



# CELEBRATE ST. PAUL'S!

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Burlingame, CA*



## ***Practicing Presence with God***

The Rev. Jennifer Hornbeck

*"There is nothing you can tell me that will separate you from my love." - Tarana Burke*

Tarana continues this conversation with the emphatic statement that nothing we do can separate us from God's love for us.

A person's response to stress is often articulated as "fight or flight." Researchers have found this to have negative impacts on our physical, mental, I would add, spiritual health. As we are approaching almost 2 years into this pandemic in which flight has not been a readily available option, we are all experiencing the effects of this worldwide stress.

## **NOVEMBER DATES**

**11/7/21 - ALL SOULS DAY**

**11/7/21 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**

**11/21/21 - ADVENT FESTIVAL**

**11/21/21 - GIVING TREE KICK OFF**

As you, by now, probably know, life at St. Paul's has been active. We continue to endeavor to gather safely, albeit not perfectly, but with the grace of God in our midst. We have shared in the sacraments, mourned deep loss, experienced Sunday evening contemplation, welcomed newcomers with open arms, and celebrated the beauty of St. Paul's and its people. We also know that not everyone feels safe gathering in person. Please know that we honor your choices and hold you in prayer.

For many, fear is very real. Our faith has deep roots in real fear. When Jesus says "do not be afraid" he does so, not around the table or at the wedding at Cana, but in situations that are factually threatening. "Do not be afraid" is not meant to deny reality, but to drive home that God is indeed present. There is nothing we can do to separate us from the love of God. Taking God's yoke upon us is to turn toward God.

The journey of faith is an active experience and requires practice. So let us practice. There are a variety of practices and for some of us it may be committing to trying one a day, or trying one for 40 days.



Here are some ideas for practice without judgment:

- Open the Bible to anywhere and read. Take a deep breath. Does it land? Do you want to look again?
- Open the Book of Common Prayer to anywhere and read. Take a deep breath. What is your reaction? Is there someone with whom you would like to share it?
- Take a slow walk on the labyrinth.
- Write a letter to a dear one.
- Write a letter to God.

If these don't fit, do not be afraid.  
Pray the prayer that Jesus gave to us

***Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your church staff. We are endeavoring to listen and learn. You are God's beloved.

With love,

Jen+

## ***Notes from the Wardens***

Dear People of St. Paul's,

The days are getting shorter, the mornings much cooler and fall at St. Paul's is in full swing. This Newsletter marks the return of a monthly format for our Newsletter so we would like to just recap all that has been going on at St. Paul's.

We know from conversations with many in St. Paul's community that there are those who are comfortable regathering in the Sanctuary and attending in-person events of their choosing while others are not quite ready. It's important to us that we respect each individual's decision and are happy that there will continue to be virtual services posted on You Tube each Sunday afternoon along with wonderful music offerings also available for viewing when anyone wishes and that there are Ministry Teams meeting virtually or in person, **Please stay tuned for additional opportunities for both in-person and virtual opportunities and choose what works best for you, your comfort level and your health.**

**September happenings:** On Saturday, September 11, a team of 38 volunteers prepared the Sanctuary for our **return to worship in our beautiful sanctuary** on September 12. September 12 also brought us our **all-parish BBQ** in the playground of the Nursery School. Thank you to Bryan Vander Lugt and his team of "grillers" for all your work and those who helped with the "fixings, serving, and clean-up. September 19 marked the **formal dedication of the Skillings Garden and Labyrinth**, (please see separate article for complete details). Thank you, Michele Bosschart and members of the Healing Team, for your dedication to bringing this dream to fruition and to all those who donated. In just a few short weeks after the dedication, the Garden and Labyrinth have been used for a variety of events including overflow seating for the Celebration of the life of Charlotte Murdoff, the Blessing of the Animals, the resumption of scaled-down coffee hours, as well as a thank you reception for Choir School sponsors.

**The Choir of St. Paul's** closed out September's events with its **first Evensong** of the year followed by a second one on October 24, reminders of the great musical traditions at St. Paul's. See a separate article in this Newsletter about other Choir offerings this fall and early winter.

**St. Paul's activities continued in October in addition to the three Sunday services:**

October has brought us other opportunities for gathering in-person for those who wish. **Fellowship Meals** (both lunch and dinner) were held on October 16, 17 and 23 attended by about 40 people. At each of these gatherings, participants enjoyed delicious food, lively conversations, and a deepening of friendships between one another.

