

ST. AIDAN'S

St. Aidan's Mission:

Spread the promise of Jesus Christ in and beyond our community through worship, education, and outreach.



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ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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NEWSLETTER
JULY 1, 2008

From the Rector's Desk

Funding Ministry and Mission: A Conversation with Diocesan Council

Our vestry was glad to have the offer of a frank conversation about the DPA with the Diocesan Council. These issues you raise have been on our minds and in our conversation for some years, here at St. Aidan's. We see this as a hopeful sign about an increased openness to hearing our truth and attention to healing of division.

I. Relationship with the Diocesan Budget and Process

We have concerns about the budget and the process used to achieve that budget. In the past few years, the process has been opaque and impenetrable to us, even our clergy and delegation. When initial input has been requested, we seem not to have been 'in the loop'. In the next stages, when a proposed budget is presented, our concerns as a convocation have been ignored or not taken to heart. (Funding for Rahab's Sisters comes to mind here). At another level, we were told outright that certain items "were off the table" for discussion. That seemed outrageous to most of us that we were not even allowed to consider certain large items on the budget. (The bishop and his staff salaries come to mind). We were also unable to get pertinent information when we needed it for our discussion at convocation meetings. In other words, input from our congregation and delegation was minimized or neutralized by confusion and petulance.

In the parish, there is a perception problem. Few in the parish concern themselves with the sausage making of the diocesan budget. The people in the pew see very little evidence that the 20% sent in benefits them. They understand the diocesan office provides services we all need, but they do not see much program. (We know the great value derived from help with insurance and payroll, for example). We also know that the bulk of the bishop's salary is covered by endowment income, while other salaries are paid for by other income, particularly DPA.

One of the things we do note is that there seem to be two worlds or two economies: One that governs the budget on the diocesan level and one that governs the budget on our local parish level. We scrimp and save to afford postage for shut-in mailings or colored paper for special events or notices. We can barely afford to fund any program locally, because the budget only stretches to pay part-time salaries and utilities. Meanwhile, we see little evidence of that kind of economizing on the part of the diocese, and that adds to the perception problem. When the last bishop made it known that all money received on the occasion of his visit should go to him, it made the PR job all but impossible.

The vestry has a sense that the diocese is just trying to afford more than it can afford. One mentioned the old say-

ing that we should "cut our garment according to our cloth" on the diocesan level as we do on the local level.

The fact that these comments are actually written is a sign that trust and reconciliation is our hope. We do not base this on our recent experience and our recent treatment; we base it on our conviction that the Christian message echos with justice and redemption.

II. Our experience with DPA

We have striven to pay every penny of our DPA since Fr. Scott Dolph became rector. The years prior to that were lean, indeed. St. Aidan's leadership thought long and hard about closing the doors. During that time, the DPA was in arrears into the \$40,000 range. The congregation members remember feeling harassed by the bishop and embarrassed to be a part of diocesan activities. A petition was made about 12 years ago, after having kept current for 2 years, to relieve that debt. That restored morale to a great degree, and DPA has been up to date until this year.

We understand that the diocese needs money to succeed in its mission. We also know that the parish is the place where most people establish a relationship with the church and with God. Yet, the 20% sent away is the margin that would otherwise be used for more program, materials and outreach. We feel we need to keep more money at the local level to maximize our effectiveness, help balance our budget and help morale.

One suggestion for changing the current model is to adjust the marginal categories for assessment. Perhaps the large churches are flush enough to continue with the 20% rate, but as we recognized a few years ago at Convention, parishes on the lower rungs cannot manage that level of giving. (The original plan, put into place a couple of decades ago, was never indexed for inflation, with the effect that nearly all congregations are assessed at the 20% rate, as the dollar has deteriorated.)

III. Our current situation

We are St. Aidan's currently behind in paying our DPA. It is a source of sadness and embarrassment for nearly all of us. Our pledges have not kept up with the cost of utilities and salaries over the past few years, resulting in our dipping into savings realized about 10 years ago. Some resist paying any money to the church if it will be assessed. (This is not out of animus for the larger church, just out of a sense that the money is needed here.) The savings are exhausted, except for restricted funds. We know we have company in being behind, but do not see that as a good thing.

