

THE QUILL

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Advent/Christmas/Mid-Epiphany, 2008-2009

43rd Annual Parish Meeting

The 43rd Annual Meeting will be held in Luther Hall following the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist and a pot-luck luncheon on Sunday, Jan. 18.

The Annual meeting is a time when reports covering the year past are made to the parish, the Vestry reports on the 2009 Budget which was passed by the Vestry in mid-December, and elections are held for open seats on the vestry & for St. Bede's representation to the Convention of the Diocese of Los Angeles.

The Nominating Committee of the Vestry has presented the following slate of candidates:

For Vestry (4-2 yr. Terms): Mike Mullins, Dean Pace, Sharon Arthur, Ashkan Sobhe

For Delegate to Diocesan Convention (2 yr. Term): Kyle Fersted

For Alternate to Diocesan Convention (2 yr. Term): Annette Graw

Because of the meeting, there will be one celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. The early service at 8 a.m. will be a service of Morning Prayer.

Our guest speaker at the luncheon will be The Very Rev. David Jackson, Dean of Bloy House: The Episcopal Theological School at Claremont.

Preceding the Annual meeting, the Vestry will hold a potluck luncheon. To determine what you should bring, first determine the last digit of your home telephone number. If the last digit of your telephone # is, bring: 3-5, main course; 6, bread; 7-8, salad; 9-0, vegetable; 1-2, dessert.

St. Bede's Christmas Pageant!

by Deacon Vicki

This year the **Kids of St. Bede's** will present a traditional Christmas Pageant at the 4:30 p.m. service on Christmas Eve, December 24. All children are invited to participate! There are parts for all, including our littlest. Our pageant will also include the singing of Christmas hymns by the congregation. This will be a joyful celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Pamela Jackson has graciously accepted the role of Wardrobe Mistress and will be developing the pageant costumes. These costumes will be archived here at St. Bede's for our future use. **Please consider making a donation to St. Bede's to cover the cost of these costumes.** It will be a wonderful investment in our children's future here at the parish. Please make checks payable to St. Bede's, with a memo noting costumes, and place them in my box in the office. Your help would be so appreciated!

I will be contacting each family in our Sunday School regarding their participation. Christmas though, is a time when family or friends may be visiting from out of town and I want to include any children who might be coming to this service. There will be extra costumes on hand for non-speaking parts and any child who comes will be welcome to participate. Please let me know in advance, if you can, either at church or on my cell phone (310) 625-7364.

There will be two rehearsals: Sundays, Dec. 14 and 21 after the coffee hour. Please plan to meet in the sanctuary. Questions? Please call my cell.

Fr. Jim and I are excited to have the children help us usher in the meaning of Christmas!

Joy and peace,

Deacon Vicki

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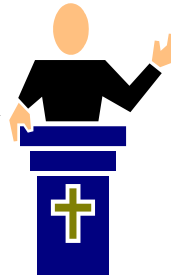
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CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

This issue of the Quill covers the Season of Incarnation. That is, it covers my favorite seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany (Jan. 6) and Jesus' baptism (Jan 11). I wish that Advent -- the time we spend preparing for Jesus' birth was twice as long. We know that Mary is expecting a child. In our time, we pray that Jesus may "Come, Quickly Come." We pray for God with us ("Emmanuel"). We love proclaiming the birth of the "King of Kings" and "Prince of Peace." However, as he grows—both in age and in us—we have a hard time living into the reality of his presence. "Epiphany" means that his presence is available to ALL people. Baptism means that not only are we invited to be part of God's family, but that as baptized persons, we have a calling to share that welcome and that good news with the people with whom we come in contact.



days of the Church Year which are interrupted by the cycles of Advent/Christmas/Epiphany and Lent/Holy Week/Easter/Pentecost.

EVENTS

In the midst of this cycle of Hope and Calling, we continue to live our "Ordinary Time."

