

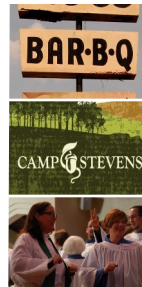
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NEWCOMERS' CAFE

Hope and Strife in South Sudan REV. ROBIN

At the end of April, I was able to visit South Sudan for the installation of their new Archbishop. As a missionary of the Episcopal Church in 2009-2011, I served as the agricultural consultant to the Province of Sudan (before independence) in the Archbishop's office. It was an honor to get to attend the service, and so wonderful to see my friends again.

The situation in South Sudan is very difficult right now, and the suffering of the people is profound. The conflict is widespread and many splinter groups are engaging in the fighting. Because of the instability throughout the rural

areas of the country, people are unable to consistently get to their farming plots and grow food. They can only grow small amounts of food around their houses in the towns or gather wild leaves. Inflation is up over 10,000% in the last six years. Those who still have jobs have seen their salaries totally devalued to the point of only making \$5 or \$10 US dollars per month while prices skyrocket.

Despite all this pain and difficulty, the celebration of the enthronement of the new Archbishop was a joyful occasion, with several thousand in attendance. They celebrated the achievements and commitment of the retiring Archbishop, The Most Rev. Daniel Deng Bul. The new Archbishop, The Most Rev. Justin Badi Arama, gave a moving address and laid out his plan for peace, development, and discipleship.



I was also able to spend time with the leaders of the different departments at the provincial office, and see the amazing work they are doing with so few resources and in such dangerous conditions. In the midst of conflict, the Education department continues to run and support the best primary and secondary schools in the country. Bishop Gwynne Theological College continues to train and equip pastors for the work

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM Choral Eucharist

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM Centering Prayer
7:00 PM Holy Eucharist

CLERGY

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The Rev. Dr. Rachel A. Nyback

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WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY

10 AM: Listening Hearts
1 PM: Staff Meeting
1 PM: History Committee *
4 PM: Temple Shalom
7 PM: Tai Chi
7 PM: EfM

TUESDAY

9:53 AM: Sewing Group

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM: Centering Prayer
9 AM: Women's Bible Study
5:45 PM: Men's Bible Study
7 PM: Holy Eucharist

THURSDAY

6:15 PM: Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM: Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY - Office Closed

11 AM: Sociable Seniors **

* 2nd and 4th Monday

** 2nd Friday this month, returns
on September 14

WEEKLY 12-STEP MEETINGS

Sun: AA 7 PM

Mon: Al-Anon 7 AM
CODA 7:30 PM

Tue: Serenity 7 PM

Wed: Al-Anon 7 AM
CEA 7:30 PM

Thu: Al-Anon 12 Noon

Fri: AA 8 PM

Sat: Al-Anon 10 AM

More info: (310) 376-8989 or
info@stcross.org

June 2018 Calendar

6/02: Laurel Coote Ordination, 10 AM—See Pg. 4
6/03: Red Cross Blood Drive—See Pg. 3
6/03: St. Clare's Parent Gathering, 9 AM, Rm. 4
6/03: Senior to Senior Dinner—See Box This Pg.
6/07: Neighbor to Neighbor, 4 PM
6/08: Sociable Seniors, 11 AM
6/10: Senior Sermons, Graduation Sunday
6/10: Teacher Appreciation, Last Sunday School
6/10: Peace & Justice Meeting, 11:30 AM, Rm. 4
6/10: Youth Beach Party, 4 PM—See Pg. 5
6/10: OSL Healing Prayer Service, 5 PM
6/15: St. Cross Book Club, 6 PM, Guild Room
6/24: Newcomers' Cafe, 11:30 AM, Guild Room
6/26: Folding of *Crossroads*
6/26: Vestry Meeting, 7 PM
6/27: Prayer Shawl Guild, 6 PM
6/27: Laundry Love, 7 PM, Clean Scene Laundry

Senior to Senior Dinner 6/3

The Senior to Senior Dinner will be on Sunday, June 3 from 4pm-6pm in Parker Hall. All seniors of the parish are welcome to come. Dinner is free. The high school youth are organizing and serving the meal. **The theme is Western BBQ.** Youth should arrive at 2pm to set up.



From Pentecost Sunday on May 20

ST. CROSS History Q.

As with many institutions, the Episcopal Church has its own flag and seal. They were adopted by General Convention in 1940. At St. Cross the flag is on the right side of the stage in Parker Hall and the seal is in a stained glass window of the church.



Can you locate the seal in the window of the church and also explain the various elements of it?

