



## Our Sponsored Child in Uganda

Please continue to help support Marvin Ntale during this time. The monthly cost is \$30 to sponsor a child for Shared Blessings, which helps with food, clothes and school costs.

Marvin lives in near poverty with his father, a peasant farmer and also his 3 sisters and brother.

Please put your donation in with your offering envelopes. Thank you!

**Answer to Bible Quiz: C**  
(See Matthew 10:42.)



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Mission Statement: "To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"

## 2nd Chance Computer



Since desktop computers are not in demand, Terry has been bringing 10 desktop computers into the Hospice Thrift Store every week. They sell them for \$20 each and make money for their non-profit charity.

We have received a request from "His Hands to His Children", a Foster Child Support group. They support foster children who have aged out of foster care. We are waiting to hear back from the director on how many laptops are needed for kids planning to attend college. We are pleased to add this group to our list of donations.

If you know of a student or anyone else in need of a computer, please let us know by calling (209) 402-8586 or email [terry.scott@gmail.com](mailto:terry.scott@gmail.com).

As always, we are always open to accepting donations. If you know of any businesses or personal donations, please let us know. *Please keep this wonderful ministry in your prayers!*



# The Savior's Voice

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## ★ Announcing! ★ Church Re-Opening

The Vestry of Jesus Our Savior Anglican Church announces the start of in-person worship at the Church:

**Sunday, July 10, 2020 at 10am.**

Please note that this is not obligatory. We completely understand if you cannot make it for reasons of health or age, abundance of caution or not ready for it, or for any other reason.

We will continue to mail every Sunday: Scripture Bulletin and Morning Prayer with Sermon Bulletin for those who cannot make it to Church. (Communion in the home with certain health protocols is also available upon request)

Please see below the health protocols that we are observing at JOSAC. If there are changes in the State or in the county guidelines, the Church can make changes based on these changes of the State or County **whichever is stricter**. We will evaluate the situation monthly.

1. Congregants/visitors are screened for temperature and/or symptoms upon arrival (If self-screening has not been done) and are asked to use hand sanitizer and to wear face coverings. (masks available if they have none).
2. They will be directed to marked seats at least 6 feet apart unless they are family living in the same home.
3. No sharing of prayer books or hymnals. BCPs and Hymnals will be assigned to marked seats.
4. A PHOTO will be shot of the congregation before each service. (for contact tracing and documentation.)

### RESTRICTIONS AND PRECAUTIONS

5. No acolytes, no chalice bearer, no Eucharistic minister, one crucifer, one Lector and one Prayers of the People Leader.

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*"Your worth consists in what you are and not in what you have.*

*What you are will show in what you do."*

—Thomas Davidson

*from the Newsletter*



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*The Vestry meets the third Sunday of every month following the service.*



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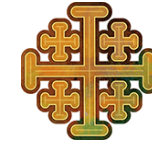


**Musical Notes**  
**Hymns that Make a Statement of Faith**  
From the San Joaquin Anglican



The hymn, **The Church's One Foundation** written in 1866 by Anglican priest Samuel John Stone (1839- 1900) was based upon 1 Corinthians 3:11 – “For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.” The hymn was written in response to the writings of South African Bishop Colenso, who claimed much of the Bible was fictitious. His declaration caused a schism in the South African church. In retaliation, Father Stone wrote 12 hymns based upon the **12 articles of the Apostle's Creed**. This hymn comes from the 9th article: “I believe in the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints...” In the end this hymn won out, when at the Lambeth conference of 1888 in Canterbury, the assembly of Anglican bishops chose this hymn to be sung at every meeting! The tune is written by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1864), who was the grandson of Charles Wesley, founder of the Methodist Church. It has always been in the Church universal – a hymn with the right words, knit together with the right tune, and is one that unites the people to stand against the attacks of the enemy upon Christ's Church. The hymn **Glorious Things of Thee is Spoken** text is by John Newton, (b. 1725, d. 1807 – both in London.) The hymn was first published in 1779. Newton is also the author of the universal favorite hymn of every church in Christendom, **Amazing Grace**. Newton's life's history is well known. A young man at home more with pleasing the lusts of his flesh, and little to no thought of godliness, spent the first part of his life as a sailor. This rough environment eventually led him to participate in the transporting of slaves from Africa to England. His father, concerned about the company he was keeping, sent an emissary to rescue him and bring him home. On the return voyage the ship was almost lost in a tempest. At this point Newton prayed the ship would survive. That prayer was his first step back to God, who his mother taught him to trust. Eventually this led to his conversion to Christ and becoming an Anglican priest. He became a leading voice in England for social reform and the abolition of slavery. The hymn speaks of the eventual New Jerusalem coming down, fulfilling the prayer, “. . . Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” Newton's testimony gives us hope to believe that no heart is beyond the reach of God's love. A Croatian folk song is the basis for the hymn tune as composed by Franz Joseph Haydn in 1797. Note: David Rudat writes a column for his church's newsletter called “Musical Notes.” David is a former opera singer and talented musician who has authored many stories about the composers of hymns Anglicans love to sing. His home church is Saint Mark's Anglican Church in Loomis, California.

