

The Crossings

Saint David of Wales Episcopal Church

January 2011

FAMILY MATTERS by Judy Ogden, Senior Warden

Thank God for unmet expectations! This year I volunteered to assist at the Christmas Eve service. I was only trying to be helpful. After all, this wouldn't be a "real" Christmas Eve service; only a midnight celebration could meet my personal criteria. I arrived early, helped light candles, greeted other early arrivers, vested and then waited to process into the sanctuary with the choir and clergy. My first hint that this would be an unforgettable night was realized only later. Among those I greeted were several people I had not expected to see and that was how it began. The church was filled with the scent of evergreens as we moved through the words and music of Christmas Eve. Nothing elaborate or complicated, just familiar words and music recounting the predictions, the announcements, the journey, the joy and wonder of the Incarnation that would forever change our world. Whatever aches and pains and fatigue I had arrived with were forgotten. I had entered a world of joyful timelessness, full of love and laughter and celebration shared by a family gathered around the largest and yet smallest of tables. When I finally slid into my car and became aware of the clock on the dashboard, it was as though I had awakened from the most beautiful dream. But I knew I had not slept. It was not morning and I wasn't groggy. I had no name for what I'd experienced until this morning, the first Sunday of Christmas. Fr. Jeff talked about chronos, our linear clock time, and kairos, God's time. And as he described the two and their differences I knew that I had been on kairos time. He talked of times of humility, when our red-handedness can not be explained away. Those are the times we grow, and we do have growing pains! There are also times so filled with joy and love that we again have no words. Neither are to be feared. This was Fr. Jeff's last service at St. David's and he spoke again about living without fear. We don't have to. We don't need to. Who'd want to? What a wonder-full message to leave with us!

An opportunity to say our good-byes and express our thanks, calls for a party. An open house reception type of get together has been suggested. Look for more information in another section of this newsletter. If you'd like to be part of the planning and doing, please let me or one of the other vestry members know. We'd be most grateful for your help and ideas.

Patti will continue to assist us in the transition process for a while longer and our Sunday services will be led by supply priests when possible. More information on supply priests and the call process can also be found on another page of this newsletter. There are details that need to be worked out with Bishop Rickel and Joan Anthony's assistance. The call process should be undertaken thoughtfully and prayerfully. It should not be rushed or done in haste. Your vestry has much to learn as we move forward in this process and we appreciate your patience and your continued prayers for us and for the family that is St. David of Wales.

Now what??

As many of you know by now Fr. Jeff Sells has retired and is no longer acting as the Interim Priest at St. David's and Sunday, December 26th was his last day with us. We wish him well.

The Vestry has met with Joan Anthony from the Bishop's office and has developed some of the ground work to find a new clergy person for our Church. This work has already begun and a Call Committee has been formed. To simplify the process and to help provide better communication the members of the Vestry will also act as the Call Committee.

Several priests have expressed an interest in St. David's to the Bishop's office and some of them will be officiating the Sunday services during the coming weeks. The call committee is interested in your input and welcomes your comments. Please feel free to put your thoughts on paper or email and let us know what you might be thinking. An email address for the Call Committee has been set up at call@sdow.org.

Wish us all good luck in this process and a few prayers will also help.

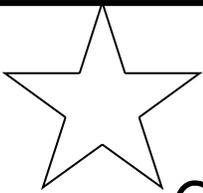
The Get Going Team

Norm Eveleth is heading up the team to plan for Jeff Sells retirement party on Feb. 11. Give Norm a call, 426-7342 if you would like to help.

Anyone is welcome to come join the team, either as a regular member or to promote one idea or project.. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 8:30 a.m. and the 4th Monday at 3:00 p.m. in the back of the church.

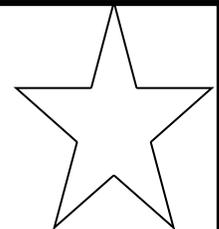
Rotary Help Needed!

Do you have two hours on Thursdays? We are down to one helper to plate, serve, do dishes and clean up for the Rotary lunch fundraiser. It's not hard and the crew has lots of fun in the kitchen and you get a really good lunch out of the deal. We are also down to two cooks. St David's needs the support of our parishioners to continue this fundraiser to help fund not only the ministries at St. David's but also to keep the light and heat on for Sunday services. Please help if you can!



