

June 2024

THE TORCH

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From the Vicar

It is a fact that the first day of summer begins on Thursday, June 20, 2024. I know this to be the case because summer arrives the third week of June each and every year. Also, a quick google search confirmed that this year it lands on the fourth day of the week (the fifth if you start with Sunday). But this makes no difference whatsoever to you or me, because we all know that summer arrives on *Memorial Day* and ends in September on *Labor Day*. This, it seems, is exactly how things should be. Days of memory, honor, and rest are perfect bookends to a season of green gardens and travel,

family reunions and backyard BBQs. In many ways summer time is sabbath time, or at least it can be.

As Susannah Heschel says so well in the introduction to her father Abraham Joshua Heschel's book, *The Sabbath*, "Observing the Sabbath is not only about refraining from work, but about creating *menuha*, a restfulness that is also celebration." In the midst of summer busyness there are opportunities for long periods of restfulness permeated with thanksgiving and joy. This is facilitated in part by extended day light hours, but more so by a spiritual posture ready to receive the gifts of God in time more than in things. The Franciscans would, probably, heartily agree with this idea. It fits with St Francis' spiritual way. Perhaps because the practice of Sabbath has been central to Christian practice from the beginning.

The benefits of the Seven Ancient Christian Practices have been front of mind lately, because we've recently elected a new bishop in Diocese of Olympia. The calling and selecting of a new bishop always brings with it questions relating to the mission and direction of the church and how the church might be renewed in every generation. As the words sung at the electing convention go, "The Church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on raising from the dead." Beautiful and true words if I've ever heard any. But they've got me wondering, how does the church "claim and test its heritage" and "keep on raising from the dead"? If I had the perfect answer I might have got elected bishop! But I don't and I'm *very* happy I wasn't! However, if I had to venture a guess, I would say that it has more to do with simplicity than complexity; more to do with humility than brash boldness; more about tenderly nurturing the ancient core practices than trumpeting the new exciting theology. This is because I'm convinced that God is most often found in the ordinary and everyday. The Seven Ancient Practices of Sabbath, Communal Worship, Personal Prayer, the Church Calendar, Fasting, Tithing, and Pilgrimage are ways the church has always renewed itself and beheld Christ afresh in every age. They lead us deeper into the arms of God to see and love what God sees and loves, and this has always kept the church raising from the dead.

As the rhythms of the summer reach you and envelop you may you know the love that surrounds you and sends you, and raises you up.

Drew+



From the Senior Warden

Finely Tuned

When someone new to our church walks into a weekly service, it may appear to them that St. Aidan's is a finely tuned congregation. The sanctuary is well designed and beautifully appointed. The focal point of our sanctuary is a beautiful cross and a hand carved altar and upon this altar the Eucharist is prepared. There are impressive musical instruments standing about and talented musicians who play them. A choir that marvels even the long-time St. Aidan's members and a sound system that amplifies this glorious sound of worship.

Yes, St. Aidan's is a **finely tuned** congregation. The liturgical worship and Eucharist offered each week requires planning and preparation. The musicians and choir need to practice, the sound system needs to be managed, the flowers need to be arranged, the nursery needs to have caregivers assigned and bulletins need to be printed. These are only a basic few of the necessary duties that are accomplished each week, so that St. Aidan's can run — **finely tuned**.

Last month in the Torch, I shared my amazement at what is regularly accomplished here at St. Aidan's. I mentioned that it seems like so many members were **pulling together** to accomplish so much and that our vicar was like the Washington Crew Stroke Oar who sets the balance, pace and rhythm. Because of this dedicated leadership and the willing members of St. Aidan's, all seems to run smoothly and efficiently.

However, if you're recently new to worship at St. Aidan's, you may be thinking to yourself that because everything is so beautifully managed and well organized that your contributions would not be needed. **That could not be further from the truth!!!** Members of St. Aidan's are hard working and they are a kind and compassionate group as well, always willing to share their understanding of what needs to be accomplished. So, if you are thinking that you would like to become more involved here at St. Aidan's, please know how welcome you would be!

We each come with special talents and spiritual gifts and together we become the body of Christ, sharing the work that encourages our faith and reflects the light of a Savior. Because St. Aidan's is a loving community of believers, it offers new members an engaging opportunity to discover how and where they can best serve and, as a result, grow spiritually in Christ.

