

# The **Lion**

THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

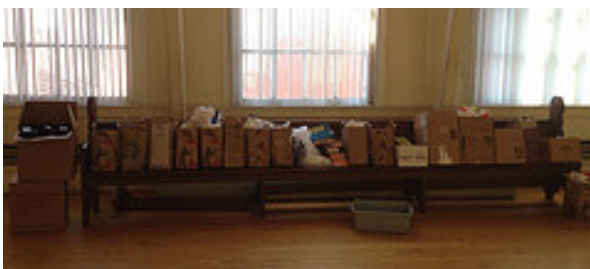
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## St. Mark's Hot Meals Christmas Gift Extravaganza



On December 17, Hot Meals hosted its monthly meal with annual "gift bag" giveaway. "Personal-sized" toiletries and socks that had been collected in the donation boxes (or brought to the church office) were assembled into gift bags, to be handed out to our expected 120-150 meal guests. Most bags also had caps, gloves, and dental kits. The bags were of festive fabrics handcrafted by the Girl Scouts and tied with brightly colored ribbons.

Thanks to the generous donations provided by St. Mark's and friends, we were able to fill over 170 gift bags, give out socks with the sack lunches, and still



have "leftovers" to share with the YEAH! shelter, Suitcase Clinic, and have available for guests next month.

Huge thanks to everyone who collected items and brought them in! Special thanks as well to the Adeline Street Walgreen's for caps and gloves, Dr. Henry Yang for dental kits, the Cal Bear Student Athletic Activities Committee for collecting socks and toiletries for us on their road trips, Acalanes High Soccer for contributing socks, to the Godly Play class for being such excellent assemblers, and to Kathy Yam, Vanessa Rucza, Maggie Grover, Jennifer Rice, Elaine Parker, and Beth Ann Maier for valuable assistance moving and sorting the 1000+ items.

There was excellent volunteer support from both St. Mark's and community groups - the most volunteers ever in December. Participating community groups included Cal Circle K, Cal Alpha Phi Omega, St. Theresa's School, Napa Korean Seventh-Day Adventist, Piedmont Venture Crew, NCL, and several Girl Scout troops.

Thanks to everyone for giving and sharing!

Charlotte Blackmer, Hot Meal's Volunteer and Gifts Coordinator



Photos by  
Charlotte  
Blackmer

## Putting Our Faith Into Action

Christ calls us to move out of our church, to be Christ's hands and heart and spirit in the world. All that we do as a church, our worship, our formation, our study, bring us to this point. Go out and be Christ in the world. So how do we do that? As individuals, we give ourselves to endeavors that speak to us of justice: visiting prisons, hospitals and nursing homes; working in schools, medical, and legal venues; supporting non-profits that care for others; even handing spare change or food to those on the street. As a corporate body, we sponsor meals for the community, and host groups providing care for others. It can feel frustrating. Are we making a difference? The person we help today will be hungry again tomorrow. Martin Luther King often said: "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice". That only happens if we push actively forward toward that goal of effecting systemic change.

I believe that BOCA is on that path. Berkeley Organizing Congregations for Action (BOCA) is an interfaith community organizing group made up of 18 Berkeley congregations representing 10,000 families. They have worked for positive change in the areas of parent engagement in the public schools, health insurance for all Berkeley and California residents, fair and affordable housing for families, just immigrant policies, and community safety. BOCA has Lutheran, Catholic, Jewish, Presbyterian, Congregational, Methodist, Baptist, AME, and non-denominational congregations, but not one Episcopal parish

Throughout the United States, faith-based community organizing has been an effective way for congregations to put their faith into action. The process begins with one to one conversations held broadly among the congregation. Frequently voiced passions and concerns that are supported by consensus are raised up and researched for achievable action. Actions are powerful because of the large number of people who turn out in support.

There is an opportunity to attend a BOCA "training" on Saturday, January 21st from 9:30AM-2:00PM at The Way Christian Center. I plan to attend and welcome any that may be interested to join me. "Come and see" Rev. Beth Ann Maier, Deacon

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### Choral Pastoral Visit

Please join members of the choir in a visit to the Ashby Care Center to offer a half hour of hymns. The intention of the visit is to give comfort and blessing to those present.

