



# The Dragon Scoop

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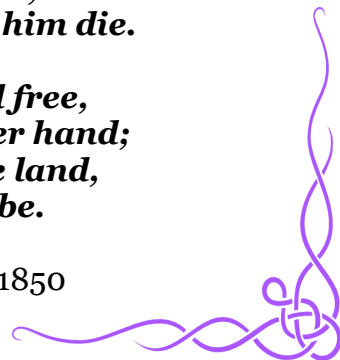
The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



*Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light:  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.*

*Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.*

~ Alfred, Lord Tennyson, 1850



# Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

I am writing in the midst of the twelve days of Christmas. The lights still shine from our tree and our house. We are still eating too much, still playing Christmas music. In another week it will all be put away until next Advent. All but the Christmas music. That is likely to show up in July, and again starting in early November.

Many thanks all of you who made, and make, this season so beautiful at St. George's: Altar Guild, Sue and her family in the parish hall, musicians and choir, the altar teams, office helpers, ushers, coffee hour folks, and many more.

New Year's Day is in Christmas season, and we will have echoes of Christmas through the first Sunday after Epiphany, January 8. In Epiphany we look at various aspects of Jesus' work. An epiphany is a revelation, an unveiling, that reveals some truth, or truths; in this case, what God was up to in the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ.

That in turn makes me think of what Jesus is doing now; in our world, and at St. George's, and in each of our lives. That may turn out to be the outline of some the sermons in Epiphany season, which in 2017 ends on March 1 with Ash Wednesday.

Our lay leaders will soon start preparing a budget for 2017, and the various reports for the Annual Meeting on February 12, and the Annual Parochial Report to the diocese and the Church Center in New York. I hope to have many conversations about next steps for our parish. How can we grow? What is God asking us to be in this community? How can we best bless and enjoy one another? Can we welcome children again? (I have a few ideas on that.) To use the phrase from our Presiding Bishop, how can St. George's be the best possible part of the "Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement" in Roseburg and Douglas County?

St. George's is a good church. I greatly enjoy being a part of this community of Christians. Thank you for the privilege. In another month I will have served as your rector for a whole year. It has gone very fast. I have not done as much as I hoped and expected. That's OK. We are moving along with a good deal of grace, energy and love. And we will continue to do so.

In Christ,

Fr. Jim+



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# Altar Guild

## WANTED: ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

If you would like a rewarding way to serve our parish, we would really appreciate your joining us. What we do is sort of like housework for our Lord. A fun way of describing our service is that we prepare the meal and table settings, then we clean up, and do the dishes and the wash. That translates to preparing the elements and the altar, then washing the containers and linens. Sometimes we arrange flowers and decorate. It is rewarding and a great way to get together with other parishioners.

If you would like to join us, or have questions, talk with any of the Altar Guild members.

~ BJ Hoffman



BJ Hoffman and Margaret Thomas

# FISH Report

FISH thanks Unity Church, Avista Foundation, Catholic Relief Services, and Faith Lutheran's Aebleskiver Breakfast for their generous donations to the FISH of Roseburg. The funds will be put to good use feeding many members of the community.

Jo Lane Middle School students collected 1,786 pounds of donated food for the Roseburg Food Project this month. This is the most food any single group has ever collected for the Roseburg Food Project/ FISH Food Pantry.

The Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation awarded FISH a grant for \$10,000 to be disbursed in January. The Cow Creek Tribal Council also gave \$2,000.

The public is invited to a John Nilsen piano concert, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Roseburg. Donations raised will go to the Pantry.

# Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

ECW ladies enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Carolyn Lee, her daughter, and daughter-in-law at her beautiful home. It was truly a family affair with all of us together. It was fun looking around her home to see all of the Santas that she has collected over the years.

We did conduct some business. We gave financial Christmas gifts to Tenaya and Julie, our dishwashers, and our cleaning lady, Alva. We shared stories about the Safe Haven classes that have been happening at church. The last one will be January 12, 2017, at 1:30. It will be a celebration, and everyone is invited. We played a game to exchange white elephant gifts and Thelma read a lovely Christmas story.

Our next meeting will be at church, January 19, 2017, at 11:00.

