

# **ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT**

**71st Annual Meeting  
January 26, 2020**



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*St. John's Episcopal Church*

**71st ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

**Sunday, January 26, 2020**

Call to Order

Opening Prayer: The Rev. Jack Tolley

Approve Minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting

Present Approved 2020 Budget

Ministry Reports

Recognitions

Staff

Clergy Team

Ministry Leaders

Calling Committee

Vestry members completing terms

Vestry Clerk

Continuing members of Vestry

Elections:

Vestry

Diocesan Convention Delegates

Announce the Appointment of the Senior Warden for 2020

Open Forum for Questions/Concerns

Presentations:

David Dennehy – Junior Warden

Rev. Roger Haenke- Priest-in-Charge

Adjournment and Closing Prayer: Pastor Al Stott

***St. John's Episcopal Church***  
***70<sup>th</sup> Annual Church Meeting Minutes***  
**Sunday January 27, 2019**

The 2019 Annual Meeting was called to order at 10:50 a.m. by Fr. Tom Wilson. Fr. Jack Tolley gave the opening prayer. Church Secretary Maria Love confirmed that there were at least thirty pledging units in attendance, satisfying the quorum.

The minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting were presented in hard copy at each table. Paul Erickson moved, Mike Gollihur seconded approval as submitted, and the motion passed. All reports are available online, and one copy of the booklet was at each table.

Steve Turnbull, Area 1 Missioner, describes how he serves the Diocese.

Fr. Tom Wilson acknowledged the various ministries in the Church and their leaders. Karen Duignan will continue as Senior Warden for 2019.

A slate of Pamela Brittain, Ray Contreras, and Diane Gustafson was presented for Vestry. Mike Golliur moved to accept the slate, Bill Cheney seconded, and the motion passed. The three newly-elected members will serve through 2021.

A slate of delegates to the Diocesan Convention in November 2019 was presented: David Dennehy, Jim McDevitt, and Bob Dunn. Dean Peters moved, Mike Gollihur seconded approval of the slate, and the motion passed. Alternates will be named at a later date.

An Open Forum followed with questions for Rev. Laura Sheridan-Campbell regarding the search for a new priest. Among the points she made are that she needs more information to complete the process, that her goals at this time are to meet St. John's parishioners and to earn their trust, that there are a number of other churches in the Diocese looking for priests, and that the Calling Committee should have 5-7 members with Vestry represented. Senior Warden Karen Duignan made clear that St. John's is seeking a Priest-in-Charge, not a rector. At the end of three years the Priest-in-Charge and St. John's will decide whether to make the position permanent.

Fr. Al Stott gave the closing prayer before the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Diane Gustafson  
Clerk of Vestry

