

The Abundant Lite

October 27, 2011
Sunday, October 30th

For

From The Rector

Are My Fringes Showing?

For this week's Gospel you might want to look up phylacteries and fringes. You will find that they are devotional aids. People who were trying to mold their lives closer to their understanding of God's call to them would use these aids to remember, to focus,

But for some it was out of control. The aids became advertisements - self advertisements.

I was thinking about how different it is today. How I am not like that. How I don't crave the attention. Then I was leaving Thai Smile after lunch and walked to my car. Twenty feet away, a person I did not know spotted my Clergy Shirt and Collar. He began deferring to me and even bowing his head a little. It was embarrassing. Knock it off.

But some place inside it also felt good, like I deserved it. Maybe I am less different than I like to think.

Jesus offers his disciples, us, a remedy. He offers us a way to constantly remember it is about God, not me. Jesus invites us to service. "The greatest among you will be your servant."

God's love for all of us is abundant and there is nothing wrong with being absolutely confident in it. Jesus is teaching his disciples that receiving it is just the beginning. As we become more loved we get to a point where loving and caring for others seems like the natural response.

Our joy is filled when we see the effects of that love in other lives. Our joy becomes full when we see someone grin when we serve them. Like they don't expect it, but someplace inside it feels good. Like they are one of God's children. Like they deserved it.

Join us in worship and help us prepare to serve.

Fr. Andrew

Featured Scripture

Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father-- the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Parish Deaths

Cindy Gerrie

4/3/1960 - 10/14/2011

Funeral Saturday October 29th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's

Helen M. Hartzell

6/13/1930 - 10/18/2011

Funeral Saturday, October 29th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Joan Dillingham

April 3, 1960 – October 27, 2011

Services pending, check back here for updates

Deck The Halls

The Christmas Decoration Committee will hold a meeting on Sunday, November 6th at 10:00 a.m., between the services, in Hogarth Hall. It will be a short meeting to set dates for the decoration of Hogarth Hall, the inside of the Church and the outside light installation. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would like to serve on this committee, there is a sign-up sheet on the entry table in Hogarth Hall. If you have any questions, please contact,

Rosa Zingg at rozingg@yahoo.com or 760.904.5080.

ECW Luncheon - Nov. 3rd

The Episcopal Church Women is Thursday, November 3rd. A meeting at 11:30 a.m. precedes the noon lunch. Last month Annette Salvesen was scheduled to talk about her adventures as a World War II coder in Britain; however, she was unable to attend that day, so she will be the guest speaker for this meeting.

A St. Paul's parishioner, Annette published a book, *Sworn to Secrecy*, about her wartime experiences. Her talk will detail these experiences, and begins at 12:45 p.m.

All women of the church are invited, as are visitors, and newcomers. Those attending are asked to bring a favorite salad, rolls, or dessert to serve four; beverages will be provided. Hostess duties will be shared by Barbara Villani, Ruth Kraus and Trisha Greico.

For additional information, please contact Bette Knutson, (760) 416-5739.

Understanding Islam

with Mirium Muhiuddin

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

7:00 PM

As a follow-up to the Adult Faith Building Program course, "An Introduction to Understanding Islam", we are hosting a special evening session on ISLAM. Guest speaker, Mirium Mohiuddin from the Muslim Public Affairs Council. Islam, Judaism and Christianity make up the three Abrahamic religions, and is the second largest and fastest-growing world religion with over 1.2 adherents. There have been many historical and current day misconceptions regarding Islam which Ms Mohiuddin will attempt to address and clarify. Please mark your calendar and take advantage of this faith sharing learning experience.

Kenya Ministry Couple Homeward Bound

For the past ten years, since retiring, Drs. Nancy and Gerry Hardison, parishioners of All Souls' Episcopal Church in Point Loma, have lived among the people of Kenya and saw the needs of the community. Together they have worked on medical and business projects in Nairobi and Maseno, Kenya. They have decided their time of ministry is drawing to a close. The Hardisons have touched countless lives with their work, their passion and their example.

