



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



Picnic!



1. Meeting as a church out of doors is an affirmation and celebration of God as creator of the world.
2. Informal togetherness, especially involving recreation, cultivates the unity of God's people, which we are commanded to maintain.
3. A leisurely afternoon together affirms the need for rest and re-creation.

from “Toward a Theology of Church Picnics” by Pastor John Piper, June 6, 1983

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/toward-a-theology-of-church-picnics>

If picnics don't have to do with God we may as well close up shop. Either all we do has to do with God or he is not God. “Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do (like picnics), do all to the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31). “Whatever you do, in word or deed (like picnics), do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Colossians 3:17).

More photos from the August 26 Parish Picnic on page 10.

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Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

Summer seems to have flown by. We had a great picnic in August, with special thanks to Kathy Glockner for hosting us and to all who brought food. And it was comfortable outside! We did not have much nice outside weather in Grants Pass.

This summer we bade farewell to Fr. Robert Lonergan and Allan Romeril, both beloved at St. George's. And, the news has been mostly depressing. So where is the good news?

Let me count the ways we have experienced good news:

- Dedicated and competent firefighters and their associates.
- Some easing of the violence in South Sudan, Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan.
- Fewer people in the world are hungry.
- The privilege, each Sunday, of Eucharist, great music, and awesome coffee hours.
- The post-recession economic recovery is still chugging along.
- Reasonably capable government locally, in the state, and nationally.
- The FISH food program prospers with great volunteers and generous donations.
- I have the comfort of not needing to drive to and from Roseburg. Pam drives.

- St. George's is an alert, fun, generous, loving bunch of people. And the budget is in the black.
- The Parish Profile is out and we commission the Search Committee on September 9.
- Every one of us is blessed with enough food and water, decent housing, and medical care.
- Knowing that we are loved by God, and saved by Christ Jesus.
- Our sins are forgiven.
- God will, in due time, provide St. George's with a caring rector, who draws the best out of us.

A final thought: I don't really know about your personal practices of prayer and Bible study. But I care about it. People who pray are more alert to the world around them. We vary a great deal in our prayer styles. Some are more formal, others not at all. Some have set times, others pray off and on all day. If you find yourself not praying much, give it a try. Talk, and listen, with God sometime early in the day and sometime late. Consider using the Book of Common Prayer, or Forward Day by Day, or another resource. Don't give up. You will find what works for you. I expect that many of you who read this already know that. Thanks for your prayers.

In Christ,

Fr. Jim+



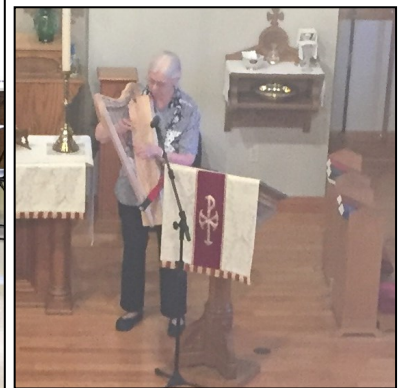
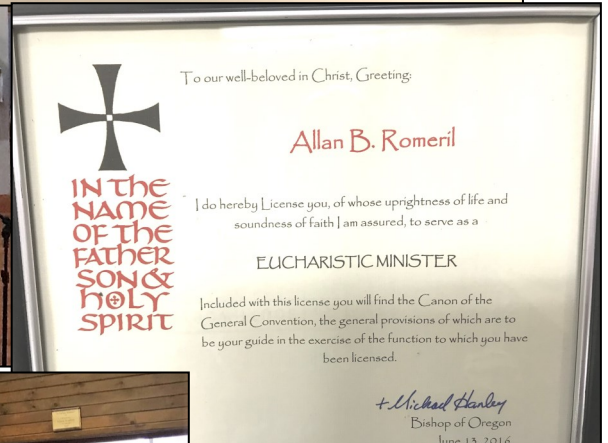
In Memoriam

Allan Brian Romeril
1932-2018



A Memorial Eucharist for Allan was held on August 4, presided over by Father Jim Boston. At the reception following the service, Father Jim spoke of Allan's life and urged the listeners to be encouraged by his example. Allan's wife, Jeannine, described him in these words: kind, helpful, thoughtful—but most of all, kind.

Jeannine also had a charming memory of him. When his daughters, Margaret and Barb, were children, he read them bedtime stories from *Winnie-the-Pooh*. To the delight of the girls, he would give each character their own voice.



