

Calling All Saints - June 2006

News and Events from

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From the Rector

Excommunication – a popular Christian sport

“...I have no need of thee...” I Corinthians 12

You need only pick up – you name it – The Telegraph (London), The New Yorker, The San Jose Mercury News – to find that the Episcopal Church and the world wide Anglican Communion are facing a crisis. And if you take only a *prima facie* glance at the usual article, you might go away thinking that the crisis is one of, at most, faith and at least, sex. But that would be simplistic and easy and would allow us to put down the article if we feel that our minds are already made up in one way or another on the issues of sexuality facing society today. No one would deny that there are things about the nature of human sexuality and other issues of what would be called “pastoral theology” – i.e. the way we apply the doctrine of the Faith to the lives of the faithful – that are in question and about which reasonable people hold mutually exclusive differences of opinion. The Christian Church and for that matter the Episcopal Church have had differences of opinion about many things in the past and not just matters of pastoral theology but tooth and nail battles about the very nature of God and issues at the very core of the doctrine of the Faith and have managed in love and Christian charity to live with the differences in the context of ‘communion’. Today we are faced with the opportunity to live with differences.

As Christians we do not have an *option* to be reconciled with each other and live side by side with those with whom we most vehemently disagree. We do not merely have that option, we have that obligation. St. Paul puts it this way in the 12th chapter of his first epistle to the Corinthians:

For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

Whether or not to consecrate as bishops people in same-sex relationships and whether or not the Church should bless same-sex unions are two questions with which this and every church should struggle and which we should not ignore. But equally, we should not ignore saying in essence, “I have no need of thee”, any with whom we disagree on these or any issues.

We have been part of what became the Anglican Communion today (a federation of 38 self-governing provinces spread across the territory of the former British Empire and beyond) since the American churches formed themselves into the

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Episcopal Church following the American Revolution and defined themselves as churches which are “in communion with the see of Canterbury”. Being “in communion” with the see (diocese) of Canterbury has been a defining feature of all churches of England outside of England which have become independent of the Church in England. What being “in communion” means became clearer when we began to discuss the possibility of being “in communion” with other churches in the 19th Century. The Episcopal Church’s General Convention in Chicago in 1886 and the Lambeth Conference in 1888 (a decennial gathering of all Anglican bishops called by the Archbishop of Canterbury) established a “quadrilateral” of non-negotiables including 1) the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, 2) the Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds, 3) the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, and 4) the Historic Episcopate, locally adapted. It is with these essentials that we have discussed and do discuss Christian unity with other Christian bodies. In 1997 the General Convention in Philadelphia passed the “Concordat” with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in which the essentials of the Chicago Lambeth quadrilateral were preserved and just what being “in full communion” would mean, were established.

“Full Communion” with the Lutherans includes among other things 1) being welcome at each other’s communion rail, 2) interchangeability of ministers at the Altar, 3) having common purpose and co-operation in mission and ministry.

Some in the Anglican Communion speak of “impaired communion” existing between different provinces (national churches e.g. “The Church of Uganda” or “The Episcopal Church USA” or “The Anglican Church of Canada”) or between provinces and dioceses (e.g. The Church of Uganda and the Diocese of New Westminster”) or between bishops (e.g. Bishop Duncan and Bishop

Swing). The characteristics of this so-called impaired communion seem to involve one province/diocese/bishop declaring that another province/diocese/bishop is NOT welcome at its/his

Holy Days in June: Please plan to be with us for the two great Sunday feasts of Pentecost (June 4) and Trinity Sunday (June 13) as well as for the Bishop’s visitation on the 25th when, God willing, Paul Dickinson-Goodman will be confirmed at the 10:30 service. Out of respect for Bishop Romero, all are encouraged to come to the 10:30 service that day. *The 8:00 service on the 25th will be a simple service without music for those who for necessities cannot be present when the Bishop visits.*

altar rail or Altar as communicant or celebrant even though they are either both “in communion with the see of Canterbury” or duly ordained ministers in the “One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church of Christ”. In all of these cases, the

“ex-communication” is one-sided. One province/diocese/bishop ex-communicates another province/diocese/bishop and the other does not reciprocate. In other words, one member of the body says to the other “I have no need of thee”.

There is room and always has been room in the Body of Christ for differences of opinion – even on issues of doctrine let alone those of pastoral theology. There is no room for intolerance of those differences. One member of the Body cannot say to another “I have no need of thee”. Christianity is a religion of inclusion not exclusion. Of communion not ex-communication.

May we practice this “doctrine” of communion ecumenically, internationally, nationally, and locally. This brings with it a dual responsibility. 1) Neither asking others to leave the table nor leaving it oneself and 2) Doing everything we can to order our common life to enable others who differ from us to remain at the table. Discerning how to effect both of these is the task which lies in front of us not only as Anglicans and Episcopalians but as members of our local dioceses and parishes. May we take St. Paul’s advice and make our watch phrase: “I have need of thee and thou hast need of me.”