Nancy is a retired business professor from Point Loma Nazarene University and

Gerry is a retired gastro-enterologist from the University of California, San Diego. They will continue to raise money and make connections to support ongoing work in Kenya. Welcome home, Nancy & Gerry, to the USA. Pray for them in their travel and transition.

Faith Building

Adult Faith Building - "Sundays at 9:15"

SUNDAY, The Rev. Canon Victoria Hatch continues a series (October 30) on Understanding the Hebrew Scriptures. This course will be an overview of what we traditionally call the "Old Testament" and lay the foundation for future study. We'll look at [1] the Torah (or Pentateuch); [2] the Former Prophets (or what we call the Historical Books); [3] the Latter Prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Book of the Twelve); and [4] the Poetic Books and Wisdom Literature. Be sure to bring a Bible and a friend!

Adult Faith Building - "Sundays at 9:15"

"We Are The Church Together." But what does that mean for us in our day and in this place? That's a good question, especially during this month, as we focus on thankful living and thanksgiving. The Rev. Canon Victoria Hatch will lead us in several Scriptural studies which may help us to better understand our use of time, our skills and, yes, our money. Join us, at 9:15am, in The Library, on November 6, 13 and 20, as, together, we explore what it means to be the Church. Be sure to bring your Bible.

No "Sundays at 9:15 on November 27th

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Adult Faith Building - "Thursdays at 7:00"

During October, we're looking at "The Creeds of the Church" led by Jerry DiNoto. Historically, Christian creeds have included everything from brief affirmations to comprehensive statements. We will examine the historic creeds (The Apostles Creed, the Nicene Creed and the Athanasian Creed), as well as contemporary confessions of faith. "Thursdays at 7" in the Library, October 27. See you there!

November 3, 10 and 17 we return to "The History of the Bible: The Making of the New Testament Canon" with Professor Bart D. Ehrman. Our focus will be on the four Gospels: "The Beginning of the Gospel Traditions," "The Earliest Gospels" and "The Other Gospels." We'll talk about their dating, identify the sources used by the Gospel writers, and their basic message. Join us, Thursday evenings, 7pm.

No Thursdays at 7:00 on Thanksgiving Day,

Nov. 24th

Roy's Desert Resource Center & Desert SOS

ONE Extra Item to Feed the Homeless - We ask our parishioners to purchase one extra item during their weekly shopping to donate to the Desert SOS Dessert Ministry of St. Paul in the Desert. This ONE extra item would provide dessert for the 90+ clients, of Roy's Center. Dessert is provided every Monday evening by St. Paul volunteer servers and providers. A box of cookies, doughnuts, fruit, cheese or any other special treat, you choose, would be so appreciated by people who ask for so little. Bring the dessert to church and place in Parish Hall refrigerator, (labeled clearly "SOS"), or bring it to the parish office (ring doorbell) before 4:00 p.m. Monday. The desserts will be picked up by the ministry on Monday. Contact Hap for more information at 760.323.5726.

Well In The Desert

Now Serves Lunch at St. Paul's on Wednesdays

The Well in the Desert has moved its meal service at St. Paul's from Fridays to Wednesdays. In order to support the retail businesses in our neighborhood, we requested a change in the day of our meal service. Now a hot meal is served at St. Paul's from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Wednesday.

The Well needs volunteers to carry out their services and they need financial support to provide them. You can call (760) 327-8577 to volunteer. If you want to contribute to the Well, just write "Well" in the memo portion of your check.

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Announcements

Need to Print a Copy of

The Abundant Lite?

[2]Click here to receive a Printer Friendly (text only) version.

Last Weekend to

Enter Names!

All Saints Day Remembrance

In remembrance of your loved ones on All Saints Day, please add their names to the perpetual and permanent list in the narthex. If you have included your loved one(s) in prior years PLEASE DO NOT list them again. Their names will transfer onto this year's list, automatically, from the master file of record. The list will be printed in a special bulletin of remembrance on Sunday, November 6th. You may email your names to:

valerie.winters@stpaulsps.org.

