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Feast of David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales, c.544

Dear Friends in Christ,

For several years I was a member of St. David's Church, Dewitt. I returned there for my deaconate and later served as a supply priest during an interim period. So March 1st as St. David's Day has always held a special place in my heart. I expect leeks to be served and to see vases of daffodils—symbols of St. David—on March 1st. But St. David is much more than daffodils and leeks.

In his time Wales was the only portion of Britain that was Christian: the Angles, Saxons and Jutes (pagans all) having control of the rest. At a young age he founded a monastery and became its abbot. A man of moderation, his nickname was "the Waterman" because he allowed the monks of his monastery to drink only water: not wine or ale. He was a scholar and preferred a cloistered life. Yet as Bishop of Menevia and Primate of Wales he became an administrator, fought against the Pelagian¹ heresy, made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and founded eleven other monasteries. His last words in a sermon to his community were, "Be joyful, and keep your faith and your creed, and do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about. I will walk the path that our fathers have trod before us." "Do ye the little things in life" has become a well-known phrase in Welsh. Saint David is the perfect saint for Lent which begins on March 5th: temperate, if not ascetic, contemplative and faithful.



So I invite you to join me and observe a holy Lent. The Prayer Book Lenten invitation asks that we keep Lent "self-examination and repentance; by prayer fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word."² How we to this is left up to each of us. For a start, there are services of Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 5th at 6:30 AM, 10 AM, and 7 PM. For those who might wish to read, listen, discuss and worship there is the Lenten Series, "Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's *Messiah*" on Sundays beginning March 9th at 5:30 PM. (See article below for more information.) Meanwhile the Wednesday Holy Eucharist at 10 AM continues throughout Lent. Finally, during Holy Week there will also be celebrations of Holy Eucharist at 7 AM in addition to the usual Triduum services.

But what if family, work or school demands make it impossible for one to participate in any of the above? Try setting up a time just to spend a few moments in prayer in the morning or at night. (The lengthening days make it easier to set one's alarm clock earlier.) Or maybe try incorporating prayer into your morning walk — with or without dogs — or daily exercise. Perhaps pick up the *Forward Day by Day* or a copy of the Episcopal Relief & Development *2014 Lenten Meditation* booklet and read the daily readings and meditations. Computer savvy? Try praying the Daily Office online (www.missionstclare.com/) or doing a labyrinth [continued page 2]

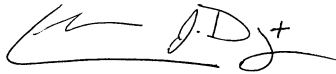
¹ The theological doctrine propounded by Pelagius, a British monk, and condemned as heresy by the Roman Catholic Church in a.d. 416. It denied original sin and affirmed the ability of humans to be righteous by the exercise of free will.

² BCP, 1929

(www.gracecathedral.org/labyrinth) or visiting Taize online (www.taize.fr). Still searching? Look at Anglicans Online Lenten Resources, there's sure to be something there that may work for you (<http://anglicansonline.org/special/lent.html>). The possibilities are endless.

Come and observe a holy Lent at All Saints'. Or in Saint David's word's: "Be joyful, and keep your faith and your creed, and do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about." Then we'll "walk the path that our fathers have trod before us."

Faithfully yours,



The Rev. Christine J. Day,
Rector

“Soup Box” Offerings

The Soup and Sandwich Saturday program is again asking for your support during Lent. If you are choosing to give something up for Lent, would you please consider attaching a monetary amount to this and donating it to our program. Maybe it's your daily candy bar, or soda, or lottery ticket. Anything will be greatly appreciated. The needs of our guests will only increase as the cutbacks in the SNAP program are felt in our community. If you would like a box to put your donation in, please let Debbie Thorpe know. This is our major fund raiser for the year for the Soup and Sandwich Program.



— Debbie Thorpe, Chair of the Soup & Sandwich Program



Lenten Fund Raiser!
Friday, March 7th
Noon to 6:30 PM

Pre-Sale Tickets: \$12 per dinner are available for purchase now!

**Our church will receive 20% of all pre sold tickets
and 14% of all sales on the day of the event.**

Fish Fry Fundraiser Dinners
\$12

Fried Haddock, Grilled NY Strip Steak, or Fried Shrimp
All dinners include hand-cut fries and coleslaw.

Fish Fry Fundraiser Sandwiches -- \$8
Fried Haddock Sandwich or Pulled Pork BBQ
on fresh made rolls.



