

The Piper

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Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. Your every act should be done with love.

1 Corinthians 16: 13-14



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A Message from Father Martin

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Dear Friends,

I am thankful to be serving with you all as Interim Pastor. The congregation of St. Andrew's is a wonderful and faithful team of people. Worship is offered with reverence and joy, supported by the ministries of Altar Guild members, Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, and our fine accompanist Jesse McMilan.

The buildings and campus are well-maintained and lovingly cared for - I am impressed at how many folks pitch in to care for this beautiful church and facility.

The many activities of this congregation, from the successful Music & Wine-tasting (Sept. 17) to the up-coming Blessing of the Animals (Oct. 2), Chili Cook-off (Oct. 23) and Halloween hospitality (Oct. 31) all show what an active and community-oriented parish this is.

This is a prayerful community, lifting one another up in prayer every Sunday and offering prayers for God's healing and peace whenever asked.

And your faithful leaders: Wardens Steve and Rochelle, Parish Secretary/Treasurer Sharon, and all the Vestry give of their time and talents seeking God's mission for St. Andrew's while carrying on their own busy personal ministries.

I am thankful to be a part of this St. Andrew's team. We know that parish ministry is not just the priest's, nor does it belong to just a few. God works through all of us together. And every one of us is needed for the mission of this church - whatever we can offer in worship, in prayer, in sharing in activities, in giving, and in encouraging one another..

Here are some notes for our October special events: (Please consider inviting friends and neighbors to join you for these.)

The Blessing of the Animals: this coming Sunday, Oct. 2 at 10 am, our Sunday worship will be outdoors on the patio around the bell tower. All are invited to bring their pets, or a photo of their current or former pets (phone pics ok), and children may bring a stuffed animal to reflect their love of animals. We will offer prayers of thanksgiving for all these

family members, and consider how Noah, Jesus and Francis of Assisi are models for our stewardship of creation today.

Please see the announcement in this [Piper](#) for the **Chili Cook-off**, sign-up in advance, and bring a hearty appetite to this delicious fundraising event.

On Halloween, we will again have a table in front of the Church to distribute candy to trick-or-treaters. Please drop off candy to distribute on Sundays to help. If you would like to help distribute candy or to decorate the church, please contact Cathy Newfield.

I recently came across this prayer in our Prayerbook that expresses what parish life is like:

Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts, that we may grow closer to you through joy and through suffering. Be with us in the fullness of your power as new members are added to your household, as we grow in grace through the years, when we are joined in marriage, when we turn to you in sickness or special need, and, at the last, when we are committed into the Father's hands. Amen. (p.569)

On Sunday, November 6 — **All Saints Sunday** — we will distribute materials about our mission and ministries, finance, and pledge cards. (Copies will be mailed the following day to those not present.)

I invite us all to prayerfully consider our financial support for St. Andrew's in 2023. Our pledges may be offered at the altar on Sunday, Nov. 20 - Thanksgiving Sunday. All pledges and gifts are welcome in thanksgiving for God's grace and love and as appropriate for one's own situation.

May God's Peace be with you all.

Yours in Christ,

Martin+



PUMPKIN BUNDT CAKE

2 cups sugar
1 ½ cups oil
4 eggs, beaten
2 cups cooked pumpkin
3 cups flour
2 teas. baking soda
2 teas. cinnamon
½ cup chopped nuts (I use almonds)



Blend first four ingredients. Add next three ingredients. Add nuts. Bake in a well greased bundt cake pan at 350 degrees for one hour. Cool in pan and then remove upside down to a cake plate.

Icing: Put 1/4 cup butter, ½ cup brown sugar, 1/4 cup water in a small saucepan. Boil for 2 minutes. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Beat in about 1 pound powdered sugar – enough to reach soft spreading consistency. Frost the top of the cake and let some run down the sides.

ON THE SCHEDULE

Join us at 10 am on Sundays

SAVE THE DATE

Please join in on the Upcoming Church Activities!!

Blessing of the Animals — October 2

If you are unable to bring your Animal a picture can also be blessed. This will be part of our 10:00 a.m. service.

