As we approach the first anniversary of our next 150 years, Bishop Mary has given her consent for us to celebrate the Feast of Stephen, First Deacon and Martyr of the Church and our Patron Saint, on the Second Sunday of September. This note from her will hang on the office wall alongside the note from Bishop William Ingraham Kip granting his consent for our forefathers and mothers to form this congregation back on September 4, 1867.

Details of our St. Stephen’s Day Celebration are in this issue of The Witness.

On April 21, about 25 Cal Poly students helped scrape and paint the trim around the front of the office building as part of their New Student & Transition Programs Service Day. Parishioners and students rolled up their sleeves and spent a day sharing about Cal Poly, St Stephen’s and themselves while making the place look a bit brighter.

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church – thank you so much for hosting our leaders during Service Day this year! We love getting out into the community and volunteering – we couldn’t do it without amazing partners like you. Best,

Molly Sarah Drew

Thank you for your support for Week of Welcome means the world.
Rev. George E. “Ted” Ridgway
1930—2018

Fr. Ted was priest at St. Stephen’s from 1987-1995. When he was called to St. Stephen’s he was nearing his required retirement age, but he and his wife, Shirley, were anything but retiring people. They became involved and active members as soon as they arrived.

Our History Committee contacted Fr. Ted and asked that he write a reflection of his time with us for our 150 years as a congregation. He wrote that his 8 years here were “…the most wonderful and fulfilling time of his ministry.” He said he appreciated the sense of commitment of outreach to the community, especially the Prado Day Center, through housing and food. He enjoyed our excellent music program and Sunday School. He enjoyed interacting with the Youth Group on outings, especially the 1992 trip visiting the Native American Indian Territories. He was happy we could provide safe housing for the children of Grandmother’s House. He said he was always impressed by the number of parishioners who helped with the maintenance of the Church and grounds. He was a fine man and served God and our Church well. Shirley predeceased Fr. Ted. Services are pending. Contact our office for further information.

Diocesan Teen Camping Trip
September 28-30

Attention kids in grades 6 - 12: The annual "end of summer" blast is coming September 28-30 to Santa Lucia Campground in Big Sur. Young people from across our diocese will converge on All Saints' Big Sur campground for the weekend. Come prepared to swim, play, sing, eat S'mores, worship, talk, read, relax, hike, renew old friendships and make new ones.

Bring your own gear, share tents with friends. The cost is $50 each (make check payable to St. Stephen's) plus some cash to bring for food and gas along the way.

Parents and other Adults: Chaperones and Chauffeurs are needed. Anyone interested in participating, as a camper or a chaperone, call Kathleen at 546-0880 or email kapennington@netscape.net

Re-register your Ralph's Card in September

Even if you've registered your Ralph's card to provide a donation to our children's programs as recently as last month, please re-register during September. Ralph's is beginning a new "term" and requires re-registration of all cards after September 1.

To link your Ralph's Rewards card to provide a donation to Children's Programs at St. Stephen's, go to www.ralphs.com, log in to your account, click on your name at the top right, then on "my account" on the drop down menu, then on "Community Rewards" on the left and then on the "re-enroll" button and search for St. Stephen's by our NPO number (CV931) or by name. If you have questions, see call or email Kathleen (546-0880, kapennington@netscape.net)
HELP WANTED

Part Time Godly Play Instructor

Work with infants through 3rd grade in the Children's Chapel during the first part of the 10 a.m. service on Sundays. The Godly Play Instructor and older children go into church at the exchange of the peace and younger children stay for a time of play with the Childcare Worker through the end of the service.

Use Godly Play curriculum and Spark Story Bible to familiarize children with the stories, principals and traditions of the Episcopal Church and nurture their spiritual development. Some memorization may be required. Class size ranges from 1 to 10 children.

Teach a few times a year or a regular monthly schedule. Salary is the friendship and prayers of children. Must be 18 years of age or older and complete a live or online Child Safety Course. To apply email kapennington@netscape.net

Childcare Worker

Play with babies and toddlers in our Children's Chapel or playground while their parents attend worship services, Bible studies, church meetings or other programs. Occasional diaper changing may be necessary.