Thank you, Anne Casscells and Bryan Vander Lugt for organizing these meals and all who hosted. This is yet another example of St. Paul's community doing hospitality well.

Our annual **Stewardship drive** focused on Pledge Sunday on October 24 for those who wanted to and could deliver their pledges in person Thank you to everyone who has returned their pledge card whether by mail, online or in-person. If you haven't returned yours yet, it is not too late to do so—in person, by mail or online on St. Paul's website. On Sunday afternoon, November 14, Vestry members will be making calls to those parishioners who have not yet turned in their pledge card. Thank you to this year's Stewardship Team-- Virginia Pegley, Chair; Jim Steichen; Mary Page Platerink; and Anne Casscells with the support of St. Paul's Interim Rector and Treasurer--for all your hard work in ensuring that St. Paul's community continues to **Stand Strong, Rooted in Faith**.

We celebrated the Feast of St. Francis (with St. Clare acknowledged too) on Sunday, October 10 with the **Blessing of the Animals**. Our four -legged friends along with a few stuffed friends attended the 8:00 and 10:00 services with many wagging tails in evidence.

And **The Circle** hosted a wonderful **Yard Sale** on October 16 with many hands helping clean out the three garages on Occidental full of furniture and other treasures, set up the sale, being friendly salespersons, and helping to clean up after the Sale. Thank you to The Circle and others for a twist on a decades-old St. Paul's tradition while we and shoppers await the hoped-for return of the Rummage Sale in May.

**Launching of the Search Process for St. Paul's seventh Rector:** In the midst of all this activity, we also began the formal process of beginning the search for our next permanent Rector. The first step in this process is to **create a Search Committee** which will be appointed by the Vestry. We are pleased to announce that Charles Warden and Joan Cleary have accepted our call to serve as Co-Chairs of Search Committee.

The full Search Committee will have 9-10 individuals and it is being constituted now. Please watch for an eblast to announce the names of all the members. Thank you to everyone who applied to serve on the Search Committee.

An important part of the Search process for our new Rector, is gaining input from all members of St. Paul's. During the month of October members of the Vestry have facilitated in person **Congregational Conversations** after the 8:00, 10:00 and 12:30 services. The goal of each of the Conversations was to solicit input from parishioners and gain a better understanding of the opportunities and challenges at St. Paul's and our expectations for a new Rector.

The Vestry has also created a **Survey to solicit confidential perspectives from the entire church community, including teenagers**, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MQK5Z3N>

**Whether you attended a Conversation or not, please take the time to fill out the Survey using the link above or ask for a paper Survey if you didn't receive one in the mail.** The information gathered from the Survey and the Conversations will be used by the Search Committee to develop a Parish Profile which will be seen by all potential Rector candidates as they evaluate St. Paul's and whether they feel called to be St. Paul's permanent Rector. Thank you to everyone who attended one of the Conversations and to all who have or will complete the Survey providing the input needed for frame the search.

Looking ahead to November and the start of the holidays, we want to remind you that our Advent Festival and Giving Tree gift giving program will be held on Sunday, November 21. Please watch for more information on each of these in this Newsletter and in the weekly eblasts as time gets closer. There will be opportunities for everyone whether in person or at home.

In closing, we would like to wish you all a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Yours in Christ,

Kathy Martin  
Sr. Warden

Tish Busselle  
Co-Jr. Warden

Karen McCormick  
Co-Jr. Warden



## ***Dedication of the Skillings Garden & Labyrinth***



Sunday, September 19 marked the culmination of a long-time dream to transform the much-used area between the Church and the Parish Hall into a Garden with a permanent Labyrinth. Several gifts over the years got the planning going but the retirement of The Reverend Thomas Skillings in May 2021 after nineteen years as St. Paul's Rector offered the opportunity to raise the needed remaining funds to bring this dream to reality. Thank you to everyone who made such a transformational project possible to be enjoyed now and by future generations of St. Paul's and the greater community.

### ***Thomas' gratitude***

It was wonderful that Thomas Skillings was able to attend the service right before the dedication and the dedication itself. Special thanks to his dozen former Sr. Wardens who made his trip possible.

Before our Interim Rector Jen Hornbeck did the actual dedication, Thomas expressed his deep appreciation. A few days after the dedication, we received a note from him about how impactful the day was.

