

THE QUILL

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ST. BEDE'S MISSION FIELD

2007 PILGRIMAGE W/ BISHOP & RECTOR

Well, if you cannot go to the Holy Land, how about the next best thing:

12 DAYS TURKEY & THE GREEK ISLES

The trip will depart on Wednesday, October 31 from Los Angeles and arrive in Istanbul on Nov. 1. After touring the former Constantinople — capital of the Eastern Roman Empire — the group will travel south through Troy (biblical Troas), Pergamum, Smyrna & Ephesus. From Ephesus, the group will enjoy a 3-day cruise to Patmos, Rhodes, Crete & Santorini and end with a stay in Athens and a visit to Corinth. These are the routes that St. Paul walked and sailed 2000 years ago.

The cost will be \$2,599 (not incl. Airport taxes or port charges, security fees, passport or visa fees or tipping).

The trip will be led by the Rev. Canon Jim Newman & Bishop Jon & Mary Bruno.

Have you staked out your claim to part of the landscape around here? Do you want to feel extremely virtuous every once in a while in the parish kitchen? Have you offered to help the St. John's Guild with their closet?

There is more than enough to do if everyone would claim a bit of the building or property as their own territory. It does not require a "work day" to pull weeds or to clean out the refrigerator.

When you receive your yellow time and talent cards this fall, simply explain your area of concern on the back of the card. There are some folks who cannot pledge. But they can sit on the lawn and dig out weeds. The weeds in a certain planter can become a family project that gets worked on every other month.

The same is true with the kitchen. Plates and bowls and cutlery end up in the strangest places — or just sitting on the counter because someone did not know where they went. And the refrigerator and freezer!!! There are items there that have been there much too long and are begging to be disposed of (some of them may have become life forms with a voice!).

November and December will be the months that the Rector works on his books with some help (several have volunteered already). The goal is to have the offices ready for a neat and clean 2007.

As you ponder your stewardship of treasure (your pledge) as well as talent (teaching, singing, reading, computer, etc.) and time (your willingness to dome some of these tasks), please remember that giving just one morning or afternoon per month will be a wonderful gift!

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THIS MONTH

Rector's Column

Nov. Birthdays &
Anniversaries

SoB Venues

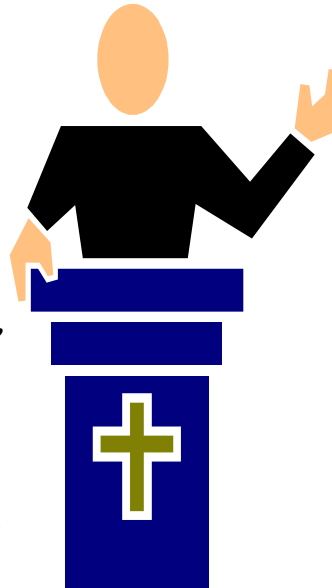
AIDS Ministry

UTO in November
Nominations

CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

I just finished composing a service for next month's Diocesan Convention which includes hymn which states:

*"We all are one in mission,
we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
compels us from above
To plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love."*



Christ's mission — whether for the Diocese or the Parish is for all of us. It is the expectation following our baptism...it is our ministry.

Some people treat a baptism as an isolated event, but is one of the two essential sacraments —it is **NEVER** isolated. It presupposes a congregation in which the candidate for baptism or his parents (or sponsors) would have been active participants. Read the promises on p. 304-305 of the Prayer Book. "Will you continue..." is a statement both of where one has been and is as well as where one is going.

The Community of the Baptized is composed of people of all ages. We invest time with the nursery, the church school, the youth (when we have them), adults and mature adults.

In a meeting for mature adults last summer, Fr. Ron Erlandson introduced us to many resources in his class, "From Age-ing to Sage-ing". One of those is the book, "**Finding Meaning in the Second Half of Life: How to Finally, Really Grow Up**" by James Hollis, Ph.D. On, Wednesday, Nov. 29, at Noon, we shall have a luncheon and the first discussion of that book. Several people have already purchased

copies of that book and others may either reserve it at the library, purchase it, or contact the church office. At the 11/29 lunch and study, we will discuss the Introduction and Chapter One. We will also establish the schedule for the rest of the book study.

