



September is “kick-off” month at St. Bede’s! As a person who was in elementary education her entire career, September has always been the start of a new year. In fact, my colleagues and I often greeted one another with “Happy New Year!” upon returning to school. We have much to look forward to as we head into the program year at St. Bede’s with a focus on celebrating our 60th Anniversary. Two of Vestry’s goals this year are to strengthen fellowship and engage the larger community, so Vestry members are planning a variety of events that will begin on Kick-Off Sunday and close on Pentecost, allowing us to celebrate the entire program year, with a focus on Christmas Day as the true anniversary date. Watch for details as they emerge, and feel free to offer to join in the planning and/or preparations for any of these events. Diamond anniversaries only come around once, so let’s celebrate! Happy New Year and Happy Anniversary, St. Bede’s!

– Sue Sartor, Senior Warden

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Letter from Reverend Dan

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
the mercies of God never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*
Lamentations 3:22-23

Greetings in the Name of Christ.

As we sit on the cusp of a new program year, there is much to be excited about here at St. Bede's. That is a normal feeling for this time of year as we make the transition from the summer routine into the new joys of September and the resumption of so many of the things that characterize the program year for our parish. But this year is promising to be something special for us!

The Vestry and I have been working hard to celebrate our community and our parish over the coming year as we approach our 60th anniversary. It was on Christmas Day, 1962, that the first worship services were held on our campus, and how far have we come since that day! Think of all the people who have graced our lives, all the friendly and familiar faces, all the baptisms, and weddings, and children born and raised in our church, as well as the goodbyes and funerals we've had to go through.

I've shared with many of you, it impresses me that this is one of the best parts of being a congregation together—we are here to come together as one body to celebrate the highs and to mourn the lows together. And we truly are “better together” for it. I hope all of you feel it as well, that you are blessed to be part of this community, and that you feel that sense of belonging to a community that loves you, that cares about you, that welcomes you just as you are, and is committed to being with you through all the ups and downs of life.

And that is why I am excited for the coming months. For our common worship, and for our fellowship with one another. For the opportunities to grow and learn, and to share our bounty with those around us and those in need. To celebrate our life together, and to go out into the world and share our hope and joy in the Almighty God. And especially, to give

thanks for what this parish has meant in our lives and to look forward to what the future holds for all of us.

So be on the lookout for the announcements that go out each week in the eNews and are shared each Sunday with our prayer guides, because we have a whole host of things for you and your families planned for the year. Some of these will be familiar from the past years and some will be entirely new. But all of them, we pray, will help foster a sense of vitality and belonging here at St. Bede's.

And I would be remiss to not share my appreciation and thankfulness for our leaders, our Vestry, our volunteers, and everyone who calls St. Bede's their church. I say it at the announcements of each service, and I truly mean it, it's a blessing to be here with you all!

Dan+

Looking Ahead: Key Dates on our August and September Calendars:

September 1:	Community Outreach Steering Committee, 6:00 p.m., on Zoom
September 5:	<i>Labor Day - Parish Office Closed</i>
September 7:	Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting, noon, Lehman Hall
September 11:	Choral Evensong, 4 p.m., Sanctuary
September 14:	Pizza Theology, 6:30 p.m., Lehman Hall
September 20:	Vestry Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lehman Hall
September 22:	Copy Deadline for October <i>Bede's Journal</i>
October 5:	Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting, noon, Lehman Hall
October 6:	Community Outreach Steering Committee, 6:00 p.m., on Zoom
October 13:	Pizza Theology, 6:30 p.m., Lehman Hall
October 18:	Vestry Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lehman Hall
October 22:	Copy Deadline for November <i>Bede's Journal</i>

Vestry View

The following is a summary of the July 2022 meeting of St. Bede's Vestry, a board that manages the finances and steers the direction of our church. More detailed minutes can be requested from Sue Sartor at sartorsue@gmail.com.

Vestry approved the purchase of a new laptop for Reverend Dan and approved 2022 COLA salary increases for all staff. Plans for St. Bede's 60th anniversary celebrations were discussed, including Pizza Theology, T-shirts, and simple suppers. Interviews for a new Music Director continue. Vandalism on the campus, including the theft of our rainbow flag, have prompted interest in motion sensors or cameras being installed.

