



DIOCESAN E-NEWS

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

News for the week of May 26, 2020

Bishop Megan visits Christ Church, Eureka



The Rev. Dr. Daniel London began the service telling the story of Thomas Walsh, founder of the church



The clergy, lay leaders, and technicians used Zoom to gather together and lead the service



Bishop Megan was present with Christ Church, Eureka, from the Office of the Bishop in Sacramento

On May 17, Christ Church, Eureka celebrated the 150th anniversary of the first worship service held in their church in 1870. The church had put much planning into the celebration this year, with Bishop Megan's visitation as the final event in a long line of [special speakers and gatherings](#) held since September. Bishop Megan was able to be 'with' the people of Christ Church as planned thanks to Zoom and a whole cast of worship leaders and technical support. She visited from her office in Sacramento; preaching through pre-recorded video and officiating, greeting and blessing through Zoom.

What a privilege to be with the people of Christ Church on this most important and memorable day.

Bishop Megan is planning to celebrate with them in person in February, when they commemorate the consecration of their church building by Bishop William Kip in 1871.

[Click here](#) to view Bishop Megan's sermon.

[Click here](#) to view the whole service.

A week of special messages from Bishop Megan



Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 24, 2020

The Rt. Rev. Megan M. Traquiar

The Cathedral of Saint James
South Bend, IN

Bishop Megan released a pastoral message last week (5/22) to address our re-gathering and the time we will take to prepare and pray before we meet in our buildings.

[Click here](#) to read the message.

The Episcopal Bishops of California released a letter on Saturday (5/23) that spoke to the careful and process-driven re-entry into our churches, following the lead of our local authorities.

[Click here](#) to read the message.

Bishop Megan preached a sermon last Sunday (5/24), that was shared across the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana. Bishop Doug Sparks invited her to "visit" the diocese where she and her family ministered for 10 years.

[Click here](#) to view.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Pentecost Chalk Challenge



Bishop Megan has issued a Pentecost Challenge. Get out your sidewalk chalk, create something fun, and post a picture on social media with the hashtags: **#PentecostChalkChallenge** and **#NorCalEpiscopal**

Will you draw a dove, some flowers, a flame? Or, will you write your favorite quote on the sidewalk somewhere? You may even post a picture of your hopscotch grid!

Like or follow us on social media by clicking the icons below.



Diocesan guide for regathering



Health and Safety: COVID-19

Clergy Masks

Clergy Image, a retailer of clergy clothing located in our diocese, is offering free masks to all clergy. They have identified you as essential workers and want you to be safe. [Click here](#) to order your masks.



[CARES Act legislation guidance and resources](#)

[Stewardship in the time of COVID-19](#)



Stewardship
and Online
Giving

[The Good Book Club: The Gospel of Matthew | Easter 2020](#)



- También disponible en español: goodbookclub.org/espanol/

CLERGY NEWS

St. John's, Chico welcomes Grace Flint



On Saturday, May 16, Grace Flint moved into her apartment in Chico, where she finished her last week at Church Divinity School of the Pacific and participated in her virtual commencement.

While it was anticipated that she would begin her position as Assistant Rector at St. John's, Chico, in the beginning of July, our circumstances have changed. Grace has transitioned into her position earlier, engaging with the Rector and other leaders as we navigate the new contours of ministry. St. John's looks forward continuing the work we have begun together.

As Assistant Rector, Grace will share a wide range of pastoral responsibilities with The Very Rev. Richard Yale, Rector. After her ordination as a transitional deacon, scheduled for June 13 at Trinity Cathedral, she will be participating in the various mission activities of the parish as they continue to work for the recovery of the communities ravaged by the Camp Fire.

Submitted by The Very Rev. Richard Yale: Dean of the Alta California Deanery and Rector of St. John's, Chico

A season for online ordinations

As a further example of the fact that we are church whether we meet in a building or not, we will continue our work as the church by ordering priests and deacons:

- **Sat, Jun 13, 2020** - Grace Flint, Portia Hopkins,

- and Libby Vincent will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons at Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento
- **Sat, Jun 20, 2020** - Laurie Warren will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons at St. John's, Petaluma
 - **Fri, Jun 26, 2020** - John W. Heidel and Karen Joyce Lawler will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests at Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento



The difference, this summer, is that these ordinations will take place online. Bishop Megan, along with each of the candidates, the required number of priests, a few lay ministers and technicians will meet in the spaces announced above. We, the people of our diocese, will 'meet' with them by watching and praying online. Look for more details in the next few weeks as to how you can participate fully.

The picture above was submitted by the Boudreaux children of Roseville, CA for the #PentecostChalkChallenge

RESOURCES AND LINKS

[Resources for Online Worship](#)



[Mental health resources from Ministries of Health](#)

During this challenging time of pandemic, mental health may be more significantly impacted. We hope these resources give you additional tools to add to the wonderful work in which you are currently engaged. [Click here for resources...](#)

Be well...

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Here are [additional resources](#) from Church Publishing on mental health.

[Online resources for people in recovery](#)



NEWS AND EVENTS IN AND BEYOND THE DIOCESE

[Pathways 2020, a virtual pilgrimage](#)

As youth in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, we are called to join together

and learn about supporting our current communities, our history, and explore our relationship with our faith. We have done that for the last few summers through Pathways Pilgrimage.

Due to COVID-19, it was decided that an in-person Pathways Pilgrimage is not safe. To maintain and build our community while continuing our educational and spiritual journey, we will be meeting throughout the summer for a virtual Pathways through Zoom and social media. This summer, our theme will continue to explore various social justice topics, but will center more around taking care of ourselves!

[Please fill out this survey](#) if you would like to learn more about summer of 2020 Virtual Pathways. We would like to gather contact information and interest levels as we plan. All youth from 7th grade and up are invited to join us, even if you have not been on a previous Pathways trip!

[Check out what we did on Pathways 2019.](#)

Contributed by Elizabeth Potts - Epiphany, Vacaville

2021 UTO Book of Prayers



Every three years, the United Thank Offering assembles a small book of gratitude-related prayers, one of the most popular items we give out at each General Convention/Triennial. We get these prayers from everywhere throughout The Episcopal Church, and it's time to start working on prayers for the 2021 edition.

We are looking for original prayers in the following categories: Gratitude, Guidance, Healing, Love of God & Creation, Sorrow or Fear, Prayers for Morning, Prayers for Midday, Prayers for Night, and Other.

Interested? [Click here.](#)

POSTPONEMENTS AND CHANGES

Summer camp changes

The Bishop's Ranch and St. Dorothy's Rest

Concerns about COVID-19 have prompted both The Bishop's Ranch and St. Dorothy's Rest to make the tremendously difficult decision to cancel 2020 summer camp programs. Both the Ranch and St. Dorothy's made their choices out of great care for the health and safety of campers and staff. For more details and information on how you can help support our camp and conference centers during this challenging time, please read the following two statements:

[The Bishop's Ranch 2020 camp update](#)

[St. Dorothy's Rest 2020 camp update](#)

Camp Galilee

The staff and Galilee Board of Trustees have made the very difficult decision to cancel our 2020 summer camp residential program for youth. We have spent the last month considering various options to allow us to offer the program and it just does not seem possible to keep our staff, campers, and their families safe and healthy, both for youth residential and day camp programming. Our disappointment and sadness with this

decision matches your own.

[Camp Galilee 2020 camp update](#)

Donate to Camp Galilee Emergency Operations Fund

[College for Congregational Development \(CCD\)](#)

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