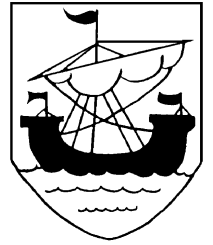


Canterbury Tales

The Newsletter of St. Anselm's Church, Lafayette, California



June 2024

From Rev. Will

Dear St. Anselm's,

June marks six months since I began serving as your priest. I continue to be encouraged by this community's dedication. I am also discovering that St. Anselm's has many who still call this parish their church home even though they are not able to gather with us regularly in-person, and/or sometimes find it difficult to attend online. Thank you to everyone who has helped me begin to connect with those St. Anselm's folks who are a bit further afield. If you are reading this and wish to reconnect, have a pastoral visit, or need assistance in getting to church online or in-person, please reach out to me, Deacon Naomi, our parish administrator, Margaret, or one of our Stephen Ministers.

On Friday, June 7th, we'll celebrate the life of a founding member of St. Anselm's, George Wasson. 64 years ago this October, George was present for the dedication of our iconic church building as a member of the Bishop's Committee. George served in many roles over the years in our congregation's life and beyond. George was a World War II veteran and his generation saw many ups and downs, from an economic depression to a world war, and scientific and technological advancements to ecological damage and political unrest. Through it all, George, like so many of his peers, found strength in service. May we pay our respects to George by finding our own ways of showing up for one another.

This summer, St. Anselm's will continue to be a busy place, with special guests, blessing our new landscaping, a barbecue, and two work days.

See you soon!
The Rev. Will Scott
Priest-In-Charge



Anselm's Angels

Thank you to **Sulkey Bryan** for sharing her artwork for the past four months which has been displayed in the church sanctuary.

Special thanks to Organist **Iris Hillman** for continuing to share her musical talents with us each week as we continue a search to find a Music Director. And thank you to **Henry Rosenberg** who has joined our videography team. We appreciate all his help improving our livestream services. And many thanks to **David Rowe** for stepping up, assisting whenever and wherever needed.

Many thanks to **Pamela Green, Doug Merrill, JP Zhang** and **Chris Young** for all their hard work overseeing the landscape project. Thank you to **Ecology Landscape Company** for planting the trees and bushes. And a very big thank you to all those who have donated toward the project.

Special thanks to **Judy Peak** for contacting and arranging to have **Mark Yaconelli** preach and speak in May.

Thank you to the **Starr Family** and all who assisted with A.J.'s memorial service and reception, including the **Rev. John Sutton**.

A great big thank you to **Syliva Williams** for helping to coordinate a wedding, baptism, Bar mitzvah and memorial service in the past couple of months at St Anselm's.

Thank You



**George Wingate
Wasson**
09/21/1923-05/16/2024
Lafayette

George a longtime member of the Lafayette community and former Mayor recently passed away at the age of 100 and 7 months. George loved golf, traveling, sports, The Lafayette Historical Society, and of course his family. He was a US Navy veteran of World War II and a Purdue University graduate. A celebration of life will be held on Friday, June 7th at 2PM at St. Anselm's Episcopal Church, 682 Michael Lane Lafayette, California. Reception to follow. June, his loving wife, proceeded him in death. George is survived by his three children and other extended family.

Summer Guests at St. Anselm's

This summer St. Anselm's will welcome special guests who will make presentations in the sanctuary following the 10 a.m. service. from 11:15-12 p.m. These presentations will be available in-person and online via our weekly worship zoom.



Sunday, June 2nd Sukey Bryan

Since Ash Wednesday the work of renowned Bay Area artist Sukey Bryan has been on display in St. Anselm's sanctuary. As she returns to retrieve her artwork, Sukey, will share more about her work that seeks to raise climate awareness and explores humanity's spiritual connection with nature.

A recipient of a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, Bryan was artist in residence in Denali National Park, Alaska, Grace Cathedral, San Francisco and Chargepoint Headquarters.

Bryan's work has been exhibited widely in the U.S. at galleries, colleges and non-profit art spaces and internationally through the State Department Art in the Embassies program. Her work is held in many private and corporate collections.

Bryan graduated from Yale (BA in Fine Arts) and MICA (Maryland Institute College of Art - MFA). She lives and works on the Stanford campus.