Chili Cook-Off — Sunday, October 23

After church services, join in for tasting and voting on the best chili at St. Andrews. Then enjoy a bowl of your favorite along with all the fixin's and cornbread.

Halloween — Monday, October 31

Cathy Newfield is planning to decorate the church for Halloween and be present for Trick or Treaters. Bring your goodies to share with the neighborhood!!!

Kirking of the Tartans — November 19

This annual event is a fundraiser for Valley Churches and is held Saturday night complete with a bagpiper. Wear your tartans! The clans represented will be blessed.

Holiday Bake Sale — Saturday and Sunday, December 17 and 18

Here's the chance for all of St. Andrew's terrific bakers to share their favorite holiday goodies. Special raffle offerings!

St. Andrew's Vestry Members

Steve Lefever, Senior Warden
Rochelle Kelly, Junior Warden
Cindy Garay
Susan Greer

Sheryl Mello
Sue Roe
Ray Wentz

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, please forward them to any of the Vestry members. Vestry meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 1 pm in the Parish Hall.

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The Words of Bishop Michael Curry
Service of Thanksgiving for Queen Elizabeth II

For More than Oxygen

And now in the name of our loving, liberating, and life-giving God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. Please be seated.

We have assembled in this sacred place to give God thanks for the life of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, to give God thanks for a life that was given to service of others, to cause greater than self. We give God thanks that one such as her did walk among us. So allow me, if you will, to offer a passage of Scripture that I hope does honor to not only her memory, but her legacy that we must live. It comes from the 10th chapter of Luke's Gospel.

"A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Great teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read?' And the lawyer answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Jesus then said to him, 'You have answered rightly. Do that. Love God and your neighbor, and why you're at it, yourself, and you will find life.'" Life as God intended. Life that lifts humanity up to the highest possibility of our nobility. Do that. Love God, love your neighbor, and love yourself, and you will fulfill God's dream for all of God's children.

Now Jesus didn't say all of that. I added a little bit, but that's what he meant. I was probably, I'm guessing, 12 or 13 years old when I had a conversation with my father, or better yet, it was a monologue. He spoke, I listened. He wanted me to do something, and I don't remember what it was. I'm 69 years old now, so it was a long time ago, but he wanted me to do something, and I have to tell you, I didn't want to do whatever it was. But of course, I didn't say anything to him, but somehow my facial expression betrayed my innermost thoughts. And he read my mind, and he blurted out as parents often do with pre-adolescent children, "You know, the Lord didn't put you here just to consume the oxygen."

Now I don't think that was a philosophical, theological thought. I think it was purely a parental response. And I have two grown daughters so I know how parents do that. But the truth is there was wisdom in that statement. The Lord didn't put me here, didn't put you here, didn't give any of us the breath of life, however long or short it will be, just to consume the oxygen.

Now there are students here who have clearly studied the life sciences and know about the process of photosynthesis. Am I right about that? You can't see them, but they're nodding. They know about photosynthesis—that process built into God's biological creation whereby mammals, animals, exhale, if you will, carbon dioxide and inhale oxygen. The plants and vegetation take in the carbon dioxide that we have exhaled—unless we are waiting to exhale, as Toni Morrison taught us. They take in that carbon dioxide and they release the oxygen. Does anyone think that's an accident?

It's this symbiotic relationship. This relationship between animals and plants, between human beings and the rest of the creation is how God made the world and intends for it to function. We are here not just to consume the oxygen. We are here partially to consume it. We have a biological and ecological purpose, but we are not here just to consume, just to acquire, just to get. We are here to consume the oxygen and then to give carbon dioxide in plants and trees and those wonderful British gardens that I have seen all over the world. Our plants and vegetations give thanks that we are here, and we must give thanks that they are.

