Phil and Terri Sanger invited friends to help them harvest and sort wine grapes from their vineyard. They wound up with over 300 pounds of red grapes and over 200 of white and a good start on the wine-making process.



Meanwhile, Mtr, Gaelyn's red okra plants tower over her, and the eggplant is growing rampantly.



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, George Rector

Lector, Vance Davidson

Readings:

[Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Psalm 79:1-9, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13](#)

Coffee Hour,

Greeter, Jake Jacobson

Altar Set Up, Muff Lyons/Laurie Hulbert

Linens, Boot Hanks

Bread Baker, Karen Brown

Live Streaming, Doug Hanks

Vestry Counter, George Rector

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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

2nd Mondays at 5:30

Vestry in the Gathering Place