



# The Word



Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, San Francisco

## From the Rector:

*“Seek the Lord, for in him we live, and move, and have our being.” (Acts 17:28)*

What better time of year can we select to seek the Lord than at the end and beginning of the year. But know that Christmas and New Year celebrations are so many more things than gifts, tinsel, parties and platters of food.

Seasonal celebrations are about:

- ◆ heavenly peace,
- ◆ happy hearts,
- ◆ the love of family and friends.
- ◆ And most important of all—outreach to those who are in need of love.



God will guide you to fulfill your obligation as a Christian. Pray for His guidance especially at the beginning of the coming year.

—Fr. David Lui

## “I have called you friends”

I wish each of you a very Happy New Year and God’s blessings in the year 2012! As your deacon these past six years I have had the great pleasure of getting to know each one of you. And I have seen the results of consistent work, faith and prayer that have nourished you in mind, body and spirit. Incarnation Church truly rests upon the gifts of each one of you whose faith is witnessed by your acts of love.

The deacon always has more work to do – there is no “honest retirement”! But there has now come a time in my life where my ministry will be more focused. As I discern where I can best serve, I hope you will offer prayers for me, as I will also hold each of you in my prayers in the days to come. I have been blessed to be mentored by Father Lui; he is patient, hospitable, spiritual and good natured! I could not have begun work as a deacon in a more supportive church, and each one of you has been a part of my spiritual journey.

“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full...that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. You are my friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing, but I have called you my friends.”

—The Rev. Nancy Bryan, Deacon

Winter/Lent 2012

January-March

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## Coming Up ...

- 1/10—New Bible Study
- 1/23—Chinese New Year
- 1/29—Annual Meeting
- 2/22—Ash Wednesday
- 3/15—Deadline for articles for next issue of the Word
- 4/1—Holy Week Begins
- 4/8—Easter

## Quotes from the desk of Katharine Schultz on “Radical Hospitality”

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
Yet in they dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and dears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

(Bishop Phillips Brooks 1835–1893) Hymn # 79–Hymnal 1982



And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

“Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.

And he replied:

“Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.”

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

(Minnie Louise-Haskins 1857–1957) From the poem *God Knows*



I saw a stranger yestreen:  
I put food in the eating place  
I put drink in the drinking place  
I put music in the listening place;  
and in the blessed name of the Triune  
he blessed myself and my house;  
And the lark said in her song  
often, often, often  
goes the Christ in the stranger’s guise.

*An old Gaelic rune*

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## Episcopal Church Women

The ECW Annual Meeting and Bazaar Evaluation will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 11:15 a.m. All are welcome. Please bring your lunch.

**Wanted:** Suggestions for projects for future bazaars—we have fabrics, sequins, buttons, yarns, embroidery floss, towels to be embroidered. Everyone is welcome to join the group after the Tuesday 10 am Service to participate in fellowship—goodies usually available.



# Bible Study—Gospel of Matthew

Starting Jan 10, everyone is welcomed to join the Leaven Group on Tuesday evenings as we begin a new Bible Study course—*The Gospel of Matthew*. Matthew wrote his Gospel to address the needs of the early Christian church members, especially those from a Jewish background. He wanted to establish that Jesus truly was the promised Messiah of the Hebrew Scriptures.

When: Tuesday evenings. Bible Study—7:30 - 8:30,

Refreshments—8:30 to 9:00, at the home of Jim Dodge  
Location: 2000 17th Avenue. No reservations needed, just show up and join us!

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# January 2012

**New Year's Day—Jan 1**  
**New Bible Study starts—Jan 10**  
**Chinese New Year—Jan 23**  
**Annual Meeting—Jan 29**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>The Holy Name</i> 8 am HE I 9 am Adult Ed. 10 am HE II 11:30 HE II Chinese	2 	3 10 am HE II 11 am Fellowship 7:30 pm Leaven Group	4 8:30 am Clergy Breakfast	5	6 <i>Epiphany</i> 10 am HE II Western Park	7 9:30 am—ESL
8 8 am HE I 9 am Adult Ed. 10 am HE II 11:30 HE II Chinese	9	10 10 am HE II 11 am Fellowship 7:30 pm Leaven Group	11  <b>Bible Study</b>	12 7 pm—Church Vitality Webinar	13 7:30 pm <i>Taizé</i>	14 9:30 am—ESL 10am—Finance
15 8 am HE I 9 am Adult Ed. 10 am HE II 11:30 HE II Chinese	16 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	17 10 am HE II 11 am Fellowship 7:30 pm Leaven Group	18 <i>Confession of St. Peter, Apostle</i>	19	20	21 9:30 am—ESL 2 pm—Worship Mtg.
22 8 am HE I 9 am Adult Ed. 10 am HE II 11:30 HE II Chinese	23 <i>Chinese New Year</i> 6 pm—Movie Night	24 10 am HE II 11 am Fellowship 7:15 pm Vestry	25 <i>Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle</i>	26	27	28 9:30 am—ESL
29 <i>Annual Meeting</i> 10 am HE II 11:30 am Annual Meeting 	30	31 10 am HE II 11 am Fellowship				

## United Thank Offering

The United Thank Offering is a spiritual and financial partner in the mission work of the Episcopal Church. Offerings from our churches raise in the \$2-3 million range each year, and in turn this money is given in grants throughout the world. Some of these grants have come back to our own Diocese. Church of the Incarnation received a grant many years ago to start up our summer school program. One-hundred percent of the collected offering is granted.

