

# THE ANCHOR

APRIL 2016

The monthly newsletter of St. Clements by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

## PARISH MISSION:

*Follow Christ through  
the way we live and  
love, spreading the  
good news of God in  
Christ, opening our  
hearts to all, and  
experience and spread  
joy in the process.*

## “This Church of Ours is Open To All...There Will Be No Outcasts.”

-The Most Rev. Edmund  
Browning *Emeritus*  
Presiding Bishop  
of the Episcopal Church



## Rector 's note...

Leadership...

One of the more powerful phrases in Passion narrative that we read on Palm Sunday is also one that most people probably never think about. It is *not* one of the phrases that anyone mentioned when I asked you to “preach the homily” a week and a half ago on Palm Sunday. All of you who spoke that day, and those of you who sent me emails subsequently, offered incredibly insightful comments about the Passion, and what aspects of that narrative spoke specifically to you.

The phrase I am thinking about is what Jesus says to Peter, as Jesus is telling Peter that he will deny (three times) that he even knows Jesus. I'm sure you remember the scene, but here is the exchange to refresh your memory.

**Jesus** "Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

**Peter** "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!"

**Jesus** "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me." (Luke 22:31-34)

And so Peter does! But, the phrase is there in that enigmatic comment by Jesus that starts this dialog. “I have prayed...that your own faith may not fail; and you, *when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.*” How very interesting. The failing of Peter to acknowledge his discipleship and love for Christ in the moment of his testing (outside Chief Priest's house) is not his ultimate undoing, nor a sign that Peter is faithless. But it does prove that he is human.

Further, it seems that this is a necessary step for Peter. It is easy to be brave and boastful, “I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!” when we don't believe that our words are going to be tried. But there is something about being tested, and having to come to terms with our own human frailty and fear that is required if one really is to be a good leader. Peter can only turn back, and strengthen others after he has known that disappointment, that humility.

It is only then that he can get up, dust himself off, and try again, now wiser from the experience. The Peter we find after the Resurrection to be less boastful, but ironically more confident, more sure of his loyalty to Christ, come what may (read first few chapters of the book of Acts and you'll see what I mean). He is probably a lot more understanding of the failings of others, as any good leader should be. Able to encourage them when they need it, but also recognizing that they may have to learn from a fall.

Not surprisingly, the above passage happens to follow a whole paragraph in which Jesus is speaking to his disciples about leadership. Surely, he is preparing them for their leadership of the Jesus movement, knowing this is his Last Supper with them. He knows their tendency to argue with one another as to which is the greatest. Such struggles for earthly power and boastfulness are not Jesus' way, and would have been as uninspiring for Jesus early followers as they can be for us today.

When even at this Last Supper with their Lord, an argument arises as to which of them is to be regarded as the greatest, Jesus simply says “the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves” (Luke 22:26). And so Jesus gives us a model of servant leadership which to this very day

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could a great deal to improve the way the world works, and is still to be considered the model of leadership for the Church.

We will hear a great deal during the Easter season for Part II of Luke's Gospel, the Book of Acts. This is the account of how the Apostles regrouped after Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension. It tells us about how the Church grew in virtually every place that these apostles went. Some have called it the Gospel of the Church, or more accurately, the Gospel of the Holy Spirit. That Spirit is what brings unity to the Church, and real power. It binds us to Christ. It binds us to one another.

The early Church learned to find unity, even in the midst of their growing diversity. Many became attracted to the Church and were inspired by the Spirit of love that pervaded that community. Many came to believe in Jesus as Messiah and Lord. As for the leaders, especially Peter, they learned that they could not be their own saviors, that there is but one in whom they could be their trust, and he would give them what they needed when they needed it. His strength would be enough, theirs would not be.

Revealed in these texts is the apostles' realization that they were in need of Christ, and his life-giving Spirit, but that they were in need of one another. The humility required for such a realization can come from lots of experiences, some more profound than others. In Peter's case, when Christ' gaze catches his eyes after his third denial, must have been that moment. But listen in the weeks ahead for how that experience shaped and informs his leadership among the apostles going forward.

I'll be missing you all deeply, during my sabbatical, as you contemplate these and so many other things over the next three months. What a time for Resurrection! Know that you are in my prayers, and please keep me in yours. As a wise person once said, "let us meet there, in our prayers." Know too that I'll be thinking on these texts as I journey. I depart just for this short time, and then I assure you of my return on July 1<sup>st</sup>, when we will have stories to share with each other of our adventures.

