



THE CHIMES

January 2008

Sunday Readings

January 6 The Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

January 13 Epiphany 1

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

January 20 Epiphany 2

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-12

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

January 27 Epiphany 3

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

Sunday Worship Schedule

- 7:30 am** Traditional Eucharist
- 8:45 am** Child Care, 2nd floor
- 9 am** Bible Study
- 10 am** Choral Eucharist & Children's 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.

Turning the leaf

A new Calendar as a metaphor in the life of faith

I miss getting a new calendar each year. I am a recognizable gadget guy, and years ago I made the shift to an electronic calendar that carries volumes of dates and data in my breast pocket. In addition to the calendar my little pocket computer has the Bible and Prayer Book, the church directory and about three novels -- *Huckleberry Finn*, *A Tale of Two Cities* and *Moby Dick*. (Personal note: make a new year resolution to read *Huckleberry Finn* again.) The advantage of a pocket computer is that it lets me share my calendar with others.

But these electronic calendars are just so relentless. They carry on from one day, one month, one year to the next in their quiet electronic efficiency. Only as they enter and leave daylight savings time do they mark any change in their presence: "Your clock has been updated." They don't beep at midnight. There's no "Happy New Year" or "Happy Birthday." Nothing but "Upcoming Appointments and Reminders."

Paper calendars look, by the end of the year, as if they've been through something. That coffee stain in April was made in someone's home. That wrinkled page in February was from making an appointment in the parking lot, rain spotting both journal and its keeper. That smudge in July was the erasure of something that could, but didn't, happen. Come the end of December paper calendars look like they're ready for retirement. The new one, sitting on the corner of the desk, looks so optimistically fresh.

Starting a new calendar is its own pleasure. It's a joy to mark in birthdates and recurring events, and with a few hours of patient diligence they can be written in with careful and legible handwriting (to distinguish them from the scribbles made while talking on the phone). It's important to think of one's personal history while marking events and episodes and anniversaries. It's helpful at least to question, as dates are transferred, "Do I want to do that again? Do I want to mark that event for one more year?" It's healthy to recall the way things went and how things felt while in the midst of them.

A paper calendar invites one to weigh one's life in the balance of aging paper and fading ink, in the passing of time that makes this model obsolete and this one ready to begin. The new calendar is only hopeful. Not realistic, maybe; but in that pristine freshness all things are possible and all hope makes sense. My Pocket PC just doesn't ever give up or care for the passing of time. As far as it can imagine, I'm going to be attending the same meetings until I'm 142. Where's the sense of a fresh start in that?

"So teach us, Lord, to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom."
Psalm 90, verse 12

Happy New Year to each of you.

12 Days of Christmas Musings

By The Rev. Eleanor Ellsworth

An Epiphany Thought: *Be a light unto the world: Think “ I am church. I am in the world. What I do makes a difference.”*

One delight I discovered as a young mother and wife was that I did not have to have Christmas “done” by December 25th. The liberation of celebrating *Christmastide* instead of Christmas Day became a family expectation. We had the tree “up” by Christmas Eve, and sometimes as much as a week before, and we had presents galore on Christmas Eve or morn; however, Christmas visits with friends and writing Christmas cards were usually set-aside for the 12 Days of Christmas. Oftentimes I would give a small gift to the children for each of the 12 days of Christmas, but I never felt bound by that as an expectation or demand. A *12 days* present was a lagniappe.


I still live by the spirit of the 12 Days, even if the details change as circumstances evolve, and they have many times! 12th night, eve of the Epiphany, remains one of my very favorite times of celebration. In *Christmastides* past, my step-son Will, a chef, and I would prepare a 12th night feast for family and friends. Again, the circumstances are different now, but the spirit of it all looms largely in my heart. Perhaps that 12th night celebration will find a new venue in future *Christmastides*. (At one church where I served we had a 12th Night party, replete with the King and Queen of 12th Night. Perhaps St. James would like to consider this tradition?)