In Christ,

Ian

The Reverend Ian B. Montgomery, *Rector*
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Children and Youth Ministries

From Alex Hardt *
Director of Youth Ministries

Thank you to Everyone for Supporting the Youth Group, this year!

What has the Youth Group Done?

We started out this year with just one or two kids and over the course of the year has come to touch over 40 kids lives in some kind of way.

Through the Youth Group, the kids have walked for hunger, helped to raise money for social ministries, collected items for the homeless, written letters to the sick, shared the love of God with others, been able to explore Christianity as well as share it and have as been able to grow and develop in a safe and of course FUN environment.

Our Youth are amazing kids and are blessed to have people in this congregation that support and care for the youth. The parents and those who helped out with youth events. Everyone has done an outstanding job in assisting the young people their journeys.

The Last Youth Group is June 11th and

the Last Regular Youth Event is June 17th: SF TRIP!!!!

Youth Mission Trip is from June 27th to July 1st!

Other Summer Events:

- Our beach Trip in July-Date To Be Determined
- Our pool Party In August-Date To Be Determined

Many blessings,

Alex

Alex Hardt, *Director of Youth Ministries*
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From Krista Harmon *
Director of Childrens Ministries

Krista is settling into her summer home in North Carolina where she is doing "Clinical Pastoral Eduation" – C.P.E. -- and will send her geetings and Childrens Ministry update column next month.

Godly Play : Open House – We learn by teaching.



“... and a little child shall lead them” and they did. Parishioners, teachers and children gathered May 7 in the Godly Play room to experience the children telling their favorite stories. We heard the story of Baptism told by Caroline Bailey (with a little help from mom) and the parable of the Good Shepherd told by Eleni Ward-Dolkas.

It was such a treat for me to hear these stories told by young people. I remember the wolf having a starring role in Eleni’s version. I’m sure that everyone there received the gift of a new perspective of age old stories.

Hats off to Krista for organizing this. When it happens again, be sure to come.

Paula Baldwin

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<p>JUNE 2006</p>				<p>1 7am Mens Breakfast PH 11:30 Breaking Bread Meal PH 12:15p Organ Recital 5:30 Eve. Prayer 7:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Narc. Anon. LB</p>	<p>2 11:30 Breaking Bread Meal PH 3:30 Small Saints Play Grp. Nsry</p>	<p>3 8am Yoga LB 9:30 Narc. Anon. LB</p>
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PH=Parish Hall, CF=Conference Room, LB=library, FR=Fireplace Room, YR=Youth Room

All Saints' Vestry Meeting Minutes – Summary, 11 April 2006

Present: Sally Cadigan, Katy Dickinson, Diane Frankle, Demian Harvill (Senior Warden), Heather Hadlock (Junior Warden), Carol Hubenthal, Rev. Ian Montgomery (Rector), Jeff Rensch, John Sebes, Bob Tatum, Mary Walker.

* The following are excerpts from the minutes and not intended to be a full representation of the meeting.

The vestry gave approval of the 2005 Parochial Report to the National Church.

Jeff Rensch talked about the Adult Education meeting two Sundays ago. The next meeting will be in early May to begin filling the calendar with topics.

Carol Hubenthal talked about the Parish Work Day that happened last Saturday morning. It was very successful; about a dozen people participated and a lot was accomplished. She also discussed maintenance and upkeep of the parish buildings, storage and grounds.

John Sebes reported on the employment of an interim Parish Administrator and a new part-time bookkeeper (with Dale Tatum's help). John reported that he is still reviewing our financial procedures and budgets to make sure we have a clear understanding of all our financial resources and current status against our budget.

Attendance at services was discussed – the fact that it is on an upward trend. The Rector said another good metric to watch is the number of people involved in specific ministries; he is looking into how we can track that.

There was a discussion about needing to move forward with the updates to the AS office phones

and computers. As part of this project, we need to look into online tools and resources that would help the parishioners and Commissions function more efficiently – things like online calendars, etc

It was noted that the Auction is a major fundraiser. It was discussed that we need to get an Auction Chairperson in place if we intend to have the Auction in October.

Heather Hadlock reported on the Newcomers Commission. She noted that John Sack had a good idea about getting a Saturday morning music series going, so that people who shop at the farmers market would have the opportunity to come to a musical event.

Diane Frankle talked about the Parish Life Commission. Her main challenge is finding people who will sign up to an ongoing responsibility.

Katy Dickinson reported on the Outreach Commission. Jake Ward has agreed to be the administrator of this Commission. The Commission is discussing how to continue and expand with their existing areas of responsibility: music, events, marketing, advertising, outreach to related groups such as PIA, etc.

