

THE CLARION

ST. CLEMENT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

JANUARY 2012



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

January 29

Immediately following
the 10 o'clock service

**SAVE THE
DATE**

**February 11
Mardi Gras
Party**



ST. CLEMENT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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9:30 AM to 1:00 PM

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

8:00 AM—Holy Communion

1928 Book of Common Prayer (every Sunday)

10:00 AM—Choral Eucharist

1979 Book of Common Prayer (Rite 1)

(1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Sundays and Festival Days)

10:00 AM—Choral Morning Prayer

1928 Book of Common Prayer (4th Sundays)

WEDNESDAY

11:30 AM—Holy Communion

1928 Book of Common Prayer

The Holy Name

Last month I invited our seminarian, Daniel London, to preach on the First Sunday after Christmas. I learned of Daniel's study of John's Gospel, and knew that the prologue to John was always read on that Sunday. It seemed like a perfect match!

I subsequently was reminded that the lessons for the Feast of the Holy Name (January 1st) should take precedence over the Sunday after Christmas, but I really wanted to hear Daniel preach on John, so kept the initial plan. In addition, the bulletins were all drafted and the lessons sent to the readers.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Feast of the Holy Name. According to *Holy Women Holy Men*, this feast day "is new to the 1979 revision of the Prayer Book. Previous Anglican Prayer Books called it the Feast of the Circumcision. January first is, of course, the eighth day after Christmas Day, and the Gospel according to Luke records that eight days after his birth the child was circumcised and given the name Jesus.

"The Law of Moses required that every male child be circumcised on the eighth day from his birth (Leviticus 12:3); and it had long been the custom to make of it a festive occasion, when family and friends came together to witness the naming of the child...The early preachers of the Gospel lay stress on the name as showing Jesus was a man of flesh and blood, though also the Son of God, who died a human death, and whom God raised from the death to be the Savior (Acts 2:32; 4:12). The name was given to Jesus, as the angel explained to Joseph, because he would 'save his people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21). (The word means "Savior" or "Deliverer" in Hebrew.)

"Then as now, people longed to be freed from evils: political, social, and spiritual. The name of Jesus calls to mind the true freedom which is ours through Jesus the Christ."

So, we pray, "Eternal Father, who didst give thine incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we beseech thee, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, even our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting." Amen.

In peace,
Bruce D. O'Neill
Rector

THANK YOU to the many volunteers who hosted the Sunday morning coffee hours during 2011. You add so much to the life of the church.

Coffee hosts are now needed for 2012. Please sign up on the sheet in Palache Hall or call Mandy Hammond at 527-1373.



THE EPIPHANY

Join us for the Feast of Lights and Epiphany Evensong on Friday, January 6, at 6:30 PM. This lovely service is appropriate for all ages, and is followed by a festive reception in the parish hall.



MOVIE GROUP will meet on Sunday, January 8, at 6:00 PM in the Cunningham home. Call 510-547-0890 for directions. Join us for a casual potluck and friendly discussions. The movies to be discussed are *In Time*, *Margin Call* and *Tower Heist*—all will be currently showing.



RETREATS & QUIET DAYS

at the Bishop's Ranch

www.bishopsranch.org—707.433.2440

Epiphany Day with Bishop Marc
Saturday, January 7

Encaustic Collage

Friday, Jan. 20, to Sunday, Jan. 22

The Enneagram Workshop

Sunday, February 4

The Bishop's Ranch Quilt Retreat

Sunday, Feb. 12, to Wed., Feb. 15

Victoria Brown

Born Alice Victoria Saffelle Johnson, she left this world for a better one on Saturday, October 29, 2011. She is survived by her older sister, Ruthalma Johnson and her step family, Sharon and David Greybiel and their children, Sara and Matthew of Chico. Victoria, or "Honey" as she was known to her family, was born in Santa Rosa but grew up in Berkeley. A lifelong poet and painter, she was a pupil of Alfred Noyes, the English poet, and received national recognition for her "Astronauts' Hymn". Her poems have appeared in anthologies and the press. She was a graduate of Anna Head School in Berkeley and the University of California, where she received her B.A. in Anthropology and Philosophy, and earned her degree in Library Science. She worked as Special Services Librarian for the U.S. Army in Germany and for the U.S. Air Force in California and was for a number of years librarian at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, until her marriage to the late Roy L. Brown. She was an enthusiastic member of the Audubon Society and many of her paintings featured birds. Following the death of her husband, she joined her sister, Ruthalma Johnson in Geneva, Switzerland, where she resided for some 15 years until the sisters returned to California on Christmas Day 2009, to join their 'almost' sister, Else De Lehmann and her husband, Guillermo, and son Miguel. Since returning, she has been a resident of Chancellor Place of Windsor, and a faithful communicant of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Santa Rosa, where a memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, November 19th at 3:00 p.m. Friends are invited to pray for the soul of Victoria, who will be sorely missed.