As we enter 2008, as your Priest for Church and the World, please allow me to remind you that a new **Beijing Circle** begins the evening after the Feast of the Epiphany: Monday, January 7th, 5:30-7:00. This is for women; however, if men of the parish show interest there is no reason not to open a circle for our globally minded men as well.

The **Dress for Success Accessory drive** will remain open through the weeks after Epiphany and I encourage every household to box up those items not needed now, but which would enhance someone’s ability to dress appropriately for job interviews, etc., and bring them to my office please.

Also continuing is our sustained effort to support the **Tea Estate Forgotten Families in Sri Lanka**. A \$330 gift sponsors a family for a year, but any size gift can be used by Kumari to enhance the lives of the desperately poor in her country. (Make checks out to St. James, earmarked “Tea Estates”).

Gentlewomen : Christopher Beach, President and Artistic Director of the La Jolla Music Society, will join us for **Women’s Dinner Group** on Monday, January 15th. He is a vital part of our La Jolla and wider San Diego community and will delight you. Guests are most welcomed (and that includes male guests).

Our **RELIGION and GEOPOLITICS SERIES** CONTINUES with our own Dr. Wayne Cornelius addressing the crucial topic of IMMIGRATION. Mark your calendars please for Sunday, February 3rd. The presentation is preceded by a 30 minute reception at 5:00 and the evening concludes by 6:45. Invite friends young and old to come to St. James. 



Support the Tea Estate Forgotten Families in Sri Lanka. A \$330 gift sponsors a family for a year. *Note: the photo here does not show it, but within the white cloth above the baby’s head is another baby, protected by mosquito cloth.*

Do you have an answer for the eight questions? FORUM OPPORTUNITY FOR EPIPHANY

By Maryanne Lacey

When a person is baptized in the Episcopal Church, an integral part of the liturgy for Holy Baptism is the recitation of the **Baptismal Covenant** by all members of the congregation.

The Covenant begins with asking the congregation three questions:

- *“Do you believe in God the Father?”*
- *“Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?”*
- *“Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?”*

Our responses to those questions confirm our belief in a Triune God – aka, the Holy Trinity.

The Covenant continues with five questions that essentially spell what it means for us to keep God’s holy will and commandments.

The questions are:

- *“Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?”*
- *“Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?”*
- *“Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?”*
- *“Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?”*


- *“Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?”*

To each of five questions, we say....“I will, with God’s help.”

They seem like a tall order – and they are....because as Christians, we are intended to be and act differently than the rest of the world.


Beginning January 6th at 9am, I will present a forum intended to focus on each one of these questions. Each week we will watch a 10 minute DVD, followed by a discussion on one of the questions.

Although there are five questions – we will have six forum sessions – the sixth focusing on how we can go out into the world to do all that we have promised.

Please join me in the Van Schack Room at 9 am – January 6th through February 17th. 

LAY EUCHARISTIC TRAINING TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY

Several people have indicated an interest in being trained to be a Lay Eucharistic Minister (Chalice Bearer).

We can always use more....so if you are interested, please contact either Randal Gardner or Maryanne Lacey @ 459-3421. 

Happy New Year!

From the St. James Gift Shop


By Karen Fast

We are proud to report that 2007 was a terrific year for the St. James Gift Shop. New friends, satisfied customers, a happy place to be.

In 2007 our donations supported The Bishops School, the Aethnaeum, and the Americas Foundation; as well as supporting artists from around the world.

On January 5 and 6, for the 2nd year, the St. James Gift Shop will donate 20% of our sales to Dorcas House.

The Elves and Angels of the Gift Shop are so faithful and dedicated-- cheerfully helping you find that perfect present—Jennifer Atkinson, my able assistant; Gretchen Jaenicke, who has faithfully volunteered for 8 years; as well as Ann Craig, Betty Muck, Charlotte Buchanan, David Fast, Vicky Whitley, Toni Gottlieb, Ethel Jackson, Jackie Booth, Colleen Jaynes, Diane Carney, Paul Treadgold, and our most recent new staff member— Chelsea Baade.

