



The Dragon Scoop

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St. George Episcopal Church
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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Parish Picnic on August 6

Remember that Little Golden Book, *Mickey Mouse's Picnic*? It has a wonderful line: “What a beautiful day for a picnic, what a picnical day for a lark!”



We will have our own picnical day on Sunday, August 6. We will hold our regular celebration of Holy Eucharist at the church at 10:00 and the picnic will be at 2:00 in the afternoon. Sign up in the Parish Hall in advance to bring food.

Photo is from last year's picnic on August 28, 2016.

This year the picnic will be at Kathy Glockner's home. To get to her house, go west on Garden Valley until you reach the fork in the road. Take the right fork to turn onto Del Rio. Go about a quarter of a mile or less. On the right is the street Roband Lane. Turn onto Roband, then take the first driveway on the right.

We will park out in the field. Drive up to the top, keeping to the right. Kathy or someone else will park your vehicle and retrieve it because there are a number of gopher holes and we do not want anyone to twist or break an ankle.

Kathy will provide plates, eating utensils, and drinking cups.

Susan Ladue, our Diocesan Consultant, will be attending both the service and the picnic as she is staying overnight after Saturday's Congregational Development meeting.

Rector's Letter

Dear friends and fellow-workers;

That's what St. Paul calls us, "fellow-workers with God," in I Corinthians 3:9. When I was in college I belonged to a Christian service fraternity with that as its motto, with the added words: "Through the Church." Paul applied that description to all the members of the Church, all of the baptized. So it applies to you who read this. You are called to share in God's work of redemption in Jesus Christ. That is what you do when you pray and worship, what you do when check on loved ones, what you do when you write checks, what you do when you support the food bank, or fix a meal, or pull some weeds, and listen patiently. It is what you do when you read your Bible, help a neighbor, or give of yourself for the needy. (And we are all needy in one way or another.) It is what you do when a kid needs a Band-Aid or a friend needs a companion at a hard time. It is also what you do when you throw a party, enjoy a laugh, and give thanks to others.

It is a great comfort and joy to know that Jesus joins with us in the work, the life, the joys and the sorrows of the Church. God is with us and God is for us. Accepting us as we are and seeing us as we will be. All of which should bring joy to you and me, and does bring glory to God.

Thank you for your prayers for the little girl, Tielar, who was to have surgery last Wednesday. The procedure to build a new trachea has been delayed in order to give her time to recover from the side effects of a medication and is expected to happen in a few weeks. Do pray for Tielar and the whole Horn family.

The first weekend of August will be a big one for St. George's. On Saturday Susan Ladue, our congregational development consultant, will be with us once again from 11 am to 2 pm. Lunch will be provided. The conversations are getting deeper and ever more helpful. Stories are told and hopes expressed. Wounds are sometimes exposed, and helped to heal. Visions are developed. Love is shared.

All are welcome to join the conversations with Susan. She is a remarkably fine facilitator.

Then on Sunday Susan will join us for our Eucharist at 10:00, and for our annual Church Picnic later in the day. (Details on the picnic are on the front page.)

This journey of learning and healing, with Susan's help, will continue into the fall. It will lead, in due course, to the process of making a profile for the parish. That profile will serve two purposes. The first is to give us some reliable information. It will remind us where we have come from, where we are at the present, and where we plan to go in the immediate future. It will celebrate our ministries, tell our challenges, and display our love for God, our community, and one another. Churches (and people and all sorts of organizations) need such posts from time to time. Secondly, it will help introduce potential rectors to St. George's. Profiles are not always as honest as they should be. Ours will tell our story, and share our love, as honestly as possible.

I am pleased to share that Don Witt, Betty and Don Severson, and Wally and Connie Hunnicutt are deeply touched by the care they have been receiving from St. George's. Their journeys through difficult times have been made better by many of you. They have been able to join in Communion with us each Sunday. Do continue to keep in touch with them as you feel called.