Sundays, June 16th & July 7th Jonathan Dimmock

In addition to providing music for our 10 a.m. service on each of these Sundays, internationally recognized concert artist Jonathan Dimmock will share his perspective on church music providing support to our parish as we look to hire a music director. Jonathan Dimmock is the Principal Organist at the Legion of Honor Museum, Music Director at San Francisco's Swedenborgian Church and Congregation Sherith Israel. Jonathan also regularly appears with the San Francisco Symphony.

A graduate of Oberlin and Yale, he has the unique privilege of serving under Simon Preston as the first American Organ Scholar of Westminster Abbey; he has also served three American cathedrals: St. John the Divine (New York), St. Mark's (Minneapolis), and Grace (San Francisco). Jonathan lives in San Francisco where, for over twelve years, he was Music Director at St. Ignatius Church (the largest Jesuit church in the United States) and where he bases his extensive freelance career. He is in steady demand as an organ accompanist and is one of the few organists in the world to tour on all six inhabited continents. He is especially renowned for his interpretations of the music of Bach and Messiaen.



From The Senior Warden

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

That passage from Isaiah 47 was the theme when we last organized a St. Anselm’s Women’s Retreat, in October 2019 at Bishop’s Ranch. An intrepid group including Anne Brown, Sally Fischer, Neva Flaherty, Julia Starr, Sara Swimmer, Gail Clarke, myself and a couple of others made our way up to Healdsburg and settled in on a Friday night. After breakfast on Saturday, we had just begun our morning reflection when a cell phone alert notified us that wildfires required us to evacuate. We were back in the St. Anselm’s parking lot less than 24 hours after we’d departed, without having explored what “new things” might be springing up among us. At the time we regretted having to cut our reflection short. However, given the events of 2020 to 2023 in the world and at St. Anselm’s, such a conversation would likely have quickly proven irrelevant.

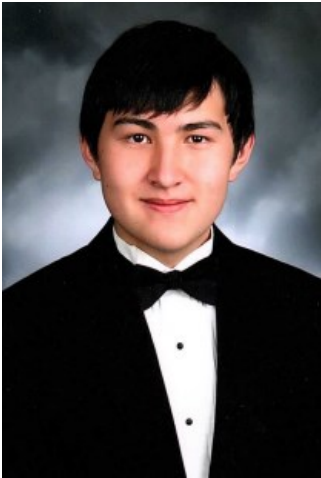
In contrast, that scripture passage seems tailor-made for today’s St. Anselm’s. There are signs of new life and new opportunity all around us. For the past few months a striking art installation has graced our sanctuary. We’ve recently heard sermons that reminded us of the accessibility of God’s living water, should we only venture out of our customary patterns and have a drink. We have hosted special speakers and reached out to members of other faith communities to seize opportunities for mutual learning and connection. We have planted new trees and plants in a landscaping project that epitomizes rejuvenation.

In the Senior Warden role, I hear diverse views about many aspects of St. Anselm’s communal life. For each person who is delighted by a work of art, speaker, sermon or musical selection, another has a lukewarm response. For each person who is eager to champion something new, another will take a cautious approach. With our financial position more precarious and our active membership smaller than we’d like, opinions differ about how best to manage our resources and our time. And yet...the very fact that we can share a range of views and grapple with these choices demonstrates that we are a living, growing community!

With Rev. Will’s role as Priest-in-Charge secure through at least the rest of 2024, this is a great time for us to discern together where we see “streams in the wasteland.” We are blessed with dedicated leadership and sufficient resources to make informed choices and try new things. We have options and opportunities to continue to evolve in worship, in community involvement and in our caring ministries even as we stay true to the traditions of the Episcopal church and our local history.

Where have you seen fresh springs bubbling up in the life of St. Anselm’s, or in our surrounding communities? What do we need to do, as individuals and as a faith community, to seek out and welcome those new possibilities? If you’re inspired about where we might go next, share your vision with your fellow parishioners – and listen with an open mind when others share their stories and hopes. Let’s help one another perceive how St. Anselm’s can continue to become part of God’s “new thing” in Lafayette.

