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ST. PAUL'S NEW BEGINNINGS

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Burlingame, CA



Even familiar paths surprise us with twists and turns to help us grow

Arriving at the Department of Motor Vehicles recently to obtain my Real ID and switch my out-of-state car registration, I thought I could tackle the task in my sleep considering how many cross-country transitions I've made in my adult life. I expected the process to be simple enough. Preliminary investigation of the DMV website gave me confidence in their readiness to keep us all "driving forward."

Identity documents in hand. Vehicle verified and smog checked. Paperwork completed. I did not foresee test-taking twists in my path as I returned to the Golden State, where I first obtained a driver's permit some thirty years ago. Back in that day, it was the unanticipated hand signals quiz during my behind-the-wheel exam that stumped me, momentarily.

This time, it was the knowledge retest requirement as a new resident that surprised me. (I learned that certain vehicles are allowed to travel at faster speeds than I presumed! Yes, I incorrectly answered a speed limit question!) With or without flying colors, I can now present myself as the bona fide prodigal, returned home.

It isn't only in a motorized vehicle that my preference for taking it slowly—so as not to miss something important—runs strong. I want to tap the brakes a bit whenever I am navigating new terrain. Embracing joyful rhythms and communal pace at St. Paul's has swept me into an energizing whirlwind that has left me grateful at every turn. For your generous gifts bestowed during worship, the "Sarah-bration" smiles and laughter at our Welcome Back Barbecue, those spontaneous conversations in the parking lot, and fragrant flowers and fruits, gracing every corridor of our life together—thank you for the many marvelous manifestations of hospitality and love as we embark on familiar and fresh pathways of worship, service, and learning together! The road ahead stretches out before us in ways that delight my inner thrill seeker, as we continue to discern where God is leading us at St. Paul's. Whether or not we are drivers who like to accelerate out of the turns, our adventure has begun!

The truth is that even delightful change can be dizzying, as unexpected twists in the journey push us to trust one another and our Creator.

For it's true enough that all transformations involve gains and losses. Which is why I am grateful for that steadying energy of community that grounds us in seasons of stretching in novel directions. God invites us each to grow as we wrestle with honest questions, doubts, and even, yes, fears about what change may bring. In that future God dreams for us, love is present, faithful and flexible to sustain us as we exercise our gifts for ministry with creativity and courage. Open hearts and generous spirits help us to relax into the durable love that upholds our connections with the Body of Christ as we move through intensive times of growth and change.

I lately have been thinking of that philosopher's adage that insists the only constant in the world is change itself. Amid these early weeks of welcome, which have helped smooth the unpleasant transition twists, like injuring my finger and needing stitches right before I left Atlanta, I received news that one of my friends in Georgia passed away. He departed this earthly life only a few short months after receiving a cancer diagnosis. Another mutual friend reflected on the wisdom of his observation, days before he died: "You never know when you are going to be moving to the next place on your path, or what the road will be like."

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I couldn't help but think of the spiritual treasures he shared with me as I listened to one of St. Paul's soloists crooning "Shall We Gather at the River" at our recent Choir Soiree. That song has been part of my prayer for St. Paul's as we have been discerning and leaning into our shared call to minister in Jesus' name, celebrating all that God has done for us. Perhaps on the Peninsula we discover that our journey involves less of a road

and more of a sacred river that sweeps all of us into its healing flow, inviting us to grow in our capacity to be people of justice, hope, and joy however long we are blessed to travel this way together.

In this shining place of connection and care, we may be changed by the love that has saved us,

Sarah+



Celebration of a New Ministry **Saturday, October 15**

On Saturday, October 15 at 11am, St. Paul's will host Bishop Marc Andrus for the institution of St. Paul's seventh rector, The Rev. Sarah C. Stewart. This Celebration of a New Ministry will feature special music, liturgy, and honored guests of St. Paul's, including other clergy from the Diocese of California, as well as family and friends of Rev. Sarah. This worship service marks our celebration of God's call to us in this new season of our shared ministry in Burlingame. We hope that everyone will be present for this joyful, not-to-be-missed celebration—a lively worship service that will be followed by a festive luncheon!

