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Where two or three are Gathered in my name...

As we recover from Hurricane Irene, and an unexpected earthquake all in one week, I am reminded again of the beauty, peace, strength and sense of cared-for permanence that one feels walking into St. Paul's K. Street. It reminds me of Matthew 18:20— *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."* We pray that there will always be a place where two or three, or 300, of us can gather together in Christ's name.

On 22 February this year, a major earthquake hit Christchurch, New Zealand. Fr. Andrew was actually on board a ship steaming there and was diverted to Wellington instead. The earthquake shattered even the extremely robust buildings of Christchurch that had been weakened by a 7.0 shake the preceding September.

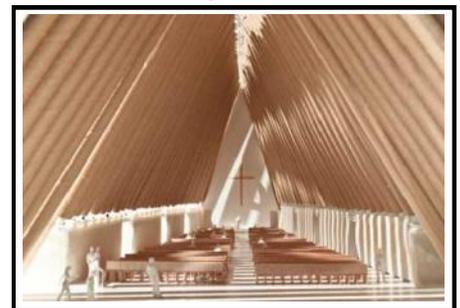
While only a small city in a small country compared with what happened just weeks later in Japan, over a 150 people were killed in Christchurch, significantly more injured, and much of the inner city was severely damaged including the beautiful gothic Anglican cathedral. Yet in a time of great sadness, devastation, and continuing after shocks (over 7,000), new hope has emerged in God-inspired creativity and improvisation.

City leaders are considering the proposal of Japanese architect Shigeru



Ban, known for building temporary structures after natural disasters. The proposal is for a temporary Cathedral built from a combination of reinforced, waterproofed cardboard and shipping containers!

A similar type of church, architected by Mr. Ban after the 1995 Kobe earthquake, served the local Catholic community there for eleven years. Dean of the Christchurch Cathedral has dubbed the proposed temporary structure the "Tent" Cathedral to serve while the money is raised to rebuild the original cathedral.



From: <http://www.liturgy.co.nz/blog/cardboard-cathedral/6510>

Here again, God's place and space, where even many more than two or three can gather in his name, will be resurrected in inspired and ingenious form.

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2011-2012 Organ Scholar! - Christopher Lynch

A recent graduate of Indiana University, Organist Christopher Lynch has given concerts in Indiana, North Carolina, Virginia and Chicago. He has also been featured in a "Rising Star" concert for Indiana University's Pipe Organ Encounter. While at Indiana, he was in demand as a choral accompanist, most notably serving as the featured organist for Indiana U's Contemporary Vocal Ensemble in a concert celebrating the music of Estonian composer, Arvo Part.

As a church musician, Christopher has served Episcopal parishes in North Carolina, Virginia and Indiana. Most recently, he served as Director of Music for St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Columbus, Indiana. At Indiana U, Christopher was a frequent participant in *Choralfest*, an annual student-led concert of sacred choral and organ music. He served *Choralfest* as a co-artistic director, organist and conductor.

Christopher is a North Carolina native who attended the American Boychoir School and Woodberry Forest School in Virginia. He is a member of the American Guild of Organists and is a frequent participant in Royal School of Church Music summer courses. His teachers have included Janette Fishell, Jeffrey Smith, and Wallace Hornady.



A Summer of Choirs

Cathy Downes

Over the summer, St. Paul's congregations enjoyed three visiting choirs. St. Catharine's College, Cambridge Choir sang on July 3. This was followed a week later by the visit of the Cathedral Choir School from the Cathedral Church of St. John, Wilmington, Delaware. Finally, the Chamber Choir of Chingford Parish Church (Greater London) sang Solemn Evensong and Benediction at St. Paul's on Saturday 6th August.

St Catharine's College Choir

St. Catharine's College Choir from the University of Cambridge arrived in two parts on Saturday of the July 4th weekend. One part of the Choir flew into New York on Friday for a day's touring before travelling down to D.C. by bus, while the other part arrived directly from Dulles, having had the very necessary reason of travelling a day later so they could attend their own university graduation!

A team of parishioners was waiting to pick up choir members to provide



them with beds, food and transport. The choir sang at both the 9am and 11.15 services on Sunday July 3. With great work of Scott Spaulding, C.B. Woolridge and Cathy Downes, the thirty-odd members of the choir were given a substantial lunch, and water for the very hot afternoon's sight-seeing around the capital.

The choir reconvened and sang Evensong and Benediction. They had



an exuberant early Independence Day celebration dinner (inside because of thunderstorms), organized by Alice de Michaelis and a team including Scott Spaulding and C.B. Woolridge.

Those in the parish who billeted choir members had a great time with these talented, happy and joyous young people, taking them around to various sights (including one request to go to a Silver Diner!) before they were delivered over to Trinity College in D.C. where they stayed to sing at the National Cathedral as part of their U.S. tour.

Cathedral Choir School, Cathedral Church of St. John, Wilmington DE

On July 10, the Cathedral Choir School from the Cathedral Church of St. John in Wilmington, Delaware visited St. Paul's to sing all three Sunday services. Conducted by Darryl Roland and accompanied by St. Paul's own John Bohl, the choir lifted morning congregants' spirits with a familiar



mass by Harold Darke, an anthem by Elgar and an African American spiritual - *Every time I feel the Spirit*—somewhat of a rarity for St. Paul's. Such was the choir's clarity of voice and blend of sound that Fr. Humphrey commented during coffee hour announcements: "It could have been our own choir!" (We hope they took it as a compliment.) Music for Evensong included selections by Leighton, Dyson and Stanford.

Chamber Choir of Chingford Parish Church (Greater London)

At the beginning of August, Chingford Parish Church's Chamber Choir undertook a tour of the U.S., including singing the choral services at the Cathedral of St John the Divine, New York, and a lunchtime concert at Trinity Wall Street. On Saturday August 6, in between singing the Friday and Sunday services at Washington National Cathedral, the Chamber Choir sang a special Evensong and Benediction at St. Paul's.



