



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 to coffee hour in the Parish Hall across the courtyard.

Candlemas and Celebrating New Ministry



Prophetess Anna balancing basket of three doves on her head and holding candle at the Presentation of Christ. Book of Hours (ca. 1400). New York, Morgan Library S.9, fol. 79r.

February 2 is Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, which happened 40 days after Jesus was born. It is a beautiful day for celebrating Christ's light, just as we did at the Nativity and again on Epiphany. In the Temple, the priest Simeon calls the Christ child the light of the word, and the prophet Anna praises God and tells one and all about how Jesus would bring redemption.

Over time, Candlemas has become the day all the candles in churches are

blessed, and people present their household candles for blessing too. Truly a day, deep in winter, for celebrating light.

This year, we choose February 2 as the day to celebrate our new ministry together with Reverend Kate, the first woman rector to be called at St. James' (the prophet Anna might have been pleased!). This celebration of new ministry is an "installation." Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this lively ceremony on Saturday, February 2 at 11AM, with lunch to follow. The day promises to be lively and important celebration of a new chapter in the life of St. James' In-the-City.

Mother Kate encourages everyone attending her installation to wear traditional dress of your home culture.

Stewardship Corner

PLEDGES TO-DATE: 171 TARGET: 200

You will recall, we are aiming for \$800,000 in pledges to truly thrive and we are over halfway there! So far, 171 pledgers have come forward and pledged a total of \$493,345.54.

Our estimated budget for 2019 anticipates we need \$600,000 in pledges. As you can see, we are really depending on more pledges to come in so we can meet this goal.

Farewell Send-off for Mother Jenifer Next Sunday, January 20



As you may have heard, our own Rev. Jenifer Chatfield will be moving on to a new ministry, the details of which she will share with us as soon as she is able. Meanwhile, her last Sunday with us will be on January 20.

On that day we want to mark and celebrate her wonderful time at St. James' in two ways: we'll have a celebratory lunch following the 10:30 service; details to follow. And, we want to give everyone an opportunity to contribute to a "purse," a going-away gift to speed her on the next stage of her ministry career. If you want to contribute to this purse, please send a check to the parish office (3903 Wilshire Blvd, L.A. 90010), marked "Jenifer Chatfield Purse." We'll aggregate the funds and present them to her as a small token of our gratitude.

Steve Yeazell, *Senior Warden*
and Emily Abbott, *Junior Warden*

The Choir of Saint James – Solemn Evensong at 4:30PM TODAY



The Choir of Saint James under the direction of James Buonemani performs the *Evening Canticles in C Major* by Bryan Kelly (b. 1934); *All wisdom cometh from the Lord* by Philip Moore (b. 1943); *Ave maris stella* by Trond Kverno (b. 1945) and the *Preces and Responses* by William Smith (1603-1645).

International Laureate's Organ Series at 6:00PM – Kevin Duggan

British-born Kevin Duggan read music at Bath University and the Royal College of Music in London. He won the RCM Clavichord Prize in 1981 and the West of England Organ Competition in 1983. Since April 2015 Kevin has been Director of Music at Dunblane Cathedral in Scotland, and Musical Director of the Rosethe Singers. His choir Nordic Voices performed in Italy in 2017, and will visit Latvia in 2018. Kevin's recital program will include music by Buxtehude, Franck, Messiaen, Stravinsky, Hakim, Madsen, Hartmann and Eftestøl. Free Admission.

Notice of Upcoming Vestry Election at Annual Parish Meeting **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10th After the 10:30 Service**

In the Episcopal Church the vestry, a group of lay persons acting in concert with the rector, functions in a manner analogous to a board of trustees or director of a corporation: most significantly, the vestry is charged with fiduciary responsibilities for church property, as well as with calling and periodically evaluating the rector. St. James' bylaws call for three year terms for vestry members, so each year a new "class" of vestry members must be chosen.

In accordance with the parish bylaws your vestry appointed a nominating committee composed of vestry and non-vestry members (Stephen Yeazell, Emily Abbott, José Zambrana, Adoabi Obijaku, and Sandra Lee). That committee in turn presented a slate of proposed nominees to the vestry, which unanimously approved the slate at its December meeting. The short biographies and pictures of this slate appear below. At our annual meeting (on February 10, after the 10:30 am service) this slate (and any additional nominees) will be submitted to the annual meeting for a vote by qualified parishioners. If approved, each new member of the vestry will have a three year term, again according to our bylaws. If members of the parish wish to nominate themselves or a fellow parishioner as alternates to the vestry slate, they must do so by submitting the names in writing to the parish office no later than January 25th. The office will circulate the bios of any additional nominees. Further in accordance with our bylaws, we will post a list of those entitled to vote at the annual meeting in the parish hall starting this Sunday. Please direct any questions regarding this process to the Senior or Junior Warden (Steve Yeazell; Emily Abbott).