Check your email for an Evite that was sent last week. If you didn't receive one, let Tish Busselle know at tnbusselle@gmail.com

Notes from St. Paul's Wardens

Dear St. Paul's Community,

What a September of New Beginnings it was at St. Paul's:

- Sarah's first Sunday at St. Paul's on Labor Day weekend with both the Summer Choir and the Tongan Choir taking part in the 10am service;
- the "official" welcome Sunday (September 11) for Rev. Sarah with the return of The Choir of St. Paul's after a summer of both rest and residency at Wells Cathedral in England and, once again, the Tongan Choir at the 10am service, Blessing of Backpacks at the 8 and 10am services, and the barbecue afterward for all of St. Paul's community. It was quite a day with over 165 people in attendance at one of the two services that day and only slightly less than that at the barbecue. What an opportunity not only to welcome Sarah but to catch up with so many members of St. Paul's community;
- the return of child care for those 4 years and under from 8:45-11:15am every Sunday;
- the continuation of Confirmation preparation begun in August which culminated in the confirmation of several members of St. Paul's at Grace Cathedral on September 25;
- the gathering of over 20 Ministry Team Leaders in mid-September to both meet Sarah and to share their respective ministries with her;
- the first Evensong of the program year included the Choir of St. Paul's repertoire for the evening and an engaging report with visuals by some who were part of the Wells Residency this summer;
- the "restart" of several Ministry Teams and programs which had been on either summer hiatus or pandemic "zooms"—including to name just a few, Tea 'n' Talk, the Healing Team, The Circle of St. Paul's and Monday Journey;
- and, of course, the Rummage drop-off held by The Circle on September 24 to gather the things that we'd saved for many months for the Rummage Sale which will be held on October 8—more to come on the sale.

As many have noticed or experienced directly, Rev. Sarah has brought a deep spirituality, enthusiasm and joyfulness to being St. Paul's seventh Rector. She has already connected with Ministry Team leaders and with parents of children, youth (aka middle schoolers) and teens to kick-off with Jocelyn an important priority that our community expressed one year ago in the gatherings and surveys that were done to help identify "what we as a community" were hoping for in our next Rector.

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She's also made a number of pastoral calls and visits with more to come and she's been working with St. Paul's staff to shape Sunday services and programs for the coming months. And, many have commented on Sarah's sermons that provide new insights into living out our faith and her lovely voice as she sings the Eucharist Prayer at the 10am service.

The rest of the Vestry joins us in sharing gratitude for all who contributed to St. Paul's new beginnings in September whether one participated in a Sunday service or Evensong; attended the barbecue; dropped off Rummage to further our service to the greater community while raising funds; or contributed time to help with the barbecue; read, ushered, greeted, sang, acolyted or prepared for Sunday services; prayed for the sick and vulnerable; and/or participated in or assisted with a Ministry Team event like Tea 'n' Talk, Monday Journey, Confirmation preparation, or The Circle of St. Paul's. St. Paul's is living proof that "it takes a village" of caring people to make a difference in the lives of ourselves and others—both spiritually and otherwise.

Looking ahead. . .

On October 15 at 11am, the Vestry will be welcoming St. Paul's own community, religious and civic leaders in our community and clergy from throughout the Diocese to the Celebration of New Ministry for Rev. Sarah. See more details in this [Newsletter](#) of what will be a joyous celebration for our new Rector led by Bishop Marc Andrus. We are happy that several of Sarah's family and friends will be joining us in supporting Sarah that day. If you haven't yet responded to the Evite, please do so as soon as possible.

October also kicks off the beginning of the development of St. Paul's budget for the next year. The first phase is the very important stewardship campaign in which St. Paul's households are invited to make a pledge (financial commitment) for St. Paul's Operating Budget to be paid throughout the new year, in this case 2023. Our Operating Budget is what supports St. Paul's staff, our programs and ministries, and the fixed expenses such as building and property maintenance, utilities and insurance. Please look for the Stewardship materials that will be mailed to every household by mid-October, read them carefully and prayerfully, and make a pledge that reflects your commitment to St. Paul's and all that it does to enrich our lives and deepen us spiritually. Pledge Sunday is October 30th which this year is All Saints' Day—a fitting reminder that we are all saints in God's eyes and that St. Paul's is a place which nourishes us.

