



The Hillside Messenger

A Message from the Rector: The Calling of the Saints

November 1st is All Saints' Day, which we shall celebrate on Sunday, November 3rd, since All Saints' Day may be celebrated on any day in its octave, or eight-day period, beginning with November 1st. All Saints' Day is a celebration of all the saints, that is, the faithful, who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Some have regarded All Saints' Day as a celebration of the great saints who have lived exemplary lives in testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ. Then, in the eleventh century, All Souls' Day was established on November 2nd for the commemoration of all the ordinary saints. In Roman Catholic doctrine, though, All Souls' Day is a day of both gratitude for all these ordinary saints and a day of intercession for their spiritual purification while they are in Purgatory. In Anglican doctrine,

belief in Purgatory as it is defined in Roman Catholic doctrine is forbidden by Article XXII of *The Thirty-nine Articles of Religion*, which states:

The Romish Doctrine concerning Purgatory, Pardons, Worshipping and Adoration, as well of

page 607,
*The Book of
Common Prayer*,
1928

Therefore, Anglicans do not distinguish between two groups of the faithful departed, one group in heaven, and the other in Purgatory. Nevertheless, some Anglicans observe the tradition of All Souls' Day for ordinary saints and All Saints' Day for the great saints. Then there are other Anglicans, among whom I include myself, who believe that there is no need for All Souls' Day, for All Saints' Day is a celebration of all the saints, exemplary and ordinary.



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Beginning with the Call

Anglican Christians do not have a clearly defined process of beatification or canonization of saints, as the Roman Catholic Church does. The Apostles' Festivals are red-letter days, and commemorations of minor saints (non-Biblical)

Images as of Relics, and also Invocation of the Saints, is a fond thing, vainly invented, and grounded upon no warranty of Scripture, but rather repugnant to the Word of God.

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are black-letter days. This terminology derives from the way the Prayer Book calendars were originally printed. The word *saint* derives ultimately from the Latin word *sanctus*, which means “a holy one; one set apart for God.” All the faithful are saints in that they are called to be holy or set apart for God. The *General Epistle of St. Jude* is addressed “to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called” (*St. Jude 1b*, KJV). The saints are not saints by accident, but by the love of God the Father sanctifying them; preserving them in Jesus Christ, who redeemed them; and calling them to come to Him through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. God the Father predestined the faithful before He created the universe. This is so well expressed by St. Paul in the first chapter of his *Epistle to the Ephesians*:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: Having predesti-

nated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Ephesians 1:3-6,
KJV

Though it is clear from the New Testament that Christians face many trials on account of their faith, yet the Lord gives much more comfort than the sufferings and trials we face in living the Christian life. In this extract from *Ephesians 1*, St. Paul begins by blessing the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed all Christians with all spiritual blessings in the heavenly realms in Christ. There are so many blessings laid up for Christians as their eternal legacy, so many spiritual riches, but they are in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. The more we abide spiritually in Christ through love of God and neighbor, praise, prayer, and obedience to the Lord, the more we shall relish, appreciate, and look forward to all these blessings. Now all these blessings derive from God’s eternal love for all His people, by which He has chosen us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless before Him in love. The choice of

God in His predestinating purpose was for all His people to be set apart for Him, to be without fault (blameless, in His sight), in love. His purpose is a sanctifying one, aiming to bring all His people to maturity, faultlessness, and perfect love. His purpose and our destiny were never for us to be left flawed, weak, and sinful, but to be completely transformed into the likeness of Christ and to reflect God’s glory as His adopted children. It is God’s good pleasure and will to adopt believers in the Lord Jesus Christ as His beloved children, for through His Son’s sacrificial death on the cross, mankind has been reconciled to God, and all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life in communion with Him.

The destiny of the saints begins in the foreknowledge and predestination of God, but this process never interferes with human freewill. Rather, God preserves those whom He has chosen in Christ, and He calls them. Being in Christ by having been baptized into union with Him, Christians share the destiny of the Lord Jesus Christ. They share in His legacy, His eternal life, and His eternal rule, as well as in the fellowship, or communion, He shares with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. Being saints of God, we must persevere in seeking the things

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that are above, where Christ is seated at God's right hand (*Colossians 3:1-2*). In other words, our values and priorities must show God's heavenly kingdom, or His rule, plainly at work in our lives. We must do this, because we are dead (having died to sin through our Baptism), and our life is hidden with Christ in God.

