



# St David of Wales Episcopal Church

March 12, 2014

To: St. David of Wales Vestry  
From: Rev. Joseph Mikel  
Re: Proposal for continued service as Priest-in-Charge

I have met with Patti Case, our Sr. Warden, and Bishop Rickel about the subject of my continued service as the Priest-in-Charge of St. David of Wales. Although our goals included the hiring of a full-time priest for the Parish our stewardship campaign and other factors resulted in falling short of this goal.

I have enjoyed my time with St. David's and have made some wonderful connections and have been graced by those connections in my life. I would therefore welcome continued service here for the period of time necessary to accomplish agreed upon goals and the eventual hiring of a full time priest.

This is a development objective as much as anything and I would be excited to take on this development task. With *Community LifeLine* now operating with Barb Weza as their Executive Director and the possibility of hiring a person to work in the office as was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting this morning (Wednesday, March 12th), my time could be devoted almost exclusively to development, pastoral care and community involvement with the hope of growing our attendance and perhaps our young persons programming.

My concerns would be:

- I work best when there are clear objectives and goals that are agreed on by the Vestry and congregation;
- I have not really considered myself a "maintenance" priest in the sense of being "okay" with not having specific projects and targets to accomplish;
- I am most happy when we are working together as a family towards these agreed upon goals and that when concerns emerge we enter into productive, caring conversations to discover how to re-negotiate these agreed upon goals;
- I am also most happy when we work together for our mutual spiritual growth, i.e. Bible Study, classes, Advent & Lenten programming, etc.
- I am "okay" with a short term target period of one or two years to work with the Vestry and Parish with annual reviews of "where-we-are" that would start with a Mutual Review.

I am grateful to St. David's, the Vestry and the congregation for this opportunity to discuss this possibility and thank you.

Pax,

Fr. Joe

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## VESTRY

Our Vestry made an important and unanimous decision last Wednesday to ask Father Joe to stay on for a minimum of two years – and he's accepted!

In conversation with the Diocese and with Father Joe, we determined that while we have renewed energy here at St. David's, the numbers do not yet reflect a pattern of sustainable growth.

In a letter to the Vestry (*to the left*), Father Joe said, "I would...welcome continued service...to accomplish agreed-upon goals and the eventual hiring of a full-time priest."

Father Joe will work over the next few weeks with a small committee to establish those goals and objectives. Do you have suggestions? Contact a Vestry member, Father Joe, and stay tuned as we develop these goals together.

We are thrilled to have Father Joe and Nancy with us a bit longer and anxious to work on goals to strengthen our parish and our broader community.

Your Senior  
Warden

*Patti Case*



# St. David of Wales

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER MARCH 16TH - MARCH 22ND

Robert Coles is a psychiatrist who, knowing that he was subject to the military draft, joined the U.S. Air Force in 1958. He was stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi, and made a number of visits to New Orleans. There he saw many scenes of racial conflict. He began to write thoughtful articles and books about the things that he had seen. His articles in *The Atlantic Monthly* about Ruby Bridges, one of the first black children to help desegregate Southern schools, are classic. He won a Pulitzer Prize for his book, *Children in Crisis*.

In 1965, Coles interviewed a young white Birmingham man who had come to oppose segregation. The young man explained himself thusly. He said:

"I don't know why I put myself on the line. I don't know why I said no to segregation. I'm just another white Southerner, and I wasn't brought up to love integration!"

But I was brought up to love Jesus Christ, and when I saw the police of this city use dogs on people, I asked myself what Jesus Christ would have thought, and what He would have done—  
and that's all I know about how I came to be here, on the firing line!"



## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

### MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

#### 7:30 AM SERVICE

LECTOR: ANN BAKER  
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: ANN OLLI  
 GREETER: BRIAN & KELLI KELLY

#### 10:30 AM SERVICE

LECTORS:  
 1<sup>ST</sup> LESSON: PATTI CASE  
 PSALM: ANN ANDERSON  
 2<sup>ND</sup> LESSON: JORDAN HANSON  
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: BETTI HASKINS  
 GREETERS: BARB WHITENER & YOU!  
 ALTAR GUILD: ANN OLLI, DOROTHY CALLEJA & ANN ANDERSON  
 FLOWERS: MARILYN HAM-KAY  
 10:30 AM  
 JOYCE GORNEY & FRIENDS  
 ORGANIST: SUZANNE MONTGOMERY  
 DEACON: THE REV. JOAN NIEMANN  
 PRIEST-IN-CHARGE: THE REV. JOSEPH MIKEL

### ST. DAVID'S PRAYER LIST

Norine	Saylah & Hector
Christine	Grandma Marion
Elaine	Gordon
Don	Al
Allison	Jamie
Mary Lynn	Joe
Laura	Betty
Zach	Carey
Elizabeth (B.J.)	Linda
Jen	Pat
Brian	Jerry
Kathy	Carol
Steve	Elizabeth
Dr. Fred	Bob
Isabel	Paisley
Julie	Janet
George	Shawn
Doris & Bill	Felipa
Hisidora	Concepsion
Jose	Benigno



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### ST. DAVID'S LAST WEEK

Attendance	
7:30	10:30
14	52
Pledge	
\$5,560	\$167



#### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Andy Conklin	March 17th
Billie Howard	March 19
Kathleen Hart	March 20th



#### ANNIVERSARYS THIS WEEK

John & Nancy Stanislav
February 26th

Knit & pray! Join us: Monday, March 17th at 1:30 pm at Alpine Way in the Dogwood Dining Room. Questions/information, call Suzy Petty at 432-0989.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♥ **TODAY! TIME-LINE & IDENTITY** exercise after each service.
- ♥ **MARCH 17TH;** Knit & Pray @ Alpine Way, 1:30 pm
- ♥ **MARCH 20TH; THURSDAY, 5:30 PM** - Evening Prayer, Soup and Bread fellowship & our continuing Lenten class.
- ♥ **MARCH 23RD,** 7:30 & 10:30 am; 1st OTJ for Eucharistic Ministers.
- ♥ **APRIL 6TH;** Monthly Meeting of Eucharistic Ministers; 9 am
- ♥ **APRIL 12TH,** Spring Cleaning Saturday, 8 am to 12 noon with Soup and sandwiches for all hearty workers!
- ♥ **APRIL 13TH, PASSION SUNDAY & THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS**
- ♥ **APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>,** EASTER
- ♥ **MAY 15-18,** Thurs. – Sun., Cursillo using all of Church & Parish Hall

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hursday night @ 5:30 pm and You! We definitely need you this Thursday, please plan on joining us! Thank you for the soup last Thursday - Marcie & Marian!

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id you sign up to Host our Fellowship Hour after the 10:30 am Eucharist? We Need You! This is a ministry of us all, so please look at our sign-up sheet on the information table in the back of the Church and join the fun!