

St. Paul's Events Calendar - June/July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Harland Presiding	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Morning Prayer 11 a.m.	30 Questions on the Way 5-6:30 p.m. Reading & Dessert 6:30-8 p.m.	1 July	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
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Amen.

compassion for all your people.

heart and fill me with gentle

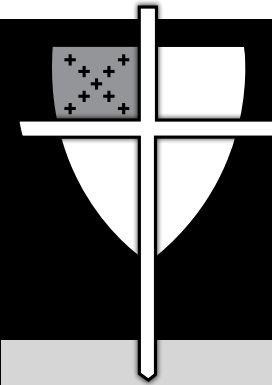
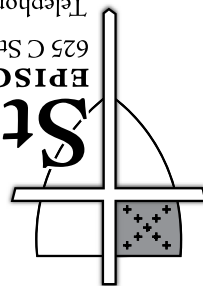
presence. Slow down my restless

the cooling shade of your

Lord, help me to rest a while in
A Summer Prayer...

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News from St. Paul's

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Cheney, Washington

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Upcoming Events:

**June 30 - God-Talk
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**July 6 - Buzby's
House Blessing**

**July 9 - God-Talk
Sessions**

**July 19 -
Evangelism BBQ
and Potluck**

**July 21 - God-Talk
Sessions**

Holladay's Message

Dear People of St. Paul's,

At last, a newsletter! Sam Buzby has undertaken the great responsibility of preparing our newsletter. In it, you will be receiving news about the state of St. Paul's, about upcoming programs or meetings in which you can take part, and some quotes from works that will invite your spiritual pondering.

Summer is finally, though slowly, approaching now. Summer is a time when we can relax a bit and refresh our lives. Vacations are in the offing and our life journey slows down a bit. We have a chance to take a collective breath so that summer can be a time for us to take time to be still and explore our connection with our God who loves us so deeply.

When we enjoy the clean feel of the rain, bask in the warmth of the sun, gaze agog at the mountains or the ocean, we know that God is here... that God is an integral part of the world in which we live. The Holy Spirit animates us in all our undertakings, all the ways we reach out to each other. And we can find God in the movies we watch, the books we read, the experiences we share, and the questions that puzzle us.

At St. Paul's, there will be a couple of opportunities to explore how God touches our lives. I invite you into exploration not with workshops, but with open discussion and questioning; not with coursework but with the joy of reading.

I will be at St. Paul's with some refreshments on specific dates and times to be available for any questions you may have about God, faith, the Church, whatever. In addition, you will find listed some books for suggested summer reading. The dates and times for the book discussions about each of the books are also listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

We have had over six months together and our time together is beginning to take a relatively predictable shape. I am in the Cheney area from Thursday through Thursday surrounding the first and third Sundays of the month. Generally, I can be found at St. Paul's or on the campus on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. Saturdays and Wednesdays are changeable according to need. In addition, I am available to you all whenever the need arises, regardless of "schedule." A large part of the ministry of priesthood is presence. Thus, I am available when you need to call upon me. I trust your judgment regarding the urgency and the time of the need.

Please let me know if you're going into the hospital. Please tell me if you are ill or anxious or in need in any way. I encourage you to contact me when you need to do so. Even when I am not in town, as your priest, I am available to you.

If you need me to speak with you or come to you, please call me or e-mail me. If you cannot get in touch with me, then please ask George Durrie, Christine Soule or Killy Balabanis to do so on your behalf. Because special needs occur in all of our lives, both St. Paul's and St. Martin's are flexible to the needs of the other congregation.

I absolutely welcome your calls and look forward to the continued growth in the relationships and ministries we share at St. Paul's. For your use, my cell phone number is 208-755-4338. My e-mail address is hsanderson@qosi.net (That last is a "q" for quicksilver: qosi.net. It's not a "g" as in gopher.) Please do not hesitate to call me if you need me.

Our journey together is just beginning. I look forward to walking that journey together as we continue to explore what possibilities our loving God has in store for us all at St. Paul's.

In Christ's love,

Holladay

God-Talk in the Summer

This summer, we're going to experiment with two different ways for folks to come together and explore the connections we can make with God.

Reading and Dessert is a tentative name for a number of summer book discussion gatherings. This year they will be at the church. Our meetings will be mostly on Monday evenings (there is one Wednesday) from 6:30 – 8 PM.



Choose the book or books you wish to read. They can be ordered through amazon.com or Auntie's in Spokane. **If you need assistance ordering books, let Holladay know by June 18 so she can order your copies.** Holladay can get the first one (Blowing the Lid...) fairly quickly. You can connect by her cell phone or e-mail. 208-755-4338 or hsanderson@qosi.net

Bring yourself and the book. Holladay will supply the cookies and lemonade.

