



A Bishop for Saint Barnabas

Years ago, two Bainbridge High School students painted some rocks to look like a frog and that graduation “stunt” became legend. The original rock frog is painted annually and shows up regularly in photos of and stories about Bainbridge Island. This summer, Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church on Bainbridge Island is participating in the “Frogs on the Rock” community art program sponsored by the Downtown Merchants Association. Over thirty frogs were purchased by various merchants and community groups and then decorated by local artists chosen by the sponsors. The Saint Barnabas frog, known as “Bishop Ribbit,” is a mosaic frog designed by parishioner Gillian Allard with religious symbols made by adults and children of the parish and the children of Saint Barnabas Day School. You can tell that this frog is a bishop by its golden mitre. “Bishop Ribbit” is scheduled to appear in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and be on display at the parish for one year before being auctioned off to raise funds for local charities. The originators of the first “Frog Rock” have signed the Saint Barnabas frog as both grew up as members of our parish. Stop by the island this summer and visit all of the frogs – “Bishop Ribbit” will be glad to see you.