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The Vestry is very thankful for the small but mighty team who have stepped forward to spearhead this year's Stewardship campaign—Joan Cleary (Chair), Rue Richey and Virginia Pegley as well as the generous hosts for the Fall Gatherings for Rev. Sarah which is part of this year's Stewardship effort: Serina Beauparlant and Lisa Rehman, the Long-Richey Family, Lisa and John Borgeson, Margi and Tom Power, Chris and Charles Warden, and co-hosts Donna McCartney and Bev Hock.

Starting to get ready for 2023 also means that the Vestry's Nominating Committee will begin its work of putting together a slate of new Vestry members to be voted on by the congregation at St. Paul's Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 6, right after the 10am service. Being a Vestry member is one of many ways that members of St. Paul's community can choose to serve. The Vestry works directly with Sarah, who is also a member of the Vestry, on both secular and spiritual matters, including providing guidance to the Rector, establishing policies for St. Paul's, adopting the annual Operating Budget and overseeing St. Paul's finances, supporting Ministry Teams, helping with communications, and planning for the immediate and longer term future of St. Paul's. For 2023, we will be seeking six Vestry members—one for a two year term and five for three year terms. We will be looking for members who, together with the 6 members who will continue on the Vestry, represent all parts of St. Paul's, whether a "short timer" or a "long timer;" an 8 o'clocker, 10 o'clocker or one who attends the 12:30 Tongan Service; parents with young children, youth or teens, and individuals with no children or "empty nesters;" those who are already engaged in some aspect of St. Paul's, and those who are looking for the "right fit." And, most importantly, we will be looking for members who want to get to know and work directly with Rev. Sarah to envision the future of St. Paul's—a unique opportunity with a new Rector. In other words, any member of St. Paul's who pledges and wants to be considered for the Vestry is encouraged to do so. To learn more, to offer yourself for consideration or to suggest someone else at St. Paul's for consideration by the Nominating Committee, please let one of us (Tish, Lisa, or Jay) know. Please don't be shy in offering your gifts of leadership or if a member of the Nominating Committee calls you!

In thanksgiving for *new beginnings* at St. Paul's, as proclaimed on this banner on El Camino designed by Bill Phillips and the Welcoming Team,

Tish Busselle
Sr. Warden

Lisa Borgeson
Co-Jr. Warden

Jay Janton
Co-Jr. Warden



“Increase our faith!” -- Luke 17:5

The readings from the Gospel of Luke in October begin with this line, “The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’”

I find myself praying in both gratitude and in petition, “Increase our faith, Oh God! In You, in others, in myself...

- Increase our faith so that I can best identify just how I want to show up in this community.
- Increase our faith so that I can listen more than fix
- Increase our faith so that I can be present as opposed to living in memories or dreams
- Increase our faith so that I can walk the talk of inclusion, wideness of mercy, and willingness to companion and serve others.”

Increase our faith. This desire that the Apostles voiced resonates with me now, in this moment, in this welcoming, re-freshing, re-engaging time at St. Paul’s. It’s funny. While I don’t think any one of us is lacking in faith, I do believe many of us want to say, “Increase our/my faith!”

The recent years have been tough on our bodies, both personally and corporally. This body of Christ is just re-emerging to see one another, be with one another, and love one another. What is it that I need from this community? What is it that I can contribute to this community?

We are building many opportunities for you to explore these two questions, together. I invite you to prayerfully read through this [Newsletter](#), not as a listing of events, but as opportunities to deepen your relationship with God and others one program, event, commitment at a time. And if you need other or more options to engage with others, do reach out. We would love to support you!

Let us all pray for the courage and the practice to ask God, like the early Apostles, to increase our faith so that God’s joyous kin-dom may come.

Jocelyn A. Sideco,
Pastoral Associate



Come Explore with Rev. Sarah

Please join Rev. Sarah as she offers a fresh opportunity for us all to explore spiritually together. This fall, we celebrate the love we find in the Body of Christ as we support all those who have chosen to be baptized and confirmed in recent months. It only makes sense to playfully **rediscover the gifts God** has bestowed upon each of us in our baptism. Participants of all ages are welcome to come for each session in this three part series or simply join one of the gatherings, as suits one's availability and interest. We will meet from 9:15-9:50am on the following Sundays, October 2 (Columbarium), October 23 (Higbie Library), and October 30 (Higbie Library). All are welcome!



For all ages!

Walk and Pray with Rev. Sarah!

Sunday, October 2 | 5pm | Sawyer Camp Trail

We will meet at the trailhead located at Crystal Springs & Skyline Blvd., walk together, arrive at a spot to pray Compline together, and walk back. Bring your water bottle and a snack.

Come with your family, come as you are. The trail is paved, so all abilities are invited and welcome!



Celebrating St. Francis Day - Sunday, October 9

Bring your furry, fuzzy, or feathery family members to worship at the 8am or 10am worship services on Sunday, October 9, as we celebrate St. Francis of Assisi's witness to our interdependence as participants within God's creation! At the close of our regular worship, featuring seasonal readings, music, and prayers that lift up these sacred connections we share, At the conclusion of our services, we will process outdoors together for a closing prayer and personal blessings for any and all of your beloved critters. We look forward to this festive "family reunion" favorite in our life together this fall! All pets are welcome (and scaly ones ought to catch a ride in their comfy carriers to ensure all are blessed to be a blessing)!

Children/Families/Youth

October 2022

For ages 11-18...

Service Opportunities

- o Sign up to help set-up and take-down Rummage
- o Help with Children's Chapel 3rd Sunday of each month and Christmas Pageant

Ministry Opportunities

- o Sign up to serve as an Acolyte
- o Sign up to serve as a lector
- o Sign up to host coffee hour

Reach out to Jocelyn at jsideco@stpaulsburlingame.org for any of these opportunities.

For ages 14-18...

JUSTDinner | Thursday, September 29 | 6pm-7:30pm

A new program for high schoolers! Come to cook, eat, and talk with one another. For our first topic, we will discuss the **Impact of Climate Change** on our lives and the planet. Email Jocelyn at jsideco@stpaulsburlingame.org to RSVP. Be sure to let us know if you have any dietary restrictions!

JUSTDinner | Wednesday, October 12 | 6-7:30pm

A new program for high schoolers! Come to cook, eat, and talk with one another. For our second topic, we will discuss **Migration** and how our community is impacted by people moving around. Email Jocelyn at jsideco@stpaulsburlingame.org to RSVP. Be sure to let us know if you have any dietary restrictions!

JUSTDinner | Monday, November 14 | 6-7:30pm

A new program for high schoolers! Come to cook, eat, and talk with one another. For our third topic, we will discuss **Ethics and the Media** and how we are to make sense of it all for ourselves. Email Jocelyn at jsideco@stpaulsburlingame.org to RSVP. Be sure to let us know if you have any dietary restrictions!

For children 10 and under...

Sunday Child Care | 8:45am-11:15am

Lidia Flores and Maclaine Mason return to offer care for children ages 4 and under. We have an indoor childcare room and utilize to outdoor spaces (the Skillings Garden and Labyrinth as well the St. Paul's Nursery School playground) when the weather is nice. Sign up with Jocelyn to utilize this offering. Parents must complete an emergency contact form and a healthcare form.

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PrayGrounds

Our chapel is set-up to offer a spacious place to be, to pray, to walk, talk, color, create most Sundays at 10am for the program year (September-May). We welcome families to sit, play, pray in this space while worshipping at St. Paul's.

Children's Chapel

Some Sundays | varying times

We value cultivating a space for the youngest amongst us to connect with God and their neighbors. Children's Chapel provides a space to pray together through song, activity, and friendship with others between the ages of infant to 12. We also bake and/or decorate cookies to deliver to St. Paul's friends!

- October 16: 11:15-11:45am in the St. Paul's Nursery Playground
- November 20: Advent Festival! In Foote Hall

Back to Church Nights! | Week of October 17-21

When can you make time to pop in and share your perspective and listen to others? The Rev. Sarah and Jocelyn are hosting evening Zoom times all throughout the week of October 17-21 to make room for everyone who would like to contribute, listen, share!

After you tell us your availability using this doodle poll

(<https://doodle.com/meeting/organize/id/bkZjE9Ja>), can you email Jocelyn at jsideco@stpaulsburlingame.org and confirm your child[ren]'s name and age? We will try to create age-appropriate cohorts. Thanks, and looking forward to being in God's house with you all!

Care Packages for College Students in Teens/Youth

Please contribute a note, a prayer, a snack, a practical gift to our care packages. These boxes have been available after each service on a couple Sundays in September. The final Sunday to contribute is Sunday, October 2. Care Packages will be sent Monday, October 3rd.



For parents...

Spiritual Parenting

Wednesday, October 5 | 7pm

Thursday, October 27 | 12:30pm

A monthly gathering of parents to share where their practices of faith and parenting inform one another. A transformational communal experience for people willing to share their experiences and perspectives. In person and virtual options available.

Sign up with Jocelyn to confirm location.

Fun and Fellowship: Sign up for Fall Fellowship Gatherings with Rev. Sarah

Dear St. Paul's Community,

This fall's schedule is very busy, but we want to continue our tradition of gathering for fall fellowship meals (formerly known as progressive dinners/lunches). Fellowship meals are casual and hosted at the homes of fellow parishioners. They are fun opportunities to deepen our relationships with each other. This year will be very special, as we will opportunity to break bread with our new rector, Reverend Sarah.

Fall fellowship meals will be offered October 9, 22, and 23, at the homes of our generous hosts:

Sunday, October 9, 1-4pm

Hosts: Serina Beauparlant and Lisa Rehman
Burlingame

Sunday, October 9, 5pm-8pm

Hosts: Donna McCartney and Bev Hock
San Mateo

Saturday, October 22, 11:30-2:30pm, Families, Kids and Youth Pool Party

Hosts: David Long and Rue Richey with Olivia and Lexi
San Mateo

Saturday, October 22, 12-3pm

Hosts: John and Lisa Borgeson
Burlingame

Sunday, October 23, 11:30-2:30pm

Hosts: Charles and Chris Warden
Hillsborough

Sunday, October 23, 12-3pm

Hosts: Tom and Margi Power
Hillsborough

Please use the Sign Up Genius link below to indicate which event you would like attend. If you have difficulty, please contact Bryan or Anne, and we can do it for you.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca5ad23aaf4cf8-stpauls3>

Looking forward to our time together!

Bryan VanderLugt (Bryanvanderlugt36@gmail.com)

Anne Casscells (Acasscells@gmail.com)

Walk the Walk with St. Paul's Stewardship Team this October!

This season at St. Paul's we will take a new walk with our venerable and dynamic congregation. We have the beautiful new path, we have the fabulous new rector, now all we need is YOU! The past few years have included a bit of meandering through the pandemic and interim periods, but the road ahead now shows a clear direction with fewer bumps and turns and more visibility of the Light.

Step out with us as we meet and greet one another at our Fall Fellowship Gatherings. Stroll with us as we sign up for Sunday worship activities. Hike with us as we experience St. Paul's community in outreach and service. Skip with us as we experience and show each other the love of God!

Our Stewardship Team invites you to consider this suggested "Personal Roadmap" as we explore paths of generosity in our life together this fall:

- September and October – *Reconnect with old and new friends at St. Paul's by attending a Fall Fellowship event!*
- October – *When this year's Stewardship Brochure arrives, prayerfully consider where faith, hope, and love join you with St. Paul's communal path. At In-Gathering Sunday on October 30th, turn in a pledge card committing your financial support in 2023, helping to pave St. Paul's path forward.*
- November and December – *Pray for the congregation's commitment to supporting our church financially as well as the wisdom and discernment of St. Paul's lay leadership as they prayerfully plan our budget for 2023 including funding for staffing, programs and other costs such as property maintenance.*
- January – *Attend the St. Paul's Annual Meeting to lend your energy and enthusiasm for our communal path in the year ahead, guided by the spiritual and lay leaders of our parish, including Rev. Sarah and our Vestry, as we rejoice in the new paths God's way of love leads us to walk. together.*

St. Paul's Mighty Stewardship Team



13th Annual North Peninsula Interfaith Choral Concert **Sunday, October 16 at 5pm | Hosted by St. Paul's**

St. Paul's is delighted to host the 13th Annual North Peninsula Interfaith Choral Concert, a benefit for homeless ministry.

One-hundred singers from five north peninsula church choirs will be participating from:

- Congregational Church of San Mateo, UCC
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- First Presbyterian Church, Burlingame
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Burlingame
- St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Burlingame

Each choir will offer a ten-minute program, and all 100 voices of the five choirs will sing:

- Carol Barnett | An American Thanksgiving: Webster
- Undine Smith Moore | We shall walk in the valley of peace & I will trust in the Lord

The Concert benefits the homeless ministry of LifeMoves, with whom Home and Hope has recently merged.

Choir of St. Paul's Seeking Tenors and Basses

While all singers in kindergarten through adults are welcome, Tenors and Basses are especially invited to consider singing in the ministry of the Choir of St. Paul's this season. Some experience in choral singing is preferred for adults, but if you read music, we will help you find your singing voice.

Rehearsals for adults and teens are on Thursday evenings, 7pm-8:30pm. Teen boys also rehearse weekly on Wednesdays at 5:15pm – 6pm, and adults have monthly 7pm-8pm Wednesday sectionals. You may read more about the Choir of St. Paul's at www.stpaulsburlingame.org/choirs and review the upcoming music list at www.stpaulsburlingame.org/listen.



Contact Director of Music, Susan Jane Matthews, smatthews@stpaulsburlingame.org for more information on joining the Choir of St. Paul's.

Outreach Update

At the end of August, we received official word that Home & Hope has been folded into LifeMoves. Home & Hope sheltered and fed homeless families for over 20 years in various congregations on the Peninsula. St. Paul's was a founding member, hosting up to four times per year. In the past few years, many houses of worship found it harder to provide the necessary space and volunteers. The COVID pandemic put an end to hosting families at churches and synagogues and housing these families in local motels which was done during the pandemic was not sustainable financially by Home & Hope.

Now families who formerly would have been referred to Home & Hope will be referred to LifeMoves and their family shelters. St. Paul's is exploring ways we can still involve our parishioners - of various ages - in supporting families facing homelessness. One option is to provide a weekend meal periodically at the San Mateo family shelter. It could be just a bag lunch to go or a full hot dinner shared in community. The Outreach Team plans to tour the shelter to better understand what it will take to provide a meal for up to 24 families.

Thank you once again for all the support St. Paul's gave to Home & Hope, and its predecessor the Interfaith Hospitality Network, for 22 years. Home & Hope could not have existed without everyone who helped set up tents, shopped for groceries, did laundry, prepared dinners, slept over and simply offered companionship to families needing a bit of help. It brought us all closer together.

Let's now support LifeMoves with the same dedication. Please come to the Interfaith Concert St. Paul's is hosting on October 16. (See details from Dr. Susan Matthews in this [Newsletter](#)). Donations from the concert will benefit LifeMoves. Stay tuned for other ways we can all help. Contact Bonnie Adams (bonnie417@aol.com) or Edith Foothorap (rongoerss@aol.com) if you have questions or suggestions.

The Outreach Ministry Team

Edith Foothorap, Judy George, Susan Group, Bonnie Adams, Serina Beauparlant, Susan Ketcham, Charlotte & Page Austin

News from the Tongan Congregation

The Tongan Congregation had a busy Sunday on the 25th of September.

- First, our new Rector, the Rev. Sarah C. Stewart, performed our Sunday Service for the first time with the Tongan Congregation
- Second, two of our youth, Paula Fifita and 'Apisai Fifita received their Confirmation.
- Third, we donated for our Misinale (Annual Donation).

A reminder to the Tongan Choir that the Bishop will be at St. Paul's on Saturday the 15th of October for the Institution of Rev. Sarah c. Stewart. The Tongan Congregation will prepare an appropriate hymn for that day's service.

Submitted by James Hurrell

Thank You to Choir School Sponsors

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of Choir School Sponsors that has sustained the Choir School since its founding in 2007. As of September 20, the Choir School had received a total of \$44,110 in donations from 33 Choir School Sponsors for the 2022-23 season.

Choir School Sponsorships support the school's commitment to needs-blind admission and affordable tuition rates for all singers, to life-changing experiences including choir tours and festivals, singing the world's best sacred music with the Choir of St. Paul's, and to the first-rate musical training of young singers at the St. Paul's Choir School for future generations.

As a token of gratitude, sponsors were guests for a special concert and catered reception on Sunday, September 18. Choristers & Teens of the Choir School (grades 3-12) with St. Paul's section leaders ~ Emily Gross, Akane Ota, and Michael Caraher ~ performed Wells Residency favorite "My eyes for beauty pine" by Elizabeth Coxhead, a setting of Psalm 139 (You know me) by young Armenian composer Kristina Arakelyan, and music of Philadelphia-based Australian composer Melissa Dunphy.

