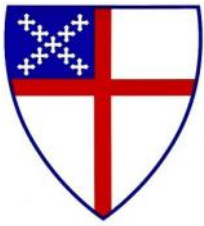


# THE ANCHOR

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

Welcoming all since 1929



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Los Angeles**

## **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*



## **Assistance...**

Thank you friends for a wonderful Annual Meeting this past Sunday. Many people contributed to make the event a success, including all of those who made and served the delicious egg casseroles, salads, sweet breads, juice and coffee. Blessed also are those who set up and cleaned up afterward! You all did a magnificent job, and we are all very grateful. I'm thankful also for all of those who offered themselves to serve, whether that is on the vestry or as representatives of this parish to Diocesan Convention or our Deanery Council.



As you may remember from the presentation on Sunday, we have passed a balanced budget for 2017, which is very exciting, especially given that we began last year with an anticipated deficit of almost \$15,000. Nonetheless, there were some items in the budget that are “wished for” and that we can only fund (and remain balanced) should additional sponsorship provide for it. One of those items is for additional musical accompaniment on Easter and Christmas. It is my sincere hope that our people will help us to make that happen.

These high and holy days are obviously times when we get a lot of visitors to our fair parish and these are also times when we want to offer our praise through music in a very special way. Generally, we have strings at Christmas (this past year we had a harpist) which makes the worship on Christmas Eve truly moving and delightful. I stopped into Schmidt's Chocolates just before Christmas and they told me about another patron who had just been there and said that she comes to St. Clement's every Christmas, because the music on Christmas Eve is “exquisite.”

On Easter, we accompany our choir with brass musicians. The trumpets and horns help us to announce with loud voice, “Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!” I'm sure you'd agree that there would be something missing, without the beauty that these musical elements add to our worship and proclamation. So, we do hope that you can help us to make that happen. As of this writing, we have raised just \$515 of the \$2,750 we anticipate will be the necessary for musicians on Christmas and Easter. Perhaps music has a special place in your heart, and this request speaks to you.

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One of the other items on the sponsorship sheet, called “Gifts from the Heart” that has not (as yet) received much sponsorship was the Rector’s Discretionary Fund. Last year, parishioners and others contributed almost \$7,300 to this fund. It is not part of our annual budget, so contributions do not affect whether or not we continue with a balanced budget. However, it is critically important. The Rector’s Discretionary Fund is a fund established specifically for “holy and charitable purposes” and allows us to help people in need who come to the church weekly.

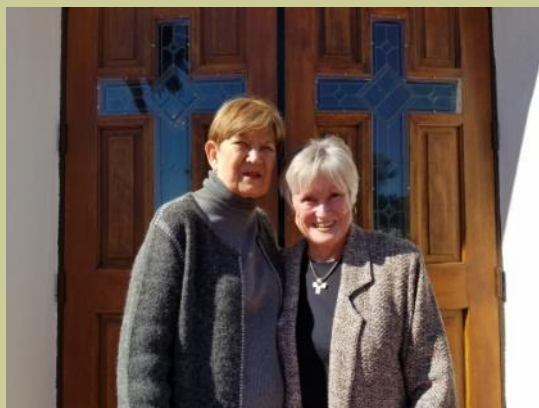
Last year, this fund made it possible for us to provide lodging for a family of seven for a few nights who had been living in their car. It allowed me to house several other homeless souls in motels throughout the year, especially during inclement weather. The fund provided for car repairs for those who had no other way to get their vehicles running safely again. It provided food assistance to families that were hungry and rental assistance to several who were facing eviction. We helped still more with no other options, with funeral expenses, others with dental expenses, and still others with train fare just to get back home.

These are some of the many “holy and charitable” things that you make happen when you fund the Rector’s Discretionary Account. The identities of those who are assisted are never disclosed, and they may be parishioners or not. The reason is that some might be too embarrassed to ask for assistance otherwise. But they need not worry, their identity is protected. In short, this fund, you really, make it possible for us to do virtually every week what Christ commands the Church to do, to serve the needs of the poor and allows us to help those who find themselves in difficult circumstances.