We took pride in being current on DPA for over 13 years. It has cost us. The rector's salary has stayed at about the 75% stipend level his entire tenure, despite

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promises to raise it to full stipend, and despite his working full 'time'. Maintenance is not done in a timely basis, but goes from crisis to crisis. Programs suffer. Almost every other area of our common life has been restricted drastically because of our circumstances and our pledge to support our denomination. We also know we have company in this scenario.

Conclusion

We at St. Aidan's support efforts to rethink the Diocesan Budget from the bottom up, taking into consideration what we can manage. We support rethinking the process to allow real input from the convocation level, but do not have a particular process to recommend, except to suggest that the effort be more timely to allow input before things are cast in stone and to be better prepared to answer questions.

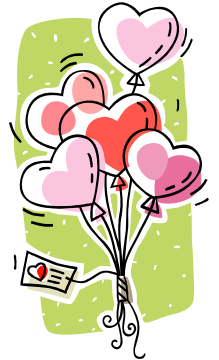
We strongly support rethinking the DPA system to lessen the burden on the smaller and medium local parish, even as we acknowledge that the shortfall will probably reduce diocesan support.

Attending to these issues now is of paramount importance, as we navigate our way to election of a new bishop. It would be unfortunate to bring someone in who would face this situation, with the size of the DPA burden unresolved, the poor perceptions, and all of the negative emotions of the past few years.

July

Happy Birthday — Age is opportunity no less,
Than youth itself, though in another dress,
And as the evening twilight fades away,
The sky is filled with stars, invisible by day.
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Morituri Salutamus

- 1 Bill Dunning
Elise Swan
- 15 Luella (Liz) Nysven
- 16 Deborah Hollingsworth
- 22 Kevin Gibler
- 20 Jamie Johnston
- 24 Mark Pinkerton
R.J. Gillespie
- 25 Rosanne Ashby
- 29 Charlotte Dennett
Shirley Pratt
Jennifer Norrish
- 31 Morgan McCoy



Booher Scholarship Seeks Recipients

The Endowment Trustees invite requests for Educational scholarships, drawn from the **Booher Memorial**. This fund was set up to honor **Bob** and **Zina Booher's** daughter, **Angie**, who died tragically in an automobile wreck. **Angie** was a student who enjoyed learning, following in the footsteps of her parents, whose educational interests include advanced degrees and teaching at the college level.

Any member of the congregation who is a student and who needs some financial support may apply. Apply in writing with a letter explaining the proposed area of study and any information that can help the Trustees decide how to award this scholarship. The awards in the past have ranged near 75 dollars, but the Trustees evaluate what amount to award based on the size of the corpus of the fund and the rules of the Endowment. Deadline for applying is August 1, so Trustees can make their recommendation to the Vestry to make the award in time for the school year.



TEAtime: A Cup of Friendship

Dear Ladies,

July's TEAtime will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2008, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the kitchen of Murdock Hall. How about a theme—All American/Red, White & Blue? Let's make it a picnic dinner event. I'll bring sandwiches and a dessert and, of course, the tea. Feel free to bring a treat to share. WE ESPECIALLY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ANY NEWCOMERS TO ST. AIDAN'S TO JOIN US. Any questions, please call Angie Groce at 503-665-8242.

Potluck Coffee Hour on July 6

You are asked to bring something for the Coffee Hour on Sunday July 6. We will not have regular coffee hour hosts that day. Cathy Hoyer will prepare coffee and beverages. Please remember to bring some goodies to share!



Someone said to me today that summer really doesn't begin until mid-July anyway. I bet this'll be one of those green-tomato summers. But our people have started traveling. **The McCoys** are back from ten days in Honolulu, where they attended the wedding of **Lori's** younger brother—and enjoyed the warmth of the place. They say it rained there too, though. Bummer. **Bill** and **Shirley Pratt** have been on a Mediterranean cruise. I've always thought that a cruise would be the way to go—sleep in the same bed every night, no lugging bags, and still see all the sights. Hope they had a swell time! **Jack Malcom** was on a trip to – I think Yugoslavia. He said he HAD to go, whatever that means. Hope it went well. **Jerry** and **Julie McGuire** just got back from their “trip of a lifetime” to Italy. Julie said she liked visiting Assisi the best—although St. Francis would probably not welcome the gorgeous church building and other ornamentation built on his behalf. Jerry is now back to teach summer school at Concordia University. **Sandy Cummins** has been out of town. **Janice Erickson** is back doing treasurer stuff after spending about three weeks tending to her triplet grandchildren in Bend while their mother was away. They grow up too fast, she says, as they are already ten years old, but they had a good time. If you have had a swell trip (or a lousy one) drop a note in the offering “**to the church mouse**” – and I'll spread the word. **Pauline Nolder** recently went back east to bury **Larry's** ashes. She said it was very good to see loved ones and put Larry to rest. Pauline is also looking forward to another try on hip replacement. This is the third attempt in about six years.