This position pays $10.50 per hour. Must be 18 years of age or older and complete a live or online Child Safety Course. To apply email kapennington@netscape.net

Encourager

Notice when young people are serving as acolytes, readers, ushers, musicians, helping with coffee hour or doing other useful things. Tell them how well they've done and how much you appreciate their contribution to the life of our parish. Salary is knowing you've helped build a child's confidence and encouraged them toward a life of involvement in the church. Everyone interested in taking on this job is welcome to join in whenever possible.

Part Time Teens & Tweens Teacher

Part Time Teens & Tweens Class Teacher

Meet with children in 4th Grade through High School during the first part of the 10 a.m. service on Sundays (children join their families in church at the exchange of the peace.) Read and discuss Bible stories and work with the class on service projects. Class size ranges from 1 to 6 children. Teach a few times a year or on a regular monthly schedule. Salary is the joy of watching children grow into maturity in their faith.

Must be 18 years of age or older and complete a live or online Child Safety Course. To apply email kapennington@netscape.net

Greeter

Get to know the names of some of our young people and be sure to say "hello" when you see them in church or around town. Earn jewels in your crown as you work at this very important task. No need to apply, everyone is encouraged to take on this job.
Musical Spoiler-Alerts
Cassandra Tarantino, Music Director

The St. Stephen’s Chancel Choir is BACK!
After a restful and adventurous summer, our choral parishioners and Choral Scholars have returned to the redesigned Choir Loft to help lead and enhance the musical worship of the 10am Eucharist.

Sept. 9 St. Stephen’s Bellabration Day will be the official return of the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir. We will ring in St. Stephen’s Day with music reflecting the long history of our church (151 years!). The Alleluia, Sanctus, and Communion Anthems are settings of Padre N. Durán’s by musicologists Dr. Craig Russell and John Biggs. The Offertory anthem is Ding Dong Merrily on High, arranged for choir and bells by previous Music Director and Organist Alan Boehmer. Our music library is filled with Mr. Boehmer’s arrangements for this church, and we are thrilled to get to continue to perform them. In addition to our own bell choir, volunteers from 1st United Methodist Church in Arroyo Grande and First Presbyterian Church of SLO will join in the ringing fun. Finally, our prelude and postlude will include guest artist Alice Tomasini and our own Marshall Granger. It will be a grand Bellabration, indeed!

Offertory Anthems for September include F. J. Haydn’s The Heavens are Telling (9/16), Gwyneth Walker’s How Can I Keep from Singing (9/23), and the Kyrie from Mozart’s Misss Brevis K., 220 (9/30). Mozart’s Missa Brevis K. 220 is nicknamed “The Sparrow Mass” (Spatzenmesse), and was composed in Salzburg in 1775/1776 most likely for an Easter Service. Mozart would have been about 19 years old when he wrote this piece. The Chancel Choir will perform each of the movements of this mass from September through November.

Communion Music this month will feature three of our five Choral Scholars: Roseann Parks (soprano), George Gorrrindo (tenor), and Joseph Lilly (baritone). To partner with The Heavens are Telling from the First part of Haydn’s “Creation,” Rosey and Joseph will sing the lovely duet By Thee with Grace from the third part of the same oratorio. Rosey will sing a lovely setting of Song of Songs with flutist Miriam Grisso on September 23. As a compliment to Mozart’s Missa Brevis, George Gorrrindo will sing If with All Your Hearts from F. Mendelssohn’s “Elijah.”

Featured Artist this month is flutist Miriam Grisso. Ms. Grisso is the conductor for the SLO Youth Symphony Symphonic Winds. She is a native of the Central Valley in CA, where she taught band for 26 years. She received her Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees in Music from USC. She currently plays for the SLO Symphony, SLO Wind Orchestra, and Central Coast Gilbert & Sullivan. Please do enjoy hearing Miriam play on September 23- Cassandra will join her on two flutacious duets for the Prelude and Postlude.

