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...From the Desk of the Rector

BELOVEDS IN CHRIST,

As we begin this new year, 2012, **Sundays in January will be very special!**

On *January 1*, we will celebrate the festival of The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, as well as New Year's Day (please remember that the Tournament of Roses Parade and football bowl games will be on Monday, January 2, 2012). On January 1, we will welcome as our Director of Christian Education, **(The Rev'd) Elizabeth Starbuck**. Betsy comes to us from Houston, Texas, and has served ministries there and in Bantam and New Haven, Connecticut, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Princeton, New Jersey, and Newport Beach (Director of Youth Ministry at Saint James, Via Lido, 1984-'85), California. The job description for our Director of Christian Education was on page 7 of the October "For the Love of Mike" so you will know that it is a ministry of our Christian Education and Evangelism Commissions, rather than sacramental and liturgical. Betsy was the only one of many applicants who is ordained and our search committee (**Anne Conover, Cal McLaughlin, Jim Palda, Melinda Rader, Louise Stover, and Michael Strong**), our Vestry, and I unanimously agree that she is the best and right person for a new ministry among us. Please warmly welcome **(The Rev'd) Betsy Starbuck** as our Director of Christian Education, beginning January 1.

January 8 is the First Sunday after The Epiphany and the festival of The Baptism of Our Lord. During ten o'clock worship that Sunday morning, we will celebrate Holy Baptism as well as Holy Eucharist. We will gather before our altar around the baptismal font to receive new members into the household of God, bidding them to "Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood" (BCP 308). At 4pm on *January 8*, we will host "Eagle Court of Honor" celebrations and ceremony for Sean-Patrick Harrison, to which we all are welcome. Sean and many from Troop 90, with direction from **Mike Ortt**, renewed the benches around our barbeque last February. The first, but very hopefully not last, "Eagle Court of Honor" we will host will be on Sunday afternoon, *January 8*.

The Right Reverend Mary D. Glasspool will make her first Episcopal Visitation with us on *January 15*. With our beloved **Diane Jardine Bruce, Mary Glasspool** was elected in December 2009 and consecrated in March 2010 as Bishop Suffragan of our Diocese of Los Angeles. She will preach at our eight and ten o'clock celebrations on Sunday morning, *January 15*, and lead our Sunday-at-Nine gathering in Michael's Room. I have heard her preach several times and find her homilies to be extraordinary. I have gotten to know her as best possible over two years and find her to be a wonderful person. Please don't miss the first Episcopal Visitation on *January 15* of **Bishop Mary Glasspool**.

On *January 22*, my beloved friend since long ago seminary days, **Bob Franke**, will be our preacher. Over years of his annual visits from Peabody, Massachusetts to his wife Joan's mother in Laguna Hills, many of us have come to love Bob's unique preaching. Bob is a poet, songwriter and singer; his sermons are musical as well as thoughtful and provocative. He has given us his own poems set to his own music, "Alleluia, the great

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PARISH HOLY LAND PILGRIMS ESTABLISH SCHOLARSHIPS

By Lynn Headley

While visiting Jerusalem on our Holy Land pilgrimage this past July, we spent several nights at St. George's College. There we met with **The Rt. Rev'd Suheil Dawani** of The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

We asked him how we could help his diocese and he suggested funds for a scholarship for Palestinian students. We were all very touched by this request and wanted to respond.

The role of Episcopal/Anglican schools in Israel/Palestine is huge and very important, and these schools are some of the very best schools there.

Immediately, **Joan Short** sponsored a four year scholarship for a college student named Dalia, and over the last few months others who went on the pilgrimage have contributed an additional \$2,450.

These funds are on their way to the Diocese of Jerusalem through American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

It's not too late to join in should you want to support this cause. Please contact me and I will give you information about how to contribute.

(An article about the LA diocese's view of the Middle East is on page 7 of this issue.) ☩

LOUISE STOVER
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PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

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storm is over, lift up your wings and fly,” “Hard Love,” “Stir up your power, O Lord,” “Thanksgiving Eve” (What can you do with each moment of your life, but love till you’ve loved it away?”), and more. Come hear Bob and appreciate his gifts on January 22.