I go on this Spiritual pilgrimage confident of your deep love for Christ and one another. You will be making some important decisions about our future together while I'm away. Not the least of which is whether we will have a preschool here at St. Clement's. I know that you will pray and discern God's purposes in this and all situations for our beloved church, and that you will have the courage to follow wherever you believe God would have us go together.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. CLEMENT'S IN APRIL

Whether your interest is reading, a night out,  
volunteering to help others, or just good St. Clement's fellowship,  
there is an activity for you this Month!

*Watch for details for the following events in the weekly Sunday bulletin.*



**5th: Dinner and Book Club at 5:00 pm  
at Rocco's Restaurant**

**15th: Anchor's Supper Potluck Club  
Meeting at Pat and Larry Sawyer's Clubhouse**



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**17th: Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn at 11:00 am**



**19th: Vestry meeting  
7:00 PM in the Church Library**

**20th: Ballpark Pizza Fundraiser  
Make sure to mention "St. Clement's" when ordering!**



**23rd: Beach Clean up Day**

**17th and 24th: Church directory photos  
Between 9-10am and before the noon service**



## New Parish Directory!

**Mark and Karen Williams will be updating our new parish directory. Please make sure to have your picture taken on either April 17th or April 24th**

**Between 9-10am and before noon services**

**You will also need to contact the church office with updated address and phone information.**

**info@scbythesea.org**

**949-492-3401**



## UTO Ingathering in May

United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through United Thank Offering, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. United Thank Offering is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the UTO monies to support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world.

Our next ingathering will be May 8. Please keep dropping your coins of thanksgiving and praise into your little blue box at home and bring your box or boxes to church on Sunday, May 8.

If you need a box, they can be found at coffee hour on the sign-up table, or you can drop by the office during office hours and one will be provided to you.

Also, St. Clement's is in need of a person to take on the ministry of administering UTO at the parish level. It is a very simple, low stress job and takes minimal time. There are only two ingatherings a year. If interested, please email Katrina Soto, [katrinasoto2@gmail.com](mailto:katrinasoto2@gmail.com) or talk to the parish administrator.

Your small change will make a big change in the lives of so many people.

Thank you.

# Beach Clean up Day

Sign-up **TODAY** for St. Clement's  
San Clemente's Earth Day & Beach Clean-up  
**YOUTH** (in age or spirit) **Team**

**WHAT:** Earth Day San Clemente

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 23, 2016

**WHERE:** Meet at either St. Clement's or Parque Del Mar by the Pier, look for the St. Clement's sign; we will have T-Shirts for you, so you need to sign up.

**TIME:** 8:00 a.m. St. Clement's by the Sea (202 Avenida Aragon, San Clemente)

8:30 a.m. Parque Del Mar by the San Clemente Pier Beach

**SIGNUP:** By April 16th at [www.scbythesea.org](http://www.scbythesea.org); click on the "Beach Cleanup" tab, select **free** T-Shirt size (S, M, L, XL) and whether you are cleaning the beach or assisting handing out T-shirts and signing volunteers in. Email [karenbwilliams@cox.net](mailto:karenbwilliams@cox.net) for more details.

**Please join our YOUTH TEAM (age or spirit) to Celebrate Earth Day by cleaning the beach** on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the San Clemente Pier. You can then enjoy the Earth Day festival, courtesy of the city and the San Clemente Watershed Task Force. The free festival at beachside Parque Del Mar will offer demonstrations, displays, live music, and children's arts & crafts.

## SIGN UP DIRECTLY AT:

[http://www.scbythesea.org/  
content/beachclean-up.html](http://www.scbythesea.org/content/beachclean-up.html)

St. Clement's office:  
949-492-3401

Day of event:  
Karen Williams 949-488-7702

Trash  
volume  
at the  
Beach:

- 17,950 plastic
- 1,505 glass
- 1,763 cans
- 27,593 cigarette butts
- 68 animal waste
- 9,001 straws
- 30,773 Styrofoam
- 11,628 paper
- 3,700 balloons

103,981  
Pieces of  
debris in  
nine  
months!

## Something for Everyone

### Dinner & Book Discussion

**Tuesday, April 5th at 5pm.**

Geraldine Brooks:  
Year of Wonders



#### Book Description:

When an infected bolt of cloth carries plague from London to an isolated village, a housemaid named Anna Frith emerges as an unlikely heroine and healer. Through Anna's eyes we follow the story of the fateful year of 1666, as she and her fellow villagers confront the spread of disease and superstition. As death reaches into every household and villagers turn from prayers to murderous witch-hunting, Anna must find the strength to confront the disintegration of her community and the lure of illicit love. As she struggles to survive and grow, a year of catastrophe becomes instead annus mirabilis, a "year of wonders."

