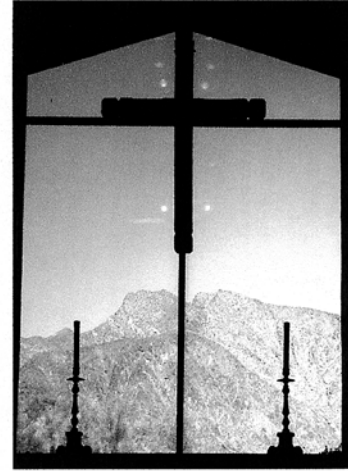


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Advent - A Time of Joyful, Watchful Waiting

Here we are in the season of Advent at the beginning of a new liturgical year. The long-awaited one is coming; and we wait in joyful expectation, like Mary did awaiting his birth. This is not a “purple” season of penitence but a “blue” (the Mary Color) season” in which we ponder and pay attention to the signs of his coming, and to his movement **within us!**

In her Advent greeting, Our Presiding Bishop wrote: “The world is waiting for the birth of the long-expected One, who will bring healing and peace to all who labor and suffer in darkness. We still wait in eager expectation for the one who will lead soldiers to turn their weapons into tractors and hay balers and redirect warriors to schools of peace.”

What might we do while we wait? Archbishop Schori suggests: “There are many other creative and life-giving ways to wait. What do you dream of, what does that healed world look like? Once you have the beginnings of a concrete picture, an attitude of expectation will lead you to see that vision becoming reality in small and quiet ways.

Our Savior is coming to bring light and cast out our darkness. In our watchful waiting, let us hone our abilities to see and hear and feel in our hearts the signs of his coming. Where will we discover him anew?

Blessings, Laura+

MINISTRY FAIR

On Sunday, November 14 following our church service, parishioners gathered in the courtyard with their refreshments and took advantage of information provided on the many volunteer opportunities at St. Barnabas.

Laura+ set up an inviting table offering material on her Christian Education ministry. Many expressed interest in Bible Study, Advent Study, an Inquirers' Class and Prayer Meetings. Wendy Quinn's Parish Life and Hospitality booth included a photo display by Photography Coordinator Faye Dorsey, as well as descriptions of the various subcommittees (*Carillon*, Communication/Publicity, Women and Men of St. Barnabas, Sarah's Circle, Holy Happy Hour, Special Events and Newcomer Welcome) and volunteer sign-up sheets.

Choir Director Trent Kleinkopf and Pastoral Care Coordinator Victor Levine shared a table, where they urged inquirers to volunteer as singers or accompanists and to participate in the prayer chain and home visitations.

Borrego Serves, a new ministry spearheaded by Joya Hoyt addresses community needs which are not being met elsewhere. This generated a lot of interest, most notably donations which to date have covered half the cost of a new engine for the truck which Ernie Loza uses in his Slab City Ministry.

The fair was a success and hopefully will be an ongoing event with increasing participation. Thanks to all!

~Wendy Quinn

"Borrego Serves", a new committee at St. Barnabas, will have its first official meeting on Dec. 1 at 5:30 pm after Compline. The group was formed to identify areas of need in Borrego Springs which are not currently being addressed and to look for startup solutions to these issues. After the Ministry Fair Nov. 14 members of the congregation raised \$1745.00 toward a new engine for the Slab City Ministry truck. Other projects that have been suggested include an Animal Resource Information Service, a Tutoring and Mentoring program for Borrego High School students and a Volunteer Transportation Service for people who need rides to church and appointments.

~Committee Chair Joya Granbery Hoyt

Vestry Meeting—

Monday, November 22 was the meeting that featured David Leibert once more, and this time with the extremely important 2011 budget. As clerk to this Vestry I can tell you quite honestly that they were wired! And here are some terms you'll be hearing.

**STEWARDSHIP
TESTIMONIAL
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DIG DEEPER
STEWARDSHIP
PLEDGING UNITS
STEWARDSHIP
NON-PROFIT
STEWARDSHIP
AUDIT
STEWARDSHIP
HEADS UP**

~Nancy Bye

DECEMBER PRAYER LIST

We pray for healing for
for Mary McDonald, Nancy Bye,
Merryn Lorrain Oliverira, Hugh
McLean, Larry Johnson, Nancy Groll,
Walt Moore, Lynn Wilderson,
Barbara Scott, Beverly Kuhrts, Kurt
Levens, Guy Beaulieu, Dan French,
Evelyn Parks, Mary Hunt, Joyce Girard,
Agnes Schleicher, and
Peggy Brown.

**Attention folks with email
Check it out**

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New Borrego Website on the Internet

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We have a new website just for people from Borrego Springs. The purpose is to be a community bulletin board. I was talking to Joe Gustafson, a local computer guru, about how great it would be to have a local site where we could communicate such things as: "Need a ride to San Diego"; "giving away a desk, you pick it up"; "Anyone going to Costco? Could you pick up...?"; "selling a new pair of hiking boots"; "Anyone have a recipe for...?" He said it would be easy to do, and two days later he has the site up on the web! We had a site like this at the university where I went to seminary, and it was very helpful – people used it all the time. Only people affiliated with the university could get on the site. That is how it works here in Borrego – only folks from here can register to use it. To register and get a user name and password, contact Joe Gustafson by email:
buckslayerg@cableusa.com.

