

# Benediction Weekly

## October 13, 2019



The people of St. Benedict's are called to share God's love as we minister with and to all persons in Los Osos and beyond, providing worship, education, nurture, fellowship and service.

### Parish Gratitude Dinner this Friday at 6:15

Each year we celebrate our gratitude to God and each other for the many blessings we have received as part of St. Benedict's. The dinner is provided by the Parish Council and everyone is welcome, including those Abundance Shop volunteers who are not regular church members. We have much to be grateful for and it is a wonderful time to gather and remind ourselves of the abundance of God's love. RSVP [office@stbenslososos.org](mailto:office@stbenslososos.org)

### This Week at St. Benedict's

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

#### TODAY

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible study
- 9:30 am – Messy Church family worship
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music

#### Monday, Oct 14 RECTOR'S SABBATH

#### Tuesday, Oct 15

- 2:00 pm – Intercessory Prayer Circle
- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck
- 7:15 pm – Open Conversations: Baptism & Homeless Outreach Ministries

#### Wednesday, Oct 16

- 2:30 pm – Earthcare Meeting
- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, Oct 18

- 6:15 pm – Parish Gratitude Dinner

#### Sunday, Oct 20 ST. BENEDICT, OBSERVED

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music
- 12:15 pm – Parish Council Meeting



### Birthday Party



There will be a celebration of Emily Young's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at coffee hour next Sunday following the 10:30 service. Her family is hosting the event, but would appreciate kitchen help volunteers.

### Open Conversations

#### Concerning Baptism and St. Ben's Homeless Outreach Ministries

Tuesday, October 15th 7:15-8:30pm

**Open Conversations**, our new informal monthly gathering, focuses on a topic that relates to what it means to be part of the Jesus Movement in the Episcopal tradition, and specifically how we understand and live it out at St. Benedict's.

This Tuesday night we'll discuss what we understand about **Baptism**, what it means for us and how we can honor our baptismal vows of seeking and serving Christ in all persons, especially through the **Homeless Outreach Ministries** at St. Benedict's.

We'll meet at 7:15 after the pot-luck which starts about 6:15 after vespers which starts at 5:30. *Join us for any or all of it!*

#### A MESSAGE FROM LAURA DELOYE

*"Many thanks to everyone in the St. Benedict's community for being so welcoming and supportive to me over the past nine months as the office admin! I am truly grateful. I will miss the many wonderful interactions and look forward to coming back to visit"*

Laura begins this Monday with the Alzheimer's Association of the Central Coast in SLO as the Program and Education Manager. We wish her well. She will be sorely missed. The search continues for someone to fill her position here.

### All Saints' Day Necrology

St. Benedict's will be observing All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. In church tradition, names of parishioners and loved ones who have died are read as part of the Eucharist that day. If you would like someone remembered, please give their **names** to Stef ([stefshuman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stefshuman@sbcglobal.net)) for inclusion in the bulletin by Wednesday, Oct 30<sup>th</sup>. To have their **photos** included in the remembrance, please send digital files to [office@stbenslososos.org](mailto:office@stbenslososos.org) or leave a photo on the office desk with their names and yours.

### Serving God and the People of St. Benedict's this Week:

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Ministers: Stef Shuman & Sarah Chesebro;  
Lectors: Bryson McKelvey & Judy Schloss; Ushers: Esta Kandarian & Ron Thompson;  
Greeters: Dianne Long, *pre* & Stef Shuman, *post*; Altar Guild: Stef Shuman & Judy Schloss;  
Flowers: Laura Thompson; Coffee Hour Hosts: Suzan Vaughn & Pat Henry; Tellers: Jane Wu & Stef Shuman;  
Intercessory Prayer Team: Helen Schnieders; Music Director: John Cribb **Thank you for your service!**



**On-Going  
Activities  
at St. Ben's**

**ABUNDANCE SHOP** – Thrift shop at 2025 9th St. Tues- Sat 10am-4pm.

**BIBLE STUDY** – Sundays at 9:20 am

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** – Sundays during the 10:30 service.

**COMMUNITY DINNER** – Providing and serving food at SBCC, on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of odd-numbered months, in conjunction with Los Osos Cares.

**EARTHCARE** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds 2:30 pm. Discussion/action group seeking local solutions to environmental concerns.