March 5th is Ash Wednesday

Sometimes Easter is in March and other times it is in April. This year Easter is Sunday April 20th a week away from being the latest Easter can be. Therefore, Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 5, 2014. (Want more information? Check out pages 880-885 in *The Book of Common Prayer, 1979!*)



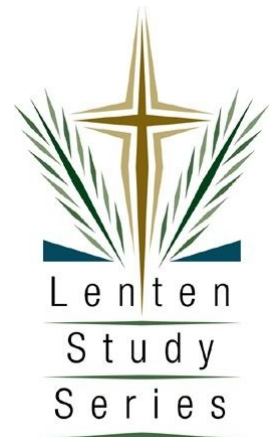
On Ash Wednesday, March 5th there will be three celebrations of Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes:

6:30 AM
10:00 AM
7:00 PM

In the words of that day's liturgy, you are invited "in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, and fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (*BCP* page 265)

Kerygma's Hallelujah: the Bible and Handel's *Messiah* Continues Beginning Sunday, March 9th at 5:30 PM: Sign-up Now!

"He was despised," "I know that my Redeemer liveth," Since by man came death": these are all musical numbers from the "Lent/Easter" portion of Handel's *Messiah*. So if you like to listen to or sing Handel's *Messiah* or if you are interested in a Lenten Bible Study, look no further! Beginning on the first Sunday of Lent, March 9th All Saints' will be presenting Kerygma's *Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah* on Sundays at 5:30 PM.



The course is designed to deepen appreciation of both the words and the music of Handel's *Messiah*. Because it is primarily a Bible study curriculum, the focus will be naturally on the Bible. Yet it would be a waste of resources to concentrate only on the biblical texts without attention to how they are interpreted in *Messiah*. You do not need to be an expert in either music or the Bible to enjoy this course. The only real requirements are that one has:

- A genuine interest in learning more about the Bible,
- A desire to appreciate Handel's *Messiah* more deep,
- A commitment to read and study and to attend the sessions faithfully.

Each Sunday evening will begin at 5:30 PM with a simple Soup and Bread Supper followed by the program, Kerygma's *Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah*. The evening will conclude with a Taizé Compline in the chapel. Interested? Sign-up in the Narthex as soon as possible.

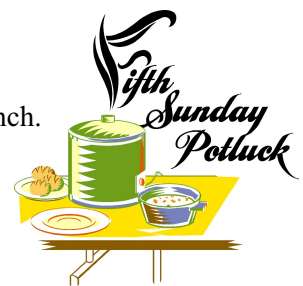
Mark your Calendars

On Saturday March 29th after the 5 PM service we will have a pot luck supper.



On Sunday March 30th we will have a pot luck lunch.

Please bring a dish to pass and plan to stay for some fellowship. Any questions, please give Judy Horton a call.
You do not have to sign up, just come!