#### Upcoming Book Group Reading List

##### Month

May

##### Book

The Tenderness of Wolves

##### Author

Stef Penney

##### Restaurant

TBD

***For further information please contact Pat Corless 949-218-3960***

## *Anchors Potluck Supper Club on April 15th*

Join us on **Friday, April 15th at 7:00 PM.**

Hosted by: Pat and Larry Sawyer

Taking place at the Sawyer's clubhouse

405 Avenida Granada

San Clemente CA 92672

Please Sign up during Coffee Hour to bring a dish  
or call Pat Sawyer at 949/498-6460

Directions from St. Clement's:

- Head South on N. El Camino Real
- Take a right on Avenida Del Mar
- Take a right on Avenida Granada





## Outreach

### Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn

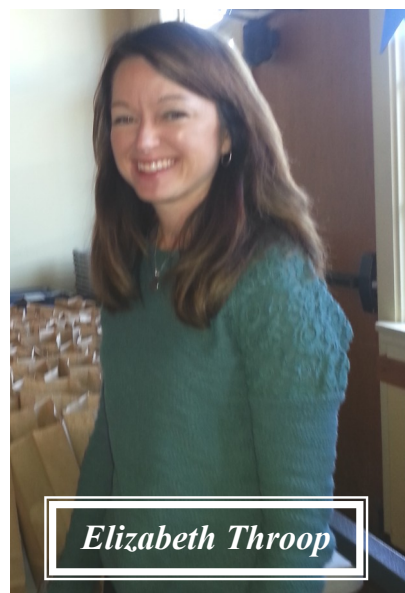
Once a month we make sandwiches and put together sack lunches for the hungry and the homeless in our community.



The Welcome Inn provides meals for the homeless every day. The sandwiches will be made this month on Sunday, April 17th at 11am.

Come out and join us!!

*Parishioner, Elizabeth Throop has taken on leadership of this ministry. And, with her husband, Robert, donated the cost of the food for this year.*



*Elizabeth Throop*



Mark your calendars for the St. Clement's fundraiser, April 20<sup>th</sup>

**Ballpark Pizza**

**831 Via Suerte, Suite 101, in Talega**

**Be sure to mention "St. Clement's" when ordering**

**Ball Park Pizza will donate 20% back to the church for that day.**

## Brightening up our Welcome

### Volunteers Wanted for Woodwork Repair

Now that the cross at the entrance to the church has been refurbished, it's a good time to also refinish the front doors, which are badly sun-bleached and peeling, and also the church sign (marquee) which has dry rot and needs freshening up. If you have basic skills or advanced skills, please let the parish administrator, Kasey Forster-Carey know. We'll get a work party together.

Thank you for helping us brighten up the welcome for all entering our church for worship. And what a nice surprise for Father Patrick when he returns.





# The Reverend Deacon Nancy Anne Key to speak

**Sunday, April 10th**

**after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services**

The Reverend Deacon Nancy Key from the Diocese of San Joaquin will give an informal presentation "Called to Love and Serve: One Deacon's Journey" during coffee hour following the 8 and 10 a.m. services on Sunday, April 10.

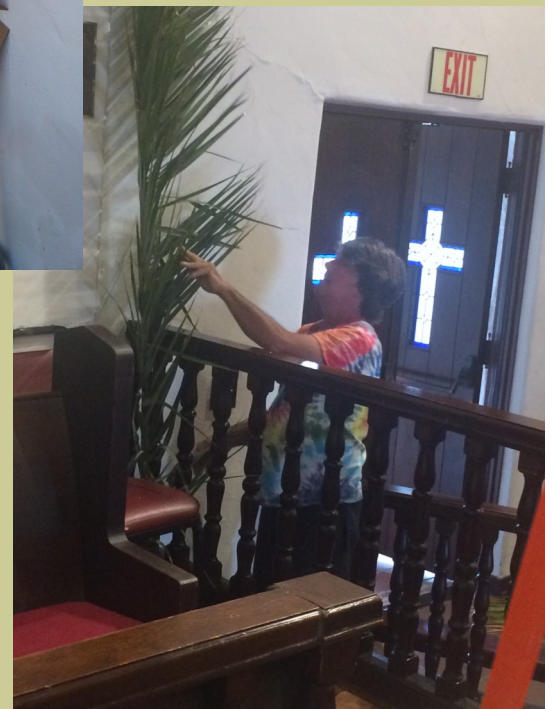
Nancy, the sister of St. Clement's parishioner Judy Key Johnson, is known to many in this parish. She has shared experiences related to the Diocese of San Joaquin and the group Remain Episcopal during the period when the prior bishop and many of its priests left the Episcopal Church.