*"Being back in the church one more time, with memories of all the powerful moments St. Paul's community have shared in that space was deeply moving. The opportunity to greet people personally in a way that wasn't possible when I left was such a joy. To be in worship with the community, with a great worship leader/celebrant and preacher, beautiful music, and the ability to sing the hymns fed my soul. And, of course the new patio is magnificent, and the dedication hit just the right note recognizing all those who have carried the vision of labyrinth and patio for so long. It was so uplifting to be there. I am so grateful and my heart is still singing with the whole experience. God works in wonderful ways through St. Paul's, and I look forward to seeing what she is up to next! You will all, and always, be in my prayers as the next steps unfold."* The Rev. Thomas Skillings, former Rector of St. Paul's



## **Acknowledgments**

Planning, constructing and planting the Skillings Garden was a team effort. We are grateful to the team that Michele Bosschart put together:

Karolina Park, Landscape Architect  
Vavuris Landscaping, Contractor  
Amanda Campbell of Flora & Spice,  
Plant Selection



### **Thank you to the generous donors to the Skillings Garden and Labyrinth**

*Kay Barratt, Bonnie & Peter Adams, Serina Beauparlant, Chip & Kristi Blundell, Cyndy & Tom Bodenlos, Leslee McLennan Bonino, John & Lisa Borgeson, Michele Bosschart, Kim & Dave Bottoms, Lynn Bruce, Jim & Tish Busselle, Joan & Jeff Cleary, Paul & Debbie Cleveland, Dick & Barbara Dedo, Brian & Kathleen Douglas, Tim & JJ Elliott, Chip & Kay Filak, Mary Flesher, Reese & Sally Foster, Bob Ghoorah & Sarah Solum in memory of Bob's father, Steven & Susan Group, Ron Goerss & Edith Foothorap, Cisca Hansen, Ruth Haynes, Anonymous, Bev Hock, Susan Ketcham & Anne Casscells, Pat Ko, Dee & Chris Leach, Jill & Phil Lighty, Becky Loewy, Candace & James Martin, Jack & Kathy Martin, Dr. Susan Matthews, Donald & Dawn Mulliken, Penny Newall, Fusi Pauli, Nick & Virginia Pegley, Bill Phillips & Jill Hopkins, Tom & Margi Power, Dean Scholl & Marian Chin, Margot Smalley, Pamela Smith, Bill & Judy Steul, The Rev. Vern Jones, The Right Rev. Bill & Mary Swing, The Circle of St. Paul's, Jane Ward, and Jessica Sobolik Willey.*

## **EXCERPTS FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE'S PERSPECTIVES ON PLEDGING SERIES FEATURING ST. PAUL'S PARISHIONERS**



“At St. Paul’s we found a warm and embracing community that was intergenerational, we found great preaching that made us think about the world and our place in it, and we also found some tremendous people who inspire us...”

“We knew quickly that St. Paul’s was a place we could call home. We give to St. Paul’s every year because we love this community and because of what this community gives back to us.”

“(St. Paul’s) offers...wonderful opportunities for people to grow. I love the Sunday morning educational opportunities. For many people the music is what brings them to St. Paul’s. For whatever reason you are drawn to St. Paul’s, there is something here for you.”

“St. Paul’s is the #1 contribution that we make...because when we give to St. Paul’s it’s like a pebble in a pond. The ripples go out and out and out into (the larger community).”

“The financial health of our church depends on everyone... As we look to call a new rector, a very successful pledge drive in terms of parish participation is vital as potential rector candidates evaluate our parish.”

### **VESTRY WILL BE REACHING OUT ON NOVEMBER 14**

A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has made a financial pledge to St. Paul’s for 2022! Our goal this year is 100% parishioner participation.

On Sunday, November 14, members of the Vestry will spend the afternoon reaching out to households who have not yet pledged. You can make the Vestry’s job easier by getting your pledge in – online, in person, or through the mail – before that date.

If you would like a new pledge packet mailed to you, please email or call Marisol Tria in the office at [mtria@stpaulsburlingame.org](mailto:mtria@stpaulsburlingame.org) or 650-348-4811. Otherwise, you can use the QR code here or go to [stpaulsburlingame.org](http://stpaulsburlingame.org), then click on MAKE A PLEDGE. There you can read this year’s Stewardship brochure, find a link to our complete “Perspectives on Pledging” video series and make an online pledge.