Happy New Year! BJ Hoffman, Co-President



*Thanks to Karla Roady for the photos!*

# Safe Haven Grant

The third Safe Haven program was held on December 8. Speakers were Michele Medina and Samantha Stephens from Dream\$avers, a service of NeighborWorks Umpqua, whose mission is to provide safe, affordable housing and community-based economic opportunity. Dream\$avers offers an Individual Development Account (IDA) that matches every dollar a participant saves up to \$3,000, with an additional three dollars. It would turn a person's \$3,000 into \$12,000. The program is available to Oregon residents aged 12 or older who meet the income and net worth requirements.



Dream\$aver goals include going to college, getting job training, becoming employed or getting a better job, buying, repairing, or maintaining a home, and starting a business. For more information call 541-671-5842 or check the website:

<http://www.nwumpqua.org/services/save-money/dreamsavers/>

You or someone you know may be able to benefit from this remarkable program, which is supported by funding from the Oregon IDA Tax Credit.

Besides listening to the speakers, the six young women from Safe Haven had fun decorating cookies and singing Christmas carols.

Parishioners assisting that day were Nancy Baum, Pam Boston, Jewell Gates, BJ Hoffman, Marcia Jackson, Juliana Marez, Sue Phelps, Carolyn Spielman, and Leigh Van Sickle, pianist.



## FYI

New address for Rick Williams:  
14710 SW Trout Creek Lane  
Beaverton, OR 97006

The Umpqua Valley Stamp Club will begin to hold their monthly meetings in the Parish Hall starting in January 2017. The meetings are the third Monday of each month (except June, October and December), starting at 7:15 p.m. Any person with an interest in collecting postage stamps or other related philatelic material is invited to attend. Doug Holloway can answer any questions you have about the group.



Vestry nominations are open until January 15. If you feel called to the Vestry, please submit your desire in writing to the church office or to Pete Benham, Senior Warden, by that date.

St. George received lots of gifts for the Christmas Giving Tree, giving a joyful Christmas to local children who otherwise would not have had any presents. Thank you, everyone, for your generosity, and thank you, Thelma Sayers, for organizing this annual drive!



Soup recipes from December's Soup and Bread Lunch will be published in the February edition of the *Dragon Scoop*.

# Christmas 2016

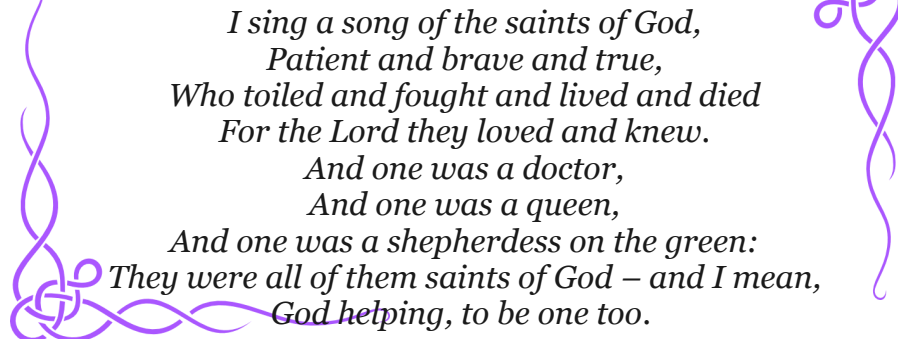
So many people made this a wonderful Christmas. Thanks especially to Father Jim Boston, Eucharistic Minister Steve Thomas, Acolytes Bill Riley, and Allan Romeril, Ushers David and Thelma Sayers, Lectors Pete Benham and Sue Phelps, Intercessor Margaret Thomas, Choir Director David Jones, Choir members Pete Benham, Roberta Hall, Betty Jo Hoffman, Sue Phelps, Karla Rody, Carolyn Spielman, Robert Spielman, and Leigh Van Sickle, Organist Jeanette Buxton, Pianist Hillary Hall, Altar Guild members Nancy Baum and Betty Jo Hoffman, and Photographer Charles Van Sickle. Pete Benham officiated at Lessons and Carols on Christmas Day. And thank you, parishioners and guests of St. George's Episcopal Church!



# Matthew 19:14

by Juliana Marez

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God  
by Lesbia Scott



*I sing a song of the saints of God,  
Patient and brave and true,  
Who toiled and fought and lived and died  
For the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor,  
And one was a queen,  
And one was a shepherdess on the green:  
They were all of them saints of God – and I mean,  
God helping, to be one too.*

I learned this song as a child at St. George's. It was a favorite of mine. It told me that I could aspire to great deeds; it gave me courage. Through the years the words have run through my mind as an inspiration. I will always hear it sung by our pastor at the time, Father Alfred Tyson.