June Day is back to activity after having some surgery. She seems to be just fine. **Marlene Lucas** was out for a few weeks with bronchitis, but she and sis **Pat Ferguson** managed to go to St. Louis to see niece **Danielle** compete in a national track meet. Her event was triple jump. She also said how much they enjoyed seeing the St. Louis arch. **George DeWitz** is getting over some major eye surgery, but he's game to resume ushering and reading at the eight o'clock service. It's great to have another person to share some of the responsibility for helping with the worship—we can always use more helping hands at the altar and with the altar guild. **Marion Treviso** just had eye surgery for a cataract. I'm sure she's seeing more clearly now. They did a good job with coffee hour the week after the surgery. **Deacon Diana Starr-Salnavé** is still struggling with recovery from her surgeries and general poor health. We hope the warm weather helps her feel better. **Julie** and **Chuck Kyer** are spending more time on the road caring for her mother in Medford. **Joyce Robinson** is planning to spend some time with her brother who is in hospice in California, and some time with another brother in the northwest. **Fr. Hazelett** is caring for wife **Barbara**, who has been diagnosed with cancer. He also recently was invited to attend his former parish, St. James, Tigard, which celebrated its' fiftieth anniversary.

He saw lots of old associates and friends. We at St. Aidan's can look forward to such a gathering next summer. Wow! **FIFTY YEARS!** When I was talking with **Ken** and **Kathy Olsen**, who also winter in Arizona, they indicated that they had also attended the same church as **Fr. Hazelett** while they were in Arizona—only maybe not at the same time. Our sympathy is with Kathy whose brother-in-law died in an auto accident in April. They have been spending quite a bit of time assisting Kathy's sister, and seeing family at this difficult time. They also indicated that their granddaughter, **Mackenzie** just did her eighth grade commencement to start next year at Boring Middle School. They've had a busy time. Our sympathies are also with **Toni Gibler**, on the loss of her father in April. He had been in poor health; losing a parent is always difficult. She and **Floyd** drove back to South Dakota to attend services. And by the way, it's great to see their son **Kevin** helping with the ushering. Welcome aboard, **Kevin!** Also, I'm sure many of us remember **Lotta Chalfan**, who was so cheerful and full of energy. She also passed away in May, at age 100. Several of our parishioners were able to attend her funeral in Tigard. I'm also thinking of **LindaCarol McKinlay's** mom, **Liz Nysven**, who is now confined to her bed and requiring a lot of care. Our thoughts and prayers are with **Byron** and **LindaCarol** in giving her the extra care required even in an assisted living situation.

On a more cheerful note, we had a wonderful time at the Sunday School picnic on June 7. The food was great, and I enjoyed the different chili's. Thanks to **Shirley Vidito** and crew for helping make this happen. I had to wait awhile for my hamburger to get cooked—but that won't be a problem next time, since a friend of **June Day's** contributed another barbecue — the week following the picnic. That should help when it comes to church mass-in-the-grass and picnic time in August. It was also great to celebrate the inauguration of our kids' playground. Our thanks and gratitude go to **Mike Vidito** who did the lion's share of the putting the playground together. I hope it will be well-used! Also Mike and his sis, **Carolyn Eisensohn** were also the main support crew in getting our parish hall (Murdock Hall) painted for the first time in ages and ages. This paint job was paid for with the end of the money raised in our BUD (Building Development) Campaign last year. It was a good use of our building funds — and it looks GREAT! Thanks, Mike and Carolyn. Also on the parish level, an anonymous donor has given the church a gift of appreciated securities — a tax benefit for that person and a help to our financial situation, which is still rather precarious. We need to remember to keep our pledges up this summer! One other personal note: Welcome to the Lay Eucharistic Ministry, **Coleen Howard**. She will be helping **Deacon Jean** take home communion to some of our shut-ins. That's a wonderful ministry. I am reminded of something I learned when I was still in my teens: **“I am only one, but I AM one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something, and what I can do, by the grace of God, I WILL do.”** Until next month - CM

