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## Summer Spirit

The Rev. Canon Allisyn Thomas

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken. ~James Dent

There is a myth in church circles that things tend to slow down in summer: fewer activities, fewer meetings,

even fewer people as parishioners disperse to parts far and wide for their seasonal vacations. Frankly, I have yet to work in a church where that is actually true, but at the same time, it does not mean things keep going as they do the rest of the year. Actually far from it, which is one of the reasons I love the quote above by

author James Dent. The longer periods of daylight and heat of summer help us appreciate the beauty and abundance of God's gifts and the lawn mower can wait a bit while we enjoy what the season has to offer.

Every summer has its own unique stories and this one is no different. Father Mark, along with his family, is on a long-deserved Sabbatical. A time of rest, reflection, prayer, play, and rejuvenation. He and I were talking right before his Sabbatical began, and while he was clearly looking forward to it, he was also excited about coming back in August and engaging with all of us with renewed energy and excitement. In fact, he was already starting to plan. I think we all better rest up a bit . . .



However, the Sabbatical is not just about Father Mark being away, it is also about our sharing in the journey with the McKone-Sweets and having our own time of rest, reflection, prayer, play, and rejuvenation. The Sabbatical, funded through a generous grant from the Lily Foundation, will take them to

Guatemala, Wales, and Ireland. It will also "take" us to those places as well.

On June 1 and 2, our services will focus on Guatemala and Latin American spirituality and the Rev. Carlos Garcia, Diocesan Hispanic Missioner, will be our preacher. The first of the Summer Soirées

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will be on Wednesday, June 5 from 6:00 to 8:00 out on the patio, featuring food, beverages, and music from Guatemala. All the soirées will be family-friendly, so please feel free to invite friends and family.

On July 13 and 14, we will explore Welsh spirituality and the Rev. Dr. Richard Lee, priest-in-charge of St. Mark's in City Heights will be our preacher. The Second Summer Soirée will be Wednesday, July 10 and feature food, beverages, and music from Wales.

Finally, on August 3 and 4, we will look at Irish spirituality and are blessed the have the Very Rev. Penny Bridges, dean of St. Paul's Cathedral as our preacher. The last Sabbatical Soirée, August 7, will be a grand party with live Irish music, food, and beverages.

In addition to the Sabbatical offerings, we have many other things going on as well: Let Us Entertain You gatherings will be held in homes of parishioners and provide plenty of opportunities for fellowship, having fun, and learning new things. There will summer books groups beginning in July, details coming soon.

However, in the midst of all these activities, we must note that the story of this summer involves an important transition. Our beloved Mother Mary Lynn Coulson will be leaving St. Bart's the end of June for the next step in her spiritual journey. We will have opportunities to thank her for the many gifts she has shared with us, most importantly herself, but I encourage all to share with her the ways she has touched you and your families. No doubt she, David, and George have many adventures yet ahead.

So clearly this is a summer from which many stories will be told. A time to come together with God and as people of God. A time to renew, a time to rest, a time to bask, a time to let go, a time to learn, and a time to simply be. A time to allow for and allow in God's surprises.



# you are invited to st. bart's Sabbatical Soiree

This month we gather together to experience the tastes and sounds of Guatemala - Fr. Mark's first stop of his sabbatical. Join us for food, music, fun, and fellowship!





## Wednesday, June 5 6-8 P.M.

## Let Us Entertain You

#### John-Luke Addison

Make new friends and mingle with people you know at summer "Let Us Entertain You" events hosted by St. Bart's parishioners. Each event's hosts pay for all expenses so that ALL per guest fees are donated to St. Bart's. Sign-up for one or more parties in the church office or at the "Let Us Entertain You" table on the patio each Sunday while guest space remains! Questions? Contact Holly Gray or Nancy Walters.