The Chamber Choir is drawn from the Parish men and boys' choir, which has been complemented with a girls' choir since the early 1990s. The Chamber Choir has been a way to provide a high quality ensemble in which girls over the age of 18 who had left the girls' choir could still continue their association with the Church Choir even if they were away at university or no longer lived locally.



SABBATICAL PILGRIMAGE: FINAL CHAPTER!

Father Andrew:

It hardly seems possible that this is the final installment of my sabbatical reports. I know that I shall receive no sympathy when I say the nearly six months now has gone very quickly! Time is a strange phenomenon. I wonder if John Foster will have addressed that in his T. S. Eliot lectures in August? Overall it seems to have fled past; but if I look back on specific events it seems ages ago! I am sure you have had the same experiences.

I shall have had the months of June and July in Nice, France. Nice, because a couple who have been very involved at Holy Trinity, Sloane Street, London and in the Awareness Foundation, made their one bedroom flat here available to me at a very reasonable rate. It is a place that Fr. Nadim Nassar and Bishop Michael Marshall have both used for research and writing. It is an airy and bright space, near the very center of Nice, near the Old Town and near the beach, with easy access also to the tram, the buses and the trains—I have not driven a car since February!

Initially I used the time here to continue my reflections of the Forain research and to begin to put something in writing. I also had shipped four hefty books on Kandinsky, including three exhibition catalogues, as well as his rather difficult (in my opinion) *Concerning the Spiritual in Art* (1911). I also brought along Mark Rothko's *The Artist's Reality: Philosophies of Art*, published by his son and daughter in 2004 after his death. I have been reading these, reflecting on what I have read as well as the images of the works themselves, and making notes. I have thought about how artists—and composers—seek to do what in the end Catholic ritual also seeks to

do: to communicate to the viewer/worshipper in our own time and space what they would call “The Abstract” or we would call “The Eternal.” Sound, color, form, and composition all play their essential role—“Beauty and the Religious Imagination.” It is my hope to continue this work when I return and to continue to work on a proposed book of meditations based on Forain's religious works. If I can figure out a way to project images of his work, I would like to share these ideas with you in the rector's forum somewhere along the line. I am grateful to Nancy Work who is trying to figure that out; if you know anything please let her know! I also would like to write an article based on the Kandinsky reading and obviously the Epistle is one place to share that with you. I have for some years now kept Tuesdays as a reading day at home and I hope to continue that to do this work...a good balance to the otherwise hectic and intense schedule.

These have been my specific tasks. But I think I have learned other things too, not least about myself!

I think one reflection is, perhaps obviously, the importance of balance in one's life. It is not often that one gets the opportunity to reflect on this with deliberation and with ample time. Part of balance too, I think, is contrast, and also being open to the new and the different.

My time in London was closely related to the wonderful community of our sister parish at St. Paul's Knightsbridge; my time in Paris was related to the worship life of St. Gervais and the Community of Jerusalem. In Nice I have been somewhat solo. I have of course continued faithful in my sacramental worship, but I have done so “anonymously” with only the

general sense of “catholic community,” which is true always as we travel around the world, the universal community of worshipping believers. This therefore has been a very different experience church-wise from my usual fare and I suppose I have some insight on those who in our own experience at St. Paul's prefer to remain anonymous and avoid contact! There are still people I have never managed to “catch” to speak to in fourteen years!

I have had much of my time here in Nice alone and that has been a good exercise too. Learning to live with oneself and indeed learning not to be afraid of that has been a good thing. I have gone for many days—you'll be shocked to hear—not exchanging a word with anyone other than the odd shopkeeper. This in turn has been balanced by visits from friends from time to time.

The contrasts have simply underlined the importance of that balance... time for self and comfort with that, and quality time given to cherished friendships that get neglected through not only the miles but also through lack of time, focus, and dedication. The older I get the more important these friendships become as one nurtures essentially the equivalent of family.

I have rediscovered the importance of balance between work and leisure. As you know, I have always been pretty disciplined about time off (!), which is essential in a place like St. Paul's where we all work energetically and intensely in a very demanding situation on every level which can all too easily become all-consuming and so stifling. The “work” of these months has in itself been luxuriously focused and gently

paced—unlike at St. Paul's! I have enjoyed the balance to create time for other pursuits. On a cultural level Nice and its environs have had much to offer and of a good variety. In June there was a good Sacred Music Festival based at the Cathedral of St. Reparate here, the cathedral in Monaco and the Opera House here. Part of that was the solemn mass for Pentecost at the cathedral here with a Mozart mass with the chorus and orchestra of the Nice Opera! In July there has been a very full jazz festival that I have enjoyed. There are two outdoor stages in the parks just round the corner from my flat with three performances an evening at each stage. Highlights were the Nice Jazz orchestra, John McLaughlin, Carlinhos Brown, Macy Gray, Seal, and Wynton Marsalis.

By contrast Antibes offered their "Musique au Coeur" festival with performances of *L'Elixir d'Amour* and *Macbeth* in the gardens of the Villa Eilenroc, with the waves of the Mediterranean in the background. Art has included a visit to the Modern Art Museum in Nice with an interesting exhibition called *Couleur en Avant* that provided grist for the color/spirituality mill already grinding with Kandinsky and Rothko! I made my first visit to the Maeght Foundation in St. Paul de Vence—which very much reminded me of the Kreeger in Washington—and also a first, the Mattise Chapel in Vence. St. Jean Cap Ferrat is I think one of the most beautiful locations on the Riviera and it hosts the remarkable Ephrussi-Rothschild Villa with its extraordinary collection of art and furniture, carpets, tapestries, and porcelain—also a first for me.

There is of course the natural beauty of this part of the world. While it is inundated with tourists in this high season, there are still tranquil escapes possible: I have much enjoyed walking the "Sentier Littoral" around the Cap Ferrat, as well as that at the

end of Cap d'Antibes and along the red rocks of the Esterel; the stunning views from the "villages perches" like Eze and St. Paul de Vence and even along the bus and train routes. The quality of air and light, the azure clear blue of the sea and the intense greens of olive and pine trees all make for spectacular sights and intensity of color.

