

The Chimes

OF ST. BARNABAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

*Where surprise and belonging
meet sacred tradition*

RECTOR'S RUMINATIONS

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Churches, like retailers, are generally one season ahead of the general population. So, while many are still immersed in the long, lazy days of summer, some of us are turning our attention to the coming fall season and the beginnings of another program year at Saint Barnabas. It is a bit harder to do this summer because we have had such a gorgeous and long summer already. Summer arrived well before the 5th of July (the date we were told summer begins on Bainbridge Island) and has continued without much change right through these past weeks. I saw, for the first time, a sign calling for water conservation here on the island and, for once, my dirty automobile has a certain cache amidst the concerns over water. But, those long warm nights have been wonderful and, as I have said before, I hope I remember this summer in about February or even the more likely "Juneuary" of next year.



So, what lies ahead for Saint Barnabas in the coming program year? We will, of course welcome back our wonderful choir who do such an amazing job supporting our Sunday worship services. We will also begin Sunday school again, offering Godly Play along with our nursery program. Both of these programs could use new help so if anyone feels called to sing or to teach, please let us know. Adult Education will begin in September and this year we have a set of videos we will be using to trace the lives and ministries of both Saint Paul and Saint

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ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. Dennis Tierney, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Jan Heller, Assisting Priest

The Rev. Dr. Judith M. McDaniel, Assisting Priest

The Rev. Patricia Robertson, Assisting Priest for Contemplative Ministries

The Rev. Nancy Tiederman, Assisting Priest

The Rev. Dan Fowler, Deacon

Sr. Dorothy Kiest, Mother Guardian—Little Sisters of St. Clare

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Peter. These two extraordinary individuals are both key figures in the Gospel message and its spread across the Roman Empire, and gaining a deeper understanding of their work will help us understand the growth of early Christianity. We will enter the new program year with a working fire sprinkler system and a building that now meets all city regulations. We will have new and enhanced lighting to make our grounds safer and more welcoming as the amount of daylight decreases. Our Day School will begin again and we look forward to seeing and hearing our littlest students as they come and go each day. Our commercial kitchen has been busy all summer long, and our weekly guests, the Rotarians and the Kiwanians, will meet in our parish hall as they have done all summer long.



But, I hope this fall will engage us in some deeper conversations about ministry, about the future of Saint Barnabas, and about what we are called to do and be in this changing world. Some of this work has already begun as vestry has explored some options open to us about using our resources in new ways. I want to assure everyone that conversations and discussions are simply conversations and discussions; what has happened and what will, I hope, happen this fall are more conversations and discussions that will enable us as a body to set out our collective hopes and dreams for this wonderful parish. No critical decisions have been made and, to be clear, no critical decisions need to be made. We are not in a crisis mode, we are not re-arranging the deck chairs on the Titanic, the sky is not falling; we are in the blessed realm of doing long-range planning.



I believe the time is right to do some “visioning work.” We are a healthy and stable congregation. We have a balanced budget and we have enviable resources at our disposal. We have expanded our mission and opened our doors to the larger community. We have launched new initiatives in mission areas that match our interests and skills. We are meeting critical community needs in our own quiet way. Thus, it is time to look further down the road to see what we want to become and where we want to be in the coming years and decades.

Some of this work will have implications for buildings and grounds. Some of this work will have implications for

finding key volunteers. Both things and people are essential if we are to grow and strengthen our ministry in this place. Some of the things and people we need are present right now. Some of the things and people we need are not present yet but will show up if we make the commitment to grow those areas of church life. In all these things, we will need to take some risk, engage in potentially



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difficult conversations, and disappoint or even anger some people. We should all remember the difficult debates by the apostles about what Jesus really meant as the first Christians tried to figure out what God, in Christ Jesus, would have them do. We should remember that Barnabas and Paul ended their relationship in a huge argument and, if history tells us truly, never spoke to one another again.

I believe we can have these conversations and still be on speaking terms with one another. I believe that we have the leadership within our community to envision a bright and powerful future for Saint Barnabas. I believe this is the fall for such conversations to begin. But there needs to be a "critical mass" of congregants who wish to have such conversations. When our program year begins, your vestry may well ask for your involvement in thinking about the future of Saint Barnabas. I invite all of us, in these waning days of summer, to discern where your heart is and where you see this portion of the Body of Christ developing in the years and decades to come. And should the call come for enhanced leadership, for offering your vision of what you think this church should be and do, for willing participation in discussions, I pray that you will all respond as we did in our own baptismal moment, "I will, with God's help."