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ahead. The Episcopal University of South Sudan will open in September and is still seeking funding to begin building a campus. Education is such an important part of peace building, and the teachers and administrators in South Sudan often suffer and sacrifice in order to invest in their students and build the future of the country. Other departments continue the work of economic development, medical care and training, life-saving aid, literacy training, and even the formation of community banks. Incredible work, taken on with so few resources, and against such great odds.

Thanks to contributions from individuals and the mission endowment committee at St. Cross, I was able to take six solar panel and power bank sets for running laptops and 53 solar lantern and cell phone chargers. We were also able to give a financial gift for the running of the departments. Archbishop Justin was deeply thankful for the gift, and the prayer and concern from our community that it represents. He asks that you continue to keep him and the people of South Sudan in your prayers. "Whether there is war or whether there is peace, we are here," he said, "please do not forget us."

I come home with a sense of hope, not because there is any end in sight, but because the people of South Sudan are not giving up, they continue to struggle for peace, forgiveness, and love, sharing what resources they have, and continuing to work to do God's will in their lives and in their communities.

Let us remember even in these troubled times in our own country, that we are not an island. We are connected in love and in struggle with our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, in South Sudan, and in all places where there is hardship and strife. Let us not forget them in our prayers, and let us trust that God is surely working in their lives, just as God is working in ours.

Robin+

Ministry Notes

Blood Drive 6/3: Sign up today! If you last donated blood before April 8th you are eligible for our drive. Visit redcrossblood.org and type in StCrossHermosa in the search field. You can also contact Kathy Gonzalez at (310) 937-9842 or kbgonzalez@aol.com for assistance.

Pastoral Check-In - It's good to check in from time to time! Checking in helps us stay connected and engaged with one another, especially in times of transition. In doing so, we build ever-stronger bonds of community. And so I again invite you to let us know when transitions come about in your life. It need not be a life-threatening illness or diagnosis — we are here for you, whatever is happening in your life!

Will+
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Delivering Gifts from St. Cross to Archbishop Justin in South Sudan



St. Cross Parish Happenings

As summer officially gets underway in Hermosa Beach — “summer” being defined as everything in between the Fiestas Hermosa that mark Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends — let’s take a moment to look back at an active past few weeks!

April 29th, we gave a wonderful St. Cross welcome to Bishop Taylor as he celebrated and preached at both Sunday services. He also held a forum between services.

The next Sunday, the Peace & Justice Committee held the first of two events addressing Gun Violence—see page 6 for more on those events. We then held a fabulous Karaoke Night on the 18th (pictures on p 7), and at the end of the month the Sociable Seniors went to the Nixon Library!

This is only a quick snapshot of the month: life at St. Cross is rich in activity and opportunity! This summer is a particularly exciting time with so much coming up: Laurel Coote’s ordination (see this page, right), the annual Senior to Senior Dinner, Graduation Sunday, parties, VBS, softball (games start June 2!) and more, St. Cross is a happening place to be.



With God's Grace

The Right Reverend John Harvey Taylor
Bishop of Los Angeles
will ordain

Laurel Eileen Coote

to the Sacred Order of Deacons
in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

St. John's Pro-Cathedral
514 West Adams Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

Your prayers and presence are requested
Clergy: Cassock, surplice, red stoles

Reception Follows

Rev. Will Send-Off Sunday Set for July 1

As you know from our email, The Rev. Will Stanley will be leaving us the first week of July. I hope that you will be able to take these next few weeks to bid him a fond farewell, Godspeed on his journey and also thank him for his gifts of ministry while he has been here at St. Cross.

We will celebrate Will's time with us on July 1 at both services. As is our St. Cross tradition, there will be a basket where you can put a card (and if you wish to give a farewell cash gift) for Will on that day. Oh, and cake! There will be cake, too.

Peace, Rachel+

Summer Camp at Camp Stevens

If you are still looking for a summer camp experience for your children, or a family experience, check out Camp Stevens:
www.campstevens.org

Camp Stevens is an Episcopal Summer Camp. They have week-long sessions running July 1 to August 4. Adventure sessions and wilderness sessions are offered. They also have family camps. They have a sliding scale of payment ranging \$630-770 for weeklong camps, and \$270-370 for mini camps. They also have some need based scholarships and grants available.

Camp Stevens summer camp is an incredibly formative program for so many children and youth! Contact Rev. Robin if you have any questions, or pick up a flyer in the back of the church



Graduation Sunday

On Sunday June 10, we will honor our graduates during the 10am Sunday Service! We will also be thanking our Sunday School teachers for all their dedication this year.

This will also be the Sunday we feature our Senior Sermons! Please come and join in congratulating our wonderful graduates and teachers!

Youth Beach Party

On Sunday June 10, 4pm-7pm, there will be a beach party for youth grades 6 to 12. We will be walking down to the beach together at 4pm, meeting in the Church parking lot. Youth can also meet us at the beach (bring permission form, or a parent to sign one). We will be around 22nd Street, with a canopy. Pick up at 22nd street at 7pm.

Vacation Bible School: Rolling River Rampage!

We're looking forward to an exciting VBS this year! The details:

- July 16-20, 9am-noon
- Kick-off Event and Open House, July 15, 11:30am-1:30pm
- VBS Beach Mass, July 22, 10am at 22nd Street and The Strand

If you haven't registered for VBS, please do so as soon as possible, and let your friends know! Participants "rafters," and youth volunteers "guides," should be registered at www.stcross.org/VBS.

Rafters and guides, get ready for the experience of a lifetime, with God!

Our friend, Romper the Otter will help us, as we encounter exciting Bible stories, Explore God's promises to us, and discover ways to serve God and others. Each day we will learn songs, play games, do crafts, activities, and science experiments!

Any questions? Send an email to Rev. Robin, rdenney@stcross.org.



Support St. Cross While You Shop



Do you ever find yourself shopping online, whether for gifts or just for things you need around the house? For those things that you just can't find in one of our wonderful local stores — or for those times you need something shipped quickly to someone far away — you may find yourself clicking around on Amazon.

Now, your Amazon purchases can help support your church! When you find you need to go to the online retailer, get there by going to **stcross.org/amazon** and a portion of most any purchase you make will be donated to our parish. It's a great way to support St. Cross!

Thank You from Camp Stevens!

Beth Bojarski, Executive Director of Camp Stevens, wrote St. Cross to say thank you for our support for their *Campership Fund*, which provides scholarships for campers who would otherwise be unable to attend the summer camp. She sent additional thanks for our gift to help build the Bergstrom Lodge, an environmentally-minded building that will allow Camp Stevens to reach a more diverse population. So from Camp Stevens to you: Thank you!

Addressing Gun Violence: Recap

Each of us has watched far too many events of gun violence flash before our screens over the past months and years. And many of us can feel powerless in asking the question, "What, if anything, can we do about it?" Well, folks here at St. Cross wanted to ask that question in a public way. Sponsored by the Peace & Justice ministry of St. Cross, a group of us collaborated together for a two-part event to seek to equip ourselves to face the stark reality of gun violence in all of its complexity. Folks from all sides of this issue were invited to not only attend, but be part of the planning process. Education, conversation and resource sharing filled the two events, and we left energized for the work ahead of seeking to build areas of consensus and community across the political spectrum.

Well done, St. Cross!

ST. CROSS History

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The seal is found in the right-hand door leading out of the chapel. The red, white, and blue colors are found in the flags of both the United States and England. The red cross is the cross of St. George, the

patron saint of England. The nine crosslets in the upper blue field are in the shape of the cross of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland. Each of those crosslets represents one of the nine dioceses that met in Philadelphia in 1789 to form the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. The St. Andrew's cross reminds us that Samuel Seabury, the first bishop of the Episcopal Church, was consecrated by the bishops of the Anglican Church of Scotland. Thus, our heritage and origins from both England and Scotland are shown in our flag and seal.



Newcomers' Café 6/24 at 11:30 AM

Would you like to get to know St. Cross better?

Let Cameron Johnson be your guide!

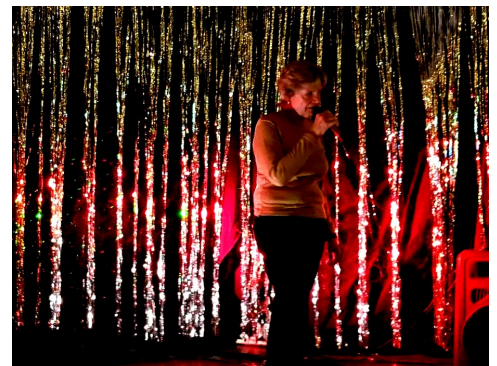
She's hosting anyone who is interested in getting to know more about St. Cross after church on Sunday the 24th. Meet staff, parishioners and other newcomers. Enjoy a snack and learn more about the opportunities, activities, groups and events that are perfect for individuals and families at St. Cross.

Send an email to cjohnson@stcross.org for more information and to let Cameron know you'll be there!



Parish Life

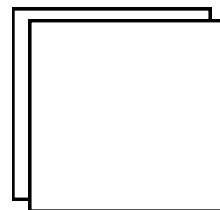
South Sudan, Bowling, Karaoke, Bishop's Visit
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Events in June

Laurel Coote Ordination
June 2

Senior to Senior Dinner
June 3

Senior Sermons, Graduation Sunday,
Teacher Appreciation, Final Day of
Sunday School
June 10

Newcomers' Cafe
June 24

See page 2 for more in our calendar!

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