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“Loving God, Loving Our
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Worshipping with Bishop Michael



*Left to right: Eucharistic Minister Pete Benham,
Father Jim Boston, Bishop Michael Hanley,
Deacon Jim Jenkins, Acolyte Sue Phelps,
the Reverend Nancy Gallagher, Acolyte Frank Graham.*

*More information and pictures on the Bishop's Visitation
can be found on page 6.*

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Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

I am still having a great time! I see so much energy, hope, skill, and devotion in this parish. It is a privilege to serve in your midst.

Clergy conference, a few weeks ago, was outstanding. The Reverend Scott Gunn was our speaker. He is director of Forward Movement, the source of Forward Day by Day, and many tracts and books. One of the things we learned was the centrality of the Bible. There are lots of ways that parishes can encourage Bible reading. I hope we can prepare some plans through the upcoming summer. It is a good time to bring a friend to church.

Speaking of summer, as clergy usually tell folks at this time of year, God does not take vacations. The only time to skip church is for a reason which is, as the Orthodox say, "worthy of a blessing." That means sickness, urgent errands of mercy, and circumstances that are truly beyond our control. Of course, people do take vacations. Do enjoy yours. When you attend worship on your summer travels, bring back bulletins. We will make a display of them. Photos are welcome as well.

As we discussed at coffee hour on April 10, there will be some variety in our summer Sunday Eucharists. Some of those present loved Rite One, others loved each of the four Eucharistic prayers for Rite Two. Various folks were not enthusiastic about Rite One and Eucharistic prayers C (the "space" one) and D (the long one based on the ancient liturgy of St. James). We will have a bit of each, talk some more, and then make plans for the fall.

Music is central to our worship. It is a joy to have Jeanette Buxton back at the organ keyboard. I would like your requests for hymns. They can be from the *Hymnal 1982*, *Gather*, or anyplace else. Drop a note or use the cards in the pews. We will use as many of your suggestions as we can through the summer and early fall, the long "green" season of Sundays after Pentecost.

I plan to visit, or have a meal with, as many of you as possible through the summer months. You can invite me, or I will be inviting myself.

This month Pam and I will be attending the annual conference of the Global Episcopal Mission Network (GEMN), of which I am currently president. The conference is May 18-21 in Ponce, Puerto Rico. We need to go early for the Board meeting. So, on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, Father Tom Murphy will help you celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. I plan to be here to celebrate Trinity Sunday, May 22, but the connections are tight, so there is a backup plan. I expect to have lots to share from the conference, including words from our new Presiding Bishop, who will be the keynoter.

Please pray for me, as I will for you. Blessings.

In Christ,

Fr. Jim+

February & March Vestry Meetings

Class of 2017	Nancy Baum	Pete Benham	Steve Thomas
Class of 2018	Jean Bowden	Bill Riley	Bob Spielman
Class of 2019	Mike Brossia	Sue Phelps	David Sayers

Sunday, February 7, 2016

All Vestry members were in attendance, as well as Father Jim Boston and Margaret Thomas, Clerk.

Father Jim said his energy is focused on having a good Lent and that he plans to reach out to inactive parishioners and encourage them to come back to St. George. Also, he will meet with the pastors of Faith Lutheran, First Presbyterian, and First Christian churches. He said St. George is a great parish, and we will work through our challenges.

The vandalism problems were discussed and whether we want/need to install a security system. David Sayers will form a committee to investigate security systems and determine what would be most effective for the church property.

On February 20, in Grants Pass, there will a Southern Convocation meeting regarding finances. The meeting is for church members with positions of financial responsibility and interested parishioners. Pete, Steve, Margaret, Nancy, Sue, and David will attend.

Thursday, March 17, 2016

All Vestry members except for Steve Thomas (excused) were in attendance, as well as Father Jim Boston.

The Vestry voted to approve the appointment of Pete Benham as Senior Warden.

Four people were named as possible delegates to the Southern Oregon Convocation in April.