Dennis+



CONTEMPLATIVE MUSINGS

by Patricia Rome Robertson



The word contemplative originates from the Old French word |contemplation, derived from the Latin contemplationem which means 'act of looking at,' from contemplari, meaning 'to gaze attentively, observe'. Originally it meant 'to mark out a space for observation' (as an augur would). In English, it meant 'religious musing.'

Many of you know that our “vacation” home is a boat that allows us to cruise the Salish Sea and on into the northern waters of British Columbia. This year we have made our way up to what is known as the Broughton Islands, off the Northern Coast of Vancouver Island. They are a popular cruising destination where folks eek out a living fishing, logging, and providing services to visiting boaters. First Nations peoples once populated this area and evidence of their lives abounds in shell middens as well as totems that are left behind. Some of the islands still belong to these folks who use and care for them. It is an area where nature speaks louder than words.



A little over a week ago we were staying in the remote marina of Kwatsi Bay. We got in our dinghy and went to Watson Cove, about a nautical mile away. Once we were tied up on a rock ledge, we clambered up to the trail and went a short distance to one of the oldest cedar trees on the coast. Billy Proctor, who grew up in these islands, says that it is over 3700 years old. Other sources point to 1000 years. Standing in the presence of such a witness to the ages is a spiritual experience, which is to say, an

experience of being in the presence of divine life. The tree is not God, but a manifestation of the glory and life of God. Touching it I could sense wisdom.



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In his daily meditation of July 6, Richard Rohr wrote about the transparent nature of divine life in the natural world as honored by the Celts.

*When Christian missionaries arrived by the 3rd century, the Celts blended their pagan or primal spirituality with Christian liturgy, practice, and structure. As a result, Celtic Christianity was still grounded in the natural world, and they had much easier access to a cosmic notion of the Christ. John O'Donohue writes: "For the Celtic people, nature was not matter, rather it was a luminous and numinous presence that had depth, possibility and beauty." * They had learned to respect the "First Bible" of creation before they started arguing about the second written one.*

In our bones and heart we know this to be true, as we are renewed by the experience of simply being "in nature", even by looking at pictures of our precious creation, but even more by participating in it. We are fed at a deep level, like drinking at the well of life. In a much earlier reflection, Rohr wrote about Thomas Merton and his spiritual path. *Merton was familiar with each tree and each of the fifteen nesting pairs of birds that lived near his hermitage. He believed this wakeful intimacy with our environment to be "almost the first and most important element of a truly spiritual life." He borrowed the term "inscape" from the poet Gerald Manley Hopkins to refer to the sanctity of our shared unity with the interior dimension of Nature.*

This is what, I am sure, draws us to cruising. On a boat, we are keenly aware of our dependence on, and intimacy with, the natural world. It is this same awareness that drew us to living on Bainbridge Island with so many of you.

But, as Merton points out, we do not have to travel to discover this intimacy. It is as close to us as the flower pot on our counter or the bird feeder out the window. Caring for plants and animals (of all kinds) is not only about assuring their material life continues but is an invitation to get to know the life giver, sustainer and renewer. The gift of divine presence surrounds us, renews us. That renewal creates a spaciousness within us that allows us to be true lovers of the world and the peoples of it. What a gift! Caring for Creation then becomes caring for the vitality of divine life. Our true lives depend on it.

Summer Blessings,
Patricia+

* John O'Donohue, *Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom* (HarperCollins: 1997), 131.

JOY LUNCHEONS



July 15 was a beautiful day in our neighborhood as we hosted our Summer JOY luncheon. We served 46 guests, not only St. Barnabas parishioners, but ladies and gentlemen from Bainbridge Senior Living residences (Madrona House, Wyatt House, Madison Avenue House). They were joined by others from Messenger House and Bailey Manor. Our own Peter Spencer entertained on guitar.



Executive Chef Danielle Desaulniers designed an elegant menu perfect for a warm summer day. Dessert Chef Angela Tinker created a chocolate cake which had folks asking for seconds. Monica Brown did a beautiful job with pretty hydrangeas in vases. Deacon Dan Fowler gave the blessing, and later led everyone in singing Happy Birthday to three people celebrating in July. From all reports, everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed both the fellowship and the food.



Special thanks to the twenty St. Barnabas volunteers who gave their time, talent and energy to this event: Karen and Tom Beierle, Monica Brown, Joan Collins, Robin Cook, Phil Fergusson, Bill Galvani, Beth Gudmundson, Stephen Jennings, Babe Kehres, Kathleen Lander, Becky Miller, Elaine Percival, George Sterling, Pat Tegtmeier and Angela Tinker. Extra help came from Beierle's granddaughter Karena Klinkenberg and Danielle's two sons Abe and Will Kist.