Thank you to all who participated in the Parish Caroling Brunch !!!!

We enjoyed the choirs singing, the music playing, and the good friendly atmosphere.

The quiches were special and many — we fed the merry souls.

Thanks to St. Mary's Guild for the bake sale and fun yummy things to buy.

— The Parish Events Committee

ADULT INQUIRERS

If you are interested in Baptism, Confirmation, or renewing your baptismal vows, please contact the rector. A class is "in the works".

Check-in from the Rev. Justin Cannon

They say that time flies by when you're having fun, and this past year and a half at St. Clement's has just flown by!

As many of you know, I convene a ministry in the diocese that is sponsored by St. Clement's called [Holy Hikes](#) (formerly Worship in the Wilderness). We have held over a dozen hikes all across the diocese from Montara Beach to Muir Woods, Crissy Field to Tilden Park. At our last hike, twenty-seven people showed up. I am quite excited about how the ministry continues to grow, and even more excited about presiding at our hike at Muir Woods on December 31st (more details on the website).

Since my ordination as a priest on December 3rd at Grace Cathedral, a lot of people have asked me, "So, what will you do now?"

Well, as many of you know I have been working full-time as Program Manager of Episcopal Charities. Our mission to address the root causes of poverty in the Bay Area deeply inspires me, as serving the marginalized was central to Jesus' ministry and is at the heart of the Gospel message. I am currently still employed with Episcopal Charities, and that work continues.

In terms of my new call to sacramental ministry, there are a number of places where I can serve while I wait to see what God has next for me. I am an associate of the Society of Saint Francis and will preside occasionally at St. Clare House, Berkeley, in addition to assisting Reverend Bruce



here at St. Clement's. Not to mention, continuing my work with Holy Hikes.

I am also pleased to report that Saint Clement's Twenties 'N Thirties (TNT) group is growing. We began with four members several months ago and now have thirteen people registered on our TNT Google Group. We meet monthly for a lunch and fellowship. I've included a photo from our recent visit to Karma Kitchen, a once-a-week, volunteer-driven restaurant where there are no prices—just the invitation to pay it forward (for more info visit www.karmakitchen.org). I look forward to seeing what the future of our TNT group will bring.

For the time being, it seems God has opened up these many ways for me to serve while I await the next step in my journey. Please hold me in your prayers, as I hold the community of St. Clement's in mine.

Faithfully,
Justin+



PRAYER LIST

In Our Parish:

Frederique, Jody, Margaret, Nauvelene, Gail, Margaret, Jennifer, Laura, David, Helen, Catherine, Charlotte, Mary Lou, George

Friends & Loved Ones:

Katie, Barbara, Ned, Lee, Brad, Ginger, Nick, Norma, Johnny, Earl, Arlene, Rosemary, Barbi, John, Marilyn, Prajhan, Suzie, James, Ronald, Linda, Johnny, Bonnie, Jean, Candace, Steve, Benjamin, Sally, Nit, Veronique, Theresa, Carrie, Janet, Inge, Valerie, Christian, Brian, Joan, Liz, George, Helen, Rob, Roy, Kelli, David



LET LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM

James Barnes

UPCOMING BAPTISMS

January 8, 2012—10:00 AM

*If you or a loved one is interested in
Baptism, please contact the clergy.*



Book Group

January 24

The reading group will meet on Tuesday, January 24, at 6:30 PM and will include the usual potluck dinner fare.

The book selected is *An Interrupted Life & Letters from Westerbork* by Etty Hillesum. Etty was a young Jewish woman living in the Netherlands during WWII. This choice was based on our reading of a Rowan Williams book which referenced Hillesum's writings. This is the only available paperback title of Hillesum's works. There may be single title publications available through some libraries.

It was also suggested that *Man's Search for Meaning* by Victor Frankl would make an interesting additional read if people had time. Frankl was an Austrian psychotherapist, also Jewish, who spent years in concentration camps.

