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PARISH TO CELEBRATE 39TH ANNUAL MEETING ON FEB. 6

The **39th Annual Meeting** will be held in Luther Hall following the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist and a pot-luck luncheon on Sunday, February 6. The Annual meeting is a time when reports covering the year past are made to the parish, the Vestry reports on the 2005 Budget which was passed by the Vestry in late December, and elections are held for open seats on the vestry and on St. Bede's representation to the Convention of the Diocese of Los Angeles.

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 pot-luck 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:

7-9, main course — 0, bread — 1-2, salad — 3-4, vegetable — 5-6, dessert

LENT IS EARLY THIS YEAR PARISH ACTIVITIES BEGIN

Christmas & New Year's are barely a memory, but **LENT IS HERE!** Ash Wednesday will be celebrated by two services on Feb. 9 — one at Noon and one at 7 p.m. To prepare, the previous day (Shrove Tuesday) will feature a pancake dinner hosted by the Brothers of Bede from 6-7 p.m. The cost is \$3/person and \$10/family. Starting on Feb. 16, a soup dinner will be held in Luther Hall at 6.15 p.m. preceding the weekly 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing Service. The Wednesday evening forum this year will use the VIA MEDIA program (described elsewhere). We need people to volunteer for the Noonday prayers on Wednesdays and Fridays and Saturdays so that our Lenten Prayer will be daily.

THE NEXT TIME THE PARISH HOLDS A SEMINAR ON WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING, JUMP AT THE CHANCE...IT MAY BE

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THIS MONTH

The Arrival of
VIA MEDIA
39th Annual Meeting
Rector's Column—
Jesus calls us, holds us
& sends us
February Birthdays

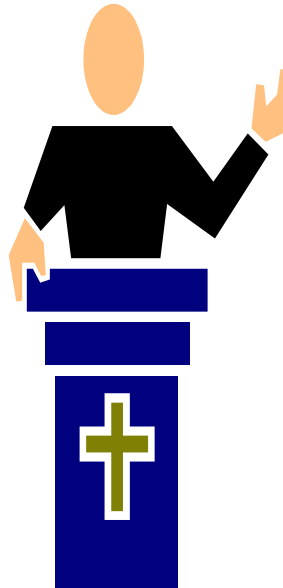
CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

On Sunday, Feb. 6 we will elect three members of the **Vestry**. The next Saturday, all the Vestry will spend the day attending the annual planning retreat (this year in Pasadena). The following day, new vestry members and officers will be instituted at the services (along with the representatives to the Diocesan Convention and the officers of the St. John's Guild, the Sisters of Bede and the Brothers of Bede).

The members of the Vestry (and indeed any person commissioned to an office of ministry in the Church) are asked two questions:

1. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?
2. Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

"Diligence" means "conscientiousness in paying proper attention to a task; giving the degree of care required in a given situation". It means that jobs taken on to further God's mission are not taken on lightly or without thought and prayer. They are not taken on to glorify oneself. They



are not taken on because no one else would do them. They are taken on as calling, as vocation, as mission.

"Faithfully...reverently...to the honor of God...and the benefit of the members." That is a challenge! I remember one time in a Church meeting (a national body on which I served), I returned to a session to find that I had been asked to serve as the newsletter editor. I had neither the skills (this was before computers) or the time, but I said yes because I did not know what else to say. In the 3 months I held the job, I served without distinction or much success and only found myself angry and frustrated.

If we are called to a ministry of service, then we first must discover the gifts we have. A very shy person may not necessarily be the person to staff a church booth at the street fair, for example. Our service is not to gain power or get our way or grab glory. It is a way to spread the Reign of God. Many of us often forget that and equate position with power rather than service and sacrifice.

Lent is a time when we remember Jesus, the one who came to serve, not to be served. Lent is a time when we focus on the self-sacrifice of God. Lent is time when we think of the hymn, "What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown for my soul."

May your Lent be a time of prayer.

May your Lent be a time of journey.

May your Lent be a time of commitment to corporate worship.

May your Lent be a time for the discernment of gifts.

May your Lent be a time of taking on some thing — some goal or task or dream — which in some way allows God's Holy Spirit into your life more deeply or in some new way.

VITAL STATISTICS

Visitors:

Harvard & Helen Horiuchi

February Birthdays:

James Kelley	02/02
Devon Jackson	02/03
Jackson Butts	02/12
Mary Peppers	02/13
Frances Knight	02/14
Marian Leng	02/24
Charles Raef	02/29

In Christ, **Jim Newman+**

ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL TO EXPLORE QUESTIONS OF FAITH IN A COMMUNITY

St. Bede's Episcopal Church is announcing a new contemporary series of faith-based courses starting in early February this year – one class on Wednesday, Feb. 9 and one on Tuesday, February 15. In recent months, the Episcopal Church has been making headlines globally and locally. The increasing amount of tension in relation to the actions of The General Convention around the full inclusion of all people symbolized by the consecration of Bishop Gene Robinson has created a buzz within the Church, as well as in the larger community.

In response to the attention, St. Bede's Episcopal Church is offering a series of eight Christian education courses called Via Media. The program is focused on continuing the conversation, and it's open to anyone who has ever been curious or interested in the Episcopal/Anglican tradition. Our objective is to create an open and inclusive environment that appeals to people wondering about The Episcopal Church or St. Bede's Episcopal Church, as well as our existing congregation members. We encourage people to bring their ideas and questions, and we'll provide the informational resources and a place to exchange your thoughts and voice your opinions.

Over a period of eight weeks, St. Bede's Episcopal Church invites those seeking a spiritual community to enter both the journey and the conversation.

Using a combination of learning styles which includes video, written materials, small group discussion, and large group forum, a group of people encounter the basic principles of Christianity through the Anglican approach of Scripture, Tradition, and Reason. All people are encouraged to ask questions, and to learn how to answer their own questions of faith.

“This is an excellent forum for people coming into the Episcopal Church, people returning to the Church, people interested in the Church, and people simply trying to understand basic Christianity,” said Jim Newman, our Rector. “We assume we know much more than we really do. This is ‘Episcopal Church 101.’”

FEBRUARY LESSONS

SUNDAYS

February 6, Last Sunday aft. Epiphany (Canon Newman)
Exodus 24.12-18; Ps. 2; 2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9

February 13, Lent 1 (Canon Newman)
Genesis 2.15-17,3.1-17; Ps. 32; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11

February 20, Lent 2 (Fr. Happ)
Genesis 12.1-4a; Ps. 121; Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17

February 27, Lent 3 (Mthr. Haynes)
Exodus 17.1-17; Ps. 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

WEDNESDAYS

2/2: The Presentation of Jesus Christ (Canon Newman)
Ps. 84.1-6; Malachi 3.1-4; Hebrews 12.14-18; Luke 2.22-40

2/9: ASH WEDNESDAY (Canon Newman)
Joel 2.1-2,12-17; Ps. 103.8-14; 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10; Matthew 6.1-6,16-21

2/16: Ember Day (Canon Newman)
Ps. 99; Num. 11.16-17,24-29; 1 Corinthians 3.5-11; John 4.31-38

2/23: St. Matthias (Mthr. Haynes)
Ps. 15; Acts 1.15-26; Philippians 3.13-21; John 15.1,6-16

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SERVICES & CLASSES

SUNDAYS: 8 am, Holy Eucharist (no music)
10 am, Church School & Nursery
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer

TUESDAYS: 9 am, Breakfast, Morning Prayer & Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS: 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class

BREAKFAST & BIBLE

*A weekly class — beginning with breakfast — which previews
the lessons for the upcoming Sunday.*

February 1 — (N. Holly & M. Leng, hosts)
February 8 — (I. Klem & L. Jennison, hosts)
February 15 — (J. Newman & R. Jayne, hosts)
February 22 — (J. Young & R. Miller, hosts)

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM

Feb. 2 : A 1st Look at Scandinavia with Fr. Jim

Feb. 9, 16 & 23: **VIA MEDIA**

ST. BEDE'S VESTRY & STAFF

RECTOR: The Very Rev. Canon James Newman

ASSISTANT: The Rev. Argola Haynes

ASSISTING: The Rev. Giles Asbury,
the Rev John Hancock, the Rev. Howard Happ, Ph.D.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Mr. Frank Basile

SEXTON: Mr. Masoud Jamneshan

VESTRY

Mike Olsen ['06] - Senior Warden

Annette Graw ['07] - Junior Warden

Kyle Ferstead—Clerk

Tom Ledsam—Treasurer

Gordon Fuglie ('05) Michael Gallagher ['07]

Edmonde Haddad ['07] Ina Klem ['06]

Samira Tamer ('05) Jerry Hornof ['05]

Joelle Underwood ('06)

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION

Angus Mackay (D)/Frank Basile (A) - ('06)

Annette Graw (D)/Kyle Ferstead (A) - ('05)