



THE CHIMES

April 2008

Sunday Readings

April 6 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

April 13 Good Shepherd Sunday

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

April 20 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

April 27 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:7-18

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

Sunday

Worship Schedule

7:30 am Traditional Eucharist

8:45 am Child Care, 2nd floor

9 am Bible Study

**10 am Choral Eucharist,
Children & Youth Programs**

Children are escorted to Sunday School after the "Blessing of the Children," at the beginning of the 10 am service.

Midweek Noon Worship Schedule

Wednesday Healing Eucharist

Friday Eucharist—*On the last Friday of the month we offer a Requiem Eucharist.*

The Vestry Retreat: "12 Keys to an Effective Church"

By Midge Coburn, Sr. Warden

The Vestry Retreat at Camp Stevens over the weekend of Feb 22 was full of work, fun, and getting to know each other better. This article is to give an overview of that time and briefly report on what we accomplished. Most of the vestry was able to attend, including new members, Mary Kay Chandler, Pete Seymour, Charleen Boyl and Vance Noel. Returning members included Dean Kaul, Cindy Trowbridge, Clare Friedman, Pete Davis and Midge Coburn, as well as our rector, Randal Gardner, the Rev. Maryanne Lacey, our Chancellor, Ian Williamson and our Treasurer Designate Narelle MacKenzie. Garth Howe was able to join us on Saturday and Sunday morning. Not able to attend were members Lisa Gordon, Howard Young, Anne Daly, Jim Campbell, our Clerk, Doug Gordon and the Interim Treasurer, Chris Christopher.

On Friday evening, we got to know each other better by briefly sharing our spiritual journeys and why St. James is important to us. There were many common denominators, but one clear commonality was the search for a closeness to God and a feeling of being cared about by the clergy or other members. A relationship to God, the community, and feeling known and cared for was important. Feeling comfortable with the liturgy and inspired by the music during worship was also a requisite.

Saturday, Randal Gardner led us through an exercise based on Ken Callahan's work "Twelve Keys for an Effective Church." During that day long exercise and discussion we identified two areas on which to focus in the following year. The first area is to create a new weekend service which will attract new and younger people; a service that offers quality music and liturgy. It may be contemplative, Taize or contemporary. The second area is to improve relational groupings so that the congregation feels more connected to each other. This is to be accomplished by supporting and encouraging existing groups, and encouraging the start of new ones. In addition, we hope to add four annual all parish fellowship and social gatherings. Task forces were created for both areas of focus.

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**The Untapped Potential for Peace
and Development:
Achieving Gender Equality**

**Eastertide Reflections from the Priest
for Church and the World**

The Rev. Eleanor Ellsworth

Recently I served again as a delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women's 52nd gathering at the United Nations. Our Anglican Communion has delegate status as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) and it is through that body of our church that we Episcopal women in the US participate.

My first year was in 2005, 10 years after the 4th Women's World Conference held in Beijing, China. The Beijing Declaration and the implementation arm of that Declaration, called the "Platform" was re-affirmed by all member states of the UN in 2005. Note that the Millennium Development Goals, which our national church has formally embraced, is totally in sync with the Beijing Declaration. In fact, the MDGs were inspired by the global work of the women.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon spoke at the Opening Session and delivered an inspiring speech emphasizing his commitment to work to eliminate all aspects of violence against women. On International Women's Day he continued the theme:

"I am deeply convinced that, in women, the world has at its disposal the most significant and yet largely untapped potential for development and peace."

He stressed that achieving gender equality is not only a goal in itself, but a prerequisite for reaching all the other development objectives, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) – the global pledges to slash poverty, hunger, maternal and infant mortality, and other social ills, all by 2015.

In recent years, agreements at major UN summits – including the Beijing Platform for Action, the Monterrey Consensus and the 2005 World Summit Outcome – have highlighted women's empowerment as a key factor in economic development and called for the provision of sufficient resources to that end.

