



# The Dragon Scoop

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## Equipping the Saints

The Reverend Sara Fischer, Canon for Congregational Development of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon, met with the congregation on April 10. She led parishioners in a workshop based on the “Equipping the Saints” training in Ashland in February. This workshop was a less intensive and more accessible program where those in attendance learned about the life cycles of organizations and the different stages St. George has gone through and will be aiming towards.

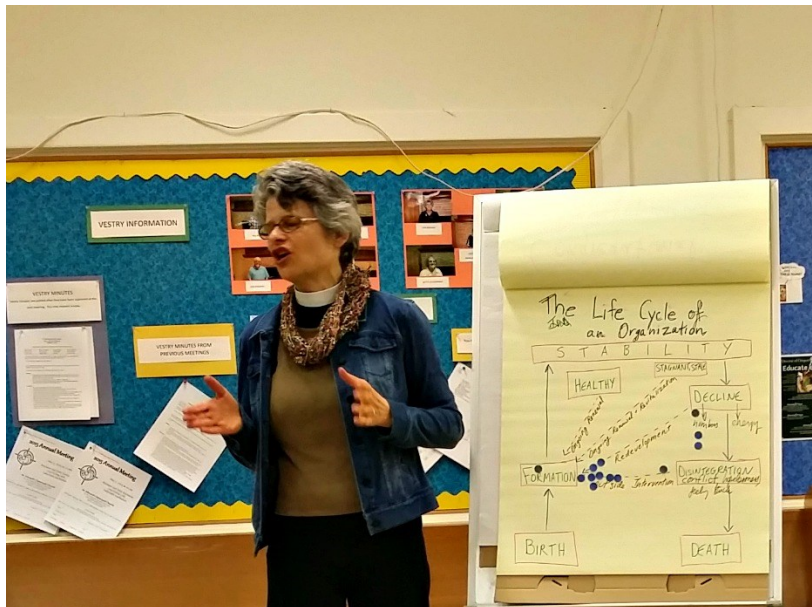
Attendees broke into small groups to chart the history and future of our church. Examples of their chapters in the life of St. George can be seen on pages 3-5. The next step in the process will be for the congregation to meet among ourselves. Rev. Sara will return after we have met and discussed these chapters.

Together we can believe,  
 together we can care,  
 together we can be the  
 difference that births the  
 breath of change.

~ The Right Reverend  
 Steven Charleston



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*“The future is calling us on like the wind in  
 sails of a ship in the storm.”*

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# Letter from Bishop Neff

**I**s everything that happens part of God's plan? Often this question is wrapped in a tragedy. Was it part of God's plan that a grandmother or mother or child died a horrible death?

Bad things can happen to truly good and decent people. Sometimes the bad things are caused by sin, as when greed leads to robbery or murder or when lust leads to adultery. Why is there sin in the world? From Genesis and the story of the snake in the Garden of Eden through Revelation and the story of Michael the Archangel we wrestle with the matter of sin and God's plan in the world. In the end, I believe that sin just is. It is part of the mysterious mix of living life with free will.

Sometimes bad things do happen, like when you get dementia or when the tire blows out at just the wrong time causing a horrible accident. I don't believe for a minute that God causes someone to get dementia or cancer or Lou Gehrig's disease as part of some divine plan.

At the same time, God did set up all creation and gave us the gift of free will so in that sense God shares in the responsibility.

I think that when bad things or absolutely horrible things are happening, God is there with us with compassion and understanding. Jesus died a horrible death by torture. He did not earn that death. But by that death it demonstrates that God in Christ understands suffering and abandonment and death.

I believe that God helps us sort it out and reflect on our experiences and helps us make new and good things out of the bad. I am not convinced that it was part of some divine plan that I was let go from my position in North Carolina, but as it happened we returned to Salem where I had a wonderful experience working with Bishop Ladehoff in this diocese for five years. We lived in the house in Salem where Dorothy had grown up. Our children were able to spend more time with their Powell grandparents and a set of their cousins who also lived in Salem.

In the Book of Genesis, when Joseph reveals himself to his brothers they are terrified, fearing retribution for selling him into slavery. Joseph reassures and forgives them by telling them that though what they did was meant for evil, God used it for good and saved the family and all of Egypt from famine.

In the Book of Ruth, there is the repeating phrase "and as it happened" to show the gentle hand of God in our lives.

And in the Gospel, the evil perpetrated against Jesus on Good Friday becomes the Resurrection three days later. The good news is this: that Jesus rose from the dead as a promise that in the end God will prevail. God is here with us offering compassion and companionship in the joys and in the sorrows of life.

