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From the Rector

Advent hearkens the arrival of a new Church Year during which we will focus on the Gospel of Matthew and hear the Scripture proclaimed in the lectionary cycle appointed for Year A. Advent starts in dim light, with apocalyptic Scriptures, and leads us by the hand toward Christmastide and the celebration of the birth of a Messiah, Jesus, the embodiment of God's care and salvation.

One consequence of the coming of the Christ has been the liberation of human-kind from the need to ever again look for a savior among those who over-promise in the religious or political sphere. Every claim to authority is now measured against the One who has already arrived as Christ and Suffering Victor. God in Christ strives to align the faithful against easy answers, to put us on guard equally against populism and complacency, and who summons us to concern for, and solidarity with, the socially challenged, marginalized, voiceless, and poor.

Church-folk are as embedded in larger culture as anyone else, and our Scriptures and sacramental practice are designed to dislodge us and offer a possibility of fresh vision. This is part of the reason we are summoned to active participation in the Body of Christ in all its manifestations, beginning with simple Eucharistic sharing on Sundays and other occasions.

We applaud individual expressions of spirituality, but it is only together that we can identify patterns of culture to which we are uniquely positioned to offer response, and it is only together that we keep the Church in the constant state of Reformation which Anglicans believe key to offering vital witness to the Good News of God in Christ.

In the New Year, one of our educational offerings will be a six-book series on Christian Humanism written by Catherine M. Wallace, PhD. Wallace is concerned that many expressions of American Christianity have departed from the rich intellectual Christian Tradition carefully nurtured through two thousand years of philosophical, theological, ethical and scientific reflection. A drift toward uncritical and unreflective fundamentalism has, she believes, led to a culturally mired, easily manipulated, and diminished Christianity unsuitable to the challenges of our era.

Commencing Sunday afternoons in January from 4pm to 5:30pm we will journey through these short books by Dr. Wallace, a cultural historian on the faculty of the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University. All of the books are subsumed under the overarching title 'CHRISTIAN HUMANISM AND THE MORAL IMAGINATION.' Readable and accessible, provocative and thoughtful, they will help us separate wheat from chaff and take a fresh look at the work of the Church in our present cultural context. Dr. Wallace will visit St. Edmund's in the Autumn of 2017 for a larger presentation.

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The first to be read in our series will be 'THE CONFRONTATIONAL WIT OF JESUS.' The book may be purchased through Cascade Books in Eugene, Oregon (You may request an order via email here: orders@wipfandstock.com. Or if you prefer, you may call customer service folks any time between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., PST, at 541-344-1528). The books may also be ordered through Vromans, Pasadena, or, of course, found on Amazon! The class series will be led by the clergy, and a developing list of participants will be helpful. You may sign up in the Narthex or let our secretary Isabel Roa know of your interest at isabelroa@aol.com

Additional titles in the series (though we've not determined the order in which they will be read) include:

CONFRONTING RELIGIOUS DENIAL OF SCIENCE
CONFRONTING RELIGIOUS VIOLENCE
CONFRONTING RELIGIOUS DENIAL OF GAY MARRIAGE
CONFRONTING RELIGIOUS JUDGMENTALISM
CONFRONTING RELIGIOUS AUTHORITARIANISM

These books should sharpen our wits, help us in thinking about the ways a lively Christian Faith intersects with a culture in flux, and offer a context for healthy conversation, the sharing of diverse views, and glad fellowship!

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GIFTS OF STOCK

If you are interested in giving a donation to St Edmund's in the form of a stock gift, we suggest the following procedure:

1. Send an e-mail or letter of instruction to your broker specifying the issuer and number of shares of the stock that you wish to transfer to St. Edmund's noting special designation if other than annual pledge for your gift. Include in your letter the information on St. Edmund's account at Morgan Stanley:

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DTC # 0015
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2. Send a copy of your e-mail or letter of instruction to St. Edmund's by emailing Valerie Guitron, Parish Administrator, or standard mailing to PO Box 80038, San Marino, CA 91108.
3. Request your broker to notify St. Edmund's when the transfer is taking place by contacting Gladys Vasquez (St Edmund's Bookkeeper) or Valerie Guitron at 626-793-9167. It is very important to notify us of a stock transfer as the information we receive does not always have the donor's name with it!

You will receive an acknowledgement letter that includes the date the stock was received by St. Edmund's and its value. If you have additional questions about this procedure, please call the church office.



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 11TH—7:30 P.M.