2020 St John's Budget. DRAFT

	Jan 2019 BUDGET	2019 ACTUAL	2020 BUDGET
Pledge	165000	\$145,241	\$145,000
Plate	10000	\$7,507	\$7,500
Donations	7000	\$8,569	\$8,000
Fundraising	5000	\$12,745	\$12,000
Other parish income	0	\$3,656	\$3,000
Subtotal	\$187,000	\$177,718	\$175,500
Other/misc Income	\$0	\$1,808	\$0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$187,000</b>	<b>\$179,526</b>	<b>\$175,500</b>
5000 - Personnel Expenses	\$156,752	\$100,578	\$150,000
6000 - Administrative Expenses	\$19,663	\$19,772	\$20,500
6100 - Outside Services	\$11,960	\$23,995	\$24,000
6200 - Supplies	\$3,300	\$3,226	\$3,500
6300 - Communications	\$5,060	\$4,548	\$5,060
6400 - Buildings & Grounds	\$24,556	\$48,919	\$20,000
6500 - Professional Services	\$10,000	\$6,310	\$6,000
6600 - Insurance	\$7,500	\$7,591	\$7,700
6700 - Dues & Subscriptions	\$300	\$288	\$300
7000 - Liturgy & Music	\$26,771	\$28,033	\$28,000
7100 clergy discretionary	\$400	\$135	\$400
7200 - Outreach/Ministry	\$1,000	\$774	\$1,500
7400 - Common Life Share Diocesan Support	\$33,383	\$33,383	\$31,551
7500 - Stewardship Expenses	\$500	\$110	\$500
7600 - Conferences & Conventions	\$500	\$900	\$800
7800 - Food Services	\$1,250	\$1,426	\$1,250
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$302,895</b>	<b>\$279,988</b>	<b>\$301,161</b>
<b>NET INCOME church</b>	<b>-\$115,895</b>	<b>-\$100,462</b>	<b>-\$125,661</b>
Lease Income	\$310,705	\$310,555	\$318,318
Property Management Fee	\$12,425	\$14,002	\$13,000
Repairs	\$2,000	\$0	\$5,000
Insurance	\$11,000	\$10,923	\$11,084
Lease Fee	\$26,400	\$26,400	\$13,200
<b>TOTAL LEASE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$51,825</b>	<b>\$51,325</b>	<b>\$42,284</b>
Net Income, Lease	\$258,880	\$259,230	\$276,034
Loan - Fully amortized over 12 years starting 2018	\$142,858	\$142,855	\$142,858
<b>Income from Lease after loan payment</b>	<b>\$116,022</b>	<b>\$116,375</b>	<b>\$133,176</b>
<b>Corporate Net Income</b>	<b>\$127</b>	<b>\$15,913</b>	<b>\$7,515</b>
Capital projects	HNAC	-\$21,597	
		Water flow mitigation at ECS	-\$3,400
		Sewer Pipes replace, scope, clear stoppage	-\$8,330
		Alarm system	-\$5,000
		Gutters	-\$10,000
		Painting	-\$11,000
		Diocesan grant for gutters and painting	\$21,000
		Roof repair for classrooms 17 and 18	???
		Fountain. Worst case \$5200	???

*St. John's Episcopal Church  
Liturgy and Formation –2019*

<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	
<b>Sunday Total.....</b>	<b>4,813</b>
<b>Average Sunday Attendance.....</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Baptisms.....</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Marriages.....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Funerals and Burials.....</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Healing Service.....</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Eucharistic Visitations.....</b>	<b>60</b>

**Remembering Those Who Departed This Life During 2019**

**Rev. Patricia Bush  
Marilyn Erickson  
Barbara Ervin  
Cate Gilman  
Celestino Hernandez  
Margaret James  
Rose Peters  
Byron L. Reid  
Ruth Stevens  
Cathy Williams**

*O God whose mercies cannot be numbered:  
Accept our prayers on behalf of your servants and grant  
them an entrance into the Land of Light and Joy  
in the fellowship of your saints. Through Jesus Christ,  
our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

**Bible Study (Average Attendance)**

<b>Tuesday Night Bible Study.....</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Wednesday Morning Prayer and Bible Study.....</b>	<b>8</b>

## ***Finance Committee Annual Report 2019***

The St. John's Finance Committee consists of:

Terry Farrelly (Treasurer), Sally Elliott, Bob Dunn, Marcia Morris, Michael Morris, and Bill Cheney.

The Finance Committee is mandated to focus on financial planning and reporting, as well as monitoring compliance. Every month we meet to review financial statement and reports. The Committee works diligently to provide accurate and timely guidance to the Vestry. We assist in the development and creation of the annual budget, and work to ensure that we stay within our financial boundaries.

The Finance Committee's role is to provide financial oversight for the Parish, and to provide effective guidance to the Vestry as they make decisions which affect the financial health of the Church.