No, we are not just here to consume. We're here to give. We're here to give back to this world, give back to each other, give back to the God who made us. And the Bible tells us, though, in the Hebrew Scriptures, for example, Moses said it this way, "Man does not live by bread alone." Of course you need bread, but you do not live by bread alone, "but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." The prophet Micah said it this way, "What does the Lord require of you?" Every human being. Micah said it this way, "The Lord requires of you to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." And Jesus of Nazareth said it this way, quoting Isaiah who's the first lesson that we heard a few moments ago when he said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty all those who are oppressed by anything, and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Moses, Isaiah, Jesus, the great religions of the world. The Dalai Lama would tell you this. The Lord didn't put us here just to consume the oxygen. He put us here to live and to give and to serve, and as Ignatius Loyola said, and not count the cost. Are y'all with me so far? Can I get an amen out of y'all? Could you say amen? Yeah, we are here today to give God thanks for someone who did more than consume the oxygen. That's why we're here. You can clap for her. Go ahead. It's all right. It's all right. I know we're in the National Cathedral, and we have to be on our best behavior, but it's all right. Clap inwardly. Oh, it's all right. Yes. Yes.

Her Majesty in 1953, the year I was born, vowed that she would dedicate her life to the service of her people, and indeed, of humanity. And you know what? She kept her word. She kept her word. We are here to give God thanks that it is possible to serve and to keep your word. As the Archbishop of Canterbury said at the abbey the other day, "She served out of her religious faith. She served and dedicated her life to God and God's service, seeking to follow in the footsteps of Jesus of Nazareth and His way of love as her way of life."

Listen to what she said. This is Christmas 2014. "For me, for me, the life of Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and anchor to my life, a model of reconciliation, of forgiveness. He stretched out His hands in love, acceptance, and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek, to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none."

A lawyer came to Jesus. I know there are lawyers in this room. A lawyer came to Jesus, as lawyers often did if you read the New Testament. And he came to him and he said, "Jesus, what is the secret to eternal life?" Which was a way of saying, what is the key to a life that matters now, and that as it matters now temporally will last unto eternity? And Jesus said, well, look, brother, you the lawyer. What does it say in the law of Moses? What did Moses say? And the Lord replied in Deuteronomy, Moses said the Shema, "Hear, oh Israel, the Lord our God is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength." And in Leviticus, he wrote, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said, you have just passed the heavenly bar exam. Do that. Love God and your neighbor, and you have found the key to life. Live and serve God. Live and serve your neighbor. Serve each other, and you have found the key to life that not even death can take away from you.

But this was a lawyer Jesus was talking to. Now I'm going to sit down in a minute; don't worry. This is a lawyer Jesus was talking. And he said, this is good, Jesus, but you are a preacher and I'm a lawyer and we work with words. So can we define neighbor? Can we narrowly define neighbor? And Jesus didn't play the game. He told a story and you know it as a parable of the Good Samaritan. It was a story of one person who helped another person who was of a different religion, who was of a different nation, who was of a different ideology, who was a different political party, who was a... Oh, I'm getting in trouble now. Who was



St. Andrew's Birthdays

October Birthdays

1 — Judyth Suttle	18 — Paul Balch
3 — Rick Garay	18 — Jean Templeman
6 — Kerry LeRoux	21 — Zeke Erdman
8 — Eve Yabroff	27 — Ray Wentz
14 — Lyla Seeger	29 — Steve Ruff
16 — Joey Katz	30 — Blaine Hammond
	31 — Stephen Mello

November Birthdays

2	Pat Whitby-Strevens
11	Ben Rooks
15	Randi Alves
20	Stefanie Erdman

Special Holidays

Oct 4—Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Oct 5— Yom Kippur

Oct 10—Columbus Day/Native American Day

Oct 30—Mischief Night

Oct 31—All Hallow's Eve/Halloween

HeeHeeHee!!!

Dear God,

When I get to heaven, can I sit on your couch? Or is it the same old story? Also, are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

Thank You, God,

The Dog

Words from Bishop Curry (Continued from page 7)

from a different country, a different person. Jesus told the story of somebody who helped somebody else, over-transcending their differences and helped them just because they're a human child of God. And therefore, my brother, my sister, my sibling. And He said, do that and you'll be the neighbor, you'll be the human that God intended.