All are welcome to come with us.

Sunday, January 8, 1:30PM

Contact Evelyn Larsen at 510 928 9408 or [erlarsen@earthlink.net](mailto:erlarsen@earthlink.net) to sign up, and please remember to bring a hymnal!

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### St. Mark's Cares

Are you struggling with illness, loss, isolation, or other hardship?

Would you appreciate the presence of a listening companion as you sort your way through a troubled time?

This is the ministry of the newly commissioned lay pastoral care group.

Call Fr. Hiller (415) 999-8606 or Deacon Beth Ann Maier (802) 793-4234 for more information.

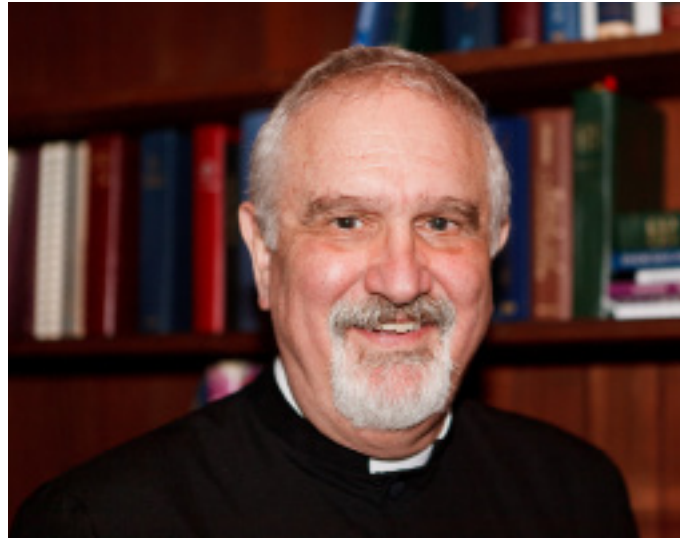
## Epiphany

### Transition and Transformation

It seems that we are coming into a season of quiet and respite, following the business of the holidays, and the work that preceded it. I always look forward to Epiphany, because it gives us an opportunity to study the teaching of Jesus. The holidays are event driven, the Sundays of Advent, Christmas, and the Feast of the Epiphany and The Baptism of Our Lord being filled up with a succession of Events that talk about who Jesus was. The Sundays that follow this are filled up with what Jesus did and taught. It presupposes the question of why do we do Lent by providing answers from the ministry of Jesus. There is a succession here too: Baptism to Calls for Discipleship (Epiphany I and II, Questions about Call and Authority (Epiphany III and IV), The Ministry of Healing and of Making Clean (Epiphany V and VI), and finally, Thinking through Transitions and Transformations (Epiphany Last). That is our journey during the Sundays after the Epiphany.

The notions of transition and transformation are a good segue into parish life and how these readings and celebrations can inform our congregational life. Our profile and search committee have done an outstanding job of putting together a parish profile and a rector's profile. They have done hard work, and after these materials have been published in the next few weeks, their work will become harder as they review the submissions from clergy who wish to work with the people of Saint Mark's. We all need to remember these committee members in our prayers, as they continue to wrestle with the Spirit that is calling all of us to something new, yet something faithful. However, it is not just these people who have a task in front of them. It is all of us who now have a task that is calling us. What the entire congregation is called to do at this point in our common life is to prepare to receive a new rector. By this I do not mean arranging receptions, and "getting to know you" parties, and so on. What I do mean is preparing to become leaders in ministry who will be receiving a fellow leader.

Much has been said about moving from a "Pastoral Parish" to a "Program Parish." What is essential in this transformation is the development of lay parish leadership – a cadre of leaders who can work independently of the Rector, coordinating with his/her leadership and moving out on their own. For Saint Mark's to renew its ministry in the community, it needs to renew the calls for ministry



*Above: Rev. Fr. Michael Hiller in his study. Photo by Bruce Alexander.*

to individual members. During the Sundays after the Epiphany, the preaching program on Sunday mornings will center on how we might prepare ourselves to be such leaders to support the ministries of rector and parish in Berkeley. The focus will not be on the pulpit alone, but rather on opportunities for lay leadership development, education around ministry and supporting ministry, discussions around what we might want to do in advance of the new rector's appearance.