And, finally I am here to tell you that I have peeked at the end of the Good Book and God wins.

Peace and Shalom,  
+Neff

Thank you, thank you  
to the person who printed our  
newsletter in color this month.  
St. George Episcopal Church is so grateful to you!

# Chapters in Our Church's Life

## Chapter 1 - The Beginning

We are the oldest church in Roseburg.  
The church was started without a priest,  
...so we went to Grants Pass and  
stole their priest. We have always  
been a church we can solve  
any problem

**Read the chapters**

## Chapter 2 The Hey Day

Father Tyson was here for 25 yrs.  
\* He wouldn't take a pay raise if  
we couldn't afford it.  
\* He was instrumental in building the  
part we're now in.  
\* We had a thriving youth group (25-30 kids)  
at that time.

Father Chet Falby was here for 15 yrs.  
(Both he & Fr. Tyson retired of their  
own accord.) He held 3 Sun. svs.  
\* He was big on christian education &  
community involvement.

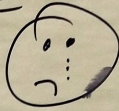
Father Sherman Hesselgrave

- \* Was a "go getter"
- \* We had 2 services
- \* Very musically oriented, good organist,
- \* Charismatic,
- \* Came out of the "closet"
- \* We lost about 1/2 of our congregation.
- \* He resigned w/ mutual agreement w/ congregation  
& the Bishop.

# Chapters 3 and 4

## Chapter 3

No body knows the  
Troubles we've SEEN



1. Changes in National Church Rules - ex:  
Society Changes  
loss of respect  
up Haval. anglican community  
in general  
Economy - lack of disposable income (timberland etc)

Culture changes -

In House problems -

Lack of effective communication & leadership  
Lack of community involvement from priest  
no encouragement or follow up - parishioners were  
floundering trying to hold us together  
spirituality & faith weakened causing membership  
decline which led to  
financial decline, stress & distress

disinterest and lack of engagement from the priest

## Reflect on the ideas

## Chapter 4 - The Present

Things are on the upswing!

Communication is improved ☺☺  
The vestry has open meetings;  
everyone is invited. Church finances  
are being communicated openly to  
the whole congregation. We have  
increased our sharing and  
pastoral care (prayer chain, hospital  
visits, home visits, etc). We've begun  
more ecumenical activities, such as  
the Maundy Thursday Seder Supper.  
More people are attending Sunday Service.

We have the peace now.

## Chapter 5

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"Here We Go — onward & upward"

- \* Youth in the Church - young families
- \* Stabilized Finances
- \* Take time To get a priest that fits our Congregation.
- \* Good Communication within the church
- \* More Community Involvement
- \* Welcoming and Loving Church
- \* Being more Visible in the Community
- \* Encourage Strong Lay Leadership Liturgical
- \* Join in events of other ~~liturgical~~ Churches
- \* A good Support System for future Priest
- \* More events within the Congregation (Men's Group)?
- \* Christian Education be revitalized

**Decide on your vision for St. George**

# Easter Worship 2015



“The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”  
Karra Manuel was baptized by Bishop Neff during the service.  
Her sons helped give the benediction.

# Easter Fellowship 2015



A special thank you to Jeannie Burpee (pictured at right), Jon Burpee, and Mik Carlson for cleaning up the church grounds for Easter.



# Episcopal Church Women



**The ECW Spring Rummage Sale** is coming up! We will set up the tables and room dividers after church on April 26 and you can start bringing your donations on Monday the 27th. We will be sorting and pricing all week—Monday through Thursday from 9:00-2:00—and we can always use help with that.

The sale will be **Friday, May 1, 9:00-4:00** and **Saturday, May 2, 9:00-noon**. Saturday shoppers will be able to fill a bag with clothing for \$1. We will pack up the leftover stuff at noon. We appreciate your help and donations!

ECW will be the guests of Carolyn Lee in May. We don't have a program set, but we will be having elections. Watch for more information in the church bulletin.

~ Betty Jo Hoffman, ECW Co-President

Dan Latham from the Oregon Department of Transportation was invited to the ECW meeting on April 16 to discuss the Highway 138 Corridor construction. Here are some of the points he made in his presentation:

- The project will cost about \$11 million. It was too expensive to build the flyover that was originally proposed (\$70 million).
- Work will begin after Graffiti Weekend in mid-July and will be finished by October of 2016.
- Most of the work will be done on weekdays. At least one lane will always be open in the work area during the day so there may be delays but no closures.
- Some of the changes include making two left-turn lanes from Diamond Lake onto Stephens so people can get to I5 without having to change lanes. There will be a left-turn lane east onto Douglas from Stephens. There will be lots more overhead directional signs, some realigning of streets, new streetlights, better bikes lanes, new left-turn lanes throughout, bridge improvements, and repaving.
- Details and maps can be found online at [www.roseburg138.com](http://www.roseburg138.com).
- This project is separate from the one the City is undertaking in the Roseburg downtown area from July to early October.



