

The Rock *of St. Peter's*

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St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, Morro Bay,
California



St. Peter's mission is to be a spiritually thriving household for people on their faith journey, radiating Christ's love by bearing witness to our community with hope, compassion, inclusion and service.

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From the Rector

Dear People of St. Peter's,

This year is the longest season of Epiphany possible, nine weeks. As you may know, our church year is governed by two dates: the fixed date of the Nativity of our Lord, Christmas Day, December 25, and the moveable date of the Resurrection: Easter Day. Look in the Book of Common Prayer on p. 15 for how the Calendar is set.

Last year was a short season of Epiphany. We just got the Christmas and New Year's celebrations over and time for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, or so it seemed. That event will be Tuesday, March 8, with great food and fellowship and Mardi Gras beads. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors.

Then we begin the time of introspection, the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, March 9, communion and imposition of ashes will take place at 10am. and 7pm. Bring back last year's blessed, now dried, palms by March 6. They will be ceremonially burned and the ashes used for Ash Wednesday, marking the sign of penitence on our foreheads.

During Lent, we have the opportunity to add something to our lives, a Lenten study with soup supper. For five Wednesday evenings, beginning March 16, we will gather for a simple soup and bread supper, followed by a thoughtful study based on John Steinbeck's "East of Eden" and the Lenten gospels. The material is on the El Camino Real website, www.edecr.org, click on Spirituality, drop down to Spiritual Resources, to get a preview. It is not necessary to have read the powerful novel, or even seen the movie, to participate. The theme of the book is summed up at the end, the Hebrew word, *timshel*, "thou mayest." Bp. Mary Gray-Reeves used this as the touchstone at the November 2010 diocesan convention. She invited the diocese to live into life as "thou mayest." This Lenten series will invite us also into the possibilities we have as individual believers, as Christians in the faith community we know as St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal.

Supper will begin at 5 pm., the program will follow at 5:45 pm. Those whose workday ends at 5, come as soon as you can. As choir rehearsal begins at 7:15, we will conclude by then. Anyone who needs a ride, they are available, just call the office to ask. We will "make it so."

Peace and love in Christ,



Senior Warden's Report - Roger Ludin

Having been on the job for all of three weeks, there is not too much to report. Our parish has been blessed with having a mortgage free campus as well as two mortgage free properties on Napa Ave. However as time goes on buildings age and need repair and upkeep. Part of our stewardship is to preserve our investments through proper maintenance. When budgets are tight, preventative maintenance is often put off. Simple repairs grow into more complex, expensive major jobs. One of my goals will be to get on top of our maintenance and spruce up our buildings. The vestry has already taken a step in that direction by approving much needed repairs to one of our Napa Ave. houses. It would be great to have a building and grounds committee to oversee what has to be done. Anyone is welcome to volunteer. I am not asking that the committee actually do the repairs, but serve as a clearing house and list keeper of things that have to be done, prioritize the list and report to vestry.

Let There Be Light - Roger Ludin

One of my jobs at St. Peter's is serving as the chief light bulb changer. (How many nuclear physicists does it take to change a light bulb?) Recently we have has a rash of bulbs in the nave blowing out. The bulbs are expensive (\$27 retail). The fixtures are old and I believe that some are slightly defective since most of the replacing has been on two fixtures. When ordering bulbs last week I learned that the bulbs are no longer being manufactured. This is not part of the state switchover to energy saving bulbs, but rather that the large base bulbs and fixtures are obsolescent. No CF or halogen bulbs are being made to replace them. When inventories of the bulbs run out, we will be out of luck. For the last few years replacing the lighting in the church has been part of our wish list. Now it has become more urgent. If we have an angel out there who would like to underwrite this project it would be divine. We do not want to become "The People Who Walked in Darkness" as our supply of bulbs run out. New lighting would be more efficient saving on energy costs and can make the nave brighter and easier to see as well.

Worship in Lent

With Bp. Mary's permission, we will be worshipping in Lent using Enriching our Worship, authorized settings from the Commission on Liturgy and Music of The Episcopal Church. Listen for the familiar components of our worship, and especially look for the slightly different words. How do they expand our understanding of God, Father Creator, Son Redeemer, and Holy Spirit Sustainer? Two thousand years and many languages and cultures all contribute to our understanding and practice as followers of Jesus the Christ.

Caroline Coffey

Congratulations go out to Judy and Ray Gallo's granddaughter, Caroline Coffey, who has been accepted at the Fine Arts Magnet School in the Washington, D.C. area.

The Tree - Diane Ludin

Last fall our neighbors in the house next door to our parking lot asked us to split the cost with them of taking down the cypress tree on our property behind our children's playground. Part of a longstanding controversy, the tree, they claimed, continued to damage their property. They threatened legal action if we did not cooperate.