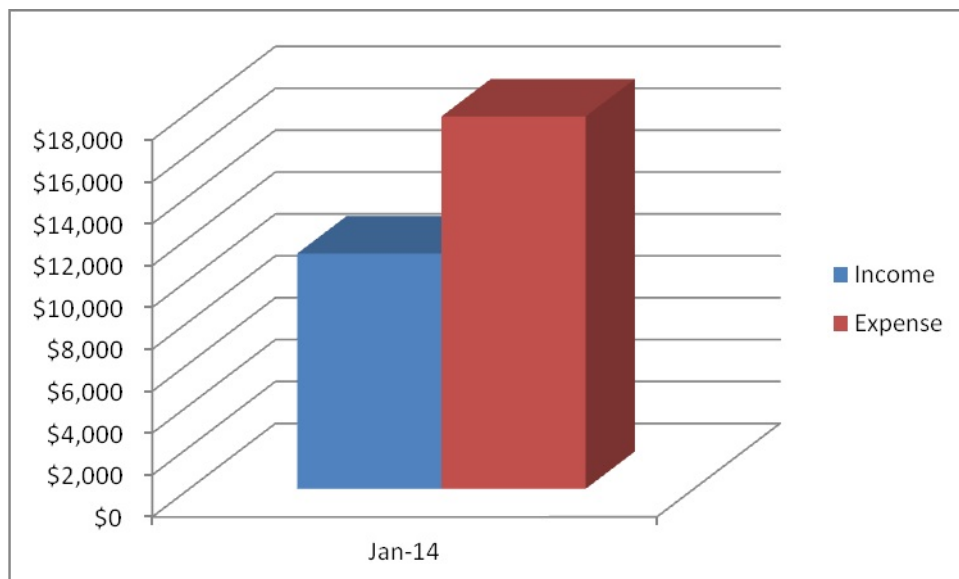
Saturday March 29th

Sunday, March 30th

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All Saints' 2014 budget—it is not a balanced budget. The 2014 budget is once again a “faith-based” budget. In other words, it will require faith to create \$15,217 more income for 2014 for operating expenses than budgeted. The need for \$15,217 in “Faith Income” for 2014 is primarily due to having only 58 pledges* for a total of \$129,462. Compared to the actual for 2013 of 67 pledges for \$139,194 there are 10 less pledges (58 pledges for \$129,462). In 2014 a monthly income of \$14,300 will be needed to balance the expenses. If you haven't pledged or asked for a set of envelopes, please do. Please try to keep up your pledges. It really helps All Saints' cash flow. Truly, with “God all things are possible” (Mt. 19:26)

Income	Actual as of January 31, 2014	Annual Budget 2014
Offering & Pledges	\$9,456	\$138,362
Fundraising	\$0	\$9,000
Other Income	\$1,787	\$8,700
Faith Income	\$0	\$15,537
Total Income	\$11,243	\$171,599
Total Expenses	\$17,788	\$171,599
Profit (Loss)	\$6,545	\$0



Cash Savings and Investment Funds as of 1/31/14

	As of 1/31/14	January 2014 Total
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Petty Cash	\$577	
<u>All Saints' Checking</u>	<u>\$1,270</u>	
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,847	

Savings Accounts

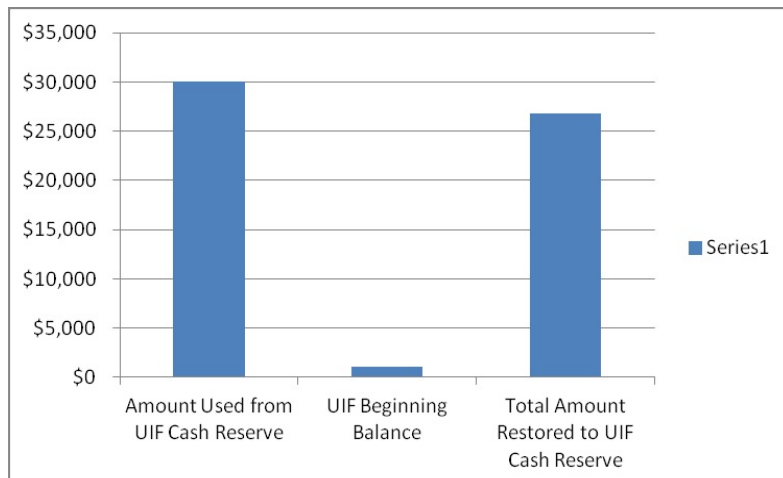
Soup & Sandwiches Checking	\$3,754	
Designated Funds	\$12,755	
Undesignated	\$2,591	
<u>Rebuilding All Saints'*</u>	<u>\$4,707</u>	
Total Savings	\$23,807	
Total Cash & Savings		\$25,654

UIF Investment Funds* \$37,075

Total Cash, Savings, Investments		\$62,729
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Repayment of the Unified Investment Fund (Uif) Unrestricted Reserve Fund

In 2012 All Saints' used \$30,000 from its Unrestricted Reserve Fund held as part of the Diocesan Unified Investment Fund (UIF). The Vestry is committed to restoring the \$30,000 as quickly as possible. As a result, funds received towards this purpose and towards Rebuilding All Saints' (RAS), will be transferred to the Unrestricted Reserve Fund as soon as the cash flow allows. As of February 2014 \$24,247 was transferred into the UIF Unrestricted Reserve Fund and \$2,500 is held in a designated savings account. This brings the total amount restored to the Unrestricted Reserve Fund up to \$26,747!



**Book Club to Meet Wednesday, March 26th at 5:30 PM:
Finishing Mitch Ablom's *the First Phone Call from Heaven* and
Beginning a New Book.**

Having started at the February meeting Mitch Ablom's newest novel, *The First Call from Heaven*, the Book Club will be finishing that book and perhaps beginning a new one at its March meeting on Wednesday, March 26th at 5:30 PM at the rectory.