Upcoming

**Sunday, September 9—
Commissioning of Search
Committee** during the worship service



**Thursday, September 13—
Holy Cross Feast Day**

Dear St. George Parish ~

On September 14 of each year, we commemorate the Holy Cross, and therefore that day is our Patronal Feast Day at the Mission. This year, Father Jerry has decided to serve Divine Liturgy on the evening of the Feast (Thursday, Sept. 13) to facilitate those who are working and cannot attend a service on Friday morning.

We would love to have you as our guests at our Feast Day service! Pre-communion prayers will begin at 5:40 p.m. on Thursday, September 13. The Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Cross will begin at 6 p.m.

The service will be followed by a potluck fellowship meal. It is a strict fast day for us (no dairy or meat, with the exception of shellfish!). We do not expect you to bring anything; we would be delighted if you would be our guests for this meal.



We look forward to worshipping with you soon!

With love in Christ ~
Lisa Buck

*Holy Cross Orthodox
Church*

**Sunday, September 16—
Waffle Feast** after the service (no coffee hour at church that day)

at **Kathy Glockner's house**
173 Roband Lane, Roseburg



This annual breakfast is a fundraiser for both St. George's and the Wilbur United Methodist Church.

Kathy will provide drinks and table service. Lunch is potluck, but no need to sign up ahead of time. You are welcome to bring your family and friends!



**Thursday, September 20—
Episcopal Church Women** will meet at [the home of Jewell Gates](#). Arrive at the church by 10:30 to carpool for the 11:00 meeting.



**Saturday, September 22, 11:00-2:00—
Annual ECW Meeting** in Gardiner, hosted by the ladies of St. Mary the Virgin. Lunch will be provided for \$8.00.

School Supplies

Every year St. George's asks for donations for school supplies for the young students of Fir Grove Elementary School. There is a complete list in the Parish Hall, but most of the needed items are listed below.

Please bring your donations to the church by September 9.

Backpacks

Kleenex

Quality sets of headphones (not earbuds)

Baby wipes

Packs of baggies

Small school boxes

3-ring binders (1.5"—2" or larger size)

Zippered pouches for binders

Crayons (24-count boxes only)

College-ruled notebook paper

Sharpened #2 pencils

Colored pencils

Highlighter sets (blue, green, yellow, pink)

Rulers with metric markings

Dry-erase markers in dark colors

Glue sticks

Red pens

Sturdy scissors (NOT primary size)

Sets of 8-tab dividers for binders

College-ruled composition notebooks (not spiral or tear-out)



Finance Report

by Kathy Glockner, Treasurer

I would like to thank the people of St. George for stepping up. Knowing that we will need money to hire a new priest, many of us are giving more than the amount we pledged. Yay, team! We are ahead on what we budgeted for pledges for the year. Keep in mind we have a few people that paid their full year's pledge at the beginning of the year, so that will not look quite so good in a couple of months, but I am pleased with where we are.

We are current with our DPA (Diocesan Program Assessment)—another bonus for St. George. Our expenses have been kept down, even though we had to spend about \$5,000 for a new heater. Our expenditures for the year are less than what we budgeted. A big thank you to David Jones, who has donated his time and talents as music director. We also received a generous gift of \$18,800 from the Greg Cadwallader Trust. We thank his wife and family.

We are currently in the black. Again, thank you to all who have increased their giving above their pledged amount. Thank you to all who donate their time and talents. We have a great congregation of caring people.

(As of July 31, 2018)



FISH Report



The FISH Pantry reports that their August Roseburg Food Project collection brought in 10,205 pounds of food. The supplies were collected from 620 food donors by 66 Neighborhood Coordinators. This is the first time that the

Project has collected over 10,000 pounds in the month of August. The next RFP pick-up day will be Saturday, October 13, so start now to set aside your donations.

FISH welcomes you to join them at the Pantry as a volunteer or as guest. You are always welcome to drop by for a tour. They would love to show you around.

Another way to support FISH is to sign up at Fred Meyer and the Amazon Smile program. Both of these allow you to add the FISH of Roseburg as the non-profit of your choice to have rewards points donated to them. (You still get to keep your Freddie's rewards points too.)

Parish News

When we boosted water city water pressure, Jean Bowden noticed a leak in the Sacristy from the hot water heater under the sink. It loosened numerous tiles which had to be removed to allow the floor and tile to dry. On August 7, David Sayers (shown at right) helped replace the tile and is using a heavy roller to seat it.



