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Fr. Ogier returns to St. David's Staff

Fr. O will serve as Special Assistant to the Rector for Senior Ministry

It is our delight to announce that the Rev. Dr. Dwight Ogier is returning to the staff of St. David's. Dr. Ogier will be serving as Special Assistant to the Rector for Senior Ministry. This ministry is made possible by the generosity of members of St. David's, and we continue to pray in thanksgiving for that generosity. Dr. Ogier will begin his part-time duties on the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany (February 4th). Dr. Ogier will be working during the week and only occasionally with us on Sundays. Please welcome him back to St. David's and keep him in your prayers.



Sunday Morning Adult Christian Education

Registration on January 14!

Welcome to the Spring 2007 term of Adult Christian Education at Saint David's. For every member, we aspire to be a lively center for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom. The Sunday morning Christian education block is a dynamic time of much activity, however, it is also the time when most of us are likely to be available to learn. This spring term begins with a Forum showcasing the class offerings on January 14. Registration for all Sunday classes will be held during the forum. Classes are designed to vary in content and in length, in response to preferences expressed by members through the adult Christian education survey conducted in the fall. The Spring term will continue the

practice of offering a Parish Forum in the nave on one Sunday per month. Adult Christian education classes will not meet on Parish Forum Sundays. The term will be organized into three blocks of four classes each. As indicated by the schedule accompanying this article, some classes will span more than one block, while others will last only four weeks. All adults are invited to participate in classes they find most meaningful, and we hope you will find that Sunday morning adult Christian education enriches your life in Christ.

*Tom Erdmanczyk, Chairman
Adult Christian Education Committee*

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**Chili
Cook-Off
on Feb. 4!!**

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hours, call: 1-800-941-0033.

The next issue of the
newsletter will be mailed
on Jan. 24. The deadline
for submissions is
Jan. 19, 2007.

CALENDAR

○a.m./●p.m.

- 8:30 **Saturday, January 13**
DOK-PH
- 10:15 **Sunday, January 14**
Parish Forum-Nave
●2:30 EpiscoPALS-PH
●3:00 Choir Rehearsal
●5:00 Evensong-Nave
●6:30 Women's Fellowship-offsite
- 7:00 **Monday, January 15**
EFM-Bethany
- 7:00 **Tuesday, January 16**
Stephen Min.-Nazareth
- 10:00 **Wednesday, January 17**
H.E./Healing service
○11:00 Guild of Christ Child-Naz.
●6:00 Epiphany Wed. Series-PH
- 7:00 **Thursday, January 18**
Outreach Mtg.-Bethany
●7:00 Endowment Mtg.-Nazareth
●7:30 Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 **Friday, January 19**
Young Men's Bible Study
●6:30 Couples Night Out
- 7:00 **Monday, January 22**
EFM-Bethany
●7:30 Brotherhood of St. Andrew
- 7:00 **Tuesday, January 23**
Vestry Meeting-Bethany
- 10:00 **Wednesday, January 24**
H.E./Healing service
- 7:30 **Thursday, January 25**
Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 **Friday, January 26**
Young Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 **Saturday, January 27**
Honduras Fundraiser at
St. Aidan's
- 2:30 **Sunday, January 28**
EpiscoPALS-PH
●3:00 New Member Reception
●5:30 Men's Club Dinner/Mtg.-PH
- 7:00 **Monday, January 29**
EFM-Bethany
- 10:00 **Wednesday, January 31**
H.E./Healing service
●2:00 Pictorial Directory pictures
in Parish Hall

Our church calendar is continuously
updated on our website at
www.stdavidchurch.org.