For my part, I will be devoting myself to this development. This is our interim period that is focused on you and your ministry, and on what you have to offer and give. During our stewardship campaign we prayed our way into giving and volunteering time and talent. Now it will be time to put it to use. One of the first things that we are going to do is to call three or more people to serve as Volunteer Coordinators, who will enable us to not only ask for volunteer help, but enable it and provision it for ministry. We also need to live into our visionary budget. As of this writing it appears that there may be additional funds to provide for needed ministries at Saint Mark's. Here we can lead rather than follow, invent rather than maintain, and serve in addition to our praying. I think that this is going to be an exciting time of development and transition. Prayer for all of us as we enter into it

## Report of the Profile & Search Committee

The PSC is happy to report that the rector search webpage and parish profile will "go live" after Epiphany. The diocesan office will notify the committee of the exact date to proceed.

As you know, at its November meeting the vestry formally approved the parish profile, the rector profile, and the portfolio (forms for the national Office of Transitional Ministry). Shortly afterward, these documents were submitted to the diocese for its final review and processing. Due to the holiday season, the diocese deemed it prudent to wait until after Epiphany for the St. Mark's search to begin, with the public presentation of the rector search and parish profiles and the opening of the application period. The deadline will be approximately six weeks after the date that we begin receiving applications.

The rector search page will be accessible on the St. Mark's webpage with a link labeled "Rector Search" on the toolbar at the top. This will be linked to the diocesan and national church webpages for easy access by applicants. If you think a particular clergyperson would be an excellent candidate, the correct procedure is for you to contact that person and encourage him or her to apply for the position. The PSC is not permitted to solicit applications. The applicant pool will be constituted by direct application from interested clergy, individuals recommended by our diocesan office, and the national church's computer-generated list of clergy with matching skill sets.

As the committee begins the screening process it is important for all of us to remember that it must conduct its screening and evaluation in strictest confidence. It can be very harmful to an applicant if word of his/her application were to become known. So, we will be happy to answer questions about our process, but we cannot share any information about the candidate pool. If you have any questions about the search process, please feel free to contact any member of the PSC whose names appear below.

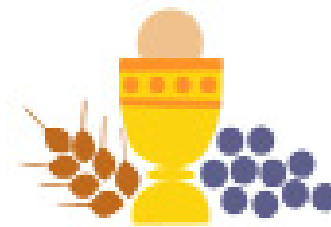
Please join us in praying for St. Mark's, that the search process will continue to strengthen our community life, for all applicants and potential

applicants, and for the blessing of the successful call of our next rector.

Yours in Christ,

The Profile and Search Committee

Marilyn Belove, Co-Chair	Priscilla Camp
Leonard Johnson, Co-Chair	Andrea Foley
Judith Berling, Vestry Liaison	Sterling Hada
Jennifer Akiyama	Lisa Key
Bruce Alexander	Jeff Pace



### January InAsMuch Episcopal Relief and Development

The Third Sunday InAsMuch offering on January 15 will go to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD). The St. Mark's InAsMuch fund was started by the Rev. George Tittmann, to meet needs in our local community. Once a year, we extend our support to the wider international community through ERD, the outreach arm of The Episcopal Church. Parishioners may be interested to know that Nagulan Nesiah, a former member of St. Mark's, is now in Sri Lanka, where he is serving as Program Officer in charge of overall ERD programs in Asia. For more information visit their website: <http://www.er-d.org/index.php>.

## Pledge Season A Great Start!

## As of January 1, We Thank:

Thank you to all our pledgers for supporting our dreams for enhanced ministry at St. Mark's! Pledges have been great! As of Sunday January 1, 39 continuing pledgers have raised their pledge, 30 have kept it the same, and only 15 have reduced their pledge. Continuing pledgers have increased their pledges by 5.3%, to \$183,857. There were also 12 new or returning pledges, which totaled \$9,720.