by David Rudat



✦ **Christian Symbols** ✦

**Jerusalem Cross**

This complex cross, also called the Crusader's Cross or Fivefold Cross, has several interpretations. The main cross is composed of four tau (T) crosses representing the Old Testament law. The four small Greek crosses symbolize the fulfillment of the law in the gospel. The five crosses together represent the church's mission: to spread the gospel to the four corners of the earth. They're also said to symbolize Christ's five wounds (hands, feet and side).

*from the Newsletter/Newsletter*



**Seth Simas** received his Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership this spring. While continuing to teach at Johansen High, Seth worked very hard during the three year program was through CSU Stanislaus. Congratulations, Dr. Simas, the educational field is very lucky to have you!



**Gabriel Simas** recently graduated from Enochs High School in Modesto. He was very active in making videos and films for digital arts class and also belonged to the Christian Bible study group. Gabriel will join the Navy in November.

Congratulations, Gabriel — we know you'll go far!

**Suzana Pine** received an award for the 2020 President's Education Award. This program awards students from elementary, middle and high schools for their educational achievement who exhibit an exceptional work ethic and determination. Suzana received an award and letter from the President of the United States in recognition of her outstanding academic excellence. Keep up the good Work!



**Bible Quiz**

What seemingly small act did Jesus specifically say would be rewarded?

- A. Giving a child a toy
- B. Giving a lost traveler directions
- C. Giving someone a cup of cold water
- D. Giving a sad person a hug

*Answer on page 8  
from the Newsletter/Newsletter*



- ♦ Tom D.
- ♦ Maxine M.
- ♦ Shirley E.
- ♦ Art E.
- ♦ Velmer R.
- ♦ Mary Lee
- ♦ Claude K.
- ♦ Janet M.
- ♦ Margaret M.
- ♦ Doug C.
- ♦ Fr. Jack
- ♦ Pat L.
- ♦ James H.
- ♦ Stephanie O.
- ♦ London S.
- ♦ Kay K.
- ♦ Dorothy Schuyler family—comfort
- ♦ Jackie, David & Chris —comfort
- ♦ For all medical personnel, first responders and all who serve this country & first responders
- ♦ Margie M.
- ♦ Jim H.
- ♦ Tatum
- ♦ Ruby L.
- ♦ Salaam S.
- ♦ Bob Z.
- ♦ Genie B.
- ♦ Luci B.
- ♦ Joan C.
- ♦ Pamela J.
- ♦ Jenny A.
- ♦ Juanita T.
- ♦ Rex A.
- ♦ Gail C.
- ♦ Richard T.
- ♦ Doug C.

**Answer to the Kid's Page:** *wine, blind, storm, fish, water*



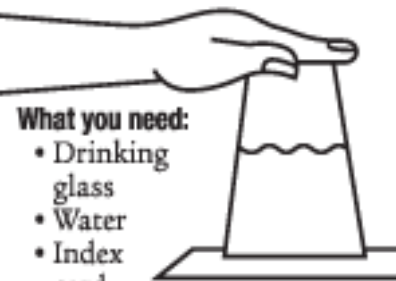
- ★ Jim Harnish June 1
- ★ Liz Basham June 16
- ★ Bill Thomas June 22
- ★ Sarah Pine June 3
- ★ Joan Court June 21
- ★ Adam Simas June 30
- ✦ Terry & Mary Scott June 26 21 years
- ✦ Bill & Nancy Thomas June 27 56 years
- ★ Gracey Welch July 1
- ★ Robby Beyers July 15
- ★ Joan Clendenin July 14
- ★ Jordan Simas July 16
- ★ Brittany Thornburg July 14
- ★ Juanita Thorington July 20

*If we don't have your birthday or anniversary,  
please let Mary Scott know.*



# UNSEEN BUT active

This experiment illustrates that although God is invisible, we can see his work all around us.



**What you need:**

- Drinking glass
- Water
- Index card

**What you do:**

1. Practicing over a sink, fill the glass halfway with water. Then press the index card snugly atop the glass with one hand.
2. With the other hand, hold the base of the glass and carefully flip it over.
3. Remove your hand from the card. It should stay on the glass, without spilling the water! The invisible air in the glass creates a suction with the card, preventing the water from spilling out. Research air pressure to learn more.
4. After perfecting the trick, amaze others with it. Then talk about how God, like the air in the glass, is unseen but active.



