

July 2024

THE TORCH

ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CAMANO ISLAND, WA

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From the Vicar

The church goes through a series of seasons each and every year, beginning in December with Advent. These periods are thematically held together by the culminating event to which they lead, as in the case of Lent and Advent; or by the event itself setting the foundation for the days and weeks that follow, as in Christmas and Easter. There is a deep sense of holiness that runs throughout these spiritually rich periods of preparation and celebration. Some of the most profound epiphanies and moving experiences happen when the church far and wide, both regular members and occasional members, are gathered together in one place, in one beautiful moment of recognition of what God has done in Christ Jesus our Lord. However, once Easter and Pentecost and Trinity Sunday have all come and gone, there seems to be a noticeable absence of seasons. December through May appears to have all the action and June through November is just...well, whatever. To that I say no!

At St Aidan's we have other "seasons" that are holy in their own way. They may not commemorate a particular salvific act of Christ, yet they are rooted in his ministry all the same. Even if sometimes we don't recognize it. There are traditions we hold and events to which we are committed that are part of the reaching hands of Jesus to the world. There are times and seasons when we draw together as disciples of our Lord and labor side by side in a spirit of generosity and grace. I believe we are moving into one such season.

When I first came to St Aidan's in 2014 I arrived just a few weeks *after* Summer Festival. I missed, by a fortnight, the lead-up, the event, and the wrap-up of this joyous occasion. By the time I landed there wasn't much to see. All items had been sold or distributed and tables were packed up for next year. But what I remember so clearly feeling was a spirit of generosity, joy, community, and grace blanketing this place. It was evident that the Holy Spirit was busy at work pouring out God's love and grace upon the caring band of disciples who call St Aidan's home. I briefly wondered, would it be different next year? Would the Spirit continue to bless this community? The answer to both ended up being "yes".

One of the reasons I love "Festival Season" is because it's just a little different every time. Each year we tearfully say goodbye to some of the longtime pillars of the community who did so much and we carry their memory forward; but we also see God bring new and wonderful people who join this work of outreach and put their stamp on it. Some years we rake in a little more cash, some years less. But what remains is the Stanwood-Camano community's love for, and anticipation of, our Summer Festival. And I can only surmise that it's not because this is the only rummage sale or thrift buying opportunity available to them, but because people identify with our mission and experience something special when they're here.

So I come to this next "season" of the church with joy, because through it we remember and enact God's love of neighbor and the church.

Drew+



From the Senior Warden

Declutter

June was the month I **decluttered**. It was interesting how that came about and what motivated me to do so! A neighbor of mine had text me last March, asking if I had a battery tester. To be honest, I had no clue what a battery tester was. The neighbor knew that my husband Jon had a shop, filled to the eaves with all types of tools — hand held, electrical, mechanical and each tool, multiple in quantity. The possibility that there was a battery tester in the mix was very likely — I just needed to find it.

I will spare you the details of my search, only to say that after much effort, I had to text my neighbor back that I could not find a battery tester. But of course — there was a battery tester! It was front and center, hanging on the wall with holes and hooks that have tools attached. Because I didn't know what a battery tester looked like, I completely missed it! As a result, my neighbor had to go out and buy a new one, when all along, I had a perfectly good one, hanging on the wall with holes and hooks.

This is when I had the first inkling or rather — motivation to **declutter**.

Over the years, Jon accumulated the necessary tools to maintain our home and property, the vehicles, tractors and yard equipment. Let's just say that after 50 years of accumulation, there are a lot of tools! However, I'm alone now and most of the items in Jon's shop aren't being used anymore — by me or my kids. And, because I don't know what half of the tools are used for, it made sense for me to go through the stuff and keep what I can use and give to St. Aidan's festival what I no longer need.

So, in June — it was time and I had the motivation to **declutter**!

Let me just say a little about the process of **decluttering**. It's not that easy! I had to have encouragement and a friend working along side me! Actually, the 'Cost Benefit Analysis' was involved here. If I did not have the motivation of St. Aidan's festival looming ahead on July 20th and for the want of stepping into the shop and knowing what tools were there and where to find them, I'm not sure that the benefit would have been worth the cost. However, fast forward through the process and I now enjoy an organized shop and St. Aidan's has more donations for the festival!

Hopefully, my story is an encouragement to you! You still have time to **declutter**! It's freeing! A sense of accomplishment! A win-win! After the shop was done, I went on to **declutter** my house and accumulated even more for the festival. Yes! You can do it too! If you need encouragement or a friend — I'm here for you! Just call, text or email. The festival is Saturday, July 20th! Kevin and his team will even pickup and deliver! And, maybe — you'll find a battery tester too!

Vonda Buse
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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 4: St Augustine, Bishop and Confessor, Canterbury (*His symbol includes the Canterbury cross and the pallium, or special stole sent from the Pope.*)

St Augustine was sent by Pope Gregory the Great to convert the heathen Anglo-Saxons in England and to strengthen ties with the British (or Celtic) Christians. He established the Diocese of Canterbury in Kent, the emblem of the Mother Church of the Anglican Communion, and successfully planted the Roman Church among the English people by converting King Ethelbert of Kent.