What does the statement that *our life is hidden with Christ in God* mean? The true, eternal life that we have is hidden in Christ—it may not be obvious to others. Secondly, the meaning of our life on earth is hidden with Christ in God, in that God is the One who evaluates the ultimate meaning of our lives. Conclusions we may

come to about the significance or insignificance of our lives may or may not align with God's perspective. Thirdly, the purpose of every believer's life is a mystery known to God, but may be revealed to the believer only later, at God's discretion. Indeed, non-believers may not understand the purpose of a believer's life, as the Lord Himself intimates in His dialogue with Nicodemus:

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

St. John 3:8, KJV

The Holy Spirit directs a saint's life, and we do not often know in advance in which direction the Spirit may lead him. Of far more importance is that we realize that the Holy Spirit is Sovereign Lord and may lead us wherever He wills and command us to do whatever He pleases. Once we understand this, we can lead our lives in the continual exercise of faith in God, not only faith for the forgiveness of sins, but faith in God to guide us every step of the way in obedience to His will. God calls, and the saints, God's people, must follow in faith, for the Lord knows where He is leading us.

– *The Reverend
Chris Parrish*

**Called.
Loved.
Kept.**

To those who have been called, who are loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

Jude 1:1-2 NIV

Serendipity

I visited Rome in the summer of 2008. While there, I went to the Basilica of Saint Paul's Outside the Wall, where Saint Paul's remains are interred. In the gift shop, I saw an icon of Saint Paul that I was interested in buying, but I convinced myself not to purchase it. I regretted my hesitancy almost immediately after I left.

That same year, a coworker at my school was going to Rome on a religious retreat which would eventually end up in Medjugorje. She was a devout Roman Catholic. I asked her to buy me the icon if she ended up at Saint Paul's Outside the Wall. She went one step further: She bought it and had it blessed by Pope Benedict XVI. However, after that, she would not allow me to pay for it because she was afraid of simony. She gifted it to me instead.

Just to remind you, simony is the act of selling Church offices and roles, or blessed items, and it is named after Simon Magus who offered to pay two disciples for the gift of the Holy Spirit and to be able to impart it on others by laying his hands on them—in other words, becoming a bishop by buying the office. (This incident is recorded in the *Acts of the Apostles* 8:9-25.) Ever since this incident with the icon, I too have been quite cautious about simony.



A few years later, after Saint Luke's was gifted the new altar, lectern and pulpit that we now have at the Chapel, we ended up having two "extra" altars (a children's altar that was in McNeely Hall and the original altar from the Chapel) and an "extra" pulpit. We needed to give one of the altars away along with the pulpit. However, I was rightly met with some resistance because of the sentimental value of these items and because they were made by a parishioner for the church. However, there was a mission church near Sacramento which was interested in these items. We decided to gift them to this new church.

I am here to report that God is amazing! The way He takes a simple gift like the one made by Saint Luke's and turns it into multiple blessings dumbfounds me. That missionary church is now a well-established church in its own building and doing well. It is called Trinity Anglican, and it is in Marysville. How do I know this? Because I just visited there on October 20th. It is the church where our friend Father Jonah Kelman is the new pastor. As I was praying, I looked up to the sanctuary, and there, in front of my eyes, was the children's altar that was once at Saint

Luke's!

So, here is my message and the great lesson I learned from this: Do not be afraid to be generous. Do not be afraid to give to others, for you never know where that blessing will rest or who will benefit from such a blessing. And always remember that the blessing you send off in God's care will always be used for the greater good.

I pray that God will continue to bless all of you and Saint Luke's for your great generosity.

God bless,
Father Michael Penfield
Former Rector of St. Luke's
Current Vicar-General of the
Convocation of the West

The Heart of the Matter

People who pray for a revival in the world are truly doing God's work. But in order for a revival to come, there must also be people who are willing to throw themselves totally into the cause of the gospel.