Intercessions	Lectionary Readings
July 6, 2008 The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 9	
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for The Church of Pakistan (United) . In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer pray for the church's work in <i>Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela</i> . In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the congregations of: St. Stephen, Newport; St. Paul, Oregon City; St. Christopher, Port Orford; and All Saints, Portland. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Endowment Committee.	Genesis 23:34-38,42-49,58-67 or Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 45:11-18 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 13, 2008 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 10	
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea . In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer pray for the church's work in <i>Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama</i> . In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the congregations of: Ascension, Portland; Grace Memorial, Portland; Good Samaritan Foundation, Portland; and the Staff and patients of Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for the BUD Committee.	Genesis 25:19-34 or Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 119:105-112 or 65:(1-8), 9-14 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 20, 2008 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 11	
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea . In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer pray for the church's work in <i>Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama</i> . In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the congregations of: Ascension, Portland; Grace Memorial, Portland; Good Samaritan Foundation, Portland; and the Staff and patients of Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for the BUD Committee.	Genesis 28:10-19a or Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23 or Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or Psalm 86:11-17 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July 27, 2008 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 12	
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for Lambeth Conference - Hospitality Committee . In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer pray for the church's work in <i>The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago</i> . In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the congregations of: St. David of Wales, Portland; St. Gabriel the Archangel, Portland; St. John the Baptist, Portland; and St. Matthew, Portland. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Kitchen Staff.	Genesis 29:15-28 or 1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or 128 or 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

MEN'S BREAKFAST

July 19th 2008

8am-10am

Breakfast

Bible Study

Projects



Come join us for the camaraderie in Murdock Hall

Beloved Ground: Hinduism

By Elizabeth Voss

The next few months will be off the beaten track of Christianity. This particular issue will focus on Hinduism but will go on later on to explore Buddhism and Islam. I feel it is important to add these three not to create friction, but to open hearts and minds to other people's insights. God is so big and the idea of God is extremely difficult to define. These three spiritual faiths like our own have found ways to help define and create a connection with God. As individuals they struggle to maintain the perfection that they strive to reach for, just like we do. They are devoted and spend time with their devotion just like we do. Spiritual faith is not a sport it is not a competition to see who has the most people and wins. Spiritual faith is something that is found within and is guided by an outer source; the idea of what the outer source looks like varies depending on what is taught. Christ walked with many people and so shall we.

Below is an excerpt from "I am a Hindu" written by Naren Patel. Naren Patel was born in India. He moved with his family at the age of 5 to Coventry England. He eventually went to Sussex University and was awarded the BSc Honors degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is now a Chief engineer.

I am a Hindu

by Naren Patel

"As a Hindu, I believe in one God who has many incarnations (avatars)...I am particularly moved and helped by the many stories about Krishna. My belief in God has encouraged me to be a helpful, contributing member of society. For instance, I assisted in starting a cricket club for young people and I have been its secretary for thirty years. I did this because as a Hindu, I wanted to put something back into the community from which I have benefited so much. I believe that if I lead a good life, helping others and worshipping God, as a result of reincarnation I will be reborn into a better life. I do not believe that it is necessary to visit the temple every day in order to keep in touch with God. God is with me every hour of the day. I pray to God in my thoughts and reflect on my beliefs and whether what I am doing is good for me or for other people...I like to be in the Temple whenever I can, serving the community. I find that regular attendance helps my religious life by expanding my thoughts and helping to make me less selfish and see the best in others. This is what faith means to me."

Dear Sisters,

Here is a wonderful letter from The Reverend Dr. Kathleen V. Price who is a DOK sister. I look forward to seeing you all very soon and hope you are starting to have a wonderful summer despite the weather. Sincerely, Sister Beth.



Dear Daughters of Province VIII,

I have two stories I would like to share.

Once there was a little girl who had observed an argument on the playground. The teacher asked her what she thought about what she had seen. She replied: "I don't know exactly what was going on, but I do know that united we stand, and divided, we get stuck".