On *January 29*, the new Episcopal campus minister at the University of California at Irvine, our beloved Martha’s successor with Canterbury, **The Rev’d Hsin-Fen (Fennie) Chang, Ph.D.**, will make her first visit with us. It will be my honor to present Fennie for ordination to the priesthood alongside her Dad at Saint John’s, West Adams in Los Angeles on January 7 so I hope she will celebrate and preach with us on *January 29*. Fennie’s own undergraduate education was at Tunghai University in her native Taiwan; her Ph.D. is in Teaching and Learning from the University of Toronto, Canada. She leads Canterbury Irvine into a new and challenging chapter of ministry with UCI; a history with which Saint Michael & All Angels is inseparably intertwined and delightfully so. Please come welcome Fennie+ on *January 29*.

The **Rt. Rev’d Mary Glasspool, The Rev’d Betsy Starbuck and Fennie Chang, Bob Franke**, our first “Eagle Court of Honor”, Holy Baptisms, festivals of The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ on New Year’s Day followed by The Baptism of Our Lord.

Sundays in January 2012 will be very special!

Yours, in Christ -



Anniversaries in January

Birthdays

- 2nd - Craig Kennedy
- 12th - Gracemarie Dell’Angelo
- 18th - Bruce Stuart
- 19th - Marcia Last
- 22nd - Herb Hoffman
Anne Logie
- 27th - Ann Morris
Stacie Tibbetts
- 31st - Ali Haghjoo

Baptisms

- 6th - Courtney Falde

Weddings

- 14th - Ray & Monty Pentz

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CONTRIBUTIONS WERE MADE TO THE RECTOR’S DISCRETIONARY FUND last month by a **parishioner eagerly anticipating (The Rev’d) Betsy Starbuck as our Director of Christian Education**, by **Frances Fukuda, Pauline Benjamin, Bill Leasure, Wally & Barbara Paulson and Norm & Sue Ewers** in thanksgiving, by the **extended Hauk family** in thanksgiving for **Pat & Bob**, and by **Heather & Gary Matusiak** in thanksgiving for **Bridget’s** baptism. These funds extend our Parish’s mission of outreach, providing for such needs as can be helped by financial assistance.

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WE NEED Greeters, Ushers and Altar Guilders. Please contact **Canon Haynes** if interested.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS THROUGH NOVEMBER 30:

Our year to date income through November is \$443,975, which is \$28,366 short of our budget. Our expenses are \$461,885, which is \$43,854 less than what we thought we would spend. Overall, we are now ahead of our 2011 budget by \$15,487. However, we are \$23,901 less in anticipated pledges through November. For the year, we have spent \$17,909 more than what we have received in income. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to our parish expenses.

St. Mike’s

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CAN WE REACH 50?

LOAVES AND FISHES: This January we are collecting **Valentine classroom sets/packs** (a minimum quantity of 24 valentines per pack). Monetary donations are always welcome, too, and checks should be made payable to Saint Michael & All Angels, with Loaves and Fishes on the memo line. (Tax ID #95-2123746)

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'MAKE AIDS A THING OF THE PAST,' BISHOP SUFFRAGAN GLASSPOOL TELLS DIOCESAN SERVICE

by: Pat McCaughan

Perception still a huge challenge, say activists

HIV/AIDS is a worldwide epidemic, not just a local one, Los Angeles Bishop Suffragan Mary Glasspool told several dozen people who attended the Oct. 16 annual diocesan service honoring those living with the disease and remembering those who have died from it.

Bishop Mary D. Glasspool and Bryan Jones, vicar, celebrated the Diocesan AIDS Mass on Oct. 16 at St. Luke's of-the-Mountains Episcopal Church in La Crescenta.

"We need to break down the barriers that keep us from seeing that (it's a worldwide disease) and that keep us from reaching out to do something about it. HIV/AIDS is not just something that affects people in the United States or in Canada; this is something that affects people worldwide. In Sub-Saharan Africa there are more women than men living with it.

"We need to be aware of that because these are our brothers and sisters in the world," said Glasspool while preaching at the service.

Glasspool shared an email about the HIV/AIDS service, in which the sender mistakenly reminded recipients that AIDS is an "anachronism" but actually meant to say it is an acronym, for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. Glasspool added: "Let's make AIDS an anachronism -- a thing of the past -- not an acronym."

At least 30 years since the AIDS virus was first reported in the Los Angeles area, perceptions about the disease still hamper attempts at education and raising awareness levels about it, said Canon Jack Plimpton, diocesan staff member for HIV/AIDS ministry.

More than 32,000 people have died of the disease in Los Angeles County; another 63,000 area residents live with HIV or AIDS.