During Nancy's journey of faith she was called to the Diaconate, and she was ordained in August, 2015.

You are invited to join Nancy in the library for her talk and discussion.



# Thank you to all who helped out during Holy Week!



# **A special note from our musical director, Larry Gates..**

## ***Christ is Risen! Sing Alleluia!***

What a joyous season we have entered, going from the darkness to the light as we experienced the life and mission of Jesus Christ. In one week we experienced being a part of the crowd that called for Jesus' crucifixion to the recipients of his sacrifice bringing to us grace and new life. *"Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts."* – Psalm 105:2

It has been a joy for me to be at St. Clement's by-the-Sea. As I come up on my 1<sup>st</sup> year anniversary with the church, I've taken time to reflect on my path to this congregation. Many years ago I took numerous leadership roles in music for the church in which I was raised. But, after leaving that church, I took a lesser role as a congregant in another church that helped me find a more accepting, open path in life for which I am eternally grateful. It was the right place for me at the right time. I had been at the church for 24 years. And, although I had taken an active role as the music ministry chair for many years, I began to feel the urge to take on a larger role in the mission of music in worship. So, the time was right when Fr. Patrick approached me about taking the choir director/organist role at St. Clement's. At first I was tentative. But, I soon experienced the incredible welcome that the people of St. Clement's offer those who pass through their doors. I was completely won over and felt that this is where God was calling me to be. And, while I've had moments when I wondered if I could come up with another month's worth of music, the love and support I feel at the church carries me through. Thanks to you all for the amazing opportunity you've given me to live out more fully my god-given gifts of music.

Easter Sunday was a special experience for me – I hope that it was for you, too. To be able to lead our wonderful choir, a brass quartet and to hear the exuberant voices from our congregation declaring the fulfillment of the risen Lord put me on a high that I've been riding all week. There is an energy that is greater than any one of us individually that is produced when we bring our voices together to praise God. A feeling of love, joy and exultation filled our beautiful sanctuary. *Christ is Risen! Sing Alleluia!*



## Sabbatical Coverage

For pastoral emergencies please call:

**The Rev. Brad Karelius**  
949-266-7279

**The Rev. Steve Schuneman**  
858-877-8766

**The Rev. Norm Freeman**  
949-874-2527

## Save the Date!

June 18th, 2016

## CABARET!

Contact Patty Welliver if  
you can volunteer!

Centering Prayer Group  
meets each Monday at  
6:00pm in the Library

For more information,  
please contact Matt Duncan

## Parish Register

April/ Abril

Happy Birthday / Feliz Cumpleaños



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| Brad Williams     | 2  |
| Lanneau Miller    | 3  |
| Cameron Berube    | 5  |
| Brandon Berube    | 5  |
| Karen Williams    | 7  |
| Clayton Allen     | 11 |
| Tina English      | 13 |
| Deirdre Stropp    | 13 |
| Fred Stewart      | 14 |
| Jack Clarke       | 14 |
| Rebecca Marcu     | 18 |
| Patricia Morrison | 19 |
| Vanessa Hazzard   | 24 |
| Mark Pocino       | 25 |
| Evelyn Seech      | 26 |

Happy Anniversary / Feliz Aniversario



|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Kent & Laurie Adamson | 10 |
| Mark & Judy Johnson   | 19 |
| Jose & Karina Jaimes  | 19 |
| Marc & Carolyn Allen  | 29 |