Worship Schedule

7:45 a.m.	H.E. Rite I
9:00 a.m.	Family H.E., Rite II
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
11:15 a.m.	H.E. Rite II
1:15 p.m.	Mass in Spanish
6:00 p.m.	Chapel Service

Lectionary for Jan. 14

Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11,
John 2:1-11, Psalm 36:5-10

Lectionary for Jan. 21

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10,
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a,
Luke 4:14-21, Psalm 19

Flower Arranging Workshop

Saint David's is invited to participate
in a flower arranging workshop on
Saturday, January 20th, from 9:30
a.m.—12:30 p.m., hosted by the
Flower Guild of St. Aidan's in
Alpharetta. Workshop instructors are
the Flower Guild Chairs from the
Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta.
Instructions and demonstrations will
include arranging techniques, floral
design, conditioning and handling of
flowers, and ideas on flower
combinations. The workshop is being
held at St. Aidan's. Space is limited
and reservations are required. Please
call Stacy Wilson, 770-475-9940, by
January 15th, to reserve a spot. Cost
of the workshop is \$15.00 per
participant.

Couples Night Out for January

The next Couples Night Out will be held on Friday night, January 19, and you will go to “Bistro VG,” heading west on Crossville Rd., just beyond Crabapple Rd. They are located at 70 West Crossville Rd., 770-993-1156. Bistro VG is the newly transformed Van Gogh’s Restaurant.

Childcare will be provided at the church, and the cost for this care will be \$10 per child with a maximum of \$20 per family. Childcare will open at 6:10 p.m., and we will meet at the restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Please call the church reservation number at 770-993-1094, ext. 126, by Monday, Jan. 15, to reserve your spot and to inform us of your childcare needs.

Holiday Families Thank-you’s!

Thank You for Giving 38 Families a Merry Christmas!

Thank you, thank you to all the people of St. David’s who made the NFCC Holiday Families Program a huge success! From star cutters and labelers to truck help to gift donations we truly could not have done it without all of your help. At the risk of excluding someone, a special thanks goes to the following people for their time: Scott Bast, SE Trucking Co. (for the truck donation), Maureen, Chuck and Mary Kate Erb, Jana and Billy Oliver, Daryl O’Hare, Allison Bronk, Wyatt Alston, Kimbie Grovijohn, Peggy Fallon, Linda Thomas, and Deborah Honan. On the morning of December 12 we delivered 306 gifts to NFCC giving 38 North Fulton families a very Merry Christmas!

Heartfelt Thanks from,
Jacquie, Brad, Lauren, and Julia Tracy

Women’s Fellowship for January

The group will meet at the home of Amy Evins, 9215 Nesbit Lakes Dr., Alpharetta, 30022, on Sunday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. Share a New Year’s Resolution and some fellowship! For questions, please call Amy at home—770-649-0970, or cell—404-428-5430. You can also reach Keri Blanks at 404-725-8490.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Decorating Thank-you’s!

Thank you to the Flower Guild members and volunteers who helped decorate St. David’s for Christmas. With a list of various Christmas decorating tasks that included the nave, choir loft, parish hall, exterior entrances, street sign, and other areas, it was a job which could only have been completed with a dedicated ministry team and volunteers. Thank you to the following Flower Guild members and parish volunteers for generously giving their talent and time to beautifully adorn St. David’s for the celebration of the Birth of Our Lord.

In Thanksgiving,
Stacy Wilson, Flower Guild Chairman

Flower Guild members and Parish volunteers:	Leslie Benton
	Debbie Perry
	Edith Coburn
Diana Lynn Monson	Judy Odeen
Cindy Eade	Perry Clarke
Cindy Johnson	Laura Falk
Connie Flowers	Catherine Gregory
Cathy Jones	Robbin Buchanan
Fred Jones	Jackie Young

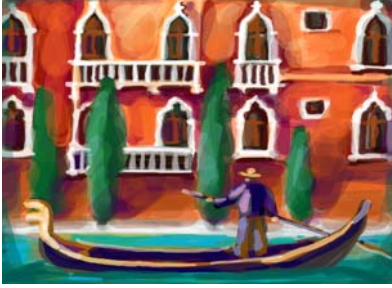
Women's Evening Bible Study

God and Vocation: "Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119

February 5 - March 19, 2007
7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
Choir Room

A Seven Week Teaching and Discussion based on Biblical texts and Let Your Life Speak: Listening to the Voice of Vocation, Parker J. Palmer, author.

