

Benediction Weekly

April 16, 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.

Happy Easter

This week at St. Benedict's.
(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music

Tuesday, Apr 18

3:00 pm – Dog Walkers meet at Baywood Pier
5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck supper
7:15 pm – Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, Apr 19

10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle
7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, Apr 20

7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

Saturday, Apr 22

1:00 pm – Lit Lovers' Book Club at June Wright's

Sunday, Apr 23 EARTH SUNDAY

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
9:20 am – Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music

Community Dinners

Through the Los Osos Cares subcommittee of the Los Osos Community Coalition, St Benedict's Homeless Outreach team is partnering with a number of other organizations and churches in Los Osos to offer community dinners on Monday nights. These will be open to anyone who wants to come, and will not only provide a hot meal and good company, but a place where people in need can learn about organizations that offer services they could use. It builds on a successful program in Morro Bay. Our commitment is to provide dinner once every two months.

The dinners will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church at 5pm. St Benedict's gets to kick it off on Monday May 1!! We are providing a pasta dinner. Please see Barbara Hirahara to sign up to help.

Earth Sunday

Next Sunday (April 23) we will celebrate Earth Sunday with a creation-focused liturgy and a special First Nation speaker, Hua Anwa. Hua, who is a dear friend of Karin Cake, is a Metis Elder, a teacher of mixed Mayan and Cherokee descent and an adopted Chumash who leads ceremony on the Central Coast of California and is the spiritual leader of Circles of Empowerment. We are very honored to have Hua with us. This Sunday is organized by St. Benedict's Earthcare which meets every 2nd Wednesday and welcomes new members.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple;
Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Gonzalez & Esta Kandarian; Lectors: Judith Cadigan & Alek Speck;
Ushers: Michael Lucas & Steve Hirahara; Greeter: Bobbie Shields; Altar Guild: Stef Shuman;
Coffee Hour Hosts: Connie Weldon, Diana Hammerlund & Judy Schloss;
Tellers: Mary Ellen Rico & 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. 1st & 3rd 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.

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.

Coming to Hollister Institute:



An Introduction to Ken Wilbur Saturday, May 27 10 - 2

If you haven't already heard of him, Ken Wilber is one of the most important philosophers in the world today. Often referred to as "the Einstein of consciousness," Ken is the originator of the first truly comprehensive or integrative philosophy, aptly named Integral Theory—"one of the first believable world philosophies," as Ken himself puts it.

Ken's work is important to us at St Benedict's as we work to create a language for our faith which is true to the tradition but incorporates contemporary understandings of spirituality and symbolism and honors the divine in Creation.

This introduction to Ken Wilber will be led by the Rev. Barry Turner. For more information see our website www.stbenslososos.org.

"The twenty-first century literally has three choices: Aristotle, Nietzsche, or Ken Wilber." – Jack Crittenden Ph.D.

**Rev. Caro+ will be on Vacation
from April 19 through April 29**



During her absence church business will be managed by the Parish Council, led by our wardens Anne Kanter and Rod Morse. The clergy team will be available for spiritual counsel. Pastoral care concerns should be addressed to Celeste Pennington.

***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 April 17 - 22

Monday	Isaiah 65:17
Tuesday	Isaiah 65:18-19
Wednesday	Isaiah 65:20
Thursday	Isaiah 65:21-22
Friday	Isaiah 65:23-24
Saturday	Isaiah 65:17-25

St. Peter's Readers' Theater will present Noel Coward's sparkling comedy "***Present Laughter***", directed by Jonniepat Mobley, on Sunday, April 23, at 3 p.m. Suggested donation \$15 at the door. Please join us in Erickson Hall after the performance for cheese and biscuits and a glass of sherry with the cast.

St. Peter's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 545 Shasta Ave., Morro Bay.

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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