Yet the disease seems to have dropped off the radar screen, even though it is on the rise among young people and people of color, Plimpton said. "Because people living with HIV/AIDS can now take a single pill daily, people just don't take the disease seriously enough anymore. They think AIDS is just another illness, not realizing it is still a severe problem," he said.

Marsha Van Valkenburg, who chairs the diocesan program group on HIV/AIDS ministry, agreed. "People think they can just pop a pill and it'll be fine," she said.

For example, services like the Oct. 16 Eucharist "used to be attended by hundreds of people," she said.

Members of choirs from St. Timothy's Church and School, Compton, took part in the annual AIDS Mass on Oct. 16 at St. Luke's of-the-Mountains, La Crescenta.

Among those attending the mass were several members of the youth choir from St. Timothy's Episcopal School in Compton, who performed "This Little Light of Mine" and "What a Mighty God," with Ray Thomas accompanying them on piano.

The Rev. Bryan Jones, St. Luke's vicar, celebrated and said the church "was happy to host the event while we are in the process of rebuilding."

The diocesan Commission on HIV/AIDS Ministry was created in 1984 by Los Angeles Bishops Robert C. Rusack and Oliver B. Garver and continues to focus on service ministries such as pastoral counseling, Eucharist, and memorial and AIDS masses.

For more information about the diocesan HIV/AIDS ministry, visit the Website.

From: Episcopal News, Los Angeles



BRAZIL: AN INVITATION TO BUILD AN ANGLICAN SPACE IN THE CITY OF GOD

[*Anglican Communion News Service*] Anglicans and Episcopalians everywhere are being invited to join Priest/Missioner Nicholas Wheeler and members of the Parish of Christ the King in creating an Anglican Space in Brazil's notorious City of God.

In 2003, after watching the shocking and disturbing film *City of God* about life in the slums of Rio de Janeiro, English priest Wheeler felt called to move there. Ten years later, the parish is not only planning to help the community celebrate how life has improved there, but is also looking to provide much-needed community center, The Anglican Space.

"With the occupation of the neighborhood by the police, state and municipal government are beginning to take a whole range of initiatives," said Wheeler, "but they seem reluctant to invest in existing institutions or infrastructure that would enable the vibrant life that already flourishes in the City of God to grow even further.

"We believe that the Anglican Church's vocation is *Cidade de Deus* is to extend to the local community the unconditional love and generous hospitality of God made known in the life of Jesus Christ. Like St. Augustine, whose theological masterpiece 'City of God' summons Christians to work for the peace of the earthly city whilst on their journey to the heavenly one, the Parish of Christ the King aims to make this vision concrete through the provision of community meeting space."

The church already plays host to a range of social projects including Narcotics Anonymous, training courses in subjects such as hairdressing and cookery, psychotherapy provision, and free music lessons to 200 local children. The new Anglican Space will provide a community hall featuring a permanent exhibition of the story of *Cidade de Deus* and the Anglican Church's presence in the neighborhood.

There will be eight meeting rooms and a kitchen. A small oratory and a planted courtyard will provide retreat spaces for users. Modest accommodation for clergy or theological students on placement and the site manager will also be included. There will be baby changing facilities and the building will be fully accessible for people with special needs.

The launch of the campaign, which aims to raise £125,000 (\$260,000) by June 2012, was attended by a range of supporters including the Rt. Rev. David Hamid, suffragan bishop of the Diocese in Europe and appeal patron, who spoke with enthusiasm about the work of in the Parish of Christ the King, both past and future.

"I can see from what has been presented today that Fr. Nicholas and his community have a fresh vision for the next chapter of what I think is heroic work of the Anglican Church in Rio de Janeiro," said Hamid, adding that the project is "very deserving of our support." ✝

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

Holy Eucharist 8am

Choral Eucharist 10am

Adult Education 9am

Sunday School 10am

Nursery Care provided from 9:30am

Tuesday

Matins 7am

Peace Mass 7:30am

Thursday

Eucharist with Healing - Noon

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FOR THIS LIFE**

O God,
who by the leading of a star
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to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory
face to face;
through Jesus Christ
your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

-- Common Worship (Church of England)

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION | Elizabeth
Henry**

As the year begins we want to thank all of the St. Mike's families who have been faithful to our program over the past few months.

As parishioners and parents ourselves, we feel a deep need to include our children in the liturgy and fellowship of our church home. And we are grateful to have been able to do that in the last part of 2011.

Our season of Advent ended with our always-joyous Christmas Eve pageant, with the love and chaos that accompanies a group of children and the story of Jesus' birth.