Limited copies of the text will be available for sale for \$12.31 by contacting the church office at 770-993-6084, or Rev. Anne Elizabeth at aes@stdavidchurch.org.



Annual Fundraiser of the Honduras Mission Team

Tickets Now on Sale for "An Evening in Tuscany" Sat., January 27th, 6:00 p.m.

An evening you do not want to miss! Appetizers and drinks, a delicious Italian feast and dessert by our own Laura Dover's The Sophisticated Sardine, entertainment by Laughing Matters Comedy Improv, and professional pianist Mary Sue Taylor, and a Silent Auction. Tickets are \$35 per person and childcare is available at \$10 per child or \$20 max per family. Don't miss your opportunity to bid on certain sealed items prior to the event! Look for these in the hallways!

This year's mission will assist the LAMB Institute in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and all proceeds from the event will go toward the children's residential home we are going to go build in March. Your attendance at this event will help us meet our goal!

The grand event will take place at St. Aidan's church, which has graciously offered its parish hall to give us some extra elbow room! Come enjoy "An Evening in Tuscany" with the St. David's Honduras Mission Team.

2nd Sundays at Five

There will be an Evensong service at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 14, in the Nave. Please plan to attend to hear our wonderful St. David's Choir.



Save the Date! Mardi Gras Party "Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!" Saturday, February 10, 2007

Tickets are now on sale in the mailbox hallway. For more information and to volunteer to serve on the Mardi Gras committee, please contact Polly Cranston at 770-522-7636 or pollycranston@hotmail.com.

VBS in January!

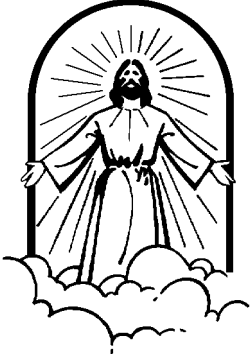
I know that it's only January, but it's never too early to start thinking about summer! VBS in particular!

As stated in an earlier newsletter, VBS will be the week of July 16th. So mark your calendars! We are very excited about this year's curriculum and are ready to *soar to new heights with God's Love*.

As you know it takes a great deal of manpower, or volunteer power if you will, to make VBS successful. It is our hope that each family who enrolls their child in VBS will volunteer in some capacity. There are many different ways to be involved. Teachers and Guides are always our first priority, but our needs certainly do not stop there. We need volunteers to work on the decorating committee, to help assemble crafts, work the snack committee, help with the parties, help out on the playground and work in mini-VBS. It is also important to note that if you cannot be present the entire week we would be happy to have you for the time that you are available. (And of course Dads, we are particularly interested in your participation.) Surely there is a spot that is just right for you!!

More information will be coming soon. If you have any questions or are ready to jump in please feel free to call me. Sally Goldberg (VBS-Coordinator), 770-650-9287





“Embraced By ”

Saturday, February 17, 2007

7:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
St David's Parish Hall

Guest Speaker:
The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton
Canon for Prayer and Mission
The Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta

Cost is \$30

Cost includes breakfast and lunch.

Your non-refundable check must accompany your registration.

Registration Forms are available on a table in the “mailbox hallway”

or download a Registration Form from the church website

at www.stdavidchurch.org and click on the “Christian Ed” tab and then click “Adults.”

Registration is limited to 60.

If you have any questions, call Rev. Anne Elizabeth Swiedler at 770-993-1094, ext. 124 or Betty Cunningham at 770-664-1577.