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Fr. John Hancock has moved from the Kensington in Alhambra to a place much closer to St. Bedes. If you want to visit him, please check with Mthr. Golie or myself and we will give you the directions.

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Fr. Giles is doing much better but he cannot drive. He is living in Park LaBrea. If any would like to offer him rides to/from Church, please let Mthr. Golie or me know.

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I am sorry to say that scheduled **pilgrimage** to the Holy Land was cancelled due to the uneasy truce in the middle-east and the nervousness of travelers. We have scheduled another trip — also to holy sites. The trip is highlighted on p. 1 of the newsletter.

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Finally, this month, we celebrate the institution of the new **Presiding Bishop — the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori** — as she begins a nine-year term. In many ways, this is notable as Bishop Schori is the first female Primate in the Anglican Communion. It is an historic "first". However, it is also an event that is timely, but not notable. Her accession marks no profound change in the Episcopal Church or the Anglican Communion.

The big change came with the legal ordination of women. Women have been ordained legally since January of 1977. (Before that, Florence Lee Tim Oi was ordained in Hong Kong in 1944 and 15 women were irregularly ordained in Philadelphia and Washington in 1975 & 1975.)

Barbara Harris of the U. S and Penelope Jamieson of New Zealand were consecrated as Bishops in 1989. Congratulations to Bp. Schori as she commences her new ministry.

We all are one in Mission!

VITAL STATISTICS

Visitors:

Ismael Carper, Lisa Aronson, Ruth Aronson, Katia Johnson

Please Pray for:

Fr. Giles, Tina, John, Lois, Eugenia, Dulcie, Janet, Diane, Nabila, Harriet, Fr. John, Daniel, Joe, Wes, Jerry, Kim, Ina, Frances, Peggy, Jeff, Sandy, Kelly, Ergun, Don, Caleb, Dennis

November Birthdays:

11/02 Nathaniel Neilson
11/15 James Newman
11/20 Ned Vaughn
11/21 Bettina Ayers
11/25 Jean Boone

November Anniversaries:

11/11 Tom & Jo Ledsam
11/29 Tori & Helmi Hisserich-Patterson

Canon Jim Newman+

5P21—OUR AIDS MINISTRY

This is the formal name for the Aids Luncheon which is announced every month. Several people from St. Bede's, led by Jeannette Young, meet at St. Mary's Palms on the first Wednesday of the month where they make lunch for about 120 Aids and HIV patients who go to County Hospital in downtown L.A. We make sandwiches, package cookies, make deviled eggs, supply fruit and drinks. At Christmas time, the women at the church (mostly St. John's Guild) cut 228 fabric bags and volunteers sew them. Volunteers are needed for this Each bag is stuffed with socks, a toothbrush and toothpaste, a comb, a stamped Christmas card for them to send to a friend and little bottles of shampoo, conditioner and lotion (most of which come from people like you who bring them back from hotels when traveling). Usually there are various other items that are donated. The children's bags are usually topped with a teddy bear.

There is a separate Women's and Children's Clinic where donated toys are taken. In the past years, St. Bede's congregation has been generous in providing toys and we remind you that we accept toys at any time during the year.

However, this year there is a new category of adolescents to provide for. At this age, the most appreciated gifts are \$10 gift cards to Target or cash. From now until November, when the bags are packed, we encourage you to bring in any of these items.

RECTOR'S FORUM — STEWARDSHIP

In November, the Rector's Forum will be replaced by the Stewardship luncheon following the 10 a.m. service. At that time, the Rector and Vestry will answer questions about the plans for both the 2007 budget and the program of continuing parish renovation.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

In November, by Thanksgiving, we will collect the UTO mite boxes. The United Thank Offering is the annual collection by the women of the Church which is used for outreach both within the U. S. and around the world. Please collect all your change and bring it to Church by Sunday, November 26.

SISTERS OF BEDE VENUES

Many events have space and one may sign up by talking either to the host of the event or Samira Tamer. Please see the SoB board in the Parish Hall.

EL SALVADOR APPEAL

We are on our way to building our third house in El Salvador (see the website at;

<http://www.stbedesla.org/elsalvador.htm>
CONGRATULATIONS!!! This is amazing work. Fr. Jim is looking for ways people can journey to El Salvador to be part of a hands-on program next summer.

