

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



May 5, 2024

Called to embody God's love by welcoming everyone who enters and by empowering all who stay to make a difference in the world.

Happening Soon at St. David's

Sunday, May 5	10 am	A Deeper Dive: Reflection and Conversation in the Upper Room
Easter 6	11 am	Holy Eucharist followed by Coffee Hour
	4:45 pm	Pray the rosary with Mtr. Gaelyn
	5:30 pm	Special Evening Prayer service honoring ECM graduating seniors
Sunday, May 12	10 am	A Deeper Dive: Reflection and Conversation in the Upper Room
Easter 7	11 am	Holy Eucharist followed by Coffee Hour
Thursday, May 16	9-11 am	Church workday
	11:15	Pray the rosary with Mtr. Gaelyn
Sunday, May 19	10 am	A Deeper Dive: Reflection and Conversation in the Upper Room
Pentecost	11 am	Holy Eucharist followed by Coffee Hour
Thursday, May 23	2 pm	Pray the rosary with Mtr. Gaelyn
Sunday, May 26	10 am	A Deeper Dive: Reflection and Conversation in the Upper Room
Pentecost 1	11 am	Holy Eucharist followed by Coffee Hour
Tuesday, May 28	noon	Pray the rosary with Mtr. Gaelyn (before LOL)

First Sundays "Loose Plate" Offering

The vestry has designated, with parish input, six charities to support this year: *The Community Table*, *HERE*, *Jackson Neighbors in Need*, *Vecinos*, *Mainspring Conservation Trust* and *Midwives for Haiti*. At year's end, the total of the First Sundays "loose plate" offering plus the budgeted amount plus what we collect at Soup Suppers will be divided by six and donated to these groups. For next Sunday, May 5th, Vecinos is the highlighted charity.

Vecinos continues to address community needs with a focus on their vision of a healthy and equitable Western North Carolina. They recently received a \$2 million unrestricted gift as an awardee of philanthropist MacKenzie Scott's Yield Giving Open Call. Their project was selected from among 6,353 applications. It will be used to establish the Franklin-based [SECU Community Health Hub](#), which will be fully open and operational next year and will expand care to hundreds of low-income, uninsured patients across the region while also engaging partner agencies to offer complementary services such as dental care, legal assistance, and much more!



Honoring the Seniors this Sunday

The Evening Prayer service on May 5th will include a liturgy to honor our graduating seniors and close our ECM year. The parish is invited to celebrate our seniors with us. Here is some personal information about the graduates:

Addie Stafford



I will be receiving a BA in Stage and Screen with a minor in Communication. Within my major, I concentrated on theatrical lighting technology and I'm proud to say that I have already begun my career in professional theatre lighting! After graduation, I will be taking the summer off from work to spend time with family in Tennessee before my next big move! I'm so grateful to the St. David's family for giving me a place to call home over the past three years, and I can't wait to see what comes next!

Ryan Mullis

I'm a Communications Major with a Minor in Film Studies and I am also a member of a broadcasting club called WheeTV at Western Carolina University.

(from Ryan's webpage,

<https://ryanmullis.wordpress.com/>)



Graydon Elliott



My name is Graydon Elliott, and I have been at WCU for about 3 years. It has been a great time as I have been able to study education and history and participate in a yearlong student teaching internship at Cherokee! I will be moving forward with finding a permanent teaching position and will be planning on pursuing a master's program as well. Thank you to everyone at St. David's for your support and encouragement for all of us graduates!

Graydon has also served as our Parish Administrator for the last few years.

May is the Month of Mary

By Mtr. Gaelyn

It is traditional in the church to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord, during the month of May with special devotions and hymns. I have shared with many at St. David's that I have a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and credit her intercession with my confirmation in the Episcopal Church. I invite you to join me in that most notable of devotions to Mary during the month of May by praying the rosary with me. The rosary is a set of prayers that meditate on the Incarnation of Christ and also include the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary (which asks Mary to pray for us), and the Glory Be. The rosary takes 30 minutes or less to pray. If you do not have a rosary or know how to pray the rosary, have no apprehension. I will make sure there are rosaries for anyone who needs one and the prayer is a versicle and response, so no prior knowledge is necessary.



Image: Our Lady of Walsingham

Walsinghamcommunity.org

Pray the Rosary with Me:

Thursday, May 2nd at 2:00

Sunday, May 5th at 4:45 (before Evening Prayer and Liturgy to Honor our Graduates)

Thursday, May 16th at 11:15 (after Parish Cleanup)

Thursday, May 23rd at 2:00

Tuesday, May 28th at noon (before LOL)

More information about Anglican devotion to St. Mary:
(From the *Anglican Service Book*) Concerning Marian Devotion

Popular devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is an affirmation of the inseparable union between our Lord's true humanity and his full divinity. The Church teaches that he who was incarnate of the Holy Ghost and the Virgin Mary is a union of divine and human natures in one divine Person. That being the case, it is appropriate to call His Mother *Theotokos* (accurately rendered as "Birth-giver of God," but more usually translated as "Mother of God"). Indeed, the Nestorian controversy during the fifth century was ignited by the condemnation by the heretical Bishop of Constantinople of the use of the term *Theotokos*. Every orthodox doctrine about Mary is Christological, continuing the pattern of the Wedding Feast at Cana, where she says to the servants, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." Because of her faith in the works of God, all generations have indeed "called her Blessed." Mary is the model of humanity redeemed by Christ, and the principal type of the Church.