A motion was approved to pay the DPA (Diocesan Program Assessment) for January, February, and March to keep us current for 2016. Father Jim will inquire about how best to handle the past-due DPA.

The Parochial Report was approved.

Security cameras have been paid for by an anonymous donor. The \$15 per hour installation cost will be taken from the church maintenance line item. The rest of the proposed security will be done in steps.

All paid lay staff and Lay Eucharistic Ministers are required to have background checks. Paid staff and those working with children must attend a SAFE Church training class.

Pete will get at bid from C & B Striping for restriping the parking lot.

Hellene Chapman—Portals to the Dawn

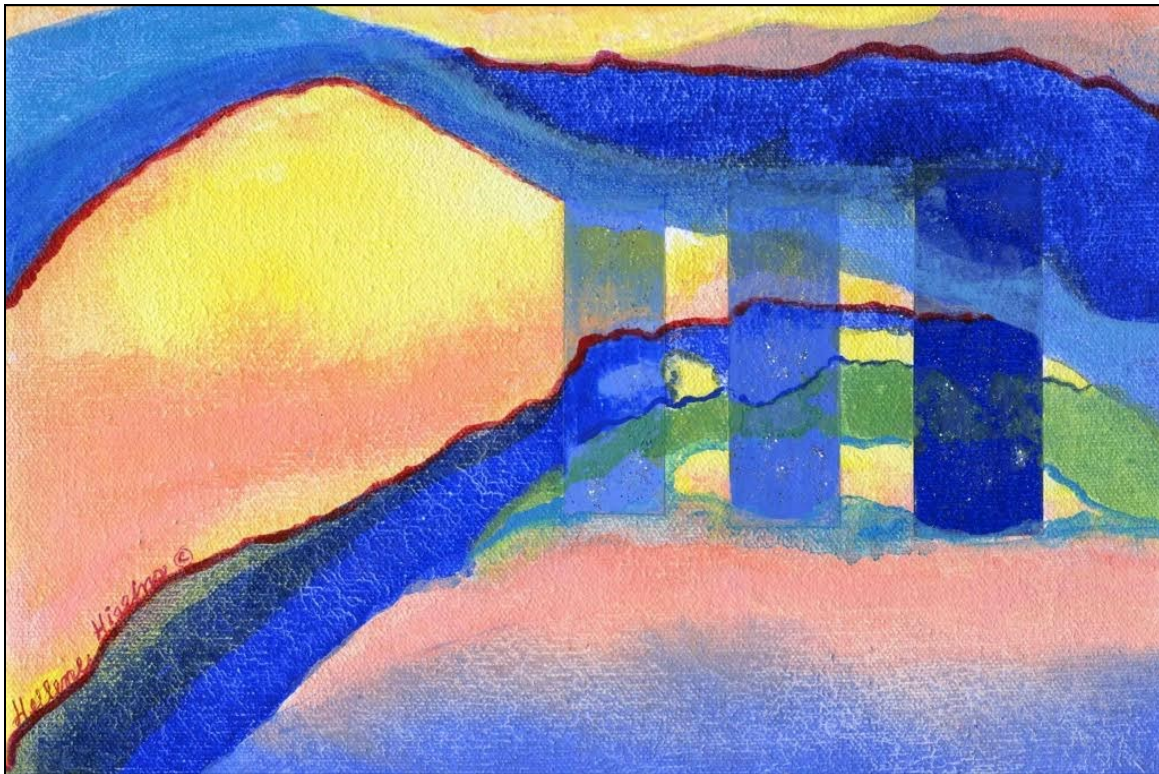
St. George parishioner Hellene Higgins Chapman's 9" x 12" acrylic painting—PORTALS TO THE DAWN—has been accepted into the art show "Diocesan Artists 2016" at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland. The exhibition is "a gathering of artistic expressions from the Episcopal Churches of Western Oregon" and runs from May 13 to May 15.

