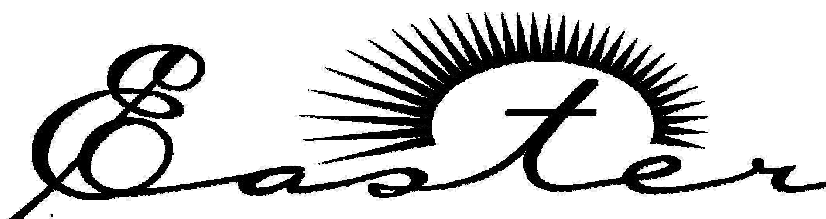


# Benediction Weekly

## March 27, 2016

*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.*



**CALENDAR – This week at St. Benedict's:**  
(at the church unless otherwise specified)

**Today EASTER DAY**

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion  
9:20 am – Bible Study  
10:30 am – Festival Eucharist

**Tuesday, March 29**

5:30 pm – Vespers  
7:15 pm – Active Hope Study-Action Group

**Wednesday, March 30**

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, April 2**

1:00 pm – LitLovers' Book Club at Cadigans':  
*"All the Light we Cannot See"* and *"The Nightingale"*

**Sunday, April 3**

NO 8 am service  
NO Bible Study  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, followed by Potluck:  
A-G Main dish; H-P Dessert; R-Z Salad & bread

### ACTIVE HOPE STUDY-ACTION GROUP

Linda Seeley of Mothers for Peace is leading a Study-Action Group using the book *Active Hope* by Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone at St. Ben's on alternate Tuesdays at 7:15pm. The next meeting will be March 29<sup>th</sup>. You don't have to be at every meeting in order to participate. A study-action group allows everyone to participate equally, and it helps people discover their own gifts and resources for healing the world. Active Hope is a great guide to work from. Participants will read 2 (or so) chapters before each meeting, discuss the chapters, and practice the Work that Reconnects together. Read more about the book here: <http://www.activehope.info> Please contact Linda if you plan to attend, at [lindaseeley@gmail.com](mailto:lindaseeley@gmail.com).

### *Mark your calendars now for St. Benedict's Parish Retreat*

at Mt Calvary retreat house in Santa Barbara.  
November 18 - 20. There are fourteen spaces available.  
Cost is \$260. A deposit of \$50 reserves your place.  
Rev. Caro+ has details.

### *Rev. Caro+ will be on Vacation*

from April 4 through April 11.  
During her absence the church will be ably managed by the Parish Council, led by our wardens Maria Kelly and Anne Kanter. The clergy team will be available for spiritual counsel. Pastoral care concerns should be addressed to Celeste Pennington.



*Finding Christ through Buddha* will now run on four Thursday evenings. April 14 & 28 and May 5 & 12 from 7:00-8:30 pm. During this four week class we will explore the ways that an understanding of some aspects of Buddhism can enhance our experience of Christian spirituality. Group members will be encouraged to share books, authors and practices that they have found useful. The key text will be *"Without Buddha I could not be a Christian"* by Paul F. Knitter. Knitter describes his difficulties with Christianity – many of which will seem familiar to Hollister Institute readers, and how his understanding of Buddhist insights helped him to resolve these issues.  
Led by Rev Caro+.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple;  
Eucharistic Ministers: John Horsley & Judy Schloss; Lectors: Bryson McKelvey & Tom Pickering;  
Ushers: Ron Thompson & Rob Ross; Greeter: Laura Thompson;  
Altar Guild: Sarah Chesebro; Coffee Hour Hosts: Joan Ghilotti, Gigi Rivinus, & Alice Welchert;  
Tellers: Judith Cadigan & Judy Schloss; 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.

**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 Sea Pines Golf Resort Grill.

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

**RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND** On the last Sunday of each month, the loose plate offering is designated to this fund to help those in need.

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

**VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL:**  
Maria Kelly, Sr. Warden  
Anne Kanter, Jr. Warden  
John Cribb, Francis Rivinus,  
Lisa Gonzalez, Barbara Schippers,  
Elaine Goodman, Kathie West,  
Esta Kandarian and Jo Oliver.

*The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day—Year C*

Welcome to our parish on the Feast of the Lord's Resurrection. Today the Church completes its three great days of celebrating redemption. Since Maundy Thursday, we have been involved in an extended liturgy which will be brought to its conclusion today. This is the celebration of the Passover of Christ from death to life. It is also the celebration of our own Passover in Holy Baptism in which "we were buried with Christ in his death and raised with him."

The first reading is Isaiah's vision of the fulfillment of God's kingdom, when all of humanity gathers on God's holy mountain in festivity as death is destroyed and the richness of eternal life is revealed. The second reading from Acts is the first in a sequence we will hear throughout this season describing the joy of the resurrection as it was experienced in the first days of the Church. Today we hear a portion of the sermon Peter preached to the first Gentiles to be baptized. The Gospel reading is the account of the women at the tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene.

As we rejoice in our new life in the risen Christ on this day, he comes among us and is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. We, like the women at the tomb and like Peter and the others, are sent forth to tell the world of his resurrection.

Please feel free to join us in this celebration of God's victory over death. May you find in this gathering the assurance that God is even now raising you to new life.

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April 2016							Highlights
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
					1	2	2 - Lit Lovers' Book Club at Cadigans', 1p 3 - "Potluck and Prado" following 1030 service
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7 - Drop-in Dream Group, 7p 9 - Men's Breakfast at Sea Pines Grill, 9a 9 - Saturday Evening Eucharist, 530p
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	10 - Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Café, 1230p 12 - "Active Hope" Study-Action Group, 7p
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	13 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a 13 - Earthcare Meeting, 230p
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	14 - Finding Christ through Buddha, 7p 18 - Sustainable Seafood, 7p 19 - "Meet Me in Morro" at Dorn's, 12n 21 - Parish Council Meeting, 630p 21 - Drop-in Dream Group, 7p 26 - "Active Hope" Study-Action Group, 7p 27 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a 28 - Finding Christ through Buddha, 7p 29 - Lit Lovers' Book Club at June Wright's, 1p
<p><u>Weekly Events:</u> Tues: Vespers 530p, Potluck 615p Weds: Choir Rehearsal 7p Sun: Bible study 920a (except 1st Sunday)</p>							

**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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