

June 1, 2015

Salva Dut to Speak at St. Paul's on June 7th



Please join us on **Sunday, June 7th** as the St. Paul's community welcomes back fellow parishioner Salva Dut, founder of Water for South Sudan. Salva will speak at both the **8:00** and **10:00am** services to update us on the successes achieved during the recently concluded drilling season. The plate offering at both services will be directed to Water for South Sudan.

One of the "Lost Boys of Sudan", Salva was sponsored by St. Paul's Episcopal Church and relocated to Rochester in 1996. Inspired by a desire to provide clean drinking water to his father, who had become critically ill from drinking water contaminated by bacteria and parasites, Salva founded Water for Sudan in 2003

with the support of many St. Paul's parishioners. In 2005, Salva coordinated the drilling of the first well that was placed in his home village. Thanks to Salva's leadership over the past ten years, 250 wells have been installed, providing fresh water to more than 500,000 people. The effect has been truly transformational. Not only are villagers no longer contracting waterborne diseases or migrating seasonally in search of water, girls are now able to attend school instead of trekking hours each day to transport water from distant water holes, health clinics have been constructed, and markets have sprung up, creating thriving villages. We hope that you can be with us on June 7th as we offer our congratulations to Salva and celebrate this vital ministry of St. Paul's.

Church Picnic



Parish Picnic June 14th!

Join your fellow parishioners for our annual parish picnic on June 14th, following the 10:00 service.

Lunch will include hamburgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers, drinks and ice cream. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Volunteers are needed to assist with set up, serving, clean up and the very important task of grilling!

Please sign up in the Parish Activities Book located in the Parish Hall or call/email Laura Hayden (585-383-8808) lhayden@rochester.rr.com.

Keep your fingers crossed for sunshine, but if the sky doesn't appear friendly, we will picnic in the Parish Hall.

Note: We'll have a group picture taken in the church after the 10:00am service and before we all go out to enjoy the picnic.

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the Name of Christ.

It has been a few weeks of real transformation. As I look out the window from my office in Wainwright Hall, I see all sorts of new life. It seems that each day new flowers are blossoming, the once bare trees are full of leaves, and people, who must have been hibernating, are out walking, jogging and biking, filling the sidewalks and streets. And, sunny days are making people a bit more joyful.

Like Spring, Easter is a season of transformation and new life. Our good deeds no matter how noble, our prayers no matter how earnest, our programs no matter how good, mean nothing if it isn't for the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Easter is our reminder that our God is one of life and love.

As this program year draws to a conclusion and many plan some time away this summer, I wish to take this opportunity to express how grateful I am to be a part of St. Paul's. These last few months have been a transformative time in my own life. First, it's tough to take a Long Islander away from Long Island. (You'll never get the Long Island out of one.) But, adjusting to life here has been wonderful and easy --- even after the coldest February on record! In March, I purchased a house (a first for me!) and I moved in during April. It has been comforting to be reunited with my own belongings and both exciting and fun (and a little daunting) to see the new possibilities before me as I settle in. The house is in the Home Acres section of Brighton – a quick walk to Cobbs Hill Park, a short drive to St. Paul's, and convenient access to the many things in Rochester that I have come to enjoy. As the weather is getting warmer, I am looking forward to exploring more all the wonderful opportunities for recreation here. With strengthened “old” friendships and some good new ones and a few new traditions that ground me, I can say that it is a good “new life” here and I am grateful that I encounter our loving and living God in so many ways in the St. Paul's community.

I am very excited about the planning that is well-underway for our next program year – our expanded Evensong and Recital Series; Faith in the World Lecture; Lifelong Formation opportunities; a re-energized Sunday School... the list goes on and on. In the meantime, please take note of the following events in June: Salva Dut will be here to speak about the work of Water for South Sudan on June 7th; our Parish Picnic will be held on June 14th; and, our summer book study begins on June 14th.

I wish you all a very refreshing and safe summer. As always, I remain,

Your friend and Rector,



(The Rev'd) Robert A. Picken

With thanks....

To the St. Paul's community: Thank you for such a wonderful celebration of our ministry on Cross of Flowers Sunday, April 12. It was fantastic to see so many of you there. I am overwhelmed by your incredible generosity in the gifts given and touched by all the notes and cards so carefully expressing your hearts. The stunning portrait of the sanctuary will hang in my office and I shall wear the beautiful necklace of St. Paul's processional cross with my vestments each Sunday. They will remind me of the people and love of this community that I will always treasure. And I assure you, my rectory garden will be in tip-top shape in no time thanks to the Weeders Anonymous members! If any are ever in the Rhode Island area, please feel free to look up the Church of the Epiphany and stop by. As you and Rob continue in ministry together, I wish you all God's blessings and peace.