Mother's Day, May 10, is **HAT DAY**. Ladies, wear your favorite hat to church; and men, bring your favorite hat to wear in the Parish Hall.

## Mother's Day vs. Father's Day Challenge from ECW

Here is a challenge to support the Fish Pantry. Which Sunday will produce the most baby items and money, Mother's Day or Father's Day? Start planning your strategy so when these special Sundays come around, you will be ready.

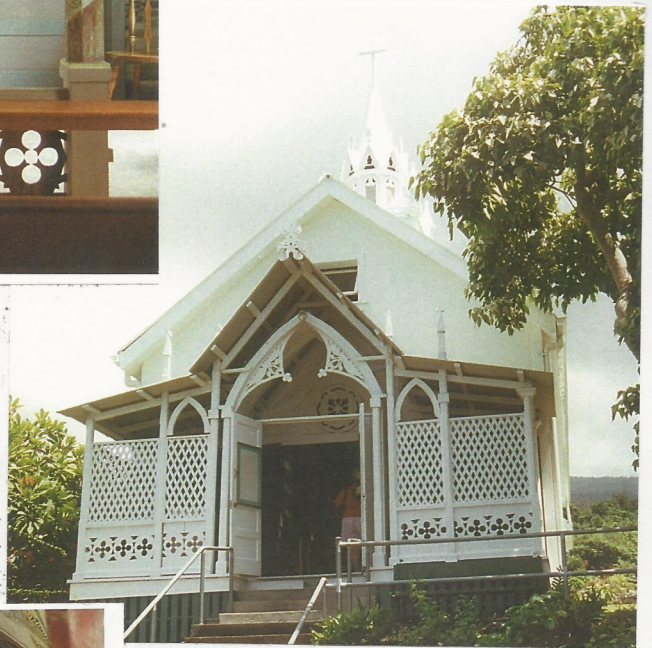
This challenge is not between fathers and mothers, but between **SUNDAYS**. Everyone, please bring your donations on **BOTH** Sundays. Of course, the babies will be the winners!

# Wonderful World

by Bob Robins

## ST. BENEDICT'S PAINTED CHURCH

Another interesting small church is St. Benedict's Catholic Church (also called The Painted Church)) in Honaunau, Kona, on the Big Island of Hawaii. It was built between 1899 and 1902 under the direction of Belgian Catholic missionary Father John Velghe. He was an untrained folk-artist, who then painted various biblical scenes and frescoes along the interior ceiling and walls. The church is listed on the U.S. National Registry of Historical Places.



# Matthew 19:14

by Juliana Marez



Loud are the bells of Norwich and the people come and go.  
Here by the tower of Julian, I tell them what I know.

CHORUS: Ring out, bells of Norwich, and let the winter come and go  
All shall be well again, I know.

Love, like the yellow daffodil, is coming through the snow.  
Love, like the yellow daffodil, is Lord of all I know. CHORUS

Ring for the yellow daffodil, the flower in the snow.  
Ring for the yellow daffodil, and tell them what I know. CHORUS

All shall be well, I'm telling you, let the winter come and go  
All shall be well again, I know.

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All shall be well, I'm telling you, let the winter come and go  
All shall be well again, I know.

This song of hope and the great love of God is associated with Dame Julian of Norwich. The return of spring gives us a reason to renew our faith and rededicate our efforts.

Julian dared to say that the relationship of God to mankind was similar to that of mother and child. The trust, the selflessness, the deep spiritual bond is similar but to those in power at the time this seemed impossible. We get chances to experience that here on earth as a child and as a parent, aunt or uncle, or grandparent. Jesus didn't reserve his teachings to one particular age group, social group or sex.

*John 4:23-26:*

Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, "The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the

Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ).

"When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

There is enough for all.

Julian of Norwich (1342–1416) was an English anchoress who is regarded as one of the most important Christian mystics. She is venerated in the Anglican and Lutheran churches, but has never been canonized or beatified. Written around 1395, her work, *Revelations of Divine Love*, is the first book in the English language known to have been written by a woman. Her feast day is May 8.

