

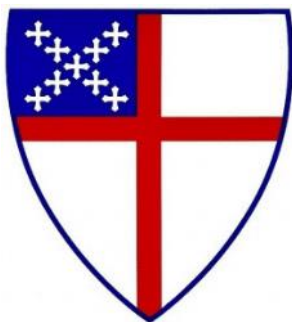


THE ANCHOR

JULY / AUGUST 2019

St. Clement's by-the-Sea
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcoming all since 1929



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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



Discernment...

As many of you know, because many of you attended, we had our first of three sessions in which we are discerning the Spirit's direction for St. Clement's for the next five, ten and fifteen years. This first session was downright riveting with insights offered honestly in an environment of deep trust. I summarize some of the questions and (as best I can) your responses below. The full list of response is available on our website. My hope is that if you were prevented from coming to the first session, that you will do all you can to participate in the next two. Your prayerful insights and active participation are essential. Those sessions are scheduled for July 7th and August 18th respectively.



Several things came across at our first session that are worth noting. The first, as I state above, is the overwhelming sense of trust and Christ-like companionship that characterized our discussion. This is a genuinely loving community of faith, a family, and that is something for which I'm very grateful. When there is not trust, people don't share on a profound level. But where there is trust, and a commitment to each other, a faith community can have a diversity of views or positions and yet stay in loving relationship with each other. In a divided world, this is an inspiring witness. It flows from trust, which must come first.

It is not surprising then that one of the most often mentioned word in your responses, irrespective of the question asked, was "Community." That word occurred with such frequency it makes clear that what many people seek and what they absolutely find at St. Clement's is community. Even in responses where "Community" wasn't said, it was alluded to as the answer. Given the questions and that this is a Church, the word "God" was the word that most was said, and God is rightly first in all things. "Love" was mentioned very often, as was "peace." Now to the questions, and at the end of these, a description of what we will strive to achieve in the next two sessions.

We began simply with: what is the Church, to you, and/or in the world? Some replied that the Church was community, which is closer to the actual meaning of that word, "the assembly, or gather people, of God." But you also said that the Church was where we find God. That it is the Body of Christ. That it is a place of unity. A place to worship and pray. You said it was the concrete embodiment of God's love. To you, Church was a place to become spiritually centered, to find peace, love, and become a better person. A place to be challenged and renewed. A place to serve God and care for each other, while we "remember our mission in the world."

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This segued nicely into the second question, what is the mission of the Church in the world? Here themes of peace, love and hope arose frequently. You said that the mission of the Church was to spread the love of God. To spread the Word of God (Christ). You said the Church was to be a beacon of hope, to save souls, and to promote peace (by respecting the dignity of every human being). The Church is to teach and to preach, and to unify communities. We are to be the hands and heart of Christ and convey the mind of Christ. You said the Church has a role in forgiveness. And you used Jesus' instruction to Peter, "Feed my lambs...tend my sheep...feed my sheep" (Jn 21:15-17).

We spoke about the mission of the Church as outlined in our Prayer Book, which states that mission as one of reconciling people with God and with each another. Many of your answers above encapsulated that desire. We further discussed our own mission statement of the parish, which is very fine. Most everyone in the room had seen that mission statement hundreds of times, emblazoned on the bulletins every Sunday, on this newsletter, and in other parish correspondence. Yet, not one person could recite it. We chuckled at ourselves as we discussed the probability of living into a mission that we can't easily remember and concluded that we need something more concise, perhaps no more than seven words.

I asked about challenges (global, national and local) which you believed the Church could or should be working to address. You argued that it was too broad a question. But then you pressed ahead anyway. You said that Church has a role in helping the dispossessed, the homeless, the starving. You suggested the Church should be cultivating a respect for creation and instilling a sense of our stewardship of Creation. You grieved the sufferings of the world. You indicated that challenges include the threat of nuclear war, overpopulation, environmental protection (degradation), and global warming. But with hope you paraphrased Mother Teresa, "To make the world better, start with the person next to you."

When it came to national and local issues, your responses were more varied, but some themes emerged. You spoke of the lack of affordable housing and high rents, and the need to support organizations like Mary Erickson Community Housing. You spoke of our homeless brothers and sisters, and the ways that Church, even this parish, could perhaps provide homes, food, showers, clean clothes, and legal help. Some of which, you pointed out, we already do. You said that working for human dignity was a ministry of the Church in the world, even while there is no one answer. You lamented the economic fear in society, the scapegoating of vulnerable populations in the press, and generally the lack of dignified behavior.