June 30 (Monday) *Blowing the Lid off the God-Box: Opening up to a Limitless Faith* by Anne Robertson. Published by Morehouse, 2005 (98 pages). Each of us builds our own "God-box" – our way of understanding God – and fills it up with bits of scripture, wisdom and experiences of God at work in our lives. Beginning with the example of Jesus – who blew the lid off everyone's God-box by constantly challenging his followers with the unexpected—this book calls us to spiritual balance in a world marked by extremism on both the right and left.

July 9 (Wednesday) *The Garden of Ruth* by Eva Etzioni-Halevy. Published by Plume, 2007 (293 pages). Told through the voices of Osnath, the niece of the prophet Samuel, and of Ruth herself, this book transports readers into the time of David and of Ruth, into the ancient world – and offers a new perspective on well-known biblical tales.

July 21 (Monday) *Golfing With God: A Novel of Heaven and Earth* by Roland Merullo. Published by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, 2007 (277 pages). Hank, a pro golfer during his life, is having the time of his afterlife until he's summoned to play a round with the Almighty. It seems that God is having some trouble with His game. As they play the heavenly courses, Hank comes to realize that what began as a golf lesson has become a spiritual journey. The Seattle papers say this fantasy elevates the game of golf to a spiritual quest.

August 18 (Monday) *Looking for God: an unexpected journey through tattoos, tofu & pronouns* by Nancy Ortberg. Published by Tyndale, 2008 (the only hardback; 183 pages). From the book jacket: "In her long-awaited debut title, Nancy Ortberg will inspire you to... embrace the often unexpected, at times unnerving, but always extraordinary power of God's grace. As you journey with Nancy, you'll come to discover God in places you would have never dreamed of looking, and you'll experience faith on a deeper level than you ever imagined possible."

Questions on the Way

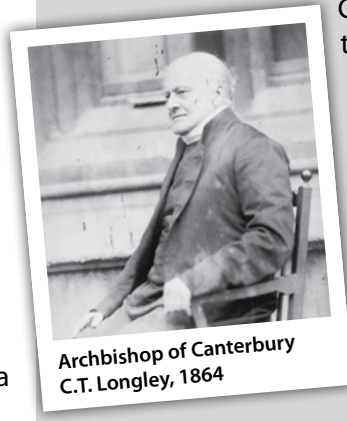
Do you have questions about God? Faith? Doubt? Heaven or Hell? The Prayer Book? The Episcopal Church? From 5 until 6:30 PM on June 30, July 9, July 21, and August 18, Holladay will be at St. Paul's. Lemonade will be in the fridge. Drop in, come with your questions and let's explore together.



Episcopal Life: What is the Lambeth Conference?

The idea of these meetings was first suggested in a letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury by Bishop John Henry Hopkins of Vermont in 1851, but the immediate impulse came from the colonial Church in Canada. In 1865 the synod of that province, in an urgent letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Longley), represented the unsettlement of members of the Canadian Church caused by recent legal decisions of the Privy Council, and their alarm lest the revived action of Convocation "should leave us governed by canons different from those in force in England and Ireland, and thus cause us to drift into the status of an independent branch of the Roman Catholic Church."

They therefore requested him to call a "national synod of the bishops of the Anglican Church at home and abroad", to meet under his leadership. After consulting both houses of the Convocation of Canterbury, Archbishop Longley assented, and convened all the bishops of the Anglican Communion (then 144 in number) to meet at Lambeth in 1867.



Archbishop of Canterbury
C.T. Longley, 1864

Many Anglican bishops (amongst them the Archbishop of York and most of his suffragans) felt so doubtful as to the wisdom of such an assembly that they refused to attend it, and Dean Stanley declined to allow Westminster Abbey to be used for the closing service, giving as his reasons the

partial character of the assembly, uncertainty as to the effect of its measures and "the presence of prelates not belonging to our Church."

Archbishop Longley said in his opening address, however, that they had no desire to assume "the functions of a general synod of all the churches in full communion with the Church of England," but merely to "discuss matters of practical interest, and pronounce what we deem expedient in resolutions which may serve as safe guides to future action." The resolutions of the Lambeth Conferences have never been regarded as synodical decrees, but their weight has increased with each conference.

Seventy-six bishops accepted the primate's invitation to the first conference, which met at Lambeth on September 24, 1867, and sat for four days, the sessions being in private. The archbishop opened the conference with an address: deliberation followed; committees were appointed to report on special questions; resolutions were adopted, and an encyclical letter was addressed to the faithful of the Anglican Communion. Each of the subsequent conferences has been first received in Canterbury Cathedral and addressed by the archbishop from the chair of St. Augustine.