At our monthly meetings, we review financial report variances so that we can verify we are staying within our budget, and addressing if revenue shortfalls are being met with corresponding expense reductions, or other actions. We actively work to be good stewards of the Parish finances and work to give good and practical advice to the Vestry. We also review the controls over the Parish assets and that all policies are followed with regard to money handling, insurance protection, and proper supervision of bank statements.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Cheney

## ***Lectors For 10 O'clock Services***

For various reasons, we lost several regular lectors during the first half of 2019. Fortunately, others stepped up and we now have a large group of folks who share the reading of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> lessons, the Psalms and, the prayers during the 10 AM services. This dedicated group comprises Ingrid Andersen, Pamela Brittain, Tom Brzeczek, Alice Burnham, Bill Cheney, Ray Contreras, David Dennehy, Karen Duignan, Norma Dunn, Denise Eddleman, Helena Livingston, Jim McDevitt, Marjorie Moore, Al Stott and, Lynn Young. A very sincere THANK YOU is extended to each of them.

Robert Dunn  
The Lone Scheduler

## *Music Ministry Annual Report 2019*

St. John's Choir continued to lead the congregation in song in 2019. Under the efficient liturgical and musical expertise of Fr. Tom Wilson, we were able to keep traditional Episcopal music alive at St. John's.

Although it was a year of great sadness with the passing of long-time choir members Rose Peters and Ruth Stevenson and the relocation of Sarah Noecker, we have maintained a core group of very dedicated choir members.

It was wonderful to welcome Ingrid Andersen to our soprano section, whose beautiful voice has enhanced the choir and has been showcased in several solos and duets.

Alice Burnham's serious health issues this year have not stopped her from giving her all to the alto section. How great it has been to have Leslie Parker back at St. John's and lending her lovely alto voice for harmony. Pamela Brittain has somehow managed to juggle her full-time teaching obligations and vestry service as her voice continues to blossom in our soprano or alto section.

Marge Moore is another parishioner who wears many hats at both the 8:00 and 10:00 services and still finds time to be a faithful "lady tenor" as she continues her study of the organ.

It is a blessing to have Fr. Tolley back singing with us to assist Ted Garcia as the lone bass. Kudos to Ted for his joyous trumpeting on Christmas Eve.

And what would we do without the beautiful voice and vocal leadership of our former choir director, Jane Ferguson. We are indeed fortunate to have a professional musician of her caliber in our midst. The choir welcomes new members at any time. Our numbers may be at an all-time low due to deaths, illness and departures, but our enthusiasm is not. It is very gratifying when a parishioner comments to a choir member that our little group of seven sounds like a much larger choir. But we look forward to growing so we may once again sing music in our choral library that requires a larger choir with sopranos, altos, tenors and basses always being present.

Many of our choir members are not available for evening rehearsals, so we practice every Sunday morning from 9:15-9:45. We often have a brief rehearsal immediately following the 10:00 service. We also continue our Thursday evening rehearsals. No musical or choral experience is required: just a desire to lead our congregation in song and to sing praises to God. We are truly a "musical family" within the greater St. John's family. Come sit with the choir on a Sunday morning or attend choir practice to see what is involved. We guarantee it is painless and might even be fun!

I started as organist at St. John's as a teenager in 1973, never expecting to still be needed or wanted here 47 years later. It is with great love and appreciation to this wonderful choir and congregation that I continue my efforts to make a joyful noise. How blessed we are to have such a beautiful facility and fabulous musical instruments to play to glorify God.

I look forward to the vision and leadership of Fr. Roger as we enter yet another era in this little piece of God's kingdom, affectionately known to us as St. John's.

Cheryl Seppala

Organist/Director

## ***Women of St. John's Annual Report 2019***

In 2019 the Women of St. John's continued to fundraise for the General Fund of the parish and to support parish activities. The small amount of money in our account has been carried over from earlier years and allows us to provide altar flowers for the anniversaries of all our priests and to purchase desserts for special parish-wide events.

The Corresponding Secretary sends cards to parishioners for both happy and sad occasions.

We held Bake Sales in February and June and Dinah's Closet in March and June. For the St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Italian Night Dinner, and Steak Dinner we provided decorations and desserts and coordinated the Opportunity Drawings.

The WOSJ accepted clothing and other donations from the families of deceased parishioners Rose Peters and Ruth Stevenson. Some items were kept to be part of the Opportunity Drawing prizes and most were donated to charities. Most of Rose Peters' things were given to St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church for their annual rummage sale.

