

## The Sunday Readings

### December 5, Advent 2

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

### December 12, Advent 3

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 146:4-9  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

### December 19, Advent 4

Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

### December 24 & 25, Christmas

Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-20

### December 26, Christmas 1

Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
Psalm 147  
Galatians 3:23-25;4:4-7  
John 1:1-18

### Sunday Worship Schedule

**7:30 am** Traditional Eucharist

**8:45 am** Childcare, 2nd floor

**9 am** Youth Program,  
Adult Forum, Bible Study

**10 am** Choral Eucharist,  
Sunday School

### Noon Worship Schedule

**Healing Eucharist**

*every Wednesday*

**Friday Requiem Eucharist**

*the last Friday of each month*

## Come, Immanuel

*by the Rev. Randal Gardner*

Jesus of Nazareth is known by four names. One, of course, is Jesus, a Hebrew name that roughly translates as "God saves us." The second, from the book of Isaiah, we hear in the Advent season: "A young woman shall conceive a child and call him Immanuel." Immanuel, again a Hebrew name, translates as "God is with us."

Then, of course, there is the name Christ (in Greek) or Messiah (in Hebrew). In both languages the name means, "The anointed one," and this name was given in the expectation that Jesus was the one to restore God's covenant with the people. The fourth name, Son of God, is the name the church gave to Christ when it became clear in the resurrection that Jesus carried the incarnation of God's own being in his life.

As symbols within the narrative these four names fit with no problem. But, when the four names invite us into an understanding of life and the world in which we live, they can become difficult thresholds to cross. "God saves us" how and from what? "God is with us" in what ways and how do we measure them? "The anointed one" may invite a new understanding of world order but the world seems still to be a pretty violent and fearful realm. "The Son of God" invites us to wonder how the spirit works in our physical bodies and the reality of life.

Within these pages are a couple of articles based on interviews with thoughtful Christians, Doctors John Polkinghorne and Fred Boynton. Both are scientists and both rely on the tools of skeptical scrutiny and faithful grace. They have no interest in suspending their exploration of how the world works physically. They long to explain how the universe came into being. At the same time, both see the presence of an active and lively God in the midst of the cosmos they study.

Polkinghorne shares his wonder that the unimaginable infinity of God is expressed through a limited and human life in Jesus Christ, and further brought to bear in the particular care and attention Christ pays to individual people. Boynton describes a time in which a yearning and need in his soul was met by answers to prayer.

As we use this season of preparation to ponder the coming of Christ, these two men share practices that have been reliable for generations. Both mention prayer, and I contend that prayer is the most important practice of all to ground our desire for faith in the experience of a personal and present God. Both endorse in their own words the practice of humility, in which our personal doubts and beliefs grow to nothing more than that — personal. Our doubts do not destroy God any more than our faith creates God. For Dr.

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## Saints Galore!

By The Rev. Eleanor Ellsworth

Beginning in Advent, St. James will introduce its new pastoral care program...*St. James Saints*.

We are combining elements of the former Stephens Ministry with Lay Eucharistic Ministry, Petal Pushers and the Loaves and Fishes ministry.

There will be an opportunity for parishioners to recommend that someone be visited by a Saint, or one can request a visit directly. Cindy Covell and Greg Spire are the lay co-leaders for this new ministry. Previously trained Stephen Ministers will makeup the first group of Saints, with others added. Each Saint will receive training and supervision, gleaning best practices from Stephens and LEV training. For more information, please call me at 858 459 3421 ext. 105.

### ADVENT Sunday 9 am Adult Forum

I am looking forward to presenting *Spirituality and Gifts of Hildegard of Bingen* on December 5 and 12.

Hildegard of Bingen, born about 1098 and dying in the year 1179, is also known as Saint Hildegard, and Sibyl of the Rhine, was a Christian mystic, German Benedictine abbess, and visionary. She wrote theological, botanical and medicinal texts, as well as letters, liturgical songs, poems, and the first surviving morality play, while supervising brilliant miniature illuminations.

**December 26, the First Sunday after Christmas there is only one service at 9 am**, therefore we will not have a 9 am Adult Sunday Forum.

