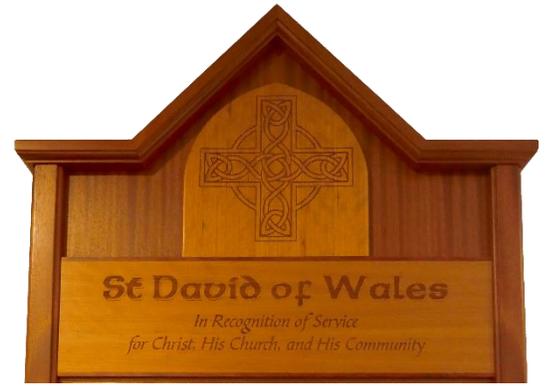




# ST DAVID OF WALES

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**ANNUAL MEETING NOTES** . . . Both Services combined on February 9th to Worship God, break bread and to attend the Annual Meeting of St. David's Church. It was great! The order of business included a thank-you to Vestry member Carolyn Carlton and Senior Warden Suzy Petty for jobs well done. Mike Callaghan accepted the position of Senior Warden for 2020 and Don Kay, Billie Howard and Cheri Ratay were elected to serve on the Vestry.

Patti Case presented the budget for 2020 as accepted by the Vestry January 19th. It was noted that the pledge drive for 2020 was a significant success. An additional ½ day has been added to Fr. Steve's schedule, making his total 2½ days per week. Year-round stewardship includes fundraising and *fundraising* as well. It includes the time, talents and ministries each member recognizes in themselves for the benefit of the congregation of faith. In what way might we at St. David of Wales have a larger influence within the community of Shelton and its community events . . . not only for the added financial benefit for our church, but for friendship as well.

Norm Eveleth, Jane McGee, Cheri Ratay and Cathy Warner were introduced by Patti Case. They all serve on the call/search committee for a new permanent Priest. The Profile was submitted in July 2019 and accepted by the Diocese who as yet has not forwarded any candidates for the position. It was suggested by David Adams that we request a visit by Bishop Rickel. It was pointed out that the Bishop is on a rotation to offer each church within the diocese a visit within a three-year period although he hasn't visited St. David of Wales in at least five years. Fr. Steve stated the size of the diocese makes it difficult to achieve. It was agreed that the leadership should invite Bishop Rickel to visit.

Cheri and Tamra presented a report on the Diocesan Convention. They both agreed it was very informative. The Diocese is involved in a program to plant coconut trees to provide carbon offset in Indonesia. It was asked if we as a congregation consider our own carbon footprint and carbon offset. The Diocese has provided an online carbon tracker - *Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home* for Episcopal households, supporting efforts to reduce our carbon footprint as individuals and aggregate impacts churchwide and throughout the diocese.

Cheri and Tamra were elected to be our representatives next year at the Diocesan Convention. Alternates elected are Cheryl Allagree, Pat Honeysuckle and Connie Readeau.

With thanks to the committee - Judy Callaghan, Marian Eveleth, Rhoda Pykonen and Beth Johnson for organizing the potluck lunch and to all who contributed food, the meeting was adjourned.

**VESTRY MEETING** . . . At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, the Vestry met in the Church Library. Sr. Warden Mike Callaghan called the meeting to order with Carla Hearst, Peggy Hosford, Tamra Ingwaldson, Don Kay, Billie Howard, Cheri Ratay, Fr. Steve Brill and Beth Day-Waters, serving as Clerk Pro-Tem, present. Absent Judy Ogden.

Fr. Steve and Sr. Warden Mike will present job descriptions for Vestry members at the meeting on March 1st.

The St. David's Day Award will be presented on March 1st. Elinor Lindquist and Marcie McKaig, previous recipients, will make the award during the 10:30 Service of Worship.

Peggy Hosford is stepping down as Junior Warden and has been replaced by Don Kay and Cheri Ratay, co-chairs. They will be assisted by Beth and Bill Johnson for Building Maintenance and Rhoda Pykonen, grounds maintenance. The Junior Warden position is traditionally the People's Warden.

Barbara Whitener served as Clerk of the Vestry and is also stepping down. The Vestry is requesting the services of a new Clerk. The Clerk is a member of the congregation who does not serve on the Vestry. If anyone is interested in this position, please contact Mike Callaghan or Fr. Steve.

Meeting adjourned. (Full minutes of both meetings are available if anyone is interested)

**The SAINT DAVID'S DAY AWARD** is historically given on the Sunday closest to March 1st, which was the day Saint David (Dewi Sant in the Welsh language) died in Wales in the year 589 A.D. The award is '**For Service to Christ, His Church and the Community**' and is given to a person (or persons) who have made a significant and enduring contribution to the life of St. David's and the community beyond St. David's. "It is a quiet dedication of working and giving with faith and hope by example without grandeur. People previously awarded, have all walked an extra pace and given of themselves to others in a wide variety of ways; they work in harmony with God...because it is in their heart to do so many times over," explained Marcie McKaig who with Elinor Lindquist will be making the award during the 10:30 service on March 1st. All recipients of this award are engraved on the plaque in the social hall.

**HEAR US, GOD OF GLORY . . .** Please include in your daily prayers - For family and friends and for all our sisters and brothers, for those who are sick or struggling, especially: **Marjorie, Shawn, Mike & Judy, Doug, Barrett, Janet, Ernie, Betty, Dick Lisa, Gret, Sarah, David, Ann, Robin, Betty, Debbie, Margaret, Jamy, Kathleen & Bob, Jonathon & Christine, Jack, Terry and Nancy.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Cheston.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH** will be celebrated by: Barb Whitener on the 5th; Billie Howard on the 19th; Kathleen Hart on the 20th; and Dick Taylor on the 23rd. Happy birthday to all. Please proceed to the Altar for a blessing during the time appointed in the service bulletin. Birthdays are special, they only come around once a year!

**DATES TO REMEMBER -**

**Wed., February 26**

**Sat., February 29**

**Sun., March 1st**

**12 noon & 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Services**

**10 a.m.-2 p.m. Women's Retreat**

**7:30/10:30 St. David's Day celebration**

**8:30 a.m. St. David's Vestry meeting**



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