



Trinity Tidings

January 7, 2022

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Sundays at Trinity

- Eucharist (7:30am, 9am, 11:15am, 7pm)
- Children's Chapel (9am & 11:15am)
- Sunday School for children and adults ~ August - June
- Nursery 9am-12:30pm

Ongoing Events

Thrift Shop: Monday 10am-Noon, Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-1pm

Wednesday 11am: Bible Study is meeting on Zoom and would love for you to join us [here](#). The lesson for next Wednesday is John 2:1-11.

Wednesday 6pm: Trinity Wednesday [6pm Zoom](#)

Wednesday 7pm: 11:15am Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 7:30pm: 9am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday 10:30am: Sunday School for Adults in person and on Zoom. Click [here](#) for Zoom.

Prayer List - to submit a prayer request click [here](#).

Altar Flowers - if you would like to dedicate Altar Flowers click [here](#).

Sunday School

Sunday School for Adults meets on Sunday mornings at 10:30am in the Parish Hall.

Masks are required, and we'll be spacing out the chairs a bit. This week, we're picking up

where we left off before the holiday and learning what happened to Judas and Jesus after Gethsemane.

For the recording of the previous class, click [here](#).

If you're not quite ready to join us in person, we will be broadcasting live on Zoom; the link is [here](#).

Epiphany Chalk Blessings

Chalk that was blessed at the Epiphany Eucharist on Thursday will be available at the church this Sunday, with instructions for using it to bless your house

Annual Meeting ~ January 23rd

Our parish's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 23rd, at 10:30am in the Parish Hall. We'll elect three people to the vestry: Charlie Biegel, Christy Evans, and Katriona McLean-Lucas; scroll down this e-mail for profiles of Charlie and Christy (next week, you'll meet Katriona and Kim Hewitt, who was appointed by the vestry in December to fill the remainder of Graham Breck's term). We'll also review the year past and look ahead to what we'll be doing in 2022, and we'll elect delegates to diocesan convention. If you're interested in serving as a delegate to diocesan convention, [Fr. Todd](#) before the Annual Meeting.

New Book for Trinity Wednesdays!

The next book for Trinity Wednesdays is Kate Bowler's Everything Happens For A Reason...And Other Lies I've Loved. Bowler, a professor at the divinity school at Duke University, was thirty-five and a new mother when she was diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer. In this book she confronts her mortality and the loss of certainty, provoking questions we should all be asking ourselves. [Ruby's Books](#) at 724 Sutter St has ordered copies for us; you can call ahead, 916.790.8760, to check their stock and to have them hold a copy at the desk for you. For the first meeting (on January 26th, see details below), read the Preface and Chapter One: Diagnosis.

For our previous book, we had an online session at 5pm and an in-person session at 6pm. That was a difficult schedule to maintain, and since the online sessions were slightly better attended due to the winter weather and the early sunset, and everyone who attended in person also occasionally attended online, for this book, we're going to be online only, but at 6pm. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, January 26th, at 6pm; use this [Zoom link](#) to join the meeting.

Grief Group Forming

The Grief Group will meet Wednesdays, January 19 through March 30, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is reading to do ahead of the first meeting, so if you would like to participate, please let [Mtr. Anne](#) know.

Winter Shelter Volunteers Needed

We have a great need for volunteers to stay overnight during our week staffing the HART (Homeless Assistance Resource Team) Winter Shelter! Duties are light: walk-throughs, checking that doors are secure, and getting coffee going in the morning. Overnight volunteers work in teams, so you don't have to work alone or lose a whole night's sleep. A few other volunteer slots still need filling, too. Sign up to volunteer [here](#) or e-mail [Mtr. Anne](#) if you have questions or want more info. Volunteers are asked to attend a training session on Zoom on Monday, January 10th, at 6pm.

Kathy Lawler's Ordination to the Priesthood

Kathy Lawler, who served part of her seminarian internship with us here at Trinity Folsom during the 2019-2020 program year, will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, January 15th, at 3pm at Trinity Cathedral in midtown Sacramento. The service will be broadcast on the Cathedral Facebook page, but unlike Kathy's ordination to the transitional diaconate, there aren't attendance restrictions in place so we are invited to be present (with masks required) with her for this amazing moment in her life. We hope to see you there!

