

THE QUILL

Happy Advent and
Merry Christmas!



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve:

4:30 pm, Informal Christmas Service for
Children of all ages

10:30 pm, Festival Choral Eucharist:: The
Christ-mass

Christmas Day:

St. Bede's does not have a service on
Christmas Day. For those looking for a
Christmas Day service, we would encourage
you to attend the 10 a.m. service (with Music)
at Holy Faith Episcopal Church, 260 North
Locust Street, Inglewood, CA 90601

Advent/Christmas/
Epiphany
2009-2010

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44th Annual Parish Meeting

The 44th Annual Meeting will be held in Luther Hall following the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist and a pot-luck luncheon on **Sunday, Jan. 17**. The Annual meeting is a time when reports covering the year past are made to the parish, the Vestry reports on the 2010 Budget which will be passed by the Vestry in mid-December, and elections are held for open seats on the vestry & for St. Bede's representation to the Convention of

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Canon Jim's Jottings

This issue of the Quill covers the Season of Incarnation. That is, it covers my favorite seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany (Jan. 6) and Jesus' baptism (Jan 10). Last year, I noted that I wished that Advent -- the time we spend preparing for Jesus' birth was twice as long. In the last year, I have read several serious proposals made by reputable liturgists to lengthen Advent by having it follow immediately on All Saints' Day (November 1). It certainly would parallel the time of preparation in our secular world. Indeed, the Church of England proposed a lengthening of Advent in one of their books of supplemental liturgies twenty years ago.

ADVENT

We celebrate Advent beginning on November 29 and for the three Sundays following. The blue color of Advent reminds us of preparation; it also reminds us of Mary, the Mother of Our Lord. The early church called her *theotokos* ("Godbearer"). Each week, we light another candle to symbolize the growing expectation of Jesus' birth. On Sunday, December 7, the 10 a.m. service will feature the Lessons & Carols of Advent highlighting in word and song the Old Testament prophecies in which the Christian community hears the promise of the Messiah.

This year on Nov. 29, we will celebrate the

baptism of David Mthembu at the 10 a.m. service. His mother, Gugu, is a former member of St. Bede's and has many friends here. Later in Advent, on December 20 (Advent 4), our guest preacher at the 10 a.m. service will be the Rev. Steven Giovangelo, recently retired as Rector of All Saints' Parish, Indianapolis, IN and the Associate here from 1993-1996.

CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY

All of the preparation culminates on Christmas Eve with the lighting of the Christ candle and the white vestments and the explosion of color and song in our services. Vicki is coordinating this year's 4.30 p.m. service for "children of all ages". It will involve ALL of our children in an entirely new service. We hope that all of you will come to celebrate with the youth of the parish.

The 10.30 p.m. service will be the traditional "Christ-mass", opening with a short service of Lessons & Carols as we live in the new light of Jesus. [Note: we do not have a service at St. Bede's on Christmas Day, but suggest that those interested attend the 11 a.m. service at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.]

The 12 Days of Christmas begin on Christmas Day and end on "the twelfth night", that is Jan. 5, the eve of the Feast of the Epiphany. The Feast of the Epiphany (Wednesday, January 6) marks the manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles (symbolized by the Magi, the so-called "wise

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men").

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS & EPIPHANYTIDE

On the Sunday after the Epiphany, we remember Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist (of whom we have heard a great deal on Dec. 6 & 13) and we baptize people and/or renew our own baptismal promises. The five Sundays after Jan 10 are "Ordinary Time" - marked by green vestments. They are the ordinary Sundays of the Church Year which are interrupted by the cycles of Advent/Christmas/Epiphany and Lent/Holy Week/Easter/Pentecost.

EVENTS

In the midst of this cycle of Hope and Calling, we continue to live our "Ordinary Time."