**Religion and Geo-Politics Series
by Church & the World
Presents**

**"Why the Presidency of
Russia Matters to Us."**

By Dr. Phil Roeder

April 27th


from 5:30 to 7:00

Reception, followed by Program

RSVP to 858 459-3421

"And yet, we still have a long way to go," Mr. Ban stated. "Women are still severely hampered by discrimination, lack of resources and economic opportunities, by limited access to decision-making and by gender-based violence."

He called on everyone in the international community – governments, multilateral organizations, bilateral institutions and the private sector – to "dramatically" increase investments in women and girls, stressing that "investing in women is not only the right thing to do, it is the smart thing to do."

As an Anglican woman, and a Priest of the Church, I am proud that we formally embrace the MDGs and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, all of which is consistent with the message of Our Lord. On a parish level, all our Church and the World programming and activities to reach out to the world are done with the theological underpinning of the Summary of the Law to love God and love our neighbor. If you are interested in helping to shape the way this parish continues its commitments to the world, please contact me, and I ask that everyone pray this Eastertide for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our ministries. 

Interfaith Shelter at St. James: Are you Called to Serve? Saturday, April 12—Saturday, April 26.

Join your fellow parishioners in our 2-week shelter program that provides support to a few people during an important turning point in their lives. From Saturday, April 12th through April 26th we are called upon to:

1. Prepare and host dinners at St. James Hall for about a dozen residents;
2. Represent the congregation by sleeping over night at St. James Hall; and
3. Maintain the inventory of essential supplies in St. James Hall.

Take the time to make a contribution to a better world. Please contact coordinator, Phil Roeder at proeder@ucsd.edu, (858) 534-6000 (work), or (858) 453-9422 (home).



**ECS & Parish
Involvement
Drive:
The Month of
April is
Devoted to**

KIDS TOYS & GAMES!

For the ECS HEAD START PROGRAM

For March and April our drive is devoted to helping ECS by bringing new toys and games for those little kids in need. They would love educational toys, infant toys, baby dolls, action figures, board games, sport balls of all types. These should be new or gently used items.

If you haven't shopped for kids stuff lately, it will be a treat to pick something out! Bring it to church any time or on the Fourth Sunday...April 27th. There is a corner of the Van Schaick room dedicated to the ECS Drive. Thanks!


ECS manages two Safe Haven Transitional Housing locations—18 residents in Hillcrest, and 29 in the downtown facility. 

Elegant Weddings at St. James by the Sea By Anne Daly, Wedding Coordinator

St. James has a long history of celebrating elegant weddings for our community and nation. Each year St James is viewed as an ideal sanctuary for many wedding couples.


I am Anne Daly, a parishioner for 20 years and now the wedding coordinator for the past year. It has been my pleasure and honor to be a part of this beautiful and fulfilling ministry.

Did you know we have an amazing support team at St. James that creates the most spiritually elegant ceremonies for each individual couple, catering to their wishes in accordance with the Episcopal Church? The clergy provide marriage preparation classes; our Flower Guild liaison, Stephanie Scanga, creates beautiful altar arrangements; Pastor for Music Ministries, Steve Townsend, provides glorious music; our lay Eucharistic ministers provide communion when requested; our Minister of Communications, Sue Adams, provides the printed programs; and we provide a DVD of the ceremony. Chris McCormack, Minister of Parish Services, schedules dates for the couples, and I coordinate our departments, and work closely with the bride and groom to make certain we have understood their wishes.

We begin our wedding season in May. Rebecca Williamson has assisted me this past year, but is no longer available...I will miss her. If you are called by this ministry, please contact me. If you would like to book St James for your wedding please call the church; Chris 858-459-3421 ext. 107. 