Thank you for your support. Together we can keep St. Paul’s **STANDING STRONG, ROOTED IN FAITH!**



## **St. Paul's Giving Tree is BACK!**

Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 21, for the return of St. Paul's Giving Tree. This year we will be helping 4-6 large families who are clients of Samaritan House. There will be opportunities to participate in person after Church services from November 21 through December 19 or from the comfort of your home if you choose.

Stay tuned for more details about how you can help, whether by providing food, gifts or making a financial contribution for St. Paul's "elves" to do the shopping for you.

Key dates for this year's Giving Tree are:

*November 21:* Kick-off of the Giving Tree in Foote Hall as well as online opportunities to participate

*November 28 & December 5:* Last two dates to take tags from the Giving Tree for food and gifts

*December 12:* Last day to turn in food and gifts  
we'll have options for those contributing while sheltered in place

*December 19:* Food sorting, gift wrapping, and deliveries, this year our deliveries to the families we are helping will be done outside for safety for everyone

If you prefer to participate in the Giving Tree this year by making a financial contribution for St. Paul's elves to do the shopping and you want to take care of it now, make a contribution online at [www.stpaulsburlingame.org/support](http://www.stpaulsburlingame.org/support) or by sending a check to St. Paul's Giving Tree, 415 El Camino, Burlingame, CA 94010. Please note "*for Giving Tree.*"

*On behalf of the Giving Tree Team - Tish Busselle - 650.504.0919*



## **The Christmas Pageant is just around the corner!**

We are looking for young people to play title roles in this year's production of the Nativity in Luke's Gospel. Below is the rehearsal schedule. If you can make the 4 times, please reach out to Jocelyn to sign-up for a lead role! If you still want to participate but can only come to 1 or 2 rehearsals, still do contact her to get your costume and role.

### **Christmas Pageant Rehearsals:**

Sunday, December 5 from 11:15-12:15pm

Sunday, December 12 from 11:15-12:15pm

Wednesday, December 22 beginning at 4:00pm

### **Christmas Pageant:**

4:00pm Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) | Call time 2:45pm



## ***The Welcoming Ministry team is back!***

Actually, we were never gone but we refocused and are refocusing again as we begin to regather. This pandemic certainly caused a re-focus of our Welcoming Ministry team as our church community could not gather in person for months. and for several, gathering in person is still understandably challenging. Throughout the past twenty months, the Welcoming Ministry Team focussed its energies on our Banners on El Camino program (we hope you've seen them!), and promoting our online services and website as a means to continued to invite, welcome and connect with our communities. Now that we can gather safely again, we are striving to expand our work to support our "Everyone is Welcome" theme.

We have banners at each end of the church on El Camino that rotate on a regular basis to stay relevant and invite all to visit our website. Some banners are seasonal, others are event specific (such as the Choir School registration or St. Paul's Blessing of the Animals), and others are simply messages of love, hope and joy.

The website continues to be a wonderful resource for visitors as well as our parishioners, and our Team continues to work with the Website Team and staff to improve our Welcoming message by posting general church information, Visitor Information, and details about how to connect with St. Paul's.

Wondering about our use of disposable nametags in church each week? Using nametags on which we'd each be invited to write our names each week was the recommendation of the Welcoming Committee as a way of being truly welcoming to all--newcomers, especially. We've been reading a great book backed with data and personal stories about being a truly inviting, welcoming and connecting church; one recommendation that resonated with us is now non-inclusive it looks when "members" have pre-printed nametags or have them and either forget or don't wear them while "newcomers" no matter how many weeks they've been coming have handwritten nametags. So, we now are using the compostable nametags available on Sundays!

A robust welcoming spirit has always been a cornerstone of St. Paul's life and, in that way, we are all members of the Welcoming Team. Smiling, greeting each other, and introducing ourselves to someone we don't know-- all contribute to making St. Paul's a Welcoming place. Should you be interested in "pulling on the oars" on our Welcoming Ministry, please contact Jocelyn ([jsideco@stpaulsburlingame.org](mailto:jsideco@stpaulsburlingame.org) or 348-4811 ext. 2) or Bill Phillips ([phillipsmail@mac.com](mailto:phillipsmail@mac.com)).