In the meantime, check out the site at: <http://borregoblog.thruhere.net>. If we get enough people on it, the site might turn out to be very useful.

~FYI, Laura

**PLAN AHEAD FOR YOUR
WONDERFUL HOLIDAY!**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
AT 6 PM**

**Congregational Caroling in our
Courtyard Led by Haddon Salt at
5:45.**

Then join us for

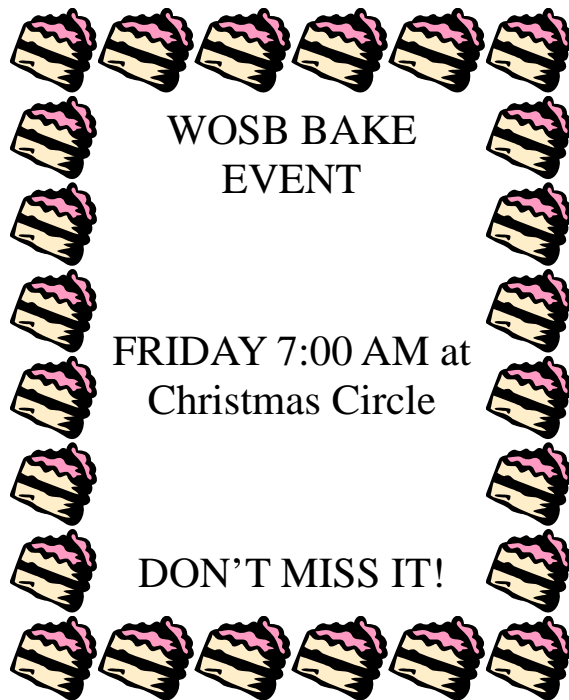
**Kings College,
Cambridge Traditional
Lessons & Carols**

GOOD MORNING!

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.....

At the Worship Committee meeting early in November it was decided that there is more than one kind of outreach. At this time of year we become aware of more new faces in our Church. At first glance, our service can seem a bit complicated, a bit difficult. We, of course, know that it's not. But this winter, let us make a new vow. If there is someone sitting near us who seems unfamiliar with our rituals, let us introduce ourselves and then ask if we might help them. We can show them how we are progressing through the service. We could open a prayer book or hymnal to the right page and pass it to them. We could show them where we are in the readings. We could say, "Good morning!" Will our ushers and greeters please give newcomers/visitors a name tag and ask them to sign our guest book?

~Nancy Bye



**WOSB BAKE
EVENT**

**FRIDAY 7:00 AM at
Christmas Circle**

DON'T MISS IT!



THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Believe it or not, our new choir director, Trent Kleinkopf, has had no formal musical training and barely reads music. Yet we've all heard his beautiful voice as a soloist during the summer months and at the Christmas Eve service, and more recently seen his effective leadership of our talented choir.

Trent developed an interest in music at a young age, and was active in school choirs in junior high and high school. He also plays the guitar. Growing up Catholic, he did not join a church choir until he moved to the Episcopal Church in 1995. His choir director soon encouraged him to perform solos. During this time in his life he also met Alex and Nancy Nagy in his home town, Pocatello, Idaho. After the Nagys moved to Borrego Springs, Trent and his partner, Cal Hoskins, visited them one Thanksgiving and were so taken with the community that they eventually relocated. Lucky for us!

At St. Barnabas, Trent plans to transition the choir from singing mostly in unison to using more harmony. He thanks organist Bonnie Walker for helping him choose hymns which are favorites with the congregation. He and Bonnie practice together two or more hours per week, in addition to the hour and a half of choir practice and another two to four hours at home, with Cal as his critic. Following a career as a behavioral specialist working with autistic children, Trent now volunteers regularly at the Frugal Coyote and of course devotes his time to music and the St. Barnabas choir. Thank you, Trent!

~Wendy Quinn



Lynn and Ruth Otis have a chat before dinner!

WELCOME BACK SNOWBIRDS!

Forty-two party-goers, both returning snowbirds and the friends and families who welcomed them back, gathered at the Roadrunner Club on November 7. We began with wine and hors d'oeuvres while enjoying entertainment by Dave Otis on the piano and Haddon Salt on the sax. As usual, the food was awesome. The potluck dinner included turkey with all the trimmings, ham, and a wide variety of delicious casseroles and salads. No one went away hungry!

This is always a special time of year, both for those who return to their Borrego homes after months away and for those who stay here and miss them during the summer. The party gave everyone a chance to catch up on the latest news from our seasonal folks' summer residences and to fill them in on all the summer activities they missed in Borrego (a shorter conversation). Thanks to all who helped out, especially the Women of St. Barnabas, our fabulous entertainers, the Roadrunner Club, and most of all our snowbirds. Welcome back!

~Wendy Quinn

BITS & PIECES

Christmas Decorations & Baskets

This year we invite donations for both Christmas Baskets to go to those in need and also for flowers and plantings to decorate the church for Christmas. Please indicate on your check (on the "memo" line) to which of these you would like your contribution to go. Please include this form if giving cash.