Now we look forward to a New Year with the addition of **Betsy Starbuck** as our minister of Christian Education. With her wisdom and God's grace, we hope to steer our youngest parishioners on a course of discovery and wonder.

We look forward to Sundays at 10 as being a time when our children grow in their knowledge of God and their kinship with humanity.

Thank you and may God continue to bless you.

-- Anne Conover, Marjie Blevins,
and Elizabeth Henry ✝



✝ **PRAYER TREE** ✝

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REPOSE

Bette Moses
Phyllis Levitt

THANKSGIVING

- for this new year;

- for our guest preachers/homilists
this month:

The Rt. Rev'd Mary Glasspool on
January 15,

Bob Franke on January 22

and The Rev'd Fennie Chang on
January 29;

- for our forty-fifth Annual Parish
Meeting on February 5th

Call **Esther McNamee**
for prayer requests at 949.640.1749

JANUARY 2012

EACH WEEK

- Sunday** Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Nursery care from 9:30 a.m. on
 Sundays-at-Nine, 9:00 a.m., DL (not 1/1)
 Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. (not 1/1)
- Monday** Volleyball, 3:30-5:00 p.m., AAC
 House of Speed 5:00-6:30 p.m., AAC
 St. Mike's basketball, 7:00-9:00 p.m., AAC)
- Tuesday** Matins at 7:00 a.m., Peace Mass at 7:30 a.m.
 Whiz Kids 9:15 a.m.-5:00 p.m., AAC
 Volleyball, 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., AAC
- Wednesday** AA meeting, 7:00-8:00 a.m., SW
 Whiz Kids 1:45-4:00 p.m., AAC
 Volleyball, 4:00-9:00 p.m., AAC
- Thursday** Men's Readers & Seekers, 7:30-9:00 a.m., DL
Holy Eucharist with Healing at Noon
 Whiz Kids 1:45-5:00 p.m., AAC
 Volleyball, 5:00-9:00 p.m., AAC
 Children's Choir rehearsal, 5:30-6:15 p.m., NW
 Parish Choir rehearsal, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Friday** Yoga class, 9:00-10:00 a.m., NW
 Whiz Kids 9:15-10:15 a.m. AAC
 Basketball, 3:30-5:00 p.m., AAC
 Basketball, 5:00-8:00 p.m., AAC
 AA meeting, 7:00-10:00 p.m., SW
- Saturday** Basketball, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., AAC
 Handbell Choir, 10:00-11:00 a.m., NW

IN THE COMING WEEKS

- Sun., Jan. 1st The Festival of The Holy Name of Our Lord
 Happy New Year 2012!
 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Worship
 Welcome The Rev'd Betsy Starbuck!
 Office closed
 Vestry Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m., CR
 Staff Meeting, 9:00 a.m., DL
 Adult Education Committee, 11:30 a.m., CR
 Sean Harrison Eagle Scout Court of Honor,
 1:30-8:00 p.m., Sanctuary & AAC
- Mon., Jan. 2nd Office closed
 Wed., Jan. 4th Vestry Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m., CR
 Fri., Jan. 6th Staff Meeting, 9:00 a.m., DL
 Sun., Jan. 8th Adult Education Committee, 11:30 a.m., CR
 Sean Harrison Eagle Scout Court of Honor,
 1:30-8:00 p.m., Sanctuary & AAC
- Mon., Jan. 9th R. Welch's PEO meeting, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., MR
 Tues., Jan. 10th WomanSpirit, 9:00 a.m., DL
 Hutchins Concert Board, 3:00 p.m., CR
 Sun., Jan. 15th Bishop Mary Glasspool's Episcopal Visitation
 Worship Commission, 11:30 a.m., CR
 Office closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Mon., Jan. 16th Annual Reports due
 Wed., Jan. 18th Senior Ministry meeting, 2:00 p.m.
 Deadline for February *For the Love of Mike*, 5:00 p.m.
 Tues., Jan. 24th Spyglass Hill Homeowners Board, 6:00-9:00 p.m., CR
 Sun., Jan. 29th *Friends of Music* present "Arioso",
 a flute and harp duo, in concert, 4:00 p.m.
 Mon., Jan. 30th Canterbury Irvine Board, 1:00-2:30 p.m., CR

