

The Abundant Life

November 5, 2015

For Sunday, November 8th

From The Rector

Holy Land Pilgrimage Begins

This Friday at 11 am, 11 members or friends of St. Paul's will join a group of 35 for a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - the land of the Bible and Jesus. We ask for your prayers as we journey, so that we might be open to the Spirit of God.

We will be seeing Holy Places, worshipping along the way, and with local Christian communities on two Sundays, walking some desert paths, and listening. I am focused on the listening and being open to the unexpected places where I will be aware of God's presence. This will be a Sabbath time for me and for the others.

In the last few months I have been following other Pilgrimages under the same leadership. I met with our Guide at the General Convention in Salt Lake City. We have a parishioner who recently returned from a Pilgrimage under the same leadership. Everyone is attentive to safety. I am confident that we will be safe in regards to the dangers that dominate news coverage.

I am also confident that being on Pilgrimage is not spiritually "safe." The most dangerous places in the Scriptures are the places where people consciously enter God's presence. This can happen anywhere, I hope that this Pilgrimage is a way to practice our conscious contact with God so that we keep practicing it when we return.

If you want to follow our Pilgrimage, there is a FaceBook Page: 2015 Holy Land Pilgrimage St. Martins. The itinerary is available below.

Join in worship this Saturday at 4pm where Canon Victoria and Fr. Armand Kreft will lead our PRIDE weekend worship. Know that our conscious welcoming is part of our congregational pilgrimage here at St. Paul's, as is our conscious journey to enter God's presence. Neither journey is "safe."

Fr. Andrew

Click [\[1\]](#)here for trip itinerary.

Featured Scripture

Mark 12:38-44

Teaching in the temple, Jesus said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil

Friday November 20th from 7-8 pm at Ruth Hardy Park in Palm Springs. There will be live music, entertainment, and information booths from 5–8 pm. This event is to remember and pay respect to Transgender persons who have been killed because of their gender identity.

Welcoming Pride Shabbat

Temple Isaiah invites people of all faiths to a community-wide Welcoming Pride Shabbat (Sabbath) service to be held on Friday, November 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Bochner Sanctuary at Temple Isaiah JCC, 332 West Alejo Road, Palm Springs. Clergy from various congregations will participate. The Rev. Canon Victoria Hatch will represent St. Paul's. Please join in this worship service at Temple Isaiah and stay for the reception following.

Becoming a St. Paul's Member

Many worshipers wonder how to become a member of St. Paul's. If you're one of them, join Fr. Andrew in the Parish Library on Sunday, November 29th at 9:15 am. In this single-session class, you will hear interesting facts about St. Paul's, plus, learn all you need to know about becoming a member of the Parish. (Note: this is not the same as the Inquirers' Class.) If you are already a member, this class is not for you.

Sunday Mornings at 9:15 AM

Episcopal Café in The Chapel

November

11/8 Pride Sunday: NO SESSION.

11/15 Being Terrible.
Led by Br. John Charles

11/22 To Forgive, Devine.
Led by Rev. Canon Victoria Hatch

11/29 The Sea Calls Out for Justice.
Led by Craig Ewing.

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM

Meets in the Library

November

Foundations of our Faith:
Living out our Crazy Christian Lives.

11/10 Foundations of our Faith 2:

Living out our Crazy Christian Lives,
Led by Rev. Canon David Caffrey.

11/17 Foundations of our Faith 3:
Living out our Crazy Christian Lives,
Led by Rev. Canon David Caffrey.

11/24 Foundations of our Faith 4:
Living out our Crazy Christian Lives,
Led by Rev. Canon David Caffrey.

Baked Goods Donations for

"ROY'S DESERT RESOURCE CENTER"

St. Paul's ongoing outreach to the homeless at Roy's Desert Resource Center welcomes donations of cookies, cakes and other baked treats for our Monday night dessert service at the North Palm Springs facility. Homemade items are especially popular and appreciated. You can bring donations with you to church and leave them with an usher before the service. For more information, contact Chris Kelly – (760) 406-2978. Thanks for your help.