O Holy Spirit, revival comes from Thee;
Send a revival, start the work in me.
Thy word declares Thou wilt supply our need;
For blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

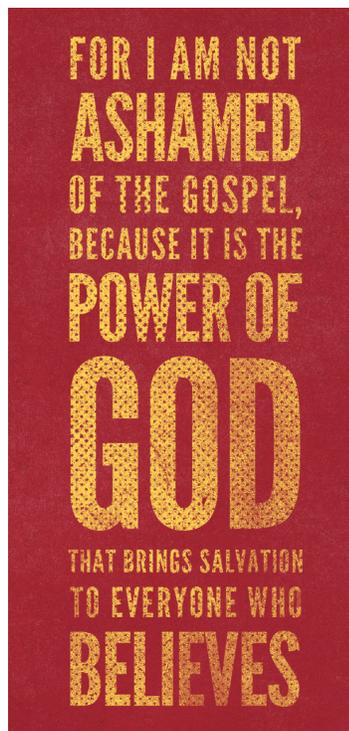
– J Edwin Orr

... serving the Lord and not men.

Colossians 3:23 RSV

Lord, whatever You choose for me to do,
give me the faith and power to do it
with all my heart.

– Corrie ten Boom



Vestry Matters

Dear fellow Parishioners,

Welcome to the latest edition of “Vestry Matters”. It’s good to be back with you again.

Important Reminder

We currently have two open slots on the Vestry and would welcome any volunteers who would like to serve. No prior experience is needed, and any current, Confirmed member of the Parish is welcome to apply. If interested, please contact either me or Father Parrish.

Here’s the latest article for your reading de-

light and edification.

August 11th Vestry Meeting Summary

Those in attendance: Jana Baldwin, Ray Boreham, Brandy Falcon, Elodia Fernandez, Julia McNeely, Father Chris Parrish, Clark Patteson, and Deacon Peter Vogel.

Bookkeeper’s Report (Deacon Vogel):

- Total Net Income for the period January 1 to August 11 was \$891.21.
- A State Income Tax Refund and an Insurance Premium Refund kept the Chapel finances in the black.

Treasurer’s Report (Elodia Fernandez):

- The Total Income for July was \$11,788.26.
- The Net Operating Income for July was \$5,430.23, but the first seven months of the year ended in a deficit of \$2,956.34.
- Investment Account increased in value by almost \$29,000 since the end of last year thanks to very impressive stock market performance.
- The St. Luke’s Investment Account had risen to \$290,033.52 by the end of July.
- The Schwab Account



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Your Vestry matters!

Summary of Friday, August 9th, showed a big dip in the Investment Account, which that day had stood at \$279,169.41.

Junior Warden's Report (Clark Patteson):

- Following a recent incident when one of the toilets backed up, Clark reported that an inspection of the pipe from the toilets to the septic tank had been conducted and that, fortunately, no blockage was found.

Altar Guild Report (Elodia Fernandez):

- Elodia Fernandez thanked Bridgitte Parrish and Jana Baldwin for their dedicated Altar Guild ministry. She also mentioned that the Easter Candle holder would need to be replated. She would ask Father Penfield where such repairs could be made.

Rector's Report (Father Parrish):

- He started work as a fifth-grade teacher at Milpitas Christian School on August 1st.
- During Holy Communion on Sunday, July 21st, Father Parrish administered the Sacrament of Holy Baptism to Brandy Falcon. She was considering in which ministry at St. Luke's she wanted to serve.

- A memorial service for Philip Slattery, Tim Slattery's brother, took place in the Chapel on Saturday, July 27th, and was followed by a reception in McNeely Hall.

- Max Taaffe offered to serve as a Crucifer and was being trained in this ministry.

Old Business:

- Continuing the Vestry's prayers for and focus on growing the church, Julia McNeely reported she was working on the signage, including

- 1) a sandwich board sign near the mailbox displaying information on both sides. Ray Boreham will help her with the sandwich board. The sandwich board could be stored in the Nursery.
- 2) new banners, but she needs the dimensions of the current banners. She will consult with Father Parrish and Deacon Vogel.