During 2019 the expenses for the Quilt Ministry were transferred to Outreach.

All women of St. John's are automatically members of the WOSJ, and we hope to have even greater participation in 2020.

Submitted by Diane Gustafson

## ***South Bay Order of St. Luke 2019 Annual Report***

The Order of St. Luke is an international, interdenominational order of lay people and clergy, dedicated to the Christian healing ministry. Our South Bay OSL Chapter is located at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Bonita, CA. We help support the healing ministry by attending and participating in the healing services held at our different churches, including Saint John's. We have an average of 10 people at these services, which are open to all. The healing service at St. John's is on the first Sunday of each month at 11:30am in the church. We also pray every Sunday for people that come to us after communion.

Our chapter meets twice a month as a group. These meetings are open to all and the times are: the second Friday of the month at Good Shepherd at 10am, and the fourth Saturday of the month at Teddy McCracken's house at 10am (85 E. Emerson Street, Chula Vista 91911). At these meetings we study the bible and books on healing.

We welcome all who are interested in joining, or knowing more about OSL or the healing ministry. If you are in need of healing prayers, please contact one of our OSL members at St. John's: Ann Lindshield, Minnie Hernandez or Juli Sobeki.

## *Annual Outreach Report 2019*

Last year was a successful one for St John's. We continued to have an impact in a positive way on our local community, in the diocese and globally. Here is an outline of the contributions that St. John's congregation made during 2019.

### **SOUTH BAY COMMUNITY SERVICES (SBCS) EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY**

Parishioners faithfully brought food items, and other food staples, to the designated area in Nale Hall. Anne Lambrecht delivers all contributions to the offices of the SBCS on a monthly basis. Food is distributed to families in the South Bay to help make ends meet when their food supplies run out. This is one of the longest running ministries at St. John's. Families in South Bay Zip Codes who have incomes below the poverty line of \$24,000 for a family of 4 can register with SBCS

### **FEEDING THE HOMELESS**

Half way through 2019 we lost one of our well-supported activities. New federal health certification requirements mean we can no longer feed the homeless our "world famous spaghetti dinner and brownies". We were part of 13 organizations feeding the homeless in the South Bay, and although our kitchen meets all federal standards, many others cooked the food at home and the new law required all volunteers and cooks to have a food handlers' certificate. The other complication was that South Bay Community Services lost the use of the metal shed on F. Street and could not find a new location. The hot food service will be replaced with a cold sandwich handout in a location to be decided. St. John's received a plaque from SBCS recognizing our service over many years. It is displayed in Nale Hall.

### **THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS IN A BAG**

We collected 57 " Blessings In a Bag" in 2019! Almost all of them were in a St John's reusable bags. They were distributed to South Bay families at Lauderbach Park. Our gift cards, totaling \$480 were given to St Rose of Lima Church who were providing the Thanksgiving meal for the Trolley Trestle Shelter for Foster Children. The Shelter houses young people aged 16 to 24 who need a home and support while they find their way in life.

### **ADOPT A FAMILY**

The Men of St John's Group adopted 15 families this year!!! They delivered them to the annual Christmas Party at the home of Father Stott, and Philip Bajo took them to SBCS on Jan 16th. The congregation also adopted a family of 5, and these beautiful and thoughtful gifts were delivered by Norma Dunn.

### **EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES (ECS) MAUNDY THURSDAY**

During the Diocesan Maundy Thursday Foot Washing Event of 2019, we not only collected cash for shoes ( \$600), socks (100 pairs) and hygiene products ( 13 bags), we also provided lunch for the homeless in the East County, at St. Mark's in City Heights. St Philip's in Lemon Grove partnered with us in providing the lunch. My thanks to Irene Atkins, Mary Goddard and Georgene Nightingale for cooking and serving the delicious pulled pork and salad that was the menu that day . St John's has been a major participator in this event since its inception. We can be very proud of the contributions we have made to this important annual Outreach effort which is a joint venture of ECS and our Diocese.