Handicraft Group

Knitters and crocheters will meet this Sunday, January 9, at 5:30 p.m. in the Vestry room. All skill levels are welcome. Bring a project, or come for ideas! Items we produce can be donated to help those in need.

The Bishop Is Coming! The Bishop Is Coming!

We weren't scheduled for a visit from the Bishop of Northern California, the Right Reverend Megan Traquair, until the summer of 2023, but the schedule has changed and she'll be visiting us on Palm Sunday, April 10th. She'll be with us at the three morning services. We just had a group confirmed at the regional confirmations a few months ago, but if you missed that opportunity and would like to be confirmed or received into The

Episcopal Church when the bishop visits us in April, please let [Fr. Todd](#) know as soon as possible.

Music Notes ~ Anglican Star Worship

This week's opening hymn is #118 "Brightest and best of the stars of the morning" written by Father Reginald Heber (1783-1826). Fr. Heber wrote texts to raise the level of congregational singing in his parish in England. He didn't have very many positive things to say about the poetry written for congregational use during his day; instead, Heber saw modern hymns as "ditties of embraces and passion, or language which it would be disgraceful in an earthly sovereign to endure." While his poetry would be crafted with greater eloquence—as he saw it—accusers question if "Brightest and best" promotes star worship. Yes, you read that correctly! It doesn't help Heber's case that he includes a line about "sons of the morning," possibly referring to Lucifer. In fact, in the 1982 hymnal, these words have been changed to "stars of the morning" to avoid the issue altogether. Great care has been taken with this text to ensure that there's not a line that could be construed as fostering star worship! ~ Dr. Brett Judson, Director of Music

Word of the Week

Our word of the week is [Epiphany](#). Some denominations allow Epiphany to be celebrated on the Sunday before or after January 6th, but The Episcopal Church does not, and the calendar in the Prayer Book does not permit it.

Meet Your Vestry ~ Charlie Biegel



Charlie Biegel was born and raised in western Massachusetts, where his family was active at Grace Episcopal Church in Dalton. As an undergraduate computer science major at Siena College in upstate New York, Charlie was taking a break from church-going until a guy on his cross-country team asked why he never saw him in church, so Charlie started going again with him. Charlie went on to earn a graduate degree in software engineering from George Mason University, and spent ten years at AOL in the Washington DC area before moving to Folsom in 2012 to be the chief operating officer of Eyefinity, one of the VSP Global businesses headquartered in Rancho Cordova. Charlie married Sharon in 1991, and they have two boys, Cameron and Logan. Sharon serves as one of our counters, sorting, recording, and depositing the weekly offering. Cameron is a junior at Humboldt State majoring in zoology. Logan, a sophomore at Folsom High, serves as an acolyte like Charlie did when he was a boy, and is involved in our youth group.

At his previous parish, St. Matthew's Sterling in northern Virginia, Charlie served on vestry; as senior warden, treasurer, and as a counter; taught Sunday School and worked with the youth group; and served on a mission trip to Haiti to rebuild homes after the devastating earthquake in 2010. Here at Trinity Folsom, Charlie attends the 9am service; has served on the vestry, the finance committee, the master site planning committee, and the capital campaign committee; and he is the faithful teacher for the middle school Sunday School class, bless him.

When Charlie moved to the Sacramento area, he began searching for a church on his own while Sharon and the boys finished out the school year in northern Virginia. Thinking that they would end up living somewhere near his work, he started by looking at all the Episcopal churches nearby. One Sunday, he visited our neighbors over at St. Francis' Fair Oaks, and was really surprised at how different California Episcopalians were from Virginia ones, until he realized he was actually attending the Korean Presbyterian service hosted by St. Francis! He eventually visited Trinity Folsom, and when he filled out a visitor's card, Father Todd realized that he and Charlie were literally neighbors, living as recent arrivals to town in the same apartment complex.

