

# Benediction Weekly

## January 22, 2017

*St. Benedict's Church is an inclusive Christian community that celebrates the divine in all beings, and inspires spiritual growth through joyful sacramental worship, loving service, creative expression, thoughtful inquiry and commitment to social justice.*

### HEALING SERVICE



### Healing Service Next Sunday

There will be a time for special prayers for healing and for the laying-on of hands and anointing during the 10:30 service next week. St. Benedict's regularly has such a service on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. On other Sundays a member of the Intercessory Prayer Team is available for private prayers after the service.

### CALENDAR – This week at St. Benedict's:

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

#### TODAY

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service

9:20 am – Bible Study

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music

#### Tuesday, Jan 24

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck at 6:15

7:15 pm – Video "Non-Dual Christianity"

#### Wednesday, Jan 25

10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

#### Thursday, Jan 26

10:00 am – Hollister Institute: God of Becoming

#### Saturday, Jan 28

1:00 pm – Lit Lovers' Book Club @ Stef's

#### Sunday, Jan 29

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service

9:20 am – Bible Study

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with Healing Svc

Followed by **Annual Parish Meeting**

### St. Benedict's Annual Meeting



Our annual parish meeting will be held next Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 service. Agenda topics include: Election of Vestry members and Deanery/Diocesan Delegates; Discussion of the Vision Plan for further developing the grounds; 2017 Budget Decisions; and brief presentation about planned giving and the endowment fund; and Special Awards.

Lunch will be provided.

Please plan to attend so that we may have the fullest opportunity to plan for our future.



*The memorial service for Elizabeth Pickering will be held Saturday, February 4 at 3:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the service, followed by a reception. Tom's address for cards, etc., is 2769 Crockett Circle, Los Osos 93402.*

### Bourgeault Video & Discussion - Tuesday Night

This Tuesday at 7:15 pm, there will be a video webcast from the *Community for Action and Contemplation* in Albuquerque, NM. It is entitled, "Non-Dual Christianity?" and features Cynthia Bourgeault, one of the staff of the Living School speaking about the publication last month of her new book, The Heart of Centering Prayer: Non-dual Christianity in Theory and Practice. She is introduced by Richard Rohr with comments following from James Finley. The presentation is 60 minutes with another 30 minutes for Questions.



Spaces are still available in the two Spiritual Journey groups which will meet Wednesday evening and Tuesday morning. Please let Caro+ know if you are interested.

### Serving God and the People of St. Benedict's this Week:

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple; Eucharistic Minister: Brian Spolarich; Chalice Bearer: Ann Edwards; Lectors: Janelle LaFond & Judy Schloss; Ushers: Alan Kiste & Margaret Fegan; Greeter: Maria Moore; Flowers: Pamela Bleisch; Altar Guild: Judy Schloss; Coffee Hour Hosts: Connie Weldon & Joan Hayes; Tellers: Mary Ellen Rico & Diana Hammerlund; Prayer Team Intercessor: Louisa Beeler. Cantor: Deborah Garza; Music Director: John Cribb.



**BIBLE STUDY** - Come join us for Bible Study at 9:20 a.m. every Sunday except first Sundays.

**DREAMS & SPIRITUALITY GROUP** - First and third Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm.

**EARTHCARE** - A discussion/action group to formulate local solutions to environmental concerns. Second Wednesdays at 2:30 pm.

**HEALING SERVICE** - a time for prayers for healing at the 10:30 service on 5th Sundays.

**HOLLISTER INSTITUTE** - Opportunities for stimulating discussion and thoughtful exploration for everyone, whether or not they are members of a church. See website.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER CIRCLE** - Prayers for the community and the world. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 10am.

**LITLOVERS' BOOK CLUB** - Discussion and fellowship. 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 1pm in members' homes.

**LUNCH BUNCH** - lunchtime social gathering following church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at Celia's Garden Café.

**MEET ME IN MORRO** - lunchtime social gathering, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at varying restaurants in Morro Bay.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** - morning social gathering, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays 9am at Celia's Garden Café.

**PEOPLE'S KITCHEN** - Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of even-numbered months.

**POTLUCK AND PRADO** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month donations to Prado Day Center are collected, and potluck lunch follows 10:30 service.

**VESPERS AND CONVERSATION** 5:30 pm Tuesdays. Vespers service using varying liturgies, followed by potluck supper.

**VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 6:30pm  
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, *Rector*  
Maria Kelly, *Sr. Warden*  
Anne Kanter, *Jr. Warden*  
John Cribb, Francis Rivinus,  
Lisa Gonzalez, Barbara Schippers,  
Kathie West, Esta Kandarian  
Rod Morse and Ken Kenyon.

## Hollister Institute Discussion: God of Becoming and Relationship, by Rabbi Bradley Artson Thursday mornings, 10 am - through February 2

We are discussing a pioneering book on process theology, *God of Becoming and Relationship*, by Rabbi Bradley Artson. In past Hollister discussions we have touched on ideas from process theology; now we welcome Rabbi Artson's clear perspective, which adds so much to our understanding. To focus on the nature of God – instead of the differences between Jews and Christians – we're considering Jesus as a rabbi and teacher, along with other rabbis through the ages. Each week, we'll prepare for the discussion by reading a few short chapters in Artson's book. When we meet, we share our own thoughts, reactions, and/or insights from the reading. Again, all points of view are welcome, expected, and encouraged in these Hollister discussions.

Follow the ongoing discussion at <http://faithmatters.us/category/god-of-becoming/>

## San Luis Obispo's Response to the Homeless Dilemma Wednesday Feb. 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Icy winds this winter remind us how much the warm breath of kindness is needed by the homeless among us. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church offers a free opportunity for you to explore "*San Luis Obispo's Response to the Homeless Dilemma 1968 to 2017 and Beyond*" led those who help the homeless. Speakers include long-time volunteers Mary Parker from People's Kitchen, Grace Macintosh from CAPSLO, Judy Lewis and Lisa Wallander from Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless (ICH).

A warm meal following the speakers will be shared with guests who are hosted at the church during February because its Ramsden Hall is overflow shelter for CAPSLO, the Community Action Partnership.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is located at 1344 Nipomo St., San Luis Obispo.

## Lectio Divina with the Prophet Isaiah



On weekdays, listen for a word.  
On Saturday, re-read the whole passage:  
What do you hear now?

*Lectio* for January 23-28

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| Monday    | Isaiah 43:1-2    |
| Tuesday   | Isaiah 43: 3-4   |
| Wednesday | Isaiah 43: 5-7   |
| Thursday  | Isaiah 43: 8-9   |
| Friday    | Isaiah 43: 10-12 |
| Saturday  | Isaiah 43:1-12   |

## Exploring our Spiritual Gifts February 4, 9:30-12:00

At a workshop to help us identify the unique gifts we have been given and discern the calling God has for us today, Rev. Caro+ will lead us in Bible Study and a variety of exercises.

Pre-registration is required as an on-line assessment is involved.

If you will attend contact Danna at [office@stbenslososos.org](mailto:office@stbenslososos.org)

**Keeping in Touch during the Week.** For counsel & spiritual care, please contact any of the clergy: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, 704-5826; The Rev. Mary Elizabeth Pratt-Horsley, 528-7497; The Rev. Donna Ross, 235-5117; The Rev. Barry Turner, 784-0670; or The Rev. Faye Hogan, 541-4595. Call Celeste Pennington with pastoral care & prayer chain requests, 771-8974.

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