IN THE COMING MONTHS

- Sun., Feb. 5th SOUPERBOWL Sunday
 44th Annual Parish Meeting, 11:30 a.m., AAC
 Friends of Music Annual Bus Trip: to San Diego this year
 Wed., Feb. 22nd Ash Wednesday, The First Day of Lent
 7:00 a.m. and Noon, HE with ashes and homily
 7:30 p.m., HE with ashes and homily & music
- Meeting Rooms:**
 AAC - All Angels' Court DL - Davis Library SW - South Wing
 MR - Michael's Room NW - North Wing PC - Parish Center
 CR - Conference Room BR - Blue Room, AAC RR - Red Room, AAC

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VOLUNTEER

Holy Family Services, the adoption agency that is an institution of the diocese, is seeking additional members of "Friends of the Family," a corps of volunteers to assist with events, mailings, data entry, and serving as liaisons for congregations. For information, contact Mary Bruno at marybruno@sbcglobal.net or 626.577.7017.

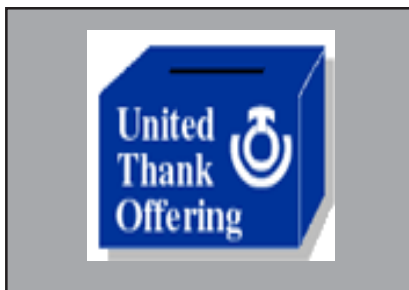
IRIS (Interfaith Refugee and Immigration Services), a ministry of the diocese, is seeking volunteers to be mentors and teaching assistants for the new ESL/Civics classes that will start on Sept. 6. Classes are held at various hours during the week -- morning, late afternoon and evening. IRIS is also seeking volunteer translators and interpreters who are fluent in English and any other language. Volunteers are also needed for IRIS's Friday morning food pantry. To volunteer, contact Debbie Decker at 323.661.8828 or debbiedecker@ladiocese.org.

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FORWARD MOVEMENT PUBLICATIONS

Please check the display rack on the wall in Michael's room. Pick up a pamphlet or two to share with family and friends. A donation box is provided.

"How Can You Help the Homeless?" is written by Bob McGonagle who shares his own story of how he lost everything worthwhile in his life and became homeless. As he finally gained back his life and began "living amends" he has dedicated time to serving the homeless community. He offers the reader concrete ways to help the homeless and answers questions we often ask. †



FREE WHEELCHAIR MISSION PROJECT

GET ON BOARD FOR MOBILITY!

The Diocese of Los Angeles has joined with Free Wheelchair Mission, a nonprofit nonsectarian organization, to raise funds to supply 2,750 wheelchairs for people with disabilities in developing countries by June 2012. Each wheelchair costs \$63.94 to manufacture, ship and deliver to a person in need. Contact **Ray Pentz** for more information.

Read more here:

'Sitting in God's hands': Corona Episcopalian inspires support for wheelchair ministry. http://episcopalnews.ladiocese.org/dfc/newsdetail_2/3150679.

This story was featured in the Episcopal News Online Website on December 15. Because of St. Mike's early involvement, our rector was interviewed for the story.

(Editor's Note: 24 wheelchairs were paid for this year through St. Mike's Alternative Market!) †



TRAVEL & PILGRIMAGE

Old Spain. Oct. 31 - Nov. 11, 2012.

Led by **Bishop Jon and Mary Bruno and Canon Jim Newman**. This trip will give us a good look at the culture, history and religion of "old" Spain. Stops include Barcelona, Valencia, Granada, Seville, Cordoba and Madrid. Cost: \$2,599 from Los Angeles. Information: contact Jim Newman 888.802.6722, (toll free) or stbedesla@yahoo.com.

Hands in Healing Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Summer 2013. Youth ages 13 - 17 (and not yet graduated from high school), are invited to consider joining the 2013 pilgrimage. For information, contact Chris Tumilty (ctumilty@ladiocese.org).

(MORE) PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

OUR PHONE TREE MINISTRY HAS BEEN REVITALIZED! Every parishioner will be contacted by phone once a month or so and given a chance to talk about needs and suggestions, to learn about opportunities for service, or to just visit. Please contact Ruth Poole, 949.644.9263, if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR the Sanctuary Light or Altar Flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a birthday, anniversary, or other special event, please sign up on the board in the Parish Center and indicate the person or occasion to be remembered. The suggested donation for flowers is \$30 and for the Sanctuary Light is \$10. Please mark your donation for the Altar Guild.

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THE MEN'S GROUP, READERS AND SEEKERS, meets on Thursdays at 7:30am in the Davis Library to discuss classical and contemporary thought in theology, science and philosophy. All men are invited.

