

August 2024

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From the Vicar

In the sixth century brave men of faith were boarding small currachs and sailing them from Ireland to Scotland to join a monastic community on a little island called Iona. It's frightening to imagine what their journey must have been like; a tiny boat made of wood and leather being tossed to and fro, beaten and battered by the waves as rain pelted down in torpedo droplets upon their faces. I know of few people (if any) who could survive such a white-knuckle voyage. But who knows, maybe they all went over in July with easy weather and smooth seas, disembarking with suntans. It's possible, but I highly doubt it. The trip would have been rough, really rough. The thought of it makes you pause and wonder, what would motivate a person to risk so much to belong to community on an island in the Scottish Hebrides that was itself kind of inhospitable? Who were these people and what was so special about Iona?

Columba was not only a pillar of Irish politics, but a man of intense faith in the transformational power of Christ for all people. He founded his monastery on a peculiar, remote island to be a shining light to the Celtic people. And what a light it was. Many were drawn to the beacon Columba lit and journeyed to join his community of Christ. Among those in the early seventh century who got into little boats to brave the seas to Iona was a man named Aidan. It's hard to say what young Aidan was truly like in those days, since we only know his later story. But a fire must have been burning in his chest, a deep desire to know and grow in Christ and the power his resurrection.

A number of years after arriving at Iona Aidan witnessed a failed missionary expedition to Northumbria return to the island defeated. When he heard the depressed and dejected group speak of the Northumbrians as "barbarous" and "obstinate" his heart was moved not with anger but with compassion. He said, "They aren't what you say. They simply need milk instead of solid food." They needed love, not law.

Aidan promptly set out on his own mission to Northumbria and established his own monastic community on a small island called Lindisfarne to support his ministry among the people. He refused to travel the countryside on horseback, preferring to walk. By relying on his own locomotion Aidan proved to the people he was no different from them. To serve and win souls to Christ he met them on eye level, where they were. His commitment to unequivocally speaking the truth of the Gospel and unfailingly loving the people made him a beloved pastor, an effective partner for the local king, Oswald, and for later generations, a saint to be remembered and celebrated.

Perhaps our beloved church was named "St Aidan's" because, like Lindisfarne, it too sits on an island connected to the land, albeit by a bridge and not a causeway at low tide! Nonetheless the echo of Aidan's Lindisfarne can be seen and felt right here on Camano Island — at its founding, by the vague geographic similarity, but now, by the community's unmistakable commitment to the Gospel and to loving people for who they are, just as they are.

When St Aidan's celebrates St Aidan's Day, our patronal feast day, on August 25th we not only name and claim Aidan of Lindisfarne, but our whole history. What a joyful thing! We take a moment to say, "Look at all the good work God did in Aidan, has done through St Aidan's, and is doing through the people of St Aidan's today!" The same Spirit of Christ that lived in Aidan and empowered him in the 7th century is moving at St Aidan's in the 21st. I know this to be true because I see it, and others — from Yuma to Bellingham — see it too.

This August may God's blessing be upon you like it was upon Aidan -- strengthening, equipping, and empowering you with his grace wherever you go.

Yours in Christ,
Drew+



From the Senior Warden

The Treehouse

Some time ago, I had an idea that my six grandchildren needed a treehouse. The idea kept pestering me until I finally surrendered to the task.

Treehouse designs are abundant on the Internet so it wasn't long before I had in mind how it should look and where it could be built. Not far from my house are two groves of cedar trees that stand about twenty feet apart. The family all agreed that this was a perfect location for the treehouse.

My son Caleb and I are lacking in serious building skills so we engaged Marcos who had some actual experience. Marcos had us organize the construction material, power up the electric tools and ensure that supplies were always on hand. Caleb and I were his handy assistants and together we soon had a treehouse that filled the grove of cedars!

I have to say that the treehouse was a great success! Each grandchild has a different personality and approaches adventure in their own unique way. Asher is five years old and immediately becomes a pirate or a ship captain. Layla and Lily love the climbing features and have tea parties. Jeison enjoys the mechanics of raising and lowering the anchor, sail and dumb-waiter and his twelve-year old brother William likes the tire swing and rope ladder. Two-year old Adria is just beginning the experience of imagination and needs a little help climbing the ladder.

Each time they come for a visit — off to the treehouse they run and their imagination, enthusiasm and creative play, start all over again.