## ***What is St. Paul's Tea N Talk Ministry?***

The **Tea N Talk Ministry** is a series of bi-monthly gatherings held specifically for St. Paul's "sages" and offered during the program year from October-May in Brewer Hall. Each gathering features conversation, tea, coffee and both sweet and savory treats. The gatherings feature a speaker or special theme which helps frame the afternoons and oftentimes the great conversations among the TNT guests.

We kicked off this year's programs on Monday, October 25. Following conversation and refreshments, Karen McCormick, Co-Jr. Warden helped facilitate discussion about people's thoughts about what they like about St. Paul's and their desires for St. Paul's in the future identifying specific gifts, and characteristics they wish to see in our next permanent rector. The information gathered will be used as part of the Search Committee's efforts to build a Parish Profile and Office of Transition Ministry Portfolio, both documents are required by the Diocese to start the rector search. We thank everyone for their wise and thoughtful comments.

Please mark your calendars for the rest of the TNT gatherings for 2021-2022. These opportunities for fellowship happen on Monday afternoons beginning at 2:00pm in Brewer Hall.

Dates:    December 13, 2021  
              February 14, 2022  
              March 28, 2022  
              May 16, 2022

We offer an open invitation to all those who would like to explore being part of the **TNT Ministry Team** — we are self-organizing, flexible with personal schedules and TNT commitments, and we believe that we are the only ministry team that has one "business" meeting a year!

Please let me know if you're interested in joining the TNT Team or would like to suggest a name to add to the TNT guest list. Or just ask one of the TNT Team which hosts these gatherings about TNT and how to get involved: Michele Bosschart, Penny Newall, Cisca Hansen, Penny Edwards, Lynn Bruce, Virginia Pegley, Kathy Martin, Chris Roesch, Betsy Bogel, Marty Beater and Susan Paduano.

Tish Busselle  
Tea N Talk Coordinator

*Special note to our TNT guests. We know that everyone won't be able or comfortable gathering in person this year so stay tuned for some special TNT connections for those who can't join in person.*



## ***St. Paul's Home & Hope Ministry***

Until we can safely host onsite in our parish hall again, the St. Paul's Home & Hope ministry will once again be providing one week of groceries for our Home & Hope families who continue to be in local motels. Depending on how many volunteers we have we will try to provide groceries once a month for our families for the next several months. At this time we have two dates set: November 14 and December 5. Please contact Bonnie Adams at [bonnie417@aol.com](mailto:bonnie417@aol.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

**Skillings Garden & Labyrinth**



## Healing Ministry

The Healing ministry members invite you to join us as we gather to walk the New outdoor "St. Paul's Labyrinth" on ALL SOULS DAY, Sunday, November 7 after the 8am & 10am services and /or an Evening Prayer walk at 5pm. If you haven't experienced the lighting at night surrounding the garden and labyrinth you are in for a beautiful experience.! Members of the Healing ministry will be available to answer questions about walking a labyrinth

**Every Wednesday at 4:30pm** we offer a Healing Prayer Vigil and All are welcome and encouraged to join for a prayerful time together. Contact Jocelyn Sideco for further information 650-348-4811 ext.2

### **St. Paul's members of St. Paul's ministry grow in Faith and Love :**

We make sure members of St. Paul's Congregation know they are cared for by mailing handwritten prayer cards during the year.

We provide prayer shawls to comfort those in need, (please contact Jocelyn if you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl). \*If you love to knit and would like to make prayer shawls, and /or would like to know more about other ways you might be interested in the St. Paul's Healing ministry, please contact [mbosschart@gmail.com](mailto:mbosschart@gmail.com).

Once the pandemic ends, we hope to restart our lay eucharistic ministry for those who are homebound and would like to receive Communion.

For those seeking prayer a Healing Ministry member offers prayers during the 8am and 10am services during Communion (for those new to St. Paul's ) when you see a huddle in the chapel during the 10am service Communion that is the healing station for those who would like special prayer for any reason.

On behalf of the Healing Team - Michelle Bosschart

*"Loving God, we pray for this faith community in this time of crisis throughout the world. Deliver us from simply desiring to go "back to normal," and give us grace instead to be open to the opportunities that your Spirit taught us in our time of separation.*

*Grant that we come out of this crisis with open eyes, more fully available to the needs of those most vulnerable and those on whose labor we have always depended.*

*Give us creative hearts to embrace and carry forward the new ways we have found to connect with one another; and, in your good time, bring us safely back together as a people renewed in the knowledge of your faithfulness and abiding love and strengthened for the work ahead."*

*-taken from our Wednesday Healing Prayer Vigil*



## October Fall Fellowship Meals – A Tradition Reimagined

For many years, Progressive Dinners were an annual tradition at St. Paul's. Participants would begin the evening at St. Paul's then progress out in small groups to dine at parishioner homes before progressing again to a new home with a new group for dessert. Last year in-person gatherings were not possible, but this year the Welcoming Team and the Stewardship Team were determined to bring back this popular community-building event in a modified, safe manner.