Assistant Music Director and Organist, Clare Olsen will lead our hymns from the newly relocated organ in the choir loft. Ms. Olsen is enjoying the “new” 1936 Mason & Hamlin piano Mrs. Tarantino has loaned to St. Stephen’s. She has been choosing lovely preludes and postludes that will help prepare you for worship, and send you off into the world in peace and joy. Thank you, Clare, for all your dedicated practice and talent!

We are blessed with abundance of music at St. Stephen’s, and can’t wait to share it with you.

See you in church!

General Information
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Hands-On Stewardship at St. Stephen’s!

THANK YOU TO Gail Taylor, Lynn Hollister, Nancy Hixson and Kathleen Pennington, for teaching Sunday School in August!

THANK YOU TO Judy Tyner for donation of books for Sunday School!

THANK YOU TO Lynn Hollister for your countless hours of research! Thank you so much for your dedication to St. Stephen’s!

THANK YOU TO Gail Taylor, Mark Turner and Ann Patry for volunteering in the office in late July and August!

THANK YOU TO Drew Vander Weele, Kyan Vander Weele and Kathleen Pennington for making countless homeless lunch bags over the summer!

THANK YOU TO Kathleen Pennington for all of your help with “The Witness” and for being always a phone call away!

Greetings SLO Deanery!

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for the 2nd Annual SLO Enchilada Festival on Saturday, October 6th, from 11am - 2pm at St. Stephen’s, SLO. We will have local vendors and restaurants vying for “Best Enchilada,” and it’s up to you, the attendees, to taste and vote for your favorites!

Tickets are $25 for the general public, $20 for students, and $5 for children 12 and under. Tickets will be available in your local parishes and online. Details to follow in the coming weeks! We are still in the planning stages, but anticipate adding a Beer Garden this year, in addition to having Live Music, a Salsa Competition (no dancing required) and a Nacho Bar during the Festival. This fundraiser is in support of the CanterburyShire Episcopal Campus Ministry, now in its 12th year serving college students and young adults in the SLO deanery. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you on Oct. 6th!

Peace and Blessings,
Chaplain Berkeley & the SLO Canterbury Foundation Board
Ring That Bell!

The new steeple and the refurbished bell are fantastic! Durable materials and quality carpentry were employed to ensure that we have a steeple that will last us most of the next 150 years! For that, we are thankful.

However, there was a cost! Due to inexperience with steeple building, challenges with building materials and a longer-than-expected installation time, the $30,000 estimate came in at just under $70,000. Adding the Architect and Engineer work and permit fees, the total cost was $81,843. Thanks to the generosity of this parish and the Bull Foundation, we raised almost $35,000 toward that without a full-blown, pushy fundraising campaign. A big “thank you” to Chris Arndt who single-handedly put “Ring The Bell” together with a gallon jar and handmade crosses. And THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The Vestry is considering our next steps as we pivot from Renovations to Capital Campaign. There are three more parts to this project: The door replacement, siding replacement and painting. This is for the church building only, not including Ramsden Hall. There has been a generous donation for the front set of doors, and we are currently exploring how to get those built next.

There are several decisions to make and information to be gathered as we move toward a Capital Campaign, the details of which will change from month-to-month until we settle on something to present to the Parish. In the meantime, we will pay for the steeple and the doors without dipping into the corpus of the Endowment or into our Operating Budget. We have been saving for this for months; it’s just costing us more than we thought.

We are extremely fortunate that the Good People of St Stephen’s are generous givers, and we have had a few years of small surpluses that are carrying us through these renovations without having to cut other programs or expenditures. It is important that we honor our annual pledges, this year and in years to come. It is also important that we continue the steps that we have been taking to reach out to the wider community, and the conversations about, and actions toward Episcopal Evangelism.

Most importantly, we must continue our spiritual journeys with one another, worshiping together and sharing in the Holy Eucharist: Our Great Thanksgiving that God has given us what we need (salvation through Jesus), in good faith in Him. Let us take the both pragmatic and faith message from Matthew 6:25-34, and be pragmatic and faithful as we Welcome, Worship and Work for one another and for San Luis Obispo, for the Glory of God through Jesus Christ, in the Power of the Holy Spirit.