If you are thinking about how to best serve, you are encouraged to start with prayer! Through prayer, God moves our hearts to seek Him above all things! Pray that you will find and be found by Him. Ask the Holy Spirit to move your heart and to empower you to serve just exactly where He wants you to serve. Here at St. Aidan's it is because we start with prayer and serve through the Holy Spirit that our sanctuary, worship and service become **finely tuned**.

From our Book of Common Prayer under Prayers of Thanksgiving and Guidance.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

*Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen***

Vonda Buse
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Successful Plant Sale

Over \$1,000 was raised by the May plant sale. The funds raised will be donated to the local Youth Dynamics program. Many thanks to Gayle Thomas for spearheading this effort and many thanks to all who helped her, including donating plants and/or buying plants.



From the Junior Warden

I hope that you are as pleased as I am about the new choir, entry steps and ramp. The ramp is wider and coated with a non-slip material. The steps are longer and wider providing a more pleasant entry experience. Along with the new ramp, we also have new benches, courtesy of Pat Van Almkerk and the Women's group.

Three more items on the "to do" list are the replacement of the Dietel Hall Entry Door, also courtesy of Pat Van Almkerk and the Women's Group. Women's Group representatives presented 3 door options to the Bishops Committee on May 20. This along with the exterior painting of all buildings and renovation of the bathrooms in Dietel Hall will be a July/August project.



As far as routine maintenance goes, an office window and a Dietel Hall window were replaced due to a failed seal. Annual Fire Extinguishers and the Defibrillator (AED) were inspected and pronounced good for another year.

New gravel was applied to the prayer path. The prayer path is one of my "discoveries" as the junior warden. There is a brochure in the entry way to Dietel Hall that provides a description of each stone along the path. It is a great way to reflect on the beauty that surrounds us at St. Aidan.

Peter Dunphy



End of Year Dinner Group Happy Hour

Our St. Aidan's dinner group will have our end of the year Happy Hour on Friday, **June 21 at 5:00 pm** at the church. BYOB and an appetizer to share, please.

If you are not a current member of our fun group, but are interested in learning about it, please join in. We will start again with our monthly (except December) dinners in September.

Hope to see you all!

Julie and Brad

Important Events at St Aidan's in June

June 2	Feed My Sheep Sunday
June 13	Work Crew Day, 10am
June 19	No Wednesday 10am service due to the Juneteenth Federal Holiday
June 21	Dinner Group Happy Hour, 5pm
June 29	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10am

See calendar on page 6 for more activities and events at St Aidan's.



Festival Update



We had a Festival Kick-off on May 21st. Hot Dogs were provided by the Church; potluck side dishes were brought by the 40+ attendees. The purpose of this event was to fire-up the congregation, seek volunteers for all the key roles and introduce new folks to what the St Aidan's Festival is all about.

We confirmed/identified Leads for all of the Festival Roles as noted below! Volunteers at the Kick-off were encouraged to get with the Leads in roles that aligned with their interests. The Festival Chair will periodically communicate schedules/status/needs to the Leads/Volunteers via email. If you were not able to attend, there is still plenty of time to find an area to pitch-in. Leads/roles are listed below:



Festival Role	Responsibility	Lead Contact (s)
Festival Chair/Security	Ensure there is onsite security during Festival week. Contact Sheriff's office to make them aware of Festival week. Secure tables with locking ropes.	Kevin King
Publicity	Coordinate Crab Cracker and other promotion of the Festival.	Theresa Strain
Grounds Setup Lead	Coordinate set up of tables and pop-ups on St Aidan' grounds.	Rob Gorman
Parking Coordinator	Rope and mark drive lanes and parking areas. Contact LDS Church for permission to park on Festival day. Coordinate parking volunteers for traffic control on grounds and at the LDS Church.	Greg Myers
Porta Potty Coordinator	Coordinate delivery and removal of Porta Potties for Festival day.	Frank Hunt
Music/PA Setup	Coordinate setup of PA system and provide music during Festival.	Steve Jensen
Food Concessions	Purchase and prepare concession food for sale	Dick Philmlee and Ray Riches
Donut Coordinator	Coordinate with IGA for weekday pick up of by Festival Chair. Coordinate donated donuts from IGA for Saturday.	Kathy Hosley
Lunch Coordinator	Plan, prepare or order lunch for the St Aidan's volunteers – Monday thru Saturday	Carol Swain and Will Swain
"Mr Fixit"	Ensure that gasoline and electric tools/appliances work.	Rick Simmons
Jewelry/Fine Items	Coordinate display and pricing of donated jewelry/fine items.	Kusum Batey (w/ Susie White)
Books	Coordinate book collection and sales.	Julie Vaux and others
Cashiers Lead	Coordinate ticket sales for concessions. Coordinate cash and credit purchases. Count and secure cash.	Kara Hunt

There is no space for large items (i.e. furniture) in the sheds. If you have items to donate, if at all possible, please bring them in boxes/bins that are stackable so we can maximize our space. Please make sure you preserve runways in each of the sheds so that we have access to the book shelves and the garage doors. We will continue to take on smallish donations on Sundays after church.