Once upon a time, there was a little girl who was given the following problem to solve. If all the good people in the world were red and all of the bad people in the world were blue, what color would you be? She pondered the question for a while and then said: "I think I would be a little bit streaky!"

I have led retreats for Daughters in two Provinces and many dioceses and chapters. I myself have been a Daughter since 1986 - 8 years longer than I have been ordained. My goal for each of us, and my goal for those I lead, is to strengthen our commitment and enthusiasm for prayer, service, and sharing the good news with others (that is the "e" word - evangelism).

When we begin to think about the things that divide us, we definitely get stuck. We are not happy and God is not well served. When we focus on what we share in common, we can begin to see that every single one of us is a "bit streaky" and we need to love each other -streaks and all! That is how God is best served when we do as commanded: Love one another as I have loved you. That kind of love often calls for sacrifice and/or compromise. Actually, red and blue make purple - that royal, regal, special color. Purple reminds us of Advent - when we celebrate God's coming to us (all of the time, not just during a season) and Lent - when we take time to particularly examine ourselves and rededicate our faith and commitment to God and to one another. . . .

I am looking at an unusual tea cup and saucer as I write this. The cup is a bit misshapen, the handle crooked, reminding me that we are all clay vessels, but not perfect. Even with its imperfections, however, it still serves the purpose for which it was intended. We, too, can serve the purpose for which God intended, imperfections and all. The saucer is different too. The indentation for the cup is off center. That quirkiness leaves room for me to add something on the plate for further nourishment of my body. Here's my "tea cup theology" - God has shaped and molded us into a particular unique special individual. We are human and sin being what it is, we are not perfect, but present. There is plenty of room on our plates for spiritual nourishment, growth and development.

We need to trust that the Potter knew what He was doing in creating us and trust that what makes us different and unique is a gift to be treasured. It is what makes us special in God's eyes and in the eyes of those who love and admire us. It is also what gives us shape and character to meet the challenges of those things which test our strength. Remember that the pottery has to be shaped from the inside out as well as the outside in. There is tension between the outside pressure and the inside pressure. Our faith is predicated not on our perfection, but on God's ability to use us, imperfections and all. Our faith is in the Creator, not in the creation. And we are shaped both by who we are on the inside and whom we choose to be with on the outside. My own journey has been about as misshapen as one can get, but I am learning to love this odd little teacup and am always willing to pour out God's love at every tea party I attend.

Faithfully, The Reverend Dr. Kathleen V. Price

July 2008

Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church Kalendar

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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Father Scott on Vacation

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8:00 AM HE
Rite 1
10:00 AM HE
Rite 2
11:15 AM MP at Pacific
Gardens
**Potluck Coffee
Hour**
The Rev. Canon Patrick
Tomter, celebrant

6:30 PM Cup of
Friendship-
Murdock
Kitchen

Father Scott on Vacation

13 **14** **15** **16** **17** **18** **19**

8:00 AM HE
Rite 1
10:00 AM HE
Rite 2
**10:00 AM
Healing**
The Rev Tom Murdock,
celebrant

6:30 PM Stew-
ardship Meet-
ing (Likowski
Guild Room)

Father Scott on Vacation

20 **21** **22** **23** **24** **25** **26**

8:00 AM HE
Rite 1
10:00 AM HE
Rite 2
The Rev. Canon Patrick
Tomter, celebrant

6:30 PM - 7:30
PM Fiftieth
Anniversary
Steering
Comm.
Torch Deadline
(Shirley Bush)

Father Scott on Vacation

27 **28** **29** **30** **31**

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Rite 1
10:00 AM HE
Rite 2
The Rev. Maureen
Tighe, celebrant

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Father Scott on Vacation

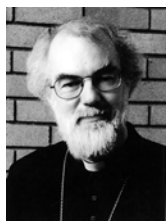
The Archbishop of Canterbury plans to challenge global governments to tackle poverty.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, has announced plans to mount an unprecedented mass walk of bishops and other faith leaders through central London during the forthcoming Lambeth Conference to demonstrate the Anglican Communion's determination to help end extreme poverty across the globe.