A very special thank you to Adele Webster who supports our special projects! All of these people are part of a successful team that makes St. James Gift Shop a very special place to spend time -- working or shopping. Each one is indispensable! Each one helps to make the Shop special. 

St. James Shop is a non profit shop owned by St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church.

Your Vestry Candidates

The following candidates have been carefully chosen and called by the Vestry to fill the four Vestry positions now open. They each will serve three years.

Here are their thoughtful answers to the questions posed by the current Vestry members.

QUESTION	How long have you been a member?	Why do you want to be on the Vestry?	What Ministries or Activities are you currently involved in at St. James?
Mary Kay Chandler	16 years	To serve the faith community that has given much to me and my family.	Altar Guild; Lay Eucharistic Visitor; 2008 Beijing Circle; Women's Dinner Group; White Elephant Jewelry Dept.
Charleen Boyl	28 years	St. James has been my spiritual home for 28 years and I want to give back to it by using my skills as a member of the Vestry. I have the desire, abilities and the time to be an effective member.	I am a Lay Eucharistic Minister; I attend the Sunday morning Bible Study; I volunteer at the Golden Elephant sale; and I attend the Women's Dinner Group.
Vance Noel	4 years	I would like to take this opportunity to serve the church that my family and I have chosen as our spiritual home. I feel that I can contribute as a current member with young children who plans to be actively involved within the church for many years to come. I know first hand how valuable a positive and welcoming church environment can be and want to contribute in a constructive way to perpetuate that for others.	I recently worked on the Mutual Ministry Review, a committee to analyze the current climate of our church. Also, I am on the team of ushers for the Sunday services, have volunteered for children's ministries as a teacher for the youth Sunday school class, and helped with the renewal of the upstairs classrooms.
Peter Seymour	7 years	When I was called about being nominated for the Vestry, I was honored. Working on the Vestry represents a chance to be of service to the church and its congregation, which has provided so much to me in terms of inspiration and fellowship. I would like to have the opportunity to provide a service to St. James that makes up for part of what the church has given me.	Currently I serve in the lay ministry as a Chalice Bearer.

Your Vestry Candidates

What do you feel is the most important challenge facing St. James today?	Describe your skills and life experiences that would create a successful term of Vestry service?
<p>Enlarging and growing our ministry to youth and to young families; increasing our pledge base; extending our care to the aging and disabled in our midst; establishing a constant presence in the world family.</p>	<p>I have been an Episcopalian since childhood. I value diversity and believe in basic human rights for God's family worldwide. I have learned that God does not cause the events of life to occur. Rather, God is always present, giving us Grace to experience life. I have been a Vestry member and Junior Warden at the Church of the Good Samaritan. I've been a Speech-Language Pathologist and Special Educator for 30 + years; Currently a member of the leadership team for 200 Speech-Language Pathologists in SDUSD; Plan and implement programs; Support and mentor staff & school teams; Design & deliver staff development.</p>
<p>The most important challenge I see facing St. James is the continuing need to attract new parishioners and to involve them, as well as, current parishioners in the activities of the parish; this includes both adult and children's ministries.</p>	<p>I am a non-practicing attorney. I managed a bank trust department for 10 years and worked in the education sector for 17 years. I was twice a member of the Board of Directors of the Junior League of San Diego. I have been a member and chairperson of the La Jolla High School Governance Committee and a member of the St. James Memorial Fund.</p>
<p>I feel that we need to make certain to continue the positive momentum that has been building.</p> <p>If we remain focused on fully supporting those key elements of the St. James strategic plan that have been thoughtfully and prayerfully chosen, we will make this the church we want it to be.</p>	<p>I grew up in the Episcopal Church, and saw the contribution my Father made to the community through his involvement, including serving on the Vestry. I always knew that as an adult, with my own family, I would want to serve my church in whatever way I was called to do. My past managerial experience and my current role as a business consultant may be helpful as part of the vestry. In my profession, I focus on improving the lives and businesses of my clients. We help our clients establish and maintain business budgets, set goals, and manage growth.</p>
<p>Obviously, growing the church represents a major challenge. We need to attract younger members, particularly families, to insure the continuation of our church and its mission. The appointment of a youth minister is an important step in this direction. My hope is that we can grow while maintaining much of our identity and tradition, including our beautiful liturgy. Thus balancing growth and the preservation of our identity and traditions is, in my opinion, our greatest challenge.</p>	<p>As a young man, I was an athlete and had the good fortune to play college football. Being around elite athletes and highly successful coaches taught me a lot about confidence, persistence, and overcoming obstacles. As a physician specializing in psychiatry, my background is in the study of human emotions and behavior. Hopefully, these skills will be helpful in maintaining productive and harmonious functioning of the Vestry. In addition, I have management experience, having served as medical director of the Behavioral Health Service at Scripps Mercy Hospital, and as Chief of Staff for the Psychiatry Department. These experiences have taught me a lot about understand others, patience, humility, and leading by serving.</p>

