

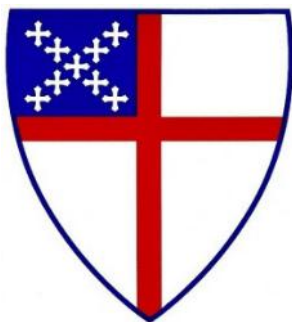


THE ANCHOR

JUNE 2021

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

Welcoming all since 1929



**Member, Anglican
Communion**

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*



**"This Church of
Ours is Open To
All...There Will
Be No Outcasts."**

-The Most Rev. Edmund
Browning Emeritus
Presiding Bishop



Flying...

In his very excellent book, *The Archer*, author Paulo Coelho describes an encounter where a young man comes to town, carrying his bow. He seeks the aged blacksmith, who is actually a world-renowned archer but has kept that past life from the good townsfolk. The young man challenges the older man to see who is truly the better archer (much like a second or third chair musician might challenge the first chair).

The young man takes a stand, flexes his bow, and shoots an arrow straight through a cherry, hanging from a nearby tree. The older man unpacks his bow and leads the younger man on a journey into the mountains. They come to a place where there is a threadbare rope bridge suspended over a ravine, the wind is blowing and it rocks the bridge from side to side. The more experienced archer, walks out onto the bridge, which seems like it will give way at any moment. He takes his stance, draws his bow and sends his arrow through a peach hanging from a nearby tree. He invites the younger man to do the same. On seeing the fragility of the bridge, the wind and the depth of the ravine, the younger man is unwilling to attempt what the older has just accomplished. He acknowledges that the master is still the master.

In his story, Coelho has the master explain to a young boy who has taken in the whole scene that while the younger man may have hit a cherry, and the master only hit a larger peach, the younger man did so under near perfect circumstance. But life, as we all know, is almost never near perfect. We must account for all the various challenges that can change our plans, throw off our otherwise precise aim.

The past fifteen months have felt a bit like being an archer trying to account for all the vagaries of our pandemic world. And the changes and challenges continue to the present day. We still take our stance. We take our aim and draw our bowstring, but we don't let our arrow fly until we are at least somewhat sure we will hit our target. So far, so good, but it has been a continual dance of adaptation.

We've gone from suspending our in person services entirely and just online services to in person services, while streaming them online as well. We suspended them again. But, we continued to stream. Then we began to meet in person once again, outside as before, while still offering worship online. And now, we are looking toward our future, and trying to manage our safe reentry into our sanctuary.



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That is to say, we've gone from services at home, to services in the courtyard, to services *from* the sanctuary, to services back in our courtyard, and some services now in our parish hall, and soon services back in the sanctuary. We've done all this while trying-with great effort-to offer consistency and a meaningful worship experience for our people and keeping everyone safe at the same time. That last bit (keeping our people safe) was our target, and all that came with it were some of the variety of circumstances that influenced those efforts.

On Pentecost Sunday, I took a Sunday off for the first time in recent memory. For the first time in a long time, I was able to simply observe our service, as it happened online, from my home where I was gathered with my family. I'm not bragging, but I must say that I was impressed. St. Clement's does a wonderful job of offering meaningful worship, whether you are with us in person or at home on your couch. If I were someone seeking a parish, I would come here. If I were searching for a good worship service online, I would watch ours. In many ways, we've hit our mark square in the bullseye.

Regrettably, we are still subject to the winds that cause our bridge – and therefore our footing – to sway. The fall could still be perilous if we move too quickly. We do not want to miss our target (to keep people safe and to offer consistently, meaningful worship). Of course, the health and safety of our community is our utmost concern.

Many weeks ago, we set the date of June 6th as our target for recommencing our worship in the sanctuary. However, that date was always contingent upon certain factors being realized. The CDC has recently said that VACCINATED worshipping communities could return to full-capacity worship, even congregational singing, without masks. However, the State of California has not yet lifted the masking and distancing requirements and has set June 15th as the date when that will happen. Bishop Taylor has reiterated that the churches of this diocese will adhere to those state guidelines as well.