You proposed solutions that the Church offers the world. You said that the teachings, witness and actions of Christians in the world makes a difference and builds faith. Further that faith needs a community in which to prosper and grows into hope. We offer community, into which people are baptized. You invoked C.S. Lewis when you said, "there are two things you cannot be alone, married or a Christian." I don't know where or when Lewis said that, but I like it and I believe it to be true. This conversation led us to the question, if the Church has what the world needs, why isn't there a line outside of our churches with people trying to get in?

Generally, this question led to more questions than answers. You quipped, "since when do people really know what they need?" But also pointed to the decline in all denominations. You spoke of the competition for people's time and attention, not from other churches but from other activities, especially youth sports scheduled for Sunday mornings. We are a busy society. The question was raised as to whether we are truly as connected with the community around the parish as we believe we are. Are we keeping up with the times, you asked. And you wondered if we could use technology better to broadcast our message beyond our doors (e.g. streaming our worship services)?

You pointed out that people need love and support and to know that their problems matter. That today, families particularly need a loving church environment in which to raise their children, time to be together and Sunday School. We offer those things, but it was suggested that we still do not have enough love for one another and that “there has to be more of that!” Ideas for how to change our circumstances also varied, but an evening service for teens was proposed, as was more activities for youth and a general focus on the next generation. Perhaps starting with our Peaceful Warrior families and asking what they might be looking for in a church.

And then there was the coffee shop! This idea arose more than once. St. Clement's would host a morning coffee shop, where our neighbors, parents of Las Palmas Elementary students and others could drop in for a cup of joe, a tasty snack and simply enjoy our space. A name was even suggested, “Hallowed Grounds” and one of the tables of respondents included a nice doodle with a coffee mug that had a heart and read “SC HG” along with another of a pound of dark roast coffee beans. They clearly had given this much thought! This concept actually has many attractive qualities: could be a revenue stream, a jobs program, and would help us to reach our neighbors while promoting our programs.

The last question encouraged us to look ahead. To discern where the Spirit may be leading us in the future. We'll talk more about that at our second session. We'll also as discern the gifts that we already have and those for which we must ask God to provide. The Rev. Will Crist will lead that discussion. The question we ended with asked participants to consider St. Clement's ten years from now, as we celebrate our centennial as San Clemente's first parish. What ministries will St. Clement's be celebrating then? What would you want to see in the press about our parish at that time? This question was intended to get us to dream a little.

Here those visions included many of the things that we are already, and ministries that we do. We hoped that Peaceful Warrior was still going strong, and that we were still developing youth. That we were a unified church, truly multilingual and multicultural. That we would be multigenerational with our St. Clement's Preschool kids celebrating with the Senior Center in our community garden, where we grow healthy food for the needy. That we'd be sharing our talents with and in the community. That we would be the center of the community, with dinners, events and neighborhood celebrations. That there would be more programs here that would be of interest to youth.

Further, that we would continue to be known for our outreach, and what we did in the community. That while we would be a more populated church, we'd continue to be known for our amazing welcome. That we would have more small groups for people to be in fellowship with one another, as we grow. You want the world to perceive us as different and offering something unique. That we would be seen as Christ' hands, feet and voice in San Clemente. And that we'd still be recognize as the “caring conscience of the community.” And that we would continue our ecumenical partnerships with neighboring congregations, to better serve the needs of our people and our world.

Well, this is a lot of food for thought, or perhaps better said something to feed our prayers. I'm very eager to see how the Spirit will further clarify these holy impulses to create ministries here and focus the energies and efforts of this parish for the years to come.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

3 TIPS TO PASS ON FINANCIAL WISDOM TO YOUR BENEFICIARIES



A recent study carried by Ohio University shows that an astonishing 33 percent of all beneficiaries in the US lose their entire inheritance within two years of receiving it. This is either because they don't know how to properly manage their money, or they misuse their wealth on an unsustainable lifestyle, spelling trouble in the future.

Therefore, may I suggest that you (the benefactors) share your financial wisdom with your children and grandchildren; through real-life stories, struggles and experiences that brought you to where you are, for a successful inheritance.

