



The Messenger

ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL

MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

FEBRUARY, 2009



Message from the Senior Warden

A new church vestry has now taken office and I would like to introduce myself to you and give you some idea of what we hope to accomplish in the next few months.

My name is Geoffrey Holland and I have been attending St. John's for over twenty years. I have served as an usher, a member of the choir, a reader, an acolyte and a vestryman. My father, Rev. Norval Holland, was an Episcopal minister who graduated from Nashotah House Seminary in Wisconsin. After he retired from St. Luke's Church in Hollister, he and my mother both attended St. John's. My daughter, Diane, was baptized here at St. John's. My two daughters, Jennifer and Diane, were both members of the Sunday school and youth choir. I am an advocate of the 1928 Prayer Book and am a life-long member of the Episcopal Church. My wife, Amy, is also a member of the choir, a reader and the head of

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**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
Tuesday, Feb. 24
5:30 P.M.**

As we look to the beginning of another Lenten season, we will gather once again as family to celebrate the evening of Shrove Tuesday with a traditional pancake supper in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

Search Committee Update

We are pleased to advise that the work of the Search Committee continues apace, and that we have now conducted first interviews with three candidates for Rector of St. John's Chapel, and a second interview with one of those candidates.

Our search remains open through the end of this month, and we continue to receive responses to our ads on various Episcopal and Anglican websites and through our own Diocese, where all resumes from all sources are screened under the supervision of Canon Brian Nordwick.

If it seems fruitful to interview any of the remaining candidates who have submitted resumes, we will do so with all deliberate speed. We will submit the names we have at the end of this month to the Vestry for their consideration, and they will then conduct their interviews in order to select our new Rector. We continue to be guided in this process by your responses to the October survey.

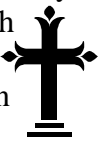
I would like to reiterate that your Search Committee is working every day to complete its part in this process in both a diligent and timely fashion.

— Yours in Christ,
Amy Holland, Search Committee Chair

Ash Wednesday

Feb. 25 - 10:00 AM

Fr. Jerome Politzer will preside at an Ash Wednesday penitential service followed by a Lenten Bible Study at 10:30 and then a soup luncheon. Bible Study will continue every Wednesday at 10:30 during Lent with soup following. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Please bring your own Bible to class.



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the pastoral search committee.

The vestry hopes to secure a new minister before the end of March. We can then begin anew our journey to increase the love and influence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the community of Monterey. We are dedicated to putting the past behind us. We plan on continuing the values that have made St. John's our church home while reaching out to common-minded Episcopalians to join us in this effort. We believe we can do this and expand the richness of the Episcopal Church at the same time. All of you are invited to attend the vestry meetings, which are held on Sunday morning between the early and late services. We encourage you to participate in those meetings or just observe if that is your wish.

I believe that we have a fine group of members in this vestry and that all of us have the best interests of St. John's foremost in our minds. Please feel free to share your ideas with any of us because that is the way we can grow together.

— Yours in Christ,

Geoffrey Holland, Senior Warden

St. John's Chapel Foundation

At our Annual Meeting in January, several of our members asked for more information about the St. John's Chapel Foundation. I hope the following will be helpful.

The Foundation's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws state ". . . The specific purpose . . . is to foster the teachings and practices of the Christian religion in the Anglican tradition and to ensure the continued use of the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. . . at the regular services of St John's Chapel. . . "They further state, "Upon dissolution . . . of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment . . . of all debts . . . shall be distributed to the Prayer Book Society . . ." Other than these requirements to serve St John's Chapel, the Foundation is an independent organization with its own governing board.

The Foundation was incorporated in April 1986. Contributions to the Foundation, like those to the Chapel, are tax deductible. As of January 1, 2009, the Foundation's total liquid assets were about \$220,000.

In its first years, the Foundation paid for a few peripheral services at the Chapel.