Six feet of distancing is not practicable for us for use of the sanctuary. So, if nothing changes in the immediate term, we will delay our reentry to the sanctuary until June 20th, Father's Day. If the guidelines do change from Sacramento and from our Diocesan office, then we will enter the sanctuary sooner. We will remain nimble, we will remain poised, we will continue to aim at our target.

We will be ready, as of June 1st, to begin services in the sanctuary at any time. We've done a lot to prepare ourselves for that transition. We will still have our first, outdoor, coffee hour on June 6th after the 9am service. My hope is that we'll be coming out of our sanctuary that morning to enjoy that coffee. But, if we must wait a couple of more weeks, we can live with that. Better that our arrow fly true and hit our intended target rather than we miss our mark by being impatient.

May God bless you and keep you always.

And, as always, I welcome your feedback: frpatrick@scbythesea.org

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

¹ [The Archer](#), Paulo Coelho (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2020)

Rectory Sale Update

You may recall from our Annual Meeting earlier this year, we shared the outcome of almost a full year of thoughtful discussion and discernment; first by our Rectory Sale Exploration Committee, then our Vestry, and ultimately in discussion with the Diocese, that our Church community and the many ministries it supports, would be better served by the sale of our Rectory (which has been leased as residential income property for the last 10 years), in order to place the proceeds into an Endowment fund. This investment will provide greater and more predictable income, easier management, and no risk of repair and remodeling costs that are often associated with aging real estate.

We recently received approval from the Diocese to move forward subject to added provisions to preserve the net proceeds, which was always our intention, and the Vestry has adopted that condition. We have properly notified our tenant of our intentions and to properly end the lease in accordance with its provisions. We have also provided our tenant with a generous relocation allowance to assist them with their transition. We anticipate that the property will be vacated and prepared for sale by mid to late July. In the meantime, our Rectory Sale Exploration Committee will interview and recommend a Realtor to the Vestry for listing and marketing of the property. A subcommittee of the officers of the Vestry will be responsible for considering any offers received. Given the robust real estate market in our area, we expect this property will sell quickly at a favorable price. We will

Vestry Meetings
Tuesday, June 15th
7:00 pm
Currently meeting via Zoom.



Episcopal Visitation



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What are your fellow parishioners saying about our small group ministry called COVENANT GROUPS?

I've found participating in Covenant Group a rewarding experience as it helps me see faith through other people's thoughts and experiences - and helps me develop in my own journey. *Ray S.*

I am enjoying getting to know a few St. Clement's women on a more personal level--women I perhaps would not have gotten to know by attending just Sunday services. I also enjoy the support and compassion for one another and our individual lives. *Mary C.*

The Covenant Group has been an opportunity for me to gain a better understanding of the Bible and a chance to discuss and share different thoughts and perspectives with good friends. I look forward to the weekly meetings!! *Daisy H.*

It has made me think about what the scriptures really mean and I find the interpretations by others in the group revealing as they often have interpretations different from mine. *Lanneau M.*

I've found participating in Covenant Group valuable because it is a unique way to delve into the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, listening to and learning from other participants' insights while also deepening the intimacy of fellowship. *Katrina S.*

I've found participating in Covenant Group valuable because it makes me focus on my beliefs and organize them and it gives me new perspectives as I hear of those of others. *Peter K.*

Our co-ed Covenant Group has been an opportunity for meaningful, in-depth conversations with Christian friends about religious topics, and the intersection of our lives with our beliefs. I have never experienced this type of fellowship before, where you have both the time and the covenant relationship to talk about very important, and intimate, topics. I can see our Covenant Group as a continuing part of my spiritual life. *Judy J.*

Give it a try!

Currently, four groups (Co-ed, Women and Men) meet weekly (via Zoom) for Fellowship, Bible Study and Prayer. The Friday 11AM in-person daytime women's group meets (masked and socially distanced) outside.