Oh, the wonder of childhood! All that joy, imagination and enthusiasm is innate. A creation of God who purposefully designed each child in love with unique capabilities, interests and talents. The wonder grows and develops and all that was experienced early in life, becomes the foundation of adulthood. We are miracles of creation! Embedded with the image of God and sealed with eternal life through Jesus Christ.

In a few short years, I expect that the treehouse will eventually deteriorate and need to come down. My grandchildren will have grown and their creative play will change with maturity. Childhood is fleeting and only the memories of their early adventures will remain.

However, in this moment, I would love for time to slow down and let the small window of childhood remain in focus. And, that the treehouse, now standing in a grove of cedars, would continue as a wonder of adventure and joy for my six young imaginative grandchildren — if only for a little while longer.

Vonda Buse
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Book Fair—Coming August 24th

Saturday, August 24th, from Noon to 3pm the a Book Fair showcasing local authors will be held in Dietel Hall.

From the Junior Warden

Peter Dunphy

July was spent getting the grounds ready for the 2024 Festival. Trimming back shrubs, weeding around Dietel Hall and mulching around plants and trees. Thanks to Marilyn Rockwell, Hellen DeMoyes, Patty Dunphy, Carol Swain, and Gale Thomas for their work on weeding, cutting back plants along Dietel Hall. Gale Thomas continues her wonderful work maintaining the rose garden.



August will bring a fresh coat of exterior paint to all the buildings. The Bishop Committee (BC) selected a color based on recommendations from the paint committee team of Ethel Maxwell, Kathy McNally, Susan Yerkes, Patty Dunphy and myself.

Dietel Hall will receive a new door in August. This is being done in support of the 2024 BC Mutual Ministry Goal of “making our campus more welcoming”. Pat Van Almkerk donated money to the Women of St Aidan’s earmarked for a new door that would improve the outside appearance of Dietel Hall. Women’s group members, Jackie Humes-Fear, Ethel Maxwell and Patty Dunphy researched many options and presented several choices for the BC to select from. Cascade Lumber was selected to provide the door. They were gracious enough to supply the door to us at their cost.

A new handrail, going down the middle of the entry steps, will also be installed in August.

Finally, the Facilities and Grounds Handbook maintenance schedule for August includes the following: Mow lawns, Trim black blackberries on periphery, Apply Moss Out on roofs as required.

Blood Drive August 22nd



St Aidan’s Bishop’s Committee has scheduled a blood drive through Bloodworks Northwest. This drive is scheduled to be on August 22nd from 10:00am until about 4:00pm in the parking lot and Dietel Hall.

We are doing this to raise the awareness of both St Aidan’s community and the local community to the extreme need for donations of blood to save lives. And, we also want to raise awareness of St Aidan’s continued support of the local community.

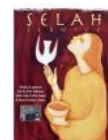
Donations can be scheduled by three very simple ways; using the QR code on the flyers posted in Dietel Hall, calling Bloodworks NW directly at 800-398-7888, or calling me at 360-421-0273 with your preferred time and I will try to get you your preferred time. A blood donation only takes about an hour to support of those with cancer, surgeries and with trauma patients. **YOUR HELP IS DESPERATELY NEEDED!**

Be sure to eat a hearty meal and drink plenty of fluids before donating. A list of frequently asked questions can be found at the web page or by friendly customer assistance at the number above.

C. Marshall Eberhart
Community Engagement Liaison
360-421-0273

Important Events at St Aidan’s in August

August 4	Feed My Sheep Sunday Esprit Joyeux , 2pm
August 8	Work Crew Day, 10am
August 11	Selah , 5pm
August 22	Bloodworks Northwest , blood drive, 10am-4pm
August 24	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10am Book Fair , Noon to 3pm
August 25	St Aidan’s Day
August 29	The Gathering Place , 5pm



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



Festival Wrap-up

As I stated on Sunday after the Festival, WOW, WOW, WOW! We truly had a truly blessed week. Weather, team-work and the quantity of donations were all amazing.

It started Sunday the 14th with a great team effort at getting the shed clutter cleared off the tables and getting the tables set up. Monday, the book shed was cleared and set-out, with the help to our brothers and sisters from our neighboring Latter-day Saints (LDS) Church. Through the rest of the week the donations flowed in like crazy. With the additional help of our St Aidan's volunteers, youth volunteers and LDS elders / sisters we got everything ready for Saturday.

The crowds were amazing Saturday as you can see from Peter Dunphy's drone shot.

Besides the usual furniture, linens, sporting goods, electronics, dishes, jewelry and holiday items; we were able to sell a Honda Scooter and Fuji Carbon-Fiber racing bike.



This year we had 45+ St Aidan's volunteers who showed us that team-work is dream-work! I also want to single out a few folks for stepping up or continuing their efforts for the 2024 Festival.

- Will and Carol Swain, who took over the reigns for the daily lunch preparation and kept our group of volunteers well fed.
- Kusum Batey, who took over the reigns for managing the Dietel Hall sales efforts
- Suellen Eberhart, who helped us price out Dietel Hall items and found us a Sterling Silver flatware collection that will sell separately for a tidy sum.
- Patty Dunphy, who took on the role of "Field General" while I was away chasing furniture
- Greg Myers and his crew for setting up parking lanes, controlling Festival traffic and graciously giving up some of his parking places when we overloaded with furniture.
- Judy Pieper, Julie Vaux and Jo Ann Safranek who turned our book shed into a full book and record store.
- Candy Trautman, who assisted in Dietel Hall and is helping some of our finer dishes and collectables find a new home at the 2nd Chance (now I guess 3rd chance) Thrift Store.
- Ray Riches and his friend David who manned the grill for Hot Dogs and Hamburgers
- Last, but not least, Phil Trautman and Joey Sontheimer, who helped me pickup and deliver fifteen households of treasures.

Below is a picture of my favorite part of Festival (other than Happy Hour). This marks the end of the fund-raising side of Festival and the beginning of a different outreach effort for the community. In just a few days, almost all the remaining items will be gone and folks in great need or want for the best deal possible will take the items away.



A final note, we made north of \$23,000 from our 2024 Festival efforts!

Kevin King
Festival Chairman
206 867 2744



Is this You?



Is your photo missing from our church directory? Or is it time to update your photo? Ann Boid will be available on Sundays in August after the 10 o'clock service to take pictures. If you attend the 8 o'clock service and need your picture taken too, please let Ann know or contact the church office.



Dinner Groups 2024-2025

Dear St. Aidan's Friends,

Dinner Group will be starting up in September. If you are new or if you have been coming already, please send your names, phone number and email address to Julie Vaux (jubillie22@gmail.com). Let her know if you can host or not; have food allergies; how many you can squeeze comfortably at your table; and, months or weeks that you are unavailable. Please send your info by Thursday, August 29th at the latest.

Looking forward to another year of friendship, good food and drink.

Julie and Brad

Save the Date! *Saturday, September 7th*

The Bishop's Committee will be hosting St. Aidan's Annual Salmon Dinner in September. Save the date!

September 7, starting at 4pm, Salmon Dinner at 6pm followed by entertainment. Volunteers and entertainers are welcomed. This will be a potluck for side dishes and desserts.

Contact Allen Feris or Ray Riches for further information.



Multiplying Divisions: The Fractious Nature of Israel, God's Elect People

(Cascade Books; Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2024) by Frank Anthony Spina.



Fr Spina's new book is now available as hard cover, paperback, or Kindle through Amazon. Or, parishioners can purchase paperbacks directly from Fr Spina.



Frank & Kara Hunt	01
Jeff & Ethel Maxwell	05
Phillips & Candy Trautman	06
Mark & MaryBeth Hinrichs	08
John & Mary Rauch	10
Bob & Betty Stevens	16
Ron Graham & Donna Conner	17
Dick & Debby Philmlee	19
Peter & Robin Ringland	20
Drew & Dawn Foisie	22
Allen & Jerri Feris	23
Rick & Cheri Simmons	26



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 (August 4)	A-D
Second Sunday (August 11)	E-L
Third Sunday (August 18)	M-R
Fourth Sunday (August 25)	S-Z

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.

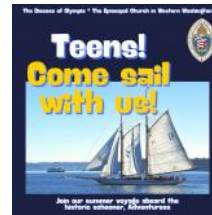
Food Bank Sunday *(August 4th)*

"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.