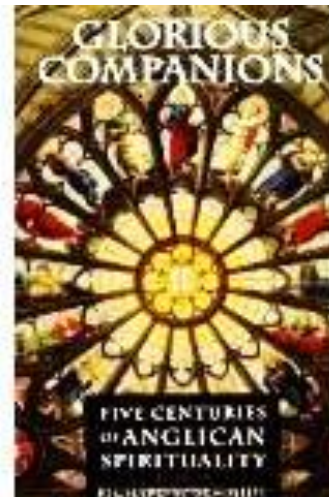
With love,

Jennifer

Summer Read at St. Paul's

Join us at 9AM Sunday Mornings from June 7th through August 9th to learn about ten Anglican theologians, using Glorious Companions: Five Centuries of Anglican Spirituality by Richard H. Schmidt. Each Sunday is a stand-alone discussion, so don't worry about missing a week. We will begin with Thomas Cranmer and end with Desmond Tutu.

You may purchase your own copy of the book, or order through the Church. To order a copy, please sign up in the Parish Activities Book in the Parish Hall by June 1st.



Glorious Companions Assignments

Date	Title	Facilitator
June 14th	Thomas Cranmer	Rob Picken
June 21st	Lancelot Andrewes	Nancy Gear
June 28th	John Donne	Rob Picken
July 5th	Thomas Traherne	Nancy Gear
July 12th	John and Charles Wesley	Nancy Gear
July 19th	John Keble	Bill Petersen
July 26th	Dorothy Sayers	Bill Petersen
August 2nd	Evelyn Underhill	Nancy Gear
August 9th	C. S. Lewis	Bill Petersen
August 16th	Desmond Tutu	Rob Picken

Congratulations to our Graduating Senior!



Elizabeth Hayden

Elizabeth will be graduating from Pittsford Sutherland High School where she has been a member of the National Honor Society, Link Crew, and the Varsity Nordic Ski Team. Elizabeth has been a lifelong member of St. Paul's and has especially enjoyed her service experiences through SPY including a service trip to Virginia. This fall Elizabeth will attend St. Lawrence University.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Since September 2014 the St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry has distributed twenty eight prayer shawls. On May 10th another 10 prayer shawls were blessed to be available as need is identified. During the past year people have asked who receives these shawls and lap robes. Looking back at our journal I can see shawls given to those who have been long time members at St. Paul's who are no longer able to participate in parish life but have contributed during younger, healthier years to allow St. Paul's to be the vital parish that it is today. We have welcomed new clergy and bid farewell to clergy and members in

transition. We have shared shawls as evidence of loving prayers with many who are going through illness or bereavement on the death of a loved one. Some have been given to members who are aging and experiencing loneliness and/or cognitive loss. We have given thanks on the birth of babies, a first born or great grandchild. We have given shawls to members of St. Paul's neighbors or friends. So the answer to who has or can receive a prayer shawl is anyone who is in need of prayer during trial or who is giving thanks for blessings from God.

It has been a blessing to those who have delivered the shawls to observe the pleasure recipients and their families have when they are remembered and feel the soft comforting yarn of the shawl or small blanket. The Prayer Shawls have been delivered by clergy, members of St. Paul's Visitors group, and friends or family members. If you or someone you know is experiencing such a situation of trial or great blessing, notify the church office and they can relay your request to the prayer group and prayer shawl ministry. Also, if you enjoy knitting or crochet and would like to contribute to this ministry, please contact Judy Carpenter. May you all continue to recognize God in all you experience.

Judy Carpenter (585-750-7613)

St. Alban's International Organ Competition



The St. Alban's International Organ Festival was founded by Peter Hurford, then Organist and Choirmaster of St. Alban's Cathedral, in 1963. At that time, it was one of the first music festivals of its kind in the world - combining organ competitions with concerts of other kinds of music. Today, it remains one of the most prestigious competitions of its kind in the world.

It is a great honor that Karl Robson, our Music Assistant, has been awarded the opportunity to play in this competition – as one of just 17 from throughout the world. It will be held from July 7th to 17th. Our St. Paul's parish family should be very proud!