# PUZZLE WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.

+ e      Water changes to \_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN 2:1-11

- k + d      Heals a man born \_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN 9

- op + - w      Calms a \_\_\_\_\_  
MATTHEW 8:23-27

f + - d      Catch of \_\_\_\_\_  
LUKE 5:1-11

- ch + er      Walks on \_\_\_\_\_  
MATTHEW 14:22-33

Answer on page 7  
 From the Newsletter/Newsletter



## The Rector's Message

### The Need to See

I find the story about Jesus and the 10 lepers very heartwarming (Luke 17:11-19). It speaks poignantly to us and to our situation during this corona virus pandemic.

The first part of the story tells us that: <sup>12</sup> As Jesus entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean.

Underline this phrase when Jesus saw them. In the time of Jesus, people did not see lepers. Or people refused to see them. But JESUS SAW THEM. He did not only see them, but he saw their pain – their social, religious and physical pain. In response, he healed them.

The second part of the story tells us that: <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. Just as Jesus saw the lepers whom others failed to see, whom others refused to see, this man – a Samaritan – sees what the other lepers failed to see.

We highlight the use of the word "see" in vv. 14 & 15. "In both instances of seeing, each represents two questions for us: What do we see, and what do we do when we see? The **first question** is the recognition of the need of others. The **second question** goes to the heart of the story. What do you do when you see? Jesus saw need and acted on it. The Samaritan leper saw he was healed, he returned and fell on his face before Jesus in praise and gratitude.

The story presents a clear model of seeing our situation in the world ravaged by the corona virus. What do we see? On one side of the picture, we see people become sick and die alone and isolated, our hospitals overloaded, our children's schools closed, loss of work hours if not job loss, our Churches closed, our sports spectacles without audiences, etc.

But what do we see on the other side of the picture? We see the bright side: we have more time for ourselves and for our children; we have a better appreciation of our environment, of cleanliness and healthy habits; we have realized how needy we are, and how others need us.

This brings us to the second question: what do we do with what we see? Pope Francis puts it this way: *In these weeks, the lives of*

*millions of people have suddenly changed.*

- For many, remaining at home has been an opportunity to reflect, to withdraw from the frenetic pace of life, stay with loved ones and enjoy their company.
- For many, though, this is also a time of worry about an uncertain future, about jobs that are at risk and about other consequences of the current crisis. I encourage political leaders to work actively for the common good, to provide the means and resources needed to enable everyone to lead a dignified life and, when circumstances allow, to assist them in resuming their normal daily activities.
- Indifference, self-centeredness, division and forgetfulness are not words we want to hear at this time. We want to ban these words forever. They seem to prevail when fear and death overwhelm us, that is, when we do not let the Lord Jesus triumph in our hearts and lives.
- May Christ, who has already defeated death and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, dispel the darkness of our suffering humanity and lead us into the light of his glorious day, a day that knows no end.

Yes, we may not be able to offer solutions to the myriad of problems we see in and around us in this ongoing pandemic. But we are able to offer compassion and love that is in our hearts, and in our hands to share to those in need.

*James G. Gibson*



We recently mailed out the semi-annual offering records to our parishioners. We thank everyone who has been faithful about their offerings during the pandemic.

The church continues to pay rent, utility bills, office supplies and salaries even though we are not holding in-house church services.

With your financial support during this difficult time, the church will continue to thrive. Thank you for your support!



## The Bishop's Corner

The Rt. Rev. Eric Vawter Menees

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Diocese of San Joaquin,

Leading a congregation in the midst of a Pandemic most certainly requires flexibility and adaptability.

Throughout the State of California and including the San Joaquin Valley we've been experiencing a surge in cases. The Fresno County Public Health Officials announced yesterday that our hospitals were basically full and there are only 25% of ICU beds available.

Therefore it is no surprise that the Governor has put out new Guidelines for Religious Services. These guidelines are the same as those issued on June 18th with one exception - NO SINGING.

The exact wording is as follows...

Even with adherence to physical distancing, convening in a congregational setting of multiple different households to practice a personal faith carries a relatively higher risk for widespread transmission of the COVID-19 virus, and may result in increased rates of infection, hospitalization, and death, especially among more vulnerable populations. In particular, activities such as singing and chanting negate the risk reduction achieved through six feet of physical distancing. \*Places of worship must therefore discontinue singing and chanting activities and limit indoor attendance to 25% of building capacity or a maximum of 100 attendees, whichever is lower. (<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship.pdf>)

However, under the heading of Considerations for Places of Worship later in the document (emphasis added) it says...