### ADVENT Wednesday supper & program

Please reserve Wednesday evenings in ADVENT for: *How Many Creations are There?: An Advent Challenge*, a series with Dr. Fred Boynton. It will be in the Van Schaick room from 6 pm to 8:30 pm on Wednesday's, December 1, 8, and 15. If you need Child Care, please let the office know. Sign up after the services for this program and supper or call the church office.

## Women's Dinner Group joins in to help with the Annual Diocesan Advent Baby Shower

This year you can take your gifts to the *Annual Diocesan Advent Baby Shower* at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, or bring your gifts to our **Tuesday, December 7th, Women's Dinner Group**.

They would like unwrapped gifts of badly-needed disposable diapers, new layette items, clothing, books, toys, and other gifts for infants, toddlers, and children through size 6X. The gifts will be given to refugees—many from Sudan, Darfur, and Myanmar, and also to Episcopal Community Services.

If you would like to go to the *Advent Baby Shower*, it is Saturday, December 18, 8:30 to 11:30 am. OR, bring the gifts with you to our Women's Dinner Group and we will deliver them to St. Dunstan's.

St. James Health Ministries presents

## A Healthcare Awareness Event & Free Screening

**December 12th, after the Services**

Take a step toward better health and come meet with local experts to learn more about hypertension and receive free blood pressure screening.

Neighborhood experts from *San Diego Homecare and Burns*

*Drugs*, La Jolla will conduct a "hands-on" health care

awareness gathering to raise awareness and knowledge about hypertension.

Malcolm Brooks, DME at Burns Drugs;



**Burns DRUGS**  
& Home Health Care



Kevin Quinn, Owner and Director, along with Suzy Scully, Care Manager of *San Diego Homecare*, are at your service to ensure you know what it takes to 'owning your health' and living vibrantly.



## As if Prayers are Heard

by the Rev. Randal Gardner

*I am incredibly grateful to share the news that two retired priests have made St. James by-the-Sea their home for worship and community, and both have offered their ministry and leadership for the good of the parish. Both come to us as gifts from God, and I am delighted to share this ministry with them.*

### A Warm Welcome to the Rev. Canon Terry Lynberg

Father Lynberg retired to his home in La Jolla at the end of his career as the Archdeacon of the Diocese of Los Angeles. At his retirement the bishop gave Terry the honorable title of "Canon," a designation for those who are key colleagues of the bishop. Terry no longer lives in his home in La Jolla, having moved into an apartment closer to San Diego's downtown and his family in Coronado.

In addition to serving the Church Fr. Lynberg returned to an academic career, earning a Doctorate in Education from the University of Southern California. He continues to hold a part time position as an Associate Professor of Communications at Mesa College.

Terry will be focusing especially on Pastoral Care ministries with St. James, sharing in worship and visiting on many Wednesdays. He also has a keen interest in the ministries that are possible at UCSD, having served there as Episcopal Chaplain from 1971-74 as well as assisting often at St. James and would love to engage in theology and reflection with students from that or our other local universities and colleges.

In the next year you'll see Father Lynberg at our altar on many occasions and will get to know him as a preacher on several occasions a year.

### A Warm Welcome to the Rev. Canon Stephen Wendfeldt

Father Wendfeldt has been part of the Diocese of San Diego for several years, serving first as the Rector of St. Peter's, Del Mar and then as the Bishop's officer for Stewardship and Evangelism. Following the death of his wife Kate, Steve married a parishioner of St. James, Linda Ardell. Steve and Linda have made a home together in La Jolla.

Because Fr. Wendfeldt is a "young" retiree, we have entered into a special relationship with him to become our Associate for Planning and Development. Steve will be with us on about a half-time basis, helping with teaching, leadership development, and Christian formation. Steve will get a \$1 dollar a year as salary and our church will renew and carry his health care benefit.

Steve and I met in seminary, and our paths have woven around each other's. Both of us were in the Diocese of Olympia for several years, and one of the first phone calls to welcome me to San Diego was from my old friend.

One of Father Steve's first offerings for us will be the Early Bird Bible Study, beginning in later January on Tuesday mornings with Eucharist at 7AM and Bible Study at 7:30.

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### Come, Immanuel (continued)

Polkinhorne there is an emphasis as well on reading the scripture and meditating on its message. For Dr. Boynton there is also singing, the gift of music through which more meaning is available than words alone can give.

