

St. John's Newsletter #31

The Week following the 23 Sunday after Trinity (November 15-21)

Search Committee—Vestry

The Vestry is continuing their efforts to complete their search for the new rector of St. John's. We currently are awaiting an appointment with the Bishop to finalize the specifics of the agreement between St. John's and our choice for rector. Since the Diocesan office is functioning on a virtual basis due to the pandemic, we have been unable to proceed on this matter. We shall continue to move forward as soon as the Bishop is able to place us on her calendar.

Communication with Church Office and Senior Warden

As you are aware, the state of California has placed all three of the Tri-Counties (Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito) within the **Purple** (Restricted) status. The church administrator will continue to handle the immediate affairs from the church office as usual but I will not be holding in-office hours until this designation has improved. I do not wish to place myself or any of you in a jeopardy situation by having in-person office hours. I will, however, be available on every Wednesday from 10 AM to 2 PM via phone call. I can be reached at (831) 524-1537 during those hours and anytime at (831) 637-7694. We will continue to hold Sunday services via Zoom as usual.

We are hoping to have a communion service for Christmas using the parking lot as the location. This will be determined by a number of issues. First of all, we will have to have an early service (about 3:00 in the afternoon) so that it is not too cold or too dark for any of our congregation to attend and secondly, we will need to be able to obtain a supply priest for this service. Father Ott was unable to locate such a person before he left and I have not had any luck with the Diocese at this point. If we are unable to accomplish these minimum requirements, we will have to consider having a Zoom service of Morning Prayer. This is necessary because we need an ordained person to have the service of Holy Communion.

Upcoming Service Schedule—Sunday Morning Prayer Zoom at 10am

Date	Sunday	Officiant/Preacher	Reader
Nov 22.	Christ the King/Thanksgiving	Dick Barratt	Elizabeth Barratt
Nov 29	Advent 1	Fr. Michael Bowhay	Alice Bowhay

Dec 6 Advent 2

Art Brost

Robert Horner

Dec 13 Advent 3

Dr. Paul Turner

Karen Turner

Dec 20 Advent 4

Geoffrey Holland

(Lessons and Carols)

Paul Turner
Gail Strandberg

Amy Holland

Alice Bowhay

Geoff Holland

Dec 24. Christmas Eve TBA

Dec 25. Christmas Day TBA

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Susan Lowell in thanksgiving for the Altar Guild.