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LABYRINTH: If you are interested in helping with Saint Michael's Labyrinth Project, please contact **Lynn Headley**, 714.963.5932, or **Peggy Montgomery**, 949.644.2239.

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AELRED (1109-1167)

**Abbot of Rievaulx, Influential
Writer**

Aelred (also Aelthelred) was born in Hexham, Northumbria, in 1109, of a family that had long been treasurers of the shrine of Cuthbert of Lindesfarne at Durham Cathedral. As a youth he was sent for education in upper-class life at the court of King David of Scotland, son of Queen Margaret. While there, he rose to the rank of Master of the Household. At age 24 (1133), disillusioned and struggling inwardly, he left David's court, went to Yorkshire and became a Cistercian monk at the abbey of Rievaulx.

Aelred soon became a major figure in English church life. In 1143 he became abbot of a new house of his order at Revesby, Lincolnshire. Four years later he was appointed Abbot of Rievaulx itself, where he spent the rest of his life. Under Aelred's administration Rievaulx grew to six hundred monks and lay brothers. He also made annual visitations to Rievaulx's daughter houses in England and Scotland and to the French abbeys of Citeaux and Clairvaux.

Aelred wrote several influential books on spirituality, among them "The Mirror of Charity" and "On Spiritual Friendship." He also wrote seven works of history, addressing two of them to Henry II of England, advising him how to be a good king. For many centuries his most famous work was his "Life of Saint Edward, King and Confessor."

Friendship, Aelred taught, is both a gift from God and a creation of human effort. While love is universal, freely given to all, friendship is a particular love between individuals, of which the example is Jesus and his Beloved Disciple, John.

Aelred wrote:

"There are five qualities which characterize a friend: Loyalty (which guards and defends); Right Intention (which seeks nothing other than God and natural good); Discretion (understanding and knowing when to correct faults); Patience (bear adversity on another's behalf), and Loyalty (guard and protect friendship in good or bitter times)."

Aelred died at age 58 in 1167, suffering from a painful kidney disease. His feast day is January 12. †

2012 LENTEN SERIES: TRUTH, REALITY, AND RELIGION

By Louise Stover

Witnessing Christ's crucifixion, the Roman centurion said, "Truly this man was the Son of God." This was his truth, his reality. How do we, like the centurion, identify the truths in our life? How do faith and religion impact our quest for truth?

During this upcoming Lenten season, come together and bear witness with members of our parish family – scientists, engineers, physicians, economists, and historians – whose professional lives force them to grapple with questions of truth on a daily basis but who have, as men of faith, developed intriguing views and strong opinions on the interaction between religion and contemporary empiricism.

The series runs every Wednesday throughout Lent, starting February 29 with a soup supper at 6pm and our weekly talk beginning at 7pm.

02/29/2012 - **Keith Nelson** – The Historian Confronts the Truth of Events
How do they relate?

03/07/2012 - **Michael Strong** – The Struggle for Truth in Justice

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03/21/2012 - **Peter Coppin** – Reality and Religion: A Rational View

03/28/2012 - **Richard Shubert** – Faith and Science: An Uneasy Alliance?

'CLAIMING THE VISION': BLOY HOUSE PRODUCES VIDEO STUDY PROGRAM ON BAPTISM

A series of video programs providing a detailed examination of the sacrament of baptism have recently been released online by the Episcopal Theological School at Claremont (Bloy House).

"Claiming the Vision: Baptismal Identity in the Episcopal Church" is a six-hour video course designed to help lay persons, seminarians, and clergy develop a deeper appreciation for the history and theology of the baptism rite in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, according to an article in the Bloy House News. The course was created after several years of research and collaboration with the Evangelical Education Society and the Episcopal Church Center, and is built on a set of extensive video interviews with three of the authors of the baptismal rite of the prayer book and an author of one of the Eucharistic Prayers in the prayer book.

The Very Rev'd Sylvia Sweeney, dean of Bloy House, conducted the interviews with The Rt. Rev'd Frank Griswold, former presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church; The Rev'd Dr. Leonel Mitchell, retired professor of liturgical studies at Seabury-Western Theological School; The Rev.'d. Dr. Daniel Stevick, retired professor of liturgical studies at Episcopal Divinity School; and The Rev'd Dr. Louis Weil, retired professor of liturgical studies at Church Divinity School of the Pacific. All four "offered their fascinating remembrances and insights into the development of the baptismal rite of our prayer book and what that rite continues to mean for the church today," said Sweeney.

The program is divided into five segments, each of which may be viewed individually or sequentially. Each of these segments covers several related topics by providing brief five- to ten-minute video clips on the topic followed by a set of on-screen discussion questions. "Claiming the Vision: Baptismal Identity in the Episcopal Church" is available free online at the Bloy House Website. It is also due to be released to the wider church through the Episcopal Church Center library in coming weeks. †

From: Episcopal News, Los Angeles

DIOCESAN CONVENTION FOCUSES ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES

By Pat McCaughan

At least one outreach ministry has Agrown up, and more than 400 Southland Episcopalians — including youth, laity and clergy — have visited the Holy Land on pilgrimage, as the relationship between the Dioceses of Los Angeles and Jerusalem continues to deepen, Bishop Bruno said during his Dec. 3 convention address at the Riverside Convention Center.

Additionally, Bishop Suheil and Shafeeqa Dawani will be guests of the diocese the weekend of March 24-25, 2012, along with Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori of the Episcopal Church, Bruno announced.

Educate for Zababdeh, the outreach ministry begun several years ago by Mary Bruno, continues to provide scholarships for students of all ages in Janine, Bruno added. "Together as a diocese we have been able to raise more than \$66,000 to provide scholarships for 100 students there, he said.

An additional new gift of \$10,000 was presented to Educate for Hope by the Habiby family, parishioners of St. Matthew's Church in Pacific Palisades, whom the bishop welcomed to the podium during his convention address. The bishop recognized recent youth pilgrimage participants Gigi and Julia Habiby, and their parents, Josephine and Armand Habiby, also paying tribute to the well known ministries in Palestine of his late parents, Judge Jamil and Mary Habiby.

After considerable debate, convention approved two resolutions on the Middle East, one of which recognizes a two-state solution. The second is problematic, Bruno said, for reasons including its reference to the Kairos document and its call for boycott, divestment and sanctions. Convention rejected a third resolution that failed to recognize a two-state solution.

Bruno urged rejection of the latter two initiatives "for strategic reasons. The Episcopal Church does not endorse a single-state solution, nor does this denomination endorse financial boycotts, divestment or sanctions against the state of Israel," he said.

"At this time, we cannot underestimate the importance of the two-state solution, which is also emphasized in a recent letter from our Presiding Bishop," Bruno added.

The official position of the Episcopal Church is that of a two-state solution affirming both Israel's right to exist and to provide security to its people, while also achieving statehood for Palestine." Bruno added that it is "imperative that Episcopalians and Anglicans around the world consult with Bishop Suheil Dawani and adopt those policies that are most supportive of his own in the local context."

Bruno proposed the alternative resolution, adopted by convention, which urged top U.S. officials to bring stronger and more resolute diplomatic leadership to the cause of peace with justice between Israel and Palestine. Among other things, the resolution also called for an end to violence, for both sides in the conflict to recognize each other's right to statehood, and for an end to the air, water and land blockade of the Gaza Strip.

The second resolution, part of a wider initiative launched by the Episcopal Peace Fellowship and introduced by the Rev. Canon Gary Commins, rector of St. Luke's Church in Long Beach, calls for "pursuit of a just peace in the Palestinian/Israeli conflict" and is part of a wider initiative launched by the Episcopal Peace objection by the 2012 General Convention meeting next summer in Indianapolis.

Commins noted that Bruno's alternate resolution had been approved by the House of Deputies but rejected by the House of Bishops in 2009. It also will be re-presented to General Convention next summer.

Delegates also heard from journalist Sandy Tolan, author of "The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew and the Heart of the Middle East." Tolan said he wanted to talk about "a rare quality that we don't find too often in this part of the world . . . hope and even inspiration.

He shared with the convention a transformative moment about the "musical intifada" waged June 23 at the Qalandia military checkpoint by about 40 young Palestinian music students and teachers armed with violins, cellos, woodwinds and brass instruments. The students and teachers "came to play music and for a moment this space, this very bleak space was transformed by children into a place of assertive joy," Tolan said. "People that felt so helpless under an occupation going on for 44 years suddenly are saying we are here and we are here with something beautiful." The students set up quickly "because they didn't know if they'd be stopped. They quickly grabbed their instruments and began to play" Mozart's Symphony in F Major (his sixth) and other selections. "According to one of the professional musicians, 'It was the greatest gig of my life.'"

