



ST. HUGH'S NEWS & VIEWS

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From The Presiding Bishop
The Episcopal Church



Episcopal Presiding Bishop's Christmas 2011 Message

"Jesus comes among us to remind us of a world living together in peace, to reclaim and make real that vision of creation for all humanity and all God's creatures."

Christmas message 2011

See, your salvation comes – Isaiah 62: 11

The great prophets before Jesus proclaimed a vision of a nation and a people redeemed. We continue to share that yearning – as the Christmas hymn puts it, "the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight." We've seen abundant hopes spring up in the past year across the Arab world and Eastern Europe, and in the global Occupy movement. Those voices seek a world of greater justice, communities in which decisions and the gifts of creation are more available to all. Our understanding of salvation is most profoundly about justice in community, and as Christians we believe that help and healing for all are grounded in the incarnate presence of God – among us and within us.

We look for salvation to the one who came among us in the most humble way, a helpless child born in a scandalous way to a poor peasant couple. The Incarnation, God with us, changed the world in ways that we insist are leading to the ultimate healing of all creation. "See, your salvation comes," says the prophet in every age, yet it is not yet fully come upon us. We live in hope for its fullness. May hope be nourished within us, in each and every human being and community, for the journey toward God's healed and holy future.

That proclamation of coming salvation is a part of Isaiah (Isa 62:6-12) that will be read in some congregations at Christmas, but if you don't hear it, go and read the whole of it. Its centerpiece speaks of what that salvation looks like:

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The Lord has sworn...

*I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies,
and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored;
but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord,
and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.*

Isa 62:8-9

That is not a vision of pristine isolation, but a vision of comfort and healing to a people frequently at war, occupied, or exploited by superior forces. The fear of powerful others taking and using for themselves the produce of the poor is healed and transformed into a society in which the gifts God provides will be shared by all. For when salvation comes, that society will

*be called, 'the Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord';
and you shall be called, 'Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.'*

Isa 62:12

Jesus comes among us to remind us of a world living together in peace, to reclaim and make real that vision of creation for all humanity and all God's creatures. That world is put right as relationships between God and humanity are set right. The relationship between God and human being cannot be set right without equal healing of relationships between us mortals. See, your salvation comes! Will we welcome that healing?

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church



Harp Concert on Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, January 8th,
there will be a
beautiful harp
concert after church!
Tacoma harpist,

Genevieve Ricard will present a concert for us at 12:00, following Coffee Hour. The accomplished artist will play a variety of music, playing for approximately one hour. There will be no charge for the concert, and you are encouraged to invite family, neighbors, and friends, for an hour of relaxing, enjoyable music together - that will surely quiet your soul.

Blessings, Sylvia and Gina

Mark your Calendar:

- * St. Hugh will be celebrating **Epiphany** on Sunday, January 8.
- * **TCM retreat**, Saturday, January 21
- * **Rupe Bledsoe Memorial**, Sunday, January 22

Thank you to.....

- * All who made the reception for the Harstine Island Choir concert turn out so beautifully.
- * Everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas.
- * Jim & Lee for picking up the Christmas tree



Harstine Island Community Choir

The afternoon of Sat., Dec. 10th, our sanctuary was full of people - extra seats had to be brought into service, as usual! Lee Gidlof looked dashing as he handed out programs at the door. At 3:00, Elizabeth Berndt, Director, and her 34 voice choir was introduced by Jim Neal. The Choir looked elegant, wearing traditional black and white, with accent of shiny red scarves for the ladies, as they processed in to take their positions on the

risers. This year there were 3 guest artists, as well: Harpist, Emily Hageman, Guitarist, Phil Lawson, and Marimba, Randy Grostick. Piano accompanist was Bekkah Weinberger. All were skilled musicians, adding to the effect.

Stars in our mind, who are members of the choir are: Wilma Neal, Brenda Baunsgard, and Garby Elmore.



The concert had the overall flavor of South America, a bit of Gospel music, all with the Christmas theme, and allowing time in the performance for the audience to participate in singing carols with the choir. As always, this annual Christmas Concert drew friends and neighbors - definite community support - as well as members of St. Hugh, from young to old!



Following the 2-part concert, the ECW ladies put out an impressive Reception with festive food, wine, and punch enjoyed by all. We now look forward to May 19th when this choir presents it's Spring Concert here at St.

Hugh. Donations are always welcome, as the concerts are given at no charge of admission.



Christmas Luncheon for ECW

On Monday, the 12th of December, 17 ladies + one gentleman, gathered at Tucker's Restaurant at the Gold Mountain Golf Course.