### **HEADSTART SCHOOL**

We have made small steps towards forming a relationship between the congregation and the Head Start School. Collected greeting cards are now given to the school for Art projects

### **DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES CONVENTION**

We collected pet food as requested by St Margaret's, Palm Desert. It was to be distributed to needy families in desert communities who often deprive themselves of food to feed their pets.

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### **BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**

This annual event, held at St Mark's serves about 350 needy children. They are given backpacks, school supplies, shoes, photographs, books to read, haircuts and a sack lunch. Games, crafts and music entertain the children. St. John's contributed \$810 towards the bulk purchasing that St Mark's undertakes and 3 of us bravely volunteered on the day: Nancy Painter, Joanna Ward and I.

### **SERVICE AND JUSTICE COALITION**

I represent St John's at the quarterly meetings of this organization. We share what Outreach efforts are going on in each parish and try to plan projects that we can work on together – like the back to School Bash and Maundy Thursday, to make them more effective. Currently, about 15 parishes are actively involved in the coalition. A Justice component has recently been added. The larger parishes in Poway, Delmar and the Cathedral have active programs covering issues like Gun Control, Immigration, and Racial Inequality.

### **PILL BOTTLE MINISTRY**

Linda and David Dennehy collect the brown prescription bottles brought in by members of our congregation. Linda patiently removes the labels (using her secret formula), packages them up and mails them, at their expense, to Matthew 25 Ministries in Cincinnati. They are distributed to third world countries where the bottles offset the cost of medications. This bottle ministry is a small, but important part, of the work of this very large organization. Look them up online!!

### **INTERFAITH SHELTER NETWORK (ISN)**

The Presbyterian Church on Hilltop, is a member of ISN and hosts 12 homeless guests for 2 weeks in February. It provides a safe place to sleep, a shower and 3 meals a day, St John's is a designated "Support Church". The only thing they ask of us is to provide 2 evening meals for their guests during their 2 week stay. In 2019 Tom Brzeczek, Karen Duignan and Joanna Ward cooked and served the meals.

### **EYE GLASS RECYCLING**

If you buy new glasses, bring your old pair to St. Johns. I delivered those turned in during 2019 to LensCrafter, where they will reground and used for those who cannot afford to buy brand new glasses.

### **MISSION TO SEAFARERS**

Mike Vasquez has kindly taken over this delivery from Bob Dunn. Your magazines, numerous paperback books and calendars are greatly appreciated by the Seafarers Mission in National City.

### **TOYS FOR TOTS**

Thank you Mike Golihur for again spear-heading our effort for the Marines Toy Drive in 2019

Faithfully Submitted

Norma Dunn



## *Men of St. John's Report 2019*

Our St. John's Men's Club has successfully accomplished its mission in 2019. Early in the year on March 5, pancakes were served up with the usual sausage (Bernie), David was flipping and Shrove Tuesday was a success. Then on March 16th, the St. Patrick's Day "Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner with wonderful music and support from the WOSJ. The drawing and dinner profited and the General Fund received its first contribution from our team effort.

The Italian dinner night and drawing took place on May 18th. Rev. Al and Anne Grignon brought a super special sauce to the party and everyone was pleased with the salad bar, bread and dessert extravaganza. More money made its way to the general fund through a great team effort.

Our third fundraiser, the catered "Taco Night" led by Mike Gollihur brought a great change of pace, easy, delicious and profitable money maker for the church budget. Chicken, beef and pork tacos, "all you could eat" and we kept coming back until very little was left.

The Steak Dinner, our biggest men's event of the year, was held on October 26th, a Saturday to be remembered. Many hands made the night go well, and we owe a lot to Jamie and Mike for cooking, Gregg and Elizabeth working the potatoes and other (many) jobs. Jim McDevitt allocated the steaks properly. WOSJ provided dessert and David and Bernie took care of margaritas, etc, with a smile. Lee Maule brought mood music. The drawing again was terrific under the leadership of Diane Gustafson, and Barb Oliveira sold a ton of tickets. We cleared \$4,000.00, a new record for steak dinner night.