Teen Sailing Trip

All high school youth in the Diocese of Olympia, the Episcopal Church in Western Washington, are invited on a trip of a lifetime aboard the historic schooner, Adventuress. We will spend 4 days/3 nights onboard this 113-foot ship, sailing through the waters of the Puget Sound. Along the way, we will learn about navigation and marine biology (Adventuress is a floating lab!); we'll search for whales and other wildlife; engage in community-building activities; cook meals together; create music and prayer; and even take turns sailing the ship! August 28 – 31. \$200/person. Scholarships readily available. More information or to register: <https://youthsailingtrip.eventbrite.com>



Madeline Lavery-Perez	04	Maria Anastario	19
Molly LeMaster	05	Carrie Buffington	21
Harry Frudd	06	Candy Trautman	21
Connor Berggren	12	JoAnn Moffett	26
Brent Standerfer	12	Steve Jensen	28
Sara Em Buffington	13	Dillinger Lavery-Perez	30
Gary Norman	16	Alice Riddle	30

AUGUST 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
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
The Tenth 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	St Joseph of Arimathea (Window 1)	65th Anniversary of St Aidan's first service	7 pm AA
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II (also live streamed on YouTube) Food Bank Sunday Esprit Joyeux 2pm	5:30 pm AA	10:30 am Study Group	10:00 am Holy Eucharist I	10:00 am Work Crew		7 pm AA
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II (also live streamed on YouTube) Selah at 5pm	5:30 pm AA	10:30 am Study Group	10:00 am Holy Eucharist	TORCH DEADLINE		7 pm AA
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 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	10:00 am Holy Eucharist I	10:00 am—4pm Bloodworks Blood Drive		10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry Noon Book Fair 7 pm AA
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost St Aidan's Day 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	5:00pm The Gathering Place		St Aidan of Lindisfarne (Window 7) 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	July 28	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Lector	JoAnn Moffett	Kathy Hosley	Ann Morgan	JoAnn Moffett	Kathy Hosley
Chalice Bearer	Ann Morgan	Ann Morgan	Jim Miller	Ann Morgan	Ann Morgan
Acolyte	Jim Miller	Jim Miller	Jim Miller	Jim Miller	Jim Miller
Usher	Kathy Hosley	Terra Stang-Johnson	JoAnn Moffett	Kathy Hosley	JoAnn Moffett
10:00 AM	July 28	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Lector	Ann Boid	Dick Philmlee	Jackie Humes-Fear	Nancy Pates-Riches	Rhoda Venditto
Chalice Bearer	Kara Hunt Bob Perry	Jackie Humes-Fear Peter Dunphy	Theresa Strain Bob Perry	Kara Hunt Mary McConnaughey	Freda McKeown Mary McConnaughey
Acolyte	Bob Perry	Peter Dunphy	Bob Perry	Mary McConnaughey	Mary McConnaughey
Usher	Dick Philmlee Joey Sontheimer	Suellen Eberhart Marshall Eberhart	Susie Johnson Jeff Johnson	Dick Bingay Joey Sontheimer	Bill White Ethel Maxwell
Counter	Kathy Hosley Marilyn Rockwell	Patty Dunphy Kathy McNally	Jackie Humes-Fear Julie Vaux	Kathy Hosley Pam Sontheimer	Julie Vaux Marilyn Rockwell
Childcare	JoAnn Moffett Vonda Buse	JoAnn Moffett Deb Hubenthal	JoAnn Moffett Gayle Thomas	JoAnn Moffett Marilyn Rockwell	JoAnn Moffett Patty Dunphy



Altar Guild Teams for August

August 1-15

Team 3: Susie White, Susan Yerkes,
Micki-Jo Palmer

August 16-31

Team 4: Jan Donovan, Karole Gorman,
Bev Maxwell, Vonda Buse

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, August 15th

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

Esprit Joyeux

Musical Ensemble



Featuring:

**Gretchen Pigott, Mandy Walters-Whitaker
& Natalie Hagglund**

A lively recital program of flute, oboe & piano music...
baroque to modern...classical to whimsical!

Sunday August 4th at 2 pm

St Aidan's Episcopal Church
1318 State Highway 532 Camano Island, WA

Free will offering to support the
Stanwood-Camano Area Foundation

Music & prayers
led by Jeff Johnson
with Lisa (Celtic harp)
& Emy (violin) Carter.

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Sunday, August 11, 2024 at 5pm
St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
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