

Benediction Weekly

March 12, 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.



A Celebration of Life for the Rev. Mary Elizabeth Pratt-Horsley will be held here this Saturday, at 4:00 p.m., with Bishop Mary presiding.
Note time change. Maria Kelly is coordinating the reception. Please contact her if you'd like to help.

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 w/music
12:00 pm – Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Café

Tuesday, Mar 14

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck supper

Wednesday, Mar 15

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, Mar 16

10:00 am – Hollister: "The Worshipping Community"
7:00 pm – Hollister: "America's Original Sin: Racism"
7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

Saturday, Mar 18

9:30 am – Living Rm Conversations – St Stephen's
2:00 pm – G. Roger Bailey Guitar benefit concert
4:00 pm – Rev. Pratt-Horsley Memorial Service

Sunday, Mar 19

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
9:20 am – Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music
1:30 pm – Parish Council Mtg: Canon Brian Nordwick will be meeting with us to start work towards our 5 yr mission plan.

On-going Hollister Institute Programs

The Worshipping Community: Praying with the God of Becoming and Relationship

Thursdays, through March 30, 10-11:45 am.

Inspired by Rabbi Bradley Artson's "God of Becoming and Relationship" Why do we pray? Why do we reflect on Scripture and other sacred texts? How do we make peace with each other? How do we share God's peace with the world around us? To register for these discussions, and for more information, email donnaross@charter.net.

America's Original Sin - Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America,

by Jim Wallis and Bryan Stevenson

Thursdays: March 9, 16, 30 and April 6 at 7pm

In America's Original Sin, Wallis offers a prophetic and deeply personal call to action in overcoming the racism so ingrained in American society. He speaks candidly to Christians--particularly white Christians--urging them to cross a new bridge toward racial justice and healing.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Preacher: The Rev. Barry Turner; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple;
Eucharistic Minister: Judy Schloss & John Horsley; Lectors: Ann Edwards & Joan Hayes;
Ushers: Connie Weldon & Rob Ross; Greeter: Ken Kenyon; Flowers: Joan Ghilotti;
Altar Guild: Stef Shuman; Intercessor: Judy Schloss; Coffee Hour Hosts: Diana Hammerlund & Karin Cake;
Tellers: Francis Rivinus & Steve Cake; Cantor: Francis Rivinus; Music Director: John Cribb





**On-Going
Activities
at St. Ben's**

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. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10am.

LITLOVERS' BOOK CLUB - Discussion and fellowship. 4th Saturdays 1pm in members' homes.

LUNCH BUNCH - lunchtime social gathering following church, 2nd Sundays at Celia's Garden Café.

MEET ME IN MORRO - lunchtime social gathering, 3rd Tuesdays at varying restaurants in Morro Bay.

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

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

POTLUCK AND PRADO on the 1st 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
3rd Thursdays at 6:30pm
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, *Rector*
Anne Kanter, *Sr. Warden*
Rod Morse, *Jr. Warden*
Pamela Bleisch, Lisa Gonzalez,
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,
Ken Kenyon, and Kathie West.

SLO DEANERY EVENT – *Living Room Conversations*

Please join us on Saturday, March 18th from 9:30am to 2:30pm at St. Stephen's SLO as we engage in "civil discourse" and practice listening and speaking to one another.

Across all of our Episcopal Churches many are asking "what can we do as a people of God to help lower the anxiety that seems to be so pervasive in our communities?" A powerful way to lower anxiety is to equip people to be in conversation with one another, especially on topics that we avoid in our churches. Living Room Conversations is a process that is spreading across our diocese that allows us to start talking with one another once again.

As Bishop Mary recently wrote, *"To listen and speak responsibly is to take action. It is critical and productive to explore together with civility how our faith informs our values, opinions and actions. Discovering where we can respectfully agree could offer us powerful platforms for values-based engagement in our community. The groups within our diocese who have utilized this Living Room Conversations tool have found greater love and respect for one another which has deepened their experience of community; despite differences."*

The Rev. Canon Linda Taylor will be coming from the diocese to lead us in learning about and actually doing Living Room Conversations. Please join us at this Deanery Lenten learning event. Bring your own lunches and free childcare will be provided. No RSVP is needed.

Questions may be directed to rob.stbarnabas@gmail.com.

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 March 13-18

Monday	Isaiah 56: 1-2
Tuesday	Isaiah 56: 3-5
Wednesday	Isaiah 56: 6-7
Thursday	Isaiah 57: 14
Friday	Isaiah 57: 15
Saturday	Isaiah 56: 1-5; 57:14-15

Church Directory UPDATE

We are updating our parish phone directory. A draft version will be posted at the church for the next two weeks. Please check your listing and make corrections, or contact Suzan Vaughn (suzanv@charter.net) with updates if you don't get to it at church.

Also, the Parish Council wants to invite people to add their interests - key words which might help people connect with others with similar interests. Please list a few of your interests in the email / interests column if you'd like to share that info.

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. 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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