- The Convention of the Diocese of Los Angeles will be on Dec. 5-6 in Riverside, CA. The special guest this year will be our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori. She will be the celebrant and preacher for the eucharist at Noon on Friday, Dec. 5 and will also present two talks on Saturday, Dec. 6.
- Our annual tree-trimming event—again for children of all ages—will be held on Saturday, December 20 beginning at 10 a.m.
- God willing, the Rev. Victoria Kirk Mouradian will be ordained to the sacred priesthood on Saturday, January 10 at 10 a.m. at St. John's Pro-Cathedral, Adams & Figueroa.
- The 43rd Annual Meeting will be held following the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, January 18. It will be preceded by a pot-luck luncheon (article on page 1).
- On the morning of Sunday, January 25, Pastor Josh Elliott-McGuffie & I will engage in a pulpit/altar exchange at the main service to commemorate the conclusion of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. He will celebrate and preach at St. Bede's and I will do the same at St. Andrew's. This is the first of an expanded relationship with St. Andrew's that I will cover below.
- Also on the 25th of January, our next Friends of Music presentation will be a guitar concert featuring Elizabeth Busch at 6 p.m.

ADVENT

We celebrate Advent beginning on November 30 and for the three Sundays following. The blue color of Advent reminds of preparation; it also reminds us of Mary, the Mother of Our Lord. The early church called her theotokos ("God-bearer"). Each week, we light another candle to symbolize the growing expectation of Jesus' birth. On Sunday, December 14, the 10 a.m. service will feature the Lessons & Carols of Advent—highlighting in word and song the Old Testament prophecies in which the Christian community hears the promise of the Messiah.

CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY

All of the preparation culminates on Christmas Eve with the lighting of the Christ candle and the white vestments and the explosion of color and song in our services. Vicki is coordinating this year's 4.30 p.m. service for "children of all ages". It is will involve ALL of our children in an entirely new service. We hope that all of you will come to celebrate with the youth of the parish. The 10.30 p.m. service will be the traditional "Christ-mass", opening with a short service of Lessons & Carols as we live in the new light of Jesus. The 12 Days of Christmas begin on Christmas Day and end on "the twelfth night", that is Jan. 5—the eve of the Feast of the Epiphany. The Feast of the Epiphany marks the manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles (symbolized by the Magi—the so-called "wise men"). This year, we will celebrate Epiphany at the service on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS & EPIPHANYTIDE

On the Sunday after the Epiphany, we remember Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist (of whom we have heard a great deal on Dec. 7 & 14) and we baptize people and/or renew our own baptismal promises. The six Sundays after Jan 11 are "Ordinary Time"—marked by green vestments. They are the ordinary Sun-

ST. ANDREW'S CONNECTION

St. Bede's and St. Andrew's have been involved in relationship since before the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America instituted full communion in 2000. We have traditionally shared a service on Thanksgiving Eve, and we have recently begun to celebrate Shrove Tuesday at St. Andrew's. Pastor Josh and I have been meeting this fall to work out a year-round series of events that involve both congregations. The events planned in 2009 are as follows:

- Jan. 25: Pulpit exchange at the main eucharistic worship
- Feb. 24: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at St. Andrew's, 6.30 p.m.
- Feb. 25: Ash Wednesday (Noon service at St. Andrew's; 7

p.m. service at St. Bede's)

- Joint Lenten study of "The Great Emergence" by Phyllis Tickle, introduction after the evening service on Ash Wednesday-March 4, 11, 18 & 25 and April 1 & 8
- shared evenings of light supper (6.30 p.m.), worship (7 p.m.) & study (7.30 p.m.)
 - ♦ at St. Andrew's: March 4, 18 & April 1 (Vespers)
 - ♦ at St. Bede's: March 11 (Evensong), 25 (Eucharist/Annunciation) & April 8 (Tenebrae)
 - ♦ April 10: Good Friday (Noon at St. Bede's; 7.30 p.m. at St. Andrew's)
- May 27: Ascension Day (eve) - 7 pm Service and dinner at St. Bede's.

STUDY

Adult Christian formation options include:

- The Bookworms of Bede meet on the 3rd Monday and are reading *A Year of Living Biblically* by A. J. Jacobs (Jan. 19).
- Tuesday morning Breakfast and Bible classes each Tuesday at 9 a.m.
- Wednesday evening classes following the 7 pm eucharist; this winter continuing "Great People of the New Testament" with Prof. Amy-Jill Levine (on CD).
- Another session of the VIA MEDIA class begins after the 10 a.m. service in February. This is a great class to attend if you are new to the Episcopal Church and/or if you wish to be confirmed or received into the Church and/or if you wish to reconfirm your baptismal promises at some point because of changes or growth in your spiritual path.