Marian Mulkey
Sr. Warden



CLASS OF 2024

ALLEN YIMING ZHANG graduated from Campolindo High School on May 31, 2024. He is the son of Julie Rinkenberger and Jian Ping Zhang, and has been a Lector at St. Anselm's for the last couple of years. Allen was an active Boy Scout, earning the Star rank, participated in the orchestra and many clubs during high school, and also plays acoustic guitar. He will be attending San Francisco State University in the Fall as a psychology major and hopes to continue studying Mandarin and learning about Asian cultures.



JASMINE EVA FROST is graduating from Acalanes High School, where she has enjoyed exploring new and challenging ideas, making lifelong friendships, showing up for her teammates and earning varsity letters in track and lacrosse. She looks forward to attending the University of Colorado, Boulder. Jasmine thanks the St. Anselm's community for all of their love and support!



BURL HALL graduates from Campolindo High School where he has earned tremendous respect, accolades and honors for his many music and theatrical accomplishments. Burl became a member of the St. Anselm's Choir some two years ago, when we reached out to the Campo Concert Choir for much needed help and what a joy he has been to us all and to the performing arts excellence of Campolindo.

On May 10th the Campolindo Choirs gave their year-end performance and Burl was awarded the Linley Hall Scholarship which is given each year to "the student showing the most promise in music education", thus honoring his career contributions to the Music Department at Campo. He was also recognized as The Outstanding Contributor to the Chamber Singers, the elite singing group at Campo.

Burl starred as "Chino" in this spring's musical, West Side Story, where he displayed his acting and singing skills. Performances in past Campo musicals include Cinderella (2022) and Newsies (2023). Burl plans to pursue his love of music and the performing arts at Diablo Valley College this fall.

Since he will be attending DVC, we have great hope Burl will continue to add his voice to our choir as his schedule allows. Please congratulate Burl for his successes at Campo and thank him for bringing his wonderful talents and joy to St. Anselm's weekly worship service.



ANTHONY CAMPOS graduates from St. Mary's College, majoring in Political Science, and minoring in Theology. Anthony will be attending Trinity Law School in the fall. He plans to become an immigration lawyer. Anthony has served as a videographer at St. Anselm's. We are grateful for his work.



LYNN WOLFE graduates magna cum laude from the University of California, Davis. She receives her B.S. in Animal Science, with a specialization in Companion and Captive Animals. Her honors thesis is on Identifying Rumen Microbes Involved in Milk Fat Depression. In the fall, Lynn will be attending the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine.

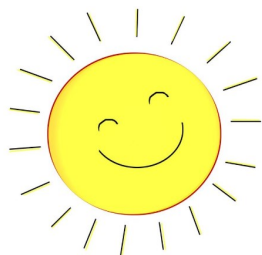


DR. CHRISTOPHER S. YOUNG receives his PhD in Criminology and Criminal Justice – Missing Persons Studies, from the University of Portsmouth, UK



THE REV. JEREMY O'NEILL was among the first students to attend Michael Lane Preschool. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Music from Sewanee: The University of the South in 2021 and graduated from Yale Divinity School with a Master of Divinity degree on May 20, 2024. Jeremy will be ordained to the priesthood on June 8, 2024, at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco. Jeremy will begin serving at Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, PA July 1st.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!



SUMMER BBQ

***Saturday, June 29th
at the Swimmer home***

Cost \$25 per person to cover costs
If this is a hardship,
please speak to Rev. Will

ALL are welcome

To help or for questions, please contact
Iris Hillman at iris_hillman@comcast.net



CHURCH WIDE WORK PARTY & CLEAN UP

***Saturday July 13th & July 20th
10am—4pm***

Contact JP Zhang for more information
jripmaggie@hotmail.com



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

This year St. Anselm's will host **Winter Nights from September 30 to October 7**. We are partnering with LDS of Alamo who will host from October 8 -14. We need a leader from St Anselm's to oversee the program. This job will entail communication with the Winter Nights organization, as well as co-ordinating volunteers for breakfasts & dinners. Please contact Joni Pearce at: jonipearce@me.com if interested.