_The Rev Ian M Delinger, Rector_
Are You Guilty of Wishcycling?

One of my Sexton’s duties is rolling out the recycling bins every Sunday for Monday pick up. I always check them to ensure that they are not empty. A lot of the time I’m dismayed to see what has been put in the blue bins for “recycling”.

This is not a St. Stephen’s-only issue. There was recently an article in the Tribune about the problems caused by “wishcycling”, or “feel-good recycling,” which is someone putting items in the bin that they think will be recycled, or should be recycled. What they don’t realize is that action actually contaminates the other contents of the bin. In the worst cases, it can cause the entire contents to be sent to the dump, rather than recycled.

Also, as George Skelton pointed out in his July 9 column in the LA Times, the problem has gotten so bad that it is one of the reasons that China, which used to buy about 50% of the US recycling output, stopped almost entirely around the first of the year.

Rather than repeat more from both sources, at the end of this article are TinyURLs for both of them on-line, so that you can read them. However, here is a list of No-Nos from the Tribune article.

10 things you really shouldn’t put in your recycling bin:

- **Plastic bags** top the list of things that should not be put in the blue bins in SLO County because the thin plastic can severely damage machinery. If a plastic bag gets stuck in the machines, they must stop the process and torch the plastic until it melts off of the machinery, releasing harmful chemicals. Recycling shouldn’t even go into plastic garbage bags.
- **Batteries** are another danger to recycle. During the recycling center’s process, batteries can spark and harm recycling-center employees.
- **Needles** have been a common problem as well. There have been several times where insulin needles will end up in the recycling bin because they are made of plastic and metal, however, she said they are a non-recyclable hazard.
- **Food scraps** are also damaging to the recycling process. It is considered a recycling contaminant if food packaging that was not properly washed out or food scraps are thrown into recycling. However, food scraps can avoid the landfill if composted through SLO County’s free Residential Food Waste Program.
- **Frozen food boxes** are not recyclable food packages. They are lined with a wax or plastic polymer to help insulate the food. The wax makes the box “impossible to recycle,” the SLO IWMA website said. If cleaned properly, plastic frozen food trays can be recycled, but not the boxes.
- **Paper cups**, typically used for coffee, have a similar wax lining to contain the liquid and therefore cannot be recycled. Yet, the cardboard drink sleeves and plastic lids are recyclable.
- **Pizza boxes** run a fine line. If there is grease on the pizza box, then it is a contaminant and should be thrown away, but, if the top portion is not greasy, it can be cut off and recycled.
- **Dishware** is also among the list of frequently recycled non-recyclables. Ceramic is not a recyclable product. And as for glasses, the type of glass used to make dishes does not melt at the same temperature as glass bottles, so it is not processed at recycling plants. Broken glass should never be recycled, as it is a hazard to employees.
- **Diapers** are another hazard that can end up in the wrong bin. Although disposable diapers contain paper and plastic, they are considered a bio hazard and should not be recycled. Also, the mixed materials could not be separated anyway.
- **PVC Garden Hoses and PVC Pipe** can also damage machinery. The long hoses are not meant to be recycled and can tangle the recycling process, creating a safety hazard.
- Other items that don’t belong in the blue bin include: scrap metal, clothing, paper milk cartons, ice cream containers, paper towels, Styrofoam, light bulbs, shredded paper and electronic devices.

There is much more comprehensive information on what and how to recycle at www.iwma.com/guide/.

Trib article: tinyurl.com/y767kkye
**Ask The Treasurer**

"You mention the Money Market account in your summary of bank balances. What is in the Money Market and how is it used?"

The account is with Rabobank and consists of multiple sub accounts. I reconcile this account every month with the bank statement.

