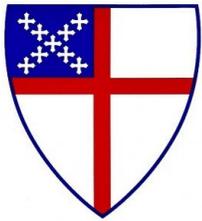


The monthly newsletter of St. Clements by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

Welcoming all since 1929



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**PARISH MISSION:**

*Follow Christ through  
the way we live and  
love, spreading the  
good news of God in  
Christ, opening our  
hearts to all, and  
experience and spread  
joy in the process.*

**“This Church of  
Ours is Open To  
All...There Will  
Be No Outcasts.”**

-The Most Rev. Edmund  
Browning *Emeritus*  
*Presiding Bishop*  
*of the Episcopal Church*



**Church...**

Recently, I've been considering the various reasons why the people of God go to Church. And here I mean besides the obvious reason of the fourth commandment, to "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy." But rather, what are the various motivations that inspire people to seek out a church in the first place, this is what has been on my mind. While, in some respects, this is always on my mind, it has arisen lately as we look at our communications, especially with those beyond our doors. That is to say, as we look at how we represent ourselves to the broader world, and to those who may be seeking a parish.

Three things tend to rise to the surface for me (and surely show my own bias). But, I think people seek a parish firstly because they want to know more about God. (1) They want to learn about or continue to learn about Jesus and his life, and how that life informs their own. So, worship, Christian education and formation are important, as is inspiration. People want to be inspired. (2) Secondly, I think that people seek a church for community. Church is a place where people form friendships and socialize, i.e. where they can be "the gathered people of God" – the literal meaning of the word "church" – together. So, belonging is a key motivation. (3) Lastly, I believe people seek a church for ways in which they can live their faith in meaningful ways. So, outreach, service and social justice are very important.

Almost everything we do could be categorized under one these three general themes. And as we look at the way we present ourselves, we might consider how easy it is for seekers to discover what we have to offer in response to those very human longings identified above. We certainly have much to offer in each category.

Responding to the first need is our worship, which has an unquestionable authenticity, rooted in centuries-old tradition (indeed harkening to the very beginning of the Christian movement and the churches that the apostles themselves started). We are scriptural, creedal and sacramental. Yet, one can rightly ask if such worship still connects and serves the needs of modern peoples. We believe that it does, and serves a real need in the denominational matrix, that rich tapestry of Christian expression. However, we also look for ways to improve our worship in order to ensure that it remains relevant, that the symbols that we employ and our style of worship does serve an actual need, and isn't just rote.

Of course, our Christian education programs would also be included in this first topic. Take for example: Our programs for children and youth, as well as our occasional adult programs.



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You could include our Lenten programs, ecumenical offerings, the classes that will be offered this coming Fall (which will cover the basics of scripture and faith, Church history, the sacraments, etc.), our Monday night meditation group, and our weekly Bible Study classes (in English and Spanish). These all have as their goal, I'd argue, learning about God and God's ways, or nearing oneself to God, and coming to know more about the experience of God that God's people have had since God first said, "Hello."

One might describe the second point above broadly as "Community." Obviously, we are parish that knows much about that. The examples that come to my mind here are our monthly "Anchors" dinners, and the deep friendships that form there. Our weekly Fellowship and Martini club, our Sunday coffee hours, our book club, these all would be included here. Also occasional events, like Cabarets, pizza nights and silent auctions, and the informal things that our parishioners do together, like going to the theater, or going to breakfast on Sundays (as many in the 8am crowd do). Our pastoral care to the homebound, disabled or recovering would be an example of this community, which truly cares for one another.

Many have described this parish as closer, in some ways, than their own biological families. And that says a lot about the sense of belonging that can occur here. Knowing how to welcome and receive people is also something we know something about. As evidenced by the slogan that emblazons our service bulletins and is hung on a big banner in our parish hall, "This Church of ours is Open to All!" Many find a welcoming acceptance here that they don't find in any other church. An aspect of that holy greeting is seen in the wonderful welcome baskets that Barbara Fox takes out to visitors and newcomers every month. You wouldn't believe the letters I get in response to those baskets. It is clearly a form of welcome many have never experienced at a church. And Barbara puts such love into each of those baskets.