For more information or the Zoom link to join in, contact:

WOMEN: Mondays, 7 p.m. Contact Laura Casellas: Laura.casellas@yahoo.com (203)451-7598

or

WOMEN: Fridays, 11 a.m. Contact Hilary Viscount: hviscount@gmail.com (714)932-2210

MEN: Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Contact Beto Casellas: betolaura@mac.com (704)661-6994

CO-ED: Thursdays, 7 p.m. Contact Ken and Laurie Baxter: kbaxter@choc.org (630)674-5017



Glorifying God's House With Flowers

We love to adorn our place of worship with beauty, including offering flowers from God's great bounty. At St. Clement's by the Sea it has been our tradition to invite our parishioners to participate by making a donation towards this and dedicating the flowers on a given Sunday to the memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving, or in celebration of special events such as birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

We have a sign-up sheet at church on which you may reserve a Sunday (and more than one person can contribute on any Sunday) and envelopes are provided for your contribution and your dedication. To cover the cost of flowers, the minimum suggested donation is \$55.00.

If you are not at church to pick up an envelope, you may send in your request via mail or drop it off in the office or in the drop slot to the right of the office door. Just be sure to label both the check and the envelope with the notation that it is for flowers. Please include your pledge number (if you have one), your phone number, your name, the date for which the dedication is intended, and the dedication itself. Usually, the dedications are "In Memory of ---" or "In thanksgiving for ---" or "In honor of ---". Do remember to print neatly and to include the phone number where you can be reached.

I am in the office most Mondays from 9:00- 1:00 ; you may call me there if you have any questions. 949-492-3401. Also, I'm listed in the online church directory and you may contact me that way.

Thank you so much for your past and continuing generosity towards the beauty of our worship.

Katrina Soto, Altar Guild



Serving God through the Altar Guild

Altar Guild service is a special ministry in the church. Parishioners are invited by the Rector to consider serving in this ministry. All of the members of St. Clement's Altar Guild feel a growing closeness to God through our service. We also enjoy the fellowship that membership provides. And we learn so much, too. No knowledge of procedures is needed; full training is given and is ongoing. No one is expected to work on their own. Men and women are eligible to serve on Altar Guild.

At this time, we do have an opportunity for a few new members to join . Please prayerfully consider this ministry, and see if the Holy Spirit is calling you. You may speak to Fr. Patrick about your interest. Or contact any Altar Guild member, and we will forward your name to Father.

If you would like more details, please call Katrina Soto. 949-280-2875



Day Use, Family & Individual Retreats, Family Camps

Day Users can enjoy our 256 acres of trails as well as the pool, picnic areas, outdoor chapel, and gardens. Retreats and Family Camps also include housing in private rooms with private bathroom and meals for the weekend. Meals are served outdoors and families may picnic on the lawn or use tables provided. There is room to roam, veggies and flowers in the gardens, and lots of fresh air to go around.

Our number one priority is to provide a safe experience so that everyone may encounter healing and transformation.

All staff and guests must maintain social distancing and masks are required in certain circumstances including passing on trails.

Camp Stevens offers a tiered pricing structure, allowing families to choose the price which best meets their budget. Camp fees are confidential and each camper receives exactly the same experience regardless of price paid.

Contact Sam Brasted at retreats@campstevens.org or 760.896.7113.

[Click here to learn more](#)

The Social Justice Book Club

Meeting on zoom: Thursday, June 24, 7:00PM

Contact Laura Casellas for the link or for more information:

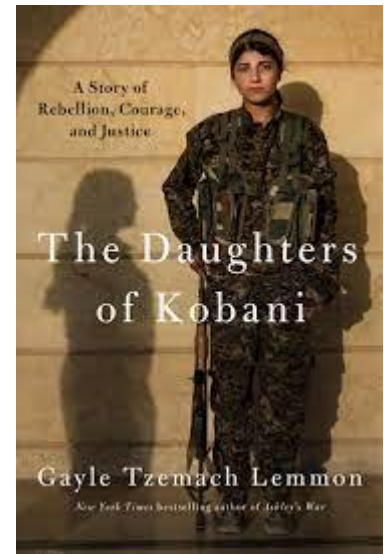
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**The Daughters of Kobani:
A Story of Rebellion, Courage, and Justice**

by

Gayle Tzemach Lemmon

A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER



A book review describes this book as:

The extraordinary story of the women who took on the Islamic State and won. The Daughters of Kobani is an unforgettable and nearly mythic tale of women's power and courage. Brilliantly researched and respectfully reported, this book is a lesson in



Join us on Wednesdays at 11am for our weekly Bible Study. In June, we continue with our *Faith & Film* series. We are currently meeting in the Parish Hall. The Zoom option is also still available for those who cannot attend in person. Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83726685253?pwd=THR5dzZBNzdSeEILaUdrc2NnUmxsZz09>

Meeting ID: 837 2668 5253

Passcode: 470391

You need not be a biblical scholar to participate. Just come with a desire to learn more.



SAVE THE DATE!

Anchors Potluck

Date: July 16th

Time: 6:00 pm

Time to socialize in person—Jerry & Karen Stevens have kindly offered their home for the first Anchors Potluck Dinner since early 2020! Time for fun and catching up face to face. No more ZOOM stares and filters!

More info to follow. The hosts are requesting that everyone attending please be vaccinated.

FAM Food Distribution...



Join us for our Friday food distribution with FAM. Many are facing economic hardship right now, and FAM has been blessed with food donations from farmers (who formerly sold to restaurateurs). A crew of volunteers has been here on Fridays, putting the food which FAM provides into bags and then placing those bags in the trunks of people's cars as they drive through our parking lot. **Our distributions take place from 2:00 pm - 4:00pm, with volunteers turning up at 1:30 pm. Upcoming distribution dates are: June 4th & 18th** Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers that have been serving. If this is a ministry that would appeal to you, please let us know that you can serve. We'll need volunteers to set up our tables in the parking lot every other week, help to unload the food and sort it into boxes, to distribute it, and to clean up afterwards. Please sign up today (info@scbythesea.org)!

Coffee, Coffee, Coffee!

Donuts and other breakfast treats!



Yes, it's true St. Clement's by the Sea is reinstating Coffee Hour, a favorite Sunday morning tradition.

Beginning Sunday, June 6 immediately following the 9:00 am service. Tables will be set up under the pergola with fresh coffee, donuts and other treats.

Let's keep it simple this summer, offering donuts or a few other easy breakfast type items.

Hosts are needed each Sunday. You can sign up by clicking this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040445a5ae2ba5f85-coffee>

All hosts must wear a mask and gloves while preparing and serving the food.



Dear Friends,

Father's Day is coming up on Sunday, June 20th, and many of you may be shopping for the perfect gifts to honor your father on his special day!

When you purchase your Father's Day gifts at Smile.Amazon.com, and you've designated St. Clement's as your preferred charity, AmazonSmile donates to a portion of that sale to us. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor both your father, the church, and her mission. There is no additional cost to you whatsoever. Use SMILE for all your Amazon purchases.

For assistance, please contact Spring: info@scbythesea.org

- June**Birthdays -**

3-Melanie Grigg

17-Amanda Patterson

5-Peter Knapp

18-Judy Johnson

6-Robert Miranda, Jr.

20-Judith McDonald

9-Diana Olmedo

21-Wendy Berube

12-Christina Crerar

22-Diane Bruce

12-Kate Spencer

22-Jo Mothershead

14-Mike Badstubner

22-Cindy Young

14-Tom Seminoff

24-Kent Adamson

16-Robert Hagstrom

24-Jerry McDonald

17-Anna Brownell

27-Pat Kensler

- June**Anniversaries -**

7- Tom & Christi Seminoff

19- William & Tatia Wallett

14- Mel & Jo Mothershead

23- Claire Morrison & Fred Robinson

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San Clemente's First Church

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Currently holding Outdoor Services as well as streaming on YouTube channel

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