Hellene studied art at Mills College, CA and at Northern Arizona University, where she received a Master of Studio Arts degree and a BFA degree with Special Honors in painting. Other awards include a Gore Grant for Artists and First Place Ribbons at the Flagstaff Art Center and the Tristate Annual Art Exhibit in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Her work has been in juried shows and galleries in California, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, and England.

One's View—Hellene's Statement about her Art

I've always been drawn to the colors I see around me, especially when the weather is crystal clear and the sun lights up everything it touches, making it vibrate with life.

Not wishing to copy nature, I want to paint what I feel. I don't paint with a completed idea in mind, but a starting point. I allow my feelings about the colors to dictate the process and am awed when the results are more than I had anticipated.



PORTALS TO THE DAWN

"Life presents us with challenges, both within ourselves and outside ourselves. Opportunities present themselves as windows or portals through which we can pass. The portals lead us to the bright colors of a new day, as the stars fade in the new light."

Ministry Fair

Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Father Jim and Pam Boston, with help from our local veterans, will lead a “Ministry Fair” at St. George. It is modeled on one being done for the Episcopal churches in Portland. There will be a light luncheon following.

The first hour will train all in the art of greeting and ushering and introduce the skills involved in reading lessons and prayers in worship. The second hour will provide training for acolytes, Eucharistic ministers, and Eucharist visitors. For the latter two ministries some additional training will be needed.

Feel free to come for all or part of the event. Even if you are experienced in these things, you can help others and you are likely to pick up some new tips. All are welcome.

Are You Called to This Position?

St. George is in need of a new Clerk of the Vestry. Check with the Office if you are interested.

The by-laws of St. George Episcopal Church require the Clerk to attend all meetings of the Vestry and of the Parish. The Clerk, together with the Parish Administrator, is responsible for keeping the minutes of Vestry meetings and parish meetings, for correspondence related to Vestry business and for maintaining Vestry records, and to perform other tasks as the Vestry may assign. At the Annual Meeting the Clerk distributes the ballots to the legal voters. The term of the Clerk shall expire at the adjournment of the Annual Meeting. The Clerk may or may not be a member of the Vestry.

Flowers and Treats

We are in need of people to sign up for coffee hour “goodies.” They can be as simple as store-bought cookies or wherever your imagination takes you. The signup sheet is right by the kitchen over the coffee donation box which, by the way, is also in need of donations.

We also need flower donations starting May 1 and going forward. The signup sheet for those is near the drinking fountain. Be sure to let the Office or Margaret Thomas know if your flowers are honoring something or someone so it can be put in the bulletin. Remember, if you want Sue Phelps and Penny Johnson to help you, talk to Sue.

Thank you for all of your past enthusiastic contributions, and we look forward to more or new ones.

The beautiful altar display on the right was provided by David and Marcia Jackson, who said, “These flowers are a prayer for the abused children of Douglas County.”



Bishop Michael's Visitation



April 3, the Second Sunday in Easter

The Right Reverend Michael Hanley, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon, presided over Holy Communion. He was assisted by the Reverend Nancy Gallagher, Priest-in-Charge at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit in Sutherlin, by the Reverend Deacon Jim Jenkins from St. Matthew's in Eugene, and by our own Father Jim Boston.

The congregation included Holy Spirit parishioners, and we renewed our baptismal vows together.

The service was followed by fellowship and a delicious potluck.



Episcopal Church Women

By Betty Jo Hoffman

At the March meeting

- We discussed the upcoming rummage sale, as well as food for Bob Robins' service, for the Bishop's visit, and for Easter.
- We also discussed having a private contractor build our coffee cabinet.
- We voted to donate \$300 for the News Review's program, "Newspapers in Education." Newspapers are placed in the schools and teachers use them in various ways to connect the students to current events. With our donation comes an opportunity to have St. George's name in the paper twice a month in the "Thank You" ad.
- Our March program was to sit in on the Vestry meeting.