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

John Ruby
Dick Orear
Holly Higgins
Lynne Watkins
Gordon Repp
Alan Swimmer
Leta Seletzky
Diane Brown
Joni Pearce
Gerry Starr



ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff & Connie Borero
Alex & Sophia McDonald
Tom & Elizabeth Henry
Gary & Wynne Bacon



BOOK GROUP

***Thursday, June 20th
at 2pm
in the church library***

Please join Deacon Naomi & Sharyn Barrington Carlson for a discussion on *The Personal Librarian*, and join us in choosing our next book selection.

PRAYER CHAIN

St. Anselm's Prayer Chain is a list of our parishioners and loved ones for whom prayers have been requested. Prayer is voluntary and on your own whenever you wish to pray. If you would like to receive the Prayer Chain or if there is someone you would like to add to the Prayer Chain, please email Vicki at: vrpappas@gmail.com.



St. Anselm's Staff

The Rev. Will Scott, Guest Priest
The Rev. Naomi Chamberlain-Harris, Deacon
Margaret Wolfe, Office Manager
Dawn King, Bookkeeper

To schedule an in person
conversation with Rev. Will,
email rector@stanselms.us



Vestry Update

The vestry held its regular monthly meeting on May 20. Business items included:

- Reviewed and approved Q1 financials

- Reviewed and accepted formal documentation of St. Anselm's working relationship with Rev. Will as our Priest-in-Charge

- Discussed and confirmed vestry norms and values

- Discussed churchwide priorities, tasks, and roles

- Received a brief update on recent efforts to clarify and prioritize property/ facility needs

- Decided to host Winter Nights from September 30 through October 14, 2024, pending follow-up to confirm that another faith community will partner for one of the two weeks

For more information, contact any member of the vestry. Meeting minutes and financial reports are available on request. Vestry minutes from the previous month's meeting are posted in the Jackson Hall conference room. Our next

Hello Summer!

This last week of May completed our 2023-2024 school year!

May was a busy month for us spring cleaning, enjoying the change in seasons, measuring how much we've grown, and remembering all of our favorite things we did this year! We also enjoyed a very successful Parent Auction and party fundraiser here in the garden by the church.

A big thank you to Peg Matson, Bob Eddy, Will Scott, and now Marian Mulkey for all of their work on the MLP Pre-school board this year. It was a smooth year, and your support was hugely impactful!

We will have 2 weeks of summer camp here in June and I hope to be around organizing when I'm not enjoying lazy summer days!

Happy Summer!

Warmly,

Holly

Director, Michael Lane Preschool



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Next *Canterbury Tales* deadline is June 23rd

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday June 4th/11th/18th/25th — Morning Prayer will be led by Deacon Naomi via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. To be invited, email Deacon Naomi at orchidsnrch@yahoo.com.

Tuesday June 4th — Grief Support Group will meet via Zoom at 12:00 noon. To be invited, email Deacon Naomi at orchidsnrch@yahoo.com.

Tuesday June 4th/11th/18th/25th — Evening Bible Study will meet via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. To be invited, email Deacon Naomi at orchidsnrch@yahoo.com.

Friday June 7th — George Wasson Memorial Service from 2pm-5pm.

Sunday June 9th — Blessing of the Landscaping immediately after the 10 a.m. service

Sunday June 9th — Cancer Support Group will meet in the conference room and via Zoom at 11:30 a.m. To be invited, email Julie Rinkenberger at jripmaggie@hotmail.com.

Sunday June 16th — Vestry will meet in the conference room and via Zoom at 11:30 a.m. Vestry members will receive an email from Marian Mulkey with the meeting link. Parishioners are welcome to attend vestry meetings or to listen in via Zoom.

Thursday June 20th — Book Club will be led by Sharyn Barrington-Carlson and Deacon Naomi 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the conference room. For more details email Deacon Naomi at orchidsnrch@yahoo.com.

Sunday June 20th — Stephen Ministers will meet in the conference room and via Zoom at 11:30 a.m. Stephen Ministers will receive a link from Vicki Pappas.

Saturday June 29th — Summer BBQ at the Swimmer Home. To help or for questions, please contact Iris Hillman at iris_hilman@comcast.net.

Saturday July 13th & 20th — Church Wide Work Party and Clean-Up To help or for questions, please contact JP Zhang at jripmaggie@hotmail.com.

Saturday July 27th — Executive Council of the Diocese Retreat hosted at St. Anselm's Episcopal Church