November 2007 Vestry Notes

By Midge Coburn, Jr. Warden

At the Vestry meeting on November 27, 2007, the adoption of the Lawrence Waddy Fund was approved. The purpose of this fund is to provide and support Bible Drama vacation school for children. This may include materials, staff, and putting on programs for the wider church and the community. It's a very exciting program for our children and honors the work of Father Waddy in Bible Drama.

The Annual Meeting for the congregation has been set for January 27, 2008, following the 10:00 service. Refreshments will be served in St. James Hall and the meeting will follow. All members of the parish are urged to attend this informative meeting.


The vestry discussed the search process for the Youth and Family Pastor. Although the decision is held with the Rector, he wanted the input of the vestry as he made that decision, which he found to be favorable. The Rector expressed his intention to invite Chris Bernard to join the staff as Youth and Family Pastor.

The Mutual Ministry Review meeting was scheduled on Saturday, Dec. 1. The results of the survey sent to 40 parishioners was discussed. The Nominating Committee met and recommended 8 people to run for the Vestry in January. Four agreed to stand for election.

Senior Warden, Zeke Knight, expressed his thanks to Doug and Lisa Gordon for all the work on the very successful Centennial Tea. A summary of the work of the Centen-

nial Committee was distributed. The committee was given great thanks and was disbanded.

Bob Traylor reported that the Building Committee is continuing to monitor work being done on the bathroom addition. Detailed drawings will be available shortly. The best estimate for the new bathrooms is \$200,000 to \$250,000. A status report to the parish will be included in the agenda for the Annual Meeting. The painting of St. James Hall is progressing. Peek Brothers is the painting contractor. The Building Committee is also working on a deferred maintenance list and will develop an overall budget for that program to lead into a longer range capital campaign and strategic plan.

Chuck Dick reported on the Stewardship campaign. There is still significant work to be done on the campaign to reach the income target. The budget was also discussed and the vestry was urged to attend the Budget Committee meeting on Dec. 10. There are important decisions to be made in this regard. 

As We Begin Our Second Century

By Garth M. Howe, Lay Pastor for Ministry Development


As we begin a new calendar year at St. James, we also begin our second century of ministry and service to our community and to the world.

The year 2008 will be an exciting one at St. James, with much to look forward to. A special highlight will be a visit from The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, our Presiding Bishop, on Sunday, April 6th. Also, Chris Bernard, our new Pastor for Youth and Families, will begin his ministry with us in late January.

It is also exciting to continue to grow in the spirit and receive the refreshment that God's grace brings. As we grow, the National Episcopal Church charges us to *"use the gifts God has given us to do the work God is calling us to do."*

To help us with our Christian spiritual growth and education, known as *formation*, St. James will begin a two-year educational program on becoming good stewards of all that God has entrusted us with— our relationships, the environment, our physical well-being, our spiritual life, and our finances. This program will help deepen our understanding of the true meaning of Christian Stewardship.