Thank you for the privilege of journeying with you. It has been, and will be, a joy for me.

A True Fishing Story, aka (Fishermen of Men)

by Marcia Jackson

I just received the ok from my brother-in-law Wes to tell about his baptism at age 77. Must admit it made me laugh and cry.

Wes and My David grew up across the street from the South Umpqua River. They were true River Rats with many stories. Both became avid fishermen with several boats each. Last Sunday Wes took his youngest son Scott and his three children fishing in his boat. They had a wonderful time catching fish. Big smiles on the little ones' faces.

They noticed people gathering on the other shore and wondered what was up as they were dressed up. They headed for the dock by the people and pulled the boat out. They realized it was a minister doing baptisms for several people. David told me that as kids they used to sit at the river and watch people getting baptized there and weren't as reverent as perhaps they should have been.

As they were standing watching, Wes took off his watch and hearing aid and handed them to his son. Scott asked "What are you doing?" Wes said, "I want to get baptized." He waded into the river and had a conversation with the minister. Whatever he said—besides saying he was 77 and thought it was time to get baptized—the minister must have thought he was sincere because down Wes went. Scott filmed the event. What a wonderful thing for the grandkids to be a part of.

Sheila said when he got home soaking wet she asked, "What happened?" and was quite surprised when he declared, "I got baptized!"

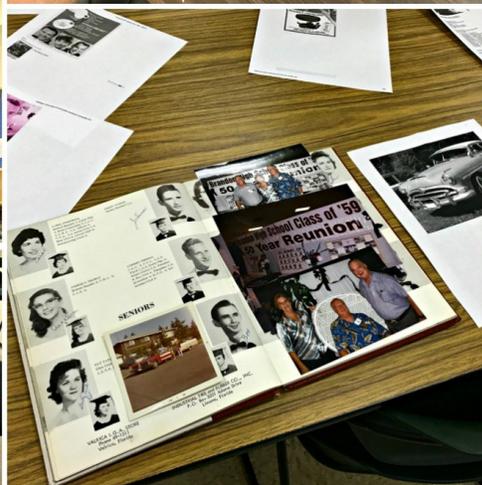
Just thought it was a story worth telling.



Bob Jackson served St. George's as a deacon for a number of years. As you heard in our prayers, he died in June. We recently received from his widow, Nelda, his communion kit, oil stock for anointing the sick, and a complete set of liturgical stoles. We thank God for Bob's service here, commend his soul to God, pray comfort for his family, and thank Nelda for the gifts of this liturgical gear. We will use them well.

Parish News

Recognizing Graffiti Weekend on July 9 with root beer floats and nostalgia (center and right)



Left: Thanks to Bill Riley for trimming the hedge!

Birthdays!



Top: Birthday blessings for Tricia Holt on July 2

Tricia made these beautiful table decorations too.



Bottom: Singing "Happy Birthday" to Kathy Glockner (center) on July 16



FISH Report

The Summer Food Drive was held on Saturday, July 22. Many thanks to St. George volunteers Nancy Baum, Jean Bowden, Frank and Sheila Glass, BJ Hoffman, and Sue Phelps, who collected food and donations at Albertsons. A total of 4002 pounds of food and \$897 was taken in at the five participating grocery stores, an increase over the 2016 summer food drive.



The next Roseburg Food Project pick-up day is Saturday, August 12th.

The FISH newsletter has information about a great program the organization provides. You may have friends and family who need to know about this:

“The Children’s Medication Assistance Program provides financial assistance for medicine for children of low-income families. If the Oregon Health Plan won’t cover a medication in part or whole, or, if the child needs over-the-counter medication, we can help. By calling our answering service at 541-672-5242, or speaking with your provider, we will cover up to \$75.00 of prescription costs. If a child is seen through Umpqua Community Health Clinic (UCHC), simply speak with the child’s provider. Once they are aware that assistance is needed from FISH, there is no need to call us, as these providers will handle the rest of this process for you. If seen outside of UCHC, it is important to call us first, so that we can call the pharmacy to set things up. Unfortunately, we cannot cover any narcotics. But, don’t forget that over-the-counter medications do qualify, so if a child could benefit from one of these types of medications, simply get a prescription from the child’s provider, and call our answering service.”