These key practices — prayer, humility, scripture reading and music (especially singing) — have been the way for many faithful into the reality of Christ.

Our Advent journey of preparation and longing is met as well by God, who shows throughout our human experience a desire even greater than our own to meet face to face. We may wish to know God; it seems even more true for God that he wishes to know us.

As we sing each week, "O come, O come, Immanuel" we may imagine God singing in reply, "O come, O come, my beloved child."

God bless your Advent and Christmas time.

### Profound Thanks

Thank you to all who so graciously helped mark my 25th Anniversary as a priest of the Episcopal Church. I was truly surprised by the attention and fuss, and deeply touched by your kindness and affection. Thank you very much.



## Vestry positions are open for Nominations from Electors

The Nominating Committee of St. James is soliciting and encouraging nominations from qualified parish electors for four Vestry members to serve a three year term beginning February 2011.

### THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee consists of the Rector and those Vestry members whose term of office expires at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on February 6, 2011. The Nominating Committee this year is Peter Seymour, Charleen Boyd & Mary Kay Chandler.

### SUBMISSION DETAIL

Nominations should be submitted directly to a member of the Nominating Committee by December 1, 2010.

Each nomination should be supported by the signatures of six parish electors (*see below*), as well as a statement that the nominee has agreed to serve. Self nominations are permitted with supporting signatures.

A short biographical sketch should also be attached with the nomination, including evidence of the candidate's active participation in the life of the parish.

### A QUALIFIED PARISH ELECTOR MUST BE:

- At least sixteen (16) years of age;
- A regular attendant of worship at St. James;
- Registered for the previous 60 days in the congregation as a baptized person or communicant;
- A regular financial contributor to the parish as verified by the records.

TO BE CONSIDERED AS A NOMINEE FOR THE VESTRY, A NOMINEE MUST:

- Be qualified as a parish elector and be at least eighteen (18) years old;
- Enjoy a reputation for active participation in the life of the parish;
- Be committed to principles of Christian stewardship and be willing to participate actively in the stewardship program of the parish;
- Be willing to work to build consensus even while representing a particular voice or point of view.

### TIMELINE & CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEES

In December, the Nominating Committee will begin consideration of all nominations. After the December Vestry meeting, the list of qualified nominees, their biographical sketches, and their answers to specific questions regarding their call to serve on the Vestry will be published.

Nominations will be closed eighteen (18) days prior to the Annual Meeting to be held on February 6, 2011. Election of the qualified nominees shall be by ballot at the Annual Meeting, in accordance with Diocesan Canons and the St James By-laws.

### DELEGATES FOR THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The Nominating Committee will also nominate people to serve as delegates for the Diocesan convention in February, 2012. Any qualified parish electors who are interested in being a delegate (must be at least 16 years of age) for the 2012 convention should contact a member of the Nominating Committee. (*See below*).

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION

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Randal Gardner (858) 459-3421

## OCTOBER VESTRY NOTES

By Charleen Boyd, Jr. Warden

The Minutes were approved and the final version of the lease on St. James Hall was approved. The Financial Statements were received. Authorization was given to accept the E. Moore bequest.

The annual meeting was set for February 6, 2011.

The Women of St. James reported that the net income from the White Elephant sale was over \$38,000.

Stewardship campaign was discussed. It was reported that over 80 *Estimate of Giving* forms had been received. It was emphasized that there is a continued need to raise funds to cover the expenses for this year and next year.

Designated giving was discussed and information will be available in December 2010.

A bequest from the estate of Roger Craig was accepted and will be allocated to facility improvements.

The Nominating Committee was appointed and nominations will be solicited for the vestry seats open in 2011.

The next vestry meeting is December 28th.



## A Pastoral Conversation with John Polkinghorne

By Chris Bernard, Pastor for Youth & Families

**Lesslie Newbigin has been one of the loudest voices critiquing the effect of Western culture on Christianity, saying that the West has embraced of a classically heretical nature - where we all become our own judge and discerners of what is and isn't theologically true. Is it appropriate to maintain this nature or is there a more compelling posture we should take in moving from faith to understanding?**

I think all of us wrestle with issues of faith and understanding. But we have to seek to make the understanding of other people, people of other generations, our own and in our own way. We are not simply asked to sign up for some sort of unquestionable account of the past. We have to make these things our own. But we also need help and insight from other people of other generations in doing just that.

Take the concept of the church, the body of Christ. We seek understanding our confession of the creeds, but we say "We Believe..." That it's just not that "I believe" is very important.

We certainly need the help and support of other people. None of us knows enough about these things to do it on our own.

**What are some of the intriguing story lines in Christianity that you are compelled by? That you find life giving and interesting?**

At the heart of Christianity lies a very exciting idea that the infinite God who is difficult for us finite beings to think about, has acted to make God's nature known clearly and accessibly by living a human life in Jesus Christ. If you want to know if God cares for individual people, we ask ourselves if Jesus cared for the people's needs that came across his path. The answer obviously is

"Yes, he did."

So at the center of Christianity lies this revelatory aspect. And also in Christ we see God sharing in human life. And clearly sharing in the suffering in human life. And so God is not this imaginative spectator, way up in the safety of heaven. When we see the cross of Christ, we see God's arms stretched out to embrace and sharing in the suffering of the world. For me, that is a very powerful, and indeed very helpful insight about God and the world. And so there is an enormous excitement in Christian belief, I think, an enormous profundity and satisfaction in the ideas it presents.

**It seems that some of the most basic truths of the Christian faith are the things that inspire you the most and continue to inspire you. How do you maintain this second naiveté in the midst of so much theological work, so much scientific study, and such a rich life in pastoral work? How do you maintain that sense of awe?**

I think one has to be aware of it and not be so busy that you lose sight of what you are actually trying to do. And obviously, a prayerful side of life is very important in this respect and to have life where there is some period of silent reflection. You are not just chatting away at things all the time. As an Anglican priest, I say the daily office of course, and I find that extremely helpful to frame my day - to read the psalms and read the scriptures, to praise God and to pray. These remind you of these things in the midst of the bustle of life. And so that is what is really important for me - to have some sort of rule of life, some sort of order, in one's spiritual life is important and necessary.

John Polkinghorne is a particle physicist, an Anglican priest, a Templeton Prize winner, author of over 30 books, former President of Queens College at Cambridge University, and has been knighted by Queen Elizabeth.

During the recent H. Orton Wiley Lecture Series at Point Loma Nazarene College, we interviewed Prof. Polkinghorne on pastoral work.

**What do you see as some of the pastoral responsibilities churches have to this developing conversation between science and religion?**

I don't think it is the job of the pastor to impose questions on people. But I do think it is the job of the pastor to be sensitive. And when they see their people are perhaps concerned about issues of science, I think they should take some initiative in explaining to them that both disciplines are in search for truth. Science does give us some of the truth, just not all of it. And religious people serving the God of truth should not fear truth from whatever source it comes.

But I do think a lot of people are sometimes shy about raising doubt, difficulties, or uncertainties with their pastors. They feel like they might be shot down or something like that. I think one has to be prepared to address their concerns with a great sense of sensitivity.

## DECEMBER LUNCH BUNCH A Festive Christmas Lunch with Steve Townsend Wednesday Noon, December 15

Don't miss the festive Christmas Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, December 15 at 12 noon.

Once again our always-in-tune Steve Townsend has generously agreed to bring us not only joyful Christmas music with Martha Jane and Walter Du Melle, but also his eagerly awaited Christmas Quiz. We love having our memories and our imaginations teased to elicit our best guesses to his thought-provoking questions. And, of course, we won't forget those Girard Gourmet holiday cookies!

Lunch is \$7.00. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet after Church, or call the Office by noon on the Monday before (Dec. 13) of the event.

## ST. JAMES GIFT SHOP NEWS

### Book signing, Thursday, Dec. 9 at 4 pm

*By Karen Fast, Manager*

The Gift Shop started the Christmas season with a fantastically successful Open House on November 7. In keeping with the other shops in La Jolla, we donated 10% of our sales that day to a charity, ours being Dorcas House. \$420 will keep the Foster Home running for another day. The staff is very proud of our hard work.

Stop by the La Valencia Hotel and check out our new display window. This has proven to be a great new avenue of advertising for the Shop.

Our Holiday Hours in December are 9 AM to 6 PM. Thursday nights the Gift Shop will be open until 8 PM.

Please plan to do your Christmas shopping in the relaxed, beautifully decorated, St. James Gift Shop, helping us to support our church's outreach programs. This year we even have a train to be enchanted with.

From angels to nativities, candles to old fashioned German lace handkerchiefs, jewelry, toys and awesome books, we have it all!

Visit our web site at [stjamesgiftshop.com](http://stjamesgiftshop.com). We wish you all the merriest of seasons!

ST. JAMES GIFT SHOP presents a book signing and

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## Women's Dinner Group

### The Rev. Suzi Holding—“Pregnant with Possibility: Advent Spirituality for Our Life's Journey”

Tuesday, December 7

6 pm—8:30 pm -

Van Schaick Room

*Bring a gift for the Advent Baby Shower!*



We have invited Suzi Holding from the San Diego Diocese to speak to us as we continue our theme, *Getting to Know Our Neighbors*”

The Rev. Canon Suzann Holding spent 17 years in the corporate world in various marketing and management positions after graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Master of International Management. After discerning a call to ordained ministry she received the Master of Divinity degree. She is currently working on a Doctor of Ministry degree.

Ordained to the priesthood in 1999 in Chicago, she served as Assistant to the Rector at Trinity Episcopal Church in Wheaton, IL. She became Priest-in-Charge, then Rector, at Our Saviour in Elmhurst, IL, establishing financial self sufficiency, while growing membership and programs. In 2009 she was named Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese of San Diego, with the responsibility for “congregational development, transition ministry, clergy support and development, and shared ministry.”

Canon Holding was widowed in 2007 after 25 years of marriage to Bruce Holding. She has two adult children, Mallory and Michael, and a puppy, Lucy.

Our dinner is \$15, catered by Girard Gourmet. If it is your first time...please let us know and your dinner is on us. Sign up after the services on Sunday, online, or call the office. The office number is 858 459-3421.

### Advent Baby Shower—bring a gift to the Women's Dinner and help Refugee Mothers

This is also the evening you can contribute unwrapped gifts of disposable diapers, new layette items, clothing, books, and toys for infants, toddlers, and children through size 6X. We will take them to the *Advent Baby Shower* at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church on Saturday, December 18. The gifts help refugees and Episcopal Community Services.

## Youth Notes

By Chris Bernard, Pastor for Youth & Families

### December Calendar

- Dec. 1, 8, and 15: *How Many Creations are There?* - Advent Series on Wednesdays at 6PM.  
Supper & program (please RSVP).  
Dec. 12: Christmas Party at the Coburn House  
Dec. 18: Pageant Rehearsal, 9 am  
Dec. 19: Christmas Pageant at the 10 am service  
Dec. 21: Episcopal Night at the Nutcracker  
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Services— 3, 5, and 8 pm  
Dec. 26: No Sunday School— **one Service at 9 am**  
January 2: No Sunday School

### Youth Christmas Party: December 12 @ 4PM

This year, we are going to be having our annual Christmas Party at Bob and Midge Coburn's House in La Jolla. And as usual, we will be doing a White Elephant Gift Exchange.

While it's hilarious to give someone a weird present, let's make sure that Garret doesn't get another yam. Remember, a White Elephant is that thing in your parents garage that hasn't been used for 20 years and no one will buy at a garage sale. Think of the pink, plastic flamingo you roll your eyes at whenever you see it.

### Heroes

Every so often, there is a person who is so inspired, moved, and changed by Jesus that they literally transform the world around them. For the month of December, we will be sharing the stories that highlight some of the most favored saints of our beloved communion.

As we transition to the new 9 o'clock education hour, we will have a combined class filled with conversation, sacred questioning, and doughnuts.

## HELP THE ELEPHANT ORPHANS

Do you have room in your heart - more importantly, in your garage - to take in a shoe rack or two and / or a bookcase. These items have been faithful White Elephant servants holding the shoes and books year after year. Now, their home between sales is no longer available due to the Hall rental. If you are called to help them, please talk to Lyn 858-246-6237. The Elephant thanks you for your help.

## Children's Ministries Notes

By Amanda Davis, Pastor for Children's Ministries

It's hard to believe that Advent is already upon us...the Fall has flown by! It's almost time for our youngest parishioners to transform into sheep, angels, stars, and shepherds.

As we launch into this joyful but busy season, please make a note of the following important dates.