Again I am struck by how when we stop we can actually be aware of all this! It is easy to see why so many artists were and are attracted to this light and setting. It has been wonderful to have the time and space to read; in addition to the Art books, I have also been reading here in Nice a mixture of books—more balance! Among them: Michael Morpurgo's War Horse; Jeffrey Archer's Kane and Abel; P.D. James' A Taste for Death; Nevil Shute's A Town Like Alice; Stacy Schiff's Cleopatra: A Life; Diarmaid MacCulloch's mammoth History of Christianity with the clever sub title, The First Three Thousand Years; and John Gimlette's Wild Coast, a fascinating account about Guyana of all places, where I spent a summer in 1977 with my parents who were living there on the coast and I also went of to the jungle for a month to teach Amerindian catechists! I abandoned Karl Marlantes' Matterhorn. Last but not least Eric Sibley's The Cello Suites: J.S. Bach, Pablo Casals, and the Search for a Baroque Masterpiece. I so enjoyed this book that I went to the wonderful music store next door and purchased a recording of the Cello Suites featuring the French Cellist Jean-Guihen Queyras. Many of you know that I have quite Philistine deficiencies, among which is a dislike of Bach! But this book and this music have quite converted me, though I doubt that this will extend to his organ works or protestant choral pieces! There still have to be some prejudices! So...a mixed bag of reading which I have much enjoyed.

I have made a couple of side trips from Nice on the "train des pignes," a fantastic four-hour train ride through the gorges and mountains behind the coast to the town of Digne Les Bains. With a friend I have taken the ferry that goes from Nice to Corsica and spent a couple of nights in Calvi, which provided a wonderful foretaste for I hope much more exploration of that beautiful and historic island. The buses and trains have been wonderful for afternoon trips to Antibes, Villefranche, Beaulieu, Menton, Eze, St. Paul de Vence, Vence, and Cannes. Public transportation here is excellent and very reasonable...basically one euro to get anywhere on the tram or the bus. I have also used the "velo bleu" rental bikes available all around the city. The first 30 minutes are free so if you pedal hard you can do quite well! The famous Promenade des Anglais is about 5 km long along the baie des Anges; there are cycle paths in both directions and it is quite flat so a very pleasant ride.

I have taken out a gym membership here as I did in Paris and that has been a part of the routine about four days a week. My only consolation is that it would all look much worse I suppose if I did not do this!

I have been struggling with my French basically to no avail! Every time I open my mouth they all say, "Are you English?" and off we go in English. I am now used to formulating it all and then expect the now usual humiliation of a response in English. With some I have been able to ask them to bear with the awful French otherwise I'll never get anywhere. As before, comprehension is easier (and much better) than articulation! But I am comfortable with the language and have found the people to be friendly and delightful, even in Paris!

The Euro zone is horrendously expensive and the exchange rate exacerbates that, so one has to be care-

ful with money and that has meant only the odd meal out and that simple.

All of this is encouraging when I contemplate eventual retirement. In a sense this sabbatical has been a kind of test for that time and I must say an encouraging one. When one pours oneself into one's immediate work and ministry it is sometimes difficult to imagine life without that. But I seem to have survived without K Street and I am quite sure K Street has survived without me! I suspect that our time apart has changed us all and that should make for an exhilarating return and re-entry for all!

On August 1, I go to Cannes to meet up with friends from London with whom I have travelled in France for years and who are once more renting their usual flat there, so I shall end my time away with pure "R and R" with 'family' and so be ready to be launched at 6:30AM on Monday August 15!

You are all much in my thoughts and prayers. I continue to be grateful to you all for the enormous privilege and gift of this time away and I look forward to returning refreshed and ready to go!

With my gratitude and love in Christ,

Fr. Andrew+

(Please note that this is now my preferred mode of address - I like my baptismal name!)



Fellows Follow-UP!

Cathy Downes

One of the great bonuses of our Fellows-in-Residence Program has been the great relationships formed between our Fellows and St. Paul's clergy and congregation. These friendships are already proving to have longevity. Over the summer months, not one but three members of St. Paul's visited in the UK with Fr. Jeremy Dussek, who was one of our first 2011 Fellows-in-Residence.

Cathy Downes celebrated her birthday in the UK in June on the same day as another family member and a family friend in a small village, Henley-in-Arden, which just happened to be less than 20 minutes away from where Fr. Jeremy lives! They met up for lunch that stretched into afternoon tea!



Only a week later, Deacon Eric Lobsinger visited with Father Jeremy during a visit to the UK, spending a delightful afternoon touring Waddesdon Manor with Father J.



Dcn. Lobsinger went on to serve in the Corpus Christi Mass at Merton College Chapel, Oxford. Included in the photo below are Fr. Simon Jones

(4th from left), chaplain, Fr. Peter Anthony (5th from left), junior chaplain, and Alice Brooke (2nd from left), a graduate student at Merton College, Oxford and former visitor to St. Paul's.



In July, while on vacation, our Director of Music Robert McCormack and Chair of the Commission on Evangelization, Kyle Babin, also visited with Fr. Jeremy.



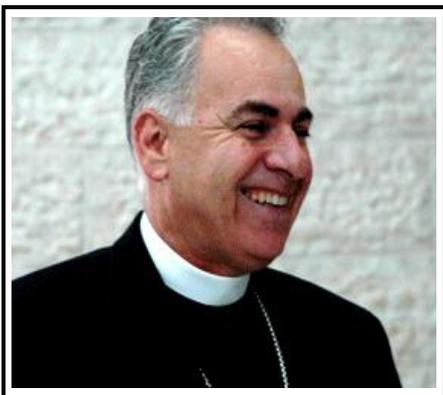
For Kyle, the visit was a mixture of holiday and work. Kyle, who is organist and director of music at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, competed in the St. Albans International Organ Festival, where he won the Douglas May Prize, quite an honor in the organ world.