Discussion continued of whether to proceed with the process of hiring a Curate and the funding involved.

Vestry agreed with Heather Hadlock's suggestion that Parish Life and/or Adult Education host a forum discussion on worship issues such as inclusive language and other worship concepts, and afterwards Heather would report back to the Vestry on that discussion.

NEWS



PATIO EUCHARISTS ARE BACK!

Once again we will be having Patio Eucharists this summer at All Saints - these are opportunities to gather mid-week in the summer to share the Lord's Supper and also to enjoy a wonderful potluck dinner with your parish family. This summer our Patio Eucharists are the third Wednesday of each summer month, starting at 6:00 p.m. - childcare will be provided and we will have signups for the dinner, and cash donations are cheerfully accepted to assure that we can have dinner for all. For now, please mark your calendars for the following dates: Wed. June 21, Wed. Jul. 19, & Wed. Aug. 16 at 6:00 pm. Please plan to come!



The Russians are coming! Actually they landed in All Saints' Parish May 20th and rather than take captives they captivated the audience. A concert was given by the St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble, Russia, sponsored by All Saints. The group of 4 singers and 1 accordeonist sang and played both sacred music and folk songs primarily from their home country.



The next tri-deanery meeting in this area to discuss the work of the Diocesan Evaluation and Structure Committee will be on June 27, 7-9 pm, at St. Mark's, 1957 Pruneridge Avenue, Santa Clara. There are now three proposals for a new structure, perhaps described as "Traditional", "Shared" and Convocation." The last of these envisages a number of programs being managed by groups of deaneries formed into convocations. Both the Traditional and the Shared would combine the Corporation and Council with other differences. Come and discuss pros and cons of each of these and learn also about evaluation results and possible funding formulas. Current thinking is that any funding formula would be based on current year income. The structure and funding proposals will be voted at the October convention, with implementation done on a planned transition over as much as three years.

BASKETS FOR BABIES (AND THEIR PARENTS) - All Saints' is now sponsoring a gift basket to welcome each new baby that arrives to bless our parish. This new project -- the ultimate in "newcomer greeting" -- was the brainstorm of Caryn Brooks-Coleman and other young parents in our SmallSaints nursery group. Waverley Miller-Moody and Zoe Loftesness are two young babies who have received these baskets, filled with toys, knitted goods, massage lotion and much else. Now Jared Abraham Coleman has also just received a basket to welcome him into the world! We hope someday to add materials that show off the faith and life of the church -- perhaps a favorite hymn for young ones or some pictures of the stained glass and bird mobiles in the sanctuary. Thanks to the rector for helping us make this welcoming gift a reality. If you have questions, contact any of the parents in SmallSaints or Jeff Rensch, jrensch@yahoo.com

ANNOUNCEMENT

PATIO EUCHARISTS ARE BACK! Once again we will be having Patio Eucharists this summer at All Saints - these are opportunities to gather mid-week in the summer to share the Lord's Supper and also to enjoy a wonderful potluck dinner with your parish family. This summer our Patio Eucharists are the third Wednesday of each summer month, starting at 6:00 p.m. - childcare will be provided and we will have signups for the dinner, and cash donations are cheerfully accepted to assure that we can have dinner for all. For now, please mark your calendars for the following dates: Wed. June 21, Wed. Jul. 19, & Wed. Aug. 16 at 6:00 pm. Please plan to come!

There will be a brainstorming session for all Saints interested in fostering and nurturing community and fellowship through Small Groups at All Saints' on Friday, June 16 starting with a potluck at 6:00pm in the Conference Room. We will talk about forming new Neighborhood Groups [new ones planned for Menlo Park and Mountain View - any more desired?], Tables for 6 or 8, Spiritual Formation groups, Bible Studies and other types of Groups. Time permitting, we may begin discussions of a retreat, which of course is a Big Group, but obviously a chance for wonderful fellowship. If you are interested, please plan to attend, or email or talk to any of the following: Diane Frankle diane.frankle@dlapiper.com, Sally Cadigan sallybc@pacbell.net, Jeff Rensch jrsch@yahoo.com, or Susan Barkan sabarkan@earthlink.net. Come with your ideas and willingness to share time and talents! Oh and bring something to eat too!

The last Youth Group is June 11th and the last regular Youth Event is June 17th: SF TRIP!!!!
Youth Mission Trip from June 27th to July 1st!

Adult Education/Adult Forum News. Starting now and continuing through the summer, opportunities for adult education and spiritual development will occur in four formats. In the fall, we will evaluate the response.

I. Sunday Mornings, 9:15-10:15 will be primarily lecture/education, with approximately 45 minutes of presentation and 15 minutes of questions/discussion, unless otherwise noted. Something will be going in every Sunday in this time slot.