The Convention of the Diocese of Los Angeles will be on Dec. 4-5 in Riverside, CA. The Bishop has called for the election of two Bishops Suffragan to replace Bishops Robert Anderson (who retired last December) and Chester Talton and Sergio Carranza (who will retire next June). A "Bishop Suffragan" is an assisting bishop in a diocese who is elected by the convention. A Bishop Suffragan would not automatically succeed in case Bp. Bruno ceased to be the Bishop. Our annual tree-trimming event, again for children of all ages, will be held on Saturday, December 19 beginning at 10a.m.

The 44th Annual Meeting will be held following the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, January 17. It will be preceded by a pot-luck luncheon (see article, page 1).

On the 24th of January, our next Friends of Music presentation will be a "Noteworthy

Duo" - classical guitarist Michael Nigro and flautist Lisa Schroeder in a lively concert of music from Spain and Latin America.

STUDY

Adult Christian formation options include:

- The Bookworms of Bede meet on the 3rd Monday and are reading "Nickel and Dimed" by Barbara Ehrenreich (Jan. 18).
- Tuesday morning Breakfast and Bible classes each Tuesday at 9 a.m.
- Wednesday evening classes following the 7 pm eucharist - the upcoming classes are listed on the last page of the Quill.

STEWARDSHIP

The Vestry is completing the Stewardship program for 2010. It will determine both program and staffing for the next calendar year. Please prayerfully consider your pledge and return a pledge card if you haven't yet done so.

My best wishes and prayers for a blessed Advent and Christmas. The next *Quill* will come out at the end of January and will focus on the end of the season of Epiphany and all of Lent & Holy Week.

In Christ,

Jim Newman+



Kids of Bede!

ST. BEDE'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Kids of Bede will again be presenting a traditional Christmas Pageant at the 4:30 p.m. service on Christmas Eve, December 24. Their performance will include a tableau of the legendary manger scene and musical numbers by the Sunday School and the Kids of Bede Chorus. Our pageant will also include the singing of traditional Christmas hymns by the congregation. This will be a joyful celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Important Dates regarding the Pageant:

Sunday, Dec. 6: **Costume fitting** immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Service. Please meet in the Atrium Room with Pamela Jackson and Mother Vicki.

Sunday, Dec. 13: Rehearsal #1. Lunch for cast and crew in the Parish Hall during Coffee Hour. Please bring \$3 per person, adults or children. Our rehearsal will follow in the sanctuary with Mother Vicki and director, Lana Spraker.

Sunday, Dec. 20: Rehearsal #2. Again, lunch in the Parish Hall during Coffee Hour (please bring \$3 per person) followed by rehearsal in the sanctuary.

Thursday, Dec. 24: Please arrive **no later than 3:30 p.m.** to dress and receive final instructions for the pageant.

Note: Our manger animals will again consist of favorite stuffed animals brought from home. Kids of Bede, please bring your favorites to place in the manger just before dressing in your costumes. **Congregation** – please know that your stuffed animals are welcome as well! Please place them in the manger prior to the service and pick them up afterwards. All representatives of God's good creation are welcome in the manger setting, not just farm animals.

Questions? Call Mother Vicki at (310) 625-7364.

KIDS OF BEDE PARENT MEETING

Parents, please plan to meet with Mother Vicki in the Library Room off the Parish Hall at 12:00 p.m. on Dec. 6. Our nursery care giver, Rose Marie, will stay until 12:30p.m.



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the Diocese of Los Angeles. The Nominating Committee of the Vestry has presented the following slate of candidates: For Vestry (4-2 yr. Terms): Rea Crane, Christoph Dugré, Liz Mohler, Alice Short, Gina Turella

The Vestry still seeks nominees for Diocesan Convention Delegate and Alternate. If you are interested in one of these positions, contact Reed Wilson, Sr. Warden, or any member of the Vestry.

Because of the meeting, there will be one celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. The early service at 8 a.m. will be a service of Morning Prayer.