Kim Jasper, Executive Director, <http://fishofroseburg.org/>

You Might Be an Episcopalian if ...

You catch yourself genuflecting or bowing as you enter a row of seats in a theater.

You know the best way to quiet a room full of people is to say to them: "The Lord be with you!"

You know that the nave is not a playing card.

Your friend said "I'm truly sorry." and you replied, "and you humbly repent?"

You know that the Senior Warden and the Junior Warden are not positions in the local prison.

And finally, you reach a point when you're not sure about anything theological but you feel completely at ease at the altar rail, and somehow you know you're meeting God there, even though you can't begin to understand how.

from <http://www.saintjohnschurch.info>

Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

Truro Cathedral, Cornwall, England

The Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a High Church, Church of England cathedral, is located in Truro, Cornwall, and is one of only three cathedrals in the United Kingdom with three spires.



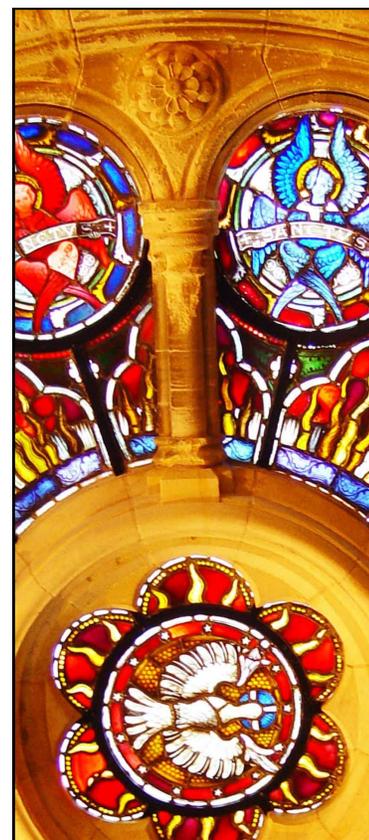
The Diocese of Truro was established in 1876, construction of the cathedral began in 1880, and the building was consecrated in 1887. It was built on the site of a 16th century parish church. This church was mostly demolished when the new construction began, except that the south aisle was retained and incorporated into the south-east corner of the cathedral.

A wooden building was used as the church during the time of construction and it was in this temporary building that Bishop Benson (later to become Archbishop of Canterbury) introduced the new evening service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve, 1880.

Various kinds of stone were used during construction but the stone used on the decorative areas has not stood up to the salts and sand of the local maritime climate. This has resulted in a very large restoration program on all of the building and is progressing as funds become available.

The grand organ was built in 1887 and is regarded as one of the finest instruments in England. An electric blower was added in 1920 but the organ did not need any major work until 1963. At this time the console was moved from a position within the main case of the instrument, forty feet above the choir, to an area beside the choir stalls. Here the organist can hear the instrument properly and maintain close contact with the choir.

The stained glass windows were to be a visual expression of the traditional High Anglican teachings of the Faith.





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Transition Prayer

Dear God Our Father,

Hear our prayers.

Bless and guide us with joyful hearts.

Give us the vision to recognize the priest you send to fill our needs.

Inspire us on our journey with patience, faith, love, honesty, caring, and hope.

Thy will, not ours, be done.

Amen

St. George Episcopal Church publishes THE DRAGON SCOOP monthly. If you would like something to be considered for the newsletter please talk to Leigh Van Sickle. E-mailed articles and photographs can be sent to saintgeorgepix@gmail.com.

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OFFICE HOURS
10:00 am—2:00 pm
Monday through Friday

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer



AUGUST