– Nancy Stork and Laura Gable, Vestry Clerk and Junior Warden

Community Outreach: Help Kids Start the Day with a Healthy Breakfast

During the months of September and October, we'd like to focus our food donations for the Ecumenical Hunger Program (EHP) on healthy breakfast foods. A number of nutritional studies over the past several years note that children who eat a healthy breakfast each morning do better in school. As the new academic year gets going, we can help children in our community succeed in school by providing the ingredients for a healthy breakfast. Please help by purchasing one or two of these needed items when you do your weekly grocery shopping and bring them to church on Sunday:

- Unsweetened cereal
- Oatmeal packets
- Fruit cups
- Juice boxes
- Granola bars or breakfast bars
- Dried fruits like raisins and apricots

We continue to accept other types of canned and packaged food, toiletries and cleaning supplies in our narthex donation baskets for EHP. See our complete recommended shopping list at the back of church on Sundays. **Just a reminder: we cannot accept clothing or household goods in our donation baskets.** Pick up a fact sheet in the narthex for information about local organizations that would appreciate these items. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you for helping support this very real need in our community.

– Anne Vitullo, for the Community Outreach Steering Committee

Kickoff Day: All the Details!

September 11 marks the start of the new program year at St. Bede's and the return to a two-service schedule on Sundays, as follows:

- 8:00 - Rite I Holy Eucharist without music
- 9:00 - Coffee Hour and SoulWork
- 10:00 - Sunday School begins
- 10:15 - Rite II Holy Eucharist with choir and music
- 11:15 - Coffee Hour

To honor those fallen on this date 21 years ago, we will hold a 9/11 Memorial Evensong at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome to this solemn but beautiful service.

Additionally, a few new traditions are being launched this fall. A Vestry team led by Susan Chan Eagan has created lovely St. Bede's T-shirts, which will be on sale just in time for school sports season. Further, we hope you'll join us at the Pizza Theology series, a time for friendly, unstructured discussions of compelling religious topics (sign up [here](#)).

Continuing through fall, winter, and early 2023, we will celebrate St. Bede's 60th anniversary with many lively events. Look to your journal, eNews, and live announcements in church for timely information as each event gets closer!

— *Laura Gable, Junior Warden*

Sunday Coffee Hour – An Episcopal Tradition



Coffee hour after Sunday services is a well-loved tradition at Episcopal churches throughout the country. It's an opportunity for us to get to know one another better after worshipping together in church, while sharing a cup of coffee or tea and a tasty treat.

With our return to two services on Sunday mornings beginning September 11, our Hospitality team will be offering coffee hour after both the 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services. But to staff coffee hour for both services each week, we need a few more volunteers. Since returning to in-person services last year, we've streamlined our

guidelines, making it as easy as possible for volunteers to set up, clean up and offer simple refreshments each week. Our focus is on gathering and welcoming, not on elaborate food offerings.

Volunteering as part of the Hospitality team is a great way to meet your fellow parishioners – and offer a welcome greeting to newcomers. If organizing the occasional social event is part of your DNA, come join us on the Hospitality team. Contact Anne Vitullo at c_anne@att.net for more information and a walkthrough of our process.

– *Anne Vitullo, for the Hospitality team*

Trinity School Update

Our teachers and staff returned mid-August for orientation, disaster preparedness, CPR, safety, and wellness training (which included updates on the new COVID and kitchen care guidelines from the CDC, California State’s Department of Health, San Mateo County’s Health Department, San Mateo County’s Office of Education and the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California). Since catching COVID-19 may still be an eventuality, we are teaching pre-emptively all employees on acceptable language, behavior and attitudes within our extended community to remove negative stigmas. Trinity School also conducted new staff orientation and some team building at Bishop’s Ranch.

Following August 24th’s successful kindergarten orientation, school started back up on August 25th. At our September 10th board meeting, we will review the current state of Trinity School’s 4-year strategic plan and the Learning Support Coordinator’s supplemental education programs, including those for students with learning disabilities. Trinity School will host after school programs on the St. Bede’s campus from 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. such as Chess Wizards, Petting Zoo, Youth Theatre, Basketball, Kodely – Designing with Empathy, and Build Your Own Business. Extended care will continue to be offered until 6 p.m. We’re looking forward to a very active and full 2022-23 academic school year.