SPRING RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Return form to church office
Include check for \$30 made out to “St. David’s” with notation “Women’s Retreat”

Course Offerings for Spring 2007 at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays

Season of Epiphany (4 classes)

Preparing for Christian Discipleship
Sacraments & Spirituality
Come As You Are: Praying 101
Christian Discourse (6 classes)
Lectionary
Saint David's 101

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Amanda Scott
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Betsy Candler

Season of Lent (4 classes)

Preparing for Christian Discipleship (cont.)
History of the Church
and The Book of Common Prayer
The Way of the Cross
Christian Discourse (cont.)
Lectionary
Book Study: Leaving Church
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Easter Season (4 classes)

Preparing for Christian Discipleship (cont.)
Come As You Are: Praying 101
Lectionary
Speaking of Faith...and Listening
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Epiphany Season

Preparing for Christian Discipleship Preparation for Adult Confirmation, Reception, and Renewal in the Episcopal Church...

In this class, the Rector will teach the history of the Episcopal Church and why Henry VIII did NOT create the Anglican Church. He will teach about the worship in some detail, with emphasis on The Book of Common Prayer, the Anglican approach to Holy Scripture, and the structure and workings of the Episcopal Church. There will be plenty of time for questions, answers, and good discussion.

Sacraments and Spirituality

In this series, the Rector will teach on the Sacramental world view in the Anglican tradition. What do we mean by Sacrament? What do we mean by Sacramental? We will discuss the Church as “dispenser of Grace and how the Sacraments are the means of that conveyance. We will dig deeply into the concept of Sacrament and explore the concept in more universal terms.

Our discussion of Spirituality links us to both our Catholic and Reformed past, to our approach to Holy Scripture, Prayer, Religious life, writings, devotions, meditations and

practices of prayer. This is where our worship will begin to take on new and fresh meaning – and indeed reveal the great promise for the Church of the future.

Come As You Are: Praying 101

The class will include readings and discussion based on:

The Word Is Very Near You:

A Guide for Praying with Scripture

Author: Martin L. Smith, SSJE, Cowley Publications, 1989
ISBN# 0936384816. Available through online through Borders, or you may call the Cathedral Bookstore for information, 404-237-7582. Rev. Swiedler facilitates.

Christian Discourse

There are issues within the Church and in the world beyond the Church that merit conversation among people of faith. Those “conversations” unfortunately often become the cause of even more division and distance. In fact, discussion of controversial topics often lead to what Holy Scripture calls “hardened hearts.” There is a way to have real conversation – or discourse – without causing the pain and hurt. This class is designed to teach people how to discuss very difficult issues in a fashion that fosters understanding and minimizes the risk of harmed relationship. Class size limited to 35. Facilitated by Amanda Scott.

Lectionary

The lectionary class is a discussion-based group focusing on the appointed scriptures for each Sunday. Prior knowledge of Scripture is not a pre-requisite. Participants will review the texts, and we will then discuss what the message may mean for us. This class will help to bring the scriptures alive in a new way for those of us who usually only hear scripture when it is read during the service, through giving us the opportunity to reflect on the insights of others and to offer our own insights for the consideration of the group. Each class is complete by itself, so it is ideal for those who can't be in class every week. The lectionary class is facilitated by Mike and Marilyn Dougherty, Chris and Karen Burpo, Beth King and Lawrence Ough.

St. David's 101

YOU are invited to our St. David's 101 classes and Tours of Grounds on Sundays. (You need only attend one of these sessions to be "in the know"!)

St. David's 101 classes:

January 21, February 19, March 18, April 15

Spring semester tours of grounds on Sundays:

January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22

On these days, during the Sunday School hour (10:15—11:00) we meet upstairs, in the office reception area just outside the choir loft.

St. David's 101 is a casual and informative forum where the discussion introduces new members to the full life of St. David's: who, what, when, where, and how. Look for the sign marked "Visitors and New Members Meet Here"! We meet in the same location to begin the tour of the buildings and grounds.