After St. Albans, they visited former organ scholar Jem Lowther and his family in Northamptonshire and then Fr. Jeremy in Birmingham. Their trip concluded with a weekend in Norwich with Fr. Jeremy Haselock (who has preached at St. Paul's) and a visit to Oxford and Fr. Peter Anthony there (whom Deacon Lobsinger also spent time with on his trip!).

Letter from the Holy Land

Following is a letter delivered by the Rt. Rev. Suheil Dawani, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, at a conference on Christians in the Holy Land convened in London in July by the Archbishops of Canterbury and Westminster.

St. Paul's supports the humanitarian work of the Diocese through the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Our most recent donation will fund essential furnishings for the kindergarten classroom at St. Saviour's, the same space whose floor was replaced last year through the generous gifts of parishioners and friends of St. Paul's. You can continue to support this important work and the Christian witness of the Diocese by making a donation through the Commission on Mission. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul's Parish with "CoM-Jerusalem" on the memo line and can be placed in the alms basins on Sunday or mailed to the church.



Salaam to you from Jerusalem!

I want to offer my deep appreciation to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of Westminster, for their vision to sponsor an ecumenical conference which brings attention to the condition of Christians in the Holy Land.

Your willingness to sponsor this conference is testimony to your courage and commitment to your brothers and sisters in Christ, who maintain the faith in the land of our Lord's

birth.

Despite the hardships they face, Arab Christians live with much faith. Their hope is in their faith and in their fellow Christians around the world who pray for them, support them and remember their presence in the land our Lord sanctified. Therefore, this conference is an important step in raising awareness of the Christians and for that I am deeply grateful.

Many voices will be heard during the next two days. My hope and prayer is that 'the voice of peace with justice' will be heard by politicians and decision-makers who affect the situation in my homeland and the people of my Diocese, so that decisions will be taken that will lead to a hope-filled future for the children of the Holy Land.

For Christians, the Land of the Holy One belongs to God. God's people, Christians, Muslims and Jews are all called to be stewards of this sacred trust. I believe we all have a choice to make which will affect our future. We must choose what path to follow, the path that leads to strife, or the path that leads to peace and cooperation. The land is God's, but the choice is ours.

We are privileged to live in the Holy Land and Jerusalem in particular, the city sacred to the three Abrahamic faiths. With this privilege comes duties and responsibilities; all the residents of the land are entrusted with a holy responsibility to advocate for peace and promote mutual respect and acceptance among all God's people. We must endeavor to recognize our differences and accept each other without prejudice or hatred. We have a duty to encourage an atmosphere of tolerance and peace, and maintain the indigenous layers and multicultural identity in Jerusalem so that it will be a model city. Jerusalem is the key to peace for our land and for our world.



The time is long overdue to rid ourselves of the negative agendas of exclusivity and self-righteousness. The time has come for the people of Jerusalem and the Holy Land to embrace a new future built on the solid foundation of faith that pilgrims, throughout the centuries, have come to discover. It is time for all of us to embrace this faith once again and dream such dreams for ourselves.

We are all created in God's image; we are all equal in the sight of God, regardless of race, religion, gender, social status, ability or wealth. When people live in inequality and oppression, with limited freedom, they lose their dignity as human beings; this causes anger and frustration. This frustration is amplified with many years of empty promises and false hopes.

People on all sides are exhausted from the political, economic and social stagnation that surrounds them. They are skeptical of endless negotiations that bring no results and the absence of a genuine peace further enflames their anger and frustration.

In recent months, we have witnessed the 'Arab Spring', an awakening throughout the Middle East; people are demanding to be heard; demanding respect for their dignity and human rights as equals before God and their neighbours. As Arab Christians, we join our Arab brothers and sisters in calling for justice and peace in our land; for a Palestinian state to be established.

As Christians, we are called to be peacemakers, to continue to provide hope where it is dim, to be voices of the voiceless, and to be advocates for a just and durable peace. We must work together with people of other faiths to encourage the politicians to put politics aside and meet midway, where all people are equal; the marginalized and the powerful, the poor and the wealthy, men and women, children and the elderly, regardless of faith or social status.

I am pleased to say that the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem strives to be a beacon of faith and tolerance for people regardless of who they are. Our ministries are providing valuable services to the community as well as a living example of hope for a better future. Our institutions together with other Christian establishments need to be recognized as key ingredients for a lasting peace.

In Education, we teach respect and peace to our students and their families. In Healthcare, we provide compassion and healing to patients, thus demonstrating the value of understanding and living in peace. These institutions need to be supported as grassroots efforts for peace, as providing God's help and hope in a time of darkness and despair.

Last year, the Diocesan Princess Basma Centre for Disabled Children in Jerusalem sponsored an international medical conference on cerebral palsy. There were contributions from medical experts from Palestine, Jordan, Israel, the U.S. and Italy—Christians, Muslims and Jews—working together to bring hope to Palestinian children and their families.

Our hospital in Nablus, St. Luke's, has developed a cooperative learning arrangement with Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem to train nurses in the latest skills. This interfaith initiative is a vital and living example of the good that can be accomplished when cooperation and understanding

replace hatred and fear.

For the past ten years, the Diocese has run the Kids4Peace program which provides opportunities for Christian, Muslim and Jewish children to meet, to live and play together, learn about each other and develop respect and understanding for one another. These relationships shape their attitudes for life and provide hope for the future. This grassroots approach to building peace is the focus of peace education in our diocesan schools and is lived out in the care provided in our healthcare institutions.

In Jerusalem, we have a Council of Religious Institutions of the Holy Land that includes the Heads of Churches, the Chief Rabbinate of Israel and the Ministry of Waqf and Religious Affairs of the Palestinian Authority. The Council provides a valuable forum for discussion among religious leaders to share their views on issues of common concern.

In this diverse atmosphere, knowledge of the other will flourish, eyes will be opened, experiences and stories will be exchanged, thus opening minds, eyes and hearts to our mutual humanity, banishing fear and replacing it with hope.

These examples demonstrate that



God's people are not sitting by the wayside, waiting for politicians or anyone else to create a path for peace. As religious leaders, we are not about a political agenda. We are concerned with the lives of our people and our deep desire to live peaceful and productive lives in our land.