From the Junior Warden

My report to the Bishop Committee on June 17 included:

The shrubs along SR 532 were trimmed back.

Dead shrubs and trees were removed along the road back to the Garden Stage.

An additional handrail will be installed in the middle of the entry steps as part of the door replacement.

The wood rails at the entry of the office have been replaced with cable and steel post.

Dietel Hall Bathroom renovation is ongoing. Trying to find a contractor.

Front Door replacement received the go ahead from the BC.

Painting of the outside of the buildings is on the schedule for late July / early August

Judy Meiger put me in touch with a Landscape Architect, Scott Lankford, who will develop a landscape plan for our grounds, ProBono!

Greg Myers, Kevin King, Dick Philmlee and I have been tasked with improving the signage around St. Aidan to help new people find their way around. This action is being taken to support the 2024 BC Mutual Ministry Goal (MMG) of "making St. Aidan's more welcoming"

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 continues her wonderful work maintaining the rose garden.

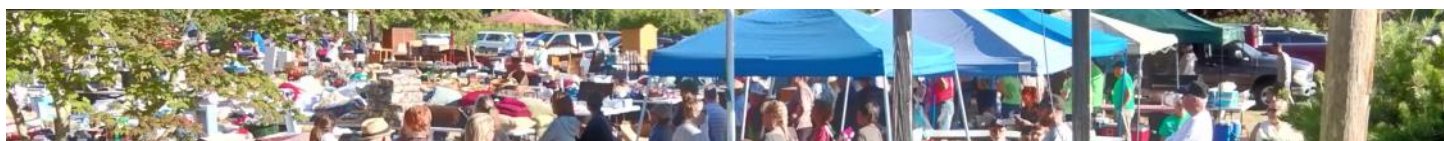
Peter Dunphy



Important Events at St Aidan's in July

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| July 7 | Feed My Sheep Sunday
Selah , 5pm |
| July 11 | Work Crew Day, 10am |
| July 14-19 | Summer Festival Set-up |
| July 20 | Summer Festival, 7:30am-5:30pm |
| June 27 | Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10am |





Festival Update

This is the last Torch newsletter before our July 20th Festival (didn't quite have that right last month)!

Everything running smoothly so far. We have volunteer leads for all the key positions, with new leads for Lunch Coordination) and inside Dietel Hall sales. I am gratified by all the interest and support shown.

New news, big news! We have scheduled SnowGoose bus shuttle service for the 2024 Festival. Parking/ Pickup will be in the Stanwood Middle School east parking lot and drop-off/pick-up in front of our Dietel Hall entrance. Cost is on a donation basis (not sure how they can operate that way, but we'll roll with it). Hours of operation will be 730am to 530pm Saturday. Pass the word on to those who may prefer a hassle-free bus ride.

It's not too late to volunteer. Contact myself or any of the leads below. Specific help is needed for daily lunch preparation (see Will/Carol Swain). 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. *(Editor's note: New t-shirts are \$15.00. There were three clean, used t- sizes M, LG, & ExLG that are \$5.00 each.)*

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-off drive lanes and parking areas. Contact Latter Day Saints (LDS) Church for permission to park there 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.	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 donuts at IGA for weekday pick up of by Festival Chairman. 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. 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.

We have a 1986 Honda Elite 80 scooter donated that will be a specially priced item (if I can get it running).

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>.

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 (July 7)	A-D
Second Sunday (July 14)	E-L
Third Sunday (July 21)	M-R
Fourth Sunday (July 28)	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.

SAVE THE DATE!

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



Kathy McNally	01	Patrick Buffington	21
Bob Uhlmansiek	06	Rick Simmons	22
Jeremy Arnold	08	Alicia Lavery-Mullins	23
Mary Burns	08	Bob Stevens	23
Thomas Whitaker	11	Jeff Johnson	25
Dick Bingay	13	Jeff Maxwell	25
Kara Hunt	13	Mark Hinrichs	26
Candace Bialon	17	Ron Graham	28
John Mathis	19	Karen O'Leary	30
Karole Gorman	20	Jim McNally	31

St Aidan's Bishop's Committee

Many thanks to our members of the Bishop's Committee as they make decisions each month to take care of the needs of the people and the buildings of St Aidan's. If you have any questions or comments or concerns about St Aidan's let them know.

As a reminder the following are the current committee members and their roles for 2024:

Vonda Buse—Sr Warden

Peter Dunphy—Jr Warden

Dick Philmlee—Buildings and Grounds

Marilyn Rockwell—Christian Education

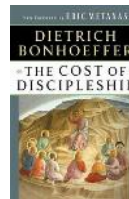
Allen Feris—Communications/Technology

Candy Trautman—Outreach

Candi Bialon—Worship

Ray Riches—Congregational Life

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.



Will & Debra Smith	07
John Mathis & Deannie Dunbar	24
Greg & Donna Myers	25
Jo Beecher & Mary McConaughy	29

Food Bank Sunday (July 7th)

"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.