*Sacristy photos by
Bill Riley*

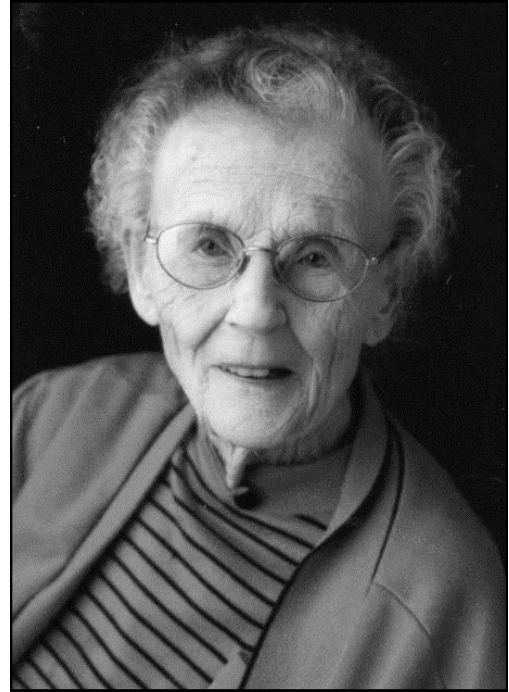
Below: The City of Roseburg's paving project has expanded to Cass and Main.



Parish News



Donna Litherland, former Senior Warden at St. George's, joined us for worship and the picnic on August 26. Donna had taken a fall the evening before, but she agreed to have her photo in the newsletter if the *Dragon Scoop* said, "She came in all her glory." Yes, Donna, you are indeed glorious!



In Memoriam

Dorothy Mary Wilson
1919-2018

Dorothy was a member of St. George's Episcopal Church since moving to Oregon in 1954. She taught at Riverside Elementary School from 1954 she retired in 1978.

She had recently moved to Brookdale Senior Living after 14 years at Oak Park Assisted Living. She is greatly missed by her family and many friends.

At her request there will be no funeral.



Hilary Hall is now Choir Director as well as Organist, taking over from David Jones. Her new duties will begin in September. We wish David the best in the future and welcome Hilary.

August Blessings



Top, left to right:

Happy Birthday to Lucille Sellers.

Jessie Pullen accepting blessings for her son Nolan's third birthday.

Left:

Happy Anniversary to Faye and Pete Benham, and Happy Birthday to Connie Hunnicutt

Right:

Pete leading the congregation in singing "Happy Birthday" to Father Jim



Parish News



ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC



Kathy Glockner again hosted the annual Parish Picnic at her home in beautiful Garden Valley. About 20 parishioners and friends enjoyed a delightful afternoon of food and fellowship.

The Ground is Level at the Foot of the Cross

Ben Irwin is Communications Director at Preemptive Love, an organization that brings emergency relief to families in Syria and Iraq. Here are final three of his “Eleven Things Ben Irwin Loves About the Episcopal Church.”

9. The way everyone is welcome as a full participant, even children.

My 4-year-old is welcome at the table every week. She is able to receive the bread and the cup even before she's made a profession of faith. This sends a powerful message: God's grace is for her, too. She is no less a part of the body of Christ just because she doesn't fully understand yet what that means.

One Sunday shortly after our daughter began receiving communion, we were milling about during coffee hour. (If there was a number 12 on this list, it might be coffee hour.) As we were talking with our priest, our daughter began solemnly placing a goldfish cracker into each of our hands. Our priest picked up on what she was doing, and he played along. She was reenacting what she'd just been part of in the sanctuary.

The Episcopal Church is a place that nurtures those first small, occasionally faltering steps of faith—and welcomes the full participation of those who take them.

10. How it reminds me that I'm part of something bigger.

My first real experience of liturgy was in the UK. We lived for a short time in a village an hour north of London, and we began attending the parish church. Every Sunday on our way into the 700-year-old building, we'd walk through the churchyard, past the weatherworn graves of long-dead parishioners who'd prayed in the same pews, whispered the same prayers, and sang the same songs for centuries.

I need to be reminded that my faith does not begin or end with me—that, to quote a comment from Rachel's blog, it's “something that you don't really own.”

11. How at the altar, we're all the same.

It's been said the ground is level at the foot of the cross. I don't think I've appreciated that quite as much anywhere as in the Episcopal Church.

At the altar, we all kneel, as Lindsey Harts put it. We all receive what we cannot do for ourselves. We all confess our weakness—that even the gifts we bring were God's gifts to us in the first place. We all receive the same body and blood.

We need to do a lot better at cultivating and embracing diversity in our midst...but the altar is as good a place as any to start.

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Many of these things can, of course, be found in other traditions as well. But for me, it's been the Episcopal Church that has nurtured my faith, breathing new life into me. May you find beauty in whatever tradition you call home. May God breathe new life into your faith—wherever you are.

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Please sign up to provide altar flowers.
You can bring your own, arranged or not,
or you can make a monetary donation.
Since Fall is coming soon, you might want
to provide dried flowers that can fill in
when we don't have "live" ones.



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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

September