At the Church of

St. Paul in the Desert

. . . we welcome all worshipers to a place free of violence, bullying, and abuse. Physical, verbal or emotional violence against others or against oneself is not acceptable because of our understanding of what it means to follow Jesus. Please let Jesus' command to love your neighbor as yourself be your guide.

A WELCOMING, EMPOWERING, SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Our mission statement calls us to be "a welcoming, empowering and supportive community." We are currently forming a new ministry at St

Paul's to support that mission. Volunteers are needed from all three services to donate approximately 90 minutes of their time per month. That time is split into 3-30 minute segments: 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after the service you attend, once per month, to support the Welcoming Table located in the Narthex and another 30 minutes a month assisting with name badge organization. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Mike Funke at 760.-409.0986 or mike.funke@yahoo.com!

Help us live our mission statement!

Bullying Behavior Not Welcome Here

At St. Paul in the Desert we 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.

“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.

“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.

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- See more at: <http://stpaulsps.org/#sthash.je9rkb97.dpuf>

Announcements

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CHURCH

OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm with a lunch break from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm.

Should you call on Monday when we are closed to the public, please leave a message. In case of an emergency, a priest will return your call.

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NEXT WEEK

Pride Sunday is this Sunday November 8. The Choir will sing at the 4pm Service on Saturday November 7. There will be a said service at 8am Sunday and there will be no 10:30 service.

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VESTRY NOMINATIONS

We will soon be preparing the ballot for the next vestry elections. Please give thoughtful consideration to who you would like to see serving in this capacity and submit their names (even your own!) for consideration by the vestry nominating committee.

There's no need to ask individuals if they are willing to serve. The committee will do that. Submit names soon to any vestry member.

Click [3]here for the Vestry Member E-mail list.

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COPIES OF

"A Church Grows in the Desert"

a riveting history of St. Paul in the Desert from 1939-2014, are still available at the office. This well illustrated and thoroughly researched book makes a super gift or stocking stuffer. Cost is \$25.00.

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SAVE THE DATE

DOK is pleased to offer our parish the second workshop in prayer practices on Saturday, November 21st, from 9 to noon. The Rev. Canon David Caffrey will lead us in Contemplative/Meditative Prayer.

Canon Caffrey's first workshop was presented this past spring on Intercessory Prayer.

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FAMILY/CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FACTOID

Did you know that our ministry has outings? Our next outing will be a picnic at Whitewater Preserve on November 15.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School sessions are active and exciting for the new school year! We look forward to having the children attend the 10:30 Sunday School Program. We are still looking for volunteers to be a storyteller or a doorkeeper. If you are interested, please contact Ted Barajas at 760-902-1014 or email at tedbarajas1@yahoo.com.

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HOLY COMMUNION
SERVICE FOR
LOCAL CARE FACILITIES

Holy Communion at Windsor Court, 201 South Sunrise Way, Palm Springs, is

hosted by the Nursing Home Ministry on the second Wednesday of the month, next, on November 11th, at 10:15am. The Presiding Priest always welcomes assistance from parishioners.

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COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour resumes next Sunday after each service.

There are several Sunday hospitality opportunities available through the end of the year. Please consider hosting a Coffee Hour after the 8:00 or 10:30 services with family or friends. Sign-up binders are on the large table on the right as you enter the Parish Hall.

If you have questions, call Ray or Cheryl Kelley at 760.778.1725.

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry invites you to join our circle on Wednesday's from 10am -1pm in Hogarth Hall. Whether you wish to learn to knit or crochet or are an expert needleworker, we welcome you. Needles, hooks and yarn are provided. Please drop in to create and enjoy our prayerfully made creations.

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Episcopalians Against Gun Violence

... is an ad-hoc group of bishops, clergy and lay people disseminating information about Episcopalians who are working, collectively and individually, to curb gun violence. For further information, click [4]here.

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REPORT MISCONDUCT

As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a safe haven for everyone, our diocese trains people in the prevention of misconduct and encourages

all to report misconduct. All reported incidents are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly and confidentially. If you believe you have experienced misconduct of any kind, please contact John Seitman, at jseitman@pacbell.net or 858-793-4426.

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