The three Abrahamic faiths depend upon one another to provide a unified voice for peace. The three faiths are different, but we all agree on one thing that our love for God is expressed in how we love our neighbour.

The question posed to Jesus of "who is my neighbour?" continues to be vital to us in the Holy Land today. My response would be the person who lives next door, the person who shares my land, the person who God expects me to respect and love as God loves me, even when that is difficult. All of these people are my neighbour. Here, we are minded of the verse in 1 John (4:20), which says: "He who does not



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love his brother (neighbour) whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen."

If we neglect to engage with our neighbour as an equal in the eyes of God, we fail not only our neighbour, but God as well, which is unacceptable to me.

This is not about politics. It is not about Jews, Muslims or Christians. It is about a way of life that transcends politics and rises above religion, race or nationality. This is about a way of life, which is holy and which affirms the life that God has given to each of us as His precious children. We must empower and support religious leaders and politicians to stand for truth, justice and peace for the people of the Holy Land and for the Holy City of Jerusalem as an example for all. We must advocate for Jerusalem to be a city open to everyone in order to maintain its multicultural identity, which is critical to preserving the pluralistic nature of the Holy Land's many fabrics. It should be a city where no walls or checkpoints prevent worshipers from their sacred places. Obstructing the Christian faithful from their places of worship severs the narrative of the Nativity, Crucifixion and Resurrection and shatters the Christian community and the identity of the city.

The Christian presence has been and continues to be a fundamental aspect of the fabric of Jerusalem and the Middle East since the first Pentecost. Christians are a voice of moderation, but are dwindling due to the hardships and political realities that exist. Leaving to find a better life and

future is becoming more common. This erosion of the Christian presence undermines our ability to become bridges for peace, advocating for mutual understanding and respect in an area where religious fundamentalism is growing.

Strengthening the Christian presence in the Holy Land and in Jerusalem will require critical and sincere steps. One of the important issues faced by families, especially in Jerusalem, is when a married couple cannot live together due to the complicated policies of residency, and the nearly impossible task of obtaining family reunification papers.

Many Christian families are forced to leave Jerusalem for this reason, thus amplifying the problem of a dwindling Christian community in the Holy City. The Christian presence needs to be accepted as a vital factor for the future of Jerusalem, and all the political parties must take this matter seriously.



The Christian presence will not be improved without widespread support of Christians worldwide and our Muslim and Jewish neighbours. Without active and genuine support, the indigenous Christian presence in the Holy Land and in Jerusalem, in particular, will cease to exist. Unless the situation changes, Christians of the Holy Land who trace their roots back to the time of Christ, will be no more than a memory. There will no longer be a vital, living, witnessing Church. Instead, churches will become museums. The time for change is long overdue; the time for change has come.

Once again, I am thankful for this opportunity that allows for the voices of Christians of the Holy Land to be heard. We encourage you to visit us, empower and support us as we struggle to maintain our presence in the birthplace of Christianity.

May God grant all who truly seek peace and pursue it, the courage and wisdom to actualize a durable and just peace for all of God's people, beginning in Jerusalem.

The Rt. Rev. Suheil S. Dawani+
Bishop of the Episcopal
Diocese of Jerusalem.



[Editors Note: To learn more about the Conference on Christians in the Holy Land, and hear the speeches online, visit the Archbishop of Canterbury's website at:

www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/articles.php/2135/archbishops-host-international-conference-on-Christians-in-the-holy-land-opening-speeches.]

St Paul's as your School of Faith

[From the Editors: In the July-August Epistle, we started to showcase some of the incredible activities, talents, and missions that make up St. Paul's K. Street, by focusing on some of the work of our Pastoral Care-givers and Commission on Mission. This month, we are spotlighting the Parish's Christian Formation activities. Formation leaders have put together an outline of the types of activities that are available.]

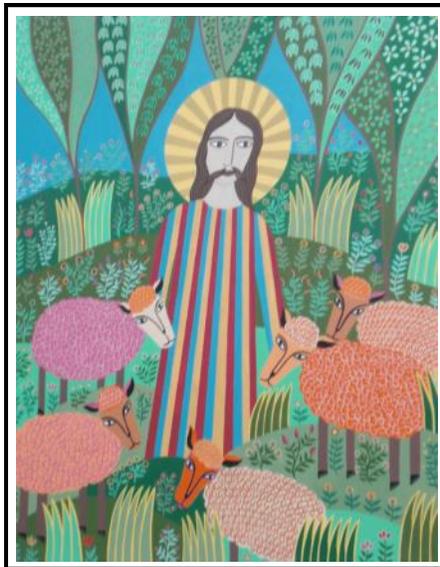
St. Paul's is not only a place of worship. It is a place of spiritual learning and growth. A critical component of the life of this Parish is the amazing spectrum of learning opportunities for Christian formation – St. Paul's is a school of faith that offers an ongoing apprenticeship in the Christian life that helps us grow in our ministry to others, in our belonging to a Christian community, and helps us grow into an ever closer union with Christ. There are multiple levels and experiences and resources that you can share in, contribute to, and draw from, in the form of classes or workshops, lectures, study groups, dialogues, and both large and small group training.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Formation for our youngest parishioners begins September 11, 2011 with a welcoming procession and ceremony for children and parents. We will have words of welcome, short prayers, a few simple songs; all are made to feel at home. We then disperse to the three atria so the children can see where they will spend their Sunday School time. The program is called the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). We have had CGS at St. Paul's for over a decade.

The image of the Good Shepherd is so comforting to our children. Jesus is our shepherd. He leads us, and protects us, and will find us if we go astray. St. Paul's has an original

artwork leading down to the CGS atria, painted by parishioner Helen Zughuib and dedicated on Good Shepherd Sunday, 2011. We want



children (and their parents) to be able to find us!