Names must be received by Tuesday, November 1st by 10:00 a.m.

Last Weekend to

Buy Tickets!

Brunch for All Saints

The Second Annual Brunch for All Saint's will be held on Sunday, November 6th at 12 noon in the Parish Hall.

Tickets will be available from Ron Steigerwalt after the 10:30 and 8 am services this Sunday.

Help is wanted for the brunch. Servers, tidy up, etc. Please leave a voicemail for Mike Carson at 318-6377 or psboys@mail.com

You are invited to bring framed photographs of departed loved ones to the luncheon. These photographs will grace your dining table on this day of remembrance.

The Children's Choir

. . . continues on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. All children ages 4 and above are encouraged to participate in this dynamic musical ministry where they not only learn musical skills but also how to work together as a team. They will be singing about once a month for the 10:30 service. Call Nathan at 760-320-7488 ext. 225 for more details.

Coffee Hour

The 8:00 a.m. Coffee Hour hosts are Barry Hagenbuch and Robert Woods. The 10:30 Coffee Hour hosts are Robert Perry and Dennis Vasquez. Come enjoy the fellowship time with your fellow parishioners.

To sign-up to host a Coffee Hour, please use the binder located on the entrance table in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please contact, Ray or Cheryl Kelley at 760.778.1725.

Sign Up for Flowers,

Coffee Hour and

Desert SOS

To make it easier for parishioners to sign-up for Flowers, Coffee Hours, and the Dessert Ministry, we have integrated the sign-up sheets into a three-ring binder format. These sheets are in binders that are on the entrance table in the Parish Hall. Instead of writing parallel onto a bulletin board, you will now be able to write at table height. Please note that there are binders for the rest of 2011 and for 2012. If you have a special date that you want to commemorate, be sure to save it as soon as possible.

The Bishop's Appeal

The Bishop's Appeal supports the mission of the diocese through gifts that are used for support of our ongoing programs and ministries: congregational support and development, leadership development, pastoral care, ministry development, and Christian formation. 100% of your gift goes to supporting our ministries. To make a gift, to the secure website at www.edsd.org or mail to: Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, 2728 Sixth Ave., San Diego, CA 92103.

NEWCOMERS

Are you receiving the latest mailings and the Abundant Lite weekly newsletter? If not, then we probably don't have your correct mailing and/or email addresses. We want to make sure that you receive the invites to join us in a series of Newcomer events that we believe you will find to be informative and enjoyable. Please fill out the form in the pew pocket and place it in the plate, give it to an usher, or send your contact information by email to: valerie.winters@stpaulsps.org

The St. Paul Columbarium Niches are over 60% sold out. If you are interested in a specific niche, please do not wait to purchase it or reserve it. Deposits are required for all niche reservations. Please contact Jonathan Abernethy-Deppe, at 760.320.7488, ext. 224 for further information.

Bullies Not Welcome Here

At St. Paul in the Desert we want to welcome all worshipers to a place that is free of violence and bullying.

Physical, verbal or emotional violence against others or against oneself is not acceptable.

[3]"It Gets Better" is a series of video messages to encourage Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgender youth and let them know that they are loved as they are.

[4]"A Blessing for Those Who Are Bullied" was written by the Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston, a Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

It is not enough to say "NO" to bullies. It is important to stand up for people and to provide resources for those who have been the targets.

Report Sexual Misconduct

As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a safe haven for everyone, please be reminded that our diocese values the tenet of our baptismal covenant to "respect the dignity of every human being." Part of the way we live into that is to train people in the prevention of sexual misconduct. Another part that goes hand-in-hand with training is reporting incidences of sexual misconduct. Our bishop, the Rt. Rev. James R. Mathes, takes reports seriously and investigates them thoroughly and confidentially. If you believe you have experienced sexual misconduct of any kind, please contact Bishop Mathes immediately: bishopmathes@edsd.org, 619-481-5450.

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