The program includes Advent hymns and anthems sung by the congregation and choir,
as well as scripture readings for the Advent and Christmas season.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

DECEMBER 18TH—ADVENT FOURTH

Our raucous annual Christmas Pageant at 10 a.m.!

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 24TH—4:30 P.M.

Christmas Eve Family Service

FESTAL CANDLELIGHT CHORAL EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 24TH - 8:40 P.M. MUSIC

9 P.M. LITURGY

Festal Holy Eucharist,
with St. Edmund's magnificent Choir,
joined by guests from LA Opera Chorus
The Modern Brass Quintet
Robert Hovencamp, Organist/Choirmaster
Music by Chilcott, Harbison, Candlyn, and Vaughan-Williams
St. Edmund's Handbell Choir, Sylvia Smythe, Director

CHRISTMAS DAY FESTAL EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 25TH

10 a.m. in the Church

One Service Only

ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER, MR. ROBERT HOVENCAMP
THE REVEREND CANON JUDITH HEFFRON, ASSISTING
THE REVEREND CANON COLVILLE SMYTHE, ASSISTING
THE REVEREND CANON GEORGE F. WOODWARD III, RECTOR

(NO CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED ON DECEMBER 24TH AND DECEMBER 25TH)

CHRISTMAS AT ST. EDMUND'S

THE CHILDREN OF HILLSIDES need our help this Christmas season to make their holidays bright. The wish tags are available in the Narthex.



THE ALTAR GUILD invites you to join us for "The Greening of the Church and Chapel in preparation for Christmas Eve and Christmas services on Thursday, December 22nd at 1:00 p.m. This annual event is a wonderful way to begin the celebration of Christmas and your help is needed.



LESSONS AND CAROLS — On Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 7:30pm, St. Edmund's will present their annual Service of Lessons and Carols and Choir Concert. The Chancel Choir, joined by guests from the Los Angeles Opera Chorus, will perform music of J. S. Bach, Christiansen, Stainer, Górecki, Chilcott, Guilmant, Todd, and Paulus. St. Edmund's Organist and Choirmaster Robert Hovencamp will direct the choir and perform on St. Edmund's magnificent Aeolian-Skinner/Rosales pipe organ.



ST. EDMUND'S WELCOMES VISITORS

On Sundays, the Welcomers are in the Narthex and on the patio after the 10:00 am service, with a friendly greeting and parish information for visitors.

Welcomers are John Miller, Susan Heard, Laureen Chang, Mike Mathis, Jose and Veronica Guerrero, Susan Wong and Wendy Greenleaf.

Will you help us share the warmth of St. Edmund's? Talk to Fr. Colville!

Shop, and return the unwrapped gift with the tag attached to the Narthex or church office by Sunday, December 18th.



We will be hanging wreaths and pew swags, adding bows, arranging potted poinsettias, and enjoying the spirit of the Christmas season as a community. Again, your help is needed so please sign up in the rear of the Chapel or in the Church Narthex.



The program includes Advent hymns and anthems sung by the congregation and choir, as well as scripture readings for the Advent and Christmas season. The Reverend Canon George F. Woodward III will preside.

There will be a festive reception following the performance. The concert is free, and there is ample parking. We hope you will join us for this annual holiday event. It's a great way to start your holiday season!





CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND GREENS The Altar Guild is making plans for the greening of the Chapel and Church for Christmas, and those plans include preparing financially. We have established a budget of \$2,500.00 to purchase wreaths, swags, garlands, and flowers. It is a tight budget and one that we hope will work.

We are soliciting your Christmas Offerings early so that we can adjust our Christmas order based on the offerings received. The Christmas offering envelopes will be found in the pews and in the Narthex of the Church. The Altar Guild is grateful for, and looks forward to receiving your Christmas offering by December 11th. You can send your offering to Isabel Roa via USPS or deposit it in the oblation trays passed by our ushers during Sunday services. The Altar Guild wishes you a blessed Advent season and thanks you for your continued support.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

STATEMENT FOR SERVICE LEAFLET: _____

Please complete this form, make your check payable to St. Edmund's with a notation on the memo line "Altar Guild", place both the form and the check in the Flower Offering envelope found in the pew, and deposit the envelope in the offering dish passed by the ushers. Alternatively, you may mail the completed form and your check to the Church office (P.O. Box 80038, San Marino, CA 91118; Attention: Isabel Roa).



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

We are delighted to be chairing the new St. Edmund's Hospitality Committee! Doing what Cheryl Mendoza has done with such finesse and success will be a challenge, but we're eager to try!!