In April

- We discussed the last-minute details of our rummage sale (which needed to be moved one week earlier).
- We talked about the estimate from Scott Taylor for our coffee cabinet. We made some changes and will submit them to him.
- Our program was a very interesting presentation by Scott Lightcap about a program for disabled veterans using veterans and others who love to fish. It is called "Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing." This is a national program but has just been brought to Douglas County by Scott. They always need donations to fund equipment and outings. If you like to fly fish, they can always use volunteers. If you know veterans having difficulty, tell them about this program.

FISH Report

The results are in for the April 9 Roseburg Food Project pick up day. FISH of Roseburg collected 10,421 pounds of food from 630 donors coordinated by 66 neighborhood coordinators.

The organization recently received a \$7,200 grant award for its children's medication assistance program from the Mercy Foundation. This program provides financial assistance for covering the cost of medicine that is prescribed by medical practitioners for children of low-income households in Douglas County.



EPISCOPALIAN TERMINOLOGY

PROCESSION:

The ceremonial formation at the beginning of the worship service consisting of crucifer, acolytes, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

HOLY WATER:

A liquid whose chemical formula is H₂OLY.

INCENSE:

Holy Smoke!

BULLETIN:

Your receipt for attending the worship service.

The Anglican Rosary

This summer parishioners Carolyn Spielman and Margo Wilkins will give a workshop here at St. George on how to make and use Anglican rosaries. They will be assisted by Father Jim's wife, Pam Boston. The time will be announced later.

The Reverend Rick Millsap of Trinity Episcopal Church in Reno, Nevada, has written an excellent introduction to the practice here: www.trinityreno.org/anglican%20rosary.pdf Following are some highlights from his guide.

- Prayer beads or other counting devices have been used in every major religious tradition since ancient times.
- The Anglican rosary was developed in the 1980s as a means to aid contemplative prayer and mediation. It gives the mind something tactile to help it focus better.
- A single prayer can be repeated, several different prayers can be used in a pattern, or a series of spiritual themes can be meditated upon. You can create your own prayers if you wish.

An Anglican rosary consists of thirty-three beads divided into groups. There are four groups of seven beads (called weeks) with additional separate and larger "cruciform" beads separating the groups. The number thirty-three signifies the number of years Christ lived on earth, while the number seven signifies wholeness or completion in the faith, the days of creation, and the seasons of the Church year.



United Thank Offering Boxes

It is not too late to contribute. If you forgot your "Mite Box" on the ingathering Sunday, you can bring it or a check now. If you would like to continue the habit you started with the box, you can pick up another one or continue to use the one you emptied and we will gather them in in the Fall. It's fun and a great way to help others in need.



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Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

Saint Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore and Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley, Falkland Islands

Saint Andrew's Cathedral

St. Andrew's church is the Anglican cathedral of the Diocese of Singapore and is the mother church of 26 parishes and six deaneries throughout Asia.



The original church on the site was built in 1836 but only remained until 1842, when a new one was built. This second church had rumors of unhappy spirits and after two lightning strikes it too was demolished.

The foundation stone of the present building was laid in 1856 with the consecration in 1862. The design is Neo-Gothic and is based on aspects of Netley Abbey, a thirteenth century church in Netley, England

Within the cathedral, mounted on a column, is a cross made of iron nails from the ruins of the 14th century Coventry Cathedral in England. Also, there is a portion of the carpet used in Westminster Abbey during the coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1953. These items express the affiliation with the Anglican Church in England.

Christ Church Cathedral

Christ Church Cathedral is the southernmost Anglican cathedral in the world and is the parish church of the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and the British Antarctic Territories.

The office of the Bishop of the Falkland Islands is held ex officio by the Archbishop of Canterbury. In practice this authority is passed to an Archbishop's Commissary, who at present is also the Bishop of Lambeth, England.

The church was built of local stone in 1892 on the site of a previous church. In front of the church is a whalebone arch, which was erected in 1933, and is a monument to commemorate the centenary of British rule in the Falkland Islands.





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Senior Warden: Pete Benham
Junior Warden: Steve Thomas
Treasurer: Frank Graham

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

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer

