



Office for
Transition
Ministry

Ministry Portfolio

Full Portfolio (last updated Jul 15, 2024)

St. Patrick's, Northern California

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Contact:

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge

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Weekly Average Sunday
Attendance (ASA)

50

Number of Weekend
Worship Services

1

Number of Weekday
Worship Services

1

Number of Other per Month
Worship Services

Current Annual
Compensation

Cash Stipend

Housing / Rectory Detail

Utilities

SECA reimbursement

Compensation Available for
New Position

\$105000

Housing Available for

Pension Plan

**We're in compliance with
CPF requirements.**

Healthcare Options
Clergy+1

Dental
Yes

Housing Equity Allowance in
budget

Annual Equity Amount

Vacation Weeks

4

Vacation Weeks Details

Continuing Education Weeks

2 (standard)

Continuing Education Weeks
Details

Continuing Education
Funding in budget

\$501-\$1000/year

Sabbatical Provision

Yes

Travel/Auto Account

Yes

Other Professional Account

Yes

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Describe a moment in your worshipping community's recent ministry which you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.

After many years in transition, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church recently welcomed The Reverend Carol Luther as our Long-Term Supply Priest under special circumstances. As the weeks have progressed under her guidance, we have experienced more joy of our Lord filling the church. An example of recent success includes significant increased numbers in the pews with the help of enhanced communications. Examples of spiritual fulfillment include inspirational sermons, educational presentations such as a series about Mary Magdalene, and weekly contemplative prayer sessions.

How are you preparing yourselves for the Church of the future?

The Redwood Empire Food Bank distributes food regularly under the congregational direction of Eleanor Albon. We collect non-perishable food for FISH (Friends in Service Here), an all-volunteer organization which distributes food to neighbors in need. We pack bimonthly "Blessing Bags" for the Redwood Gospel Mission and with the Mission host monthly Nomadic Shelters onsite to our homeless population between November and April. Betsy Randolph oversees both of these ministries. Under Marilyn Ganz' direction, the St. Hilda Chapter of Daughters of the King sponsors a sock drive for the unhoused and a summer toiletry collection for unsheltered women.

Please provide words describing the gifts and skills essential to the future leaders of your worshipping community.

collaborative, transparent, inspirational, musical

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Describe your liturgical style and practice for all types of worship services provided by your community.

Our liturgical style arises from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, Rite II. There is one Sunday service, one midweek healing Eucharistic service, and a Compline service every Thursday at 4 p.m. The choir is flourishing, our musical director has the entire congregation joining in song, and the organist/pianist is gifted. Music enhances our worship, with selections from the 1982 Hymnal, Wonder, Love & Praise, and Lift Every Voice and Sing.

How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

We have nine (9) ministries: Administrative (incl. Vestry), Communications, Education (Christian Formation), Fellowship (Hospitality), Finance, Outreach (Community Service), Pastoral Care, Property/Maintenance, Worship (incl. Music). We invite people to serve in the areas of interest to them, according to their capabilities.

As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional and physical well-being?

We are an aging congregation. Elders hold the key to so many memories and traditions, but traditions are meaningless without someone to hand them down to. We want to see our church create outreach to new younger members. We are working to improve our social media presence.

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How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?

Many of the programs we offer are open to the public, including: weekly contemplative prayer sessions; educational presentations (e.g., Mary Magdalene); the “Retool & Refuel” workshop; and interfaith lectures featuring members of the Jewish and Muslim faiths, helping to bring us together by enhancing our understanding of one another. Music concerts are open to the public, with the Christmas music program being particularly well-attended. Friday night movies are also periodically planned. St. Patrick’s is a supporter of BBC—Becoming Beloved Community-- which provides funding for library books and musical training to disadvantaged school children nearby. AA and AL-ANON support groups meet at our church on a weekly basis.

Describe your worshipping community’s involvement in either the wider Church or geographical region.

As a worshipping community, we care for one another through pastoral visits, Sunday coffee hour, monthly breakfast meetings and specialty gatherings. The Order of Daughters of the King has a growing chapter at St. Patrick’s and offers daily prayers for those in need. Recently, a “Retool & Refuel” workshop was held to reflect on self-care, with 26 parishioners and guests in attendance. Inspirational day trips, including to local monasteries, have been enjoyed by parishioners and guests alike, providing spiritual, emotional and physical benefit to all.

Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past five years. Who can be contacted about this?

Our worshipping community’s involvement in the wider Church includes active participation in Annual Diocesan Convention. Several members were fortunate to go to the recent “Fearless Faith Revival.” We were pleased to sponsor a teen parishioner so she could attend the Episcopal Youth Event in Washington, D.C. in 2022. Dakota had a wonderful experience that she shared in a presentation to the parish.

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What is your practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of your worshipping community?

Stewardship includes our congregation volunteering in an array of necessary areas including taking responsibility for maintaining our physical campus, ensuring the safety of all who visit St. Patrick's property, as well as providing an attractive setting for worship. Although there have been significant financial challenges in the last few years, due to the wildfires and COVID pandemic, resulting in the temporary closure of the church for extended periods, we are moving forward with a healthy financial outlook with the oversight of the Vestry. We also have our annual pledge drive, asking the congregation to commit to generous pledges as they are able. A planned end of life contribution program has also generated interest and additional funds.

What is your worshipping community's experience of conflict? And how have you addressed it?

Our worshipping community has experienced an extraordinary series of upheaval with several destructive wildfires, as well as the COVID pandemic. During this time of overwhelming stress, our church experienced a fearful response aggravated by an unfortunate lack of leadership and conflict with the Priest at the time, which contributed to a decline in our membership. The Bishop's office has helped restore our faith that all will be well, with God's help—and the help of The Very Rev. Ed Howell, recent Priest in Charge under special circumstances.

What is your experience leading/addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? And what did you learn?

As Senior Warden during the past 17+months, I have tried to be optimistic and positive in my interactions, which has led to more people being willing to serve, specifically on the Vestry. Personal interactions that require more attention have led me to call upon the Clergy for help. The Rev. Carol Luther has been particularly helpful. (Jackie Senter, Sr. Warden)



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Prior Incumbents

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Very Rev. Ed Howell	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge (Part-time)	2023-03	2024-04

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Doyle Dietz Allen	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2017-12	2022-10

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Jennifer Hornbeck	Interim	2017-04	2017-11

Church School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Children School	Number of Students for Children School
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Number of Teachers/Leaders for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Students for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Adults School	Number of Students for Adults School
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Day School	Number of Students for Day School	Number of Teachers for Day School	Number of Total Staff for Day School
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Media Links:

> <https://www.sonomanews.com/article/news/retirees-adopt-dunbar-kenwood-elementary-schools/>

Online References:

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Languages Significantly Represented:

English

Provide Worship or Classes in:

English

References

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Search Chair

Ms. Jackie Senter

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Local Community Leader

Contact Laurie Hogan for references to BBC-Schools community contacts.