This summer's events include:

June 2 - Indian Happy Hour & Dinner: Experience a real taste of India. Ashok George will prepare favorite Indian dishes at this dinner in Rancho Penasquitos. Per Guest Donation: \$30

June 22 - Mexican Game & Dinner Party: Stephanie Smith will host this fun party. Per Guest Donation: \$20

June 22 - Eat, Drink & Paint Party: Hostess Anne Snyder invites you for wine and appetizers and art lesson with artist Ashley Schmidt. You'll create an original painting to keep. Per Guest Donation: \$25

**July 6 - Paella Dinner Party:** Enjoy an authentic Paella dinner party at Connie and Jaime Munoz beautiful Poway home. Per Guest Donation: \$40

July 13 - Angelika Morning Movie & Lunch: Watch your choice July 13 movie and join other guests for lunch and postmovie discussion at this event hosted by Nancy Walters & Max Greene. Per Guest Donation: \$22

July 14 - Bastille Day Garden Party: Viva La France as you enjoy miniature sandwiches and pastries with your tea at this party hosted by Elissa Barber. Wearing a chapeau is optional! Per Guest Donation: \$20

July 20 - Lobster & Shrimp Rolls with the Rollings: Learn to make Lobster Rolls & Shrimp Rolls at this hands-on dinner party hosted by Nancy & Sumner Rollings. Per Guest Donation: \$35

July 21 - Wines of Paso Robles Tasting: Join Judy & Jim Macemon and JD & Christine Cowart to sip and discuss Paso Robles wines, served with appetizers at the Macemon home. Per Guest Donation: \$50

July 27 - Gourmet Brunch: Maureen & Rolf Humsted will host a gourmet brunch with Mimosas at their beautiful home. Per Guest Donation: \$25

August 3 - Swim & Lunch Party: George & Theresa Tynan will host this fun family swim and lunch party. Per Guest Donation: \$20 adult and \$10 child/youth



August 4 - Schmidt Sunday Lunch: Join Glee & John Schmidt at their lovely home for lunch and great conversation. Per Guest Donation: \$20

August 10 - Teen and Family Fun & Games: The Jones Family invites youth in grades 6 and above and their parents to swim, play games and eat yummy food. Per Guest Donation: \$20 adult and \$10 youth

August 16 - Sterling's Piano Bar: Enjoy drinks and appetizers as John-Luke Addison plays musical favorites on Marina & Peter Sterling's refurbished 1943 Steinway piano. Per Guest Donation: \$30

August 24 - Padres Baseball Game: Holly & Jerry Gray will host guests for a Tailgate Party and watch the Padres vs. Red Sox baseball game from Toyota Terrace Level seats. Per Guest Donation: \$75

## Around St. Bart's



Bishop Katharine presided over baptisms and confirmations on May 5.









Take a peek inside St. Bart's events and activities. Our Photography Minstry regularly posts photos to our Flickr. You can also view photos on Flickr through the St. Bartholomew's app. flickr.com/photos/stbartspoway/albums

## Sending off Mother Mary Lynn

Kristeen Evans

Saying goodbye is always difficult, especially when we are sending off a beloved priest. We've witnessed Mother Mary Lynn grow as a person and a priest while here at St. Bart's. She and David married and welcomed George into their family. Mother Mary Lynn became our preschool's Chaplain and continued her pastoral care work. As Mother Mary Lynn has said, "I love St. Bart's because I am a pastor to two-year-olds and 102-year-olds."

#### We will celebrate Mother Mary Lynn's ministry on Sunday, June 30 in the courtyard following the 10:15 a.m. service.

Moments like this force us to acknowledge that our lives are constantly changing; that God is always calling us out of our comfort zones; that even the best things don't stay the same. It has been a joy and an honor to be your priest. St. Bart's is a special place - a place where all are welcome, but more importantly where all those who are welcomed change the community through their own gifts, questions, and faith. Keep growing, keep learning, keep being leaders in the Jesus Movement. God has amazing things in store for St. Bart's, for me, for the church.

~Mother Mary Lynn

## Summer Children's Chapel

The Rev. Mary Lynn Coulson

## "For the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too."

Shepherds, artists, authors, doctors – the saints of God, past, and present can inspire us in our lives. This summer we will learn about a new saint each week – sometimes from long ago, some you've never heard of before, some familiar. Come hear the story of their life – how they were just a regular person like you and me, and did incredible things for God. We will add a new saint to our collection each week and by the end of the summer, decide how we will be saints for God's kingdom, too. Craft projects, skits, and outdoor games will keep us engaged and having fun together!

