

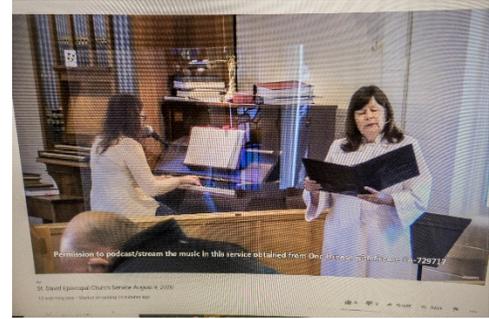


# ST DAVID OF WALES

Episcopal Church

Shelton, WA

PARISH NEWSLETTER



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### Plexi Barrier

**Hello Again . . .** It is September already. They say that ‘time flies when you are having fun’. The fun I’ve had for the past six months is reading during this ‘stay at home, stay safe’ situation we are all in. I read an article in **The Friendship Book of Francis Gay, London, England, 2003**. The book was given to my mother on her 103rd birthday. The article is about ‘climate change’ sort of. . . .

“What would we do without our climate? Even with a complete stranger we can immediately start a conversation by talking about the weather. It is a subject guaranteed to break down all barriers, yet in a different sense, climate can also be a barrier for so much depends on an individual.

“Take the person who is chilly to everyone they meet - they pass that chilliness on. Then there’s the person who’s cloudy, full of gloom, leaving you feeling miserable. And what about the person who knows how to put the whole world to rights, thundering on about everyone and everything? Well, at least that climate is invigorating, if somewhat exhausting!

“Then there’s the person with a sunny climate, beaming at you in greeting, creating an immediate warm feeling. It makes you feel that even if the sun isn’t actually shining, it will be very soon. It reminds me of a song sung at Sunday school years ago: *Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, a sunbeam, a sunbeam. Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, And I’ll be a sunbeam for Him.*”

Let’s all strive to be sunbeams in these difficult times. . . . Billie

**The Visit with the Bishop** was both interesting and delightful. About 20 of our members participated in the Zoom get-together on Sunday, August 30th. It was held just prior to our Streaming Service at 10:30. Bishop Rickel answered questions, talked about the diocese and generally visited with us. It was a great chance to meet him personally and set the path for his visit here in February 2021. He made it clear to us that if we have any questions or problems he can help with, an email to him at [grickel@ecww.org](mailto:grickel@ecww.org) would get you a response within 24 hours.

**VESTRY NOTES.** . . . Sr. Warden Mike Callaghan initiated two ‘coffee hour’ meetings on the 23rd and 30th of August prior to the Bishop’s Zoom, with an invitation to members to participate. It was a bring-your-own beverage and an opportunity to learn how to Zoom. Not many took the opportunity, but a good time was had by those that did. Zooming is an easy process and one that will be used a lot in these restricted times of no physical contact.

**Donations and Pledges** are coming in pretty regularly through our website. The budget needs to be adjusted to accommodate these. A motion was made, seconded and passed to take care of it. Fr. Steve has been given additional hours and the budget will also be updated to reflect the changes.

**Sit and Pray . . .** Mike Callaghan proposed a day be made available to sit and pray during the week. Many have expressed a desire to be back in the church, meditate, and generally put their thoughts in order. This was discussed by the Vestry

and it was decided that from 9 a.m. until Noon each Wednesday, the church will be opened for this purpose. Fr. Steve will be there as well if you need him. A person will have to wear a mask and wipe down the area they use before leaving. It was also suggested that a small prayer service could be instituted also on Wednesdays. Fr. Steve and Mike will work on this

**Signage** will be made for the grounds behind the church building to address the homeless population using it. Jr. Warden Cheri Ratay and Beth Johnson are working on making the signs.

**The Next Vestry Meeting** will be held Sunday, September 13, 9 a.m. in the Music Room of the church. Masks and social distancing will be required.

**The Saints' Pantry** numbers for August - 958 individuals representing 398 households. Donations are continuing to come in, making it possible to serve the number of clients. The Backpack program for school children will begin again in late September.

**Service Schedule** - Those members assigned to read the lessons during the live-streaming services are reminded to call Judy Ogden (360-426-6561) or Tamra Ingwaldson (360-265-1719) to let them know who will be reading each Sunday.

**BIRTHDAYS** - September birthdays will be celebrated by the following: **Pat Honeysuckle on the 7th, Robyn Peterson on the 17th, and Dave Bayley on the 29th.** May God Bless you on your birthday and every day thereafter.

**PLEASE PRAY** for those close to our hearts, especially: **Marjorie, Shawn, Mike & Judy, Doug, Barrett, Janet, Ernie, Dick, Lisa, Adam, Greg, David, Ann, Robin, Betty, Margaret, Jonathan & Christina, Nancy & Joe, Sue, Jesse, Kathy, Peggy, Marilyn, Andrea, Don, Kayla & Ryan, Coco & Brad, and Marian.**

**DATES TO REMEMBER -**

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| Sunday, Sept. 7, 14, 21, and 28       | <b>Worship Service, 10:30 on YouTube</b> |
| Wednesday, Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 | <b>Sit and Pray - 9 a.m. to 12 Noon</b>  |
| Sunday, Sept. 7                       | <b>LABOR DAY - Relax and enjoy</b>       |
| Sunday, Sept. 13                      | <b>Vestry Meeting - 9 am./Music Room</b> |