- Discontinue singing (in rehearsals, services, etc.), chanting, and other practices and performances where there is increased likelihood for transmission from contaminated exhaled droplets. Consider practicing these activities through alternative methods (such as internet streaming) that ensure individual congregation members perform these activities separately in their own homes.

Therefore, if you are streaming the service with 10 or less people then you can have signing.

Friends, given the scaled up restrictions I encourage you to be prepared to return to offering services via a virtual platform if the Governor closes down in person worship again.

On Monday I begin my vacation for three weeks. I am leaving a standing order for Fr. Phil Berghuis, my assistant, to watch carefully and communicate any changes in the \*State Guidelines. As Christians under authority it is incumbent upon us to follow those guidelines.

I know that this is frustrating and I join you in offering lamentations however, it is our duty to do all that we can to protect our congregants and to model good citizenship.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!

The Rt. Rev. Eric Vawter Menees



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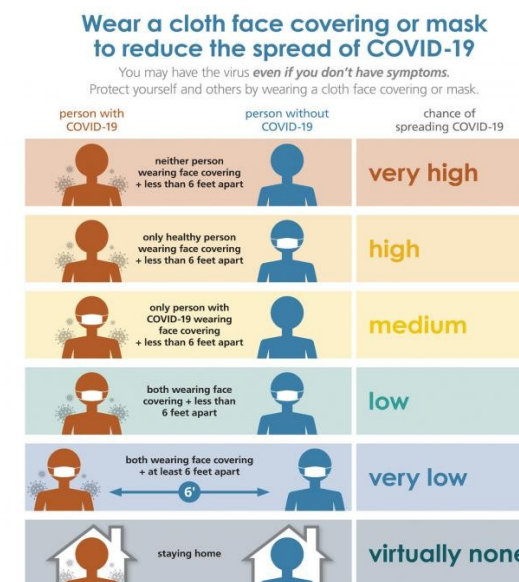
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## Restrictions & Precautions to Re-Open cont. from pg. 1

6. No congregational loud singing (**hum softly with recorded music**).
7. No congregational loud reciting nor responding (**recite silently or softly with the celebrant or lector or prayer leader**).
8. No offertory procession (**Wine, water and hosts already on altar within reach of celebrant for self-service**).
9. No passing of the collection plate nor offerings in kind: (**A drop box for offerings and a basket for in kinds will be provided near the altar – drop offerings when you enter or when you leave**).
10. No shaking of hands or hugging at the passing of **the peace**.
11. Blessings will be done from the altar for **birthday and anniversary celebrants** in their pews with the people raising their hands to the direction of the celebrants and following silently the prayers of the celebrant.
12. Communion will be **bread only** and will be brought to the pews and received on the **hand**.
13. (Following communion, clergy and lay Eucharistic ministers stand in place while celebrant recites the prayer of commendation for the ministry of bringing communion to the home.)



**Thank you** Terry & Mary Scott for donating the 2 hand sanitizers and stand. One sanitizer is mounted on the wall by the alarm pad in the parish hall. The other hand sanitizer is mounted on a stand at the front door for all to use when they enter.

Please do your part and use it when you enter.

## A Word from Fr. Tom Foster



Bishop Eric requests support for two major needs.

Our companion diocese in Uganda suffers starvation. COVID-19 shut downs have made many victims, especially children. Financial aid from our diocese will make substantial answers to prayers (ours and theirs). Please mark checks: "Companion Diocese" or "Kigezi" in the memo line and send them through your parish.

Another need for support is future clergy needs. Education (seminary), family support, living expenses need our prayerful support and prayers.

Where are our future clergy? Attention to this matter calls on us: To pray for vocations, calls to the ministry; who among us will answer God's call? Encourage younger men and women to answer God's call. Challenge older, mature persons to answer. Raise funds so the diocese, as well as our parish can aid answers to God's call. Is God calling you?

Send checks through your parish to the diocese memo-marked "ministry". Outreach is our ministry! God into all the world, proclaiming God's Good News.

## Glory to God!



Anglican Church for North America (ACNA) and a largely African-Asian Anglican group (GAFCON) have formally merged. Both groups proclaiming God's World in traditional, conservative form, now make up a large portion of the Anglican Communion worldwide.

Traditional biblical values preached by both groups made the merger a happy move. A major history-making move, the merger enables the group to proclaim: Biblical authority (the Bible contains all things necessary for salvation). Family (1 man, 1 woman) marriage, Christian sexual mores. The Church-Sacraments-Apostles-Nicean Creeds. This massive merger enables stronger proclamation and the doing of God's word.