Over 50 years old, the Festival now combines 10 days of music by international musicians, from orchestral to choral, early music to jazz. The organ competitions attract young organists from all over the world, to be heard by organists of international standing.

Also participating from the Eastman School of Music – and the only from an American institution – are: David Baskeyfield and Thomas Gaynor from Christ Church in Pittsford, and Amanda Mole of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and St. Michael's Church. While we wish them all luck, we know who we are rooting for!



Evensong, Graduation and Reception

June 7th at 4pm

Come and join the graduates of the four-year Education for Ministry program on June 7th at 4pm at St. Paul's for Evensong and reception. The Reverend Lance Robbins will speak. There are seven graduates this year from many parishes in the Diocese. These graduates have said that this program has helped them to see God in their lives and see a larger life of faith than they knew before.

Monday morning group at St. Paul's, Rochester:

Jeanne Marie Clidas – St. Paul's, Rochester

Deborah Fisher Lattime – St. Luke's, Fairport

R. Alan Lattime – Christ Episcopal Church, Pittsford

Elsa B. Schaefer – Two Saints, Rochester

Thursday evening group from the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Webster:

Yvonne Arnold

Marie Fessler

Debra Nelson

What is EFM? EFM is a distance-learning program from the University of the South usually held within parishes. It is a four-year course of study consisting of weekly seminars over the nine month academic year. It is for people who want to dig deeper into the Christian faith, study the Bible and church history, explore theological ideas, and reflect on connecting faith with life experiences. EFM is one of the best programs in the Episcopal Church for adult lay members to learn to think theologically about the surrounding world.

This fall we plan two groups at St. Paul's, plus the on-going group at Good Shepherd. At St. Paul's, the continuing group meets on Monday mornings from 9:30 to noon; and a new group will meet Monday evenings from 6pm to 8:30pm.

Attend our graduation ceremony to talk with the graduates and learn more about this powerful program. For other questions and registration, contact Nancy Grear at the Church Office 585-271-2240.



Summer Choir begins June 21! Everyone is welcome – all ages and abilities. Each week is “self-contained” so feel free to come when your schedule (or interest) permits... it is *not* necessary to commit to the whole summer. We meet in the church Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. to practice the hymns and prepare an anthem for the 10:00 service. There’s plenty of room in the choir seats, so please come when you can!



Thank you from the Office Staff....

We want to thank the Thursday and Friday Office Volunteers and the monthly Newsletter Volunteers who faithfully come in to assist with the various tasks in the St. Paul’s Office. Without you we wouldn’t run as smoothly as we do. Office Volunteers: Nancy Andrus, Jennifer Bleecker, Kitty MacDowell, and Pat Moran. Newsletter Volunteers: Nancy Andrus, Jackie Barnes, Paul Berezney, Mary Callaway, Mary Critikos, Jane Kitchen, Nancy Lyke, Carol Panzer, Neal Panzer, Gail Pearson, and Gary Scott.

THANK YOU Teachers and Parents!

From our preschool students through our high school students, the children of St. Paul’s have enjoyed a fulfilling year of Sunday school classes each week. I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of our teachers this year. Mrs. Sue Hall, our PreK – 2 grade teacher, works with the young children each Sunday, sharing her gift of Godly Play story telling. Mrs. Bonnie Martin, Mrs. Anne Refermat and Mrs. Ellen Larzelere have also shared their talents with our young children, singing, sharing stories and making crafts to go along with the lessons. This group of students has formed strong friendships this year, and it’s due in part to our wonderful teachers!

I’ve had the pleasure of teaching the intermediate group of students, in grades 3-5. What a joy it’s been to get to know the children through sharing our personal stories, our prayers and discussing and questioning the different bible stories we read each Sunday.

Mr. Welker has taught the middle school and high school students, or “Stage Crew” as we refer to them! They gather each Sunday on the library stage (hence the name) for a lively discussion of the Sunday readings. Mr. Welker has a true talent for working with this age group, and each week the students learn how the stories can relate to their own lives today.

I also want to thank the parents of all our children. The teachers truly LOVE having your children in class. Without your children, class wouldn’t be the same, and we are so grateful to share this special time with them each week.