These are the neighbors that tried to take St. Peter's and the City of Morro Bay to court over the installation of the Sprint cell phone tower that's now installed within our tower cross.

Some vestry members rejected the idea of removing the tree. They questioned our neighbors' objectives and argued that the tree was a landmark that deserved to stand.

Others on the vestry, while respecting reasons to preserve the tree, argued to avoid litigation. An attorney had advised that we might not win in court. The neighbors had paid to cover their gutters and remove sap from their outdoor furniture. Trimming by the church's hired arborists and PG&E had not eliminated the problem in the past.

As your elected representatives, vestry members argued both sides of the question before they came to a decision. A great strength of the recent vestry was their ability to agree not to agree and have constructive discussions as a result.

Letters traveled back and forth between the vestry and the house next door. As a result, our neighbors have agreed to pay the full cost of removing the tree and removing all logs and debris. The tree is coming down. It may be down as you read this.



Adult Christian Formation

Several of those participating in the recent course, "First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God," have wanted to see and discuss the material again. We are meeting Wednesdays from 11am. to 12:30 am. Another group has begun an evening group at home. As the leader, I am delighted to find new and challenging and puzzling content each time experience this material. You have been hearing some of it in sermons. With Lent beginning in a few weeks, start thinking about what Jesus' suffering and death mean to you, to us, to the world. There are lots of shades of understanding of this. I would be interested in what Atonement means to you. Harriet+

Altar Guild - Donna Baker

The members of the Altar Guild wish to thank all who so generously dedicate poinsettias, lilies and other altar flowers in all the seasons of the year. The Flower Chart in the parish hall has been tidied up for your use. Please sign up for the Sunday of your choice. It will help if you call Judy in the office to tell her how you want the dedication to be worded. We will try to contact you and get your wishes of color etc. Finally drop a check for \$25-35 in the plate noted for altar flowers.

Another big Thank you to Art Criddle for his kind gift of five large wooden blocks, stained to match our altar shelf. It has made decorating for the holiday seasons so much easier.

We have lost our source for the tall palms which are used outside the church for Palm Sunday. Although the outside of the church doesn't come under the auspices of the Altar Guild, we would to see this responsibility taken by someone who can locate these palms, go get them and decorate St. Peter's church with them. Does anyone see this as their ministry?

Counters Needed - Edith Ross

Donna and I have counted the weekly offering for several years. We have worked out a very good and simple method of reporting and depositing. It would be good to have a few people willing to learn the system and fill in for us when the occasion arises. This does not require a great deal of time. If interested in volunteering for this very important function please call one of us for further information. Edith Ross, 772-7549; Donna Baker, 772-9086.

Rest in Peace

St. Peter's member and former "mom" of St. Peter's Bridge Doris Clegg entered life eternal on February 6. She was a regular at the mid-week eucharist and Bible study until declining health kept her at home. She spoiled the groups with good food and kindness. Graveside service will be on February 25, 11 am., at the Cayucos—Morro Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace, with light perpetual shining upon her. Please remember her, her children Charles and Emma Lea, in your prayers.

Judy Copeland has a new home

For her health and well-being, Judy Copeland has moved to a board and care in Los Osos. Her daughters Betsy and Paige made this decision when they knew that their mother could no longer live on her own. Please continue to pray for Judy and her family. They are all dear to us. Her address is c/o Baywood Manor, 1489 11th Street, Los Osos CA 93402. Call first if you would like to visit, 528-1455.

The Power of Prayer - Clovis Putney

Tom Gallagher (I knew him as Tommy, his father's name is Tom as well.) Our church has had Tommy on our prayer list for some time. His problem started when he went to the Hospital earlier (2010) because he felt pain and numbness in his hand. The problem was found---a bone spur in his neck was impacting the nerves in his hand. It was something curable with what he was told would be a minimally invasion micro—surgery/ but when Gallagher woke up from the anesthesia, he was unable to move the left side of his body. The left side of his body was paralyzed and his left hand was curled into a dead ball.

Tommy said the Orange County neurosurgeon who treated him had slipped during the procedure and punctured his spinal cord. Doctors in Orange County as well as Long Beach told him they didn't know if he would ever walk again. It was a nightmare for Gallagher who had been active his whole life with triathlons, kayaking and paddle boarding. Before the surgery, Gallagher was ranked as one of the top three paddle boarders in California.

The word was out about this unfortunate incident, all help was called upon, physical therapy, prayer as well as his paddle boarding buddies and within a month it was all working. This self-determined young man was released from the hospital in a walker and began doing rehabilitation at home and on an out-patient basis.

Tommy now paddles his way from his home to work at the Gallagher Chiropractic and Sports Medicine Clinic. Meanwhile, he walks with a slight limp and is looking forward to trying another race in the Hawaiian island.