Lastly, people do look to a church as a means in which to enact their faith and prayers in service to others. I've written of these opportunities here in the past and the pages of this newsletter often mention those activities. Not the least of which is our brown-bag lunches that we make for the hungry, our Laundry Love ministry, the space we provide here for recovery group meetings, our support and volunteerism to organizations like Mary Erickson Housing and to military families, and our advocacy on behalf of the needy or homeless in our community. Peaceful Warriors is also an extremely important ministry, as we provide an affordable and deeply meaningful program to the families of San Clemente. This is not a comprehensive list (in any of these sections) as other ministries do exist here.

Additionally, these three areas of focus inform and support each other. One learns a great deal about God through service to others and through the experience of community. That sense of community is often supported through both communal worship and Bible Study (for example), as well as by being engaged in service to the world with others. And that service to the world is strengthened through our understanding of Christ and the gospel imperative, while we joyfully work with others in a spirit of love. Take a ministry like the Altar Guild. It provides for our worship, but also fosters relationships and involves service. Peaceful Warriors, while an outreach, also creates community among the parents and connection with the Church.

As I've mentioned, there are certainly many other things that happen here that expand our knowledge and love of God, build our community and encourage our service. Further, these are also not the only reasons why people seek out a church. What about you? What were you seeking when you first decided to come to St. Clement's? If you were to add another item to the three broad areas mentioned above, what would it be?

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

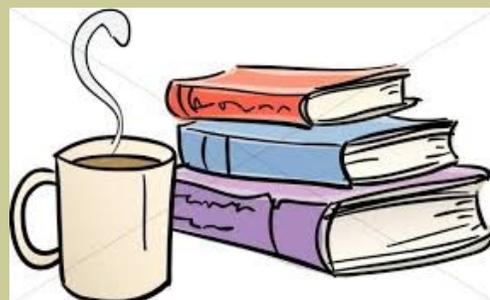
## New Church Signage



Did you notice the new permanent sign in the marquee at the church entrance?  
 It was installed last week to replace the sagging temporary sign.  
 Stop by and check it out!

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**Join us for our weekly  
 Bible Study!  
 Every Wednesday  
 In the Library at  
 11am (English)  
 6pm (Spanish)**



Centering Prayer Group  
 meets each Monday at  
 6:00pm in the Library  
 For more information  
 please contact Matt Duncan

**Do you know a parishioner that  
 needs help with rides, meals, or  
 that would like a home visit?**  
 Please contact the church office or  
 Tina Borden for further information.

## St. Clement's Celebrates Pentecost with English/Spanish service

St. Clement's parishioners from the 10 a.m. English and noon Spanish services joined in worship on Pentecost in a bilingual service. Rev. Deacon Nancy Key, Deacon at the Cathedral in the Diocese of San Joaquin, delivered the sermon. Below are some highlights of the sermon.

*"As people of God, we believe in the Trinity – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. But this God is not like a pie cut into three separate pieces; this trinity has no boundaries, and lives within and among us as people and as community so that we ourselves become part of this Holy Trinity."*

*Who is the Holy Spirit that descends on us this Pentecost day? I like the explanation in Eucharistic Prayer D:*

*"And, that we might live no longer for ourselves but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete the work of Jesus in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all."*

*The message is that this gift of the Holy Spirit is for the purpose of our "completing Jesus' work in the world." Which is what? Feeding the hungry. Comforting the troubled. Binding up the wounds of the sick and injured. Giving water to those who thirst."*

The Rev. Deacon Nancy Key



# Something for Everyone

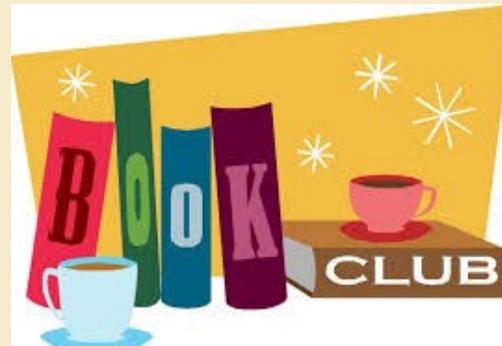
## Book Club

*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by Rebecca Skloot

July 11th, 5pm at Rocco's

A sign-up sheet is in the church hall for those who wish to attend.