STEWARDSHIP

The Vestry is completing the Stewardship program for 2009. It will determine both program and staffing for 2009. Please prayerfully consider your pledge and return a pledge card if you haven't yet done so.

As I am typing this column, I have heard of the destruction of the Mt. Calvary Retreat House in Santa Barbara. The fire consumed everything in its path. I am glad to say that the brothers are safe. That will affect the planned retreat for January 23-25 (it may either be moved or cancelled). That will be determined in the days to come. Please keep the Order of the Holy Cross and the brothers in your prayers.

My best wishes and prayers for a blessed Advent and Christmas. The next Quill will come out at the end of January and will focus on the end of the season of Epiphany and all of Lent & Holy Week.

In Christ,

Jim Newman+



Sisters Of Bede Holiday Events

St. Bede's Christmas Tree Decorating Party is on **Saturday, December 20th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Bring the whole family and celebrate the holiday season with cookie decorating, tree trimming, caroling and holiday snacks! All parishoners are invited. *R.S.V.P.'s are appreciated*, moote@ca.rr.com

The Sister's of Bede Annual Christmas Party is always a wonderful time for the women of the parish to get together during the holidays for fellowship, great friendship and an amazing potluck dinner! This year's party will be at Samira's home on **Monday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m.** All women of the parish are invited to join us for a Christmas Celebration. There will also be a gift exchange, (\$10 gift). If you are new to the church, please join us as our guests. For more information, please see Samira or Shirley

Christmas Gift Wrapping Service

Do you ever find the holiday time a little hectic? This year the Sisters of Bede are offering to help out with your busy schedule by wrapping your presents for you! Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the Sister's donation to St. Bede's 2nd Century Fund and the Neighborhood Youth Association. Simply drop off your gifts at the church on **Saturday, December 20th**, and we will do the rest. Gifts may be picked up the same day, or at church on Sunday, December 21st. For more information, please see Vicky Mouradian.

Sisters Of Bede Venue Series:

There are still spaces available for some of our parties! Upcoming events with space for more guests include: "*Ladies Night ... Martinis and Manicures*" hosted by Amy Dugrè on January 24th, *A Shabbat Dinner*, hosted by Lana Spraker & Betsy Hiteshew, on February 6th, and "*Cheese & Brats, Backyard BBQ*", hosted by Liz Mohler and Carl Townsend, on February 21st. These events will be great fun! For more information about these and other events, please see the Sister's of Bede board, or the website (<http://www.stbedesla.org/sisbede.htm>). If you are intersted in signing up for a dinner, contact Daphne, or contact the host of the party.



2009 *Quill* Schedule

The *Quill* is now being published on a schedule that is in line with the Church Year, not the Calendar Year. This schedule allows articles to focus on the Church's worship life during a specific time of the year, and recognizes that many of our activities are, in fact, organized on that basis.

The Calendar will continued to be printed and issued on a calendar month basis. It is available in the Narthex and online.

2009 Schedule:

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>COVERING</u>	<u>ITEMS DUE</u>
Mid-Epiphany/Lent	February 1— April 11	January 15
Easter	April 11— May 30	March 30
Pentecost 1	May 31— July 31	May 15
Pentecost 2 (Transfiguration)	August 1— September 30	June 22
Pentecost 3 (Michaelmas)	October 1— November 28	September 7
Advent/Christmas/Epiphany	November 29— January 31, 2010	November 15

St. John's Guild News

Our November 23rd bake sale and bazaar was a huge success thanks to all who participated. Special thanks to Phyllis Morrison who donated a television set. A silent auction was held and the lucky winner was Cynthia Rothschild a member of the choir. Special thanks also to Ina Klem, Joyce Matlack, Laura Matlack and all the volunteers who worked on Saturday and Sunday. Also thanks to all who donated items for the bake sale and bazaar items. The jewelry sale will continue with items strung on the back wall of Luther Hall.

