



**The Venerable
Bede**

St. Bede Episcopal Church
Port Orchard, WA



Our Newsletter

"The Tidings"

DECEMBER, 2019

Special Events

Christmas Eve Services

Carols at 4:30pm; Holy Eucharist at 5pm

Carols at 7pm; Holy Eucharist at 7:30pm

&

Holy Eucharist, chanted at 11pm

Sunday, December 1 - Bishop's Visit

***Friday, December 6 – St. Nicholas
Celebration***

December 14 - Greening of the Church

December 14 - Set-up for Dessert Faire

Dessert Faire

December 15 following both services

ST. BEDE FAMILY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Gary Ebbert
Jane Ormond
Joe McGuire
Ken Hulet
Hannah Hopkins
Ron McAdam

Jon Wilson
Doug Peters
JoAnn Chance
Melaine McCann
Josh Wilson

The Bishop is Coming! First Sunday of Advent, December 1



We are excited to announce our Bishop will be making his regular visit to St. Bede's on the First Sunday of the church year! December 1, Bishop Rickel will join us for worship, performing Confirmations and Receptions, and meet with the Bishop's Committee to reflect on the good work God is doing among us.

Bishop's Visitation is a tradition that goes back to the earliest chapters of church history. In the earliest days, each town had one house church and one Episcopos (Bishop, in Greek) who oversaw the work of the church in that town. As the churches grew and divided to accommodate more people, Bishops began to appoint Priests (Priest = Presbyteros, or elder) to administrate and perform sacraments in their place. As the territories covered by each bishop grew, the number of places to visit grew and grew. In the Episcopal Church, our rules say that in order to do a good job of overseeing congregations, the Bishop should visit no less than every 3 years.

These visits allow the Bishops to fulfill their purpose: oversee and encourage the ministry of local congregations.

This will be a day for us to celebrate the special way we embody Christ in the wider Port Orchard area.

Blessings, The Rev. Arienne Davison, Vicar



St. Nicholas Celebration

***Thursday, December 6;
6pm-8pm***

***and
visit from Santa Claus***



**2019 Greening of the Church
Saturday, Dec 14
Start 10:00 am**



This will be a time to gather to beautify the church in celebration of the Christmas season.

There will be refreshments for everyone.

The ECW will be setting up for the Dessert Faire that happens the following day. (Sunday)

Please come. I will be depending on those of you that have done this before for assistance

Margo Spence

DESSERT FAIRE

This is a busy time of year with Thanksgiving just around the corner, followed quickly by a visit from the Bishop, December



promises to be a busy month as well. **The Dessert Faire**, one of St. Bede's highly anticipated yearly fundraising events, will be held this year on **Sunday, December 15th, following the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.** services. As always, our emphasis is on making & selling delicious, traditional holiday foods ~ jams, jellies & homemade baked & canned goods. Rumor has it that some of our talented cooks have already begun making some of their popular, favorite treats! Fran Valley's **Norwegian Krumkake-making class** was popular last year & she's graciously accepted our plea to offer it again this year. If you'd like to taste or learn how to make this delicious treat, plan on joining us on **Saturday, December 14th (10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)**; a good time to bring in your own pre-priced donations.



The **E.C.W. members will be gathering & assembling items for a decorative basket, which will then be offered as a Silent Auction item.** In addition, we offer the option and encourage members of the congregation to create and provide their own individual baskets. Our only request is that all **Silent Auction offerings be assembled & ready for display by Saturday, December 7th (10:00 a.m.)**. Kathleen Ebbert is making one of her beautiful knitted afghans, so prepare to be "wowed" & ready to bid on this **Silent Auction item!** Special talents & services make wonderful items to have as auction items, so if you can, please consider offering one of yours.



JoAnn Chance is in charge of **craft-making sessions**;* she & Karen Bathgate have shared some really cute ideas of things for us to make. Our next craft-making sessions are **Tuesday, November 26th (10:00 a.m.) in the undercroft of the church** and **Wednesday, December 4th (12:30 p.m.) in the Parish Hall.** A light lunch will be provided (anyone is welcome to bring snacks at any time). *No talent is necessary- having a chance to visit, chat, and laugh with one another is lots of fun! **Please join us if you can! Judy Drummond**

Longest Night Service
Friday, December 21 at 7pm



*A Service to offer
Hope, Peace, and Comfort*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve Services

Carols at 4:30pm; Holy Eucharist at 5pm

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&

Holy Eucharist, chanted at 11pm

Christmas Day Service

10am – no music

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



If you wish to give a memorial in the form of a Poinsettia, please complete the form which is available in both the Narthex and the Parish Hall and drop it in the offertory plate along with your check.

Check should be made out to St Bede and marked Poinsettia Flowers. Suggested donation is \$20.00.

The deadline for your name to be mentioned in the Christmas bulletin is Tuesday, December 17th.



FLOWER AND CANDLE DONATIONS



We still have several opportunities to honor loved ones with beautifully arranged Sunday flowers or sanctuary candles for the rest of the year.

For flowers (\$20), please sign up for December 8, 15 or 29.

For sanctuary candles (\$5), December 8, 15, 22 or 29 are available.

You can double up with someone who has already signed up for another day and we'd have extra funds for days we are missing donations. Fill out paperwork in the Parish Hall and designate flowers or candle on your check or with cash donations (*checks should be made out to St Bede*).

For more information, contact Cyndy Dillon,
cpdillongh@comcast.net or 253 225-9284.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

Advent is upon us. Activities preparing for Christmas are underway. **The Dessert Faire and ECW Christmas Party are planned for December.** All at St. Bede are invited to participate.

Sunday, December 15—Dessert Faire.