The sub funds are:

- **Brotherhood of St. Andrew** (Deposits are made from the Tip Jar at the monthly meeting and from donations that help fund the Men’s Retreat.)
- **Fellowship** (Funds can be used for special celebrations.)
- **Music** (Donations are deposited in this fund.)
- **Youth** (Deposits were primarily from the E-Script donations from local grocery stores.)
- **Vacation Bible School** (Payments are made to VBS workers and the cost of advertising. Deposits are made from reservations and donations.)
- **Parish Players** (This was established when Alice Jo Duckworth was doing plays.)
- **Mount Calvary** (Donations allow women to attend the Women’s Retreat in Santa Barbara.)
- **St. Andrews Benefactors** (This is a group of anonymous individuals that help people with monetary needs.)
- **Contemplative** (Funds are used for workshops and books related to Contemplative Prayer.)
- **Pilgrim’s Purse** (Funds are used for assistance in going on a pilgrimage.)
- **Operating Reserve Fund** (Vestry approved transfer of surplus operating money.)

If anyone has any questions about this account or any of the sub funds, please give me a call or email me at treasurer@ststephensslo.org.

**Rabobank Bank Balances as of August 20, 2018**

Operating: $60,213.84  
Money Market: $89,520.06  
Endowment Checking: $14,539.45

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie Arndt, Treasurer

**Sexton’s Report**

**Joint Work Day with Grandmother’s House Saturday August 4th**

Our work day was a good success. Among other things, Clare and I extended the organ speaker cables by 20 feet so the organ console and piano could be relocated, making more room at the communion rail and bringing the choir up closer to the nave and sanctuary.

I also replaced the lamps in the 2 pin spots for the brass cross behind the altar, and one down flood light. The barns were sorted and organized, the kitchen drawers cleaned out and sorted, refrigerators cleaned out, the front fence painted, the sacristy cleaned, Fr. Ian’s shoe was repaired, and many more things accomplished. A BIG sexton thank you to everyone who came and helped, and also to Katie Arndt for preparing and serving a great taco bar lunch, and to GMH Dottie for providing cookies for dessert.

**Treasurer’s Office A/C**

Due to weeks of continuing hot weather and the close conditions in the treasurer’s office on Monday counting and bill paying days, I purchased and installed a portable air conditioner in there. The current elevated installation is temporary, as the exhaust hose is too short for the unit to be placed on the floor, and exhausted out the high windows. I am ordering a hose extension for it for a better installation.

**Grave news**

I dug a grave for Eleanor Coverdale adjacent to Tom’s, and then filled it in after the funeral. This makes about 27 graves I have dug since I took over the duties from Tom Coverdale.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Arndt, Sexton
GraveTalk will be a café space (with a light lunch) where people can talk about these big questions. The conversation is helped along by GraveTalk conversation cards – 52 questions covering 5 key areas. The cards will be on the tables, and each group picks a question and uses it start a conversation. It doesn’t matter if you only use one question – or work through all of them! The purpose is to talk and listen. This is not bereavement support – it’s an opportunity for people of all ages to gather, to talk and to share their thoughts about death, dying and funerals in a safe, supportive environment.

RSVP by October 18 to office@ststephensslo.org with “GraveTalk” in the subject line or +1-805-543-7242.

Join the Choir!

“All God’s critters have a place in the choir!”

Join in the fun of singing with the St. Stephen’s Chancel Choir. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 5 at 5:15-6:15 pm in the choir loft. First Sunday: St. Stephen’s Day Bell-A-Bration on September 9, 9am rehearsal call.

- Choir Retreat on Saturday September 8 from 3:00-5:00 pm at St. Stephen’s Church.

- Welcome Back Choir BBQ potluck at Eric Fisher’s house after the retreat.

This lively group of singers will welcome and help you get settled with music, seats, robes, and the feeling of unity that comes with joining your voices in song. St. Stephen’s Director of Music, Cassie Tarantino, guides rehearsals in a way that prepares your voice and heart for music worship. St. Stephen’s Organist, Clare Olsen, helps keep everyone on pitch and in time. The Chancel Choir helps lead the service music, hymns, and the Offertory Anthem. Music styles for the Offertory Anthem vary from ancient to modern sacred music, mostly in English or Latin. Rehearsals are fun and upbeat. Take an hour out of your workweek to gather together to sing, and then feel the reward on Sunday of helping to lead the church service.

