



The Flame

MISSION: Saint Aidan's is a diverse and vibrant community that promotes spiritual outreach, healing and creative worship, striving to bring all people into unity with God and with each other through Christ.

Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church

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Preparing for LENT

Taize Worship with Anointing for Healing 6:00 - 6:30 pm, Wednesday Evenings



This service is patterned after worship in the ecumenical community of Taizé. Their sung and silent participatory prayer services are designed for contemplation through music, song and silence. The brothers of Taizé explain, "Short chants, repeated again and again,

give it a meditative character. Using just a few words, they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being." Scripture is read slowly, candles and icons are to enhance contemplative worship. The different tempo of the Taizé service encourages us to break away from the hurried sense of our lives and breathe in the presence of Christ and community. A Healing Minister will be available during the service for anointing for healing.

Also, 2 Wednesdays: Internationally-known Speaker

Embracing an Adult Faith: Marcus Borg on What It Means to Be Christian 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Author and Bible scholar Marcus Borg invites us to join him in revisiting Christianity's most fundamental questions: Who is God? What does salvation mean? What place does Jesus hold in contemporary Christian faith?

Participants enjoy the rare privilege of witnessing Marcus in dialogue with a small, diverse group of adults as they honestly -- and sometimes painfully -- confront the big questions and work together toward authentic answers. Each session includes a 10-minute presentation by Marcus Borg followed by interaction with the group.

The study addresses fundamental questions that adults struggle with as faith matures.

A light supper will be provided each week. To view a video clip from Embracing an Adult



Meets on the first Tuesday of the month, at 12 noon again in the **Club House at Harding Golf Course on**

February 7th. All are welcome to enjoy the food and the company for a "dutch" treat lunch where we have discussion, or a speaker. Meet at the restaurant! It is always necessary to make a reservation, so please call Sally, 415-285-9540 in the office to let her know.

SOUP/DISCUSSION

Embracing Emergence Christianity

All are invited to attend the Eucharist at 6pm. At 6:30, we will eat our soup supper while watching the short video and then have small group discussions. We will finish up at 7:45.

All are welcome, even at the last minute! But if you know you want to attend, please RSVP for Session Three by Monday January 27 to helencrowell09@comcast.net or 282.2461, so that she can make the right amount of food.

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LENTEN MEDITATIONS

Episcopal Relief & Development

We invite you to share in the 2012 Lenten email series from Episcopal Relief & Development. Each day during Lent you will receive a daily reflection, in both English and Spanish, co-authored by a group of respected leaders from across the Episcopal Church. During this season of reflection on our Christian faith, their writings will enhance your spiritual journey as they both inspire and challenge you.

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Men's Group:

Saturday, February 4, 8-10am in the Wajnert Room. We gather for worship, breakfast, fellowship, and study.

All men are cordially invited.



Bishop Marc Celebrates His 10th Anniversary as Our Bishop – on Thursday the 9th of February at the Cathedral. In honor of this there will be a special service of Evensong at 5:15 p.m. with a festive reception

following . Please RSVP by emailing to cindya@diocal.org

St. Aidan's Book Group

We gather at 7:00 p.m. on the last Monday of the month. Our next meeting is the

On the 27th of February:

Island Beneath the Sea, by Isabel Allende – an elegant and moving novel about throwing off the shackles of slavery in Haiti..

Also, mark your calendars for the next get-together

On the 26th of March:

Good To a Fault by Maria Endicott – a compassionate, funny novel about life and death and what happens when we try to do the right thing, and on April 23rd our book is *The Chinese Jar* by William C. Gordon – a mystery set in San Francisco during the 1960's that explores the mystical world of China's art and antiquities.



Celebration Service of the life of Absalom Jones -

You are invited.



We commemorate the life of Absalom Jones (1745-1818), the first African-American priest of the Episcopal Church. The service takes place on Saturday the 18th of February at 11.00 am at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Oakland. The celebrant will be Bishop Marc Andrus and our homilist will be Julio Murray, Bishop of Panama. There will be a festival choir directed by Jerry Donaldson with a reception honoring Bishop Julio Murray following the service.

The OCCUPY Challenge

Radical, individual heart change is a necessary, though not sufficient, condition for the advancement of justice. Injustice thrives because too many of us do nothing about it. We do not hold injustice clearly, unmistakably, and urgently in our field of vision.

There is a great distance between the privileged world we inhabit and take for granted, and that other world where tragedy, disease, destitution, and oppression are rife. We misperceive suffering as their problem, not ours.