The Archbishop will be joined by approximately 600 other archbishops and bishops, and their spouses, alongside other UK faith leaders for the high-profile symbol of commitment to the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)—eight promises made by world leaders to halve world poverty by 2015. Taking place on Thursday 24th July, the event will culminate in a rally in the grounds of Lambeth Palace, the London home and office of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The event is being organized in partnership with Micah Challenge UK, part of the international Micah Challenge movement dedicated to uniting Christians to work together for an end to world poverty.

The bishops will walk through the heart of the capital, including Parliament Square, in a vivid demonstration of the



diversity of the Anglican Communion and a witness to the work already being conducted by Churches and other faith groups to work towards the MDGs—and a public pledge to work even harder to make sure they are delivered. The faith leaders will also commit to putting more pressure on their respective governments to ensure that funding promises are met, and the right policies put in place, to make a real difference to local communities across the world.

On arrival at Lambeth Palace, the bishops and other guests will gather to hear brief addresses from special guests, led by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and likely to include the Anglican Communion's Observer at the UN, Hellen Wangusa.

The announcement of this walk is being released to coincide with a meeting of faith leaders and heads of faith-based development agencies, who met at Lambeth Palace today (29th May). The group discussed how faith groups can ensure that governments honor their spending commitments towards the UN targets and make policy decisions in their support. The UN targets include providing universal primary education, tackling issues such as maternal health, and reducing child mortality. The UN's most recent official update on progress towards the MDGs showed that while achievement of some of the targets has been made, the goals in areas such as education and maternal mortality are decades behind schedule in many countries.

Announcing the walk, the Archbishop of Canterbury said: "Faith leaders and our communities are active across the UK and the world as advocates for the poor and vulnerable in our midst. Faith groups often have the best service delivery networks in the very places which the international agencies find hardest to reach."

"This walk will be a poignant public act of commitment by the Anglican Communion and other faith groups to continue to put pressure on those who have the power and resources to help end extreme poverty across the globe. It will be about pledging, as a Church, to play our part in continuing to

develop lasting solutions. It will also be a walk where we will be in step with those who know at first hand the impact that the unfair distribution of the world's resources can have on daily living and life opportunities."

In addition to the organizational partnership with Micah Challenge UK, faith based mission and development agencies attending today's meeting lent their support to the walk, together with the UK's Department for International Development (DFID). UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown and DFID have already joined the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon in recognizing 2008 as a critical year to renew efforts to achieve the MDGs. The Prime Minister launched the 'Millennium Development Goals Call to Action' in July 2006 which seeks better partnerships between faith communities, private sector and governments to help deliver the MDGs.

Dr Indarjit Singh OBE, Director of the Network of Sikh Organisations (UK), is among faith leaders welcoming the event: "Sikhs support a wide range of initiatives to raise awareness about the Millennium Development Goals, and we are delighted that the Archbishop and the Anglican Church are taking the lead in the important area of education which this walk will highlight. I hope to join it."

The July event will form part of the international backdrop for the UN meeting on 25th September, when the UN Secretary General is hosting a special review on progress towards the goals and the financial commitments from donor countries.

SNOWCAP donations from St. Aidan's, 2008, YTD

Ron Salter has compiled a list of donations from St. Aidan's to SNOWCap for the year to date.

Date	Pounds			
	Food	Personal	Clothing	Clothing
3 Jan.	4			
24 Jan.	3			
29 Jan.	11		2	2
5 Feb.	4		1	1
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19 Feb.			9	9
26 Feb.	7			
4 Mar.	15			
11 Mar.	3	4		
20 Mar.	5			
10 Apr.	16			
15 Apr.	4		1	1
29 Apr.	8			
6 May	26			
2 Jun.	20			
11 Jun.	9			
<u>17 Jun.</u>	<u>48</u>			
Run Total	187	4	13	13



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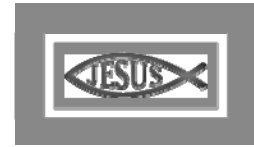
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Date: _____

Brief Job Description: _____



Brief History: El is originally from Portsmouth, England and was raised in West London. El started as a joiner's apprentice in 1980 and ended up becoming a foreman for Mr. Geoff Chandler. He worked for Mr. Chandler until he decided to move to MillCraft in 1999. His experience consists of making and installing wooden conservatories, and assembling and finishing hardwood doors. He worked for MillCraft until 2002 and then went to work for Mr. Matts Lindroth up until the time he immigrated to America. He currently is working at Versatile Sash in Portland Oregon, making wooden doors, and window sashes. El is also knowledgeable in curve work, stairs, kitchens units, bedroom furniture, and any other items that might be made out of wood.