HERE ARE THREE TIPS TO HELP YOU PREPARE THE NEXT GENERATION FOR THE RICHES THEY WILL INHERIT:



1. **Use Estate Planning Tools and Set up Trusts** Other than talking to your beneficiaries about your financial well being, you can also use certain types of trusts that will reward their smart behavior. Discretionary and incentive trusts are two such tools that can hold payments until beneficiaries complete college or withhold payments unless beneficiaries are proven to be responsible and sober. We can work with you to set up these types of trusts that emphasize on your values in life as well as your unique family goal
2. **Teach Your Beneficiaries the Basics of Money Management** Talk to your heirs about the efficient ways of using their inheritances. Guide them about compartmentalizing money, analyzing costs, setting priorities and evaluating financial outcomes. Moreover, share your knowledge about smart investing and saving for the future. By doing this, you truly enhance the meaning of your estate plan.
3. **Round up a Good Team** Apart from putting practical supplements of your own wisdom into your estate plan, consider rounding up a smart team of investment managers, tax preparers, estate planners and trust lawyers. Bring them in as mentors for the next generation – especially for teens, who might not always see their parents (i.e. the benefactors in most cases) as the characters of all wisdom. A good team like this will ensure that proper financial literacy is passed to the next generation along with your wealth.

These tips will help your beneficiaries to build a legacy of wealth that will support them and the future generations for a lifetime.

- Blood Drives -

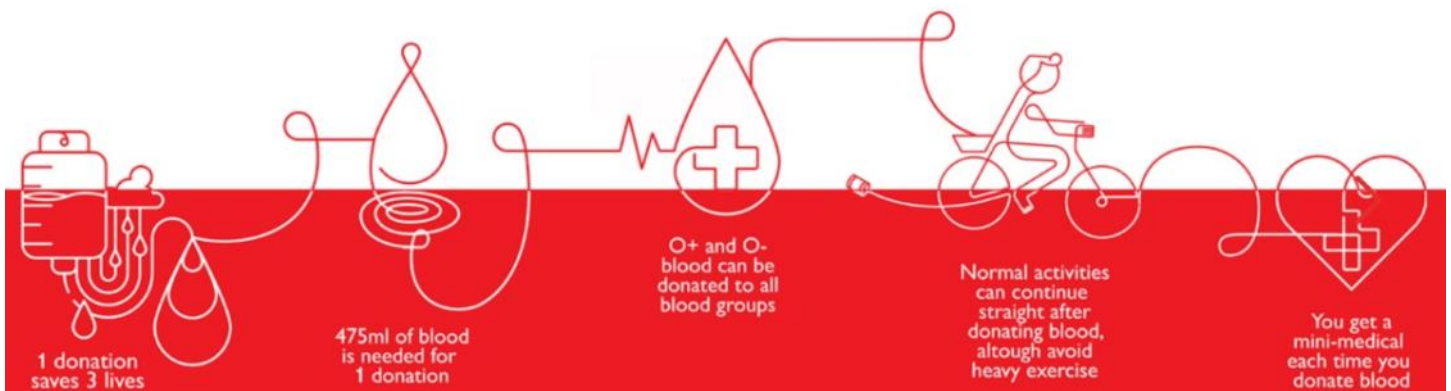


RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

July 12th + July 26th + August 9th
August 23rd

11:00am - 5:00pm

The American Red Cross will be hosting three Blood Drives at St. Clement's, in addition to our Annual Blood Drive! We are proud to support the Red Cross in their ministry, and hope you will support the cause as well.



Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. **Blood and platelets cannot be manufactured; they can only come from volunteer donors.** Approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U.S. **A single donation can save up to three lives.**

To sign up as a blood donor, or for more information, please contact the Church Office:

info@scbythesea.org

- Pride Celebration -



As Pride Month comes to an end, I want to share with you some experiences and thoughts that have come to my mind as I reflect on last Saturday's celebration. As a nationalized citizen of this wonderful country, every moment for me is a moment of learning. This is my third Pride celebration here in Orange County in which I actively participate by walking and staffing the Episcopal booth. However, I did not know that the celebration takes place as a commemoration of the Stonewall riots, which occurred at the end of June 1969, this year I made sure that I watched the documentaries that are available because their struggle is our struggle and it is important to know our history and learn from it. Every generation owes so much to previous generations that have made changes and created the spaces of safety and pride that are lived today. They have fought for freedom and inclusivity even by sacrificing themselves for their cause.