Baskets \$ _____

Flowers \$ _____

DONATED BY _____

Thank you for your generous gift!

REMINDER OF THINGS HAPPENING

Advent Study – beginning Dec. 1st - Wednesdays at 4PM in the parish hall, and followed by Compline in the church at 5PM

We will be reading and discussing the book: **“Made for Goodness, and why this makes a difference,”** written by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu. In this treasure of a book, Bishop Tutu and his daughter call us “to hope, to joy, and to claim the goodness that we are made for and take on the disciplines of goodness – the practices that are key to finding fulfillment, meaning, and happiness for our lives.”

Please contact Laura at laura.brecht@gmail.com or call me at 760-767-3620 if you need the book ordered for you.

Morning Prayer in Advent – beginning Dec 2nd – 7AM, Thursdays at the rectory. And stay for coffee or tea and fellowship, if you have the time!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS & MEMORIALS

LLOUISE Jee and her wonderful-as-if-by-magic-silent-altar-guild are planning a simple but stunning display of rosemary trees and poinsettias in front of our altar for Christmas.

Wendy and her not-so-silent-Winnibus (with the help of Haddon Salt and the Men of St. Barnabas,) are planning beautiful baskets for Ernie to deliver to those in need. So when you make out your check for these important holiday gifts please write in the memo field—**flowers, or baskets, or both.** “Give recklessly!”

~Nancy Bye

WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS REPORT

November 3, 2010

Fourteen excellent cooks met at the Rectory for a potluck luncheon. Our Speaker was Lyle Brecht, newly elected to the Borrego Water District Board of Directors. He fascinated us with an historical and world wide perspective on water supply and usage including the role electricity plays in the process.

We updated data on our membership list and want all women of the parish to know they are welcome to join us at our monthly meeting. Treasurer, Nancy Bye, spoke about the community services we support financially. Changes in the Senior Center have delayed our donation for now. Work is going forward on a site for computer usage by students at Ocotillo Wells. She mentioned an upcoming opportunity for providing a music program for the Borrego Schools. A new concern was voiced regarding a need for pet food for abandoned pets and pets of families who cannot afford pet food. Laura will bring this up at the ministers meeting so as to possibly involve other churches. Jan Jones and Tish will be consulted as well.

We signed up for the Welcome Back Party on Sunday 11-7-10 at the Roadrunner Clubhouse, a potluck at 5 PM. Louise Bermester and BJ Parsons are working on set up. Some will meet there at 3:30 PM to help prepare. Food planning was next and Nancy Bye will bring candles for the tables. Thanks to Kathleen Killman for paying the \$2 for non-residents.

Since the Holy Happy Hour is the responsibility of the WOSB, we saw that November Sundays are covered and hostesses are needed in December. We realized that it is sometimes more helpful for 2 people or couples to share the ministry. While filling out the list for hostess homes and co-hostesses for the WOSB meetings, we saw that homes are needed for the winter months

Those who wish to help but do not have a home big enough are very welcome to be a co-hostess. Come join us.

It's not too early to discuss the Christmas Barnabas Bakers Event at Christmas Circle Friday, Decembr 10th from 7 AM to noon. Faye showed some Santa pillows, fresh strawberry jam, and pickled beets that are ready. Jean Smith will pick up baked deserts from her freezer. A sign up sheet was started. WOSB thanks the wonderful men who help set up the Bake Event, couldn't do it without you!

Looking ahead to the Christmas baskets for the poor, we circulated a sign up sheet for items needed. Kathleen will procure the baskets.

Nancy Bye has received 100 dental kits from Dr. Wimer. Look for ideas n the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. The day we fill and decorate the baskets is Friday Dec. 17th at 1 PM if you'd like to help. We will display the baskets in front of the altar Sunday Dec. 19th before Ernie Loza delivers them so all can see them.

This Christmas a person may make a donation for Christmas flowers or for the Christmas baskets for the poor. Just specify in the memo line what is your preference. (See Page 6 for announcement.) The next meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 1st at noon at the home of Ann Nourse. Please join us!

~Faye Dorsey

Mark Your Calendar

DECEMBER

SERVICES 8:30 AM

December 1—Noon Women of St. Barnabas @Ann Nourse's home

December 1, 8, 15, 22—4:00 PM Advent Study

5:00 PM Compline

December 2— Morning Prayer @ Rectory

December 7—8:00 AM Worship Meeting

December 7,14,21,28 Tuesday at 7:30 AM The Men of St. Barnabas @ Kendall's Café

December 9-Noon to 2:00 PM Wrapping Event

December 10— 7:00 AM Bake Event at Christmas Circle

December 15-6:00 Men of St. Barnabas

6:00 PM Sarah's Circle @ Kathlee Killman's home

December 17-1:00 PM Fill and Decorate Christmas Baskets

December 20- 1:00—5:00 PM Food Bank Distribution

December 24— 5:45 Carols and 6:00 PM Lessons and Carols & Luminarias

December 25- 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist

December 27—8:00 AM Vestry Meeting

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