

Rector Report January 22, 2023

I am so grateful for this past month. Christmas was so beautiful and good. I loved our Christmas pageant and having a church full of kids on Christmas Eve. (thank you Cleo!!!) And I loved having incense at our later service. (thank you Gary!!!) I had a sweet and restful time at the coast the following week, and was so happy to have the incomparable Dennis j Parker back with us at church on the 8th.

I was so touched by the outpouring of love and generosity at my baby shower on the 7th. (thank you Anne Parks!!!)

Our annual meeting was fantastic, and I am especially grateful to Karen Dollar and Margaret McCue for their reports which helped clarify and communicate the truth of our church in a thorough and accessible way. It was so sad to receive news of Cheaquetta's brother's passing in the middle of the meeting, but I was so glad we were able to stop and pray in the moment. It felt like we were able to hold the business and the heart of our church at the same time.

A huge thank you to Dru and Al for joining our vestry, I am looking forward to working with you in this capacity.

In collaboration with Dennis and Kieran, I made the decision to take a hiatus on Morning Prayer until Lent at least. We definitely need to reexamine our practice of the daily office, and I look forward to hearing how that discernment goes.

I am as ready as I think I can be at this point for the baby to come. The plan is to continue working up until I go into labor, so please do not hesitate to reach out until then.

I know that this will be another year of changes, but I continue to pray that sweet prayer from compline:

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Peace dear ones

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Senior Warden Report
January 2023
Submitted by Kieran Cannistra

This is my first report as Senior Warden, and I suddenly understand why I often had to beg the Senior Warden to submit them. I feel fortunate to have been asked to serve as Sr. Warden ... and I'm nervous about it. I have big, big shoes to fill. I'm grateful to have our three areas of focus to keep me on track: Building community, finishing building projects we've begun, and hiring staff.

Having only been in the role a week, I don't have a ton to report. But here goes:

- Our annual meeting went, I think, quite well. It was a wild year, and our meeting reflected that. Special thanks to Kerlin, Anne, Karen, and Margaret McCue for carrying the vast majority of the meeting's load.
- The personnel committee has posted the Parish Administrator and Building Curator jobs, and we are starting to receive applications. Many thanks to Aaron, in particular, for getting the jobs online. Karen and I will meet next with a bookkeeper recommended by Sara Fischer; I am hoping to get much of the bookkeeping work off Karen's plate soon.
- Before Erin left, she put together a plan to manage background checks and SAFE training, in accordance with new diocesan policy. Many of you are already compliant; those of you who are not can expect an email with detailed instructions for getting yourselves in line.
- We have a few urgent building things: cleaning up the nursery, heat and lights in the chapel, and general organizing and purging of many of the common (and uncommon) areas. If you're able to help (in big OR small ways), please connect with Ned or Matt.
- I'm hoping between now and our next vestry meeting we will have a solid plan to reboot our Wednesday night potlucks, followed by bible study and singing.

"I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back."

— Paul's Letter to the Philippians, 3:12-14, The Message

Submitted by Kieran Cannistra, Senior Warden

Dear St. David of Wales Community --

I'm honored and humbled to be your new Junior Warden and to receive the baton from the very capable Rachel Klein. Rachel shepherded us through many changes during her tenure, and I'm happy to report that Rachel left us in a very good place in terms of management of our building and our building-related staff. We are grateful for her leadership and careful management of our resources.

Our new janitor, Terry, is continuing to do great work. Terry cleans the church every Saturday, and he has been doing a very thorough job on the facility. We are glad to have him here. I will be scheduling some time to meet with him this month.

I'm also happy to report that the Building Improvement Implementation Team (BII) team, composed of Madeline, Charles, Margaret, Matt, and Kieran, has continued to do great work in tracking our ongoing building maintenance issues and continuing to work towards finalization of major projects such as the kitchen rebuild. We are excited at the changes already wrought by this team, including a great painting project completed by Matt Taylor (with participation by a number of congregants), as well as other improvements that continue to be tracked and completed by this team. I have been able to attend one meeting of the BII team so far, and I'll do my best to attend future BII meetings as I am available.

I'd also like to mention that our QR code-driven [Google Building and Grounds Maintenance Form](#) continues to be the best place to log issues to be addressed by the facility team.

Here is the short route to this form: <https://qrco.de/stdavid>

Since we do not have a facilities person on staff at this time, I have put together a first draft of a contract agreement with Finn, our former Facilities Coordinator, to be available to provide quick fixes and on-site repairs when necessary. We are awaiting the finalization of this agreement so that Finn can be available for one-off projects as the need emerges.

We have had some continuing issues with vendors such as Pyramid Heating and Olson Electric, and I am coming up to speed on these questions and issues. Recently, heat was out in the chapel, and we are moving proactively to address this issue.

I now have access to both past information and present communications at St. David's via the email address juniorwarden@saintdavidpdx.org. Please feel free to reach out with any questions and concerns about our building and grounds.

Thank you for your support as I come up to speed on the (rather large) job of being Junior Warden for St. David's. I am grateful to be part of this community.

Happy New Year!

Ned Hayes, Junior Warden