My hope is that you too will find it possible to support this fund as we support those in need. Your assistance makes it all possible. If you feel so moved to support either of these items, you may mail a check with either “Music in 2017” or “Rector’s Discretionary Fund” in the memo line. The counters will apply it to the correct place. While I’m mentioning the counters, which I failed to do on Sunday, let me say a big “Thank You” to these individuals who give of their time and talent every week to ensure that your contributions are credited rightly. They are a terrific team led by Myrna Gray.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Patrick*

**Pat Hammond and Judy McDonald – 50 Years of Friendship and Service at St. Clement's**

Happy 50th anniversary to Pat Hammond, who has been a parishioner of St. Clement's for 50 years as of the first Sunday of February. When she joined the church, three little kids in tow, Pat met Judy McDonald, also a St. Clement's parishioner. They became great friends. Judy herself has even more time at St. Clement's. Judy first attended St. Clements in 1958, before she married Jerry. Judy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Leicester, and her grandfather Charles Leicester were all members of St. Clement's.

Pat and Judy have been involved in many church activities over the years. Sunday school teachers, ECW members and all its many activities in the early days, Flower Guild and Pat's continued dedicated service in our great choir.

Thank you, Pat and Judy, for your inspiring service and friendship.

**New Recipient of the St Clement's Star**

Father Patrick announced that this year Judy Johnson was awarded the St. Clement's Star, an annual honor and trophy that is awarded to those who have demonstrated the very best of what it means to be members of the Parish and have given us all an example to follow. Judy has certainly been all of that and more! And her service to the parish over the last year has been incredible! Thank you Judy!



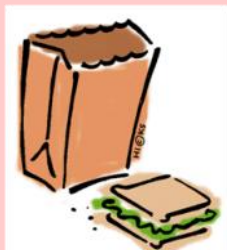
## Gifts from the Heart...

### St. Clement's 2017 Sponsorship opportunities

*Is there something below that is meaningful to you that you would like to support?*



#### Welcome Inn Food for the Homeless



Will you purchase the food supplies for one month for 60 sack lunches? This program is managed by St. Clement's Peace & Reconciliation Committee. Sandwich making rotates among the 3 services; delivery is the 3rd Monday of each month. **Cost is \$100/month. 2 months have been committed so far.**

#### Rector's Discretionary Fund

"Pure selfless giving". That's one way to think of the pastor's discretionary fund. Many needy people, both parishioners and non-parishioners, contact Father Patrick to ask for St. Clement's help with food, temporary housing, funds for medications or co-pays, bus passes, etc. This program is funded solely **by donations**. The goal is to raise at least **\$5,000 throughout the year**. (In 2016 \$7,285 was provided). Any amount welcome. **See Fr. Patrick's letter at the start of this newsletter for more details.**

#### Beautiful Music at Worship

Generous parishioners have paid for the music that is heard in church on special occasions, including the brass orchestra on Easter Sunday and string quartet on Christmas Eve. **\$2,000 Easter/ \$750 Christmas** (or partial sponsorship) **\$515 has been committed so far.**



#### Window Coverings for Okie Hall

We removed the nonfunctioning and unattractive old window coverings when volunteers painted the parish hall; we'd like to get new ones to "finish" the look of the room, to provide relief from the summer afternoon sun, and for sound absorption. This is not funded in the 2017 budget. **THIS ITEM HAS BEEN FULLY FUNDED! THANK YOU!**

#### New Computer for Fr. Patrick

Last year the 8-year old computer of the parish administrator, which repeatedly "ate" the payroll and the service bulletins, was replaced by the generosity of several parishioners. This has been a huge relief, and now we'd like to replace Father Patrick's old computer which lacks the features that he needs. **THIS ITEM HAS BEEN FULLY FUNDED! THANK YOU!**

#### Advertisements in local media

We advertise year-round in the *San Clemente Journal*, and in the *Orange County Register* for the holidays. This has been an effective way to attract new members to St. Clement's. **\$200/month**

