

The MONARCH

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DECEMBER 2019 - JANUARY 2020



An Advent Prayer

O Blessed Lord Jesus, give us thankful hearts today for Thee, our choicest gift, our dearest guest. Let not our souls be busy inns that have no room for Thee and Thine, but quiet homes of prayer and praise where Thou mayest find fit company, where the needful cares of life are wisely ordered and put away, and wide sweet spaces kept for Thee, where holy thoughts pass up and down, and fervent longings watch for and wait Thy coming. So, when Thou comest again, O Blessed One, mayest Thou find all things ready, and Thy servants waiting for no new master, but for one long loved and known. Even so, come Lord Jesus. Amen.

WEBSITES FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

www.sdanglicans.org	San Diego Deanery
www.westernanglicans.org	Diocese of western Anglicans
www.anglicanchurch.net	Province of Anglican Church in North America

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CLERGY AND VESTRY MEMBERS

Fr. Russell Martin	Fr. Larry Eddingfield
Deacon Steve Elder	Deacon Jason Waller
Fr. Bill Gandenberger	

2020 VESTRY MEMBERS

Helen Cox	Brian DePierre	Elaine Fox
Jim Heaton	Lynn Maudlin	Mac Nibbs

DECEMBER/JANUARY CALENDAR

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS - CHECK WITH YOUR COORDINATOR FOR ANY CHANGES:

Monday mornings - Prayers & Squares in Ramona, 10am, Judy Hardison

Wednesday mornings - IHOP Bible Study, 7:30am, PQ IHOP, Fr. Russell

Wednesday afternoons - Discipleship Class at Mimi's in Mira Mesa, 1:30-3pm, Dcn Steve

Thursday evenings - Ramona DTC (1st/3rd)/Ramona Bible Study (2nd/4th), 7-8:30pm

SUNDAYS - WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10AM IN POWAY AND RAMONA

OTHER EVENTS/DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 12/1 | LIFE CHOICES Giving Tree opportunity begins (gifts due Dec 8/15) |
| 12/6 | Resurrection Preschool Christmas Pageant, 6pm |
| 12/7 | Vestry and Leaders meeting with Bishop Keith |
| 12/8 | Holy Eucharist & Reception with Bishop Keith - one service in Poway! |
| 12/10 | Staff (5pm) and Vestry (6pm) meetings |
| 12/15 | Last Sunday to bring in Giving Tree gifts for LIFE CHOICES |
| 12/24 | CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, 8PM IN POWAY |
| 12/25 | 10AM SERVICES IN BOTH POWAY AND RAMONA |
| 12/29 | 10am services in both Poway and Ramona |
| 1/13 | Staff (5pm) and Vestry (6pm) meetings |
| 1/19 | Sanctity of Life Sunday! |

KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR CHURCH EMAILS FOR OTHER EVENTS AND REMINDERS!

HAPPY, HAPPY EVERYTHING!!!

BIRTHDAYS

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| 12/14 | Soon (Anna) Elder |
| 12/17 | Russell Martin |
| 12/28 | Deb Kremer |
| 12/30 | Lena Heaton |
| 1/17 | Cammie Rice |
| 1/27 | Elaine Fox |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1/6 | Greg & Madeleine Wilkinson |
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These dates are taken from the official membership paperwork on file. Please let me know if there are additions or corrections to this list. ~ Cindy



DECEMBER WORSHIP MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

POWAY	12/1	*12/8	12/15	12/22	*12/24	12/25	12/29
ALTAR	OPEN	DCNS	STEVE	JASON	STEVE	STEVE	STEVE
GREETER USHER	BARBARA TREY	SUE R TREY	LINDA TREY	GINA TREY	SUE R LARRY	OPEN	HELEN TREY
1ST READ	MAC	JOHN L	MARY CJ	LARRY R	CINDY	JOHN	JOHN L
PSALM	JOANIE	MARY CJ	LYNN	SUE R	MAC	BRIAN	ELAINE
2ND READ	BARBARA	BRIAN	LYNN	SUE R	MAC	BRIAN	BRIAN
PRAYERS	CINDY	DCN DEE	JOANIE	JOANIE	LYNN	DCN DEE	DCN DEE
CHALICE	CATHY	CLERGY	MARY CJ	MAC	CLERGY	CLERGY	CATHY
HEALING	CATHY SUE	MAC ELAINE	CINDY SUE	CATHY MAC	N/A	N/A	CINDY ELAINE
PREACH OFFICIATE SERVE	Mac Nibbs Fr. Larry	Bp Keith Bp Keith	Fr. Bill Fr. Russell Dcn Steve	Dcn Jason Fr. Russell	Fr. Russell Fr. Larry Steve/Jason	Fr. Russell Fr. Russell Dcn Steve	Dcn Steve Fr. Russell

***REMINDER - DEC 8 (10AM) AND DEC 24 (8PM) ARE ONE SERVICE IN POWAY ONLY!**

RAMONA	12/1	12/15	12/22	12/25	12/29
ALTAR	STEVE	JASON	STEVE	JASON	OPEN
1ST READ	LEAH	PETER	JIM H	LEAH	PETER
PSALM	DCN DEE	NANCY	LENA	NANCY	BARBARA
2ND READ	WALLY	NANCY	LENA	PETER	BARBARA
PRAYERS	DCN DEE	LEAH	WALLY	LEAH	NANCY
CHALICE	JIM T	NANCY	NANCY	CLERGY	JIM T
HEALING	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	N/A	OPEN
PREACH OFFICIATE SERVE	Fr. Russell Fr. Russell Dcn Steve	Fr. Larry Fr. Larry Dcn Jason	Dcn Steve Fr. Larry	Fr. Bill Fr. Bill Dcn Jason	Fr. Larry Fr. Larry

ADVENT WREATH	POWAY	RAMONA
12/1	ELAINE FOX	TURNBULLS
12/8	MARCHEWKAS	MCCOYS
12/15	RELLOS	HARDISONS
12/22	DCN DEE	HEATONS

If you are not currently serving as a Worship Minister but would like to do so, please speak to any of our clergy about how to make that happen! We are always looking to add to our ministers' list and especially need Altar Guild members, Chalicers, Ushers, Greeters, and Acolytes.

NOTE: SUNDAY READINGS

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JANUARY WORSHIP MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

POWAY	1/5	1/12	1/19	1/26
ALTAR	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
GREETER USHER	LINDA TREY	BARBARA TREY	SUE TREY	HELEN LARRY
1ST READ	JOHN LOWN	ELAINE	LYNN	JOHN LOWN
PSALM	JUDITH	BRIAN	JOANIE	JUDITH
2ND READ	MAC	MARY CAROL	LARRY R	GINA
PRAYERS	SUE R	JOANIE	SUE R	JOANIE
CHALICE	CATHY	MAC	MARY CAROL	SUE R
HEALING	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
PREACH OFFICIATE SERVE	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

RAMONA	1/5	1/12	1/19	1/26
ALTAR	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
1ST READ	JIM H	LEAH	JIM T	WALLY
PSALM	JIM H	LEAH	NANCY	LEAH
2ND READ	LENA	PETER	NANCY	JIM H
PRAYERS	WALLY	NANCY	LEAH	LENA
CHALICE	WALLY	NANCY	JIM T	WALLY
HEALING	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
PREACH OFFICIATE SERVE	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

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Vestry Report

Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 6pm at Christ the King Church, Poway

Minutes from October 2019 meeting were reviewed. *A motion was made to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded and passed.*

Jim went over the October financial reports and observed that Pledges are at about 92% of budget with total income at about 94%, while expenses are at about 84%. Several larger end of the year bills are still to be paid but we will likely end up with a small surplus. *A motion was made to accept the reports and the motion was seconded and passed.*

Fr. Russell gave an update on various clergy activities. He and Fr. Larry reported that they had gathered some information at the recent Diocesan Synod on the American Anglican Council (AAC) program called REVITALIZE which is an assessment and follow on weekend and coaching program for churches and want CTK to consider this in the coming year.

Fr. Russell shared that a new member Camilla (Cammie) Rice will be Received into the Anglican Church by the Bishop when he is here on December 8.

Cindy reported that Barb Crandall has renewed the Food Safety Certificate for the kitchen and will get us a copy of the receipt so that we can pay our share half of the cost.

A slate consisting for Elaine Fox and Lynn Maudlin was presented for Vestry consideration. *A motion was made to confirm the slate for the November 9 Annual Parish Meeting Vestry Election as Elaine Fox and Lynn Maudlin and the motion was seconded and passed.* This slate will be presented for election at the November 9 annual meeting.

Mary Carol Johnson is willing to serve as our Diocesan delegate for 2020 and Barbara Eddingfield is willing to act as alternate. *A motion was made to elect Mary Carol Johnson as 2020 CTK Diocesan delegate and Barbara Eddingfield as the alternate and the motion was seconded and passed.* This election will be announced at the November 9 Annual Meeting.

Besides the Vestry election and Delegate announcement there will be a review of current 2019 finances, a tentative draft 2020 budget presented, a Rector's report and a presentation but the C.H.R.I.S.T. (CHURCH HEALTH RESOURCE & INFORMATION SUPPORT TEAM) on local resources and emergency/crisis protocols for church members.

The Leadership Team meeting with Bishop Keith is set for Saturday, December 7 from 1-4pm in Poway. This will be followed by a clergy dinner with the Bishop.

The Poway Outreach team reported that they are involved in Operation Christmas Child and are soliciting volunteers and food providers for the Abraxas Thanksgiving Lunch on November 21. They will also host an Angel Tree for gifts for Life Choices in December.

The Ramona Outreach team reported that the next BBQ is November 16 at the Heatons. Additionally the team is involved in helping with a community Thanksgiving dinner in Ramona through the Serve Ramona group.

A very early draft budget was presented to the vestry, templated from last year's with several areas highlighted for removal/decrease in funding in the event that pledges do not meet the needed levels to sustain the 2019 line items. Cindy has already tweaked some of the line items based on actuals from 2019 year to date and projections. Jim and Cindy will continue to work on the draft 2020 budget for presentation at the December Vestry meeting.

The next Vestry meeting will be Tuesday, December 10. Submitted, Cindy Kaemmerer

Rector's Ruminations

Even before the leaves begin to turn from soft greens and yellows to striking reds and oranges, there is a buzz in the air, as merchants prepare for the Holiday shopping season. Christmas is coming, hearkened not as much by the sweet perfume of mulled cider or the crisp scent of pine but by brightly lit "Sale" signs. Store windows flocked in artificial snow and bedecked with cheery decorations have replaced angelic choirs and camel-haired prophets in announcing the coming of Christmas.

For much of our society, Advent is little more than a season of mega shopping and incredible sales—a commercial marathon where one shops until she/he drops. For the Church, however, Advent marks not only the beginning of the Christian year but also our commemoration of God's supreme act of self-revelation and grace in the birth of Jesus. It is right and a good and joyful thing that we make preparations for the Christ's birth. Yet, even as we celebrate the most significant event of human history, we too are called to keep our eyes on the horizon of the future for Christ's promised return.

How open are our hearts, souls and minds? Are our preparations for Christmas centered more upon when we put up our tree and lights? Or are we ready to receive him in all his might and glory? Have we acknowledged our need to make time and space for quiet prayer and reflection. Especially in a world, that is so wracked by violence, pain, and anguish. We need to hear and receive the good news of which angels sing and prophets proclaim. That Christ is coming! And with him comes the promise of salvation, justice, hope and peace.

Thus Advent prompts us not simply to honor the past but also to simultaneously live into the future. Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again! We boldly proclaim week after week before we receive his body and blood. So Advent reminds us both of our duty to prepare our hearts to receive the Christ child and to anxiously await the glorious return of Christ the King. Let us make ready today for Christ's presence amongst us by sharing his love and joy with others. So that when the master of the house returns he may not find us asleep but awake.

May our gracious and loving Lord bless you and keep you always!
Fr. Russell+

POWAY MINISTRY TEAM REPORT

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace..." 1 Peter 4:1]
"For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for His Name in serving the saints, as you still do." Hebrews 6:10