Lenten Appeal Wraps Up

Garth Howe, Pastor for Ministry Development

During Lent, we held a special appeal for funds to help offset the budget shortfall this year. Our anticipated goal was \$40,000 based on Lenten Appeals held in 2004 and 2006. This year, 52 households responded with a total of \$23,415. Thank you to all who responded to the call this year. We appreciate everyone's support of the ministries of St. James through this appeal and other regular financial avenues. 

The Actions of the Vestry for February 2008

By Cindy Trowbridge, Jr. Warden

Three specific goals for 2008 were identified and adopted by the Vestry during the working retreat at Camp Stevens, February 22- 24:

1. Raise funds for and complete the accessible bathroom project.

2. Establish an additional weekend service to attract new and younger people.

The Vestry task force will work in collaboration with Chris Bernard and Steven Townsend to research and develop a meaningful worship experience for new, as well as existing members, and their guests.

3. Work to significantly improve the connectivity the congregation enjoys with one another.

The Vestry task force will work to support and encourage existing St. James groups, committees and guilds to welcome and invite new participants. Additional weekly and monthly gatherings, as well as several annual all-parish fellowship events, are encouraged.

Vestry officers were elected by acclamation:

Clerk of the Vestry: Doug Gordon

Chancellor: Ian Williamson

Interim Treasurer: Chris Christopher

Treasurer Designate: Narelle MacKenzie

Junior Warden: Cindy Trowbridge

The Bishop will be invited for his annual conversation with the Vestry on April 29.


The resignation of Alison Lee was accepted with regret, and heartfelt thanks, for her many contributions to the Vestry.

Sue Adams is coordinating activities surrounding the Presiding Bishop's April 6 visit to St. James. Her committee of parishioners is planning an all-parish breakfast before the 10 am service.

Chancellor Ian Williamson affirmed guidelines for the youth group which are under development and will be presented for Vestry approval upon completion

Parish Administrator Garth Howe reported on preliminary research for a St. James Hall and/or All-Parish Event Coordinator who would be paid on a commission basis.

Chancellor Ian Williamson reported on subsequent meetings that he, Garth Howe, Dee House, and Michael Penfield of US Bank, had about planned giving. Ian clarified if the Vestry decides to proceed with a planning giving program in the future, no commitments have presently been made to US Bank.

All St. James parishioners are urged to peruse copies of the approved monthly Vestry meeting minutes, available in the office. 

The Rev. Randal Gardner to attend CREDO Conference

Our Rector has accepted an invitation to attend a CREDO conference from April 21-28 at Roslyn Episcopal Conference Center in Richmond, Virginia. The eight-day conference provides participants with the means to find direction and clarity in four areas: spiritual, physical, vocational and financial. CREDO provides a foundation for participants to embrace wellness and to prayerfully discern the direction of their vocation.

CREDO was founded in 1997 as a pilot program funded by The Church Pension Group. The number of participants has grown each year, with more than 500 clergy and bishops attending a conference in 2005. More than 2,300 Episcopal clergy, deacons and bishops from virtually every diocese in the country have taken advantage of the CREDO benefit. Participants are selected at random from all active clergy with more than one year in the pension fund. The Church Pension Group pays all but \$500 of the conference costs.

Dr. Gardner will join approximately 30 other clergy in the CREDO conference. Over the course of the conference, participants will meet in plenary sessions, small groups and private consultations with faculty members. Participants also have ample quiet time to reflect on their personal and professional lives.

Each participant commits to

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"Anglican women & the United Nations"

Tuesday evening at 6 pm, April 8th


All women of the parish are warmly invited to attend the next meeting of the Women's Dinner Group, Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00 pm. Our speaker, The Rev. Eleanor Ellsworth, recently returned from the United Nations, will share her perspective and experiences from years of UN participation.

Dinner will be catered by Girard Gourmet at a cost of \$15 per person. Please RSVP by calling the church office at 858-459-3421 Plan to join us, and invite a friend!

St. James Gift Shop

By Karen Fast, Manager

April brings sunshine and smiles...and new and different items in our shop. The Gift Shop is filled with unique gift ideas for baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and birthdays for all ages. We are open 10 am to 4 pm, all week.