Set up is December 14 and the best time to deliver the goodies you have prepared for sale. Everyone hopefully will plan to contribute saleable items and purchase goodies as well.

Planning has been going on through the month of November and now we are in the final stages of preparation; baking and creating delicious offerings for the congregation to purchase.



Popular items are jams, jellies, cookies, homemade candy, cakes, pies; yummy goodies to sell. What started out years ago as a Holiday Food Sale has grown to include décor, crafts, gift baskets, homemade afghans or quilts.

Please do contact Judy Drummond if you have any questions. Judy is the event coordinator. **The proceeds of the Dessert Faire have made it possible for ECW to fund special projects in and around St. Bede's facility.**



Tuesday, December 17—ECW Christmas Luncheon in the Parish Hall.

It begins about 11 a.m. with socializing and a potluck luncheon. It will conclude with a gift exchange. The gift exchange is by choice and those who wish to participate should bring a wrapped gift to exchange of about \$10 in value. Those who do not participate can enjoy watching the fun.



Men and Women of St. Bede, do plan to come and enjoy the fellowship.

The Women of the Church (ECW) meet on the third Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall. Please join us!



Mary Ann Balyeat



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Dear Church Family,

Since you Outreach Committee did not meet last month due to travel, and other things, we requested funds be sent to: **Helpline; Seafarers; Chaplain's on the Harbor; Coffee Oasis; and Backpacks for Kids, Port Orchard.**



Coffee Oasis is great place to have a good cup of coffee or a sandwich or wrap. They also make soup which is marvelous. **Their mission is to get young at-risk youths off the streets, prevent them from being on the street, and give them a safe place if they are on the street. Coffee Oasis teaches young People skills to support themselves.** Their Christmas party strives to give each one something they REALLY need and want. We feel helping Coffee Oasis in this endeavor is being Jesus' hands.

You all have heard so much about Seafarers and Chaplain's on the Harbor, that no explanation for them is necessary. The same with Backpacks for Kids.

Since changes are coming in the new year, the future of our Committee is in limbo. We have one more month and then these missives may end. **Please continue to heed Mark 25:40 and do to the least of His children as you would do to Him.**

Your Outreach Committee

**Thank
You!**

ST. BEDE CARD MINISTRY

Just a little note to say thank you to all those who have donated cards to the card ministry. They are very much appreciated by the recipients. Please contact me at No1Ladybug@wavecable.com or through the church office if you know of someone who you would like to receive a card Typically the cards are Get Well, Sympathy, Happy Birthday, Thank you and Thinking of you. Birthdays are listed in the Tidings (Thank you Kathleen) but we like to keep the list current.

Happy and Blessed Holidays. Judy Houle



MUSIC MINISTRY

Music in Episcopal church can be as diverse as its worship services. Our hymns draw all Episcopalians together musically in the same way that the Book of Common Prayer draws us together in prayer and liturgy. Some hymns date back to monastic chants. The 1982 Hymnal also offers more modern pieces. Every Sunday we sing a variety of music that crosses language and historical eras.

I am so pleased with participation in singing hymns even when they are perhaps occasionally unfamiliar. All are chosen by our Vicar, Arienne to enhance the theme of liturgy for that day and time of year. During the coming Christmas season we will feel grateful that our hand chimes can provide some music for our carol ceremony, and there will be some beautiful voice solos..

Mary Ferreira, musician



FAMILY KITCHEN

Family Kitchen served 42 guests in November. **We served chicken rice casserole, peaches, rolls and butter with brownies and whipped cream for dessert.**

One of the guests asked all of the people in the kitchen to step into the dining room after dinner. He thanked us and everyone applauded. It was a tender moment that reminded us that we are appreciated.



There are many groups feeding people in the county. **Please pray for those that are served, those who grow the food, and those who prepare and serve.**



We will serve in December but will **not serve in January and February** due to holidays. We serve on the 2nd to the last Monday of the month.

Margo Spence



PARISH NURSES

Hang on to your happiness

From Article by Carey Rossi



PART 5: hang onto your happiness

Here are the last 2 ways you may be sabotaging your good moods and what you can do to turn it around!

You can't live without your mobile phone

When was the last time that you were completely electronic-device free? Can't remember? Not a good sign. "With all the devices we have, it tends to overstimulate us," Clay says.

"And if we are always on, then we never truly rest and regenerate our bodies and our minds." Eventually, this can manifest itself as depression or anxiety.

Get happy now: Create an electronic Sabbath, where you abstain from all devices once a week, even if just for half a day.

You multitask

We're all guilty of multitasking: we take lunch at our desks, scroll through Facebook while watching TV, and text pretty much constantly. Research shows that although many people believe they're being more productive by multitasking, that's not actually the case—it just leaves us stressed out, oblivious to our surroundings, and unable to communicate effectively.

Get happy now: It's simple, really: put down the phone, turn off the television, and pay attention to what you are doing and what is going on around you. Allowing your brain to process everything that is happening to you in real time (and not broadcasting it to your social media followers) may be the best thing you can do for your mental health.

Ken and Mary Hulet, Parish Nurses

CHILDREN'S GODLY PLAY

**Sundays at 9:45am, in the Church basement
Children of all ages are welcome**

***We also invite Safeguarding God's Children
trained members to be a part
of our kids Spiritual Development***

***God is using us
For His special purpose!
~ To Shine His Light,
~To Share His Love,
~To Shape His People.***

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Services:

Sundays -

**8:00 AM - Holy Communion
without Music**

**10:00 AM - Holy Communion
with Music, and
Sunday School**

Wednesdays -

**11:00AM - Holy Communion
Bible Study and Prayer**



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**In the love of Jesus Christ, St. Bede joyfully welcomes you
and seeks to serve and to nurture spirituality in all.**