Level I is for children age 3 (and toilet trained) through kindergarten. Level II is for children in grades 1 to 3, and Level III is for children in grades 4 and 5.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is Christian formation based on Montessori educational principles. Its lessons are Bible-based with parables and stories about Jesus. CGS draws a wonderful connection between the parish liturgy and its basis in the life and times of Jesus. Everything that the child sees in church is explained in a CGS lesson at the appropriate liturgical time of the year. There are many hands-on lessons, manipulatives, charts, maps, calendars; items the children can (and are expected to) put their hands on. There is room and time for personal exploration and especially in level I there is much singing. For example, one of the favorites that preschoolers can easily learn is the *Liturgical Color Song* "Purple and green and red and

white, are the colors of the year . . ." Another important aspect of CGS is the "work of the children." We do not fully occupy their time, we give them room to explore on their own.

Our CGS Atria and Materials

Our children learn in a dedicated space. St. Paul's has made an enormous investment in Children's Formation over the past decade. Each classroom is called an atrium and is meant to be a second home to our children, their space. The teachers are Catechists, and they have given their time to take the CGS training and to produce the many materials for the lessons. Parents and other parishioners have donated their time and energy to contribute to the production of the CGS materials (and this is an ongoing effort with volunteers always welcomed).

The Church-School Year for CGS

We begin in Ordinary Time. Topics at this time of year focus on the Good Shepherd. We also teach about Baptism, the Mass, articles of the Mass, geography and artifacts of Israel, and the liturgical calendar. After a break for Thanksgiving weekend, we are full swing into Advent, with its lessons on the Annunciation, the Visitation, and the birth of Jesus. He is become human, to share in our experience, and for our salvation. This is special, indeed!

After the New Year, lessons concentrate on the Epiphany, with the visits to the newborn Jesus, from the humble shepherds to the mighty kings. Jesus was born lowly, but even the mighty bow to Him. Why should this be? Why do the angels appear to the shepherds and why does the star guide the wise men? Then we see the first signs that He is here to change our world, we learn that some people fear and resist Him, and we hear

about the Flight into Egypt. Jesus then returns to Israel, as was prophesied, and the stories continue.

We are briefly back into Ordinary Time where presentations concentrate on parts of the Mass, stories from and the books of the Bible, moral formation, Saints, and the Prophets. There is an incredible wealth of material to draw on.

Then we are into Lent, and the CGS lessons cover the Bible stories that tell of the foreshadowing and reality of the Passion. We prepare the children for the upcoming miracles of Easter, the Resurrection, and the Empty Tomb, the appearances of the risen Jesus, the Ascension, and finally, Pentecost. Our year ends with the Pentecost Celebration, where the children from all three levels once again gather for prayer, song, and celebration.

Catechists

There are six trained Catechists for the CGS program. We are always looking for qualified adults to take the training. This allows us to have 2 Catechists in each atrium, and for flexibility with travel, illness, sabbaticals, and for the eventual 'moving on' of long-serving Catechists to other aspects of parish life. The training is extensive; you would be committing to several years of this

ministry.

Level I training takes 10 Saturdays over a school year (September through June, once a month). Level II training also takes 10 Saturdays over a school year. Level III training is done over 15 Saturdays over a 2-year period. Some of the Catechists take the training through the first 2 levels, others through all 3 levels.

This training prepares you in Montessori methods as well as thorough-going theological and liturgical content. It is in fact religious training for you, and no matter your background, you will learn new lessons and gain additional insights into our Faith and sacred history.

The training prepares you to minister to our youngest parishioners and to give them the richest Christian formation. We do it for the children, but the rewards for the Catechist are also many and profound.

Helpers

We need to have two adults in each atrium for each Sunday. The Catechists sometimes cannot be there and thus there is a need for other adults to help out in the atrium. These additional helpers do not necessarily need to be trained in CGS. There are also materials that we are still working on, and that you can take home to finish up. You don't have to be an

artist, but just somewhat handy with arts and crafts at a basic to mid level.

Calendar

The CGS 2011-2012 calendar is as follows. Start is September 11, 2011 with the welcoming ceremony and registration. We will not meet October 2 (Feast of Dedication combined service), November 27 (Thanksgiving weekend), December 25, January 1, April 1 (Palm Sunday), and April 8 (Easter Sunday). Pentecost in 2012 falls on Memorial Day weekend, so we will have the Pentecost celebration on May 20, 2012 and that will be the last day of church school for 2011-2012.

Adult Formation

Rector's Forum—The Rector's Forum is led by Father Andrew and invited guests on Sundays in the dining hall at 10:30, starting again in October. The Forum involves discussions on a wide range of timely and challenging topics. Last year, topics included "Stewardship: How I live after I have been Baptized (Peg Jackson), "Hope and Challenges for the Sisters in Malawi (Mother Miriam, visiting from St. Mary's Convent in Greenwich NY), "St. Paul's Outreach in Washington D.C." (Commission on Mission), and "How your Church Family Works" (author Peter Steinke).

Hic Et Nunc (Here and Now) - is St. Paul's monastic spirituality group. It is an evolving group, started a couple of years ago as the "Monastic Discernment Group," which was originally made up of individuals who thought they might have a calling to the monastic life and other individuals who recognized the value of a monastic community here at St. Paul's. We have learned that monastic spirituality can be practiced to some degree by all, whether or not they feel called to be monks or nuns. We come together on Monday evenings to learn to appreciate and grow in silence, holiness, devotion and fellowship through the study of monastic



spirituality. The group gathers for Shrine Prayers in the church at 5:30, followed by Evening Prayer and Mass. After Mass, the group meets in the Carwithen Parlor (if you arrive after Mass) for readings from the Rule of St. Benedict, a shared dinner during readings from the Rule of the Communities of Jerusalem, and then a book discussion (currently Thomas Merton's *Contemplative Prayer*). Our next book will be *Sacred Reading: The Ancient Art of Lectio Divina* by Michael Casey, an Australian monk. At 8:00 p.m. the group returns to the church for silent adoration and meditation, and concludes with sung Compline and the beginning of the Great Monastic Silence. (Silence ends the next morning at Morning Prayer for those who keep the silence.) If you have questions please contact Sister Lydia at 202-337-2020, ext. 42 or jastelzig@yahoo.com.