Blue boxes will be distributed to parishioners in a few weeks. Put your spare change in the boxes each day and offer a prayer for the blessings in your life.


In May, there will be an ingathering day when the money collected in the blue boxes will be taken to this ingathering and presented to the Bishop.

Thank you for caring for the UTO and helping those in need throughout the world through the *Little Blue Box*.

—Altar Guild

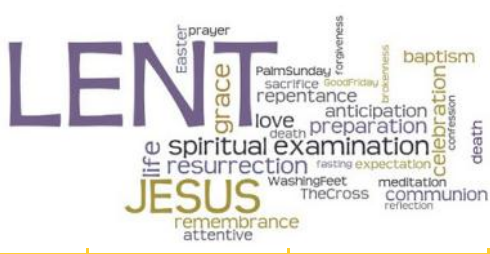



# February 2012

Mardi Gras—February 21  
Ash Wednesday—Feb 22  
Lent I—Feb 26

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30 am Clergy Breakfast	2	3 10 am HE II Western Park	4 9:30 am—ESL
5 8 am HE I 9 am Adult Ed. 10 am HE II 11:30 HE II Chinese	6	7 10 am HE II 11 am Fellowship 7:30 pm Leaven Group	8	9	10 7:30 pm <i>Taizé</i>	11 9:30 am—ESL 10 am—Finance
12 8 am HE I 9 am Adult Ed. 10 am HE II 11:30 HE II Chinese	13	14 10 am HE II 11 am Fellowship 7:30 pm Leaven Group	15	16	17	18 9:30 am—ESL 10 am—Vestry Retreat
19 8 am HE I 9 am Adult Ed. 10 am HE II 11:30 HE II Chinese	20	21 10 am HE II 11 am Fellowship 5:30-7:30 Pancake Supper	22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 10 am HE & Imposition of ashes 7 pm HE & Imposition of ashes	23 7 pm—Church Vitality Webinar	24	25 9:30 am—ESL
26 8 am HE I 9 am Adult Ed. 10 am HE II 11:30 HE II Chinese	<i>Lent I</i> 27 6 pm—Movie Night	28 10 am HE II 11 am Fellowship	29 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 			

# March 2012

Holy Week begins April 1  
Easter—April 8  
Donations for Easter flowers  
are kindly accepted

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 <i>Lent II</i> 8 am HE I 9 am Adult Ed. 10 am HE II	5	6 10 am HE II 11 am Fellowship	7 8:30 am Clergy Breakfast	8	9 7 pm Lenten Bible Study Taizé	10 9 am—SF Deanery, St. Luke's 9:30 am—ESL
11 <i>Lent III</i> 8 am HE I 9 am Adult Ed. 10 am HE II 11:30 HE II Chinese	12	13 10 am HE II 11 am Fellowship	14	15	16 7 pm Lenten Bible Study	17 9:30 am—ESL 10 am—Finance
18 <i>Lent IV</i> 8 am HE I 9 am Adult Ed. 10 am HE II 11:30 HE II Chinese	19 <i>St. Joseph</i> 	20 10 am HE II 11 am Fellowship	21	22	23 7 pm Lenten Bible Study	24 9:30 am—ESL TBD—Church Vitality Webinar
25 <i>Lent V</i> 8 am HE I 9 am Adult Ed. 10 am HE II 11:30 HE II Chinese	26 <i>Annunciation</i> 6 pm—Movie Night 	27 10 am HE II 11 am Fellowship 7:15 Vestry	28 <i>Easter is coming! Get your Easter flower donations in early. Contact the Altar Guild.</i>	29	30 7 pm Lenten Bible Study & Taizé	31 

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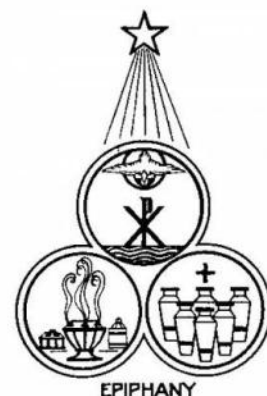
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### The Homebound

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**Thank You**—Many thanks to all who contributed toiletries and cash for the *Ditty Bags* put together for the homeless by the Diocesan Altar Guild.

**Easter Flowers**—Contributions for the flowering of the Church for Easter are can now be made at any time before April 1. Please make checks payable to the Altar Guild. We thank you very much.

—Altar Guild

### Important News about The Word

- ◆ Deadline for submission of articles for the next issue of *The Word* (coming in April 2012) is **March 15, 2012**. Please submit your articles to [comebefed@aol.com](mailto:comebefed@aol.com).
- ◆ We are now online! Find it at:  
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