To all at St. Peter's who offered their prayers of healing and recovery, sincere appreciation. Prayer works!

John Baker Enters Eternal Life December 4, 2010

With a long and faithful life ended, we filled St. Peter's and more to both mourn death and celebrate the life of John Baker. Not even declining health kept him from his role a chief greeter for us. He served faithfully and well as senior warden in the challenging time between rectors. A longtime choir member, and sousaphone player in several local bands, he cared deeply about his faith, his family, his friends, his community, and his country. Following the graveside, with military honors, his family joined others in the parish hall for refreshments, stories, and remembrances. His wife Donna, their children Adrian and Sonja, his daughters Gail, Natalie, and Donna, and several grandchildren survive him. Memorials to St. Peter's will probably go for a "proper bell" for the bell tower, as John hoped.

May he rest in peace, with perpetual light shining upon him.

New Vestry members and Deanery/Diocesan Delegates and Alternates elected at Annual Parish Meeting January 23.

The slate of three--year vestry terms for Bill Bowes, Roger Ludin, and Alan Williams was unanimously elected. Jeanne Small was elected to the two year term, completing the unexpired term of Diane Ludin, who was appointed Treasurer. Dan Bogart, who has moved with his family to Carmel Valley, had one more year of his term, so here is an opportunity to give vestry a try. Both Nataliya and he have work there. Thanks to Dan, Frank Fiedler, Diane Ludin for all of their faithful service. Longtime Treasurer extraordinaire Walt Schob has retired, leaving with us strong business practices and opportunities for increasing income. Bill Bowes, who had stepped in to complete Shirley Dean's unexpired term, has graciously agreed to a full three--year team.

The Rector appointed Roger Ludin as Senior Warden; Ellen Pool has agreed to stand for election by the Vestry as Junior Warden, the People's Warden. Jim Arnold continues as Clerk, and Diane Ludin shares yet another of her gifts, as Treasurer. And thanks for her excellent ministry as Senior Warden.

We are allowed three deanery/diocesan delegates and three alternates, based on our ASA, average Sunday attendance (YOU DO COUNT!) Elected as delegates are Jim Arnold, Susan Arnold, an apparent tie between Diane Ludin and Lois Henderson for third delegate. Both Dee Bowes and Nancy Castle agreed to serve as alternates. Both Lois and Diane are willing to serve in either capacity, and the vestry will flip the proverbial coin at the next meeting. For everyone who participated in the annual meeting, a big thanks. The business part of our faith community is part of sharing our baptismal ministry, and being accountable.

Westmont Chamber Choir Sings at St. Peter's

For many years Dr. Grey Brothers has brought the talented Chamber Choir from Westmont College to sing at St. Peter's. This year they come on Sunday, April 10, with a concert at 4 pm. With a wide range of a cappella singing, the choir always charms the audience. We can visit with them after the concert. A free-will offering and a warm, listening ear will be much appreciated. Again, St. Peter's Episcopal provides the arts for our communities. Let your friends know.

Pancake Supper

Come celebrate Mardi Gras in the Protestant tradition at the Annual St. Peter's Pancake Supper. For a mere \$6 (children 5-12 only \$3) you can feast on pancakes with butter and syrup, sausages, apple sauce and coffee or tea. So why not join us Tuesday March 8 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM and kick your heels up one more time before Lent.

Financial Report As of January 31th, 2011

Revenues	Received	Expected	BudgetedYear
Offerings	8,458	8350	100,206
Rents received	3,663	3,586	43,035
Parish Hall use	118	341	4,100
Fund raising projects	32	20	250
Special projects	0	183	2,200
Miscellaneous other revenues	6,356	631	7,573
Interest	170	335	4,031
Total Revenues	18,800	13,449	161,395

Expenses	Have Spent	Expected	Budgeted Year
Childcare-babysitting	0	8	100
Diocesan convention	0	13	160
Diocesan fair share	1,227	1,300	15,607
Equip & fixtures-new purchase	0	29	350
Insurance	1,054	1,528	18,338
Maintenance & repair	62	168	2,020
Office (not supplies)	122	192	2,311
Professional services - auditing	0	50	600
Labor services - gardener	0	183	2,200
Supplies	(85)	233	2,800
Taxes	0	206	2,477
Utilities	752	770	9,250
Miscellaneous expenses	183	439	5,280
Total Personal	10,449	8,724	104,696
Total Expenses	13,766	13,849	166,189

How did we do in January?

In January we received \$18,800 and spent \$13,766. The difference reflects the \$5324 in revenue carried over from last year.