God put you here to do more than consume the oxygen. But let me bring this to a conclusion. I was in the airport yesterday on my way here. And I was in line, and I had the collar on, and a man came up to me and he said, "How are you, bishop?" And he asked me, "Where are you going?" And so I told him, and he said, "That's nice. She was a lovely lady." And then I asked him, "So where are you going?" And he said, "My wife and I are on our way to Ukraine." And I said, "What are you going to do?" He said, "We're part of a medical team. My wife is from Ukraine and we've gone several times. But my faith teaches me I've got to do everything I can to help."

I never asked him what faith he was. Never asked him what ethnicity he was. I never asked him was he gay or straight? I didn't ask him any of the questions. I just simply opened my wallet and gave him the money I had in it. And those of you who know Episcopalians, you know that was a move. And then I thanked him, and he went on his way, and I went on mine. That's why the Lord put us here, to honor God by caring for each other, loving and serving each other.

At the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King, the great Mahalia Jackson stood up and sang one of Dr. King's favorite songs that epitomized why he sacrificed his life. It said very simply:

*If I can help somebody along the way,
if I can cheer somebody with a word or song,
if I can show somebody they're traveling wrong,
then my living will not be in vain.*

*If I can do my duty as a good person ought,
if I can bring back beauty to a world of rot,
if I can spread love's message as the Master taught,
then my living will not be in vain.
Then my living will not be in vain.*

Dear friends, the God who loves Her Majesty and receives her into the arms of that love created each one of us out of that fountain of love. And we are at our best when we live in that love. God love you. God bless you. And may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love. Amen.

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Courage in the Wilderness

**42nd Convention of El Camino Real
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022.**



On Wednesday, October 5th, at 7:00 pm, All Saints' Episcopal Church (Dolores and 9th in Carmel) presents An Evening with Alka Joshi, author of *The Henna Artist*. Joshi's debut novel, a New York Times bestseller, is being developed into a Netflix series. It's a compelling portrait of an independent woman struggling for fulfillment in a society pivoting between the traditional and the modern.

Joshi will discuss her writing process, publication experiences, and journey from India to Monterey. After a Q&A, stay for Afterglow: light refreshments, book signing, and henna applications. Tickets are available for \$20 or \$10 for students at allsaintscarmel.eventbrite.com.



Invitation to First Annual Harvest Festival Fundraiser

St Stephen's in-the-Field Episcopal Church would like to invite you to our first annual Harvest Festival Dinner, October 9th Harvest Festival Dinner, 5-8:30pm. We'll have BBQ, fruits and preserves from our community garden, live music, a silent auction and a pie auction. Tickets are \$5/child and \$25/adult and can be purchased on our website or at the door. St Stephen's in-the-Field is located at 7269 Santa Teresa Blvd, San José, CA

St. Andrew's Annual Chili Cook-off

Sunday, October 23, 2022, 12 noon – 2 pm



Bring your discerning tastebuds to help choose 2022's Best St. Andrew's Chili then enjoy a tummy-warming bowl of delicious chili!!!

\$5 for tasting all entries

\$12 for a bowl and all the fixin's- toppings, homemade cornbread, drinks

If you are interested in entering your favorite chili, please contact one of the Committee members – Susan, Cindy, Jennifer, or Stefanie -- by October 17.



Join the 2022 "Pilgrimage with Race" course

The unique curriculum of [*A Storied Pilgrimage with Race*](#) explores issues of race in our diocese; it is a holy offering of video interviews, education, action items, and room for reflection. Throughout 2022 you are invited to participate in this course by attending monthly Zoom calls to undertake this journey together. Completion of this pilgrimage fulfills the requirement for anti-racism training in the Diocese of El Camino Real; it is required for clergy and strongly encouraged for all in leadership.

We will meet 7pm to 8:30pm on **Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 29, April 26, May 31, June 28, July 26, August 30, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 15, and Dec. 6.** To sign up, please email the Rev. Canon Martha Korienek at canonmartha@realepiscopal.org by January 24, 2022.

*And let us not grow weary of doing good,
for in due season we will reap, if we do not
give up. ~ [Galatians 6:9](#)*



St. Andrew's Worship Service

Join us every Sunday at 10:00 am
Services are now conducted with Eucharist.

**Reservations are not needed to
attend in-person services—you have a
standing invitation!**