



# The Dragon Scoop

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**Mission Statement:**  
"Loving God, Loving Our  
Neighbors"

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You

### Dates to Remember



#### All Saints' Day

#### Consultant Visitation

This year we will celebrate All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 2. The Right Reverend Neff Powell will be presiding.

This is the day we invite you to bring pictures of someone who was a saint for you sometime in your life. We display the pictures on a table in front of the altar with candles which will be lit during the service. This year we would like you to bring them in early to the parish hall so we can give them a name plaque. Then after the service we will bring the photos into the parish hall so everyone can see them up close and try to guess who belongs to whom.

On October 5th the Vestry met with Dan and Linda Martin. They are consultants chosen by Bishop Michael to help us through the transformation here at the church. The Martins will be here on November 16 at 11:30 a.m. to share thoughts and ideas and to assist us with any problems we have in this ongoing process. They have had a great deal of experience in this area and all conversation with them is confidential. Please attend and help our church move forward.

~ Donna Litherland  
Senior Warden

*Thus, All Saints' Day is tied in with the belief in the Communion of Saints, that all of God's people, in this earthly life and in the various states of the larger life, are connected in one communion. In other words, traditional Christians believe that the Saints of God are just as alive as you and I, and are constantly praying on our behalf.*

~ The Rev. Leo Joseph,  
Priest-in-Charge of St. John's,  
Lakeport, CA. October 25, 2011



"Please God, bless all those who have been so hurt by their community of faith that they feel they can never return; bless those who have been so steadfast in their faith that we would call them saints; bless the doubters who are not sure they can commit to a belief; bless the activists who are so motivated by what they believe that they take risks in your holy name; bless those who have just stepped over the threshold of faith for the first time; bless the wise elders of our communities who keep wisdom alive; bless the musicians and the singers who grace our worship. Please God, bless all your people, wherever they may be along the Way."

~ The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston, Choctaw

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# Letter from Bishop Neff

## Please Please Please

Please, please, please do yourself, your family, and your friends a favor and make sure that you have a current will and funeral plans.

Every priest I know has had the experience of a parishioner dying without having left any instructions as to what they wanted at their funeral. This lack of forethought frequently adds stress to a family in an already very difficult and stressful time. In the absence of instructions, sometimes funeral plans are made by well-meaning family members that are at odds with what their church family knew to be the deceased person's spiritual life and practices.

Write down what you want for your funeral and leave your plans where they will be easily found and discuss your plans with someone who can help see that they are followed. Often people leave a copy at their church. I am so grateful that my parents had written out their funeral plans, including their wish for the Eucharist and their choices for lessons and hymns. Following their wishes was a comfort to my three brothers and me.

I know one rector who told his congregation, "If you don't leave funeral plans, I'm going to use the new Lord's Prayer." He was kidding, but he made his point.

In addition, please, please, please make sure you have a current will. If you have a current will, you will be doing your heirs a great favor. Remember, if you do not have a will, the State of Oregon has prepared one for you.

Again, every priest I know has a story of someone who died without a will, which left their friends and family wondering what their wishes really were.

Finally, there is a very wise, and little noted rubric in *The Book of Common Prayer* (page 445) which I bring to your attention:

*The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, and not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.*

Remember the Church in your will. You will never miss it. I promise.

Grace and Peace,

+Neff Powell



**Bishop Michael's  
Visitation  
October 5, 2014**



# Food for Body and Soul

## Quick Apple Dumplings

- 2 medium Granny Smith apples
- 1 (8-ounce) package refrigerated crescent roll dough
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup very finely chopped walnuts

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease an 8 inch square baking dish.
2. Peel and core apples. Cut each apple into fourths. Unroll and separate crescent roll dough. Wrap each apple section in a crescent roll. Place in pan. Sprinkle with cinnamon.
3. Combine butter, sugar and orange juice in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Pour over dumplings. Sprinkle walnuts over top.
4. Bake 30 minutes or until crust is golden and beginning to bubble and apples are just tender when pierced with a fork.
5. To serve, spoon some of the syrup from the baking dish over the dumplings. Serve with ice cream, if desired. (Serves 8)

~ Faye Benham

## The Baker's Prayer

Oh, Mighty Creator,  
Look upon your servant with kindness,  
That the work of my hands may be good!

Bless those who sowed,  
And those who reaped;  
Bless, too, the patient miller,  
And those who will eat these loaves.