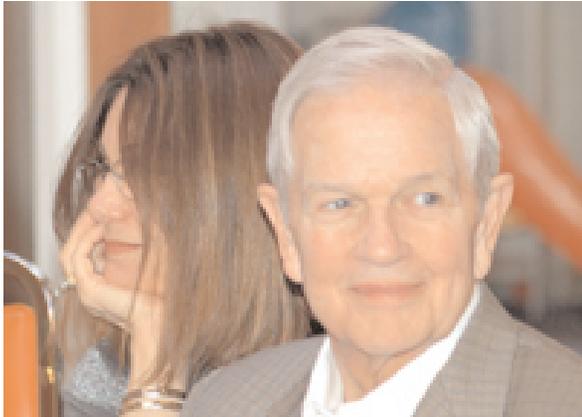
We fulfilled our full obligations to the Church Divinity School of the Pacific and the Canterbury Club in 2010 and have budgeted 1 percent of our revenue each to those causes for 2011.

Personal expenses reflect monies due our organist in December but paid in January.

A full copy of the January Financial Report is on the bulletin board (with a pink cover)

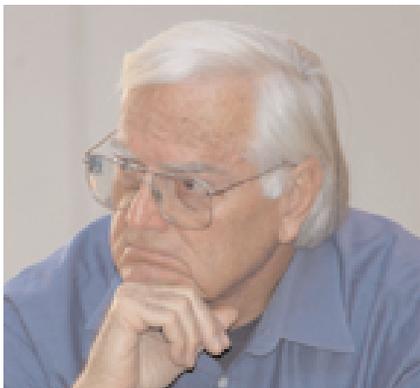
Any questions or comments please call me—772-1723 or email: dwludin@charter.net

Diane Ludin, Treasurer



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February 2011 - March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Epiphany 7 20 8am Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist 12:15 Vestry	21 9:15 Morning Prayer	22 9:15 Morning Prayer Clergy Training	23 10 AM Eucharist Choir 7:15 11 AM "First Light"	24 St. Mattias The Apostle 9:15 Morning Prayer	25 Rector's Sabbath 11 AM Doris Clegg Caycucos - Morro Bay Cemetary	26
Epiphany 8 27 8am Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist 9:30-10:15 Eucharist Minister & Eucharist Visitor Training	28 9:15 Morning Prayer	March 1 9:15 Morning Prayer	2 10 AM Eucharist Choir 7:15 11 AM "First Light"	3 9:15 Morning Prayer Church Pension Group Conference for clergy and spouses / partners	4 Rector's Sabbath	5
Last Epiphany 6 8am Holy Eucharist 9 AM Breakfast 10:30 Holy Eucharist 2:30 Anglican Covenant @ St. Benedict's	7 9:15 Morning Prayer	8 9:15 Morning Prayer Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30-7:00	9 Ash Wednesday 10 AM Eucharist 7 PM Eucharist Choir 8:00	10 9:15 Morning Prayer	11 Rector's Sabbath	12 10-12 AAUW
Lent 1 13 8am Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist J2A 2 PM Deanery St. Barnabas	14 9:15 Morning Prayer	15 9:15 Morning Prayer	16 10 AM Eucharist Choir 7:15 5:00 Soup Supper and Program	17 9:15 Morning Prayer	18 Rector's Sabbath	19 St. Joseph 9-12 Clean Up
Lent 2 20 8am Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist 12:15 Vestry	21 9:15 Morning Prayer	22 9:15 Morning Prayer	23 10 AM Eucharist Choir 7:15 5:00 Soup Supper and Program	24 9:15 Morning Prayer	25 Rector's Sabbath The Annunciation	26 9:30 - 1:00 ECR Day of Exploration of Ministry at St. Paul's Salinas
Ongoing Weekly Groups						
7:30 pm Al-Anon Noon - 4pm Bridge		9 AM - Noon Bridge Noon - 4pm Bridge 7-8 pm Nicotine Anon			Last Sat. 10:30-Noon Multiple Sclerosis Support Group	

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Lent 5 10 8am Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist	11 9:15 Morning Prayer	12 9:15 Morning Prayer	13 10 AM Eucharist Choir 7:15 5:00 Soup Supper and Program	14 9:15 Morning Prayer	15 Rector's Sabbath	16 9-12 Clean Up
Palm/Passion Sunday 17 8am Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist 12:15 Vestry	18 Monday in Holy Week Rector's Sabbath	19 Tuesday in Holy Week 9:15 Morning Prayer	20 Wednesday in Holy Week Choir 7:15 5:00 Soup Supper and Program	21 Maundy Thursday 7:30 Holy Eucharist Stripping of the Altar	22 Good Friday 12 noon 7:30	23 Holy Saturday Easter Eve 8 PM Great Vigil of Easter
Easter Day 24 8am Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist	25 9:15 Morning Prayer	26 9:15 Morning Prayer	27 10 AM Eucharist Choir 7:15	28 9:15 Morning Prayer	29 Rector's Sabbath	30
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