Nominees for 2019-2021 Vestry Members **(Listed in Alphabetical Order)**



Stephen Bedikian

My wife Heather and I joined St. James' in 2004 when our son Jordan was baptized in the Church. Jordan subsequently attended St. James Episcopal School and graduated in 2012. I worked closely with the then Head of School Debbi David as a member of the school's Advancement Committee. This past year I assisted Bishop Roskam and Senior Warden Steve Yeazell with the successful St. James' Church Mid-Year Pledge Campaign and more recently helped Mother Kate and the Stewardship Committee members to plan and execute our ongoing 2019 Pledge Campaign.



Elizabeth Igwe

My husband David and I along with our three small children joined St. James' family in the late 1980's. With young children in tow, plus work and college commitments, we could only manage to attend church services as often as possible. Making our widow's might pledges and donations in support of the Parish.

Years later, I found myself serving as a member of the Parish Lay ministries: serving as a Lector and Intercessor till present. I also served 1 term in the vestry during Fr. Paul Kowalewski's tenure as the Rector. I am an active member of St. James' African Christian Fellowship and am the immediate past President of the Fellowship. It was such a joy working with Bishop Catherine Roskam during that period presiding over the resolution of various issues faced by the parish. I also had the honor and privilege of being called to serve in the search committee that brought Mother Kate to St James'. I am humbled by the nomination to serve once more in the vestry.



Mary Van Osdel Manning

I am a life-long Episcopalian: the home where I grew up was the closest house to the church, and growing up I took care of younger children in the nursery, belonged to youth groups, and volunteered at the old Good Samaritan Hospital—where I happened to be on the sad, memorable day when Robert Kennedy was brought after being shot. I attended an Episcopal high school and UCLA, where I met my husband, Alan.

Alan and I attended St. Luke's of the Mountains which was close to our home in La Crescenta, and later St. Mark's in Glendale, where we later moved. I was active in both parishes (a member of The Daughters of the King, a prayer and service group) and served on search committees and on vestries. I came to St. James' some years ago after one of my high school classmates (Sara Jane Thies) told me how wonderful the place was. During my years at St. James' I have served as a lay reader at the 8 a.m. service, where I am a regular. I've also served as one of the instructors and the administrator of St. James' active Education for Ministry program (EFM), where I teach the last two years (church history; theology) of the 4-year program. Most recently, I served on the search committee that screened rector candidates to recommend to the vestry.



Ola Thomas

My name is Ola Thomas. I was born in Sierra Leone, baptized and confirmed at St. Mark's Anglican Church. And having been fully immersed in an Anglican Church, I found my home at St. James' Episcopal Church because of their similarities. My wife, Alice and I have been members of St. James' for almost thirty years. We are blessed with three awesome children and three wonderful grandchildren. Two of our children were baptized and all three confirmed at St. James'.

My family and I have been blessed and I give God the glory for His calling to serve in the altar and as Lay Reps at St. James'. I am a Lector and an Intercessor. My wife and I have taught our children the significance of stewardship and pledging and we are so proud of them for pledging.

It was an honor to be chosen in 2016 by the outgoing Bishop-in-Charge Catherine Roskam to be the co-chair of our Stewardship Committee. During that year I facilitated and worked with my fellow co-chair, the vestry, members and guides of the stewardship committee to increase the number of pledges we had in 2015. Indeed, we saw an increase in the number of speakers who spoke at the "Minute for Mission" at both the 8AM and 10:30AM services, as well as an increase in the number of pledges.

I am the financial secretary of the African Christian Fellowship at St. James', an executive position I have held before. As a former school teacher in my early twenties I have deep appreciation of interacting with different people, families and students, listening to and communicating with them effectively. This is a concept and practice that have always be part of me and brought to St. James'. As a Certified Health Care Quality Improvement Personnel, I truly believe in team work and I feel quite honored to be considered a candidate for the vestry. This is an exciting time at St. James' especially with our new rector. If elected I will work with the Vestry and members of the Parish to continue to make St. James' a vibrant place of worship where the dignity of every human being is valued and respected.