And we need help! So far, our committee includes: Debra Bartolomeo and Jennifer Sherry, Tony Faught, Veronica and Jose Guerrero, Fernando Guzman, Karen Harrigan, Jan and Charlie Haupt, Eli Moreton, Robin Puri, Julie and John Quinn, Shannon Snaer, and Millie Steinbrecher.

We welcome additional members. Please contact us at akhulick@gmail.com or susan.heard@me.com.

Our first event will be the reception that follows the 7:30pm Lessons and Carols service, on Sunday, December 11. We look forward to entertaining a large crowd after the service.

— *Amy Hulick and Susan Heard*

Communicate.



PRAYER GROUP SESSION OPENS IN JANUARY

The 'Closer Walk' prayer group is currently conducting its second 30-day challenge, which includes

1. Meet once a week to share and pray together.
2. Do a daily good deed, and work two hours a week for the church.
3. Give God a tenth of your earnings.
4. Spend the first half hour each morning in prayer and study of scripture.
5. Share with others your experience with God.

Are you ready to deepen your spiritual life? Join us for the next 30-day group, beginning early in January. Date of the first meeting will be announced.

For details, contact Fr. Colville cssmythe@charter.net, or speak to any joyful prayer group participant.

— *Fr. Smythe*



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INVITES YOU TO BREAKFAST

Men of St. Edmund's: you are invited to our monthly fellowship meal, warmly hosted by Hal and Marguerite Hennacy at their home, 3531 San Pasqual, in Pasadena (about a mile east of church).

Breakfast begins at 6:30am Tuesday, December 13.

We are rediscovering highlight features of the Gospel of John; bring your Bible and your questions.

Breakfast FREE for first-time guests! Bring a friend. RSVP 792-1882.

— *Fr. Smythe*



MEN'S BREAKFAST

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Preparations for our annual Service of Lessons and Carols are already underway, which will be presented on **December 11, 2016 at 7:30pm**. St. Edmund's Choir will be joined again by guests from the Los Angeles Opera, and we will truly make a joyful sound. The choir will perform music of J. S. Bach, Guilman, Christiansen, Todd, Chilcott, Gorecki, and Paulus. A festive reception, hosted by the always amazing trio of Susan Heard, Amy Hulick, and Cheryl Mendoza, will follow in Fellows Hall. Please mark your calendars and join us for this magnificent yearly event. Lessons and Carols is an excellent way to kick start your Holiday mood.

The St. Edmund's Bell Choir, under the direction of Sylvia Smythe played spectacularly on November 22, St. Edmund's Day, at the 10:00am Eucharist. They will appear at both services on Christmas Eve.

The Christmas Eve Late Service will feature the Modern Brass Quintet, with music for Brass and Organ. The music will begin at 8:40. We look forward to their return every Christmas Eve, as they fill our sanctuary with glorious music. The St. Edmund's Choir will also be joined by several singers from the Los Angeles Opera. Join us for an evening of fantastic music!

Our Soprano Soloist, Lesili Beard, will be leaving St. Edmund's after the Christmas season. We will miss her, and please join me in thanking her for her dedication to St. Edmund's these past 10 years.

The Music Department wishes you and your family a marvelous Christmas.

*Robert Hovencamp,
Organist/Choirmaster*



Ms. Laureen Chang with Clergy and The Mayor of San Marino, Dr. Allan Yung following the presentation to St. Edmund's Parish on the conclusion of 75th Anniversary Celebrations

YOUTH MINISTRIES NEWS AND EVENTS



January 1

No Sunday School

January 8

Team 2 Acolyting

Sunday School

10 am | Sunday School Classrooms

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

The Promised Land; for years the Israelites wandered in hopes of finding it. When they do, it has to be conquered, settled, divided and ruled. This winter we will travel through the land of Canaan as we study the books of Joshua, Judges and Ruth. We will learn about more battles and who ruled before there were kings. We will also learn about some of the least expected people did extraordinary things and in so doing, unintentionally maintained the line of David and the line of Jesus.

January 15

Team 2 Acolyting:

Sarah Ni, Sophie Woodman

Sunday School

10 | Parish Hall

Drum Circle

Prepare for the Battle for the Promise Land! Drums will be provided, ear plugs will not.

June 2017

Join our Family Friendly Heritage Trip to England!

Bring your kids of all ages for a land tour that traces the life of St. Edmund. To learn about our spiritual roots in the Anglican Church, we will travel through London, East Anglia, medieval Canterbury and even Hogwarts Academy.