The next luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16. Anne Pell will provide our entertainment. Information will appear in the September service bulletins and the parish email. The red notebook for those who want to sign up to help will be in the Parlor. Job descriptions and reporting times are listed for all areas, along with how many we need for each job. The November 11 volunteer sheet is there as well, if you would like to claim your job early. We are so glad to have relaunched this caring program, and look forward to many more special days of JOY.



~ Kathleen Jennings, Co-Chair

From the family of
Betty Gates



July 18, 2015

To the STAFF and PARISHIONERS
of St. Barnabus Episcopal
Church on
lovely Bainbridge Island
♡♡

Dear ALL,
Thank you so much for
the lovely flowers
for Betty Gates
SERVICE. It WAS SO
beautiful and added
so much love.
Betty's service WAS beautiful
we are coping and moving
forward, but miss our
Mother. Say hello to

lovely Bainbridge for
us! We love you
and thank you for your
kindness. Love,
Liz, Bill, and Charlie GATES ♡



August Birthdays

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 George West, Maggie Ball | 23 Serena Dubach, Simon |
| 2 Charlie Bullock | Hodge, Anne Christina Ruud |
| 3 George Brooker Jr,
Margaret Norrande | 24 Rory O'Brien |
| 6 George Cole, Robyn Ellis | 25 Pat Schader, Larry
Killigrew |
| 9 Dave Thorne | 28 Joan Collins, Tim Duffy |
| 15 Espen Ruud | |
| 21 Kathryn Houchen | |



ST. BARNABAS ANNUAL SALMON BAKE

SAVE THE DATE!!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | 5-8:00PM
\$20/person (adults only)

We will also need a couple of salads & desserts for this event. Contact Pat O'Morchoe if you are interested in helping with this event.

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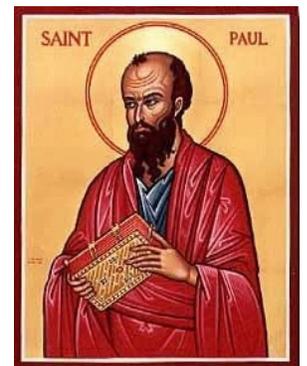
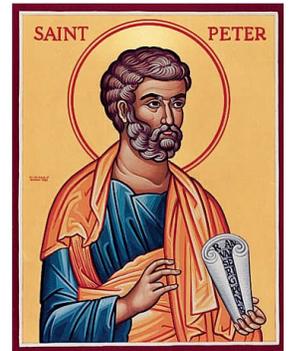
ADULT EDUCATION

Thursdays | 7:30pm | Gowen Library

Class begins September 17, 2015

*In Search of: Saint Paul, Saint Peter and Other
New Testament Greats and Places*

The Washington National Cathedral is also known as the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. In honor of these two seminal figures in Christianity, our Adult Education program this fall will focus on their lives and ministries in the earliest church. In this exploration, we will be led by David Suchet, who played Hercule Poirot in the BBC series. With him, we will go where Paul went and explore the astonishing transformation of a simple fisherman into the person some claim as the first Pope. We will also explore some of the early Christian world by way of videos featuring Jerusalem and the other great sites of early Christianity. If geography is history, then the world of the earliest Christians shaped how we worship today. Please join us for any or all of these explorations and discussions.



Schedule to be announced



SAVE THE DATE

JAZZ ON THE CLOSE | August 2

SALMON BAKE | September 12

CELEBRATION SUNDAY | September 13

VESTRY, COMMISSIONS &
COMMITTEES

Vestry | Dennis Tierney (Rector), Bill Galvani (Senior Warden), Paul Holzman (Junior Warden)
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Greeters (Stephen Jennings), Welcome Table (Randy & Linda Krause), Supper Club (Stephen & Kathleen Jennings), Newcomer Brunch (Babe Kehres), Coffee Hour (Caroline Cox), Special Events (Sylvia Dunning)

Worship Commission: Joan Collins (chair), Su Beecham, Donna Brookfield, Dan Fowler, Paul Roy, Nancy Tiederman, Dennis Tierney

Ushers (Brian Andvik), Liturgical Ministers (Joan Collins), Altar Guild (Joan Collins, Honora Dunkak), Weddings (Carol Gregory), Memorial Service Receptions (Christine Davis), Women's Schola Nova,