We live with a clear conscience, believing that we are not the perpetrators of injustice while also believing that injustice is beyond our power to change.

Mark Labberton, The Dangerous Act of Loving Your Neighbor

...From the blog "**TEN MINUTES OR LESS: Helpful Hints for Busy Clergy and Lay Leaders**", by Michael Durall, Congregational Consultant, author of *The Almost Church* and four other books on vital congregations.

<http://www.vitalcongregations.com/>



ESCRIP NEWS, from Barbara Barnard

"**Mollie Stone's** eScrip Community Card Program opens at the signup tables, Tower Market site, on February 3rd and 4th between 10:00am and 6:00pm. St. Aidan's is already enrolled with the eScrip program; when we had the After School Program, our contributions came with Safeway purchases as Safeway supported schools.

Here's How It Works

- Your register your new Mollie Stone's card for use in the program.*
- Our group name: St. Aidan's Episcopal Church.
- Our group ID: 137105827

(there are 4 St. Aidan's in the program, so please check the accuracy of the ID)

Mollie Stone's makes contributions to St. Aidan's based on purchases made by you, using the card you have registered.

Internet access: eScrip.com.

You can set up your account and track your purchase history here.

I haven't tried this yet myself; if all is not as-advertised, I'll update the info.

Thanks, Barbara Barnard"



Exciting debut novel *Grave Refrain: A Love Ghost Story*, by Sarah M. Glover is a perfectly sexy thriller that proves when it comes to the love, one lifetime is never enough.



Andrew Hayes, a brilliant but troubled musician, has been haunted since childhood by memories of his muse. One night from a San Francisco stage, he spots her, but before he can reach her, she vanishes from sight.

Desperate to find the woman, he accepts a curious offer to stay in the city, moving into a dilapidated Victorian under going renovations that stir up far more than dust.

Andrew's life soon becomes even more chaotic with the arrival of martini-swilling ghosts and a troupe of flesh-and-blood stoner spiritualists bringing bad tidings from the Great Beyond.

The dark side of his obsession creates visions both thrilling and menacing, and as he struggles to solve the mysteries threatening him, Andrew discovers his life is repeating a refrain more deadly than he'd ever imagined.

Inspired by the sexy noirs and comedies of the past, *Grave Refrain* transports the reader to a place where the things that go bump in the night not only thrill you, but might just take your breath away for good.

ISBN: 978-1-936305-90-2 (print); 978-1-936305-91-9 (ebook)

Page count: 484 pages

Genre: Paranormal Romance

Release Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2012

About the Author

A writer and recovering CPA, Sarah M. Glover lives in San Francisco in an old house with a brood of people -- some taller, some shorter, all of whom she adores.

Sarah's previous work includes contributions to various anthologies, personal essays for both Public Radio and several national magazines, and musical comedies written to benefit San Francisco charities. *Grave Refrain* is her first novel.

To learn more about Sarah or this exciting contemporary, clever, paranormal romance, please check out her website at www.sarahmglover.com.



PILGRIMAGE: Scotland & No. England Led by Fr Tommy

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, San Francisco, invites you to participate in a 12-day pilgrimage entitled "*Celtic Pilgrimage: Following the Footsteps of Aidan*". We will spend a week on the Island of Iona with other pilgrims under the guidance of Celtic Theologian and Writer J. Philip Newell, one night in Oban, two nights in Edinburgh, and two nights on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne.

When: June 8-20, 2012

Cost: \$2,500 (Excludes air)

For More Information and Brochure: The Rev. Tommy Dillon
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SCRIPTURE READINGS,*(Epiphany 5)*[Isaiah 40:21-31](#)[Psalm 147:1-12, 21c](#)[1 Corinthians 9:16-23](#)[Mark 1:29-39](#)**PRAYERS*****Please Remember:***

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and for the Diocese of Aotearoa;

In the Episcopal Church: for Katherine our Presiding Bishop; for Bonnie the President of the House of Deputies; for Marc our Bishop; for the clergy of the Diocese; for our Rector Tommy; assisting clergy: Don, Megan and Angela; for our Deacons: David, Mark and Jan and for those in Discernment: Dan and Betty;

For those with Birthdays: Erin Wilk, Patrick Hall, Tuck Johnson, Laura DiMattio, Mary Reade, Jack Benninger and Taylor Wheat;

In our Parish: for our Youth and those who minister to them;

For those who are mentally ill and emotionally distressed and for their families and friends;

For those who have asked for our prayers Mary, Martha, Josh, Erin, Gerry, Mark, Gary, and Jack & Mary & their daughter, Margo Grant, Betty, Roger, Peter & family, Jack, Debbie, Jared & his parents, Chuck Nixon, Gabriel Rocco, Frank & his family, Marney, Vic and Milly, Joe Gavrin, Barbara Buchheit, Don, Joe, Gilbert, Paul, Fred and Georgia;

For those who have died: Pearl, Donald and for all those who have died in wars, natural disasters or other violence around the world and for their families.