Dunphy had been commissioned through the Marcia McCowin Estate Fund to write a Magnificat and Nunc dimittis for the Wells Residency, and traveled to Wells to hear the English premiere. A new portrait of Dunphy based on a photo by Nick Akers taken in the Quire at Wells was drawn by Margit van der Zwan, and was displayed at the soiree concert before being hung as part of the Choir Room Composer timeline.

Please contact Director of Music, Susan Jane Matthews, at smatthews@stpaulsburlingame.org if you'd also like to be a Choir School Sponsor and help meet this season's goal of \$50K. Sponsorships from \$500 will be listed in each bulletin of the Evensong Series.



Looking Back—Rev. Sarah's Official Welcome on Sunday, September 11

Thank you to all who attended the welcome services for Rev. Sarah. It was quite a welcome! The 8am service was full and the 10am service was attended by 146 members who were treated to wonderful music from the Choir of St. Paul's and the Tongan Choir, favorite and new hymns to sing, a thoughtful sermon full of grace ("You Matter") by Rev. Sarah, blessing of backpacks and one another, and the presentation of welcoming gifts to Sarah.



Attendees from both the 8am & 10am services and members of the Tongan congregation reconnected at the barbecue after the 10am service on the Nursery School Playground. It was an old fashioned barbecue with hamburgers, the longest hot dogs some of us had ever seen yet alone eaten, salad, condiments, watermelon of course, and a welcome cake for Sarah that all enjoyed. There were crafts for children as well as the Nursery School play equipment for them to enjoy.



All in all, a wonderful Sunday of "new beginnings". Thank you to all who made the day so representative of the best of St. Paul's - from greeters, ushers, readers, Altar Guild members, acolytes and choirs to the members from various Ministry Teams who presented welcome gifts to Sarah, and to David Long and Rue Richey who masterminded the barbecue supported by many helpers.

Tea 'n' Talk

Monday, September 19 was our first Tea 'n' Talk program of the season, with our special guest speaker, The Rev. Sarah Stewart. Our honored guests and hosts were delighted to become better acquainted with our new Rector as she so artfully told us about her wonderful experiences as volunteer on an archaeological dig in Israel quite a few years ago. The lessons learned from that time have gone on to help inform her vision as both a parish priest and Rector.



On the actual day of Halloween, October 31st, at 2 p.m., the Tea 'n'Talk guests and hosts will gather for a very special Halloween tea with ghostly treats (no tricks!) and decorations. We are thrilled that our speaker will be Dr. Susan Jane Matthews who will tell us about the splendid residency our Choir had this summer at Wells Cathedral. It was a triumphant and eventful week for our Choir and Music Director and we are eager to hear all about it. Please join us!

If you have not received an invitation to Tea 'n' Talk in the past and would like to be on our mailing list, please contact Penny Newall (pennynewall@gmail.com or 650.359.3826) or Kathy Martin (jmartinsm446@gmail.com or 650.773.8459). Invitations are mailed about ten days before our gathering.

If you would like to be part of our Team, we are always welcoming new members to plan, bake, decorate, serve, clean up, drive and make phone calls. Again, contact Kathy or Penny if interested.

“All things bright and beautiful. . . Each little flower that opens. . . The Lord God made them all”

Our Lord creates each flower but it takes donations to the Altar Guild to pay for our beautiful altar flowers. The Altar Guild depends entirely on donations to pay for Sunday flowers as well as Christmas and Easter decorations. Most donations are received at the holidays but we welcome donations any time of year, for any reason or no reason at all. Any amount is appreciated.

You can donate online through the Church website or at church with a check. Please indicate “Altar Guild Flowers” on the memo line. If you would like an acknowledgment or a dedication printed in the Bulletin, include a note with the date you would like it to appear and the wording. For example: Sunday, October 2 “Flowers on the altar are given in celebration of our new confirmands.” Births, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries are all good events to acknowledge with a dedication.

The Altar Guild thanks you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Bruce (cfbruce1@gmail.com).

On All Souls' Sunday, November 6th, All Services

Services of remembrance of all faithful departed will be held at St. Paul's on Sunday, November 6th. St. Paul's cherished tradition on this special Sunday invites each person to bring photographs or mementos of loved ones who have died, to display on communal tables located near the baptismal font during the requiem service. We also honor our departed by distributing roses to all households on this solemn occasion. All are welcome to participate in these sacred rituals by bringing such a treasured token for our communal remembrance in worship on that day.