The result was the new Fall Fellowship Meals. Over two weekends in mid-October, small groups of eight to twelve people got together at parishioner homes to share a “non-progressive” dinner or lunch. Some took place inside and others outdoors to accommodate everyone’s comfort level. Over forty parishioners participated, enjoying the opportunity to connect with old friends and make new ones over plenty of good food. The Fall Fellowship Meals are yet another example of how St. Paul’s continues to adapt and thrive in these changing times.



### Thank You for Your Dedicated Leadership

During the pandemic and prior to resuming in-person worship two long time ministry team leaders, Betsy Holquist, Chair of Greeters and Janet Laurie, Co-Chair of Pray Grounds have both stepped back from their roles as chairs of their ministries. The Vestry on behalf of all the parish wants to extend our heartfelt thanks for the many years of service each of these women have provided to St. Paul's. While Betsy and Janet discern where they may be called to serve next, this is also a time for new leadership to come forward for the ministry team of Greeters and to reinvigorate our children's Pray Grounds space on Sundays at the 10:00 service. If you wish to learn more about each of these important ministries please feel free to speak with Jen our Interim Rector, Jocelyn our Pastoral Associate or any of the Wardens, Kathy Martin, Sr. Warden, Tish Busselle, Co-Jr. Warden and Karen McCormick, Co-Jr. Warden.

Once again thank you Betsy and Janet for your many, many years of service and dedication to the people of St. Paul's.

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St. Paul's Worships



## Changing Times Require More Open Experimentation

Happy November everyone!

I am usually invited into a deeper, prayerful space as I remember so lovingly all those whose lives have come and gone before me. This time of year is particularly reverberating within the context of prolonged Pandemic and continued uncertainty. I think of the isolation we have all endured and the potential of re-committing to those practices of separation again this winter, and truth be told, it takes all my energy to take up a posture of openness.

What is it for you THIS November? What could we be praying for together THIS NOVEMBER?

*Good, loving, merciful, and ever-present God, continue to make Yourself known to us in the tiniest and subtlest of moments. Help us experience how your grace can and does fill our emptiness. Guide us in ways that even interrupt our more usual or regular routines if that means uncovering a deeper desire of wholeness. Amen.*

As we step into these winter months that may lure us into the trap of hibernation, let us experiment with perhaps, an opposite behavior, let us go towards others. Let us all be mindful to call one another, reach out to folks we have not seen in a while, re-connect in ways that are healthy and loving. And know that you are in a community with others desiring the same.

- Jocelyn A. Sideco, Pastoral Associate



**The Outreach Committee** invites you to a Thanksgiving Interfaith Picnic on Sunday, November 14 at Central Park in San Mateo, from 1:30- 3:30 p.m. We are gathering with friends from local Peninsula churches, synagogues, and houses of worship. Let Jocelyn know if you would like to participate at [jsideco@stpaulsburlingame.org](mailto:jsideco@stpaulsburlingame.org).

## **All Souls' Sunday: Eleanor Daley Requiem** **Sunday, November 7 ~ 10am**

Services of remembrance of all faithful departed will be held at St. Paul's on Sunday, November 7.

At the 10am Eucharist, the Choir of St. Paul's offers movements from a *Requiem* by contemporary Canadian composer Eleanor Daley (b. 1955). Daley sets traditional *Requiem* texts alongside poetry from *The Sound of the Birds* by Carolyn Smart and a Russian Benediction. *Do not stand at my grave and weep* by Mary Elizabeth Frye is sung at the heart of this provocative and consoling *Requiem*.