Preceding the Annual meeting, the Vestry will hold a potluck luncheon. To determine what you should bring, first determine the last digit of your home telephone number. If the last digit of your telephone # is, bring: 6-8, main course; 9, bread; 0-1, salad; 2-3, vegetable; 4-5, dessert.



Hillsides : Creating Safe Places for Children

Hillsides has been a safe place for children since opening in 1913 as an Episcopal orphanage called the Church Home for Children.

As a private, nonprofit, and nondenominational agency, Hillsides became well-known as a haven for abused, abandoned, and neglected children. Hillsides continues to provide loving care, therapeutic mental health treatment, and education for children who have been severely mistreated. They also work with families and other agencies and policymaker to create homes and communities that are safe for children.

They also have created a new program Youth Moving On which provides emancipating youth with affordable, quality housing and prepares the youth to be able to handle life outside of the foster care system.

Hillsides needs our help and monetary gifts are always welcome! The Vestry at St. Bede's has decided to hold a "gently used clothing" drive for Hillsides. We will welcome Ms Jackie Broxton, Director, to our Annual Meetig on January 17th to kick off the campaign. We will collect "gently used clothing" for all sizes and ages January 24, 31, and February 7th and then take our donations to them. Please keep this in mind as you prepare for your "spring-cleaning" and "closet clearing" Your gifts will be appreciated!

Out and About (or Home on the Range)

by Mother Vicki

Movie Matinée and Potluck: Movie-goers – please plan to gather on **Sunday, Dec. 6**, in the Parish Hall at **4:00 p.m.** to watch *While You Were Sleeping* starring Sandra Bullock and Bill Pullman. The movie is about Lucy, a lonely subway worker who becomes smitten with a handsome stranger. But when she saves his life after he's been mugged and fallen into a coma, his hilariously offbeat family mistakes her for his fiancée. Soon, the mix-ups escalate as Lucy fabricates a life between herself and a man she's never met while falling for his charming brother. The story takes place in Chicago during the holidays. We will watch our movie first and then enjoy our shared meal.

Sisters of Bede Christmas Party

The Sisters of Bede invite the women of the parish to join them for a Christmas party on Friday, December 11, at 7.m. at the home of Samira Tamer, 3620 Corinth Ave. Like all Sisters of Bede meetings, the Christmas party is a time for fellowship and a potluck dinner (bring anything you like!). Also bring a wrapped gift (\$10 value) for an exchange that includes a usually hilarious swapping of gifts.

The Sisters want to thank all the hosts and hostesses of venues for the coming year. Thank you, too, to all who came to the Party of Parties and signed up to attend the venues. There are still vacancies for some venues. Check the bulletin board in the parish hall to find out which ones and then sign up with the hostess or Daphne Moote.

Special Screening at St. Bede's

"El Perro del Hortelano" (Spanish with English subtitles) will screen on Sunday night, January 10th, in Luther Hall, following evening prayer.

The film is a feature comedy about Brus, an indigenous artist, and his efforts to organize his community against an American oil company, Kenny Oil. Searching for answers, Brus joins a local NGO, finding himself entangled in the subversive work of an American researcher, Angie. As Brus explores the surreal world of volunteers and development experts, he ultimately discovers his own way of bringing strength to his community in the Peruvian Amazon.

The running time is 90 minutes, and the film is rated "PG-13" for (some) nudity and language. An open discussion to follow with \ Producer/ Activist, Annika Beaulieu, and indigenous rights scholar, Devin Beaulieu. For more details see www.perrodelhortelano.com, or contact Sandi Burnett.

Thank you

to the 75 individuals or households listed below who have returned pledge cards and/or pledged \$192,981 toward the operation of St. Bede's in 2010 (including 7 new pledges and 28 increased pledges!). It is not too late to join! Please pick up a pledge card in the narthex or call 391-5522.

The Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of St. Bede's Church

Sharon Arthur
 Frank Basile
 Eugenie Baumann
 Steve Buck
 Sandra Burnett
 Rea Crane
 Jean Dahler
 James & Liudmila Davis
 Christoph & Amy Dugré
 Hal Eaton
 Lew Ehrich
 Thomas Elliott
 Dulcie Ellis
 Kathleen Fairchild
 Kyle Ferstead
 Daphne Moore & Akani Fletcher
 Janet Fox
 Michael Gallagher
 Diane Gandara
 Annette Graw
 Jeff & Ginger Grippe
 Linda Guagliano
 John Hancock
 Elsie Harter
 Russ Harter
 Joe & Kathy Hartley
 Wes Hartley
 Laird Hegamin
 Corinne Henderson
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 Nancy Holly
 Jerry Hornof & Karen Scharre
 Andrew & Pammela Jackson
 Roger Jayne
 Penny Jennings
 D. Jones
 Kevin Jones & Elizabeth Coombs
 Quinn & Jim Kelley
 Ina Klem
 Frances Knight
 Thomas Ledsam
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 Michael Mullins
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 Diana Neilson
 James Newman
 Ruth Nicastro
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 Joan Reitzel
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 Barbara Sands
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 Don Shaw
 Alice Short
 Ashkan Sobhe
 Lana Spraker
 Samira Tamer
 Carl & Jennine Townsend
 Diana Turella
 Gina Turella
 Ned & Adelaide Vaughn
 Reed & Diane Wilson
 Jeannette Young
 Ron & Kelly Zullo

as of Sunday, December 6, 2009

This list will be updated in the January Quill as pledges are still coming in.

Note: Several people have paid the upcoming year's pledge in full. That does have 2009 tax advantages for the giver. To facilitate clean bookkeeping:

****we deposit checks during the year we receive them, SO they will be deposited into our savings account (as "2010 pledge payments") and listed on this year's pledge statements as 2009 donations;*

****the financial secretary will NOT list these as 2010 pledges for NEXT YEAR'S statements (or it will look like you have not paid your pledge);*

****HOWEVER, we will count your pledge as part of next year's total and transfer that money from the savings to general account in January, 2010.*

SERVICES & CLASSES

SUNDAYS: 8 am, Holy Eucharist (no music)
10 am, Church School and Nursery
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer
WEDNESDAYS: 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class

TUESDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE:

9 a.m.: Breakfast and study of the upcoming Sunday's lessons
--no classes on December 22 & 29

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:

Dec. 2 & 9: Preparing for Advent (Matthew & Luke, Chpts. 1)
Dec. 16: Dickens, "Christmas Carol"
--no class on December 23 or 30

Series: "From Jesus to Constantine: A History of Early Christianity":

1/6 Oral & Written Traditions about Jesus
1/13 The Apostle Paul
1/20 The Beginning of Jewish-Christian Relations
1/27 The Anti-Jewish Use of the Old Testament

BOOKWORMS OF BEDE:

January 18: Barbara Ehrenreich, *Nickle and Dimed*

ST. BEDE'S VESTRY & STAFF

RECTOR: The Very Rev. Canon James Newman
ASSISTANT: The Rev. Victoria Mouradian
ASSOCIATED CLERGY: The Rev. Giovan King
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Frank Basile
VERGER: Michael Gallagher
HEAD SACRISTAN: Jeannette Young
FACILITIES MANAGER: Tom Ledsam
SEXTON: Joaquin Perez

VESTRY

Reed Wilson ('10) – Senior Warden
Michael Mullins ('10) – Junior Warden
Sharon Arthur ('11) Rea Crane ('10)
Akani Fletcher ('10) Michael Mullins ('11)
Dean Pace ('11) Carly Portalupi ('11)
Alice Short ('10)
Annette Graw – Clerk
Laird Hegamin – Treasurer
Jennine Townsend – Financial Secretary

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION

Michael Mullins (A)/ Jerry Hornof (A) - ('10)
Kyle Ferstead (D)/ Annette Graw (A) ('11)

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The Parish of Mar Vista, Venice, Ocean Park, and Playa Vista

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