Make me a conduit of Thy care –  
A server of Thy love:  
Be in me the leaven of my life,  
That I,  
    like these loaves,  
        may rise to Thy glory.  
                    Amen

~ Rick Williams





# Wonderful World

## What a Wonderful World Our God Has Given Us!

Some observations by Bob Robins about visiting Greece and Turkey and discovering some of the “Footsteps of St. Paul”

It has been my good fortune to be able to enjoy travel to a number of European areas. Upon our retirement, my wife and I determined that a tour of Greece, the Aegean Sea, and a little bit of Turkey would offer us a wonderful vacation, a look at some historic places, and a nice short cruise — and what an experience it was!

- ◆ We stood at the base of the partially reconstructed Parthenon in Athens and could look across at the “Hill of Ares,” where the Apostle Paul was questioned by the Council of Aeropagus, an assembly of aristocrats that usually opposed the democratic assembly.
- ◆ We stood in the ruins of ancient Corinth at about the spot where Paul addressed the Corinthians.



- ◆ We quietly admired the modern baptismal arrangements now at the stream near Philippi where the Apostle probably had baptised Lydia and her household, the first European converts to Christianity.



- ◆ We viewed the cave in Philippi claimed to be where Paul and Silas were imprisoned and survived a great earthquake. (Doubtful site, but a great tourist attraction!)



- ◆ We enjoyed a delicious Greek luncheon meal at Veria (the ancient Borea) where Paul preached the new faith to the Jewish community in 54 A.D.
- ◆ We visited two churches in Thessaloniki, a city that Paul visited in 51 A.D., and where he was compelled to leave by the fanaticism of some of the Jews.
- ◆ We admired the beautiful “Harbour of St. Paul” on the island of Rhodes where the Apostle is believed to have once landed, and enjoyed looking up at the old Acropolis high on the rocky point above.
- ◆ We stood in the great theater at Ephesus, where Paul was almost killed by the silversmiths for his preaching against the cult of Artemis (Diana). One of the many outdoor theaters in the area, the acoustics in these structures of stone is astonishing.



# Parish Notes

Thelma Sayers reminds us that it will soon be time for our Christmas Tree Gifts for Children project. We should have the names of 35 children by Thanksgiving, so be ready for the joy and blessings of picking out gifts for these young people.

Daylight Savings Time ends November 2. Don't forget to set your clocks back.



Luella Cox will be playing for services through Christmas. And the Dragon Scoop has been reliably informed that some big musical surprises are coming up for St. George!

Sign up in the Parish Hall or call the office to supply flowers for the altar.



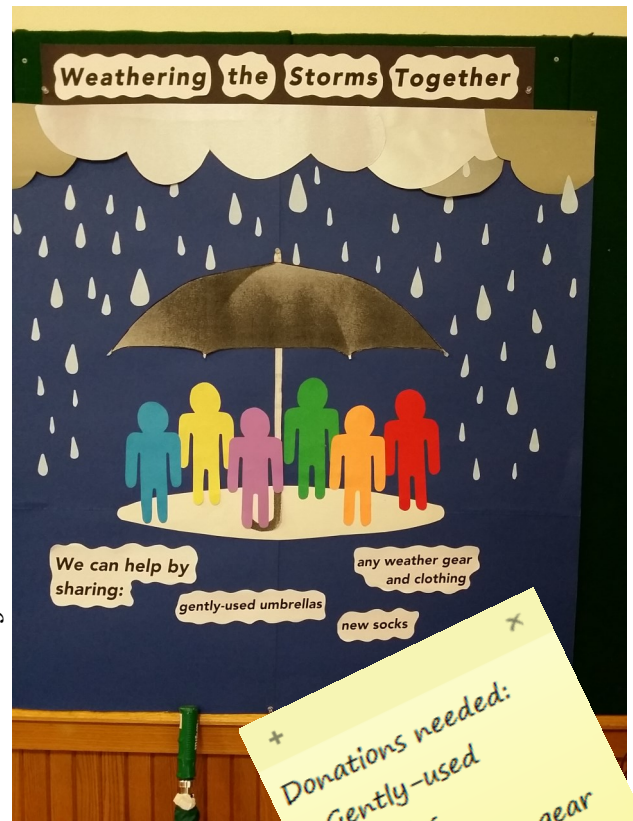
## FISH Report

St. George will participate in the FISH food drive on November 8. Every year FISH has three food drives where the participating churches go out to the local grocery stores to collect donations of nonperishable goods.