The Lectionary



First Sunday after Christmas January 1

147:13-21

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

John 1:1-18

The Epiphany January 6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

First Sunday after Epiphany January 8

Psalms 29

Genesis 1:1-5

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

Second Sunday after Epiphany January 15

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17

1 Samuel 3:1-20

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

Third Sunday after Epiphany January 22

Psalms 62:6-14

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

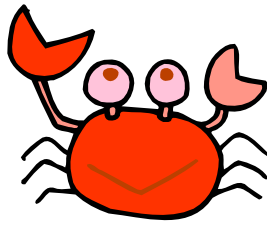
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 29

Psalms 111

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28



IT'S THAT FABULOUS TIME AGAIN!

ST MARY'S GUILD CRAB FEED

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

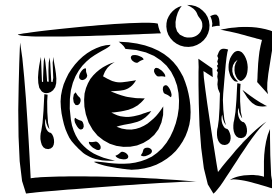
6:00 PM Wine & Snacks

7:00 PM Dinner

Only \$40 per person!

The seats go fast.

Make reservations early.



Tickets on sale each Sunday.

Or call Karin Heimbucher at 925-284-9013.

13 December 2011

To the Clergy and People of
St. Clement's Episcopal Church

Dear friends in Christ,

Thank you for your generous and continuing support of the Emergency Food Pantry at St. James Episcopal Church!

Two kind angels_members of St. Clement's_brought about 45 bags full of groceries which were the result of your wonderful Thanksgiving collection. The array of food was excellent, and has made it possible for us to help a large number of needy families.

Following the arrival of groceries, the mail brought your check for \$10.

For Thanksgiving we purchase 50 gift cards from the local Lucky Store, and another 50 for Christmas. This makes it possible for recipients to purchase a turkey, ham, or other dinner special_in keeping with their own family or national culture. You can understand, those gift cards a a considerable cost. So your monetary gift helps toward that purchase_and those gifts to the needy families.

One sad reality is that I increasingly see grandparents who are caring for 4 or 5 grandchildren--often for many years--with no extra income to help cover the cost of food for those children. You help them eke out an existence for their families!

Thank you for your help!

In the Name of Christ,

(The Rev.) John Rawlinson
Pastor, St. James' Episcopal Church

STEWARDSHIP 2012

In giving we receive.

Many thanks to everyone who has made a commitment to St. Clement's for the coming year! If you haven't pledged yet for 2012, this is a particularly good time to gather the family and decide what you will be able to give. As of December 29, we have 108 pledges totaling \$251,755.

—St. Clement's Vestry and Stewardship Committee

Steve & Kellie Abreu, Jack Andrews & Katharine Kates, Chris Bailey & Liz Tracey, Schuyler & Susie Bailey, Doris Balfour, John Ballantine, Helen Barber, Bernadette Bell & Kenneth Wachter, Nauvelene Blaisdell, Jane Brooks, Don & Carol Anne Brown, Christopher Buckley & Patricia Vanderberg, Margaret Bush, Mary Louise Chapman, Robert & Pamela Clark, Sherman Clark & Barbara Smith, Catherine Cohen, Megan Colwell, Betsy Connell, David & Claire Cunningham, John & Charlice Danielsen, Bob & Judy Davis, Cathy DeVos, Doug & Linda Dobson, Janice & Bill Dost, Milton & Yvonne Edelin, Linda Ellwood, Ken & Mary Farrell, James Fousekis, Mitzi & Dean Francis, George Ann Garms, Neysa Carpenter Garrett, Victor & Linda Gavenda, Dian Gillmar, Victor & Christine Gold, Mandy Hammond, Mary Hanna, Sally Hartley, Peter & Susan Harvey, Peg Healy, Ken & Christina Hecht, Robert & Karin Heimbucher, Mary Hill, Betty Hine, Susan Hone, Phil & Virginia Hoyt, Mary Anna Hsi, Lynda Hurley, Philip & Virginia Jardim, Kathryn Jevons, Tom & Marilyn Johnson, Charlotte Johnston, William Kinney, Linda Kranichfeld, Robert & Margaret Kreider, Bob & Kim Lally, Edith Lavin, Jeremy Lawson & Emily Goldwaser, Kristor Lawson, Andrew & Sarah Layton, Elizabeth & Ralph Long, Patricia MacLean, John & Susan Malick, George & Deedee Martin, Marion McConnell, Frances Morgan, Karen Pillsbury McMahan, Betsy McReddie, Don & Mary Miller, John & Jill Morris, David Myles, Steve & Ann Oakes, The O'Neill Family, Carolyn Ogburn, Melissa Newel, Bernard & Joan Pech, Pat Peters, Katie Pickard, Alyce Proctor, Sheldon Ramsay, Christian Rideout, Mike & Julia Robarts, Aaron Ryan, Hank & Tecia Ryan, David & Rizel Samson, Marjorie Sanborn, Daniel & Charlotte Saulsbury, Evelyn Sawhill, Lisa Slater, Isabelle Smith, Ron & Sandy Solis, William & Katherine Sparling, Richard & Mary Sproul, Helen Stamm, Richard & Ysella Stark, Chip & Kathy Sterling, Bonnie Stewart, David & Kathleen Stone, David Swanson, Hank & Darcy Tarbell, Janet Towler, Lynne Turner, Dan & Sara Wages, Edward & Susan Waller, Rock & Marni Warner, Lois Whitney, Edward & Nancy Wickes, Carolyn Young



Give More, Pay Less?