JULY 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
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	Independence Day		7 pm AA
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
The Seventh 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 Selah at 5pm	5:30 pm AA	10:30 am Study Group	10:00 am Holy Eucharist I	10:00 am Work Crew		7 pm AA
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
The Eighth 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) Table set up for Festival	Festival Set up All Day 4 pm Bishop's Committee 5:30 pm AA	Festival Set up All Day	Festival Set up All Day 10:00 am Holy Eucharist	Festival Set up All Day TORCH DEADLINE	Festival Set up All Day	8 am to 3 pm Summer Festival 7 pm AA
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
The Ninth 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
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
The Tenth 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			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 30	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Lector	Jim Miller	Kathy Hosley	Ann Morgan	Kathy Hosley	JoAnn Moffett
Chalice Bearer	Morning Prayer	Ann Morgan	JoAnn Moffett	Ann Morgan	Ann Morgan
Acolyte	Kathy Hosley	Ann Morgan	JoAnn Moffett	Jim Miller	Jim Miller
Usher	JoAnn Moffett	JoAnn Moffett	Kathy Hosley	JoAnn Moffett	Kathy Hosley
10:00 AM	June 30	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Lector	Jackie Humes-Fear	Candy Trautman	Rob Gorman	Jeff Maxwell	Ann Boid
Chalice Bearer	Theresa Strain Jan Donovan	Freda McKeown Jan Donovan	Theresa Strain Bob Perry	Jackie Humes-Fear Mary McConnaughey	Kara Hunt Bob Perry
Acolyte	Jan Donovan	Jan Donovan	Bob Perry	Mary McConnaughey	Bob Perry
Usher	Dick Philmlee Joey Sontheimer	Susie White Jeff Johnson	Bill White Marshall Eberhart	Ethel Maxwell Bill Sontheimer	Dick Philmlee Joey Sontheimer
Counter	Kathy Hosley Jackie Humes-Fear	Jackie Humes-Fear Kathy McNally	Kathy McNally Kathy Hosley	Patty Dunphy Pam Sontheimer	Kathy Hosley Marilyn Rockwell
Childcare	JoAnn Moffett Patty Dunphy	JoAnn Moffett Sue Perry	JoAnn Moffett Ethel Maxwell	JoAnn Moffett Julie Vaux	JoAnn Moffett Vonda Buse



Altar Guild Teams for July

July 1-15

Team 1: Kara Hunt, Freda McKeown,
Patty Vermilye

July 16-31

Team 2: Judy Bingay, Gayle Thomas,
Candi Bialon

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?

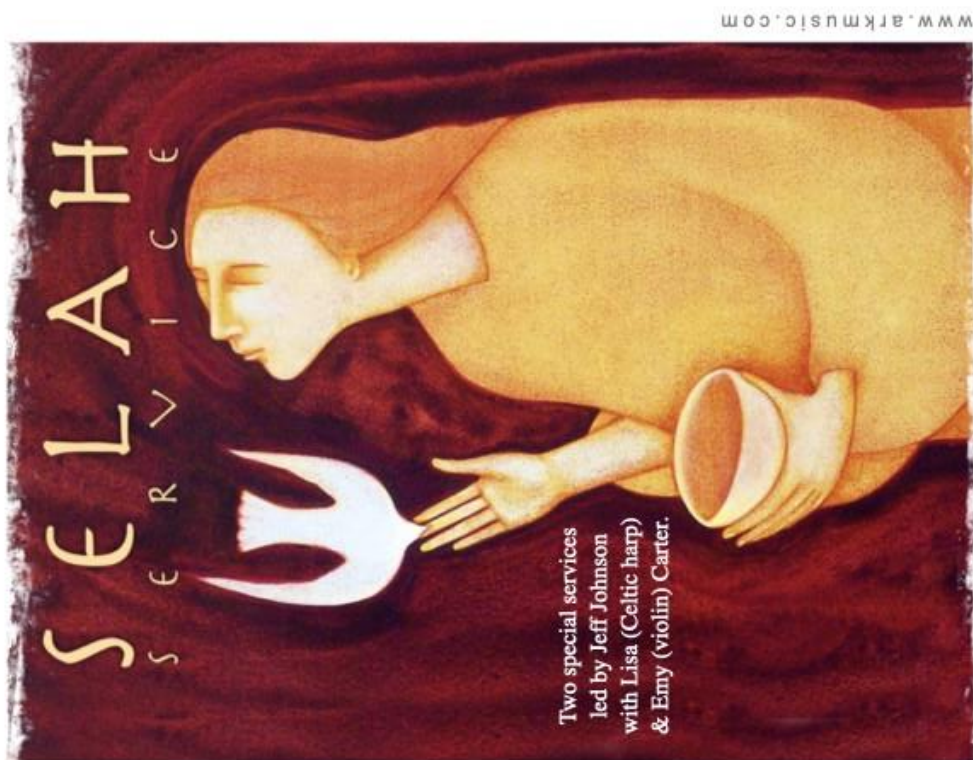


If you need help please contact
Ray Riches

**NEXT TORCH
DEADLINE**

Thursday, July 18th

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



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