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MAY FORUM: PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

St Bede's is delighted to welcome Judy and Don Bustany to our Rector's Forum on Sunday, May 1. Frequent visitors to Jerusalem, the Occupied Territories of the West Bank and Gaza, and to Israel, the Bustany's are familiar with the good work of the Episcopal Church in that very troubled part of the world. Judy has written and spoken extensively on the painful humanitarian issues faced daily by the Palestinian people.

Don is a retired television producer who for many years has hosted the weekly program, "Middle East Focus," which airs every Wednesday evening at 8 on KPFK-FM, Pacifica Radio here in Southern California.

The Bustany's will speak at the Rector's Forum at 9:00am and will also address our Parish during the 10:00 o'clock service. Please join us for what surely will be a thoughtful and informative program.

PATRONAL FEAST TO INCLUDE MUSIC, MEETING & LAMB

Poor Bede's feast day falls on May 25th — so he always gets moved around so that the Parish can justify another party. This year, the Patronal celebration will be held on Sunday evening, May 22nd. The evening will begin with a Choral Evensong led by Frank Basile and the St. Bede's choir. They will be featuring the music of C. V. Stanford and Ralph Vaughn Williams.

Following the Evensong, the congregation will remain in the sanctuary to have a brief special meeting of the parish. This is necessitated by the need to adopt new Articles of Incorporation and to make several amendments to the parish By-Laws. Copies of the proposed actions will be available from May 1st. This should last no longer than 15 minutes!!!

Food will follow the Evensong in the Parish Hall. Canon Newman will be deciding what to do to Lamb (even though it is after the Great 50 Days of Easter). Many diverse beverages will be available and there will be a surprise or two at the dinner!!

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THIS MONTH

Rector's Column
 Don & Judy Bustany
 Patronal events
 May Birthdays
 and Baptisms

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED TO PAY YOUR PLEDGE???
ST. BEDE'S OPERATES ON A VERY TIGHT BUDGET

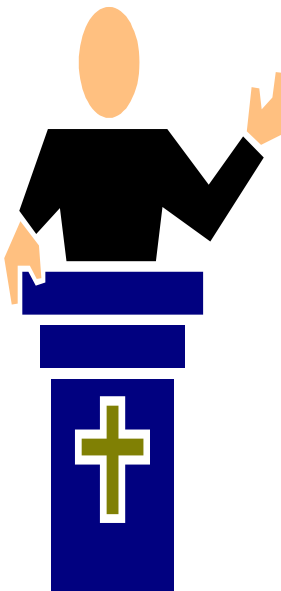
CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

Dear Friends in Christ:

The Easter Season is almost over. Pentecost this year comes two weeks before the Memorial Day start of our summer mentality.

For me it has been an extremely busy spring. In two months, I will lead almost fifty people on a two-week pilgrimage to the heart of Orthodox Christianity—the state of Russia. We are just finishing up the work around the visa applications as I write this. After all this, I truly understand why the tour company gives the leader a free trip!

We have also had a most successful Spring Cleaning event. All of the storage areas have been cleaned and pictures long sitting on shelves have been framed and hung. My goal between now and Labor Day is to lead



the effort to finish the cleaning, filing, throwing and renovation of the offices.

We have also ordered both the east clerestory windows and the remaining items needed to complete the plans for the sanctuary as planned in the Second Century Fund. Moreover, we have let out bids for Luther Hall and we hope to have that work done by October 31st.

After Labor Day, we will have another opportunity to learn about the Episcopal Church using the Via Media materials — this time after Church on Sundays. We hope that some may be led to Baptism or Confirmation or Reception when the Bishop visits.

All of that is to be done and ready for the Visitation of Bishop Chester Talton on All Saints' Sunday—November 6. What a day that will be with many things to bless and recognize in the life of our parish.

VITAL STATISTICS

Visitors:

Holly & Bennie Harris, William Dell, the Reddell family, Lois Cunningham, Dorothy & Lloyd Moote

Confirmations:

4/23: Yoshitaka Luke Mutoh, Reed Wilson

Death

March 9: Nancy Elwood (Memorial on April 6, 2005)

May Anniversaries:

Pammela & Andrew Jackson	05/04
Kyle Ferstead & Kelly Robertson	05/12
Mike & Sandy Olsen	05/21

May Birthdays:

Dorothy King	05/01
Kelly Robertson	05/10
Jeannette Young	05/10
Joe Hartley	05/10
Seth Neilson	05/10
Jerry Hornof	05/17
Roger Jayne	05/18
Howard Happ	05/20
Wesley Hartley	05/23
Argola Haynes	05/24
Bradford Smith	05/27

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Another event to plan ahead for is the Fall Retreat at Mt. Calvary — the Holy Cross Retreat Center in Santa Barbara. As usual, this will be held on the last weekend of October from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch. The cost is \$175. Advanced registration is mandatory — we need your decision by mid-summer before we release some of the rooms we are holding. Please note the sign-up form in the narthex. If you have signed up, please remember that payment is due when you sign up.