Duruflé Requiem

Introit – Kyrie – Sanctus – Pie Jesu – Agnus Dei – Lux aeterna – In paradisum

At the 10am Eucharist, the Choir of St. Paul's offers movements from the *Requiem* by Maurice Duruflé, accompanied by a string quintet and organ. Director of Music Susan Jane Matthews will be at the organ and Kevin Fox will be guest director. Kevin is currently Director of the Marin Symphony Chorus, and was the founding artistic director of Pacific Boychoir Academy.



Donations to underwrite the string quintet for this requiem offering may be designated in memory of loved ones. A donation of \$350 would underwrite one of the instrumentalists, though gifts of any amount would be gratefully received. October 30th is the deadline for memorials to be listed in the bulletin.

Wellbeing Reminder

St. Paul's leadership appreciates your ongoing consideration for our community by prioritizing everyone's health and wellbeing as we move forward in this season. We continue to encourage healing practices like resting at home when you feel ill. Thank you for promptly reporting to the rector or staff any positive Covid test, or Covid symptoms, that may have arisen after your participation in a St. Paul's gathering or event. Confidentiality will be honored and timely parish updates will be communicated, in accordance with CDC, San Mateo County, and St. Paul's guidelines. Masks remain optional in St. Paul's worship services and gatherings, as we hold space to respect varying comfort levels within our faith community. We greatly appreciate your cooperation as we care for one another within the Body of Christ!

A Little bit of St. Paul's History that's not in St. Paul's History Book

Jean Marcus, a loyal Tea 'n' Talk guest, brought a piece of history to Tea 'n' Talk in September. She found a medal and newspaper article linking her husband Walt's family, St. Paul's and a commemoration of service to Britain during World War II. This could be a PS to St. Paul's history book, *The Story of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Burlingame, California: Its History and Its People, 1908 to the Present* which was published in 1997.



Jean and Walt were long-time members of Transfiguration Episcopal Church in San Mateo before coming to St. Paul's so little did Jean (and Walt) realize at the time of the story that it was more than a story about Walt's mother—referred to in the newspaper story in December 1948 as Mrs. A.L. Marcus. It was also a story about Percy Woodhouse (notice that the first names of men in newspapers in 1948 were included but not women's). Percy Woodhouse was referred to as the “retired verger of St. Paul's,” a title not often used in the United States today but defined as the person who took care of the buildings and grounds and supported Church services as needed by the Rector—I suppose he was the “Jack of all trades” around St. Paul's before his retirement.

So you're probably wondering what did Mrs. A.L. Marcus, Jean's mother-in-law, and Percy Woodhouse of St. Paul's share in common? They both were the only two residents of the Peninsula (26 total in Northern California) who received the only medal that King George VI bestowed “upon American citizens of British birth or descent” who supported England during World War II. The medal is called the “King's Medal for Service in the Cause of Freedom.” Percy Woodhouse received the medal because he helped to “raise money for British soldiers and for war relief by instigating benefit concerts and food and clothing drives for his homeland.” (Our St. Paul's dedication to helping others has a long history!)

Jean's mother-in-law, Mrs. A.L. Marcus, according to the [San Mateo Times](#) article provided by Jean, was “active in relief and rehabilitation work for England and was President of the British War Relief Society of Burlingame during the last war.” It sounds like she, Mrs. A.L. Marcus, whose first name was Polly according to Jean, would have been a wonderful member of St. Paul's also if she and Walt's father weren't members of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in San Mateo.

The front of the medal that Jean brought to Tea 'n' Talk is shown here. Although the colors have faded somewhat, it is a large silver disk hung from a red, white and blue striped ribbon. The newspaper article described it as a “heavy circle imprinted on the front with a picture of King George and on the back with a symbolic scene of an ancient warrior's homecoming.”

Thank you, Jean, for sharing this.



Contributed by Tish Busselle

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 am - In Person, Chapel

10:00 am - In Person, Choir, Sanctuary

Tongan Worship 12:30 p.m. - 1st, 2nd, & 4th Sundays In Person, Sanctuary

Live Stream Services: 10:00am service, <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsBurlingame>

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