May 28, June 4: Ian will provide background for the discussions of the Windsor Report

June 11 and most Sundays in July: Ian will present programs dealing with the context of the lectionary.

June 18 and 25: Heather Hadlock will talk about singing hymns from different traditions, audience participation is encouraged!

II. Sunday afternoons, 12:15-1:15 or 2:00. Here, the focus is mainly discussion. Often topics will be related to faith, social justice and current events.

May 21, 28, and June 4. Ian will lead three discussions of the Windsor Report, lunch will be available.

III. Second and Fourth Friday evenings, 6:30-9:30: Supper/Movie/Discussion, in the Library, with "serious" material alternating with lighter fare.

June 9: *The Congregation*: a documentary about a new pastor with new ideas and the sudden revelation that the beloved assistant pastor is a Lesbian.

June 23: *Narnia*.

Other films being considered: *Mass Appeal*, *Brother Sun*, *Sister Moon*, *Luther*, *A Question of Faith*, *The New Medicine*.

IV. Occasional Sunday afternoon or Sunday evening gatherings. These will be opportunities for fun and fellowship.

The women's group will meet through August 27—every Wed. from 10am to noon in the Conference Room (off 7/26, 8/02). Come join us. Questions? Call or email Paula Baldwin.

Gubernatorial Primary Election – Tuesday June 6th. The parish hall will be used all day.

PRAYER LIST

Your prayers are asked especially for: **David** Coleman,, **Lachlan** Prevost, **Elizabeth** Baldwin, **Deborah** Bennett, **Andrea Harmon**, **Terry** Newman, **Sharon** Holzinger, **Bonnie** Johnson, **Patsy** McAfee, **Laurie** Reynolds, **Alice** Sheppard, **Kent** Pikel, **Tanya** Pikel *and their three children.*

For: **Dick** D'Alessandro, brother of Joan Scherer **Noreen** Theede and **Eddie** Rosenstiel, friends of Pam Grange; **Patrick** Hallwurst, grandson of Dottie and Howard Swinehart; **Gary** Field, brother-in-law of Mary Cloutier; **Tammy** Cregut, niece of Hilbert and Betty Morales; **Brenda** Pettnet; **Steve** Cox; **Chad** Blake; **Roy** Miller, father of Debbie Miller; **Richard** Hardesty, father of Dale Tatum; **Andrea** Harmon, sister of Krista Harmon; **Evanka** Stark and **Christine** Clark, aunt and sister of Robin Poppoff, **Elise** Castro, cousin of Robin Poppoff, and **Sara** Hart, friend of Robin Poppoff, **Mary** Wilbourn, daughter of Joanne Westendorf, **Patricia** Simpson cousin of Jeff Jones, **Marguerite** Dugger.

For those who mourn: *the Foster Family, the Dewing Family, Sheila Baraze, the Morales Family, the Palmer Family, Jim Dawson and Takashi Matsumoto.*

For those seeking employment: **Bryan** Ford, **Sondra** Price, **George** Vizvary.

GRANT THEM PEACE . . . May the soul of **Bill** Dewing, **Eleanor** Bachman, **Maurice** Laffen, **Rosemary** Dawson and of all the faithful departed rest in peace

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Organ Concerts on the first Thursday of each Month at 12:15pm

Albert Campbell invites you to save the first Thursday of each month on your calendars for his noon time organ concerts. The concerts last about 30 minutes (12:15-12:45pm). We hope you will be able to come each month to hear this feast for the ears and the soul! Invite all of your friends who are in the Palo Alto area at noon

Our July Organist will be our own Mark Allendorf.

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Reaching the Rector

The Rector hopes you will feel free to contact him at any time. So, let's try to make it easy.

He is available for pastoral calls at any hour of the day or night.

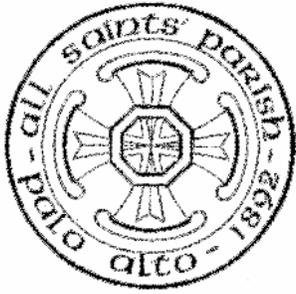
He tries to take one continuous 24 hour period off each week and generally this is Monday.

The nature of parish ministry means that he will be in and out of the office on a very unpredictable schedule and when in the office it is usually for the purpose of meeting with parishioners. However he is always reachable by email and cell phone.

So, for routine matters the best first attempt is email. If a more timely response is needed, the Church phone is the best next try. Finally – and most likely, the cell phone. His home phone is also a possibility. The best place to leave a message to which he can respond most efficiently is the cell phone.

Just so you have every chance of reaching him

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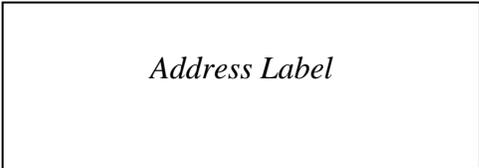


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