Saint David of Wales web site
has changed.

Our new web address is: sdow.org



St. David's Episcopal Church Invites you to attend a retirement reception for **The Rev. Dr. Jeffery Sells**
February 11, 2011 at 324 W. Cedar St., Shelton WA

Donations towards "Farewell" gift may be sent to
St. David's of Wales PO Box 339, Shelton, WA 98584
More Information coming soon!

St. David of Wales Episcopal Church
Meeting of the Vestry
December 8, 2010

Attending Vestry Members

Judy Ogden, Senior Warden
Bill Schaal, Junior Warden
Jef Conklin
Betti Haskins
Marcie McKaig
Carolyn Carlton

Rosemary Dawson
Jen Deno, Clerk

Guests

Doris Schaal
Shelby Conklin
Doug Haskins
Ann Olli
Barb Weza

Shirley Beelik
Norm Eveleth
Rev. Canon Joan Anthony
Elinor Lindquist

The meeting was opened at 5:30 p.m. with a gospel reading from The Upper Room followed by a prayer for leaders by Dr. Pamela P Chinnis.

New Business

The minutes of September and November were approved as amended with addition of Elinor Lindquist on audit committee in November minutes.

Norm reported that The Simpson Family Foundation will grant \$50,000 for the exterior repair of the parish hall if we can raise the other \$50,000 by November 11, 2011. Bill made a motion to accept the challenge; it was seconded by Marcie and passed. The question of help from the diocese was raised.

A list of grants for our community outreach programs for 2011 was distributed.

Father Jeff and Patti Sells will be out of town January 2nd and 11th. It was decided to have a supply priest for those dates rather than morning prayer.

The Annual Meeting will be on January 30 with a potluck in the parish hall following the 10:30 service. An election for 2 vestry members, 2 delegates and 2 alternates for diocese convention will be held.

Old Business

The Church Windows accounting program continues to progress with much appreciated help from Laurie.

Andrew's Stewardship letter is being readied for stuffing and mailing early next week.

Two hundred Thanksgiving meals were prepared by Barb Weza and Doug Haskins, packaged and distributed by others. Some meals went to Belfair due to a lack of drivers for south Mason, but all meals were given out.

The date for the Christmas dinners needs to be determined with RSVP; it cannot be on Thursday, the 23rd due to Rotary.

Betti suggested that the Gift Shop bookkeeping needs to go through the Church Windows program. Marcie pointed out that since Vestry accepted the audit report, we are bound to close the books at the end of this year and open them under Church Windows, as was stipulated in the audit.

The Union City Plumbing project in the parish hall kitchen is still incomplete. More negotiation needs to be done..

Two bids have been received for the parish hall shower remodel. Betti moved we accept the bid from Mike Olson; Carolyn seconded the motion and it passed.

In Jef's report on church finances, he stated that the payroll has gone down from \$3600 to \$3200 due to Jeff Sells going on Medicare in November. We should have enough money to get through the rest of the year with maybe a little left over. He also commented that we have gained a lot in financial accountability this year.

Jef will take the office computer to Hood Canal Communications to see if it can be repaired.

Marcie reported that all of the Christmas wreaths were picked up and paid for.

Shelby announced that St David's website is ready but not up at the moment due to domain issues. Jef moved that Jeff Sells be requested to transfer domain to St. David Of Wales and we repay him for whatever it cost. The motion passed. The website address is "stdavidofwales.org".

Joan Anthony suggested that the Vestry may also be the call team to save time on the acquisition of a new priest. She then called for an executive meeting to discuss new information on this matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jen Deno, Clerk

Subject to correction and approval at the next Vestry meeting on January 12, 2011 at 5:30 pm.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 New Years Day
2	3	4 EfM 1 pm	5	6	7	8
9	10 Get Going Team 8:30 am	11 EfM 1 pm	12 Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm	13	14	15
16	17	18 EfM 1 pm	19	20 Photo Club 7 pm	21	22
23	24 Get Going Team 3 pm	25 EfM 1 pm	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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