PLEASE NOTE *(Names will be printed by first name only unless requested otherwise. The Church office maintains the Prayer List, which is published weekly in the Sunday Bulletin and The Flame. Portions of the list also are read aloud during the Prayers of the People at the Eucharists. To place a friend, family member or yourself on our prayer list, contact Sally Young, 415-285-9540, ext. 3 or Sally@saintaidan.org. Names appear*

Serving**Sunday, February 5th****Presiding**

8am & 10am The Rev. Angela Guida

5pm The Rev. Megan Rhoerr

Preaching

8am & 10am The Rev. David Stickley

5pm The Rev. Megan Rhorer

Deacon

8am & 10am The Rev. David Stickley

5pm The Rev. Mark Henderson

Lay Assistant

8am & 10am Betty Jerez

5pm Dan Burner

Greeter Barbara Purcell**Welcome** Claire Pilcher**Readers** Barry Anderson & Carolyn Sprogis**Prayers** Cynthia Clifford**Eucharistic Ministers** David Mealy and Helen Crowell**Eucharistic Visitor** Helen Crowell**Healing** Pam Wong**Altar Guild** Jackie Buckley and Cynthia Clifford**Bread** Edith Wells**Hospitality** Gayle & David Rosenkrantz and Tippy Irwiu**Offering Stewards** Karen Tomcala and Elaine Mannon**Nanny** CoCo Lin

CALENDAR

Feb. 3 to Feb. 12, 2012

Friday February 3

6:45am, Overeaters Anonymous *(Daily)*
1pm Free Food Pantry

Saturday 4

8am, Men's Group, *Wajnert Room*
8:15am, Weight Watchers, *Parish Hall*
9:00am Yoga Class, *Church*

Sunday 5

8am Meditative Holy Eucharist
10am Choral Eucharist
5pm Community of Travelers Eucharist

Monday 6

6:45am, Overeaters Anonymous *(Daily)*
8pm Sacred Cocktails, *Lookout Bar, 3600 16th St @ Market*
8pm AA and AlAnon, *Parish Hall and Church*

Tuesday 7

6:45am, Overeaters Anonymous *(Daily)*
12noon Lunch Bunch *(See page 4)*
Harding Park Golf Course

Wednesday February 8

6:45am, Overeaters Anonymous *(Daily)*
6pm Holy Eucharist
6:30pm Soup and Discussion
Embracing Emergent Christianity
(See page 2)

Thursday 9

6:45am, Overeaters Anonymous *(Daily)*
5:15pm Bishop Marc's Celebration *(Pg 3)*

Friday 10

6:45am, Overeaters Anonymous *(Daily)*
1pm Neighborhood Food Pantry, *Church*
3pm Vestry Retreat through 3pm on the 11th
Mercy Center Burlingame

Saturday 11

8:15am, Weight Watchers *Parish Hall*
9:00am Yoga Class, *Church*
12pm Overeaters Anonymous Workshop *Parish Hall*

Sunday 12

8am Meditative Holy Eucharist
10am Choral Eucharist
5pm Community of Travelers Eucharist

PLANNING AHEAD

Sat. February 18

11am Absalom Jones Celebration (Pg. 3)

*Wed. February 29 and Mar 3--
Fresh Expressions Of Church (Pg. 3)*

Every Sunday, 8am, 10am, 5pm -- Eucharist
WeekDays, 6:45am -- Overeaters Anonymous
Every Monday, 8pm -- AA & Alanon
Every Monday, 7pm -- Sacred Cocktails
Every Wednesday, 6pm -- Eucharist
Every Friday, 1pm -- Free Food Pantry
Every Saturday 8:15 am-- Weight Watchers
Last Sundays, 12 noon -- MEHAS
Last Mondays, 7pm -- Book Group
First Tuesdays, 12 noon -- Lunch Bunch
First Saturdays, 8am-- Men's Group
Last Saturdays, 8am-- Women's Group