*If we have missed your birthday,  
anniversary or the birth of a child,  
please let the office know right away!*

| <i>St. Clement's by-the-Sea</i>                                                                                                                           |                                                                        |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                          |                                                                                       | <b>April 2016</b>                          |
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| <b>Sunday</b>                                                                                                                                             | <b>Monday</b>                                                          | <b>Tuesday</b>                                                                                                              | <b>Wednesday</b>                                                                                    | <b>Thursday</b>                                                                                          | <b>Friday</b>                                                                         | <b>Saturday</b>                            |
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| <b>3</b><br>8 am Rite I<br>10 am Rite II<br>10 am<br>Sunday School<br>12 pm<br>Eucaristía en Español                                                      | <b>4</b><br>9:30 am Counters<br>6 pm Meditation<br>8 pm AA<br>8 pm NA  | <b>5</b><br>3:00-6:30 pm<br>Peaceful Warrior<br>5:00 pm Dinner &<br>Book Discussion<br>6:30 pm<br>PW Adult Class<br>7 pm NA | <b>6</b><br>11am Bible Study<br>3:00-6:30 pm<br>Peaceful Warrior<br>7 pm CA                         | <b>7</b><br>3:00-6:30 pm<br>Peaceful Warrior<br>5 pm Martini Club<br>6:30 pm<br>PW Adult Class           | <b>8</b><br>6:30 pm ESL<br>7 pm WAA<br>8 pm AA                                        | <b>9</b>                                   |
| <b>10</b><br>8 am Rite I<br>10 am Rite II<br>10 am<br>Sunday School<br>12 pm<br>Eucaristía en Español                                                     | <b>11</b><br>9:30 am Counters<br>6 pm Meditation<br>8 pm AA<br>8 pm NA | <b>12</b><br>3:00-6:30 pm<br>Peaceful Warrior<br>6:30 pm<br>PW Adult Class<br>7 pm<br>Vestry Meeting<br>7 pm NA             | <b>13</b><br>11am Bible Study<br>3:00-6:30 pm<br>Peaceful Warrior<br>7 pm CA                        | <b>14</b><br>3:00-6:30 pm<br>Peaceful Warrior<br>6:30 pm<br>PW Adult Class<br>7:15 pm<br>Choir Rehearsal | <b>15</b><br>6:30 pm ESL<br>7 pm<br>Anchor's<br>Potluck Supper<br>7 pm WAA<br>8 pm AA | <b>16</b>                                  |
| <b>17</b><br>8 am Rite I<br>9 am Parish Pictures<br>10 am Rite II<br>10 am<br>Sunday School<br>11 am Sandwich<br>Making<br>12 pm<br>Eucaristía en Español | <b>18</b><br>9:30 am Counters<br>6 pm Meditation<br>8 pm AA<br>8 pm NA | <b>19</b><br>3:00-6:30 pm<br>Peaceful Warrior<br>6:30 pm<br>PW Adult Class<br>7 pm NA<br>7 pm<br>Vestry Meeting             | <b>20</b><br>ALL DAY<br>Ballpark Pizza<br>Fundraiser<br>3:00-6:30 pm<br>Peaceful Warrior<br>7 pm CA | <b>21</b><br>3:00-6:30 pm<br>Peaceful Warrior<br>5 pm Martini Club<br>6:30 pm<br>PW Adult Class          | <b>22</b><br>6:30 pm ESL<br>7 pm WAA<br>8 pm AA                                       | <b>23</b><br>8 am<br>Beach Clean<br>up Day |
| <b>24</b><br>8 am Rite I<br>9 am Parish Pictures<br>10 am Rite II<br>12 pm<br>Eucaristía en Español                                                       | <b>25</b><br>9:30 am Counters<br>6 pm Meditation<br>8 pm AA<br>8 pm NA | <b>26</b><br>3:00-6:30 pm<br>Peaceful Warrior<br>6:30 pm<br>PW Adult Class<br>7 pm NA                                       | <b>27</b><br>3:00-6:30 pm<br>Peaceful Warrior<br>7 pm CA                                            | <b>28</b><br>3:00-6:30 pm<br>Peaceful Warrior<br>5 pm Martini Club<br>6:30 pm<br>PW Adult Class          | <b>29</b><br>6:30 pm ESL<br>7 pm WAA<br>8 pm AA                                       | <b>30</b>                                  |



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## WORSHIP SERVICES

### SUNDAY:

8:00 am Rite I (*Child care available*)  
10:00 am Sunday School (ages 4-8)  
10:00 am Rite II with Choir  
12:00 pm medio día—Misa en Español  
(*Child care available all services*)

### OFFICE HOURS

8 am– 1:30 pm Mon, Weds, Thurs  
8 am– 12:30 pm Tues, Fri

## CHURCH STAFF

RECTOR ~ The Rev. Patrick Crerar  
PARISH ADMINISTRATOR ~ Kasey Carey  
MUSIC DIRECTOR & ORGANIST ~ Larry Gates  
SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR ~ Sarah Harrison  
SEXTON ~ Bartley Ashbaugh  
WEEKEND SEXTON ~ Pilar Corral

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