This annual holiday luncheon was highlighted by hearing the poem, "a Christmas Cup of Tea" being read by Fr. Jim Neal - the message of which easily brings tears to the eye. We thank him for adding to our event in his very special way...

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



Special Lady has Special Party!!

On December 18th, the church hosted a super 90th birthday party for our beloved LUCY McLEAN. Her family and many friends from Lakeland Village and all around joined with us for food and bubbles to celebrate this event! Everyone wishes Lucy many more years of fun-and-frolic - she is dearly loved!





Sunny Cotey (ECW treas.), Brooke Quigley (ECW pres.), giving check for \$800 to Monna Haugen, co-chair of Coalition of Churches and Community.

The rest of the checks to recipients were either mailed or hand delivered by Sylvia Haase.

Reminder of Needs:

The N.M. Resource Center in Belfair really needs these items in our monthly collection box.

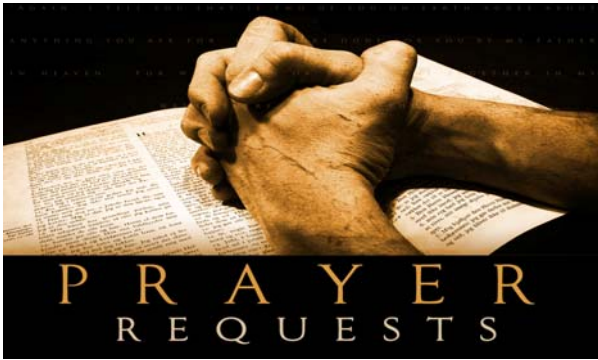
- ◆ soups, canned fruits/veggies
- ◆ diapers (all sizes)
- ◆ small personal size toiletries: shampoos, conditioners, tooth paste, tooth brushes, soaps (these cannot be shared, thus the smaller size is what they want)

The volunteers at the Resource Center are extremely grateful for all the donations that come to them.

THANK YOU for your help!



**John Campbell
celebrating the
Christmas Season
with a Christmas cup
of cheer!**



Mary Forman, May Beth Pyholm, Mary Nance, Hilary Mahoney, Beth Leedy, Gina, Jesse Thompson, Judy Powers, Arlone Jones, Niles, Leo, Sandra T., Chris F.

All the people of the world, People in disaster torn areas, All the people of the world,

Formation Circle 2010, especially those called to Holy Orders Kim, Vicki, & Karen

those who have died

Rupe Bledsoe

those in service to our Country

Chris, Gary, Ian Larson, Jed, Nick, Richard, Tony, Zach, Malcolm McDonald, David Bean, Mark Bjorgen

Prayer List Change

Names requested to be shown in the Prayer List will be shown for 30 days, then removed. They may be resubmitted for an additional 30 days. Thank you

January Lectionary Readings

January 1, The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 8, Galatians 4:4-7, or Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 2:15-21

January 8, 1 Epiphany: Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

January 15, 2 Epiphany: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20], Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51

January 22, 3 Epiphany: Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:6-14, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

January 29: 4 Epiphany: Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28



Dick Stearns	January 8
Jesse Thompson	January 31

Jesse Thompson has a new address:
 Canterbury Manor #323
 703 Callahan Dr.
 Bremerton, WA 98310

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 10:00 Palestinian Children Youth/Food Bank	2	3	4 Alzheimer's Support Group 10:00	5 Worship 9:00 Choir 10:30	6	7
8 Epiphany Sunday Worship 10:00 Harp Concert	9	10	11	12 Worship 9:00 Choir 10:30	13	14
15 Worship 10:00 	16	17	18	19 Worship 9:00 Choir 10:30 	20	21 TCM Retreat
22 Worship 10:00 Rupe Bledsoe Memorial 	23	24	25	26 Worship 9:00 Choir 10:30	27	28
29 Worship 10:00	30	31				

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Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

January Schedule

	Presider	Preacher	Deacon	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Guild	Flowers	Coffee Hour	Lectors
January 1	Robin	Dick	Sylvia	Brenda John	Brooke Hazel			Mabel M. Bob P.
January 8	Jim	Robin	Sylvia	Brenda Kim	Donna			Wes P. Helen P.
January 15	Jim	Kim M.	Sylvia	Barry Vicki	Barbara Cheryl			Sheri S. Bill S.
January 22	Jim	Jim	Sylvia	Hazel Karen	Ginny G. Donna			Virginia T. Ginny W.
January 29	Kim F.	Kim F.	Sylvia	Karen John	Ginny W. Hazel			JoAnna M. Karen K.