Deuteronomy 32: 2 *“May my teaching drop like the rain, my speech condense like the dew; like gentle rain on grass, like showers on new growth.”*

Amy Welker, Director of Faith Formation for Children, Youth and Families

Memorial Scholarships Awarded

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that seven St. Paul's college students have been awarded grants for the 2015-2016 academic year based upon their membership, attendance, participation and stewardship. These recipients made a tremendous impact at St. Paul's during their youth, participating in SPY, Acolytes, Youth Choir, SEM Food Cupboard, Sunday School, Christmas Pageant and RAIHN. The following students will receive a \$1000 grant:

- Emma Marshall: Senior at Skidmore College
- Liam Fitzstevens: Junior at Swarthmore College
- Leah Moore: Junior at Niagara University
- Chet Curtis: Sophomore at Binghamton University

The St. Paul's Episcopal Church Memorial Scholarships are funded with the income from an endowment originally established to honor members of St. Paul's who served in World War II. It is further supplemented by donations. The scholarship aids pledging families of St. Paul's and their children who have graduated from high school and are enrolled in college full-time.

The Scholarship Committee

The Ordination of Virginia Tyler-Smith and Andrew VanBuren



Congratulations to the Rev'ds Christa Levesque, Virginia Tyler Smith and Andrew VanBuren, who were ordained as transitional deacons by Bishop Singh at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Webster on Wednesday, May 13, 2015.

From the Rector: News on the Search for the Assistant Rector

I'm pleased to report that the search for the new Assistant Rector is in the final stages. In March, I asked four parishioners – Kitty MacDowell, Les Kernan, Amy Welker, and Doug Kelley – to form an advisory committee to assist and to advise on my appointment of an Assistant Rector. A job description was prepared and our diocesan and national church offices, as well as seminaries, were contacted about the opening. We received a good number of applications, all with gifts and talents that would benefit St Paul's. We have reviewed written material, listened to sermons, contacted references, and interviewed candidates by Skype (video calls).

A few candidates will be brought to St. Paul's to meet with me, the advisory committee, the wardens and Bishop Singh (as required) and to spend time looking around Rochester. Once those meetings are complete, I will review the visits with the advisory committee and wardens and issue a call. It is my hope to make the announcement by early July and that the new clergyperson will start here by the end of August in time for the beginning of the program year.

Please keep this process in your prayers. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me directly.



Merciful God,
we entrust to your never-failing care and love . .

M. Adrienne Simpkins
March 21, 2015

Gilman Perkins
April 17, 2015

Jane Armstrong Lennox
May 3, 2015

June D. Hochheimer
May 4, 2015

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon them.
May their souls, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Mark your calendars for Faith in the World



MaryAnn McKibben Dana is our Faith in the World speaker this fall. She is the author of *Sabbath in the Suburbs*, a Presbyterian pastor, and brings a fresh voice and energy to the familiar topic of time management: Sabbath-keeping. She writes from a perspective that many can relate to, that of a suburban mother of three who works part-time.

A comment from a recent program: *MaryAnn energized our worship services with her preaching as well as our Sunday School program. The congregation was buzzing afterwards. Her message is not just for families with young children but was relevant to singles, retired people and grandparents as well. A joyful day and a profound message!*

Her schedule with us is:

On Sunday, November 1:

- 4pm Evensong – Deliver sermon/homily (Free and open to all)
- Following Evensong – Deliver a short lecture, followed by Q&A
- Topic for both sermon and lecture: *Sabbath in the Suburbs... and Beyond: Finding Rest, Play, Renewal and Delight.*

On Monday, November 2nd:

- 9am – 11:30am – Workshop (Free, but registration required)
- Topic: *Spirituality in the Smartphone Age*



Have you ever wondered about the RAIHN guests after they graduate?

"Things are looking up and I only expect it to get better. Thank you guys @RAIHN for everything – it really has been a long road and a struggle and now I can finally start to see the light and it feels awesome!! I have not been this happy in a good year and I am on the road to providing stability for my son and I. Thank you for checking in and have a great day and please stay in touch!"

Summer Pledge Payments

Please remember to mail in your pledge payments if you are not able to attend services. Your continued payments help maintain our cash flow during the summer months.

Thank you in advance.

AA Meetings @ St. Paul's

- Tuesday – 6:00pm – The Women's Home Group
- Wednesday – 8:15pm – The Young & The Reckless
- Thursday – 8:15pm – The Academy Group
- Friday – 10:05pm – Heard It Through the Grapevine
- Saturday – 10:00pm – Last House on the Block

Al-Anon Meetings @ St. Paul's

- Wednesday – 7:00pm – Wednesday Nite Al-Anon Family Group (WNAFG)