During the summer, children in grades Pre K through 5th grade are invited to join Children's Chapel. Children sit with their family in church at the beginning of the 10:15 a.m. service and are called out to Children's Chapel. Children return to church with their families before communion.

There is no sign up for Children's Chapel, just come forward when called. All are welcome!

## VBS is Upon Us!

Maureen Hovannesian

# Roar into the FUN at VBS

This year, St. Bart's is hosting "ROAR. Life is wild. God is good!" We are prepared for a fun-filled week, June 17-21, on the savannah where our herd of 110 kids will come Monday through Friday for songs, Wild Bible Adventures, Stampede Sports, snacks at the Hungry Herd Cafe, and ferocious



faith building in



our Imagination Station. One focus for the week will be on God Sightings. So, come join us on VBS Sunday, June 23 as the kids share their God Sightings from VBS. It takes 50 adults and teens to make this

week happen. So, thank you to all the volunteers!

## Decorating St. Bart's for VBS

Please join us as we transform our campus into a savannah for VBS. We have many rooms to decorate and need your help! Come once or every time. Every hour makes an impact! Contact Maureen Hovannesian, vbs@stbartschurch.org, if you can volunteer.

Monday, June 10 9:30-11:30 a.m. (meet in room 3A) 4-6:30 p.m. (meet in room 3A)

Tuesday, June 11 4-6:30 p.m. (meet in room 3D)

Wednesday, June 12 4-6:30 p.m. (meet in room 3C)

Saturday, June 15 9-11:30 a.m. (meet in Sanctuary)

Sunday, June 16 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m. (meet in Sanctuary - after service)

## Faith and Science: Are They Compatible? Part I

#### The Rev. William Zettinger

Having spent most of my life in Science and Engineering before my ordination, twelve years ago and also being a third generation Episcopalian, I am often asked the question "Are faith and science compatible?" And, how do I reconcile the two points of view? I am going to attempt to answer that question in a two-part article this month and next.

Prominent clashes — both historical and contemporary — have led to the widely held conclusion that science and religion are fundamentally incompatible. Yet, many scientists practice a traditional faith, having found a way to accommodate both scientific inquiry and religious teaching in their belief system.

Other scientists are bringing science to bear on the phenomenon of religion and spiritual belief — neuroscientists are studying what happens in the brain during religious experiences, Astrophysicists are asking how did the Big

Bang start creation while anthropologists are investigating how religion is linked to cooperation in the community. There is also that crazy world of Quantum physics where Physicists believe that just by observing a particle it is affected in some way and this matter of Quantum Phase Entanglement may explain why prayer works.

One of the greatest trials in the history of the United States took place in the summer of 1925 in Dayton, Tennessee. In that small southern city, a high school teacher by the name of John

Scopes was charged with teaching his students evolution, which violated a recently passed Tennessee law.

The dramatic courtroom battle pitted two of the greatest figures on the American scene. Prosecuting the case for the state of Tennessee was William Jennings Bryan, a three-time Democratic candidate for President, a one-time Secretary of State under Woodrow Wilson, and a devout Presbyterian who believed the Bible literally, including the two accounts of creation in the Book of Genesis. In other words that the Bible was inherent without error.

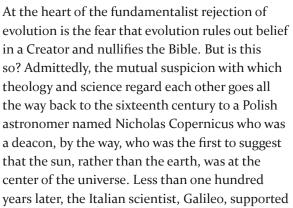
On the other side was the renowned Chicago criminal defense lawyer Clarence Darrow, an avowed agnostic and a founder of the American Civil Liberties Union. He represented the defense. At the end of the trial, Scopes was convicted and ordered to pay a small fine, which was later overturned on appeal.

The Scopes trial, which was dramatized in the Broadway play and subsequent movie Inherit the Wind proved to be a disaster for the fundamentalists – they were mocked and ridiculed in the national media. A beleaguered William Jennings Bryan died of a fatal stroke only one week after the trial.

Fundamentalists withdrew from the national limelight – they created their own Bible colleges, their own schools, their own universities until the late 1970s when they re-emerged in national politics as a force to be reckoned with. "Creation science" became the fundamentalist alternative to evolution.