For more information, please contact Mary Ann Morrison at (949) 361-0031



July 21st, 7pm

Rose and Bert Bradley

2400 Calle Capri

August 18th, 7pm

Mark and Sherilee Pocino

186 Avenida Aragon



**Sign up at coffee hour and contact host or Pat Sawyer with any questions**

## ***TAI'YO***

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Monday and Friday mornings from 9 - 10 a.m.  
In the Parish Hall





***Join us for our first rehearsal!***

*July 9th, 12-1pm*

*For more information contact Larry at*

***[larry@scbythesea.org](mailto:larry@scbythesea.org)***

We're planning to ring some music to the Lord!

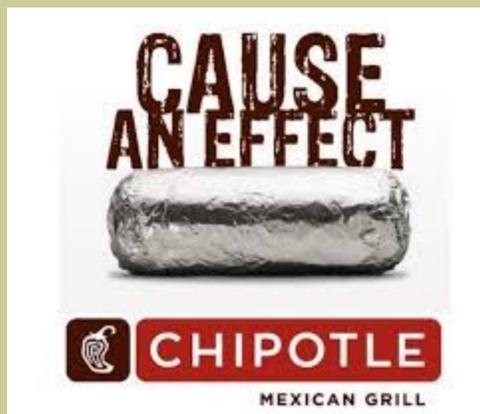
St. Clement's has a wonderful set of handbells, and we're forming a combined youth/adult bell choir to provide joyful music for worship. Larry Gates, Choir Director, would like to get the bell choir started quickly because the vocal choir takes a couple months' break during the summer months.

Beginners are definitely welcome, age 8 and up. There will be one rehearsal a week at the church.

You don't need to be able to read music. Anyone who loves music can play the bells.

All instruction is being provided without charge by an experienced bells teacher. If you are interested, please contact Larry at [larry@scbythesea.org](mailto:larry@scbythesea.org).

**Make dinner a selfless act by joining us  
for a Fundraiser to support  
St. Clement's by-the-sea!**



We hope to see you at Chipotle Mexican Grill at 806 Avenida Pico in San Clemente on Tuesday, July 11th between 5:00pm and 9:00pm. Bring in a flyer from Sunday services, or simply tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to St. Clement's! Many thanks to Senior Warden, Jason Feeney, who organized this fundraiser for us.

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*Church "Spruce Up" Day*



Please join us on July 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am-4pm to help spruce up our beloved St. Clement's. There are many small jobs that need doing, your help will make a BIG difference.

**Contact Building & Grounds Chair,  
Marc Allen, for more details:  
algaeaters2001@yahoo.com**

***Join us for Laundry Love***

*The next gathering will be*

***July 19th and August 16th from 2pm-5pm***  
*Laundry Basket South*  
*2405 S. El Camino Real in San Clemente*

*New volunteers are welcome and should arrive at 1:30pm for a brief orientation.*  
*Laundry will be done in two hour shifts between 2pm-6pm*

***The first Sunday of every month we gather donation for Laundry Love. The monthly collection takes place during coffee hour.***



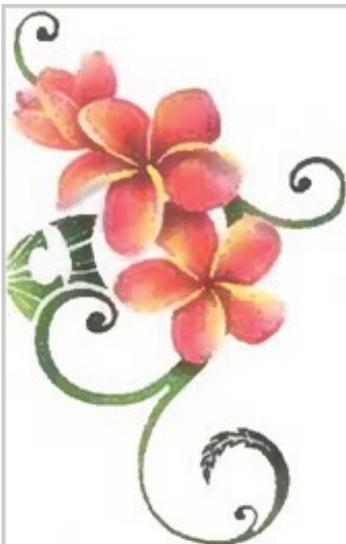
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***Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn***

***Sunday, July 16th at 11:00 am***  
***Sunday, August 20th at 1:00 pm***

*Please join us for this very important ministry*





## *Sunset at Salt Creek*



The mission of Mary Erickson Community Housing, a 501 (c)(3) Corporation is to support the well-being of working families through the preservation and increase in the supply of affordable housing in Southern California. Mary Erickson Community Housing's main fund raiser is the *Sunset at Salt Creek Event*. It will be held this year on Friday, August 4, 2017, from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Salt Creek Beach, Dana Point.