But we still need to hear from 38 2011 pledgers, whose 2011 pledges totaled \$57,691. The Vestry will meet on Tuesday, January 17 to pass the 2012 budget, and that budget will be based on pledges in hand. There are Pledge Cards and pencils in all the pews. Either put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. You may also respond by e-mailing bob\_williams@stmarksberkeley.org.

Caroline Rone	Caroline Summer	Margo Wesley
Marcia Russell	Jerry Walker	Bob Williams
Patrick Russell	Elizabeth Waters	Gregory Willmore
Jack Sawyer	Anna Weidman &	Hildred Yost
Jeannie Shaterian	Charley Robinson	Margaret Young
The Rev. Scott Sinclair	The Rev. Louis Weil	Paul Young
Martha Smith	Elizabeth & Donald Wells	
Todd Snow		
Paul Sporer		
Janet Strothman		

Bruce Alexander	June Browne	Nancy Evans	Fr. Michael T. Hiller	McWilliams
Bonnie Barberini	Dana Buntrock & Leroy Howard	Deborah Falk	Russ Irwin	Bob Mills
Marguerite Barron	Priscilla Camp	Kevin FitzPatrick &	Pamela Jester	Donn & Alda Marsh Morgan
Glenn Beane	Rosemary Campos	Brenda Cabral	Leonard Johnson	Joan Natkin
Gerald & Frances Bellows	Fran Carlson	Andrea & Bill Foley	Marguerite Judson	Marian Nishi
Marilyn & Howard Belove	Melissa Cocco-Mitten &	Barbara Forsstrom	David & Vannie Keightley	Jean O'Meara
Judith Berling	Patrick Mitten	Makiko Fukuzawa	Lisa Key	Barbara Oliver
Virginia Blacklidge	Laura Craig	Robyn & Jay Gaskill	Sarah King	Jeff Pace
Charlotte Blackmer	Jennie Curtis	Gwen Gaynor	Bob Kolenkow	Marjorie & Don Pettyjohn
Becky Blessing	Nancy Dick	Sterling, Betsy & Katy Hada	Rita Kresha	Anne Prescott
Karen Borst-Rothe	Sue Diehl	Adele Hanson	Peg LaFrance &	Joe & Doris Pummill
Annie May de Bresson	Nancy & Hugh Ditzler	John & Karalee Harding	Phil Caruthers	Joyce Putnam
Frank Brown	Taffeta Elliott	Maureen Hartman	Evelyn Larsen	Nigel Renton
Lewis Brown	George Emblom	Margaret Hasselman	Peter Laub &	Wayne Ritchie
	Karen Ericksen &	Walter Hauck	Christina Sabater	Walker Robinson
	Tim Sullivan	Nancy Hayes	Kate MacArthur	Jan Robitscher
		Susan Hedges	Phillip McKnight	Clara Rogers
			Malcolm & Mary	

## Senior Warden's Column

*God did not say: You will not be troubled, you will not be belabored, you will not be disquieted; But he said: You will not be overcome. God wants us to pay attention to these words, and always to be strong in faithful trust, in wellbeing and in woe, for he loves and delights in us, and so he wishes us to love him and delight in him and trust greatly in him, and all will be*

*well. Julian of Norwich*

We are now in the middle of Advent, our season of waiting and anticipating. I look forward, as many of you do, to the season of the Nativity and of the future of St. Mark's this next year. Waiting and anticipation are hard spaces to dwell in. They are filled with worries, real or imagined, and they are silent. As much as I listen or speak to them, they do not reply; they say only "wait".

St. Mark's is in a time of waiting as well. On the surface, we continue our liturgies, we meet to study, to work and plan, and to care for each other. But we are waiting – who will be our next rector? Where do we go with programs, people and mission? How will we need to be different? There are a hundred different things, a hundred thoughts, many concerns, much anxiety.

The grace I see here is that it is also a creative space. The canvas is blank so we can paint any kind of picture we want. Over this past year, we have learned and tried out new liturgies, new ways of communicating with each other, and many other things. Some have worked very well, others less so. As a community, the important thing is that we have tried them with a sense of openness and willingness to do something different. Most importantly of all, we have been learning much about who we as St. Mark's community really are. So we wait, but we also work and move forward – an interesting conundrum!