You can drop-off items the week prior to Festival or arrange a pickup by contacting the Church Office or entering you information using the web link below:

"St Aidan's Festival Donation Pickup Signup": <https://forms.office.com/r/hPCYF7UkPw>.

We sold a drill press on Facebook Marketplace and will continue to do so for high \$\$/easily sellable items. A planned donation of a Moped will be added to Facebook Marketplace in June.

If you have expertise with a particular type of collectable (i.e. Bob Bialon with clocks/watches), please let me know. We have in the past pulled out high-value collectables and offered them on eBay or OfferUp.



Volunteers!, if you do not currently have a fluorescent green Festival shirt, please contact Kara Hunt as soon as possible so she can outfit you or order the needed sizes.

Kevin King
Festival Chairman
206 867 2744



Coffee Hour After Sunday 10am Service



If it is your Sunday consider bringing a light snack—sweet or savory to share during coffee hour.

First Sunday (June 2)	A-D
Second Sunday (June 9)	E-L
Third Sunday (June 16)	M-R
Fourth Sunday (June 23)	S-Z
Fifth Sunday (June 30)	The Tuesday
Study Group, plus anyone else who would like to chip in.	

If it is your week to host please stay to help clean up after Coffee Hour and take all leftover food home each week.

The last to leave? Please check to make sure the front door is locked before leaving.

Thank You!!!

We give thanks for the unseen: the collection counter's preciseness; the Children's Room monitors faithfulness; the Bedswomen's prayers; the patience of Kathy, the scheduler; the ingenuity of the Sign Sisters; the Shawl ministry's flashing fingers; the Torch Editor's skill and endurance; and Lenore, the steadfast! Probably there are others unseen for which I give thanks and apologies.

Anon E. Moss



Brad & Mandy Whitaker	14
Bill & Susie White	22
Erin & Alicia Lavery-Mullins	26
Peter & Marilyn Rockwell	27
Peter & Patty Dunphy	28
Bob & Nancy Uhlmansiek	29



Dawn Foisie	05	Donna Conner	18
Ann Morgan	07	Micki-Jo Palmer	19
Elaine Breckenridge	11	Will Swain	19
John Rauch	11	Susie Johnson	23
Billie Jensen	13	Joey Sontheimer	23
Robin Ringland	13	Arra Morrison	25
Judy Pieper	15	Marshall Eberhart	29
Monica Samuels	15	Allison Cole	30
Greg Myers	16	Allen Feris	30
Patty Both	18	Peter Ringland	30

May/June Education Forum

Join Fr Drew in a study of Abraham Joshua Heschel's celebrated book *The Sabbath* that will run through June 16th on Sundays between the 8am and 10am services.



Abraham Joshua Heschel is one of the most well known rabbis of the 20th century. He marched with Martin Luther King Jr. during the Civil Rights movement and is the author of numerous works. His book *The Sabbath* examines the depth and meaning of the ancient spiritual discipline and practice of observing sabbath rest.

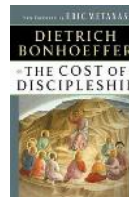


The Diocese of Olympia Has Elected The Rev Philip N LaBelle as Its Ninth Bishop

As many if you already know, on May 18th The Rev Phillip N LaBelle was elected as the next bishop of the Diocese of Olympia. He will be consecrated and installed as the ninth bishop of Olympia on September 14th.

Many thanks to Deb Huebenthal and Carol Swain for representing St Aidan's at this special electing convention.

Tuesday 10:30 am—Study Group



The group meets in Dietel Hall and is currently reading and discussing *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

This is a very informal group, stop by and join in the discussions.

Food Bank Sunday (June 2nd)

“Feed My Sheep”

Collections are on the first Sunday of the month. If not attending services you can drop off donations on the porch the first Saturday or Sunday of the month.

Thank you for your donations.