*If you would like to sponsor any of the above opportunities, **which will be in addition to your pledge**, please indicate the ministry on the memo line of your check along with your pledge number. Please remit these additional funds as soon as possible. The expenses detailed above are estimated; any remaining balances (positive or negative) will be applied to the general fund of the parish.*

## ***All about the new Vestry Members...***

### **Janice (Jan) Genevro — Outreach**



One of my priorities when I was planning to move back to California after a very long absence was finding the right church. St. Clement's is that church, and I am grateful to have found a spiritual home and a warm welcome here. During the 2+ years that I've been attending, I've become very involved in outreach activities and have helped to start and lead the Peace & Reconciliation Committee. I've also become a regular participant in the Monday night meditation group, which is an important and meaningful part of my connection here.

As a bit of background, I am a 4th generation Californian. I grew up in Garden Grove, attended college and grad school in San Diego and San Francisco, and then headed back East for work. I ended up staying in the Washington, DC area far longer than I had originally expected because of family connections there. My work life has been dedicated to improving health and health care, first as a social worker with a focus on maternal and child health and more recently as a researcher working to improve specific aspects of the health care system.

I would be honored to serve on the Vestry in the Outreach position, and hope to use my skills and background to help St. Clement's joyfully live out our commitment to love and serve Christ in all persons. I look forward to listening to you, learning from you, and working with you.

### **Celia Lovell — Communications**



I have been attending St. Clement's By-the-Sea for over eight years. I previously attended Church of the Messiah in Santa Ana, where Bishop Suffragan Diane Jardine Bruce had been serving and I followed her here. What I love about St. Clements By-the-Sea is the close sense of community – how much the parishioners care about each other and are their support of each other in good times and in times of need. I chose to offer myself as a candidate for Vestry for no other reason than that I love being involved in church and community activities. Unfortunately, I am not as involved as I would like to be, because of the distance of forty miles between my residence in Garden Grove and the church. I was amazed when approached by Father Patrick regarding serving on Vestry. After much thought, and since meetings are held once a month, I felt the call to serve was one I could embrace.

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***All about the new Vestry Members...continued*****Jim Prothero — Christian Education**

I first came to St Clements in 1984. I soon became a regular member of Fr Okie's 9 o'clock guitar band. I met and married my wife in St Clements. Life took us in different directions for a while, but I came back to St Clements in 2008 while Diane was rector.

I became involved in the altar ministry, first as an acolyte/trainee to John Gould and Tom Colt. When both my friends left, I became the MC for the 8 am service. I will be retiring from high school teaching in June and I am looking for a way to serve more completely here at St Clements. My interests are liturgical service, music, and communications.

**Fred Robinson — Registrar**

I think my wife Claire and I have been coming to St. Clement's for 5 years; we came near the conclusion of Mother Diane's time as pastor, before she went on to become Bishop. We were drawn to St. Clements by her liberality and Biblical knowledge -- traits sustained by those who followed her, most especially Fr. Patrick, who added to them his personal and welcoming warmth. We were also drawn by the physical charm and size of the church itself, by the 8am churchgoers, who welcomed us, and by the outreach of the church, its respect for the disadvantaged and the newly arrived. St. Clements has been the best church experience of Claire's and my long (particularly mine) spiritual journey. All of this makes me interested in joining the vestry as Registrar. It's what I can do to serve, to give and not just to take. I have experience in taking minutes, as long as I can add comic touches. Kierkegaard (not an Episcopalian or Anglican, I grant you) wrote that one cannot be a Christian without a sense of humor, which can navigate the difficult identity of faith and doubt. I look forward to a year of growth in all aspects of St. Clement's, but if it remained just the same, I would be very pleased.