### Vestry Updates

The Vestry is in the process of finalizing our budget for the next year and nominating new leadership. In this transition year, our pledges have been coming in well, for which I'm very grateful to you, but our budget is definitely going to be a challenge. We have many needs and hopes we would like to provide with resources, and never enough funds to support them. Please be generous if you can. Our generosity does make a difference. All gifts and all talents are multiplied and bless others in God's kingdom.

### Redevelopment

Our Redevelopment project is moving forward and we still expect to be breaking ground in August 2012. We will be meeting with the city's Zoning Board in January for a review of the project under the new South Side Plan. I'll keep you apprised of the results.

### Sexual Misconduct Letter

Since we sent you the letter concerning the recent sexual misconduct issues, we've received many supportive comments and some questions. I would encourage everyone to attend the sessions on January 15th and 22nd for additional information and discussion of what we can do at St. Mark's to provide a safer environment for all parishioners. The forums are designed to help us move beyond these incidents to the important task of healing the entire community.

I'd also like to try to give a bit more clarity concerning the circumstances of the incidents.

- The incidents did not involve any children or any physical violence; they involved adults.
- The person responsible for the incidents is no longer at St. Mark's. We have been following diocesan policies concerning the investigation and resolution of these

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types of incidents. As a result of a thorough investigation and consultation with the diocese, this person was asked to leave the parish and not return.

- Our primary duty of care is to the victims of these incidents. The events traumatized and severely wounded the people victimized. They have received counseling and support. I ask that your prayers for healing be with them as well. Healing from this takes a long time and is often very painful. Because we are a caring community, we have also reached out to the person responsible for the incidents and that person's family, and offered counseling and support. We strive for healing for all involved.

- We cannot release the names of people involved and the specific dates/times of the incidents. This is to protect those that were hurt from unwanted exposure and give them the space they need to heal.

I thank everyone for their support in this troubling situation. It is very hard for any community to work through an incident like this. Too many organizations ignore sexual misconduct because it is so difficult to confront. It is a sign of the health and strength of our community that we are able to deal with this difficult problem.

Congregation Discernment

In the past few months, we've been privileged to send to the diocese nominations of Kirsten Spalding for the priesthood and Pamela Jester for the diaconate. It reminds me that this is a very important ministry of St. Mark's, both now and in the past – we have raised up many to the church's ministries and continue to do so. We are blessed in many, many ways by our community – thanks to you all!

Blessings and peace to you,



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will continue with the January 28, 2012 meeting. If you knit or would like to learn, please join Joan Groves and Marjorie Pettyjohn on Saturday at 2 pm in the Library . There is plenty of yarn and knitting needles and we make shawls and scarves and hats for those who need them. All are welcome

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UTO Offering

Our Saint Mark's InAsMuch Offering went to the United Thank Offering (UTO). At the Diocese of California convention in October, all the UTO offerings were presented and the total for the Diocese was over \$7000..

Thank you Saint Mark's!

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**Sunday Eucharist**  
 8 a.m. Spoken - Chapel  
 10 a.m. Choral - Church Nave with Sunday School and Childcare

# The Lion Looks Back

## Greene's Peace

Through the happenstance of a summer job, an intelligent adolescent of severely Protestant upbringing, with avid interest in both the physical and the metaphysical worlds, came into contact, in 1850s Wisconsin, with the Norwegian immigrant colony. This was Edward L. Greene, distinguished professor of botany at the University of California and rector of St. Mark's in the early eighteenth-eighties. We began reading his own account of his road to Rome, you may remember, last month.

Meeting during his adolescence what he describes as "these High Church Protestant [i.e., Lutheran] Norwegian peasants," reading their prayer books, "more Roman than the Book of Common Prayer," had a singular effect on the youth: he was especially impressed by the regular order of worship he found, by "the ritual year with its cycle of feasts, ... the several sacraments and their sanctifying efficacy." He found that "there was ... a great deal more to that liturgical public religion ... than there was to that which I had been used to from infancy ...". "Is there such a gift of God to benighted but sincere souls," he asks (a tad ingenuously, perhaps, in a work entitled *Some Roads to Rome in America*), "as may be called a Catholic instinct? I have not heard, and I do not know."