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## **Annual Christmas Concert**

*And on earth peace*

### **THE CHOIR OF ST. PAUL'S**

Chamber Orchestra, Organ, & Piano

Sunday, December 19 ~ 4pm

A Benefit for the St. Paul's Choir School  
and the Wells Cathedral Residency

### **PROGRAM**

Franz Joseph Haydn | Nelson Mass: Gloria, Sanctus,  
Agnus Dei, Dona nobis pacem  
Undine Smith Moore | Christmas Alleluia  
Rosephanye Powell | The Word was God  
Errollyn Wallen | Peace on Earth  
Margaret Bonds | You can tell the world  
Fanny Hensel | December for piano (Das Jahr)  
Sergei Rachmaninoff | Slava (Vespers)  
arr. Dale Warland | Wexford Carol  
Melissa Dunphy | Nunc dimittis - *newly commissioned*  
John Rutter | All bells in paradise  
Gerald Finzi | In terra pax  
Carols: O little town of Bethlehem, Dona nobis pacem,  
Hark! the herald angels sing

Tickets on sale in November

Concert Sponsor Seating:

Row 1: \$150.

Rows 2 - 4: \$80

General Seating: \$35. | \$20. Students



## Choir Room Composer Timeline Project

A new composer poster timeline has been designed for the choir room, including 20 drawings of women and men composers by UK artist Margit van der Zwan prepared as posters by *Music Theory Examples by Women* (<https://musictheoryexamplesbywomen.com/>). The photo shows them on display in the church for the Choir School Sponsor Soirée on October 10.

### Medieval

Kassia (810-865)  
Hildegard (1098-1179)

### Renaissance

William Byrd (1543-1623)  
Maddalena Casulana (1544-1590)

### Baroque

Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)  
Barbara Strozzi (1619-1677)  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

### Classical

Marianne von Martinez (1744-1812)  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

### Early Romantic

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)  
Fanny Hensel (1805-1847)

### Late Romantic /Modern

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
Florence Price (1887-1953)  
Lili Boulanger (1893-1918)

### Modern

Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)  
Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989)  
Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)  
Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)  
Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

### Contemporary

Judith Weir (b. 1954)



## ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 5 ~ 4pm

*A light to those who sit in darkness.*

This candlelight choral service carries us from darkness into the light of seeing God among us. Carols for congregation, choir and organ alternating with readings from the prophets include all in a dramatic procession. A reception will follow.

Carols sung by the Choir of St. Paul's include: Melissa Dunphy *O Oriens*, Hildegard von Bingen *O Virtus Sapientiae*, Benjamin Britten *A Hymn to the Virgin*, Sergei Rachmaninoff *Bogoroditse Devo*, Melissa Dunphy *Magnificat*.

## ***The Circle of St. Paul's***



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The Circle is pleased to announce we have once again been able to resume onsite business meetings. In September approximately 20 masked ladies gathered in Higbie Hall. It was at this meeting we discussed the importance of clearing out our storage garages. At a follow-up meeting on October 4th additional plans and commitments were solidified for our first-ever outdoor "One Day Yard Sale" on Saturday, October 16th.

Thank you to all who volunteered and participated.

Thanks to the terrific signs donated by Bill Phillips, people are respecting our No Donations request. Thank you also Jack Martin for sealing the donation doors and Jay Janton for attaching signs.

The next Circle Meeting will be held on Monday, November 1st, 11am

*Cisca Hansen*  
*President*



## ***Keeping One Another Safe - Church Safety Precautions***

Dear Parishioners,

As the cold and flu season will soon be upon us, (along with our on-going Covid concerns), now might be a good to review all of the various health and safety strategies St. Paul's has implemented.

1. We continue to wear masks whenever we are gathered indoors, whether in worship in the church or in various meetings. Our choir members are all masked while they are singing as well.
2. In our sanctuary we have installed 6 high capacity HepaAir Filtration Systems which are in use during our Sunday services. Hepa Filters are also used in the office, Higbie Library and Choir Room.
3. Hand sanitizer is available as you enter the Church and in various meeting rooms in the Parish Hall.
4. When the weather permits, coffee hour following the 10am service is held outside in the garden.

As a point of interest, there are no food restrictions on what/how Ministry Teams and groups offer in the way of food as there are no County Health requirements regarding food. We will continue to encourage making safe choices on all matters based on the comfort level of the group.

Over the course of time, circumstances may change and we will keep you informed of any changes we make to our health and safety protocols.

Kathy Martin  
Sr. Warden

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

8:00 am - In Person, Chapel

10:00 am - In Person, Choir, Sanctuary

Tongan Worship 12:30 p.m. - 1st, 2nd, & 4th Sundays In Person, Sanctuary

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