### Saturday, December 18— Christmas Pageant

**MANDATORY REHEARSAL** for our annual Christmas Pageant. All children who wish to participate in the December 19 performance must meet in the **Van Schaick room at 9 am on Saturday, December 18.**

### Sunday, December 19

The Fourth Sunday of Advent! We will present our Annual Christmas Pageant to the congregation during the 10:00am service in lieu of regular Sunday school classes. All kids report to the Van Schaick room at 9:00am!

### December 24

Come celebrate Christmas Eve with the whole family at our joyous, family-friendly 3 pm service!

**Would you like to get involved with the Pageant? Do you have questions? Contact Mandy Davis Wischkaemper at 858-459-3421, ext. 108 or [amanda.davis@sjbts.org](mailto:amanda.davis@sjbts.org)**

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### ST. JAMES GIFT SHOP (Continued from page 6)

talk with author Blayne Colmore. Join us in the Van Schaick room on **Thursday, December 9 at 4 pm** as Blayne shares with us his new book, *Meander-Wooing Miss Maudie*. A wine and cheese fellowship reception will follow in the Gift Shop.

(*excerpted from the book*) Maudie, daughter of the president of the African nation of Zimbabwe meets Oscar, the son of an American Episcopal priest and discovers that even the most powerful love can't always overcome life's demands. Their already complicated love affair is challenged by historical circumstance as Zimbabwe plummets into poverty and chaos.

## St. James Music Series

Tickets? Now Available on-line



### **Aulos Ensemble**      Saturday, Dec. 11, 4 pm

*"There are minds and hearts at work here...  
leaves you smiling and uplifted"*

The St. James Music Series continues on Saturday, December 11 at 4 pm with a performance by **the Aulos Ensemble**. This five-person instrumental group (flute, oboe, violin, cello, viola da gamba and harpsichord) formed at New York's famed Juilliard School is known around the world for their uncompromising interpretation of Baroque music, and provides a rare opportunity for San Diegans to experience pieces masterfully played on period instruments.

Along with all the other things it is, Christmas is one of the best excuses ever devised for making music. From magnificent church motets to street corner carols, the holiday resounds with the harmonies of good cheer. The Baroque era, with its Christmas oratorios and Christmas concertos, was particularly rich in musical observances of the holiday. The French, with their attraction to all things pastoral and their predilection for instruments like the musette (a form of bagpipe commonly associated with shepherds) made a uniquely colorful contribution to this literature.

The Aulos Ensemble will present a celebration of French works from the period, some with obvious references to the season and others that simply radiate the conviviality and high spirits that we associate with Christmas.

Tickets may be purchased on-line at [www.sjbts.org](http://www.sjbts.org) or for more information please call 858 459-3421 X109.

## "Reading Scripture through Other Eyes"



## Trinity Institute Comes to St. James

January 20 and 21, 2011

This year, St. James is partnering with the Trinity Institute to offer our diocese an opportunity to participate in this year's conference, entitled *"Reading Scripture through Other Eyes."*

Join us on January 20 and 21 for two days of presentations from Walter Brueggemann, Mary Gordon, Teresa Okure, Gerald West, and Steed Davidson, and conversations with people all over the San Diego diocese.

In 1967, The Rev. John Butler sensed a need for a different kind of contemporary engagement with faith. As Rector of Trinity Wall Street in Manhattan, he appointed The Rev. Dr. Robert E. Terwilliger to be the first director of the Trinity Institute. Together, they created an annual conference centered on offering important contributions to address societal problems.

Since then, the Trinity Institute has been the home of some of the most fruitful conversations throughout the Episcopal Church. They have addressed issues of race, economics, art and culture, violence, sustainability, and reconciliation. They have been the platform for people like Frederick Buechner, Maya Angelou, and Desmond Tutu, to speak openly about how faith interacts with global difficulties.

**The cost to attend is \$40 for both days. The cost includes food.**

**Please register by January 7, 2011 to Chris Bernard at the office: 858 459-3421 x120**

# The Secret Life of Our Parishioners

By Sue Adams, Minister of Communications & Programs

**Who: Dr. Fred Boynton**

**Secret Life? It's really secret...**

It certainly seems that God has been leading us into a conversation about Science and Religion recently with the San Diego visit of Sir/Rev. John Polkinghorne (Physicist and Anglican Priest), and our Advent program "How Many Creations Are There?" on Wednesday evenings at St. James with Dr. Fred Boynton. I had decided to interview Fred, and ran into him at the Polkinghorne lecture...but, of course. "I am hoping for a few good quotes from Polkinghorne," said Fred.