What will we be reading next? Maybe we'll read *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak? Will it be the next book of mysteries in James Runcie's Sydney Chamber series? Will it one of Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori's books? Perhaps it will be a return to the classic mysteries of P.D. James? Or maybe we'll just gather and watch *Catching Fire*, the second movie in the *Hunger Games* trilogy by Suzanne Collins.

Interested? Come on Wednesday, March 26th at 5:30 PM for the Book Club.



Diocese of Central New York Ministry Fair 2014

Here and Now: Equipping the People for the Church of Today

25 different workshop offerings! Forms and more information available in our narthex
Saturday, March 29 at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse
Cost is \$15 per person if registered by 3/21. Register here: www.cnyepiscopal.org
Contact Kathy Dengler at kdengler@cnyepiscopal.org or 315-474-6596

Life Goes On Lunch in March

Life Goes On holds their monthly luncheons at 12:30PM on the **fourth Wednesday** of each month. The March Luncheon Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 26th. The site yet to be determined, will be announced in our eekend and on line announcements.

Prayer List beginning March

Policy reminder: Submitted names are placed on the short term list for four weeks and then moved to long term by request of the person submitting the name, or by need known by the Rector.

Short Term List: Dallas Elwood; Shelly Mones; Jane Sturdevant;
Clark Byarley; Larry Pesko; Louise Rogers; Connie Whalen; Ruth Furman;
Sue Thomas; Brittany Polhamus and her daughters, Megan & Lilian;
Lorraine Szwalla;

Long Term List: Werner Lipman; Joanne Edwards; Ellie Doersam;
Rob Finta; Arthur Cuffee; Lucy Grabowski; Nanette McIntosh;
Marcia Tinder and Ardis Rogers



Celebrations in March

Birthdays

- 01 Dallas Elwood
Ralph Holloway
03 Richard Escott
07 Bobbi Zurn
08 Nancy Elwood
09 Richard Hrebin, Jr.
Amy Lynn Murphy
12 Esther Hall
13 Jeanne Preston
14 Eleanor Genthner
15 Gopal Milligan-Cuffee
20 Alyssa Lockwood
21 Robert Cole
Marilyn Doersam
24 Lindsey Hrebin
25 Jordyn Ericksen-Hrehor
Jonah Ericksen-Hrehor
Shirley Krum
Tucker Sholtes
26 Kelly See
27 Alberta Gingell
28 Erik Heden
29 Arthur Elwood
31 Herbert Lake



Anniversaries

- 14 Ralph & Patricia Holloway
21 Richard and Lois Kimble
31 Don & Sandy Brewster



Sanctuary Candle

March 2— is given in memory of his wife, Caroline G. Labosky, by Paul Labosky.

March 9— is given in memory of her mother, Jane B. Day, by the Rev. Christine J. Day.

March 16 – is given in thanksgiving for the birthday of Marilyn Doersam by Roberta Steflik.

March 23 – open

March 30 – is given in memory of her husband, the Rev. H. Arthur Doersam, by Marilyn Doersam.



Daylight Savings Begins at
2 AM on Sunday, March 9th
Lent 1. Don't forget to set
your clocks ahead one hour
before going to bed on
Saturday, March 8th !

Altar Flowers

March 2— are given in thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Christine J. Day, by Christian and Ann Day; and are given in memory of his wife, Caroline G. Labosky, by Paul Labosky..

March 9 — are given in memory of her husband, Martin Cwikla, by Ceil Cwikla; and are given in thanksgiving for the birthday of their daughter, Stephanie Holbus, by Debbie and Don Thorpe.

March 16 — are given in thanksgiving for the birthday of her son, John Gasdaska, by Marilyn Doersam.

March 23 – are given in memory of Paul's father, John Paul Donnelly, by Paul and Patti Donnelly.

March 30 – are given in thanksgiving for the birthday of her daughter-in-law, Lynda Doersam, by Marilyn Doersam





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Service and Education Schedule for March 2014

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sundays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Nursery Program for infants and toddlers/pre-schoolers: every Sunday

Christian Education for School aged 12 years and above March 23rd

Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Ash Wednesday 6:30a.m. Imposition of Ashes with Holy Eucharist

March 5th 10:00a.m.

7:00p.m.