As in past years, St. Clement's is supporting this event as a parish, but you can also sponsor a table, provide items for the live auction or opportunity drawing, or purchase tickets to the event. Tickets are \$85 per person.

For more Information about sponsorship opportunities or to purchase tickets, please contact Mary Erickson Community Housing at:  
(949) 369-5419 or [directors@maryerickson.org](mailto:directors@maryerickson.org).

## Meet Our Parishioners

Meet Dr. James Prothero, Vestry member for Christian Education and M.C. at the 8 a.m. worship service.

Jim's 33 years of service as a high school English teacher was honored at St. Clement's on June 25 with a blessing during the worship service, and a reception at the 9 a.m. coffee hour. Jim taught at Saddleback High School in south Santa Ana for the past 31 years.

Jim is an active contributor to the St. Clement's community, sharing his many talents. He is a water colorist, and donated the picture of Father Okie that hangs in Okie Hall. He also donated the lovely painting of Poche Beach with the iconic American flag that was a popular raffle fundraiser last summer.

In addition to serving as M.C., a position he assumed in 2010, he wrote training instructions for the M.C. and acolyte positions which are now used for all new volunteers.

Jim first came to St. Clement's in 1983. He met his wife Gail at the church and they were married here by Father Bob and Father Rory in 1987. After a period away from St. Clement's he returned as a parishioner in 2008.

Jim, a native of Glendale, CA, holds a MA from Fullerton State University, a MFA from Chapman University, and a Ph. D. from the University of Wales.

He is a British Romantics scholar, and an expert on the Anglican author C.S. Lewis. Bishop Diane Bruce invited Jim to deliver one of Lewis's sermons at St. Clement's; Jim has also preached on Lewis at Bloy House, the Episcopal theological school in Claremont.



**Jim Prothero retires after 33 years as a public school teacher**

July 2017 Birthday Celebrants

1–Francisco Hernandez  
 1–Patricia Wilkes  
 2–Brandon Garcia  
 2–Katherine Workman  
 3–Janet Lee-Thorp  
 9–Kent Matthew Adamson  
 10–Bertie Lloyd  
 12–Karen Morales  
 12–Pat Sawyer  
 15–Carolyn Allen  
 16–Samantha Morales  
 17–Ryan Casey  
 17–Muriel Langford  
 18–Zuriel Hernandez-Garcia  
 18–Carina Lovell  
 19–Kyle Carey  
 20–Russ English  
 21–Sarah Tomeo  
 26–Brigitte Bower  
 26–Frank Soto  
 27–Laurie Adamson  
 31–Susan Hagstrom

Wedding Anniversaries

3–Claudia & Jorge Berber  
 29–Bob & Pat Corless

August 2017 Birthday Celebrants

2– Margaret Johnson  
 2– Russ Kerr  
 3– Roger Morrison  
 5– Consuelo Rojas  
 7–Mary Ann Morrison  
 8– Mark Johnson  
 9– Marc Allen  
 9– Cindy Hunter  
 10– Leah Campos  
 17– Pat Corless  
 17– Gabriella Crerar  
 17– Rolando Rodriguez  
 20– Brian Campos  
 22– Marjorie Atkinson  
 22– Raymond Mancuso  
 23– Belkis Carbonara  
 23– Bill Morrow  
 25– Siria Garcia  
 28– Brody Forster  
 31– Carlos Berber

Wedding Anniversaries

5– Frederick and Muriel Langford  
 8– Kenneth and Laurie Baxter  
 15– Geoffrey and Olga Harris  
 29– Gerald and Judith McDonald  
 31– Jason and Mikael Feeney  
 31– Rod and Gloria Rodriguez



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Rector— The Rev. Patrick Crerar



### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

8 a.m. Holy Communion Rite I, Nursery

10 a.m. Holy Communion Rite II with Choir, Nursery, Sunday School

12 p.m. La Misa en Español

### **OFFICE HOURS**

9am-1pm Monday

8am-1pm Friday