Have you read our Presiding Bishop's book yet? We have a good supply right now. We will be selling them at the Cathedral and Good Samaritan while Bishop Katharine is visiting. 


The Presiding Bishop's Historic Visit



On Sunday, April 6 Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will preach and celebrate at the 10 am service at St. James by-the-Sea. This is the only visit to San Diego scheduled in her 9-year episcopate.

Bishop Katharine (as she prefers to be called) and Bishop Mathes will join us for breakfast at 8:30 in St. James Hall. Additionally, Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will be speaking to the public on **Saturday, April 5, at 4 pm at the Good Samaritan Episcopal Church.** The church is located at the corner of Eastgate Mall and Genesee. The conference will be in Rottet Hall, Room 7. The hall is adjacent to the church. Her topic is, "A Reasoned Faith." Afterward there will be a short reception.

The breakfast in St. James Hall is by reservation only, and is limited to 225 people because of the regulations of the fire department. It begins at 8 am and ends at 9:30 am.

Bishop Katharine will leave immediately after the service for the airport, so make sure you say hello to her at the breakfast! 



THE "LUNCH BUNCH"
Presents


"The Low Down on Peter Rabbit"

Noon on Wednesday, April 16th

Our program topic is not a bit of April foolery! We will hear some new perspectives on Peter Rabbit from Dr. Carole Scott, Professor of English with a specialty in children's literature. What better way to welcome the springtime than to revisit with this endearing rabbit, who has many human traits.

Carole is a long-time, active member of St. James and one of our Lay Readers. She has lectured extensively here and abroad and is a delightful speaker.

Please make reservations for lunch by noon on Tuesday April 15th, by calling the church office (858-459-3421). Guests are welcome. Cost per reservation is \$7.00.

Chuckles and Love, Ann Williams' wonderful book with the personal photographs and original art work, will be on sale at the April Lunch Bunch meeting. Ann will be there to autograph copies, which sell for \$20.00. The proceeds of the sales of these books go to the Lunch Bunch, and is greatly appreciated. This is a very generous and gracious gift, and the book is a real treasure. 

Children's Ministries



Children's Chapel with Father Waddy!

On March 2, we were treated to a special Children's Eucharist, celebrated by Father Waddy. It was a wonderful opportunity for kids in grades Pre-5 to worship together in our renewed Children's Chapel upstairs. Father Waddy gave a moving homily, explaining the Gospel story of the Blind Man in personal terms the kids could truly identify with and understand, and Communion was served with an historic Chalice used by his father during his service as a World War I Chaplain!

We all enjoyed the experience so much that we will make this a tradition, and hold Children's Eucharist during Sunday school once a month. We will keep you posted for the next scheduled Children's Chapel in April.



St. James by-the-Sea's first Annual Bible Drama Reading Contest

Children and youth from our congregation and the surrounding community are invited to participate in our first Reading and Speech Contest at 9:00am on Saturday May 3, 2008 in St. James Hall, sponsored by *The Father Waddy Fund for Music and Drama* and Children's Ministries. Children compete in two age groups: Under 12, and 12 and Over. Participants will prepare two assigned short readings—a Bible passage and a poetry selection—as well as a "cold" reading of a passage given on the day of the contest. The readings need not be memorized. First and Second place winners in each age group will receive a cash prize, along with a book given in their name to the church library. There is no fee to enter, *however only the first twenty entrants in each age group will be accepted due to time and space constraints*. For more information, or to enter the contest please contact Mandy Davis, amanda.davis@sjbts or 858-459-3421 ext. 108. Please note: contest entries will not be accepted until Tuesday, April 8.



“12 Keys to an Effective Church,” continued

by Midge Coburn, Sr. Warden

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On Saturday evening, we had clearing in the cloudy and rainy weather to have a star filled night. We placed the portable labyrinth on the outdoor basketball court and by candle and star light walked the labyrinth. This was an individual and spiritual experience as we walked in the dark and yet found our way. We briefly shared our experiences of it with each other. We then came inside for our communion together.