- Julia will put an announcement in our newsletter about a bowling alley event.
- The Vestry is constantly looking for new ideas to help grow our church. If anybody reading this has any other ideas or would like to help in

this very important mission, please contact Father Parrish or any Vestry member. Even better, join us at an upcoming meeting to offer your ideas and suggestions in person. The more help and input we can get, the better. Thank you in advance.

New Business:

- St. David's Anglican Church in South Carolina sent a letter to Ray Boreham requesting that St. Luke's Vestry prayerfully consider a donation to their Building Fund, which aims to raise \$700,000. Ray read their letter to the meeting and asked if we should have a mission for this. He indicated he would send the web address for St. David's to the Vestry.
- Julia McNeely mentioned that the wooden benches outside were old, and we should consider replacing them with metal ones. Maintenance Reserve funds could pay for new benches. It was pointed out that there was one new wooden bench in a box in the printing room.
- Elodia Fernandez raised the possibility of saving money by rolling our waste bins out to the curb on

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Sunday or Monday afternoon and rolling the emptied bins back near the shed on Tuesday afternoon. This would save the Chapel \$400 per year, which we were being charged for the waste truck to drive into our parking lot every Tuesday to empty the bins. Since we paid our latest Green Waste bill up to the end of September, we have until then to put the bins within ten feet of the curb every Sunday or Monday.

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Thank you for your time in reading this arti-

cle. Please remember, this is **your** Vestry and this is **your** Parish, and, whether you're able to attend church services regularly or not, your input on any matter concerning the Church, its operation and its overall Mission and Purpose is essential and welcome. If there's anything you feel needs to be addressed in future meetings or even in between meetings or if you have any questions or concerns, please do reach out and contact Father Parrish and/or any member of the Vestry. We'll be sure to address whatever you feel needs our attention as soon as practically possible.

If you're unable to join us for worship in person but would like to make an offering to your church, please visit our website at

StLukesChapel.org

and click on the DONATE button. Thank you in advance for helping keep this beautiful sanctuary we call our spiritual home alive. All donations are tax-deductible and are gratefully received.

We look forward to seeing you at a future service and/or meeting and I'll be back with you next month.

– *Ray Boreham*,
Senior Warden

Our Chapel Family Prayer List

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Fi-

nally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness: Archbishop Steve Wood; Bishop Richard Lipka; Bishop Darryl Fitzwater; Canon Michael Penfield; Father Chris Parrish; Deacon Peter Vogel; and Deacon Linda Bracken; also all those who serve as Thy ministers in governing our nation and state, particularly: President Joe Biden; and Governor Gavin Newsom; as well as all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; especially those

for whom our prayers are desired:

the soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, guardians, border patrol, coasties, police officers, firefighters, and pilots who protect us every day; our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world; all refugees; the leaders and people of Ukraine; all who are affected by the war between Hamas and Israel; all those affected by natural disasters both here and abroad; Jim and Edna Davis;

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Joya de Rossett;
Debbie;
Scott;
Brittany;
Tanya Theiler;
Mark Quinn;
Lisa;
Ben;
Marian;
Flo;
Max;
Dan and Kendra Pack;
the Stanko family;
Yoshihiko Ikegami;
Mary Frances Reaves;
Mrs. Kitt;
Jon Carter;
Frank Capone;
Rose Handwerker;
Ann and Frank MacVoy;
Bishop Ilgenfritz;

Moe Martinez;
Victoria Grace;
Christina;
John and Heidi Donnelly;
Father Harley
and Donna Crain;
Carl;
Judith Boreham;
Marie and Wade;
Heather;
Susan;
Helen Vanderberg;
Farshad;
Deacon Herman
and Betty Roark;
Patrick Slattery;
Julie Sine;
the Slattery family;
James Kitchin;
Father Jonah
and Rachel Kelman;
Bob Willis;

Grace Driver;
Robbie Tavey;
Charlotte;
the Bouchard family; and
Mark Benjamin
and Rachel Jebaraj;
that it may please Thee to
comfort and relieve them,
according to their several
necessities; giving them
patience under their suf-
ferings, and a happy issue
out of all their afflictions.
And this we beg for Jesus
Christ's sake. Amen.

Please note: This prayer
list was current as of
October 25th, and the
people of St. Luke's
will pray for each
need until we are no-
tified that it has been
met. Please contact
Father Parrish to add
or remove names.
Thank you!