Be that as it may, he became convinced intellectually in his subsequent college years of the doctrine of the Real Presence; systematically explored its existence in various denominations; and finally, during a stay in Huntsville, Alabama, ("a beautiful small city of the South, a seat of wealth and culture, not an emporium of business"), learned something of the Episcopal Church and its prayer book. But it was only after he had removed to Denver in 1870 that he started regularly to attend Episcopal services. After much "careful study" of the Book of Common Prayer, in which he saw "the English counterpart of the Scandinavian High Church service book," he was admitted by confirmation into the Episcopal Church. "Almost immediately thereafter, certainly at the next call I paid the Bishop, he proposed that I become a candidate for Holy Orders. He had ... recently opened an academy, and in connection with that a theological school, in which latter he had a few candidates." Admitted as a deacon in 1871,

Greene was in January 1873 ordained by Bishop Randall to the priesthood.

"In the missionary stations to which I was first appointed," he writes, "unexpected successes attended my ministrations." He was called in 1874 to Vallejo, California, to what he describes as "an old parish, well established," untouched as yet by "the wave of Catholic restoration ... The manner of conducting divine service in this church had been always of the Low Church type." He soon caused some consternation there by instituting a service of Holy Communion at half past seven every Sunday morning. The population of Vallejo was at the time more than half Roman Catholic; the Episcopal rector found himself irresistibly drawn to the service of the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament—so much so, in fact, that he realized that he must discontinue it as too great a temptation.

The attractiveness of such services, seeds of doubt about the validity of the apostolic succession in the Episcopal Church, these and other "grave doubts and fears," were not yet burdening his mind, he writes, when, in 1882, he became rector of St. Mark's: "a parish already well established, and supposed to be of the greater importance as being located close by the most considerable institution of learning of the Pacific coast ... Two years passed during which I tried with indifferent success to teach Catholic doctrine to a congregation that was chiefly ultra-Protestant." Greene finally came to believe that he had never really been ordained a priest, and his only recourse, he felt, was to leave his cure, and the Episcopal Church.

"At the conclusion of the last service on All Saints' Day, 1884, I returned to the sacristy, put off my vestments, and knew that I had officiated for the last time as a clergyman of the Episcopal Church ... The day following this resolution was most serene. I think it would have been such had there been tempests and earthquakes." Nothing, in his account, of struggles with the vestry or of his breaking down the church door with an axe after having been locked out. On the fifth of February, 1885, he was formally received into the Roman Catholic Church.

Edward Greene never married. I have found no picture of him in the parish archives, and no record of his rectorship.

*Editor's Note: Thanks to Retrospectans (Leonard W. Johnson), our history is not lost.*

# Second Sunday Evensong

The 26th season of the Second Sunday Evensong/Organ Recital continues Sunday, January 8, 2012. Evensong, offered by the St. Mark's Schola Cantorum, will be offered at 5:30 p.m., followed by a recital by Kevin Kwan. Mr. Kwan, a native of San Francisco, is Assistant Organist at Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, where he works daily with the Choir of Men and Boys, playing for services and assisting in the training of the choristers. He also is the Head of Instrumental Music at Saint Thomas Choir School. A winner of the 2005 American Guild of Organists/Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists, Mr. Kwan has also won awards from the AGO San Diego Chapter, the Spreckels Organ Society, and the Cleveland Institute of Music. In 2007, Mr. Kwan obtained his Master of Music degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music, where he studied with Todd Wilson. In Cleveland, he served as Organ Scholar at The Church of the Covenant, and was the principal accompanist for the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus. Before moving to Cleveland, Mr. Kwan was Organ Scholar at St. Paul's Cathedral in San Diego. Before Saint Thomas, Mr. Kwan was Organ Scholar at Gloucester Cathedral, one of the most stunning acoustical and architectural environments in the world. During his year in England, he enjoyed two international tours with the renowned Choir of Men and Boys, was featured live on BBC Radio, and played piano with the Philharmonia Orchestra in the Three Choirs Festival. Mr. Kwan has performed solo recitals in many prestigious venues, including Lichfield, Truro, Bristol, Westminster and Gloucester Cathedrals, as well as at Bath Abbey and Westminster Abbey. In the summer of 2010, he played before a capacity audience at Passau Cathedral, Germany. His program will include: Sir George Shearing (1919-2011), Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr' à 2 claviers et pédale / il canto fermo nel tenore, BWV 663, Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr', à 2 claviers et pédale / il