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Shirley Vidito



Cursillo Update

Here is an update on Cursillo so that everyone can be informed. We had a gathering of 11 Cursillistas (people who have gone to Cursillo) at my house for our first Group Reunion. We spent some time remembering and sharing what a wonderful weekend it was for all of us. Now our focus is to invite members of our church family to learn more about Cursillo and become candidates for the co-ed Cursillo coming up in October at All Saint's Episcopal Church.



We are going to be meeting once a month to further our intentions to have as many people as we can attend a Cursillo. There is no charge and the person who sponsors a candidate will make sure that they won't have to do any thing but come.

I encourage anyone who is interested and wants more information to go to the Cursillo website at Oregon.cursillo.org/cursillo/index.html or come and talk with me.



De Colores, Judie Cox

SummerCamping Season is Here!

Our camps are in full swing! A fantastic session of Grand Camp was held over the weekend at Camp Magruder. The week starts with MADD Camp, a music, arts, dance and drama camp for high schoolers. On Friday evening this group will present a musical that they have worked on all week. This is a popular annual event at Magruder and attendance at the performance is in the hundreds. This week at Wallowa Lake Camp, Cowpokes and Horse Whisperers (3rd-6th graders) are riding and caring for horses, while those attending Family Adventure Camp are rafting on the Grande Ronde, mountain biking, riding the tram up the Wallowa Mountains or just relaxing.

Next week brings us the ecumenical camp, All Stars, for 3rd thru 6th graders at Suttle Lake. We have 24 campers attending: 7 Episcopalians, 2 Methodists and 15 Presbyterians. Our incredibly awesome camp staff consists of 5 Episcopalians, 4 Methodists and 2 Presbyterians. Way to go Diocese of Oregon!

Way Out West Family Camp begins on June 30th and these folks will be riding horses, learning to rope and enjoying some delicious western BBQ.

Really Great Packing Tip

For those of you with campers who may not excel at keeping track of clean and dirty clothes, etc., here is a great tip using the plastic bags from newspapers:

Put one shirt, one pair of underwear and one pair of socks in a bag. Prepare enough bags for each day of camp. Each morning the camper puts on the clean clothes and puts the dirty clothes back in the bag and ties it up. Neat and simple.

Don't Forget the Names...

As much as kids groan about having their name put on their stuff, it sure helps out when ten identical disposable cameras are sitting on a picnic table. I can remember my mom sewing name tags into all of the clothes my brothers packed up for Boy Scout camp. She was very thorough – even with the underwear and socks. I have to tell you – underwear is not an issue! Hats, sunglasses, sunscreen, cameras and flashlights are much bigger deals as these are the items that get left places.

It's Not Too Late To Go To Camp

While the horse camps at Wallowa Lake have filled, there are still a number of great camps to choose from. Detailed information is available at: www.diocese-oregon.org/camp-retreat, or www.gocamping.org. For specific registration questions, concerns or to be put on a waiting list, contact Geneva Cook, Camp Registrar, at 503-226-7931, ext. 43 or toll-free 800-593-7539. There are still some scholarships available to help with the cost of camp.

The following camps are very close to capacity so immediate registration is recommended:

Camp Latgawa (35 miles east of Medford, OR)

Discover It!	
Middle School	6 openings
Imagine It!	
Elementary	5 openings
Shakespeare	
Adult/Family	5 openings

Magruder (near Rockaway, OR)

Sr. High Aquatic — Sr. High	13 openings
Jr. High Coast Adventure — 7th/8th	6 openings
Grand Camp II — Family	3 openings
Superkids — Elementary	5 openings
Last Chance Camp — Middle School	7 openings

Suttle Lake (15 miles west of Sisters, OR)

Tipi Camp A — 5th/6th	4 openings
Tipi Camp B — Middle School	6 openings
Quilt Show Retreat — Adult	2 openings
Nature Detectives — Elementary	2 openings
Rock-climbing — Sr. High	4 openings

Middle School Adventure and Sr. High Backpacking at Suttle Lake Camp are FULL with a waiting list.