As we were marching in the parade, the Episcopal Church was one of the last ones to follow and I felt honored and happy to see all the names of our churches as we walked through the streets of beautiful Santa Ana. The crowd received us with cheers and joy. Families and many young people had come to Santa Ana to celebrate Pride and to celebrate life. It is the faces of the young that are tattooed in my heart and mind. I cannot stop thinking of them as they received the cross necklaces that many loving hands had put together for them. The joy was overwhelming, some even had tears in their eyes when we would give them a hug, tell them that they were blessed, that Jesus loved them and that He loved them just the way they were. Love was in the air; the Holy Spirit was there.

Our Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry in a statement that he sent to all the churches, said the following: "In my years of ministry, I have personally seen and been blessed by countless LGBTQ sisters, brothers and siblings. Dear friends, the church has in like manner been blessed by you. Together with many others you are faithful followers of Jesus of Nazareth and his way of love. You have helped the church to be truly catholic, universal, a house of prayer for all people. You have helped the church to truly be a reflection of the beloved community of God. You have helped the church to authentically be a branch of the Jesus movement in our time."

My friends, Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)

As always, I would love to hear your thoughts at: normayanira@yahoo.com.

In Christ,

Mo. Norma Guerra



- Something for Everyone -



The Coffee Trader

by Davis Liss

Tuesday, July 2nd

5:00pm at Aegis Senior Living
26922 Estrella
Capistrano Beach, CA 92624



One Thousand White Women

by Jim Fergus

Tuesday, August 6th

5:00pm at Aegis Senior Living
26922 Estrella
Capistrano Beach, CA 92624

For more information, please contact: Mary Ann Morrison at (949) 361-0031



When: July 17th & August 21st

2:00pm–5:00pm

Where: Laundry Basket South

2405 S. El Camino Real

Please contact Tina Inglish for more information:
ringlish@cox.net



Social Justice Book Club

There will be no July meeting.

Stay tuned for information about August.

Questions? Please contact Jan Geneviro at outreach@scbythesea.org.



Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn

July 14th & August 18th

Join us to help make sandwiches and sack lunches for those in need!

- Something for Everyone -



Saturday - July 27th

Please join us on July 27th to help spruce up our beloved St. Clement's. There are many small jobs that need doing, your help will make a BIG difference.

Sign up at Coffee Hour for the area you would like to work on.

Materials will be supplied & lunch will be provided.



A NOTE FROM OUR MONDAY MORNING COUNTERS:

Do you have a good sense of logic? Do you like to work with numbers?

Do you have one Monday morning per month free? Would you like to be part of this ministry?

We work in pairs every Monday morning counting the week's pledge and plate receipts and other income, prepare our work sheet, plus 3 pages of data entry for the bookkeeper. It is not difficult and you don't need bookkeeping experience.

Training provided. If you are interested, please call Myrna Gray, 949.661.3452 or email: myrnam@cox.net

*A few words
from your Senior Warden*

Friends,

We are beginning to meet as a parish, starting the evening of the 23rd of June, in order to plot a new vision forward. Already as a parish we have become known as the “conscience of San Clemente” for our work with the poor and the homeless. In these things we have been following our Master. What else is Our Lord calling us to? This is what we'll discuss.

But every journey requires sustenance, and every road trip requires a tank of gas. Our pledges of financial support sustain this ministry so far. I am sorry to have to tell you that we are currently behind on pledge income. I am aware that life sometimes throws things at us we hadn't planned for and sometimes we're not in a position to give what we promised in an emergency. But if you have just not been mindful of keeping up your pledge giving, please bring this up to date now. Your generosity allows us to be a force for good in this community. We are Christ's hands in this community. And on the road trip known as St Clement's, it's you who puts the gas in the tank.

Jim Prothero



Vestry Meetings

July 16th and August 20th

St. Clement's Library

7:00 pm



Jim Prothero, *Artist*

15" x 22" Watercolor of early morning on the north side of main beach.



IT'S RAFFLE TIME!

Tickets go on sale July 1st

Each ticket is \$25 and will be sold at Coffee Hour.

The drawing will be at the Founder's Day Celebration.

The more tickets you buy, the better your odds of taking home

Main Beach, DayBreak

- Outreach News -



Flamenco Fiesta!

**All proceeds to benefit
St. Clement's Outreach Projects**

**AUGUST 11
1PM-5PM**

at the home of Judy Johnson

Join us for an afternoon of BBQ, drinks, desserts, and a fabulous performance by well-known Los Angeles dancer Jessica Pacheco!

Only 3 tickets still available. Buy yours today!