RETREATS

The Hawaii retreat for 2007 has been cancelled.

NOMINATIONS DUE

At the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 21, we will elect five vestry members — four for two year terms and one for a one year term. The Vestry is the governing Board of the Parish and meets monthly on the 4th Monday of the month. It is composed of three committees — Program, Finance & Outreach, at least one of which each member is a part of.

The Vestry is responsible for the temporal life of the congregation. They oversee the program and budget and determine the ways the parish may reach out into the community.

If you are interested in serving, please contact the nominating committee: Annette Graw, Michael Gallagher, Phyllis Morrison & Kathy Hartley.

Also to be nominated: one delegate and one alternate delegate (this cycle—female members) to serve two-year terms representing the Parish at the Deanery meetings (2 or 3 per year on Saturdays) & at the Diocesan Convention (the 1st Friday/Saturday in December). Please see the Nominating Committee.

NOVEMBER LESSONS

SUNDAYS

Nov. 5 (All Saints' Sunday): (JN) Wisdom 3.1-9;
Ps. 24; Revelation 21.1-6a; John 11.32-44
Nov. 12 (23 Pent./Pr. 27): (MO) Ruth 3.1-5 & 4.13-17;
Ps. 127; Hebrews 9.24-28; Mark 12.38-44
Nov. 19 (24 Pent./Pr. 28): (JN) 1 Samuel 1.4-20;
1 Sam. 2.1-10; Hebrews 10.11-25; Mark 13.1-8
Nov. 26 (Last Pent./Pr. 29): (JN) 2 Samuel 23.1-7;
Ps. 132.1-13; Revelation 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37

WEEKDAYS

11/1: (AH or MG) Isaiah 25.6-9; Ps. 24; John 11.32-44
11/8 (JN) Philippians 2.12-18; Ps. 62.6-14; Luke 14.25-33
11/15 (JN) Titus 3.1-7; Ps. 91.9-16; Luke 17.11-19
11/22: THANKSGIVING EVE (GK) Joel 2.21-27; Ps. 126; 1 Timothy 2.1-7; Matthew 6.25-33
11/29: ST. ANDREW (JN) Deut. 30.11-14; Ps. 19.1-6; Romans 10.8b-18; Matthew 4.18-22

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Hear Sunday's Sermon!

SERVICES & CLASSES

SUNDAYS: 8 am, Holy Eucharist (no music)
10 am, Church School & Nursery
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer
TUESDAYS 10 am, Morning Prayer & Bible Study
WEDNESDAYS: 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class

TUESDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE

Hosts:

11/7: **NO MEETING**; 11/14: N. Holly, M. Leng;
11/21: I. Klem, L. Jennison; 11/28: J. Dahler, A. Haynes

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:

Great Figures of the Old Testament

11/1 — Moses
11/8 — Joshua & Rahab
11/15 — Deborah
11/29 — Samson

VIA MEDIA: An Anglican Form of Christianity

11/5, 12, 19 & 26 @ Noon

BOOK STUDY:

Finding Meaning in the Second Half of Life
11/29 @ Noon

ST. BEDE'S
VESTRY & STAFF

RECTOR: The Very Rev. Canon James Newman

ASSOCIATE: The Rev. Argola Haynes

ASSISTING CLERGY:

the Rev. Giles Asbury, the Rev John Hancock

INTERNS: Giovan King & Mike Olsen

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Frank Basile

FACILITIES MANAGER: Tom Ledsam

VESTRY

Annette Graw ('07) — Senior Warden

Jerry Hornof ('08) — Junior Warden

Joelle Underwood — Clerk

Paul Thompson—Treasurer

Mike Olsen & Barbara Sands — Assistant Treasurers

Jennine Townsend — Financial Secretary

Michael Gallagher ('07) Kathy Hartley ('07)

— ('08) Liz Mohler ('08)

Phyllis Morrison ('07) Alice Short ('08)

Reed Wilson ('08)

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION

Kyle Ferstead (D)/Annette Graw (A) - ('07)

Frank Basile (D)/Michael Mullins (A) - ('08)