Over the year, it was clear that we all love to pull together as a team to create many profitable and FUN events. Thank you all for your continued support and attendance to help St. John's financially.

Our men of St. John were responsible for many other projects and I would like to mention several of them now. Gregg King donated a Debris Box (huge dumpster) to rid the church of 5 or 6 tons of accumulated useless stuff from our storage areas. 10 men moved the stuff in the rain into the Debris Box and Gregg's company took it all to the dump. Thank you so much, Gregg.

The men also took 15 youngsters from South Bay Community Services and filled their Christmas lists. Many gifts were delivered to these children in need of love, and as always, the MOSJ came through with wonderful generosity to make Christmas special for these young children.

Please, if you are attending services at St. John's and you are a man, consider joining us this year in our mission to support the many good works that we attempt each year. With your support, we can achieve excellence again in 2020.

Blessings to all and know everything we do is appreciated.

MOSJ President Tim Attaway

## ***The Order of the Daughters of the King St. Margaret's Chapter Annual Report 2019***

Daughters are committed to Prayer, Service, and Evangelism. As members we carry out this responsibility by praying for the special needs of our church community, with prayer request cards always available for all. As individuals we serve our Saint John's community and the wider church in numerous, varied ways. At baptisms we offer a prayer shawl to the newly baptized and continue to pray for them through several years.

We meet every month on the 3rd Thursday and we continue to grow as we welcomed two new members in 2019: Alejandra (Alex) Valdez-Beer and Iris Atkins. All members complete a 12-week study to understand who Daughters are and what we do, after which new members dedicate themselves to undertaking God's call to the Rules of Life and Prayer the Order observes. You will recognize us by the unique silver cross we wear as an outward and visible sign of our vows. If you have an interest learning more about the Daughter's please contact Rev. Cathey Dowdle at (619) 807-8951 or at revcat@gmail.com.

For His Sake,  
Rev. Cathey Dowdle

## ***Flower Guild Annual Report 2019***

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has donated to St. John's flowers in 2019, be it through the weekly flower request chart, Holy holidays (Easter Lilies and Christmas Poinsettias) or just donations. You have made our sanctuary look truly amazing with these fresh flowers. The Flower Guild could not continue if it were not for your generosity.

St. John's is blessed with very talented people and would like to tap into their skills. If anybody is interested in making flower arrangements, we would love for you to join our small but mighty group. As a parishioner once told me, "The flowers always look good on Sunday, even though you might not think so." It does not involve a lot of time, maybe 1 1/2 -2 hours max to make the arrangements. If enough people volunteer, you would only have to do flowers 8 or 10 times for the year.

Remember, it is for the glory of God.

If you are interested or have any further questions, please do not hesitate to talk with Judy Butcher, Lynn Young or myself.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Morris

*This year, St. John's welcomed the following groups to our facilities:*

*Students from Gonzaga University*

*Bishop Candidate Walkabout*

*Healthcare Expo*

*Called to the Wall lunch stop*

*United Health Care media event: book donation to ECS Students*

*3 new 12-Step groups*

*Bonita Valley Garden Club*

## **St. John's Episcopal Church**

### **Clergy**

The Rev. Roger Haenke    Priest –in-charge  
The Rev. Jack Tolley      Pastoral Assistant  
The Rev. Dr. Al Stott      Pastoral Assistant  
The Rev. Cathey Dowdle   Pastoral Assistant

### **Vestry**

Karen Duignan — Senior Warden  
David Dennehy — People's Warden  
Terry Farrelly — Treasurer  
Pamela Brittain  
Ray Contreras  
Diane Gustafson  
Mark Jordan  
Jim McDevitt  
Judy McKay  
Lynn Young

### **Staff**

Liz Andersen– Child Care Attendant  
Ryan Attaway - Sexton  
Gary Clapp-IT Manager  
Sally Elliott - Bookkeeper  
Maria Love - Parish Secretary  
Cheryl Seppala - Organist/Choir Director

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