



ST DAVID OF WALES

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PLEDGE TIME . . . Please give **prayerful thought and commitment** to the spiritual practice of pledging (giving of our money) to St. David's for the new year. By now you have received your pledge card, please give it careful consideration in order for your vestry to put together next year's budget. Thank you -- Senior Warden, Suzy Petty

SOMETHING NEW . . . Judy Callaghan came up with an idea and it is a good one. Each month the ladies of the church will meet for lunch at a local restaurant. The goal of these get-togethers is to become better acquainted with each other, relax and to visit. With two services each Sunday at St. David's, we seldom have the chance to know each other. Well, this is an opportunity to do just that. Judy was the hostess for the first one held last month at Sisters Restaurant in downtown Shelton. The second one will be hosted by **Marcie McKaig** and will be held at **Salish Cliffs Restaurant on Wednesday, December 4th. Plan to arrive at 11 a.m.** Marcie will need to know how many will attend so that she can make a reservation, Call her at **360-426-1933** or email her at mmarcie@hctc.com. By the way, the unofficial name of the group is 'Saint Babes.'

THANKSGIVING - 30-DAY GRATITUDE PRAYER GUIDE . . . Those of us with computers received **30 Days of Prayers** that our Diocesan delegates brought back from the convention held in November. I have selected one that I feel is good for Thanksgiving. The entire list of prayers is posted on the church bulletin board if you did not receive them by email.

Though some things we are in need of seem unattainable, so far beyond anything anyone can do, with God all things are possible. Thank God for knowing your every need. Thank Him in advance for delivering you, comforting you, and providing for you in a way no other can. Thank Him for meeting your needs of shelter, food, clothing, warmth, clean water. Pray that He show you how you can fill a need for someone else. Ask Him to do a work in your life so tremendous that those around you can only say, "This is surely because of God."

HISTORY QUESTION OF THE MONTH . . . St. David's was the name of another church in the Diocese. Why was it abandoned by that church and subsequently adopted for our church in Shelton?

MEET CATHY WARNER . . . Most of us know Cathy - she sings in the choir, presents 'The Message' from time to time and types the bulletin for each Sunday Service. Cathy is also a photographer, a real estate broker and a writer. Cathy has published a book of poetry. ***Home By Another Road*** is for sale - one copy for \$10.00 and \$5.00 for an additional copy. Cathy and Kevin live in Union. Kevin is a licensed general contractor doing business in the area through [Yellow Ribbon Homes](#). Their phone number is 360-600-3913. Kevin built the stairs with a rail to make it easier to enter by the kitchen door. Thank you Kevin, it is appreciated!

JULIAN OF NORWICH. . . Do you know Julian of Norwich? Her words, “**All will be well, and all will be well, all manner of things will be well**” are sung or said before and after The Prayers of the People on Sunday. Suzy Petty had the pleasure of attending a retreat/class on her life and was introduced to a fascinating book entitled *Julian of Norwich - Revelations of Divine Love*”, by Barry Windeatt, Oxford House Classics. (can be found on Amazon)

Julian of Norwich is one of the most celebrated figures of the English Middle Ages. She is esteemed as one of the subtlest writers and profoundest thinkers of the period for her account of the revelations that she experienced in 1373. Julian lived as an anchoress in Norwich, and after recovering from a serious illness she had described the visions that had come to her during her suffering. She conceived of a loving and compassionate God, merciful and forgiving, and believed in our ability to reach self-knowledge through sin. She wrote of ‘God as our mother, and embraced strikingly independent theological opinions.

ANSWER TO HISTORY QUESTION . . . Trinity church in Hoquiam was first named St. David’s. Later the congregation changed the name to ‘Trinity’ which was a popular name at the time. Rev. Dr. Christie of Welsh background regretted the loss of a Welsh Saint and when the opportunity came to name the church, he honored his Mother by naming St. David of Wales Church.

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS this month include Marjorie, Shawn, Mike & Judy, Doug, Barrett, Janet, Joan, Ernie, Linda, Betty, Dick, Greg, Sarah, David, Ann, Robin, Betty, Debbie, Margaret, Jamy, Kathleen & Bob, Jonathon & Christina, Bob, Todd and Grace.

DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

Sunday	December 1	7:30 & 10:30	Open offering for Discretionary Fund
Wednesday	December 4	11:00 a.m.	St. Babes Lunch at Salish Cliffs Restaurant
Wednesday	December 4	7:00 p.m.	Festival of Lessons and Carols
Sunday	December 8	7:30 & 10:30	Food items & offerings for The Saints’ Pantry
Tuesday	December 24	7:00 p.m.	Candlelight Service - Christmas Eve
Wednesday	December 25	10:30 a.m.	Christmas Day Service



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