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I hope that everyone now adopts a bit of the gardens to take care of. Much has been accomplished recently. If we all work together, we will keep St. Bede's a beautiful place and a welcoming place.

In Christ, **Jim Newman+**

WHAT IS PARISH DISCERNMENT??

by Canon Newman

Recently someone I do not know e-mailed me with the question, "I'm interested in becoming an Episcopal Minister could you please advise me on the requirements." That was a startling question from someone I did not know. My response, "Where do you worship?"

In one sense, if a person takes his or her baptismal promises seriously, they are by definition taking their ministry as a baptized person seriously [see the Baptismal Covenant on pp. 304-306 of the BCP]. One cannot seriously discern a possible ordained ministry until one discerns their primary ministry as a baptized Christian.

In the years I have been at St. Bede's, several people have been in the ordination process either as parishioners or interns or deacons (Robin Underhill, Gary London, Leng Lim, Argola Haynes, Pam Tyler, Holger Laske, Frank Basile, Vicki Mouradian, Michael Gallagher, & Mike Olsen). These people have been looking at their ministries, their calls, their vocations.

In each and every case, they have not been doing it by themselves. They have met with a Rector, a Bishop, a Discernment Committee, a Supervising Priest, a Mentor, a Commission on Ministry, a Standing Committee. In each case, the person has been affirmed in their call (or not) by an individual or committee. One does not just purchase a collar and a Bible and stand on a street-corner in our tradition. One is called not

only in their heart and mind but also in their place of worship and in their eucharistic community.

I have been but one of the "doorways" or "touch-points" that these people have had to deal with. Gone are the days when a (hopefully) wise old priest can have a talk with the bishop and send his protégé off to seminary.

At this time, our former intern Vicki is in the last two years of seminary. God willing she will be ordained a deacon in June, 2007. Michael Gallagher is at the beginning of his diaconal studies at the Episcopal Theological School at Claremont (ETSC). Mike Olsen is awaiting the final report of his parish discernment committee as he discerns his calling to the priesthood. He is taking some classes at ETSC in his "free time".

So, if someone asks you, "I'm interested in becoming an Episcopal Minister could you please advise me on the requirements.", take a big breath and ask them how much time they have....

I am honored to serve on both the Commission on Ministry and the Standing Committee. It is a very humbling to be in a position to "vote" on someone's qualifications and to help discern their call. If you wish to know more about this, talk to Mike (Olsen, Gallagher or Mullins) or Kyle Ferstead.

MAY LESSONS

SUNDAYS

May 1, Easter 6 (8: Canon Newman; 10: D. & J. Bustany)
Acts 17.22-31; Ps. 66.7-18; 1 Peter 3.13-22; John 14.15-21

May 8, Easter 7 (Fr. Happ)
Acts 1.6-14; Ps. 68.1-10,33-36; 1 Peter. 4.12-14 & 5.6-11; John 17.1-11

May 15, Pentecost (Canon Newman)
Acts 2.1-21; Ps. 104.25-35,37b; 1 Cor. 12.3b-13; John 20.19-23

May 22, Trinity Sunday (Canon Newman)
Genesis 1.1-2.4a; Canticle 13; 2 Cor. 13.11-13; Matt. 28.16-20

May 29, Proper 4 (Mthr. Haynes) Gen. 6.9-22; 7.24; 8.14-19;
Ps. 46; Romans 1.16-17; 3.22b-28; Matthew 7.21-29

WEDNESDAYS

5/4: Ascension Day (eve) (Canon Newman)
Ps. 47; Acts. 1.1-11; Ephesians 1.15-23; Luke 24.44-53

5/11: Wed., Easter 7 (Canon Newman)
Ps. 68.28-36; Acts 20.28-38; John 17.11b-19

5/18: Ember Day (Fr. Hancock/Canon Newman)
Ps. 99; Numbers 11.16-17,24-29; 1 Cor. 3.5-11; John 4.31-38

5/25: Bede of Jarrow (Canon Newman)
Ps. 78.1-4; Wisdom 17.15-22; Matthew 13.47-52

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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.*

May 3: J. Dahler & A. Haynes
May 10: J. Fox, H. Haddad, M. Kosinski
May 17: J. Young, (at her residence)
May 24: N. Holly, M. Leng
May 24: I. Klem, L. Jennison

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM

May 4, 11, 18 & 25:
The Church's Teaching Series: **"Opening the Prayer Book"**
(Ch. 2,3,4 & 5)

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

FACILITIES MANAGER: Tom Ledsam

SEXTON: Mr. Masoud Janneshan

VESTRY

Mike Olsen ['06] - Senior Warden
Annette Graw ['07] - Junior Warden
Joelle Underwood ('06)—Clerk
Karen Kuchel & Paul Thompson—Treasurers
Susan Funk ('08) Michael Gallagher ['07]
Edmonde Haddad ['07] Jerry Hornof ['08]
Ina Klem ['06] Liz Mohler ('08)

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION

Angus Mackay (D)/Frank Basile (A) - ('06)
Kyle Ferstead (D)/Annette Graw (A) - ('07)