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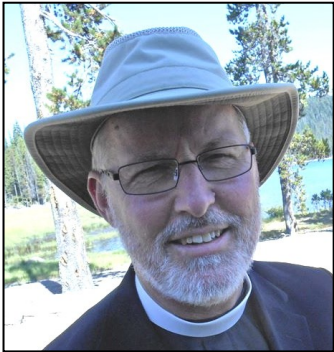
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NEWSLETTER

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THE VICAR'S BRAIN - Rev. Bill Fulton



The poet Gillian Clarke wrote a poem in which she is reading poetry to people with dementia. It is Spring, and there are sunny oaks and daffodils on the grounds of the institution.

Her audience is distracted. An old woman mutters nonsense, a young man stares blankly out the window, and a large bulk of a man, a former laborer, rocks back and forth

to the reading of the poems. He has never spoken since he was committed to the institution. The poet reads on.

Suddenly the large man stands, tall and imposing, and the poet is alarmed. What is he going to do? But he begins to recite in the voice of a small boy the poem, "I wandered lonely as a cloud", by William Wordsworth. It's a meditation on the memory of seeing daffodils dancing in a Spring breeze. It ends, "Then my heart with pleasure fills/ and dances with the daffodils".

Something in the poet's reading reaches deep into the man's mind to evoke a childhood memory and for a moment he is young again.

I think the flowers on our altar do much the same for us. When we enter the church and see the flowers, they evoke memories of Spring. They remind us of times of freshness, youth, and joy. They speak to us of God's beautiful creation.

Having fresh flowers on the altar is a venerable Episcopal tradition. It's not just for sentimentality; there's a theological reason also. Flowers remind us of the Incarnation. God became human in Jesus Christ and in doing so blessed the whole creation. Flowers remind us of God's love for the world, and the joy and beauty of the resurrection of Jesus.

In this Easter season, may our hearts "dance with the daffodils."

Bill

Feeding our neighbors

The need for food is year round

We say it in the Lord's prayer: "Give us this day our daily bread." But not all are neighbors have food security. The Hood Canal Food Bank is a non-profit organization that provides nutritious food with dignity to our neighbors in need in Hoodspout and the Lower Hood Canal area. Financial donations and the work of dozens of dedicated volunteers keep this service going. Please put your non-perishable donations in the barrel by the parish hall for volunteers to take to the food bank. Easy open cans, boxes of pasta, and other easily transported items are most welcome.



DID YOU KNOW?

In addition to our food and monetary donations, several church members volunteer their time at Hood Canal Food Bank. Yvonne Westover, Peggy Pennington and Donna O'Leary are among the many volunteers who keep the food bank staffed.

In honor of Mother's Day on May 10th, Rose Kallal shared the following:

"You're just like your mother!" Five words most daughters don't want to hear. We've spent our whole lives trying to be our own person, to not make the mistakes she made, attempting to separate our identity from hers. Yet, we hear her words come out of our mouths when talking to our children. We see her smile in the mirror some mornings. We clear our throats just as we heard her do our whole lives.

It's been ten years since my mother's death, and I am beginning to appreciate the traits I inherited from her. I no longer need to please her or prove myself to her. The battle of wills is over between us. I am strong because of her, loving and giving as a result of her example. I watch my daughter grow and hope that someday she will understand me as a person. I have spent my life trying to be myself; never realizing how interrelated that self is to parents. My mother lives on on me and in my children. I am comforted by that knowledge, and proud that I am like her in so many ways.

The next time someone says, "You are just like your mother," smile and accept the compliment.



BISHOP'S COMMITTEE



Our members are caring folks who are willing to share their own faith, perspective, and experience to engage with other members to collaboratively manage the affairs of the church with a view toward a faith-filled, sustainable future.

Everyone is invited to join us to learn about current events, stay abreast of church ministries, finances, status updates, proposals, and more. Meeting is at 11:45 AM on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

WOMEN'S GROUP



NEW MEETING TIME and DAY.

Wear your comfy clothes, and we will have coffee ready. We spend the first hour sharing discussing spiritual readings. The second hour of our meeting is for hands on work around the church, writing notes, event planning or whatever needs to be addressed. Bring a snack and if you have a craft to do while we meet (knitting, drawing, etc.) feel free to bring it. Please join us.

**All women from the community
are welcome to attend!**

Every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 AM

OUR MISSION:

So that ALL may know and serve God, our mission is to let the love of Christ shine brightly in our daily lives by being a welcoming, nurturing and supportive community that is grounded in God's Word and Sacraments.

OUR VISION

Be the inclusive people of God



“We gratefully acknowledge the Skokomish Indian Tribe and all Indigenous Peoples. Our building and facilities stand on the traditional land of the people, whose ancestors have resided here since time immemorial. We honor and thank them for their culture, resilience, and Indigenous identity.”

May Birthdays

May 12 Rose Kallal

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen them who trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ. Amen.



If your name does not appear in our birthday list please let Amy or Donna know so that we can add you and celebrate your special day.

We need YOU! Everything you do at St. Germain's makes a difference. We are grateful for each and every one of you who volunteers. We are currently in need of ushers to be trained to help fill in: men and women are able to fulfill this important role. And the altar guild could use another pair of hands. We also need those who are willing to be trained as Eucharistic Ministers: confirmed Episcopalians of any gender are needed to be trained and licensed (no cost to you). Please contact Father Bill (or Amy Leonard) if you are interested in filling this role. Thanks for all you do!

We celebrate Holy Eucharist every week!



Join us Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for Holy Communion and for our potluck meal on the last Sunday of the month after the service.

Many of us grew up Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Episcopalian and other faiths. You will find yourself very familiar with our liturgy and our celebration of Holy Communion. Our doors are open to **ALL** and we believe that a community of diversity and acceptance starts in a safe and inclusive place of worship.

You are welcome to join us in our faith journey toward greater love, understanding and mutual respect. No matter your identity or orientation, you are always welcome here!

Occasionally our vicar must be away on a Sunday, and on those days we still have a service but without eucharist. We call this morning prayer. On May 3 we will have such a service.

Saint Germain is turning 50!

Celebrate with us on Sunday June 21st as we remember our foundations here in Hoodspport. We will also celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the building of our Parish Hall with a naming ceremony following our regular Sunday service. Our monthly potluck will also be on this Sunday, rather than the last Sunday, to make it a true celebration. We hope you can join us.



Saturday, July 11th we will host a community wide event to help celebrate our 50th and give families a chance to see our church up close.



We will have games, arts and crafts, and food. Details are being worked out, but put it on your calendar! And if you have ideas

or would like to help, please contact Amy at 360-633-6405 (text).

No Annual Rummage Sale this year:

After many, many years of this annual fundraiser, the women's group has decided to take a break. We have held this sale to raise money that we could then donate to other charities. Fortunately, our coffers are full, and we are tired and in need of a break. Plus, getting rid of the leftovers was a ton of work.

Next year, we will be back in some form, most likely having individual tables for folks to "rent." If anyone has other ideas, please let us know.

Remember: Silence is Golden

A gentle reminder: for ten minutes prior to the beginning of Sunday service, we ask that silence be kept in the nave. This offers parishioners the chance to pray silently, or meditate as they wish. If you need to have a conversation, please feel free to step out of the nave into the parish hall. And if you hear me talking, please remind me as I may be the worst offender.

Thanks, Amy

God speaks
in the silence of the heart.
Listening
is the beginning of prayer.

--Mother Teresa

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