In an article about this song C. Michael Hawn wrote:

“Lesbia Lesley Scott (1898-1986) wrote pedagogical and inspirational hymns for her three children during the 1920s. Many were written in response to the children's suggestions: ‘Mum, make a hymn for a picnic,’ or ‘Mum, make a hymn for a foggy day.’ Though these domestic expressions of family faith were never intended for publication, at least one of them appears to have had a life all its own. ‘I Sing a Song of the Saints of God’ was composed for All Saints’ Day. It stresses that saints not only lived in the distant past but also may live and work today as they carry out the everyday activities of their lives. Given the song's humble and domestic origins, the author was ‘a little disconcerted by its popularity,’ since this was neither her favorite hymn nor the favorite of her children. Evidently this was a concern held more broadly, according to British hymnologist Richard Watson, since the seemingly irreverent hymn ‘has disconcerted others too.’

“Born in Willesden in 1898, Lesbia Lesley Locket married John Mortimer Scott, a naval officer who served in two world wars, and who later became an Anglican vicar. She died in 1986.

“The hymn comes from the cultural context of rural England and captures some of these images. ‘One [saint] was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green.’ Stanza three originally read:

*You can meet them [saints] in school, or in lanes, or at sea,  
In a church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea.  
For the saints of God are just folks like me . . .*

“*The United Methodist Hymnal* contextualized the language written three quarters of a century ago in England for the North American hymn singer:

*You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store,  
In church, by the sea, in the house next door,  
They are saints of God, whether rich or poor . . .*

“The song is a particular favorite among Episcopal parishioners in the United States.”

# Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

## Anglican Cathedral English Mission Seoul, South Korea



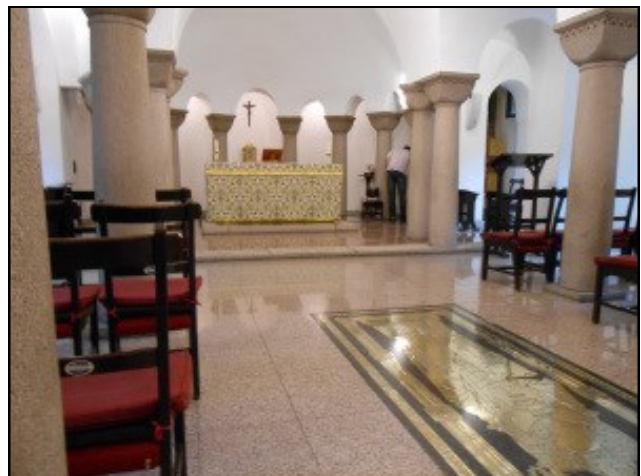
Seoul Anglican Cathedral English Mission is an Anglican church in South Korea and is a special ministry in its own right directly under the Bishop of Seoul. Anglican worship in English has been held on the present site since the predecessor, the Church of the Advent, celebrated Holy Communion in 1890.

The first missionaries learned Korean and translated the liturgy into the local language but the members of the foreign community in Seoul desired the Episcopal Church services in English. The present Cathedral is dedicated to St. Mary and St. Nicholas and was constructed in the mid-1920s and opened for public worship in May, 1926.

The Cathedral was designed by a British architect in a Romanesque style with hints of Korean architecture. Due to financial constraints, the Cathedral could not be finished and the “unfinished” building became a local landmark in downtown Seoul. In 1993 the architect’s original plans for the full Cathedral were discovered and this led to a drive by the now resurgent Korean Anglican Church to complete the Cathedral. This task was finished

and the dedication of the extended building according to the original plans was held in May 1996.

Around one hundred worshippers, both foreign and Korean, gather each Sunday for Holy Communion in English in the Crypt Chapel. At other times the Chapel is used for Korean language worship.



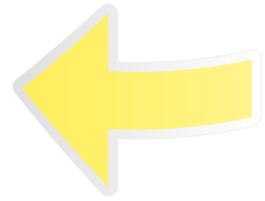
In a small space in a corner of the Crypt the remains of the first consecrated Korean Anglican Bishop are interred under the decorative floor piece.



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of warm winter clothing.  
Leave them in the box in  
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**Junior Warden: Steve Thomas**  
**Treasurer: Kathy Glockner**

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

## ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

**Sunday**  
**10:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist**  
**or Morning Prayer**