In 2000, the Kansas State Board of Education voted to remove evolution from the state science standards for public school students – the decision has since been rescinded.

Even in our progressive California, evangelical stealth candidates running for school boards have opposed the teaching of evolution, or at least want the curriculum to include "creation science" as an alternative.



the view of Copernicus.

This public endorsement earned him the wrath of the Roman Catholic Church because a sun-centered universe contradicted several references in the Bible to the earth being stationary. For you Bible scholars here they are.

1 Chronicles 16:30: "He has fixed the earth firm, immovable."
Psalm 93:1: "Thou hast fixed the earth immovable and firm ..."
Psalm 96:10: "He has fixed the earth firm, immovable ..."
Psalm 104:5: "Thou didst fix the earth on its foundation so that it never can be shaken."

Isaiah 45:18: "...who made the earth and fashioned it, and himself fixed it fast..."

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## **Outreach Update**

Charlotte Jones

#### Sending Ripples of Love Locally and Globally

How many of the multitude of ways that St. Bartholomew's Outreach Program shows our love to all of our neighbors do you know about?

We share our love and resources with local Episcopalian friends and neighbors with our ongoing support of St. Luke's in North Park, St. Mark's in City Heights and Camp Stevens in Julian. Further afield we show our Haitian Episcopalian neighbors our love by providing financial support for Epiphanie School in Loranette. We provide meals for the children, school supplies, teacher salaries and have built a school, which can be used by the whole community as a shelter during hurricanes.

Each year we send some of our youth members on to the next stages of their lives with our love as we provide a number of scholarships to help them with college.

Locally we support our neighbors of all faiths in a number of ways. Our long-standing relationship with Interfaith Community Services provides much-needed support for some of the most needy members of our community. We support North County LGBTQ, local senior centers and Refugee Net. Our new Feeding San Diego program has been a resounding success, providing a weekly source of food for many in our community.

We support members of our community throughout the year with various programs such as our Thanksgiving Baskets, which provide families in transitional housing with a traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings. Our annual Angel Tree is always a great success each Christmas as we share the joy of Jesus' birth with children who need our love.

We send our love and support each month to a sponsored child in Vida Joven de Mexico, an orphanage in Tijuana for abandoned and abused children.

Here at St. Bartholomew's our Outreach Programs are hard at work each month spreading the Good News and our love.



## Interfaith Outreach Opportunity

Jill Henderson

#### **Two-Hour Occasional Commitment**

Individuals, couples, families, and friends welcome to serve. Interfaith's New Recovery & Wellness Center Needs volunteers to prepare and serve dinner to residents of their sobering program. The Center provides a safe place for homeless and low-income individuals to recover from drug and alcohol abuse in a long-term residential setting. St. Bart's has committed to sending 2-3 people twice a month to help the Interfaith cook prepare and serve meals to this growing population of residents. Please consider helping on one or more of these dates.

> Ist, 3rd, 5th Sundays, 4-6 p.m. Next open dates: June 2, 16 & 30, July 7 & 21

Contact Jill Henderson, jfh@cox.net, for more information.



## Faith and Science: Are They Compatible? Part I continued

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The Rev. William Zettinger

Although Galileo considered himself a loyal Catholic, the Church did not, and the Inquisition found him guilty of heresy and confined him to house arrest. Interestingly, it took the Roman Catholic Church more than 350 years to admit its error and restore Galileo's reputation as one of the pioneers of modern science.

That kind of suspicion between faith and science is still present today, not just with fundamentalists but with some mainline Protestants. It is said one in five mainline Protestants take the Bible literally.

In truth, we all wonder how to reconcile what we have learned from astronomy, geology biology and physics with what we have learned in the Bible and church. Walker Percy, the Southern novelist, describes the dilemma many of us have faced: "You're a high school student and attend biology class where you are taught modern evolutionary theory. On Sunday, you go to church where you hear the story of creation from a fundamentalist preacher. Then you go to college and take a class from a liberal professor on Science and World Religions.

You speak to the professor about the dispute between the preacher and the biology teacher. The professor smiles and says simply, "Both are right."

But are they? How do we reconcile faith and science? Or as I like to put it – How can you live with one leg in the Bible and the other leg in the modern scientific world?