If we could give more without it costing us more, would we do it? How would we do it?

Some folks are doing just this! There is a way that makes it easier for them to make their gifts to their church (and other nonprofit organizations) AND to do so for less after-tax cost. It also provides a way to involve our children in our giving. A win-win, for sure!

This “magic” way replaces writing a check—much like on-line bill paying does—but with added benefits. These include:

Separates the timing of income tax deductions from the time the gift is made to the church (very helpful for tax planning)

Allows for anonymous gifts. (“I don’t want to be contacted.”)

Provides a record of charitable gifts. (“How much have I given to whom?”)

Facilitates giving appreciated mutual fund shares as well as stocks.

Permits pre-arranged scheduled disbursements.

The tax code refers to this vehicle as a “Donor Advised Fund” (DAF) Our own Episcopal Charities sponsors a DAF that is efficiently administered by the East Bay Community Foundation. There is no cost to set up one’s own account. Once set up and funded, you are all set to make gifts whenever you wish. Since there is a \$300 minimum distribution, this would likely be used mainly for one’s primary charitable interests.

How to involve children in gifting? Children can be named as successor donors. This way they inherit a charitable giving account. A DAF may also be named as a charitable “pour-over” beneficiary of one’s estate, thus further funding chosen heirs’ generosity.

Interested? A workshop for those interested in learning more about a Donor Advised Fund is on Thursday, January 19, in our Cathedral Dining Room, at 4 p.m. Coffee, tea and sherry will be served. Evensong sung by the Choir of Men and Boys will follow at 5:15 in the Cathedral. To RSVP or to request a brochure, contact me.

Everyone I know who has established a Donor Advised Fund has loved it. And so has their church.

The Rev. Richard L. Schaper, Gift Planning Officer
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CALENDAR

January 1—Sunday, Christmas 1

8:00 AM Holy Communion
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
12:00 PM TNT Lunch

January 2—Monday

Church Office closed
6:30 PM Education for Ministry

January 4—Wednesday

9:30 AM Staff Meeting
11:30 AM Holy Communion
4:00 PM Junior Choir Rehearsal
5:00 PM Pizza Club

January 5—Thursday

7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

January 6—Friday, The Epiphany

6:30 PM Evensong & Feast of Lights
7:15 PM Epiphany Party

January 7—Wednesday

9:30 AM Staff Meeting
11:30 AM Holy Communion
4:00 PM Junior Choir Rehearsal
5:00 PM Pizza Club

January 8—Sunday, Epiphany 1

8:00 AM Holy Communion
10:00 AM Baptism & Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM EYC Class & Sunday School
11:30 AM Senior Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM Movie Group

January 9—Monday

6:30 PM Education for Ministry

January 11—Wednesday

9:30 AM Staff Meeting
11:30 AM Holy Communion
No Junior Choir Rehearsal

January 12—Thursday

No Adult Choir Rehearsal

January 15—Sunday, Epiphany 2

8:00 AM Holy Communion
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
No Senior Choir Rehearsal

January 16—Monday

Church Office closed
6:30 PM Education for Ministry

January 17—Tuesday

7:00 PM Vestry Meeting

January 18—Wednesday

9:30 AM Staff Meeting
11:30 AM Holy Communion
4:00 PM Junior Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM St. Mary's Guild

January 19—Thursday

7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

January 22—Epiphany 3

8:00 AM Holy Communion
10:00 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM EYC & Sunday School
11:30 AM Senior Choir Rehearsal

January 23—Monday

6:30 PM Education for Ministry

January 24—Tuesday

6:30 PM Reading Group

January 25—Wednesday

9:30 AM Staff Meeting
11:30 AM Holy Communion
4:00 PM Junior Choir Rehearsal

January 26—Thursday

7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

January 29—Epiphany 4

8:00 AM Holy Communion
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Annual Parish Meeting
11:30 AM Senior Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM Really Terrible String
Orchestra

January 30—Monday

6:30 PM Education for Ministry