– *Jon Poe, Trinity School board of Trustees*

Giving the Gift of Flowers

Donations to support our weekly floral arrangements are most welcome. It’s a wonderful way to honor a loved one, recognize a birthday or anniversary, remember a deceased family member or friend, or simply share your love of flowers with all of us. Donations are

recognized in the weekly service bulletin, unless you ask to remain anonymous.

Here's the process for making a floral gift:

1. Sign up for the Sunday you choose on the poster in the courtyard narthex. This poster is the "master list" of sponsorships for the year. Except at Christmas and Easter, we accept one sponsorship per week.
2. Pick up a donation envelope at the back of the church for your gift (cash or checks accepted). On the envelope please note if your flowers are in celebration of a special event, or in memory of someone who is deceased.
3. Place your donation envelope in the offertory plate on Sunday or drop it off at the church office during the week.

We request a donation of \$60 to underwrite the cost of one week's floral arrangements. Donations made during Advent are used for Christmas greens and flowers, while those made during Lent are used for Easter flowers. At Christmas and Easter, we accept multiple donations (as we spend a bit more for flowers and greens to decorate the church then) and we acknowledge all dedications in the service bulletins for those holidays.

Thank you for helping to bring the beauty of God's creation to our worship services each week.

– *Anne Vitullo, Flower Team captain*

Bedhead Book Group Update

The book club reconvenes on Sept. 2nd at 9:30 a.m.! Ann Latta will lead us in a thoughtful discussion of Ann Patchett's *Truth and Beauty*. It is not a new book but a good one from this prolific writer. Join us -- all are welcome at our Zoom meetings on the first Friday of each month from 9:30 to 10:30-ish.

This reusable (save it!) link will get you there:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89275115638?pwd=SHINbms3QUlkQ3VheXFSV2ExdlZ4dz09>

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– *Helen Greenwood, Book Club Chair*

Celebrations: September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

5 Jane Ross
 6 Kevin Kopczynski
 10 Rachael Bowman
 13 Lawrence Bowman
 18 Irene Lawrence
 22 Rev. Daniel Spors
 25 Rebecca Zeren
 26 Madeline Du Lac
 27 Angela Sherry

Anniversaries:

1 Kevin and Toffie Kopczynski
 3 Jim and Betsy Fisher
 6 Elizabeth Bellock and Doug Ross
 25 Meredith and Michael Pellegrin
 Roy and Danielle Azem

Please let the parish office know if you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month!

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Sunday Services Summer Schedule: Holy Eucharist, 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary and on Zoom

Staff

Rev. Daniel Spors, *Rector*
 Naomi Braun, *Acting Music Director*
 Rani Fischer, *Organist*
 Siri Huntoon, *Parish Administrator*
 Angela Sherry, *Bookkeeper*
 Lina Jiang, *Nursery Caregiver*

Vestry

Megan Ancker
 Jon Backlund
 Susan Chan Egan
 Laura Gable, *Junior Warden*
 Irene Lawrence
 Miranda Pinckert
 Joan Sanders
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 Nancy Stork, *Clerk*
Altar Guild: Elizabeth Bellock, Elaine Kriegh, Sue Sartor, Anne Vitullo, John Wenstrand
Buildings and Grounds: Miranda Pinckert, Mike Sartor, Richard Zeren

St. Bede's Choir:

Sopranos: Orlia Budge, Catherine Clover, Amy Spencer, (Section Leader), Rani Fischer, Vera Shadle, Nancy Stork
 Altos: Naomi Braun (Section Leader), Dora Ho, Cathleen Josaitis, Kathleen Thompson, Becky Zeren
 Tenors: Chris Brown, Gabriel Ellis (Guest Section Leader), Liza Taft
 Basses: David Chu, Joseph Krohlow (Section Leader), Quentin Long

Community Outreach Steering Committee:

Julie Backlund, John Hickson, Sue Sartor, Angela Sherry, Anne Vitullo and Becky Zeren

Finance:

Julie Backlund, *Treasurer*;
 Randy Kriegh, Irene Lawrence, Hal Louchheim, Jon Poe, Angela Sherry, Michelle Swenson, *Assistant Treasurer*

Hospitality:

Helen Greenwood, Kathy Thompson and Anne Vitullo, *Captains*
Deanery delegates: Michael Graebner and Irene Lawrence, Laura Gable, *alternate*

Trinity School Board representatives:

Jon Poe and Michelle Swenson