Saint John's Guild will have their last meeting and Christmas party for the year on December 10 at noon in - Luther Hall. Bring a gift worth \$5.00 and a friend.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

—Janet

EUGENIA EATON

Eugenia Mary Eaton, 89, passed away peacefully at Kaiser Hospital on Sunday morning, November 23. Her life will be remembered during the 10 a.m. service at St. Bede's on Sunday, December 21. Memorials to the St. Bede's AIDS Ministry.

St. Bede's Turning Point Dinner Service Schedule

About once a month, St. Bede's members serve dinner and prepare lunches for the residents of Turning Point Transitional Housing, one of the many programs provided by OPCC (Ocean Park Community Center). OPCC is one of the largest and most comprehensive provider of services on the Westside to low income and homeless youth, adults and families, battered women and their children, and people living with mental illness.

On the following dates, we will gather in Luther Hall at 4:30 to transport food and supplies to Turning Point, located at 1453 16th St. in Santa Monica. Dinner service begins at 6, and usually ends around 7 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex before each date

Established in 1983, Turning Point Transitional Housing is a 55-bed shelter for homeless men and women that offers housing and supportive services for up to 9 months. The project seeks to break the cycle of homelessness and to integrate homeless individuals back into the community by providing comprehensive, individualized services designed to address their physical and emotional needs.

2009 Schedule:

Monday, February 16

Sunday, March 22

Monday, May 25

Sunday, June 21

Sunday, July 12

Sunday, August 30

Sunday, October 25

Sunday, November 22

REMINDER: Support YOUR Friends of Music 2008-2009 Season!

Many people say that music is one of the things they like most about St. Bede's.

The Friends of Music program was started in 1996 to be a source for concert events and Evensongs that would supplement the already existing Sunday morning music program. But as time has gone on, music (like nearly everything else in this world) has become more and more expensive to produce. The Friends of Music has had to gradually take on more and more of the responsibility for funding the regular Sunday morning music, and less and less money has been available for concerts and Evensongs. We have now reached a point where our entire budget is devoted to funding two of the four section leaders whose presence is essential for the existence of a choir on Sunday morning. As things stand now, we can only produce concerts, Evensongs and special services on a "break even" basis. You may be surprised to find out that this even extends to special music on Christmas Eve and Easter morning. Yes, funding for these two most important services of our year is now in jeopardy.

The Friends of Music Board of Directors is certain that the congregation does not want to see the music program deteriorate. And so, we will soon be asking for your contributions in order to keep the program alive and thriving.

You are probably already familiar with the "tempo" level contributions (Presto, Allegro, Andante, etc) that members and friends of the congregation have so generously made in the past.

In order to keep the high level of performance that our congregation has gotten used to over the years, we will be asking you to consider making an additional contribution this year. To give you some idea of what our expenses are, here are some suggestions for underwriting opportunities that we will be making available:

- \$150 to underwrite a post-concert or Evensong reception
- \$200 to underwrite one performer in a duo, trio or quartet
- \$300 to underwrite the traditional Christmas Eve midnight service
- \$300 to underwrite one choir soloist for one month
- \$300 to underwrite an Evensong
- \$450 to underwrite a solo recital and reception
- \$500 to underwrite printing and mailing costs for a season
- \$1200 allows us to keep the Easter music

Any underwriting contributor who wishes it will receive prominent acknowledgement in the program. But mostly, we hope that you will want to do a little bit extra this year to keep our music program alive and well. Difficult as it is for us to contemplate, without these contributions, we will have to scale back our program.

Individuals and groups have already agreed to sponsor the January and June concert events and one Evensong. The remaining opportunities to support the program are still up for grabs!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 pm, Informal Christmas Service for Children of all ages

10:30 pm, Festival Choral Eucharist: The Christ-mass

St. Bede's does not have a service on Christmas Day. For those looking for a Christmas Day service, we would encourage you to attend the 11 a.m. service at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 11555 National Blvd. (at Federal).