Tolan said that while in the Holy Land this past summer he saw a lot of hard realities as Jewish settlements continue to be constructed and it gets increasingly difficult for Palestinians to move anywhere.

He said he speaks mostly of the children, impacted by the damaging effects of occupation. "I met a 13-year-old Palestinian girl who was terrified of walking to school because Jewish settlers sometimes would stone the children or set the dogs on them or throw eggs at them. She was very frightened."

He said that achieving a two-state solution, a U.S. governmental policy goal for many years, is unlikely given the current Israeli government under President Benjamin Netanyahu. "There is no interest, in my opinion, in forging ahead with something that would be a two-state solution of viable independent states living in peace side by side," he said. "It's much more about controlling as much land as possible, a struggle really over every inch of land. People are constantly losing chunks of land and this is the unfortunate reality that I've seen again and again in my 12 or 13 trips there since 1994," he said.

Current political maps show Palestine broken "into isolated islands" sometimes compared with South African apartheid-era bantustans, he added. Additionally, Israel controls the water beneath the ground and the air above it. "Palestinians can't even drill a well to tap into the vast aquifer beneath their feet," Tolan said. Travel is restricted, so much so that many Palestinians have begun to regard the city of Jerusalem as a mythical place because they can't go there.

He mentioned Alá, a 13-year-old girl who participated in the musical intifada and who, while traveling from Ramallah to Nablus, was forced to get out of the van and ordered by a soldier to play the violin for him. "This is emotionally damaging to children. The goal, the metaphor is to move from her being forced to play for a soldier to her asserting her joy at the sense of independence," Tolan told the gathering.

He believes that truth and reconciliation are part of a way forward for both Palestinians and Israelis. So is security, so that both Palestinians and Jews feel safe. He challenged convention to think about principles for a restorative justice that would be durable and lasting, based on human dignity, equality and mutual respect. "Domination is not an option," he said. "Life under military occupation as I've talked about it is humiliating, enraging, emotionally damaging, not just for a 13-year-old girl but for everyone. In a future of peace, occupation must be scarcely imaginable or unimaginable," he said. *(From Episcopal News, Los Angeles, edited lightly for length.)*

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On Sunday afternoon, January 29th, at 4:00 P.M. the Friends of Music is presenting the flute and harp duo Arioso in concert. Flutist Cynthia Ellis and Harpist Michelle Temple, both musicians in the Pacific Symphony Orchestra, formed their duo in 2005 out of a shared passion to explore the vibrant and colorful repertory for this instrumental combination. They have performed recitals for the Placentia Founders Society at the Bradford House, the Newport Beach Public Library, Laguna Beach Live! at the Laguna College of Art and Design, and "Informance" concerts for the Pacific Symphony Orchestra's Chamber Music Series, among others.

Ms. Ellis and Ms. Temple will be performing a program entitled 'Asian Infusion.' Among several interesting pieces on the program is a work entitled *Haru no Umi* (Sea in Spring), a composition by the famous Japanese koto player Michio Miyagi

(1894-1956). In 1932 the French violinist Renee Chemet visited Japan on a concert tour, where she heard Miyagi perform *Haru no Umi*. Chemet subsequently arranged the shakuhachi part for violin, which she and Miyagi then recorded. After the distribution of this recording in Japan and Europe *Haru no Umi* became Miyagi's most famous piece, and this fame helped to launch his international reputation as one of Japan's foremost musicians.

In addition to music by Asian composers, there is music on the program written by Western composers who were influenced by music of the far East. One of these is the composer Alan Hovhaness, an artist often described as a 'mystic.' Hovhaness was one of the most prolific and original composers of the twentieth century, and there were many influences on his music, including Armenian folksong, Indian classical music and Japanese gagaku. The work featured on this program is the *Garden of Adonis*, Op. 245.

While the inspiration for the work is a poem of the same title by Edmund Spenser, there are Asian influences throughout, from the use of Asian modes and scales to old dance rhythms of the far East.

This promises to be a delightful and unique program. I hope that you will put this on your calendar and come. After the concert the Friends of Music will host a reception featuring Asian-themed food and drink. Come, and invite friends!

Another date you should have marked on your calendar is the annual Friends of Music bus trip Sunday afternoon, February 12. This year we are going to Spreckels Organ Pavilion in San Diego. San Diego Civic organist Carol Williams was a classmate of mine at Yale, and she will be concertizing on the world-famous outdoor pipe organ in Balboa Park. There will be more information forthcoming, so please stay tuned! ✚



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