



**Welcome to St. James' in the City!**

We're happy to have you with us this morning. We hope you find our parish to be a place of welcome and invitation. After the service, come have a cup of coffee and visit our welcome table, where you'll find out more of what St. James' has to offer.

**Book Group Meets Today**

After the 10:30 Service, in the Library

Join the International Book Group today in the library on the second floor of the Parish Hall after the 10:30AM service as we discuss *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*, written by a passionate author from Sierra Leone, Africa by the name of Ishmael Beah. The book is a firsthand account of Beah's time as a child soldier during the Sierra Leone Civil War (1990s). The great benefit of Beah's memoir is that it may help us arrive at an understanding of the sociology of war. Beah's autobiography is almost unique— perhaps the first time that a child soldier has been able to give literary voice to one of the most distressing phenomena of the late 20th century. If you are interested in becoming a member of the book club please contact Gregory at [medicaldiplomat@aol.com](mailto:medicaldiplomat@aol.com).

**VESTRY NEWS – Search Update**

Dear Friends in Faith,

As we've told you, we're at the last stage of our search for a new rector: the search committee has identified four finalists, whom the vestry will be meeting and interviewing over the next several weeks to discern the match with the parish profile we compiled from your surveys and our town meetings. Following those meetings with the candidates your vestry will prayerfully consider whom to call for our next rector. In the Episcopal Church the practice is not to have the candidates meet with the congregation, in part so that we do not harm the candidates' relations with their existing congregations. But we will of course let you know as soon as that call has been accepted.

Meanwhile, keep us in your prayers.

*Your Wardens and Vestry*

**Financial Update**

Dear Friends in Faith,

You may recall at the annual meeting we were projecting a substantial budget deficit. Since that time the size of that deficit has shrunk considerably, primarily because of late-arriving pledges. Even better, we are working on a plan to eliminate it. A group of pledgers have established a "challenge fund" of \$50,000, and we are reaching out to the entire parish to help us meet that challenge. This week (or early next) all of us will receive a letter asking us to increase our pledges (or if you're not a current pledger, to make a new one)—with the assurance that every dollar of a new or increased pledge will be matched—up to \$50,000. If we collectively can meet that challenge, based on our current projections, our deficit will disappear. That would be good news indeed, both for your vestry and stewardship committee—and for a prospective new rector. Please reflect on all that St. James' means to you and let your response reflect thanksgiving and generosity for our many blessings.

Faithfully yours,

Steve Yeazell, *Senior Warden*,  
and Ola Thomas & Mumbie Fredson-Cole,  
*Chairs, Stewardship Committee*

**WELCOME MARY NICHOLS**



Our Preacher today is Mary D. Nichols.

Mary has been a member of St. James' for over 25 years, and has served as a vestry member and Senior Warden as well as lay reader and chalice bearer.

An environmental lawyer by training, Mary is the Chair of the California Air Resources Board, a position to which she was first appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown in 1975.

Mary has served on a variety of nonprofit and governmental boards and commissions, focusing primarily on issues of air quality, public health, energy and climate. As California's success in tackling these issues has become known around the world, she has been a vocal advocate for action.

**AN EARTH DAY MESSAGE FROM MARY**

Sunday, April 22, has been widely adopted as Earth Day, a day set aside for honoring our home planet, rallying support for environmental protection and participating in trash cleanups or tree planting in our communities.

Like most holidays Earth Day has been largely taken over by commercial interests. In this case you will see ads for everything from organic cotton clothes to recycled plastic trash bags. My wish for myself and all of us is that we take some time on earth day 2018 to step outside, breathe some pretty clean air, and say thank you for the amazingly beautiful world God has given us.

*~ Mary*

**GREAT MUSIC**

**COMPLINE – TONIGHT @ 7:30PM**



Drawn from the most contemplative of the monastic offices begun in the middle ages, this candle-lit choral service offers music from Gregorian Chant and early polyphony to the contemporary music of modern mystics.

An offering of thanksgiving and a plea for peace, the voices of the Schola Cantorum of St. James' presents the final Compline service this season. Freewill offering.

## CALENDAR

## SUNDAY -- EARTH DAY 22 APRIL

Women's Retreat	Mt Calvary	
Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Church	8:00AM
Sunday School	Sunday School Rm	10:30AM
<i>Childcare available for children 4 and under.</i>		
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	10:30AM
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	12:15PM
<i>Korean Language</i>		
Book Group	Library	12:15PM
Compline	Church	7:30PM

## TUESDAY 24 APRIL

Food Pantry Prep <i>(volunteers welcome)</i>	Street Lvl	8:00AM
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Chapel	9:00AM

## THURSDAY 26 APRIL

Food Pantry Distribution <i>(volunteers welcome)</i>	Street Lvl	8:00AM
Centering Prayer	Chapel	9:15AM

## FRIDAY 27 APRIL

Soup Kitchen Prep	Parish Hall	3:00PM
Soup Kitchen Meal	Parish Hall	5:00PM
Soup Kitchen Evening Prayer	Chapel	5:45PM

## SUNDAY 29 APRIL

Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Church	8:00AM
Sunday School	Sunday School Rm	10:30AM
<i>Childcare available for children 4 and under.</i>		
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	10:30AM
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## SAVE THE DATE

May 20	Pentecost
May 28	Memorial Day Weekend
June 10	Baccalaureate
July 22	St. James' Day All-Parish Picnic

## ALTAR FLOWERS AND COFFEE HOURS



Today Joy and Jeff McManus and family are celebrating the life of Joy's mother, Ann Welch, who passed away last year, just 10 days after her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday, on April 20, 2017.

Ann was a devoted member of St. James' parish who especially loved volunteering for the Soup Kitchen.

In honor of Ann's passing, and in thanksgiving for all the love and support from St. James', the McManuses are hosting today's coffee hour after the 10:30 service and offering the altar flowers. All are welcome to share their thoughts and prayers.

## ST. JAMES' PRAYER LIST

*Supporting Our Brothers and Sisters with Prayer*

We ask you to hold the following friends and parishioners of Saint James' close to your heart and in your prayers: the Rev. Charles Sacquety, Helen Nelson, Eric Nelson, Shirley Perez, Bill Wasson, Ogechi Ogbunamiri, Freddie Wright, and Harold Ahaive.

Today marks the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the untimely death of David John Falconer, for which our pipe organ is named. We remember him and his loved ones in our prayers today.

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