Charlie is excited to be back in church, and, even though he was instrumental in the expansion of our building, he is even more excited about the expansion of our programs, outreach, and staffing over the past few years and hopes to see that expansion continue. He loves to see us taking on more, like hosting in our Parish Hall the check-in for the Folsom homeless shelter: he appreciates that "we're not just growing larger in attendance, we're also doing more." As the father of two boys, and as a dedicated Sunday School teacher, Charlie appreciates how we involve youth in the ministry of the Church, including them fully as lectors, ushers, and acolytes serving as equals with adults. Charlie wants us to continue to grow our presence in the community and that our youth programs will grow and thrive. He's also pleased that in recent years we have had an impact on the wider church in terms of clergy, sending Fr. Charlie to be a rector in Montana, and now preparing to send Anna Wiley to seminary to be formed for priesthood. Charlie's hope for Trinity Folsom is that we "continue to be an open and inclusive parish, a place where everyone feels welcome, and everyone has an opportunity to learn and grow and develop meaningful relationships with God and other people."

Meet Your Vestry ~ Christy Evans



Christy (Peirce) Evans was born in Oakland and grew up in the Bay Area, Davis, and finally Placerville, where her mother was the (Presbyterian!) pastor of Federated Church for over twenty years. After college at UC-Santa Barbara, Christy returned to Sacramento, where she met John Evans over a pint of Pabst Blue Ribbon at the Pine Cove Tavern on 29th Street. John and Christy married in 1999. Christy is the director of talent

acquisition for an international digital advertising agency; John is the chief operating officer of the same agency. The Evanses live in Serrano with their three kids: Will, a student at Chico State and a medic in the Army Reserves; Colin, a biology major at Folsom Lake; and Elly, an eighth-grader. Elly and Christy are active in the National Charity League, a mother-daughter volunteer organization. Christy delivers meals for El Dorado County Senior Services, volunteers for the El Dorado Hills Community Services District, and serves on the board of the Sugarloaf Station Foundation, a fine arts camp based in El Dorado County.

When Christy moved to El Dorado Hills, she knew she could drive up to Placerville to attend the church in which she grew up, but her mother was still the pastor there and she wanted to forge her own path somewhere new. She tried many local churches, but none of them combined the traditional worship and inclusive community she loves. She heard about The Episcopal Church and in 2006, the Evanses began attending the parish in Cameron Park. She appreciated that she was immediately and enthusiastically welcomed there, and she became involved in children's ministries, a book club, and a women's Bible study there.

Her first visit to Trinity Folsom was in 2018 on Labor Day weekend, when the Abello family hosts their annual pool party for the children of the parish and their families. Tovi met her at church that morning and invited her to bring Elly to the pool party; she said it was her first day here and they weren't parishioners, but Tovi said that they were most welcome, so they went and really connected with the people they met there. Christy quickly became involved here at Trinity Folsom. She serves as a lector and an usher and is a regular at Trinity Wednesdays; she has also taught Sunday School and helped with Vacation Bible School, and before the pandemic was a consistent volunteer at parish fellowship events like the Harvest Festival. Elly was in the Children's Choir and now is an acolyte and active in our youth group. You'll find Christy, John, and Elly at the 9am service.

Christy worked in youth ministry when she was in college and believes strongly in the necessity for youth ministry, so she is excited to see us expanding our youth programming and continuing to work on developing a youth group. She appreciates that this parish has a serious commitment to serving our neighbors and hopes that we will continue to expand our outreach programs and create new opportunities to reach more people and meet their needs. She's hopeful that our congregation will continue to become more diverse, fully reflecting the demographics of the communities we serve, and be a welcoming place for all people, whatever their race, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, or what their family looks like. And she's hopeful that we will keep growing in numbers, too; "we've done an amazing thing with our campus, and now this parish is positioned to be transformed to the next level."

Online Offerings

We broadcast the 9am and 11:15am Sunday morning services [here](#).

You can find the 9am Sunday bulletin [here](#).

You can find the 11:15am Sunday bulletin [here](#).

There's a coloring sheet for children (or adults!) based on the Sunday lessons that you can print out at home [here](#). If you can't print at home, e-mail [Karen Van Winkle](mailto:Karen.Van.Winkle@trinityfolsom.org) and she will print a few weeks' worth and mail them to you.

We say Compline on Wednesdays at 8pm [here](#).

You can find the Compline bulletin [here](#).

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