This will be the "winter food drive." St. George will be at Albertsons. There will be three shifts (10:00 to noon, noon to 2:00, 2:00 to 4:00). Anyone interested in helping can contact me at 541-464-0634.

Also, if there is anyone interested in volunteering to work at the FISH warehouse, please contact Joe at 541-234-4736. People are welcome to come in once a week for a few hours or be put on a substitute list to only work occasionally.

~ Mik Carlson



Bulletin board by Mik Carlson

Donations needed:

- \* Gently-used umbrellas
- \* Cold weather gear and clothing
- \* New socks



## Episcopal Church Women

ECW met on Thursday, October 16. We were pleased to hear that our rummage sale netted about \$1116. Keeping with our desire to donate 10%, we voted to send \$200 to Samaritan House, which is the women's facility for the Roseburg Mission. They are moving to a larger space and need funds.

We also voted to purchase new coffee thermoses which are supposed to keep coffee hot longer.

Doug Holloway talked with us about "First Issue Covers." He is a stamp collector and explained that these are envelopes with First Issue Stamps on them which have been cancelled by the Post Office. They are from various places all over the world and are issued for all kinds of celebrations and events. It was very interesting and he brought some to give to each of us.

Our next meeting will be the third Thursday in November (November 20).



~ BJ Hoffman, Co-President

## Matthew 19:14

Every weekend in October, volunteers from every walk of life gather at the "Pumpkin Patch" at Wildlife Safari to raise scholarship money for children whose lives have been touched by cancer. Getting to know the other volunteers through the years I have learned that each one has a loved one who inspired them to do so. It is a day to forget your sadness and do something for hope. Many of the would-be campers come to join in the fun; my students get a sense of compassion for others. Those children are a living lesson in courage.

Having just attended a workshop at the Episcopal Church in Sutherlin about the meaning in fairytales, I had to recall how important stories are in summoning courage. Daniel and the Lion's Den, David and Goliath, and Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane were stories that I have recalled from Sunday school that gave me courage in my life.

Children rely on us to teach them courage in our thoughts, words, and acts. They rely on us to pass

the torch of these stories to them. We rely on them to remember us and our courage to do what's right.

One participant in the workshop told an Algonquin story that I asked to share: the story of a little duck named Shingabiss. He faced down the cruel Northwind with his faith. Even when the Northwind came right in his front door, little Shingabiss continued to go about his chores and did not lose faith. Thwarted, the Northwind came to believe that a greater power was with this courageous little duck. Thank you, Jim Anderson, for this story.

"Bring on your ice, and snow, and mist!  
You cannot scare brave Shingabiss!"

These are the stories that we offer our children for courage and faith.



~ Juliana Marez

# Cathedrals of the World

## St. Andrew's Cathedral Sydney, Australia



St. Andrew's Cathedral is the cathedral church of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney and is the seat of the Archbishop of Sydney, Australia.

The first foundation stones were laid in 1819 but then further building was soon abandoned. New foundations were laid in 1837 but as the original layout was rather small, the architect had to use a style known as Perpendicular Gothic, similar to the style of Canterbury Cathedral. The building was consecrated on St. Andrew's Day (November 30) 1868.

The interior has a sense of grandeur, in part due to the lofty hammerbeam roof.



*A hammerbeam roof is a decorative, open timber roof truss typical of English Gothic architecture.*

The stained glass windows represent parables of Jesus and include those at which the Apostle Andrew was present.

The cathedral was traditionally oriented on an east-west axis, with the main door to the west and the sanctuary to the east. Over time this was found to be unsatisfactory as outside a main thoroughfare was put in on one side and a tram line was built on the other side. So in 1941 the interior was reoriented. However, in 1999 the interior was restored to the original layout and the sanctuary was moved back to the east end.

One of the treasures of the cathedral is the Great Bible, printed in 1539 and donated to St. Andrew's by a parish in England in the 1950s.

The organ consists of parts of two organs, one having been installed originally in 1866 and the other in 1932. The cathedral has a peal of 12 bells, cast in England and installed in 1965 and which are rung each Sunday morning.

~ Doug Holloway

Do you have pictures of parish events that you took with your phone or digital camera? You can email them to [saintgeorgepix@gmail.com](mailto:saintgeorgepix@gmail.com) if you would like them to be considered for the Dragon Scoop or Facebook.

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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**