JUNE 2024—Activities Calendar*

*Check for status on St. Aidan's website, current ePistle or with organizers of specific groups for updates.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
The Second Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 9:15 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II (also live streamed on YouTube)	5:30 pm AA	10:30 am Study Group	10:00 am Holy Eucharist I			7 pm AA
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
The Third Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 9:15 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II (also live streamed on YouTube) Food Bank Sunday	5:30 pm AA	10:30 am Study Group	10:00 am Holy Eucharist I	10:00 am Work Crew		7 pm AA
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 9:15 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II (also live streamed on YouTube)	4 pm Bishop's Committee 5:30 pm AA	10:30 am Study Group		TORCH DEADLINE	5:00 pm Dinner Groups Happy Hour	7 pm AA
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II (also live streamed on YouTube)	5:30 pm AA	10:30 am Study Group	10:00 am Holy Eucharist I			10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 7 pm AA
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Morning Prayer 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II (also live streamed on YouTube)	5:30 pm AA	10:30 am Study Group	10:00 am Holy Eucharist I			7 pm AA



Altar Servers



If you cannot serve on your assigned day please find a substitute and let the office know.

8:00 AM	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Lector	Kathy Hosley	Kathy Hosley	JoAnn Moffett	Ann Morgan	Jim Miller
Chalice Bearer	Ann Morgan	Ann Morgan	Ann Morgan	JoAnn Moffett	Morning Prayer
Acolyte	Jim Miller	Jim Miller	Jim Miller	Jim Miller	Kathy Hosley
Usher	Kathy Hosley	Kathy Hosley	Kathy Hosley	Kathy Hosley	JoAnn Moffett
10:00 AM	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Lector	Nancy Pates-Riches	Ann Boid	Rhoda Venditto	Peter Dunphy	Jackie Humes-Fear
Chalice Bearer	Jackie Humes-Fear Jan Donovan	Kara Hunt Peter Dunphy	Mary McConnaughey Bob Perry	Freda McKeown Bob Perry	Theresa Strain Jan Donovan
Acolyte	Jan Donovan	Peter Dunphy	Bob Perry	Bob Perry	Jan Donovan
Usher	Susie Johnson Jeff Johnson	Karole Gorman Rob Gorman	Dick Philmlee Bill Sontheimer	Ethel Maxwell Bill White	Dick Philmlee Joey Sontheimer
Counter	Jackie Humes-Fear Julie Vaux	Patty Dunphy Pam Sontheimer	Kathy McNally Marilyn Rockwell	Julie Vaux Patty Dunphy	Kathy Hosley Jackie Hues-Fear
Childcare	Kathy Hosley Deb Hubenthal	Kathy Hosley Julie Vaux	JoAnn Moffett Pam Sontheimer	JoAnn Moffett Marilyn Rockwell	JoAnn Moffett Patty Dunphy



Altar Guild Teams for June

June 1-15

Team 3: Susie White, Vonda Buse,
Susan Yerkes

June 16-30

Team 4: Jan Donovan, Ann Morgan,
Karole Gorman, Bev Maxwell

St. Aidan's Technology Issues?

If you have an questions or concerns about the operation of St. Aidan's website, Facebook pages, or YouTube please contact Allen Feris.

Feris_allen@msn.com or by phone at 425-870-2622

Need Help?



If you need help please contact
Ray Riches

**NEXT TORCH
DEADLINE**

Thursday, June 20th

Email submissions to: mcnallyk@outlook.com
Photos, suggestions and/or comments are greatly appreciated

Windows of St Aidan's

The 10 windows in the sanctuary tell the story of the spread of the Good news in the British Isles over a period of seven hundred years (63 AD to 735 AD) through the lives of ten saints. Each saint has a window and the sequence is chronological.

A debt of gratitude is owed to these saints for the gifts given through their faith and sacrifices—the gifts of the Good News and a rich Church history and tradition.



Window 3: St David, Bishop and Abbott, Wales (*His symbol is the dove*)

Known as the Patron of Wales, he was a descendant of the royal family of the Britons. He chose the monastic life and founded many monasteries in the time of great peril for Christians as they were the victims of the invasion of their homeland by the heathen Angles, Saxons and Jutes.

St David was the Bishop of Menevia, that point of land in southwestern Wales which became a favorite spot of pilgrims all through the Middle Ages. As a great teacher and preacher he is responsible for keeping the light of the Gospel burning and spreading, in spite of great odds and challenges.

Window given in memory of Jacques Willis

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