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Your New Vestry

At our Annual Meeting in January we said farewell to vestry members Ingrid Ambrus, Margee Bennett, John Dillard and Mary Ann Taylor. They served on the vestry during a particularly difficult time, and we thank them for their dedication. Four new vestry members were elected to replace them and help lead St. John's over the next several years. We are most grateful for their willingness to serve. Your new vestry is composed as follows:

Geoffrey Holland, Sr. Warden Robin Conlow

Term expires 12/31/09

Term expires 12/31/11

Gaby Erskine

Term expires 12/31/11

Gerry White, Jr. Warden

Term expires 12/31/11

Margaret Davis

Term expires 12/31/09

Glori Evert

Term expires 12/31/2010

Art Brost

Term expires 12/31/10

John Dolan

Term expires 12/31/10

Paul Turner

Term expires 12/31/09

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This served to lower the diocesan assessment, which was calculated as a percentage of the Chapel's expenditures each year. That rate was quite high - about 30 percent. Then in 2007, after a lower rate had been negotiated, the Foundation paid for all the Chapel's essential services except for payroll related costs. With increased pledges in 2008, the Chapel chose to pay all of its own expenses and the Foundation agreed to contribute \$60,000.00 for the year, which covered about 75 percent of the total projected deficit.

We believe that now, while the Chapel's expenses exceed its income, these contributions fulfill the stated purpose of the Foundation by helping to keep the Chapel afloat and thus to ". . . ensure the continued use of the 1928 Book of Common Prayer . . . at the regular services of St Johns Chapel. . ." And, as long as the Foundation retains significant assets, it serves to discourage any attempt to "modernize" St John's worship services.

Although at this time there is no threat to "modernize" our services, the future is always uncertain. Thus, retaining significant assets in the Foundation is good insurance.

However. St John's deficit spending cannot long continue. It is vitally necessary to increase the membership and to raise money in every reasonable way and balance the budget.

— John Blake, Chairman, Foundation Board

We Appreciate Your Help!

Many thanks to the E.C.W. ladies for cleaning the kitchen and store rooms at their meeting in February. We all appreciate your hard work!

Congratulations, Fr. Wolter!

Our own Fr. Allan Wolter was ordained to the priesthood on February 28, 1952. Congratulations, Fr. Wolter, on your anniversary and your many years of dedicated service to God and his holy church.

**From the Music Director's Corner:**

The "favorite hymns" drive has been a huge success. A total of 80 favorite hymns were picked from the 1940 hymnal (some, several times) and another 26 from the Methodist hymnal. Your response has been gratifying. The musical spectrum represented is wide, as expected.

Many thanks to Anne Grosvenor for collating these hymns from all the slips, and handing me a list ready to type! The final list will be available and posted on the bulletin board about the first of March. Additionally, I and the members of St. John's Choir are most grateful for the many comments of praise we've recently received from members of the congregation. Your support of our ministry is a great inspiration to us, and we are grateful!

—Clay Couri, Director of Music

Birthdays!

Celebrating birthdays through the end of March are:



February 21 Muriel Beety

February 28 Geoff Holland

February 28 Jean Warren

March 8 Beverly Politzer

March 9 Connie Somers

March 11 Beverly Sollecito

(If we've made a mistake on your birthday or if you are having a birthday between now and the end of March, and your name does not appear above please tell us so that we can correct it for next year! [Just call John D. at 642-9229.] Thanks.)

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Sunday Worship

Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m.
and 10:30 a.m.

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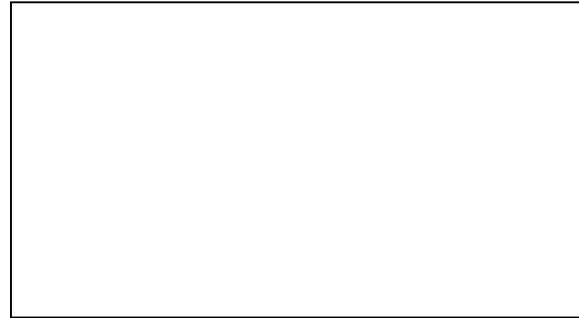
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Lent: "An annual season of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter beginning on Ash Wednesday and including the forty weekdays next before Easter."

Usher Schedule

Through March 22

Sunday 8:00 10:30

February 22	Paul Turner	Esther Dolan
March 1	Glori Evert	Loren Simmons
March 8	Paul Turner	Bob McGuinness
March 15	Marlene Ramsey	John Dolan
March 22	Paul Turner	Loren Simmons

Christmas Bake Sale a Success!

The E.C.W.'s Christmas Bake Sale was very successful. The proceeds amounted to 2/3rds of last year's total kitchen budget. Thank you Bakers and Buyers!

— Beverly Politzer, Co-Chair

P.S. The E.C.W. provides St. John's Chapel with all the kitchen equipment and supplies used throughout the year. This includes our Sunday coffee hour.

From the Holy Bible

*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.*

*Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.*

*For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.*

Psalm 51: 1-3