**We are deeply grateful to all of those who served on vestry and completed their terms at this year's Annual Meeting. Among those are: Judy Johnson, Ken Hite, Peter Knapp, Tatia Wallett and Tom Card. All of these individuals gave a great deal of themselves in their service to the parish. We've been blessed by their good leadership, especially during Fr. Patrick's sabbatical this year. When you see them, please offer your thanks in person.**

## Something for Everyone

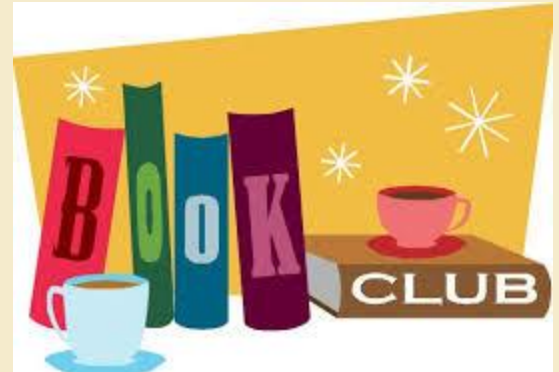
### Book Club

#### *The Secret Chord*

by Geraldine Brooks  
Tuesday, February 7th  
5:00 pm at Rocco's

A sign-up sheet is in the church hall  
for those who wish to attend.

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



### Anchors Potluck Supper Club

Friday, February 17th at 7:00 pm  
Home of Karen and Jerry Stevens  
32531 Caribbean Drive, Monarch Beach

Contact Pat Sawyer if you have any questions



## St. Clement's by-the-Sea Outreach



### Wednesday, February 15th

Together with our friends at Christ Lutheran Church, St. Clement's will be holding its 4<sup>th</sup> Laundry Love at Laundry Basket South in San Clemente. Laundry Love is an outreach service for our San Clemente homeless population and those living in poverty. Laundry Love takes place every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

Our January Laundry Love was a big success. We provided 244 laundry load equivalents to 20 individuals or families. We had excess loads in January because of the all the blankets and comforters washed due to the weather turning cold and rainy. The Laundry Love clients were so grateful to have clean bedding and clothes.

Our Vestry has approved that on the first Sunday of the month there will be a donation jar at each coffee hour to help continue to fund this ministry.

Please donate your spare quarters or dollars to keep this program going. You can also donate at any time. Just indicate on your check or envelope that your donation is for the Laundry Love program.

**A donation of \$8.00 can wash and dry 6 laundry load equivalents.**

For more information, or to volunteer 2 hours per month at Laundry Love, please contact Tina Inglish at 949.489.0870 or email at [ringlish@cox.net](mailto:ringlish@cox.net).





*Highlights for the month of February at  
St. Clement's*

**February 7th**– Book Club, 5pm at Rocco's



**February 15th**– Laundry Love, 2:00pm,



**February 16th**– Vestry Meeting, 7pm in the Library



**February 17th**– Anchor's Supper Club, 7pm, hosted by  
Karen and Jerry Stevens

**February 19th**– Sandwich making for the Welcome Inn, 1pm, Okie Hall



## Highlights from the Annual Parish Meeting

*Thank you all that could attend!*



**New Vestry member, Jim Prothero**



**Jason Feeney , our new Senior Warden, shows off the new coffee mugs! They feature our new logo and Delanty image.**



**What a beautiful spread!**

*Thank you to Judy Johnson for capturing these special moments.*

**Do you know a parishioner that needs help with rides, meals, or that would like a home visit?**

Please contact the church office or Tina Borden for further information.

### ***Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn***



**February 19th  
1:00 PM  
Okie Hall**

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

For more information  
please contact Matt Duncan

### February 2017 Birthday Celebrants

2 - Karina Jaimes  
2 - Elizabeth White  
8 - Mikael Feeney  
12 - Jose Carrillo  
12 - Ester Hernandez  
13 - Jorge Berber  
14 - Michael Tomeo  
19 - Tatia Wallett  
20 - Sean Casey  
20 - Vic Cumming  
20 - Tom Hazzard  
24 - Antoinette Feeney  
24 - Duggan Neville

### Wedding Anniversaries

8 - Pat and Robert Kensler  
9 - Karin and Jon Sherman  
14 - Brigitte and Curtis Bower



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### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

8 a.m. Holy Communion Rite I, Nursery

10 a.m. Holy Communion Rite II with Choir,  
Nursery, Sunday School

12 p.m. La Misa en Español

### **OFFICE HOURS**

9am-3pm Monday-Thursday

9am-12pm Friday