\$50.00/person

Tickets available during Coffee Hour (dates TBA) or online at www.scbythesea.org

*For more information, please contact Judy Johnson:
949.422.8210 or jjohnson120@cox.net*





Anchors Potluck Supper Club

JULY

When: July 19th at 7:00pm

Where: 217 W. Avenida San Antonio
San Clemente

Hosted By: Bob & Pat Corless

AUGUST

When: August 16th at 7:00pm

Where: 186 Avenida Aragon
San Clemente

Hosted By: Mark & Sherilee Pocino

Please contact Pat Sawyer (sawlp@sbcglobal.net) with any questions
or if you would like to sign up as a host in 2019!

SAVE THE DATE



2019 Bishop's Concert will feature singer/actor/author Debby Boone

We are pleased to invite you, as a member of the diocesan community, to the second annual Bishop's Concert, featuring Grammy Award-winning singer, actor and author Debby Boone, on Friday, October 11 at the episcopal residence, located at 3435 E. California Boulevard in Pasadena.

Debby Boone is known for the 1977 hit "You Light Up My Life," her 1980 country song "Are You On the Road to Lovin' Me Again," and albums of country music, contemporary Christian songs, and songs for children. In 2005 she released *Reflections Of Rosemary*, an album featuring music that her mother-in-law, Rosemary Clooney, performed as well as other songs that Boone felt reflected the woman her family knew. Boone has also appeared in many musical theater productions, television series and movies, and has written several children's books illustrated by her husband, the Rev. Gabriel Ferrer, vicar of St. Martin's Church, Winnetka.

Tickets are \$75, but yours will be \$60 if you make your reservations before August 1. To reserve your tickets, click <https://www.edlclergy.org/clergy-conf/bishops-concert> Proceeds will support diocesan ministries.

Canon Kathy O'Connor and I look forward to welcoming you to the episcopal residence for this very special event.

Yours in Christ,
John Harvey Taylor
Bishop of Los Angeles

MARY ERICKSON COMMUNITY HOUSING

SUNSET AT SALT CREEK CARIBBEAN PARTY!

AUGUST 9TH | 5:30PM - 9:00PM
SALT CREEK BEACH, DANA POINT, CA

Fabulous Food | Live Music | Dancing on the Sand
Live Auction & Drawing | Hosted Bar | Networking

Tickets: \$100/person

To purchase your tickets, or for more information,
please contact Mary Erickson Community Housing:

949.369.5419

- July & August Birthdays -



7/1- Patricia Wilkes	8/1- Bill Murphree
7/2- Brandon Garcia	8/2- Margaret Johnson
7/2- Jon Ulz	8/2- Russ Kerr
7/2- Katherine Workman	8/3- Steve Ambellan
7/3- Janet Lee-Thorp	8/3- Roger Morrison
7/10- Bertie Lloyd	8/6- Marc Allen
7/12- Pat Sawyer	8/7- Mary Ann Morrison
7/14- Patrick Warren	8/9- Cindy Hunter
7/15- Carolyn Allen	8/9- Mabel Murphree
7/17- Ryan Casey	8/11- Amy Ambellan
7/17- Muriel Langford	8/17- Pat Corless
7/17- Lisa Warren	8/17- Gabriella Rose Crerar
7/18- Carina Lovell	8/23- Belkis Carbonara
7/20- Russ English	8/23- Susan Leal
7/21- Sarah Tomeo	8/23- Bill Morrow
7/21- Joe Wharton	8/25- Siria Garcia
7/24- Jacob Miranda	8/26- Nancy Badstubner
7/26- Brigitte Bower	
7/26- Frank Soto	
7/27- Laurie Adamson	
7/31- Susan Hagstrom	
7/31- Lilly Miranda	

- July & August Anniversaries -



7/3- Claudia & Jorge Berber	8/15- Geoffrey & Olga Harris
7/29- Bob & Pat Corless	8/29- Gerald & Judith McDonald
8/1- Bill & Mabel Murphree	8/31- Jason & Mikael Feeney
8/5- Frederick & Muriel Langford	8/31- Rod & Gloria Jean Rodriguez
8/8- Ken & Laurie Baxter	

Bible Studies



Summer Hiatus

Bible Study will resume September 4th



Centering Prayer Group

Every Monday at 6:00pm in the Library

For more information,
please contact Matt Duncan:
morphix1@cox.net

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00am Holy Communion Rite I

10:00am Holy Communion Rite II with Choir, Nursery, Sunday School

12:00pm La Misa en Español

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