His upcoming Wednesday evening Advent program is based on essay stimulated by a discussion with Father Waddy, and reflects his long-time and childhood interest in the celestial world of astronomy. "As a youngster I read 'The Mysterious Universe' by the British astrophysicist, Sir James Jeans. It sparked something in me...I was ready to be an astrophysicist, but my father discouraged me with the comment that there's "not much money in astronomy." Dr. Boynton opted for a career as a chemical engineer, studying chemistry at Wesleyan University, receiving a M.S. in Chemical Engineering at Stanford, and a PhD from Wayne State University.

Sitting in his beautiful and gracious home in La Jolla, overlooking an expanse of ocean, it seems his father gave his son good and considered advice.

Fred came from a family of longtime Episcopalians. "My great grandfather and my grandfather went to Trinity Church in Highland Park, Illinois, near Chicago. My grandfather, as treasurer, used to disturb the elder ladies

by his habit of stuffing his pockets with the Sunday offerings."

While at studying Chemistry at Wesleyan he attended church services, selecting several religion classes as elective courses. I asked him if his education in science or religion ever caused him to have doubts about his faith.

"Doubts come with the territory. As a little kid I considered the idea of evolution and its conflict with the stories of the Bible. But at some point you outgrow that conflict. In Quantum mechanics you learn that particles are waves and particles at the same time. From our experience it doesn't seem to make sense, but it's still true. We learn that there is no conflict. Something can be both things at the same time."

"There are good scientists that are atheists. They are so geared to a scientific world view they don't have a need for religion. For instance, Pierre-Simon, marquis de Laplace, (French mathematician and astronomer whose work was pivotal to the development of mathematical astronomy and statistics) when asked by Napoleon why his book on the universe contained no mention of the Creator, Laplace, answered, 'I had no need of that hypothesis.'" Fred smiled. "It seems to me that this is a rather stoical view of life."

"At a time I suffered depression I found myself praying for help. I don't know if it is God acting or a programmed and inborn survival characteristic to look to God...all I know is there is something, something in my mind." He added, "You do know that science cannot prove that God exists...or does not exist."

He said it was a surprise to find himself working in the aerospace field. In his twenties he interned at Convair,

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Wednesday Evening Advent Series

Dr. Fred Boynton

**How Many Creations are There?**



**Wednesdays, December 1, 8, & 15**  
**6 PM SUPPER**  
**6:45-8:30 PM PROGRAM**  
**VAN SCHAICK ROOM**  
**RSVP to the office or sign up after the services**

The old, rigid debates and boundaries B science versus religion, science versus the arts, science versus traditional ethics B are no longer enough. We should be impatient with them. We need a wider, more generous, more imaginative perspective. Richard Holmes

## Community Building at St. James

### *The Secret Life of Our Parishioners, continued*

problem-solving rocket exhaust plumes. After Stanford he he was hired by Convair to continue working on this interesting problem. "The first two Atlas rockets failed because of the heat caused by the plumes. NASA asked us to define the radiant heat of the exhaust gas." He worked with Alex Thomson, who he considers his technical mentor. "I saw Alex do things that everyone thought no one could do."

Solving that problem led to the success of the space program, and an early warning system still in place. "Satellite sensors can identify a plume from space, tracking any ballistic launch, and giving us more time to respond."

The pinnacle of his career? "I started working on a problem about 14 years ago. It was a new problem that grew in scope. We took it to a point, then others took it on, and now I find it really satisfying to have been on the ground floor of this work." When I asked for a description of the problem, he just succinctly said, "Can't."

Truly Fred has led a secret life. "That's the problem in the Defense business. The world may not know your accomplishments, only your colleagues do. Nature has no secrets—it's people who have secrets."