You are very welcome to sit in on a rehearsal to get a feel for choir before committing to the entire year. Please contact Cassie Tarantino with any questions: musicdirector@ststephensslo.org.

See you on September 5!

For those with big questions about death, dying and funerals, having someone to talk to can be invaluable. But how do you start those conversations, and with whom? There are a growing number of café spaces which bring people together to do just that — And GraveTalk is one way to do that, bringing in the spiritual and faith dimension.

Sept. 2 Nancy Foran — Danielle & Seth Roberts
Sept 9 Carol Astaire — Bell-A-Bration
Sept 16 — Sophia Agbo Sophia Agbo
Sept 23 Shannon Larrabee — —
Sept 30 Carol Astaire — Bud & Linda Zeuschner

If you wish to donate to the candle or flower fund to remember someone or a significant event in your life on a particular Sunday, put your name on the sign up page on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and fill out the small form near it. Put the form and a check made payable to “St. Stephen’s Altar Guild” in the small, locked box on the wall to the right of the bulletin board. You can also put them in the offering plate, bring them to the office or mail to: St. Stephen’s 1344 Nipomo St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

To host Coffee Hour, put your name under the “Coffee Hour Host” column on the sign up sheet. Hosting Coffee Hour is a valuable service to our parish and not really hard to do. The pantry is stocked with coffee, tea, punch, condiments and paper goods. If you’d like to make something special to serve that would be great, but everyone enjoys simple things like fruit, crackers, cheese and cookies, too. And, there are usually some things in the pantry or freezer you can serve if you don’t want to bring much.

October 28, Noon

GraveTalk is a café space to talk about death, dying and funerals.

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**Witness Deadline**

**Big Sur Campout through Sunday morning**
On November 17, 2018 we will host a one-day seminar entitled “The Bargain Book Bin: The ones that didn’t make it into The Bible.” Lenore Erickson, Emeritus Faculty Member of Cuesta College and parishioner of St Peter’s in Morro Bay, will be leading 4 or 5 sessions (in one day) on differently-themed writings that were considered for the Canon of The Bible, but were not included, known as “non-canonical books”. The day will be laid out so that you can come for one or more sessions that you are particularly interested in, or you can come for the whole day. It will start with coffee and snacks, include lunch and end before dinner. There will be no fee. More details, the schedule and any suggested pre-reading will be in the October issue of The Witness.

The Area Agency on Aging has produced a very comprehensive Senior Information Guide. It’s an invaluable reference for seniors and their caregivers about services that are available in San Luis Obispo County.

Some of the topics covered include Respite Care, Elder Abuse Prevention, End of Life Services, Nutrition Services, Housing Options, Long Term Care, Mental Health Services and Support Groups, Transportation -- and more.

We have one copy in the church office with Kris. Stop by during office hours, Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and reference the information.
Blessing of the Animals:
October 7, 2018
at 3pm

The celebration honors Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and one of the earliest environmentalists. You and your beloved pets will receive a blessing, and we will affirm the role of animals in Creation and Salvation. More details in next month’s issue.

This free event will take place at Emerson Park in SLO at Pismo and Nipomo Streets across from the church. Please bring a folding chair or picnic blanket for your comfort. Pets should be on a leash or in a carrier. Dog sitters will be available for animals that might be over-stimulated by the exhibits.

We encourage you to walk, bike or take SLO Transit bus #2 which stops at the park/church. Parking is available on the street or at the church parking lot at 650 Pismo St.

St. Stephen’s Services

Sunday
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist without music
9:00 AM Bible Forum in Boydston Room
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

Sunday School and Child Care available during 10:00 AM service

Tuesday
5:00 PM Centering Prayer

Wednesday
12:15 PM Holy Eucharist, Morning Prayer, or Healing Service

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