Itinerary

Day 1

Tour begins with Westminster Abbey, the British Museum and then to Buckingham Palace to see the changing of the guard. Mid-afternoon cruise along the River Thames before watching the sun set from the top of the Shard, the largest viewing platform in Western Europe.

Day 2

Windsor Castle, St George's chapel, and St Paul's Cathedral for evensong.

Day 3

Travel by coach to the 11th century Arundel Castle and Fitzalan chapel, believed to hold the remains of St Edmund.

Day 4

Guided tour of Canterbury Cathedral, one of the oldest and most famous Christian structures in England. Afternoon experience of medieval England with a visit to the Canterbury Tales – a recreation of medieval England through Chaucer's Tales. The day will end being rowed along the River Arun.

Day 5

Depart Canterbury for Greensted Church, where the body of St. Edmund rested on its way to Bury St. Edmunds. Continue to Bury St. Edmunds for a walking tour which includes the remains of a Benedictine Abbey. End the day with a visit to St. Edmunds Cathedral.

Day 6

Short walking tour of Cambridge before visiting the Imperial War museum at Duxford. Afternoon visit to the Warner Bros. Harry Potter Studio tour to see the film sets, props and special effects from the films.

Price per Person

Prices vary according to tour size. Please note this is *land only*.

25 people on tour:

\$1693 per adult

\$1194 per child (under 12)

20 people on tour:

\$1806.00 per adult

\$1307 per child

\$462.00 for additional single room

These prices include: Accommodations in twin/double rooms for 7 nights in 3/4 star hotels.

Breakfast included

- 5 Dinners
- 2 Lunches
- 1 Box Lunch (day 5)

- Tour Guide
- Motor Coach
- Cruise along Thames
- Canterbury River Tour
- Entrance fees to the following:
 - View from the Shard
 - Windsor Castle
 - St. Paul's Cathedral
 - Arundel Castle
 - Canterbury Cathedral
 - Canterbury Tales
 - Bury St. Edmund's Cathedral
 - Imperial War Museum
 - Warner Brothers Harry Potter



For more information contact Heather

— *Heather Blackstone*
Youth Director

ST. EDMUND'S NURSERY SCHOOL

St. Edmund's Nursery School has much to look forward to in the upcoming weeks as we prepare for the Christmas holiday and the New Year.

The St. Edmund's Nursery School Christmas Programs will be held December 21st and 22nd for the children's families and friends and is always such a fun event, with a surprise visit from Santa Claus! The school will be closed beginning Friday, December 23 through Friday, January 6.

As a monthly fundraiser, we offer families, staff and friends of St. Edmund's the ability to purchase Scrip for a multitude of vendors. A percentage of your purchase goes directly back to the Nursery school and you pay no additional fee but enjoy the benefits of gift cards. Stop by our front office for

an order form or we would be happy to email one to you.

As a reminder, we offer tours of the Nursery School anytime between 9:30-11:00 Monday through Wednesday without an appointment. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have and provide a chance to see the campus. Applications for our priority families and parishioners will be available on January 23rd through February 3rd. Once completed, they are due back no later than Monday, February 6th. We will make these applications available at the church office for anyone interested.

Wishing everyone a blessed holiday season and a happy New Year!

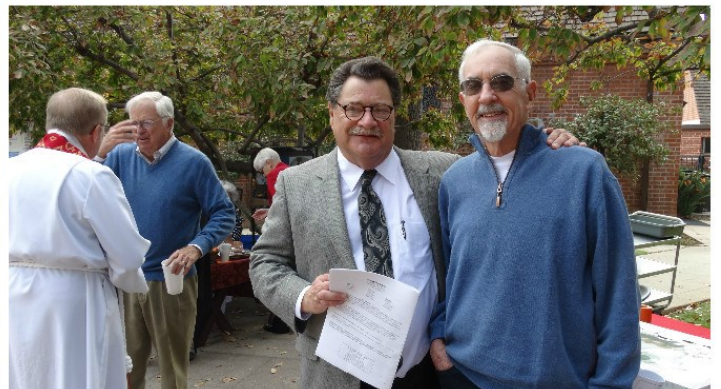
— *Darlene Porter*
Principal



75TH ANNIVERSARY—THE FEAST OF ST. EDMUND

Sunday, November 20th marked the end of our first 75 years. Trumpets announced the Feast of St. Edmund and fellowship and camaraderie followed on the Close.





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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, January 22nd—Gail Rolfe will have an open discussion about the 2017 budget in the library after the 10 a.m. service.

Sunday, January 29th—St. Edmund's Annual Meeting immediately following the 10 a.m. service.