After Morning Prayer, on Sunday, we had our vestry meeting, the details of which will be reported in the article written by Cindy Trowbridge, Junior Warden. We left with direction for the year and a sense of knowing each other better.

One of the main areas of discussion was that in Randal Gardner's first year, the goals of the Strategic Plan (adopted before he was called) had mostly been met. The Strategic Plan was the blueprint of what needed to be accomplished. The complete text of the plan can be found in the Annual Report of 2007. Briefly some of the goals accomplished are the revitalization of the Children's Ministries with the hiring and work of Mandy Davis, the recent hiring of our Youth and Family Pastor, Chris Bernard, and the ministry of the Rev. Eleanor Ellsworth in the area of Church and

the World. We have continued our wonderful liturgy and music, but still need to add the contemporary service.

Also in this past year, we have restored the committee structure and have adopted charters for each one. Each member of the vestry had a major role in this work. Now that these committees have a purpose and structure, it is time to welcome new members and expand the ministry to those interested.

Much of the work of the vestry in 2007, was behind the scenes and created a foundation for the 2008 focus. We thank our recently retired members, Sr. Warden Zeke Knight, Cindy Covell, Bob Traylor and Chuck Dick. Their hard work, wisdom and vision helped create the foundation for an even more exciting time to come. In future articles in the Chimes, there will be more about the committees, the charters, goals and the ways to become involved. Being a member of a working, support, social, or study group is a wonderful way to get to know people, feel connected to the community, to give back to our church and to form life long friendships.

We invite each of you to look for opportunities to enjoy the worship and social events and to participate in the small groups that interest you. 

The Rev. Randal Gardner to attend CREDO Conference

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extensive reflection through pre-conference instruments and surveys that focus on personal and professional wellness. The work of CREDO is organized around four major areas in each person's personal and professional life. Each of these components is explored as an integral part of the whole.

- Spiritual – offers CREDO as a sacred space where each participant can reflect on his or her interior life and relationship with God in Christ.

- Vocational – provides opportunities for reflection, discernment and planning in the professional areas of vocation, career and work.

- Health – encourages reflection on physical and emotional health and well-being, stewardship of the body and development of a plan to address the individual's health needs.

- Financial – explores all aspects of personal financial management and encourages reflection on God-given resources and how best to use them in response to God's call.

Through this discernment and visioning process, and with the help of a faculty team of professionals, each participant builds a CREDO Plan – a personal covenant based on his or her CREDO work and a formal expression of the CREDO experience. The CREDO Plan provides a personal baseline and strategy for effective implementation. 



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“Men of St. James” Dinner Fellowship For April & May

Stay Tuned!

The Men's Fellowship Group will meet in **April** . . . but the date isn't firm yet! We're setting up an evening with Dr. David Moseley and some of his students who used their Spring Break from Bishop's School to go work and learn from students living on the streets of India.

Please rely on the Sunday Announcements, the E-News, the Web Page, or the telephone to check in and get signed up for the Dinner Fellowship for the night of our meeting. The Web page and the sign up for our E-News are both at www.saintjamesbythesea.org. The Church office number is 858.459.3421.

May's Dinner features Bishop Samir Kafity, retired bishop of Jerusalem, reflecting on his years in Palestine and talking about a pilgrim's way to visit the Holy Land. That program is May 7 at 6PM.

The dinner group gathers for refreshments and conversation at 6. Dinner is at 6:30 or so, and the program starts a little after 7:00. We conclude by 8:30. Catered dinner, refreshments and the best friends in Southern California can be had for \$15. First time attendees are welcome as guests of the group. Reservations need to be made in person with John Kosky (Pepper's caretaker) or by contacting the church office: 858-459-3421 or office@sjbts.org. 