That will be the question I will try to answer in next month's Part II of this article.

## Get to Know the 5th Bishop of Our Diocese

Kristeen Evans

Bishop-elect the Rev. Canon Sandra Brown Snook arrived at the diocesan offices on Ocean Beach on May 6. She's spent the last month in San Diego learning about her office, preaching around the diocese, and preparing for her ordination and concecration on Saturday, June 15.



Here are some facts about Bishop-Elect Susan:

- Served as canon for church growth and development in the Diocese of Oklahoma
- Married with two adult daughters, one of whom lives in San Diego and just got married
- Authored *God Gave the Growth: Church Planting in the Episcopal Church*, among other books
- Is the first woman to be elected bishop in the Diocese of San Diego
- Planted a new church in Scottsdale, Arizona in 2006 that is thriving today

- Did tax consulting as a Certified Public Accountant for multiple accounting firms in the 90s.
- Serves as a board member of Forward Movement, the company that publishes Day by Day
- Was a member of a small group who wrote "A Memorial to the Church" and proposed many resolutions that brought change and hope to the church during the 2015 General Convention
- Co-founded the Acts 8 Movement, a group dedicated to evangelism and revitalization in the Episcopal Church

The ordination and consecration service of our 5th Bishop takes place on Saturday, June 15 at St Paul's Cathedral at 2728 Sixth Avenue. Processions and preludes from musical groups around the diocese begin at 10:30 a.m.The service begins at 11 a.m.All are welcome at the service.The ordination and consecration will be live streamed. Check the St. Bart's weekly enews or website stbartschurch.org for details.

## **Regular Meetings**

#### SUNDAY

Junior & Intermediate Choir (ages 7-18)

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Interfaith Community Services (ICS) - Merle's Place 1st & 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m.

Contact Jill Henderson, 760-807-8445

#### MONDAY

Boy Scouts 7 p.m., Parish Hall Handbell Choir

7 p.m., Choir Room

#### TUESDAY

Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry Tuesdays (except fifth Tuesday), 1 p.m., Quilt Room Centering Prayer 5 p.m., Education Building, Room 3AB Our Space 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Education Building 1st Floor

#### WEDNESDAY

Interfaith Community Services (ICS)

Serve breakfast, fourth Wednesday 6 a.m. Contact Denny Walters, 760-432-8518

Thrift Shop Work Night Last Wednesday at 4:00 p.m., Thrift Shop

#### Schola Cantorum

6 p.m., Choir Room Youth CREW 6 p.m., Youth Room

String Ensemble 7 p.m., Choir Room

#### THURSDAY

**Junior Choir (ages 7-12)** 5-5:30 p.m. **Intermediate Choir (ages 13-18)** 5:30-6:15 p.m. **B.P.U.S.A.– Bereaved Parents** 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m., 3AB

#### Choir

7 p.m., Music Room

### Support Groups

#### AA MEETINGS

Sundays, 6 p.m., South Parish Hall Mondays, 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall (Women only) Tuesdays, 12 p.m., South Parish Hall Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m., South Parish Hall (Women only) Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m., Parish Hall Thursdays, 12 p.m., South Parish Hall (Beginners) Fridays, 9:45 a.m., South Parish Hall (Women only) Fridays, 12 p.m., South Parish Hall and 6 p.m., Room 3AB Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m., South Parish Hall

#### AL-ANON

Mondays, 12 p.m., South Parish Hall Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Parish Hall

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## **Worship Services**

**Sundays:** 8 a.m., 10:15 a.m. **Saturdays:** 5 p.m.

## Clergy and Staff

## **Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Assisting Bishop	
The Rev. Mark C. McKone-Sweet, Rector	
The Rev. Canon Allisyn Thomas, Associate Rector	
The Rev. Mary Lynn Coulson, Assistant Rector	
Honorary Clergy	
The Rev. Robert Crafts, Priest-in-Residence	
The Rev. Roy E. Hoffman, Priest-in-Residence	
The Rev. William Zettinger, Deacon-in-Residence	
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Jenny Yun, Organist	
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Dan Crane	2020
Mark Davis	2020
Costa Dillon	2021
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Will Smith	2022
George Tynan	2021

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