Church Dictionary~

- **AMEN:** The only part of the prayer that everyone knows.
- **BULLETIN:** 1) Air conditioning. 2) Your receipt for attending services.
- **CHOIR:** A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.
- **HYMN:** A song of praise, usually sung in a key three octaves higher than the congregation's range.
- **HYMN, RECESSIONAL:** The last song, often sung a little more quietly, since many of the people have already left.
- **JONAH:** The original "Jaws" story.
- **MAGI:** The most famous trio to attend a baby shower.
- **PEW:** A medieval torture device still found in most churches.
- **PROCESSION:** The ceremonial formation at the beginning of service, consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.
- **RECESSIONAL:** The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of service - led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot.
- **USHERS:** The only people in the church who don't understand the seating capacity of a pew.

Thank you

to the 78 individuals or households listed below who have returned pledge cards and/or pledged \$ 207,024 toward the operation of St. Bede's in 2009 (including 7 new pledges and 28 increased pledges!). It is not too late to join! Please pick up a pledge card in the narthex or call 391-5522.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Bede's Church

Sharon Arthur
Philip & Kathy Babcock
Frank Basile
Sally Hawkrigde Beken
Steve Buck
Sandra Burnett
Rea Crane
Jean Dahler
James & Liudmila Davis
Christoph & Amy Dugré
Karen Earle
Eugenia Eaton
Hal Eaton
Lew Ehrich
Thomas Elliott
Dulcie Ellis
Kathleen Fairchild
Kyle Ferstead
Daphne Moote & Akani Fletcher
Tracy Flinders
Janet Fox
Michael Gallagher
Diane Gandara
Annette Graw
Jeff & Ginger Grippe
Linda Guagliano
Edmonde & Harriet Haddad
Paddie Harris
Elsie Harter
Russ Harter
Joe & Kathy Hartley
Wes Hartley
Laird Hegamin
Corinne Henderson
Betsy Hiteshew
Nancy Holly
Jerry Hornof & Karen Scharre
Kim Hudson
Andrew & Pamela Jackson
Roger Jayne
Kevin Jones & Elizabeth Coombs
Quinn & Jim Kelley
Ina Klem
Karen Koons
Thomas Ledsam
Peggy Levenstein
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Joyce Matlack
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Vicki Mouradian
Michael Mullins
James Newman
Ruth Nicastro
Dean Pace
Carly Portalupi
Marta Quiroba
James Raef
Tana Raikes
Joan Reitzel
Cristine Reynaert
Barbara Sands
Phillip Schultz
Ruben Scott
Don Shaw
Winthrop Sheldon
Alice Short
Denise Daclan & Dan Smith
Lana Spraker
Samira Tamer
Carl & Jennine Townsend
Gina Turella
Adelaide & Ned Vaughn
Reed & Diane Wilson
Dennis & Connor Winston
Jeannette Young
Ron & Kelly Zullo
as of Sunday, December 7, 2008

This list will be updated in the January Quill as pledges are still coming in.

Note: Several people have paid the upcoming year's pledge in full. That does have 2008 tax advantages for the giver. To facilitate clean bookkeeping:

****we deposit checks during the year we receive them, SO these will be deposited in 2008 into our savings account (as "2009 pledge payments") and listed on this year's pledge statements as 2008 donations;*

****the financial secretary will NOT list these as 2009 pledges for NEXT YEAR'S statements (or it will look like you have not pd. Your pledge);*

****HOWEVER, we will count your pledge as part of next year's total and transfer that money from the savings to general account in January, 2009.*

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ST. BEDE'S
VESTRY & STAFF

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:

9 a.m.: Breakfast and study of the upcoming Sunday's lessons
No meetings on December 23 & 30

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:

Dec. 3 & 10: "Great Figures of the New Testament (Parts 5 & 6)
Dec. 17: Dickens, A Christmas Carol
Dec. 24 & 31: No class

"THE OTHER MONDAY"

December 8: No meeting

BOOKWORMS OF BEDE

Dec. 15: No meeting
Jan. 19: A.J. Jacobs, *The Year of Living Biblically*

RECTOR: The Very Rev. Canon James Newman

CURATE: The Rev. Victoria Mouradian, Curate

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SEXTON: Joaquin Perez

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Michael Mullins ('09) Dean Pace ('09)

Alice Short ('10)

Annette Graw — Clerk

Laird Hegamin — Treasurer

Jennine Townsend — Financial Secretary

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION

Annette Graw (D)/Kyle Ferstead (A) - ('09)

Michael Mullins (A)/ Jerry Hornof (A) - ('10)