**HEALING SERVICE** – A time for prayers for healing at the 10:30 service on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

**HOLLISTER INSTITUTE** – Varying programs of stimulating discussion and thoughtful exploration for everyone. See website.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER CIRCLE** Prayers for the community and the world. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 2pm.

**LAUNDRY LOVE** - Helping low-income families with funds, soap, and friendly assistance at Osos Clean Laundry. 5-9pm on last Wednesdays.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** – Morning social gathering, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays 9am at Budget Cafe, 3121 S. Higuera SLO

**MESSY CHURCH** - Sunday morning family worship geared towards young children and busy families. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the Great Room at 9:30.

**PEOPLE'S KITCHEN** – Providing and serving lunch at 40 Prado, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of even-numbered months.

**POTLUCK AND PRADO** – On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month donations to Prado Day Center are collected and potluck lunch follows 10:30 service.

**SATURDAY EUCHARIST** – Evening Eucharist on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays at 5:30pm, followed by potluck supper.

**VESPERS AND CONVERSATION** 5:30 pm Tuesdays. Vespers using varying liturgies, followed by potluck.

**VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 12:30pm  
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, *Rector*  
Pamela Bleisch Strawn, *Sr. Warden*,  
Michael Lucas, *Jr. Warden*,  
Lisa Gonzalez, *Treasurer*,  
Diana Hammerlund, Alan Kiste,  
Lorienne Schwenk, Deb Garza,  
Susan Miller, Steve Hirahara, Jane Wu

## Earthcare Retreat October 26

For many years St. Ben's has had a focus on creation care. This includes being as conscious as we can about recycling, reusing and avoiding non-sustainable products. In 2015 a Hollister Institute class studied Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* which lays out the importance of integral ecology and defines the environmental crisis as spiritual at heart. From this, a group of people came together and formed Earthcare - intended to support one another in our environmental work, educate the congregation and engage in local activity. Over the years this group has done a number of things - you can check out the video which is on the church's home page ([www.stbenslosos.org](http://www.stbenslosos.org)) - including hosting Matthew Fox and most recently organizing a west coast tour for Margaret Bullitt-Jonas culminating in a diocesan conference.

After such a successful event, this is a good time to take stock and to revision, to listen to one another and to the Holy Spirit and see what God has in store for us now. You are invited to join in a conversation about St. Benedict's and creation care on Saturday, October 26. This will be a retreat format with time for reflection, conversation, listening, and planning. It is open for all church members and friends with a heart for the environment and concern about making a difference while we still can. Led by Caro+ and Fr. Barry. 10am - 2:30pm. A light lunch will be served.



### Special Appeal to Honor Bishop Mary & Bishop-Elect Lucinda

This is an important time for our Diocese as we prepare for the consecration of Bishop Elect Lucinda Ashby on January 11 and the celebration of Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves' ministry with us. With this comes a special opportunity for all of the members of our diocese to honor the office of the Bishop by contributing to the gifts that are part of these celebrations. For this purpose during the month of October, the Standing Committee is conducting a \$20,000 special appeal for a departure gift for Bishop Mary (money toward a trip to Egypt with her daughter, Katie) and the vestments for Bishop Elect Lucinda's consecration. We have received kick-off gifts from some generous donors in our diocese, so that every gift that is made in the month of October will be matched 3:1 up to \$5,000. Every member of the Standing Committee has committed to this appeal and we hope that there will be broad participation from across our diocese so that these gifts will be from us all. All contributions can be made at (<https://www.realepiscopal.org/donate/>) or by sending checks to the diocese made out to EDECR (Bishops' Transition Gifts in the memo) P. O. Box 689, Salinas CA 93902 Attn: Rev. Lisa Bennett

### CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY

On Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be a celebration of new ministry in Northern San Luis Obispo County. St. Luke's and St. James' congregations will be formally welcoming Deacon Jim Arnold into their midst. This will also mark the intentional beginning of discerning a renewed vital presence of the Episcopal Church in North County. **Bishop-elect Lucinda Ashby** will preside and preach at this service which begins at 6 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, 295 Old Country Road, in Templeton.

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Keeping in Touch during the Week – Contact any of the clergy for counsel & spiritual care:

The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall (805)704-5826; The Rev. Barry Turner (805)784-0670; The Rev. Susan Plucker (530)263-8540

Call Celeste Pennington with pastoral care & prayer requests: (805)771-8974

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