canto fermo nel soprano, BWV 662, Trio super Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr', à 2 claviers et pédale, BWV 664, Sir George Shearing, Jerusalem, My Happy Home, I Love Thee, My Lord and Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707), Te Deum laudamus, BuxWV 218 Donations are welcome at the door, but you are also invited to help support the series at one of the following levels of support: \$35-74 Supporter / \$75-124 Friend / \$125-249 Sponsor / \$250-499 Patron / \$500 - \$999 Sustainer / \$1000+ Benefactor. Please make your check payable to St. Mark's Choir Association, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. Contributions are tax-deductible. Thanks for your ongoing support.

## Heads Up! Get Ready!

### Cole Porter Sing-Along

February 26, 2012 at 4:00pm

The St. Mark's Choir and Temple Sinai congregation are hosting this community Sing-Along event.

Plan to come and sing Cole Porter's fabulous songs with us.

It's going to be "De-Lovely!"

Funds raised at this event will help support the Music Ministry at St. Mark's

More details to follow.

Contact Sterling Hada or Robyn Gaskill

## THE MARY ADVENT PLAY

THE MARY ADVENT PLAY, written and adapted by Meg Gentes and directed by Charley Shaw-Robinson, both of this Parish, was a pleasure to see and to hear.

The play was commissioned by the St. Mark's SpokenWord Ministry, and performed by Bruce Alexander, Joe Lough, June Browne, Lewis Brown, Walker Robinson, Jennifer Rice, Judith Berling, and Walter Hauck. Jan Robitscher of St. Mark's Choir was among the musicians, and others were members of the Cum Jubilo & Exaudi Nos Gregorian Chant Group.

The performance was moving and funny, and very much about real people.

It was a fine way to begin the glorious Advent Season.

Barbara Oliver



The Gospel Procession at Christmastime

photo by Bruce Alexander



The Counters work overtime during Christmas week.

photo by Bruce Alexander

## A THANK YOU FROM FATHER HILLER

I would like to give a special thank you to all who have labored for Saint Mark's in this past year, especially to our office staff, Vanessa, George, Courtney, Joel, and Bob. They have exhibited so much devotion and concern about the ministry of Saint Mark's. Then there is our clergy staff, Beth Ann, Lizette, Louis, Joseph, Scott, Arthur, and Stephanie. Thank you also to these fine people who minister with us. At this point there are so many names to be named that it is almost impossible: the altar guild, the flower guild, the vergers, LEMs, LEVs, acolytes, crucifers, torchbearer, thurifers, and on and on. Thank you for your service at the altar. There are several committee members who maintain ministry, or who are making for new ministry. Thanks be to you. Finally, there are the voices in our choirs, who lead our praises, and who make all things beautiful. Thank you to all of you, especially to those of you who work quietly behind the scenes.

It is an honor to work with all of you.

# St. Mark's January 2012 Calendar

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<p>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist-Chapel</p> <p>9:00 AM Holy Listening-Chapel</p> <p>10:00 AM Choral Eucharist</p> <p>11:00 AM Celebrate Louis Weil's 50 years of Ordination</p>	<p>6:00 PM Suitcase (3-9p)-PAR</p>	<p>7:30 PM Architect. Comm- LIB</p>	<p>11:45 AM Choir Brd</p> <p>12:10 PM Eucharist</p> <p>5:30 PM Bridge</p> <p>5:30 PM Confirmation Class</p> <p>6:15 PM Lydia Grp</p> <p>6:45 PM Choristers</p> <p>7:00 PM Political Theo-LIB</p> <p>7:30 PM Choir Reh</p>		<p>12:10 PM Holy Eucharist</p> <p>6:00 PM Epiphany Choral Eucharist</p> <p>7:00 PM Potluck</p>	
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Note: LIB is Library; PAR is Parish Hall; HOD is Hodgkin Hall; NV is Nave

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