Adult Discussion Group—meets on Sundays at 10:30 in the Guild Room, starting again in mid-September. A wide range of topics of general interest are discussed. Last year's discussions included for example: "John Henry Newman: An Anglican Perspective from 2010." For more information contact Richard Best, best.luchs@verizon.net.

Carpe Deum (Latin for "*Seize God*") is the St. Paul's community and ministry for young adults primarily in their 20s and 30s, but open to all. Following Sunday Evensong and Benediction at 7pm, a group gathers in the atrium to go out to a local bar or restaurant, or will meet in the parish for snacks, drinks and conversation. Service and social activities are varied and seasonal, and determined by the membership. For more information or to be added to the email listserv, contact Steven Chlapecka at skchlapecka@gmail.com.

Pilgrims in Christ is a nine-



month "catechumenate" offering formation in the basics of Christian faith and practice, in the Anglican tradition. This is the process by which people are prepared for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows. Parishioners who have participated in Pilgrims, many more than once, can attest to its powerful invitation to journey farther in our spiritual lives and to the lifelong friendships they have formed.

Pilgrims in Christ meets for two hours per week throughout the academic year and is taught by the rector and other clergy, the parish catechist, and others on a teaching team. The format includes prayer, presentations, and group discussions. There is an off-site Saturday retreat in the Fall and another during Lent.

These two Saturdays are integral parts of the curriculum. In addition to the weekly classes and the retreats, there are three public rites held during a Sunday Mass, plus Baptism and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil—all of which are attended by the whole Pilgrims class. Contact Fr. Andrew at the church office or Edie Davis at edavis008@hotmail.com or 301-277-6545. This year's Introductory Dinner is on Wednesday, 7th September.

Canterbury Club is a fellowship group for college students that meets at St. Mary's Foggy Bottom on 23rd Street during the fall and spring semesters. This group provides an opportunity to meet new friends and explore a spiritual perspective on life and issues we all face. For more information, contact Fr. Nathan Humphrey at Humphrey@StPauls-KSt.com or call 202-337-2020, ext. 11.

Fidelitas—(Latin for "faithfulness") is the St. Paul's ministry for couples who are contemplating, preparing for, or have received the sacrament of marriage. The group's mission is to support each other in upholding our call to marriage and to reach out as married couples to others to bring them into our Christian family. Monthly events, as announced in the Parish Notices and on the listserv include topical discussions and social outings. For more information and to get on the listserv, please contact Karin Tooze at karintooze@gmail.com or Preston Winter at preston.winter@gmail.com.

Religion and Science Book Study Group—seeks to understand historical and current issues in the relationship between science and the various forms

of the Judeo-Christian religious tradition through reading and discussing texts the group selects. In the words of Dr. Francis Collins, Director of the National Institutes of Health, "In this modern era of cosmology, evolution, and the human genome, is there still the possibility of a richly satisfying harmony between the scientific and spiritual world views?" He answers his own question with a resounding YES! This group provides an opportunity for a fun and rewarding learning experience Tuesday evenings following Mass. This fall we will resume study of "Science and the Spiritual Quest," edited by W Mark Richardson, et al, a book of 16 short essays on the topic in the title. For more information call or email Ken Simmons (703-823-9378 or kensimmonso2@comcast.net) or Bill Ryan (703-451-7062 or wryonjr@verizon.net).

Tuesday Morning Fellowship is an informal gathering on the first Tuesday of each month in the Carwithen Parlor, 10:00-11:30am, for fellowship as in Acts 2:42: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Coffee, tea and snacks are served. There is no planned program, just come, visit with one another, and enjoy fun, food, and fellowship. Contact: Linda Wilkinson at ljwilkinson2@gmail.com or CB Wooldridge at 202-338-1597.

Advent and Lent Quiet Days— These are days for quiet reflection and prayer in preparation for Christmas and Easter. The days are supported by a retreat facilitator and are focused through a number of brief meditations. The days begin at 9:30 am with Mass and conclude at 3:00 pm with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



Vestry Report:

New Members and Wardens; Saving for Organ Repairs; Ventilation Repairs Strain Budget

Robert Eikel, Vestry Secretary

At its May meeting, the Vestry said goodbye to four members whose terms of service ended this year: Matthew Leddicotte, Gay Merrill, Marcia Stanford, and Senior Warden Jeanne Smith. If you see one of them around the parish, please take a minute to say "thank you" for their service.

In June, the Vestry welcomed four new members elected at the parish's annual meeting: Patricia Byrd, Kris Brown Coleman, Rhoda Geasland, and Geoff Suiter. The Vestry also elected David Schnorrenberg as Senior Warden and Preston Winter as Junior Warden. The Wardens, the Rector, and the Vicar form the Executive Committee, which meets twice monthly to deal with pressing business and to set the agenda for Vestry meetings.

The Vestry discussed two upcoming items of major repair work: replacing the airtight leather in the organ, and replacing large components of the building ventilation system. As reported at the Annual Meeting, the organ repairs will cost about \$100,000, and the Vestry decided to designate a bequest from the estate of the late Mary Margaret Brady toward the repairs. The parish now has about \$39,000 set aside toward the repair cost, thanks to Ms. Brady's bequest and a generous gift from parishioner James Sanderson.

The Vestry also has decided to replace three of the eight air handling units that direct warm and cold air through the ventilation system, at a total cost of nearly \$35,000. The

existing units are nearly 50 years old, far beyond their expected lifetime, and create a serious danger of flooding due to corroded pipes.

A combination of decreased pledges and ventilation repair expenses gives the parish a projected 2011 budget deficit of about \$30,000, even with the \$42,000 in Transfiguration Challenge pledges received. The parish ran a budget deficit of about \$15,000 in 2010, again in part because organ and ventilation repairs cost more than was budgeted.