And pray in the Spirit
on all occasions with
all kinds of prayers
and requests.

With this in mind,
be alert and always
keep on praying for
all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:18 NIV

A Prayer for the Middle East

God of all comfort and hope, who in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, proclaimed good news to the poor, bound up the broken-hearted, and set the captives free: We remember before You this day all who are affected by the violence of October 7, 2023, and we ask You to heal the wounded, comfort those who mourn, and bring justice and peace to the land of Israel. Look with mercy upon the peoples of the Middle East, that, in Your great compassion, the light of Christ may shine in the darkness and bring hope to every nation. As Simeon rejoiced to see Your salvation, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel, so we pray that Jesus, the Messiah, would be known as the true hope for all the earth. May Your Kingdom come, and may Your peace reign in every heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer for Our Congregation

O GOD, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray Thee, the Congregation of St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills with Thy love and favour; enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in our hearts a love of the truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. Amen.

Parish Postings

The Vestry will meet on Sunday, November 10th, following Morning Prayer and fellowship to conduct the temporal business of the parish. All are welcome and, indeed, encouraged to attend!



Sunday, November 24th, is the Festival of Christ the King, which our Chapel Family will observe with Holy Communion at 10:00 AM. Because we do not have refreshments after our Thanksgiving Day service and because this Thanksgiving Day

will mark the sixtieth anniversary of the Chapel's first worship service, we will host a thanksgiving-themed potluck luncheon during fellowship. Please join us!

Parish Postings

You are invited to join Joanna's Prayer Circle after fellowship on Sunday, November 24th, in McNeely Hall. This group is for anyone who has special prayer requests, wants to share joys or sorrows, or needs some support. Members of Joanna's Prayer Circle

intercede daily as individuals for those on the Chapel Family Prayer List and meet as a group on the fourth Sunday of the month to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to pray at His direction. All are welcome!



It is a joyful thing to give thanks unto our God, and St. Luke's has much for which to be grateful! Please join your Chapel Family at 10:00 AM on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28th, for Holy Communion as we thank God for the sixtieth anniversary of

our first worship service and all the many other blessings He has poured down upon us.

Let's make a clean sweep before the turn of the liturgical year on the First Sunday in Advent! Come to the Chapel on Saturday, November 30th, to do some housekeeping and to decorate for Ad-

vent and Christmas. The more hands we have to share the tasks the sooner the work will be done, so please join us at 11:00 AM. Thank you!



Please speak to Father Parrish as soon as possible if you wish to undergo Baptism or Confirmation in the Faith. Thank you!

Our Chapel website has landed on a new address in its continuing travels. The new address is

[https://
StLukesChapel.org/](https://StLukesChapel.org/)

May we all use it in the service of our Lord!



Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 3rd

All Saints' Day (observed)
The Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion with Holy Unction
10:00 AM

Sunday, November 10th

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity

Office of Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Vestry Meeting
following fellowship

Sunday, November 17th

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion
10:00 AM

Sunday, November 24th

The Festival of Christ the King
The Sunday next before Advent

Holy Communion
10:00 AM

St. Luke's Sixtieth Anniversary
Thanksgiving Potluck
following the worship service
Joanna's Prayer Circle Meeting
following fellowship

Thursday, November 28th

Thanksgiving Day

Holy Communion
10:00 AM

Saturday, November 30th

Work Party
11:00 AM

Sunday, December 1st

The First Sunday in Advent

Holy Communion with Holy Unction
10:00 AM





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Worship Schedule

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Luke's Chapel in the Hills is a traditional Anglican parish which uses the 1928 edition *Book of Common Prayer*. We invite you to join us for worship and fellowship soon!

*“A place
where the Bible is taught.”*



*Biblical in teaching.
Liturgical in worship.
Loving in practice.*

First, third, and fifth Sundays of each month

Holy Communion
(with Healing Service on First Sundays)
10:00 AM

Second and fourth Sundays each month

Office of Daily Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Please note that Holy Communion will be celebrated on Feast Days occurring on second and fourth Sundays.

If you cannot join us physically in the Chapel,
please contact Father Parrish
to be added to each service's Zoom invitation.