We at St. James have so much to be grateful for: our beautiful worship space, the glorious music, the growing children's programs, our social activities, the inspiring messages we are blessed to receive from the pulpit week after week, and much more.

May we live in the abundance of God's grace and continue to grow in our community of faith together. 



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Music at St. James

Evensong is Sunday, January 13th at 5PM on the campus of The Bishop's School. The Rev. Lawrence Waddy will be the officiant. All are welcome to this 45 minute service composed of music, prayer and scripture in the beautiful sacred space of St. Mary's Chapel.

St. James Music Series Tickets are still available for the final two concerts in the 2007-2008 Series. Call Steve at 858 459-3421 X109 for information.

In January we present **Cantus** in their San Diego concert debut. Cantus is a male vocal chamber ensemble dedicated to exalting the human spirit. (*January 27, 2008*)

Ensemble Galilei. First Person: Stories From the Edge of the World, is a collaboration with the National Geographic Society, and narrated by NPR's Talk of the Nation host Neal Conan. The program features narratives from texts of world explorers; images convey the challenges faced by these extraordinary people; with music of the Celtic Harp, fiddle, recorders, viola da gamba, and percussion. (**Mar. 2, 08**)

The first Lunch Bunch of 2008 meets at Noon, Wednesday, January 16th!



This meeting will be a very exciting time for the group! We will welcome back our former Rector, The Rev. Blayne Colmore, from a Christmas trip to Hanoi, where he visited his son, Oakley. This will be a rare opportunity to gain a first hand report on that part of the world. Those who know Blayne Colmore will remember him as a delightful and thought-provoking speaker.

Make your reservation by calling the church office at 858-459-3421. Lunch in the Van Schaick Room is \$7.00, catered by Girard Gourmet.
Muggie Harris, Publicity Chairman

Make plans to be
at the

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday
January 27
11:30 am

Join us in St. James Hall (*a chance to view the new paint job!*) after the 10 am service. Come meet your new leaders and thank the "old" ones. Childcare and refreshments will be available.



Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 6 pm

We begin 2008 with guest Christopher Beach, President and Artistic Director of the La Jolla Music Society speaking on ***The Importance of Music to our Spirit***. The La Jolla Music Society presents orchestra concerts, chamber music, jazz and dance, and is the parent organization of the prestigious annual chamber music festival, *SummerFest*.

Following our fellowship time, dinner will be catered by Girard Gourmet for \$15 per person. To RSVP call the church office at 858-459-3421 or sign up Sunday.

Blayne Colmore to speak about Vietnam at the "Men of St. James" Dinner Group, January 9th

The January Men's Dinner Group was delayed one week to get us clear of the New Year's holiday and to wait for Fr. Blayne Colmore's return from his Christmas visit to Hanoi. Always a thoughtful and astute observer, Fr. Blayne's commentaries on life and experience dance with poetry. It will be a treat to hear his reflections on visiting Vietnam, a country whose name brings much to mind for many of us.

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 / office@sjbts.org.



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Attention all ministries!

Do you have a recurring event taking place in our church facilities in 2008? Please don't risk being shut out for your dates!

Make sure you are on the 2008 Facilities Calendar! Contact Chris McCormack in the office at x107 ASAP. Even if you were on the 2007 calendar, you need to renew for 2008. Call or email, whichever is easiest! If you *think* you have already spoken with Chris, please reconfirm.

Help put St. James Hall “On the Map”

As I'm sure most of you have seen, St. James Hall is now sporting her beautiful new coat of paint and is ready to shine here in the Village. **But we need your help!**

The hall is available for wedding receptions, corporate functions and parties. Most dates in 2008 are still available. So when you hear a friend, relative, business associate, or the person in line in front of you at Vons talking about where to host their event, remember to mention our beautiful parish hall. There is a real market out there for St. James Hall – we just need to get her added to the “social register” and help put her “on the map”! Call Chris, Minister of Parish Services at 858 459-3421 x107 or email at office@sjbts.org. Thank you!