It has then met at Lambeth Palace, and after sitting for five days for deliberation upon the fixed subjects and appointment of committees, has adjourned, to meet again at the end of a fortnight and sit for five days more, to receive reports, adopt resolutions and to put forth the encyclical letter.

From 1978 onwards the Conference has been held on the Canterbury campus of the University of Kent allowing the bishops to live and worship together on the same site for the first time.

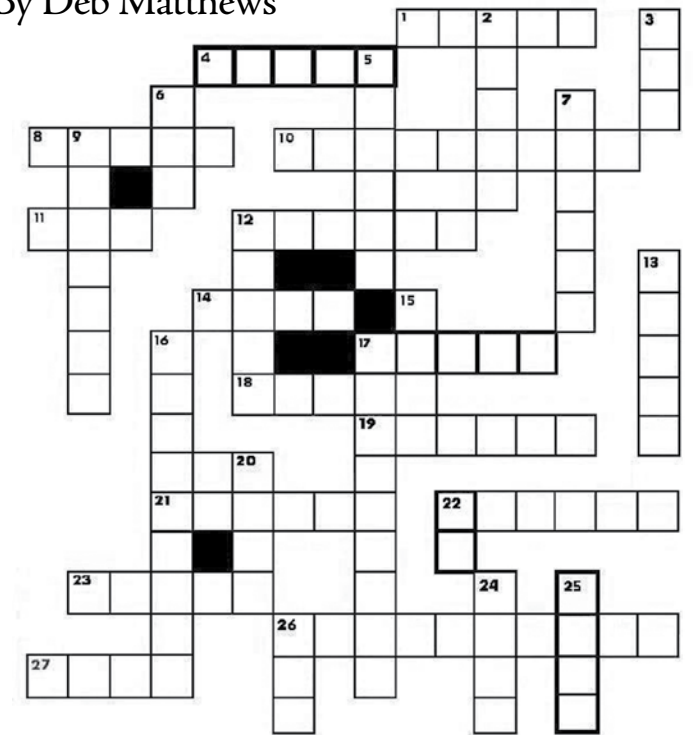
Source: Wikipedia
(en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lambeth_conferences)

Have something for St. Paul's newsletter?

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Bible Crossword Puzzle

By Deb Matthews



ACROSS

- All Christians should ___ and pray. (Mt. 24:42-46; 26:41, Eph. 6:18)
- We must have it to please God (Heb. 11:6)
- With the whole armor on, we can ___ against the devil's wiles. (Eph. 6:11)
- The helmet of ___. (Eph. 6:17)
- What a Christian does not [habitually practice]. (I Jn. 3:9)
- Faith serves as what kind of armor of protection? (Eph. 6:16)
- Be strong in the ___. (Eph. 6:10)
- We show our faith by our actions or ___. (Js. 2:17, 18)
- We should be ___ of the Word. (Js. 1:22)
- When temptation comes, God is faithful to provide a way to ___. (I Cor. 10:13)
- The Word of God is the sword of the ___. (Eph. 6:17)
- When we need help, we can come ___ to God's throne of grace. (Heb. 4:15, 16)
- God is not the author of confusion, but of ___. (I Cor. 14:33)
- No matter what may come against us, we are more than ___ through Christ. (Rom. 8:37)
- Faith comes by hearing the ___. (Rom. 10:17)

DOWN

- Have your loins girt about with ___. (Eph. 6:14)

- How many of satan's fiery darts can we quench? (Eph. 6:16)
- The ___ of salvation. (Eph. 6:17)
- Jesus prayed that we all would be ___. (Jn. 17:21)
- Paul preached the mystery of the ___. (Eph. 6:19)
- With Christ ___ whole armor of God on, we can always ___. (II Cor. 2:14)
- God's Word is sharper than any twoedged ___. (Heb. 4:12)
- To those who don't know Jesus, the gospel is a ___. (Mk. 4:11; Eph. 6:19; Col. 1:26, 27)
- Because Paul prayed for his shipmates, there was no ___ of any man's life when the ship broke up. (Acts 27:22ff)
- Take the whole armor of God so you can ___ in the evil day. (Eph. 6:13)
- We are never ___ against human enemies, but against the devil and his demons. (Eph. 6:12)
- Hearing, keeping, and doing God's Word will bring ___ and health. (Prov. 4:20-22)
- "... but ___ love serve one another." (Gal. 5:13c)
- Perfect love casts out ___. (I John 4:18)
- God's ___ is perfected in us when we keep (do) His Word. (I John 2:5)
- I ___ can do all things through Christ. (Phil. 4:13)

Answers: www.debauthor.com/xwordans.htm