Bob Williams

I appreciate the opportunity to be of service at St. James'. Our parish community is vibrant, and our future is bright especially with our gifted new rector. May we all together continue to live fully into our potential.

My first visit to St. James' Church was in February 1986 when I wrote a news story on the Caring Hands food program (which was succeeded by Hope-Net), then a significant outreach along the Wilshire Corridor. I soon returned to St. James' for concerts and the parish's 75th anniversary celebration. I began attending Sunday services and joined the parish after moving to Hollywood from South Pasadena.

At St. James' I found old friends and made new ones. St. James' is to me a nourishing spiritual home. I often invite others to share in our multicultural vitality, Great Music, St. James' School, Soup Kitchen and more.

In recent years it has been my privilege to chair the parish communications committee, facilitate the Middle East Ministries group, and moderate a civic panel on homelessness. I have assisted with crisis communications at various challenging times in the life of the parish, and with large events including the 1997 memorial for Princess Diana, and, in 2012, the parish centennial.

In serving St. James' I am glad to draw from experience gained across the Anglican Communion as the Episcopal Church's director of communication in 2004-2008. I currently serve Bishop John Taylor as diocesan Canon for Common Life specializing in communications, interfaith ministries, and historical collections, with a priority on helping congregations implement best practices in our shared work of "feeding hungry hearts."

Call for Delegate Nominations

The Vestry is seeking nominees for five (5) lay delegates to Diocesan Convention 2019, which will take place November 15-16, 2019 in Riverside, CA. Anyone interested should send a statement of interest to Emily Abbott at emily.mariah.abbott@gmail.com. Please include the reason[s] you feel called to this ministry and any relevant experience. The delegates will be elected at the Annual Meeting in January.

Stephen Yeazell, Senior Warden
and Emily Abbott, Junior Warden

Please Continue to Wear a Name Tag

As Rev. Kate continues to learn all our names, please continue to use the labels in the Narthex. It's also a great way to learn each other's names as we grow together here at St. James'.

St. James' Women's Retreat!

Reservations are now being accepted for the St. James' Women's Retreat at Mount Calvary Monastery and Retreat House in Santa Barbara, Friday-Sunday, March 8-10, 2019. Weekend with Meals \$300. Reserve your room today \$50.

For more information, please contact SaraJane Thies <sjthies1503@gmail.com>; Holly Holyk <gaah@att.net>; or Ingrid Finley-Scott <ingridfs45@icloud.com>.

CALENDAR**Sunday Epiphany I 13 January****The Baptism of Our Lord**

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 with Baptisms	Church	10:30AM
Holy Eucharist, Rite II Korean Language	Church	12:15PM
Evensong	Church	4:30PM
Organ Recital	Church	6:00PM

Tuesday 15 January

Food Pantry Prep	Street Lvl	8:00AM
<i>(volunteers welcome)</i>		

Thursday 17 January

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

Friday 18 January

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

Sunday Epiphany II 20 January

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 with Baptisms	Church	10:30AM
Rev. Jenifer 'Jen Fest' Reception	Parish Hall	12:00NOON
Holy Eucharist, Rite II Korean Language	Church	12:15PM

Save the Date

Installation of the Rev. Dr. Kate Cress February 2, 2019
Bishop John Taylor, Officiant 11:00AM

Annual Meeting Parish Hall February 10, 2019
Please note new Annual Meeting date.

Women's Retreat Santa Barbara March 8-10, 2019

ALTAR FLOWERS

A belated thank you to Frederick Wadibia and family, who supported the Christmas Flowers program, but were inadvertently missed on the handout listing the supporters. Our sincerest apologies to the family.

Please support the Altar Flowers ministry! It is a wonderful way to honor your loved ones, beautify our Altar, and ensure we have flowers every week. Please consider signing up for a Sunday. The sign-up calendar is located in the Parish Hall. Suggested donation: \$150.

Thank you for your generosity.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Thank you to Geri Hurley for hosting the 8am coffee hour.

We are eager every week to have coffee hour covered by a host. Hosting coffee hour is a wonderful way to support St. James', and we need your help. Please choose a weekend to sign up on the calendar located in the Parish Hall, and plan to bring some sweets and/or savories for all to enjoy.

Thank you for your generosity.

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, Ogechi Ogbunamiri, Freddie Wright, Kisun Kim, Margaret Pasley, Susan Walker, Russell Walker, Steven Rim, Thomas Ahn, and Harold Ahaiwe.

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