I will be at All Stars Camp next week having a blast with some really great kids! For immediate help with camp, please call the Camp Registrar at the number listed above. Otherwise, send me an email and I will get back to you as quickly as I can.

Beth Dieker

Camp & Retreat Ministry Coordinator

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A CALL TO ARMS

As most of you know our Parish has been operating in the red for several years. The savings account and the parking lot fund have been depleted to cover expenses. For this operating year there are no more funds upon which we can draw to pay the bills. The current budget for 2008 is over \$13,000 short.

The Federal Government is giving us an opportunity to correct this imbalance through the rebate of \$300 to \$1200 which they expect to deliver in the month of May. We ask that each person give a portion or half or all of this rebate to the general fund. Each persons circumstances differ and it would be unseemly to ask that you deprive yourself and/or your family of necessary financial needs.

Each person must look inside of themselves and decide what amount that they can donate. If you look at the Parish as your second family, as Julie and I do, then I am sure you will make the appropriate decision. It is our hope that you will heed this call to arms to ensure that our church can continue to operate and serve our spiritual need. Thanks for considering this request.

Chuck and Julie Kyer

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Senior Warden, Mike Vidito, *Discipleship (2009)*

Junior Warden, Tim McCoy, *Discipleship (2009)*

Betsy Berninghausen, *Worship (2010)*

Marlene Lucas, *Administration (2010)*

Shirley Bush, *Worship (2009)*

Jeanne Pinkerton, *Administration (2011)*

Angie Groce, *Outreach (2010)*

Bruce Richardson, *Parish Life (2011)*

Mary Hamilton, *Facilities (2011)*

Gloria Trunk, *Facilities (2010)*

Barbara Lambert, *Parish Life (2009)*

Beth Voss, *Outreach (2011)*

Rob Stoltz, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Other Lay Leaders and Staff:

Parish Office Coordinator: Rob Stoltz, *Interim*

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Fiftieth Anniversary Steering Committee Report

The 50th Anniversary Steering Committee solicits your help!

In just over one year, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Gresham, celebrates the 50th Anniversary of its founding. We, on the Steering Committee, see this as an opportunity to look back with thanks and to look forward with hope. We want to make this a festive time for all, active members, old friends of the parish and the community at large. To that end, we need lots of help from you. First, we need people to chair the various proposed aspects of our celebration, then we need people to help those leaders accomplish their work. Won't you consider lending a hand so we can make this the richest celebration possible?

We need:

Banquet Chair - This is to plan the banquet on Saturday night. This should be a catered affair, so that all parishioners and guests may relax and enjoy the event. Work would include ticketing, arranging with a catering service, decorating, arranging for entertainment, etc.

Historical Booklet Chair - History booklets make a record of past events and people who have shaped this parish. Work would include gathering (from archives and parishioners) information and pictures and creating a document that would then be published as a keepsake for all in the congregation.

Carnival Chair - This event should appeal to parishioners (especially those with children) as well as to the general community. It could have food (BBQ), games and fun for all. It is planned for Friday afternoon and evening.

Spiritual and Liturgical Events - Fr. Scott will chair this subcommittee to design some liturgies highlighting the historical and anticipatory nature of this milestone in our community's life. A Travelling Icon will also make the rounds.

Historical Display Chair - This person will work with the parish historian to find appropriate materials and then prepare a display of photos, timelines, news clippings, etc. for all to enjoy and learn about our rich heritage as an Episcopal presence in East County.

Promotion Chair - This is a critical position. We want to cast the net widely to include people associated with this parish through the years. Developing a database of past members and associates in order to invite their participation is one aspect of this. Producing that invitation and getting press coverage for our celebration is another.

Time Capsule Coordinator - Objects and mementos that denote our life and experience at this time in history may be placed into a time capsule to be sealed up for the next 25 years, so that the next generation of parishioners can get a glimpse of how we lived and worshipped in our 50th year.

Our celebration will be richer with the help of more and more people, as we can only do what our resources allow. *Please let us know which area you will lead or help:*

Banquet Chairperson , Assist ; **Historical Booklet** Chairperson , Assist ;

Carnival Chairperson , Assist ; **Spiritual & Liturgical** Assist ;

Historical Display Chairperson , Assist ; **Promotion** Chairperson , Assist ;

Time Capsule Coordinator , Assist

My name is: _____ Phone: _____