

Benediction Weekly

April 24, 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.



A Prayer for the Earth

- Nan C. Merrill

O how good to give thanks and praise to you, O Creator
You Who made the entire universe by the power of love!
When you speak, it comes to pass: heavens studded with suns, moons, stars and planets;
Earth abounding in minerals, plants, and animals – life beyond measure!
How is it that humankind seems no longer to reverence this wondrous gift of love?
O, Life of all lives, awaken your people!
Open our heart's eyes and ears that we turn the tide of desecration to the healing of our Earth home!

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, April 26

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck at 6:15
7:00 pm – “Active Hope” Study-Action Group

Wednesday, April 27

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

Thursday, April 28

7:00 pm – Hollister: “Finding Christ through Buddha”

Saturday, April 30

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

Sunday, May 1

NO 8am Communion Service
9:15 pm – Eucharistic Minister Training
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music, followed by
“Potluck and Prado”
A-G Salad & bread; **H-P** Main dish; **R-Z** Dessert

Wayside Cross Celebration Today

On top of a hill, not far from Parkfield, stands a large, stone Celtic cross. It marks the place where Bishop Nichols would often stop in his journeys to rest and pray. Join St. James' Paso Robles for a Wayside Cross Celebration on April 24, from 2 - 4 pm. A caravan will leave the San Miguel Mission parking lot promptly at 1:45 p.m. The mission is located 10 miles north of Paso Robles on Hwy. 101. Please bring your own lunch, including beverages, lawn chairs, blankets, and whatever other “creature comforts” you might need. Restroom facilities will be available. **Directions:** Take Hwy. 101 north from Paso Robles to the San Miguel exit. About 3 blocks north of the Mission, follow the sign for Parkfield pointing east. Crossing the river on the new bridge, turn left onto Indian Valley Road and follow the signs to Parkfield. Watch for the “Wayside Cross” signs on the left approximately 14 miles from San Miguel.

Annual BBQ at St. Luke's, Jolon - May 1st

The 58th Annual Barbeque at historic St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Jolon will be held next Sunday, May 1, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. The church is located at 65000 Jolon Road, south of King City near Ft. Hunter Liggett. Meals are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children.

The G. Roger Bailey Scholarship Fund presents...

Classical Guitar Concert with David Steinhardt

Saturday, May 7th – 2pm at St. Benedict's Church

The community is invited to this musical event to benefit local students of classical guitar. Concert 2-4 pm
For more information, please contact www.grogerbaileyscholarship.org or email Charlotte Bailey at cbailey_1@charter.net. Recommended donation \$20. Wine served with hors d'oeuvres at reception following performance.



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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Alan Kiste; Chalice: Rob Ross;
Lectors: Stef Shuman & Joan Hayes; Ushers: Rod Morse & Brian Spolarich;
Greeter: Marie Moore; Altar Guild: Diana Hammerlund; Flowers: Maria Kelly;
Coffee Hour Hosts: Joan & Bill Hayes and Charlene Morse; Tellers: Stef Shuman & Bryson McKelvey;
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 Sea Pines Golf Resort Grill.

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

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.



Some Reminders

The Benediction Weekly is emailed to parishioners and interested visitors each Monday, along with links to the Sunday sermon, a recap of the calendar for the week, and the list of ongoing prayer requests from our Bidding Book. If you are not receiving this email and would like to be added to the distribution list, please let Stef know at stefshuman@sbcglobal.net. Alternatively, the BW and sermons may also be accessed at our website: www.stbenslososos.org.

Name tags are provided for parishioners and also anyone who attends on a regular or occasional basis. Please use them each time you come to church, whether you're new or you've been coming for a long time, so we all can get to know - *and remember* - one another's names. If you do not have a name tag or need a replacement, let the usher know and a new one will be provided for you next week.

Rector's Discretionary Fund - On the last Sunday of each month, (like today) the loose plate offering is designated to the RDF, to help those in the parish or the wider community in need of emergency assistance. You may also contribute by check to St Ben's with "RDF" in the memo line.

Prayers after service - a member of the Intercessory Prayer Team will be available immediately following the 10:30 service each week, at a front pew near the altar, for those who would like to have someone pray with them for healing or special intentions.

Printed copies of the Sunday sermon are available at the usher's table to enable those with hearing difficulties to follow along.

May 2016							Highlights
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1 - Eucharistic Minister Training, 915a 1 - "Potluck and Prado" following 1030 service
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5 - "Finding Christ Through Buddha", 7p 7 - People's Kitchen at Prado Day Center, 12n 7 - Classical Guitar Benefit Concert by David Steinhardt, 2p
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	8 - Eucharistic Minister Training, 915a 8 - Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Café, 1230p
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	10 - "Active Hope" Study-Action Group, 7p 11 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a 11 - Earthcare Meeting, 230p
29	30	31					12 - "Finding Christ Through Buddha", 7p 14 - Men's Breakfast at Sea Pines Grill, 9a 14 - Saturday Evening Eucharist, 530p 15 - DAY of PENTECOST 17 - "Meet Me in Morro" at Bayside Café, 12n 19 - Parish Council Meeting, 630p 19 - Drop-in Dream Group, 7p 24 - "Active Hope" Study-Action Group, 7p 25 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a 28 - Lit Lovers' Book Club at Horsleys', 1p

Weekly Events:

Tuesdays: Vespers 530p, Potluck 615p

Wednesdays: Choir Rehearsal 7p

Sundays:

Contemplative Communion 8a (except 1st Sun)

Bible study 920a (except 1st Sunday)

Holy Eucharist with Music 1030a

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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