

## The Vicar's Vacuous Vapors

As we journey from these last couple of months we are now poised to embrace, first All Saints Sunday, and then we begin our way to Advent.

Elinor Lindquist, our Altar Guild Director, prepares us for the liturgical seasons and writes: “

*There are changes ahead as we transition from the long green ‘Season of Pentecost’ into the blue, pink and white ‘Season of Advent’ and the celebration of Christmas time. The Advent wreath and the Christmas Crèche will appear on December 2, signs and symbols that signify the beginning of Advent. Sanctuary colors change to dark blue and on Christmas eve, the color white will emerge. Until Advent, the seasonal designs can continue to reflect the creativity of everyone involved. Traditionally during Advent, the seasonal designs will be comprised of just greenery. The Gospel interpretations can still complement the existing greenery arrangements. There will be a major greening of the Church with the entire congregation before Christmas Eve. Elinor and available ‘seasonal design’ folks will gather to create additional arrangements for the Christmas services. Additional help will be needed to set up and clean up at Christmas time.”*

**THE GREENING OF THE CHURCH: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD (AND THE WEEK BEFORE!).**

Recently James Poirson and I attended a Diocesan Leadership Conference. One of the more compelling stories we heard was from Bishop Greg Rickel who told this story explaining why he tithes:

### “THE PEARL”



*“There was a man who loved pearls, collected them, all he could find. One day as he was walking down the street of a new town, he looked into an old storefront and saw the most beautiful, and most massive pearl he had ever seen. He knew when he saw it he must have it.*

*So, he entered the store and began looking at the pearl. An old man emerged from the back of the store and began some small talk. He asked the young pearl collector how he could help him and the man said, “I want to buy this pearl, how much is it?” To which the elderly storekeeper replied, “How much you got?”*

*The young man went for his wallet and pulled out about \$263 in cash. He showed it to the storekeeper who took it from him, and then looked at the young man, and asked, “How much more you got?” The young man looked outside at his late model Chevy Suburban and said, “I have that car out there, paid off, runs pretty good.” The old man said, “That’s good, I’ll take it, got the keys, thanks, now, how much more you got?”*

*The young man began to look worried, having some second thoughts. The old man said, “Hey, that’s OK, I don’t have to sell it.” “No,” the young man said, “No, I want it.”*

*“Well then” the storekeeper said, “How much more you got?” And the young man replied, “I*

*have a house in the suburbs, has a mortgage but it would bring some equity.” “Great, “the old man blurted out, “I’ll take the keys to that too, how much more you got?”*

*The young man thought a long time and then trembling said, “Well, I have a wife and two children., that’s all I have left.”*

*“That’s all” the old man said, “you are sure?”*

*“Yes” the young man said, “That is it” “Well,” said the storekeeper, “I’ll take them too and if that is all you have to give, everything you have, then you can have the pearl.”*

*The young man was so excited as he looked at that pearl, as he picked it up, and yet he seemed troubled, unsure about all of this, but he picked it up and began to walk out of that store when the old man stopped him and said,*

*“Hey, wait a minute, you know the last thing I need is a family around here, so here, I am going to give back the wife and children, but I want you to remember, they belong to me now, not you, they are mine, you are just taking care of them. And this house, I don’t need a house. You can have the keys back to that as well, but remember, it is mine now, not yours. And that car, don’t need one of those either, headaches to keep up, you can have the keys back for that as well, but remember, it belongs to me, not you.*

*The old man proceeded to give everything back to the man, even the \$263 and he said, I don’t need that either, you can have it back, but even that, your money, is mine, not yours. You are to care for all of these things now for me. You do not own them. I own them. Take care of them for me. And by the way, you can take care of that pearl for me as well.”* Originally told to me by Mr. Mark Davis.

## St. David of Wales

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
NOVEMBER 4TH - 11TH

*Unknown, perhaps Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, 18th century*

*“If all my friends were to jump off a bridge, I wouldn’t follow. I’d be at the bottom to catch them when they fall.”*

*Mother Teresa, 20th century*

*“Spread love everywhere you go: First of all in your own house...let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God’s kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness.”*

*J.R.R. Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring, 20th century*

*“You can trust us to stick to you through thick and thin--to the bitter end. And you can trust us to keep any secret of yours--closer than you yourself keep it. But you cannot trust us to let you face trouble alone, and go off without a word. We are your friends, Frodo. Anyway: there it is.”*

*Confucius, 6th century B.C.E.*

*“Hold faithfulness and sincerity as first principles.”*

*Paul Carvel, 20th century*

*“Faithfulness lives where love is stronger than instinct.”*

# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

## MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

### 7:30 AM SERVICE

LECTOR: JUDY OGDEN  
 EUCHARISTIC  
 MINISTER: JAMES POIRSON  
 GREETER: MARCIE MCKAIG

### 10:30 AM SERVICE

LECTORS:  
 1<sup>ST</sup> LESSON: CHUCK ORTHMANN  
 PSALM: TAMRA INGWALDSON  
 2<sup>ND</sup> LESSON: DAVID ADAMS  
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: ELINOR LINDQUIST  
 GREETERS: BARB WHITENER & DAVE SALZER  
 ALTAR GUILD: ANN OLLI & DOROTHY CALLEJA, & PEGGY HOSFORD  
 FLOWERS: ELINOR LINDQUIST  
 REFRESHMENT: HOST @ 10:30 AM  
 MARIAN EVELETH & NANCY MIKEL  
 ORGANIST: KELSEY BARNES  
 PRIEST: THE REV. JOSEPH MIKEL

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♥ ALL SAINTS SUNDAY!
- ♥ November 4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday: Ordination Celebration for The Rev. Deacon Barb Weza, Potluck @ 1 p.m.
- ♥ November 4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday: Community Lifeline dinner, 4 - 6:30 p.m. (team 1).
- ♥ November 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday: Compline, (Night Prayers) at 5:30 p.m.
- ♥ November 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, Immigration Potluck & Training @ 6 p.m.
- ♥ November 9<sup>th</sup>, Friday: Community Lifeline dinner, 4 - 6:30 p.m. (team 2).
- ♥ November 11<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, Vestry meeting, 8:45 - 10 a.m..
- ♥ November 12<sup>th</sup>, Monday: Hands of Hope, reviewing our Prayer list & crafting.

Please pray for those on our Prayer List. Should you have a person you would like to our prayer list, or if you have an update to those on our prayer list, please contact either Suzy Petty (360-432-0989) or Marcie McKaig (360-426-1933).

*Michael Curry, Paul & Beth, Marjorie, Shawn, Mike & Judy, Doug, Eli, David, John & Dorothy, Connie, Saylah & Hector, Bud, Terry, Betty, Becca, Greg, Samuel, Christina, Bob & Kathleen, Randy, John, and Donna.*

DECEMBER

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1 - 4 p.m.

SATURDAY

70 YEARS OF  
 SERVICE  
 TO OUR  
 COMMUNITY



## ST. DAVID OF WALES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TOUR  
 1-2 p.m.

Christ's passion in stained glass,  
*Stories in glass, a Tour.*

HISTORY  
 2-3 p.m.

Stories from 1893, book signing "  
*A History of St. David's*"

SOCIAL  
 2-3 p.m.

Wine & Cheese social, Open  
 house, Auction, Raffle, Prizes

CONCERT  
 3-4 p.m.

Dating from the 8th Century  
*Festival of Lessons & Carols  
 in a rich, acoustic sanctuary.*