~ Wikipedia

Juliana works with Homeless and Runaway Youth Services and Native American Services for Roseburg School District 4. She has chosen Matthew 19:14 for the title of her column:

*but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them;  
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."*

# Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

## Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, British Columbia

Christ Church Cathedral is the cathedral church of the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster. The first services were held in 1888 without any church buildings. Christ Church's basement was built in 1889 but by 1891 the unfinished building was becoming an eyesore. So after an intensive financing scheme was developed, the cornerstone was finally laid in July 1894.

Over the years plans had been drawn up to build a bell tower, but before this could be built, city by-laws changed to where church bells were restricted.

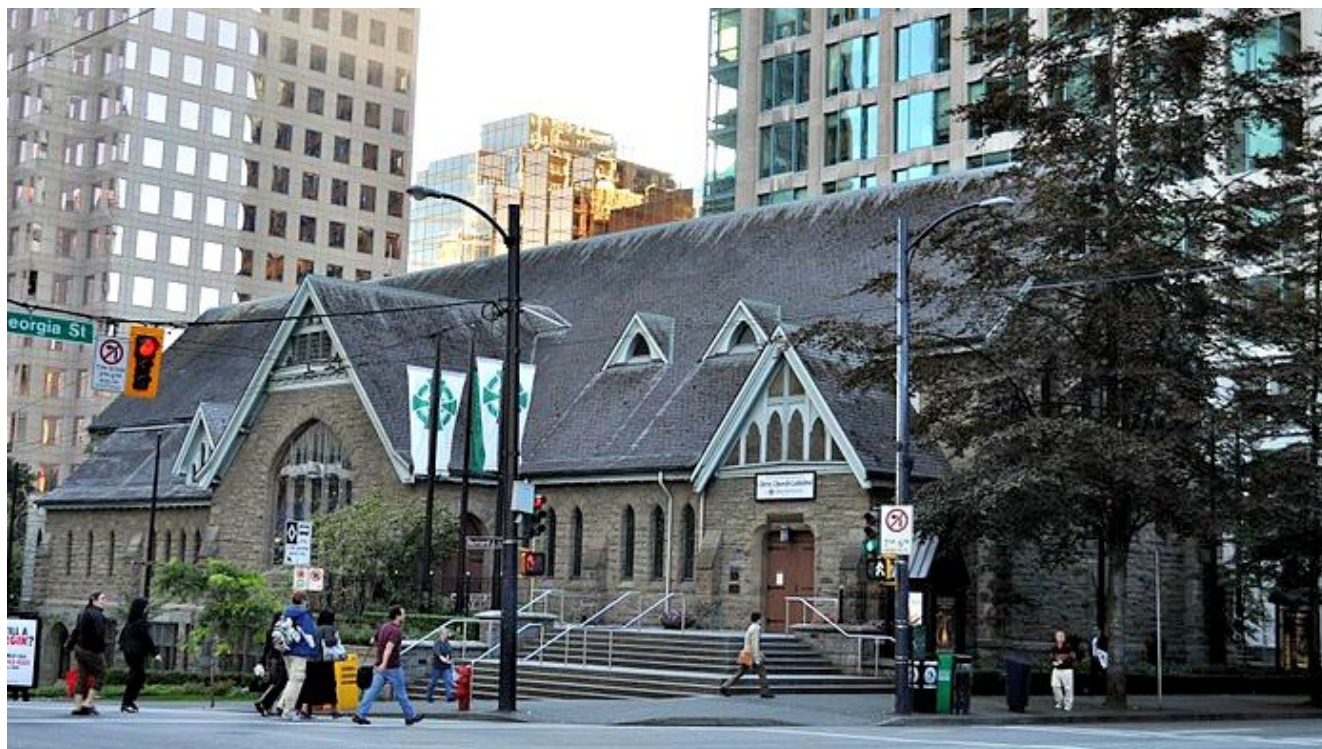
By 1911 the first organ was worn out and was replaced by one manufactured by Wurlitzer. This one was replaced in 1949 and then this too was replaced in 2004 by a 2,500 pipe organ.

The church membership voted in 1971 to demolish the building and to build a multi-story high rise tower complex. However, due to strong opposition and intensive lobbying, the plan was rejected and the building was listed as a Class A Heritage building.

The church was built in the Gothic style with cedar ceilings and old growth Douglas fir floors. So in the present day, this design stands out in comparison to the modern buildings in downtown Vancouver.

The Celtic Cross features prominently both inside and out and represents the roots of the Anglican Communion in the British Isles.

There is a wide range of music used in the worship and Holy Communion is celebrated using both the Book of Common Prayer and the Book of Alternative Services.





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

**ST. GEORGE WORSHIP**

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

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