Although his work has been full of satisfying challenges and accolades within the community, it is clear that love of family, music, and sailing has given balance to his life. When his parents retired to San Diego, he chose to go to Stanford to be closer to them, spending the summers and vacations in San Diego. When he began a career at Convair, he became a member of *The San Diego Bachelor's Club*, where he met the lovely Beverly and married her two years later. (She is a delightful and gracious person, deserving a full interview on her accomplishments and contributions.) Together they raised two sons—who have given them four grandsons under the age of seven. He is the consummate granddad...When I called, he was busy playing hide and seek. .

He loves to sail. Not only did he compete in the single-handed class in the 1964 Olympic Trials in Long Beach, but organized the event.



Fred is here!

"I was so tired, I finished last!" He often sailed with the family, and inherited his father's ketch. After his dad's death, in honor of him, Fred sailed to San Francisco with a crew, including two St. James members, Mike Wood and Jane Coursin.

When he and Beverly first came to La Jolla, they attended La Jolla Presbyterian Church. "Louis Evans was movie-star handsome and a great preacher. But when we

moved to Detroit for my doctorate in Chemical Engineering, we attended Grace Cathedral Episcopal Church. Beverly became an Episcopalian and was confirmed there. When we returned to San Diego, of course we came to St. James."

Fred joined the choir, living out another life-long love—singing and music. "Steve Townsend has led the choir for about 16 years. Being here so long I've worked with at least two of his predecessors." His participation as a bass singer ("the lowest of the low" as he calls his voice) has given him such a body of choral work that he cannot even guess at his favorite piece.

"Singing is therapeutic. It takes time, discipline, working together, and blending together, to make a sound that is pleasant for others to listen to."

To my mind, this comment illuminated Dr. Boynton's entire life. This self-professed 'lone wolf' has achieved an enviable balance and blend of family, community, work, sports, creativity, and commitment to science and his Christianity.

I think we can consider his life "*an Elegant Equation.*"



*Dr. Boynton in procession, at the visit of the Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori*

# Treasurer's Report & Advertising

## THE TREASURER'S CORNER

Giving began to move toward better posture in October, and the church received a couple of nice bequests from Roger Craig and Eleanor Moore. The first income from the Hall Rental was received but is offset by the commissions and building repairs that are part of the arrangement. Every year the church depends on the added generosity of members in November and December to balance the budget, and this is especially true this year.

	Budget	Actual	+/-
<b>Giving Income</b>	510,882.00	552,796.83	(41,914.83)
<b>Other Income</b>	182,453.00	147,194.11	35,258.89
<b>Investment Income</b>	229,256.00	264,483.30	(35,227.30)
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	(1,028,407.60)	(1,085,547.21)	57,139.61
<b>Shortfall</b>	(105,816.60)	(121,072.97)	15,256.37

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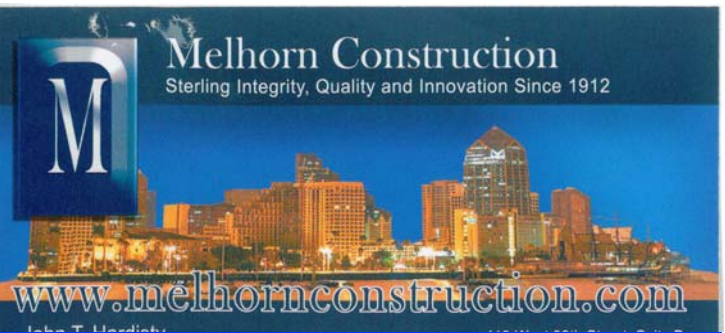


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Among the signs of Christ's love for us is healing, and the spiritual gift of Christ's healing presence is part of the church's life in every place and every age.

**On December 5th a brief healing service will follow the ten o'clock service, beginning about 11:20.**

The people gathered will begin with common prayers, and then each individual in need of healing will have a few minutes with one of our members, Robert Orphey, who has shown the evidence of the gift of healing. Those who wish to come and pray for healing in others are welcome to attend.

The service will take place at the front of the main church.

**Christmas Eve Services**

**Friday, Dec. 24**

**3 pm—Family Service  
5 & 8 pm — Holy Communion  
Rite II, w/ choir**

**Christmas Day  
Saturday, Dec. 25**

**11 am—Holy Communion Rite II  
w/ choir**

**Christmas I  
Sunday, Dec. 26**

**9 am—Holy Communion Rite II,  
soloist only**