The Vestry also began to look ahead to the 2012 budget, when the parish will need to address several important questions. First, starting in February 2012 the parish will need to make monthly payments on the mortgage balance remaining from the 2007-2008 construction, which now stands at just under \$415,000. Second, the parish must decide whether to resume paying a fuller diocesan pledge, which since 2007 has been temporarily reduced to help pay for construction. Third, rising health care costs may force the parish to change its current policy of paying the entire cost of health insurance for all parish staff. Finally, the past two years have shown that the parish needs to set aside more money for maintenance and repairs. The Vestry plans to discuss these issues throughout the remainder of 2011.

The Vestry also decided to establish a Building Committee to plan for necessary repairs and maintenance, so that the Vestry can budget more accurately in the future. Linda Wilkinson is the Chair of the committee, and Larry Cook is the Vestry liaison.

Finally, the Vestry received a report on building security, in light of past break-ins and the recent news that a person has been spending the night in the basement after evening Mass. The police have been to the parish twice, but the interloper knew the church very well and successfully hid from the police. The interloper has been barred from the church. The Senior Warden has asked the Parish

Administrator to research additional security methods and their costs for the executive committee, eventually to be presented to the Vestry.

Vestry meetings are open to visitors. The Vestry generally meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, usually in the Guild Room. The calendar in the Parish Notices lists time and location each month. Minutes of all Vestry meetings, and

contact information for Vestry members, are on the parish web site at <http://www.stpauls-kst.com/vestry>, and are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway on the first floor of Pillsbury House.



Tina Mallett, one of the key leaders of the Grate Patrol and parishioners making up condiment bags for the Grate Patrol breakfast bags in a demonstration of one of the easy tasks that go into this incredible weekly effort to help the homeless in D.C.

YOU ARE WANTED!

St. Paul's strives to apply our talent, time, and treasure to reach out and uplift those in need, both in our neighborhood and across the world. Our domestic outreach includes the following ministries, and we welcome your involvement:

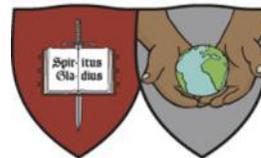
Grate Patrol – Delivery of Breakfast to Washington's homeless population

- Food Preparation: 2.30-4.30pm every Friday; Contact Lucky Ajueyitsi: akpoyoma@hotmail.com
- Food Delivery: 5:30am each Saturday and Sunday, Contact Glenn Marsh: Marsh_Glenn@emc.com
- Bag Set-up: Anytime before 3pm Friday; Contact Tina Mallett (202-965-9324 or tmallett@si.edu).

First Fridays – On the first Friday of each month, St. Paul's provides an evening meal for 100 homeless persons to be delivered from a Salvation Army vehicle. Preparation help is needed (5:30 - 7:00 pm in the church kitchen). Contact Nance Majkowski at (nmajkows@ngs.org, 202-857-7115 or 301-513-9563).

Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) is committed to training and developing neighborhood leaders, to addressing community issues such as homelessness, poverty, and injustice, and to holding elected and corporate officials accountable in Washington. Volunteers are desired to join in advocacy efforts and represent St. Paul's at meetings. Contact Deacon Eric Lobsinger: elobsinger@stpauls-kst.com

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SEPTEMBER ON K STREET

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AT ST. PAUL'S PARISH

1 Elizabeth Bell	12 Nathaniel Marks
2 Vincent Chiriboga	Jeffrey Smith
John Presley	13 Scott Hardy
Ann Schnorrenberg	14 Phyllis Laumaillet
3 Susan Granum	15 Lila Marks
Zoe Kline	16 Julia Marks
Wallace Spaulding	Flagg Youngblood
4 Herschel Abbott	17 Kimberly Browning
Samuel Blank	18 Sidney Bakke Jr.
5 Jonathan Coleman	19 Josef Simpson
Cornelia Landis	21 Austin Baake
Barry Maguire	22 Jonathan Doster
6 Katherine Dirks	24 Enoghene Ajueyitsi
English Koontz	Benjamin Coleman
Theodore Pawlik	Linda Robinson
Shelly Thompson	26 Hugh Shawen
7 Virgil Benn	28 Monique Grant
9 Geoffrey Peckham	Cynthia Leenerts
10 William Stewart	29 Chip Heath
Geoffrey Suiter	
11 Diana Ogilvie	



MAJOR FEAST DAYS

Wednesday Sept 14, 2011
Feast of the Holy Cross

Wednesday Sept 21, 2011
Feast of St. Matthew

Saturday Sept 24, 2011
Feast of Our Lady at Walsingham

Thursday Sept 29, 2011
Michaelmas

These major feasts will be celebrated with Low Masses as usual.

TRANSFERS AND DEATHS

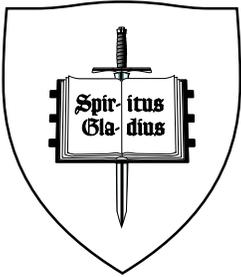
Transfers Out: Richard Krimm to St. Anne's, Annapolis, MD; Ronald Meekhof to St. Paul's Muskegon, MI; Paul Jackson to Church of the Redeemer, Alexandria, VA. Transfers In: James Meeks from the Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill MA; Katherine Britton, Edward Britton, Gillian Britton, Peter Britton, Matthew Britton from St. Stephen's Church, London.
Deaths: Patricia Clark, 07/29/2011; Robert Widder, 06/08/2011.



Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham and visits in Scotland and England, April 16-30, 2012

This Pilgrimage will be led by Fr. Andrew, starting in far North Scotland, crossing the border to spend time in Lindisfarne. It is a place rich in history and like, Walsingham, a place associated with pilgrimage and conversion. We shall then travel down the English East coast, stopping at a fascinating place yet to be determined before reaching the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Our K Street Pilgrims from previous years will attest to the Grace that comes from making such a pilgrimage to "England's Nazareth." Life changing is not too dramatic a description for many. Christian pilgrimages are times for making a journey reflecting our spiritual journey, God-ward fun, fellowship and reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. Our imaginations, hearts and minds will be by Grace stretched and opened to God's renewing love. A detailed itinerary and cost will be announced soon! Watch the next editions of the Epistle for additional information. For more information, contact David Eld, eld.david@yahoo.com, or (703) 597-5635.





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