The councils of the undivided Church encourage the faithful to venerate and emulate the saints of the Christian family, and this is supremely true of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Adoration, however, is due only to the Holy Trinity and devotion to the saints is supplementary to the worship of the one, true, living God. It is an expression of the unity of the whole family of God in Heaven and on earth. At the heart of all Marian devotion is the simple request for the prayers of our Mother in Christ—one who is held by the common tradition of the Church to be "higher than the Cherubim, more glorious than the Seraphim," yet still a creature, and subordinate to God the creator.

http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/Anglican_Service_Book/addl_devotions2.html#marian_anthems



Orion Cass and BSA troop 999 made improvements to the trail between the *Gathering Place* and the cemetery. The material cost was \$328. Since this was not in our budget, but approved by vestry, donations are appreciated.

Eagle Scout Project Enhances Cemetery Area



Numerous flowers are blooming and ferns unfurling now.



Soup Supper and ECM



Some photos from the monthly soup supper. Following the meal, the students assembled bags of basic necessities that will be given to anyone who needs them.



Congratulations, Kelsey

Congratulations to Kelsey Davis who will be ordained as a Deacon on May 11th at 11 am at the Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville. Kelsey was the Campus Missioner at WCU prior to Mtr. Gaelyn and the first to hold that position after it was created.



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

May 8

Karen Brown

May 9

Tom Wilcox, Maggie Bowles and Ann Guessford (Margot's sister)

Beware of Scammers!

No member of the St. David's clergy or staff will ever contact you via email or text requesting money or gift cards! Please do not respond to or forward suspicious emails, and never give out your personal information to anyone via the internet or email.

Securing Our Property

Please remember to lock any doors that you may have opened either upstairs or in the *Gathering Place* when you leave!

Beans & Rice

Donations of rice and beans may be left in the large containers behind the front doors of the church. They go to the Community Table and United Christian Ministries.



St. David's Little Free Pantry
[Suggestions for items to stock the pantry.](#)



Church Membership Directory

Should you wish to have a directory emailed or mailed to you, please contact our parish administrator, Graydon Elliott, at info@stdavidsculowhee.org.

Vestry Minutes

Vestry minutes may be found in a white notebook in the library upstairs.

St. David's Little Free Library

Borrow a book or donate a book to the lending shelf located in the *Gathering Place* next to the Sacristy.

Lake Logan Events

<https://www.lakelogan.org/events/>



Needed in the pantry

We have been extraordinarily busy this year ... this month ... this week!
Our pantry is in immediate need of some items. If you are able to donate, we would be truly grateful!

Needed:

Shampoo (prefer 2-in-1 shampoo and conditioner)

Body wash

Deodorant

Toothpaste

Child diapers - all sizes

Cereal

Spaghetti Sauce

Spaghetti Noodles

Donations may be dropped off at our building (191 Skyland Drive) or placed in the UCM collection cart inside Food Lion or Harold's.

St. David's in the Valley, Clergy and Staff

The Right Rev. Jose A. McLoughlin, Bishop
The Rev. Gaelyn Lei Evangreene, Rector and Campus Missioner
Dr. Lillian Pearson, Organist
Graydon Elliott, Parish Administrator

Serving this Sunday

Chalice Bearer: Brad Orvis
Lector: Morgan Fox
Altar: Betsy Swift
Linens: Margot Wilcox
Bread Baker: Maggie Bowles/Karen Brown
Greeter: Gael Graham
Vestry Counter:
Coffee Hour: Terri Sanger
Live Streaming:
Flowers: It's complicated

Readings

[Acts 10:44-48](#), [1 John 5:1-6](#), [John 15:9-17](#), [Psalm 98](#)

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Regular Schedule at St. David's

Sundays

10:00-10:40

Reflection and Conversation in the Upper Room

11:00

In-Person and Facebook Live Holy Eucharist

5:30

Evening Prayer (when WCU is in session)

6 pm

Episcopal Campus Ministry@WCU
(when WCU is in session)

2nd Sundays at 12:45

Vestry in the *Upper Room*

Tuesdays at 1 pm

Women of a Certain Age (LOL) meet in the *Gathering Place*

3rd Thursdays 9-11 am

Church Workday

Last Sundays except December and May-July-Soup Supper at 6 pm



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