Lent Season

History of the Church and The Book of Common Prayer

There is little question that after the Holy Bible no other book has had more influence on Christian worship than The Book of Common Prayer. While sadly, we tend to limit our use to but a few pages, it is a book of near limitless possibilities in terms of sacred expression. I believe the Book breathes. It is as durable a liturgical text as ever written and within its ever changing pages resides the history of our tradition. If one wants to know what an Episcopalian believes – one needs to worship with us and it all becomes more clear. The guide to that experience is The Book of Common Prayer. I think you will love the book and marvel at its history and ours when we are done with this session. Fr. Paul facilitates.

The Way of the Cross

The Way of the Cross is an ancient observance of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Good Friday. For centuries the Church has embraced this pattern of prayer and meditation as a holy means to enter into the redemptive suffering and presence of Christ. This devotion began as a custom widely observed by pilgrims to Jerusalem as prayer at a series of places in that city traditionally associated with our Lords' passion and death. Join us for a four week Sunday morning series where we will review the church history, the Biblical sources, the liturgy and power of this prayer form. Rev. Swiedler facilitates.

A Book Study: Leaving Church: a Memoir of Faith

Follow The Reverend Barbara Brown Taylor, a priest of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, and a preacher of world renown, in her finding, losing, and keeping as she travels her journey of faith. Has your life gone as planned? Have you met your goals? Have they changed? Can we appreciate and benefit from the losses as well as the successes, the detours as well as the clarity of a path? Join us in reading and discussing "a book about the wonderful mess of being alive in this world, and about the wonderful and terrible things that happen to us in it, and about the dream of God."

It will be helpful for participants to purchase and be familiar with the book: Leaving Church: a Memoir of Faith, \$16.29 (Amazon) prior to the beginning of the class. The class will meet for four weeks, and will not meet on the Forum Sunday of March 11. You may wish to access www.barbarabrowntaylor.com for additional information on the author. Facilitators: Edith Cobourn & Tom Erdmanczyk.

Easter Season

Speaking of Faith...and Listening

This adult Christian education class allows time for a look at conversations of people of faith when they attempt to share that faith with others. How are their successes and failures similar to ours? What do we say when we speak of faith? And what do we say when we don't talk at all? We will look especially at sharing faith with our teenage and adult children and the question, "Have we failed if they don't believe?" Join the facilitators in an exploration of some models for sharing faith, and consideration of when and how is it appropriate to do so, and with whom. This class will meet for four weeks, and will not meet on the Sunday of the Bishop's visitation on April 29. Facilitators: Edith Cobourn & Tom Erdmanczyk.

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Church Directory



Photograph Sign-Up

Announcing our new Pictorial Church Directory

We are excited to announce the creation of a new church directory for 2007! The directory will help us connect names with faces. **Please participate!** Every participating family that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8x10 portrait. During your scheduled appointment time, you will have the opportunity to order additional family photos. The scheduled dates now are Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 2, 3—as these dates fill up, we will open up another week in mid-February.

You may register for your appointment time online at www.stdavidchurch.org, then click into the Lifetouch button and follow the prompts. Once you have done this, you may change, cancel, or reschedule your appointment. We will also have sign-up sheets in the church hallway on Sundays. Your appointments are then keyed in on Monday morning, so that you also can go online to change, cancel, or reschedule your appointment time. If you can't log on with the wife's name, then try with the husband's name.

Have you ever wanted to have a photograph with your grandchildren? This is a great time to get a professional quality photograph that will bring memories back for years to come. After your church directory shots are done, you are welcome to customize the photographs however you might want them. Contrary to what the reminder email to you will say from Lifetouch, **pets are not allowed in the building, and therefore not allowed in the photographs.**

VOLUNTEER HOSTS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to host the check-in tables during the sitting days. You will be eligible for a discount on your photo package order if you volunteer. Call Linda Thomas at 770-993-1094, ext. 104, to volunteer.