- ❖ **Abraxas High School Thanksgiving Lunch.** On Thursday, November 21, a delicious Thanksgiving meal was served to students and staff of Abraxas High School by volunteers. Despite a few sprinkles it was a beautiful event, full of grateful smiles and full tummies. A big thank you to those who volunteered by serving or contributing food.
- ❖ **Operation Christmas Child**, a ministry of *Samaritan's Purse*. This was our first year participating in this worldwide effort and you all responded with love and generous hearts! 27 shoeboxes were lovingly packed, prayed over, and taken to a local collection site. THANK YOU! Children in need in over 100 countries who receive the shoeboxes have an opportunity to enroll in a 12-lesson discipleship program which equips them to grow in Christ and share him with others.
- ❖ **Giving Tree.** This event benefits **Life Choices Pregnancy Center of Poway**. The center provides abortion clinic alternative services including free pregnancy tests, information on options available, and ultrasound referrals. On Sunday, December 1 there will be a small Christmas **Giving Tree** with wish tags. All are invited to take a tag, fulfill a wish, and bring the gifts to church on Sunday, December 8 or 15. The gifts will be taken to **Life Choices** and distributed by center staff in time for Christmas.
- ❖ In the new year:
We eagerly look forward to participating in the North County **Homeless Veterans' Stand Down** event. This event will be held on February 6 through February 9, 2020, at Green Oak Ranch in Vista, CA. It provides a "full service" weekend retreat for many homeless vets (and their dogs) as a respite from the streets. Want to be a part of it? Stand by for more info in the near future. We are exploring ways to expand our outreach to the homeless youth served by PUSD in the **YIT (Youth in Transition) Program**. Stay tuned for ways that we can extend God's loving hands.

As always, please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us in our efforts to reach out with the love of Jesus.

Submitted by Elaine Fox and the Poway Outreach Team
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Ramona Ministry Team Report

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." - Hebrews 10:23-25 ESV

Our Ramona Ministry Team had a couple of opportunities to meet together with our church family and the community this month:

- Several of our team attended and supported Serve Ramona's Turkey Feast community outreach on November 10th. The food was excellent, the fellowship and love was robust, a large number of the youth of our community assisted in serving and ministering to the attendees, and the community attendance was the largest this outreach has ever seen. We were blessed to be a part of this grand display of our Lord's bounty and saving grace.
- The Heatons hosted our November BBQ on November 16th and it was again well attended (I believe we had 25 in attendance, 4 of whom were guests, but that's just from my fuzzy memory. I may have missed a few.). The food was delicious, but the fellowship and opportunities to share and receive the love of our Lord was even more nourishing and a delight to all in attendance.

These times of meeting together follows our Ministry Team's focus in reaching out into our community. To borrow from Kairos, each day we are intentionally working toward this goal:

Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring a friend to Christ.

Our efforts toward this goal (toward the Great Commission) are carried out individually and as a team and community. These BBQs and get-togethers continue to be our main focus as a church family to provide us the opportunity to make friends, be friends, and beam the love of Christ to all. We are grateful that the Lord is with us and will work through our obedient and faithful actions to draw those friends into His love and healing grace.

We will be meeting together in December as a community and family on Wednesday evening, December 18th, at the Turnbull's home to enjoy soup, salad, dessert...and, of course, the opportunity to share the Lord's love with each other and, hopefully, some new friends.

In January, we plan to return to our monthly BBQ format, but those plans are still in the works. Please be looking for announcements from Cindy as we finalize things.

As an encouragement to me, and hopefully to all of us as we step out in faith and do our best to share the Good News, the Lord reminded me of His words to the Disciples (in Luke - Chapter 9) as he sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God (and to heal):

"Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money, and do not have two tunics. And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake the dust from your feet as a testimony against them." From His words I am encouraged in a couple of ways:

1. He fully expected that his disciples would experience rejection.
2. He explicitly indicated they were to go out without any "tools" of their own.

Why am I encouraged, you ask? Because of what I failed to mention previously. Before sending His disciples out, Jesus gave them some very important things - **power and authority** (in this case over all demons and to cure diseases). In our lives, the demons we battle and the things we are not to bring with us look different than they did for the Disciples. But, it still boils down to the same thing. Not in our own power will we be able to reach into the hearts of others and bring them to the love and knowledge of Jesus. And, if our efforts are rejected, so be it. It's expected and we can lovingly step away and know that our Lord has other messengers coming after us to continue to deliver His truth. Or, He may want us to stay and continue to minister to those friends. If we abide with Him and follow His commandments, He will bring forth fruit from our faithful witness and obedience.

I know that I've really simplified and made a few leaps in my previous encouraging thoughts. I hope you will forgive my bounding to these positive conclusions in an effort to be brief(er) than I might otherwise be. This is, after all, just a "report"!

May we all be stirred up to love and good works during this blessed season and in the new year!
Submitted with love and joy by: Leah Cullen Leahsingz@gmail.com - 760-803-7550