

"I am the vine, you are the branches; abide in me and you will bear much fruit." John 15:5



Vine & Branches

News from St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, 720 N. King Street, Honolulu, HI 96817



**November
2006**

*The Right Reverend
Richard S. O. Chang,
Bishop*

*The Reverend
Jodene S. Hawkins,
Rector*

*The Reverend Dr.
Gerald G. Gifford,
Rector Emeritus*

*The Reverend
Peter S. M. Fan,
Chinese Language Priest*

*The Reverend
David J. Gierlach
Deacon*

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Music Director*

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Organist*

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*Francis Kau,
Junior Warden*

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A Celebration of New Ministry

at St. Elizabeth's

Mark your calendars and join us for the installation of Mother Jodene Hawkins as Rector and for a Celebration of New Ministry at St. Elizabeth's on Sunday, December 3, at 4:00 p.m. A catered reception in the parish hall will follow the service. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to wear red attire to mark this festive occasion. Parking will be available on the church grounds, at Kaumakapili Church, and at Princess Victoria Ka'iulani Elementary School located across the street.

If you would like to contribute time, money or talent towards this effort, please contact senior warden Stuart Ching at 955-3535.

Stuart W. H. Ching, Senior Warden

From Mother Jodene Aloha Beloved in Christ,

Way back when, Elvis Presley rocked the world with his song "All Shook Up." On Sunday, October 15th Hawaii's earthquake got us all shook up. In our darkened church 80 folks gathered around our altar lit by candlelight, reminiscent of a Christmas Eve. We prayed that throughout our islands everyone was safe. By candlelight we broke the bread, sharing the Bread of Life, in the Holy Communion. Little did we know that the hour of a candlelight worship would become hours of near darkness, then become complete darkness as night descended.

Candles, flashlights, battery powered lamps—Light!—*anything* that could shed a little light suddenly was a priority. We had entered another world, a world where light was not ordinary anymore, but where light became truly precious. In Jesus' time, light was never taken for granted. Up to work with the sunrise. Workdays ending at sunset. Lamps and lamp oil that

created light were precious commodities. After our sudden experience of 12-18 hours of darkness, these words from Jesus to his disciples take on new meaning, "Let your light so shine before people that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Jesus tells us that our work in this world is to be a people who bring the light of God's love to others. A verse of a hymn we sing on Sundays and one of the songs we sing in our Children's Reading Program is "This little light of mine...I'm going to let it shine!" Have we considered that the love and care that we offer for others is a powerful light, shining the Good News of Christ? Have we considered that even our small acts of love and care can shed some precious light of hope in someone's life—or that shining the smallest light of love can help someone find their direction towards peace and joy?

Think of the flashlight's beam on earthquake Sunday that kept us from stumbling in the dark. It wasn't fancy and it wasn't a lot. But, that beam of light made all the difference in the world in that dark night. Jesus says you and I can make all the difference in the world—one little shining act of love at a time.

With the love joy and peace of Christ,

Mother Jodene +

All Saints Celebration

Sunday, November 5th at 8:15 am.

St. Elizabeth's remembers with thanks and love all our beloved ones who have gone before us to their heavenly home. Join us for the prayers and the sacred reading of our beloved's names on Sunday, November 5th during our 8:15 Holy Eucharist.

*Let us remember those who now,
Together with the angels, dance
with the dance of angels around God.*

(St. Basil the Great)



The Rev. Canon Robert L. Fitzpatrick Elected Fifth Bishop of Hawaii



Canon Fitzpatrick is the Canon to the Ordinary and Deployment Officer for the Bishop of Hawai'i. He has been on the Bishop's staff since 2000. His ministry includes working with congregations in times of transition and conflict, overseeing mutual ministry reviews, supporting clergy, and conducting workshops and programs throughout the diocese. His ministry in Hawai'i has included serving as the non-stipendiary priest-in-charge of St. Barnabas Church, Kapolei, and St. Luke's Church, Honolulu.

Canon Fitzpatrick was born in Decatur, Illinois. He graduated from DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. He received a Master of Divinity degree from the General Theological Seminary. He also has a Doctor of Ministry in Preaching degree from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. Significant continuing education has included the Clergy Leadership Project, Industrial Areas Foundation and Upward Bound: Leading Congregations through Change, Decisions, and Conflict.

Canon Fitzpatrick taught as a Volunteer for Mission at Trinity Theological College, Umuahia, Nigeria. He was the Assistant to the Rector at St. Peter's Church, Morristown, New Jersey, from 1986 to 1990. From 1990 to 2000, he served as Rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He has served on the boards of soup kitchens, homeless shelters, food banks and other organizations in New Jersey and Indiana. He served on various diocesan boards and committees. He has chaired the Hawai'i deputation to General Convention twice and is currently on the board of Church Divinity School of the Pacific.

Canon Fitzpatrick lives in Honolulu with his wife, Beatrice Elizondo Fitzpatrick. She teaches medical technology at a local business college. They have two sons: Edward, a sophomore at Macalester College, Saint Paul, Minnesota, and James, a senior at Iolani School, Honolulu.

Convention News

Bishop appoints St. Elizabeth's Members

Stuart Ching, Historiographer; **Arleen Young**, Commission on Episcopal Schools Education; **Rev. Jodene S. Hawkins** to the Commission on Ministry

Elected at Convention: **Rev. David Gierlach** as Assistant Secretary to Convention. **Lani Kaaihue** served a chair of the elections committee. **Rowena Blaisdell** served on the Nominations Committee. Delegates were **Lani Kaaihue, Stuart Ching, and Rowena Blaisdell, Charles Kokubun**. Observers were: **Patsy Ching** and **Kit Hawkins**.

Thanksgivings for National Life

(Adapted from The Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty God, giver of all good things:
We thank you for the natural majesty
and beauty of this land.

We thank you for the great resources of
this nation.

We thank you for the men and women
who have made this country strong.

We thank you for the torch of liberty
which has been lit in this land. It has
drawn people from every nation.

We thank you for the faith we have
inherited in all its rich variety. We
thank you for the freedom to worship
without fear.

Help us O Lord, to finish the good work
here begun. Strengthen our efforts to
blot out prejudice and hasten the day
when all peoples will glorify your holy
Name. Amen.



Noah's Ark Sunday,

Blessing of Animals on November 12th

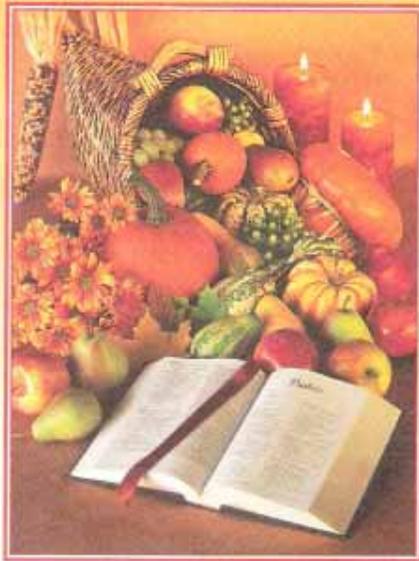
*All creatures great and small,
the Lord God made them all.*

Join us for St. Elizabeth's young and young at heart worship service where a traditional blessing of the animals brings joy to many. In years past our well-behaved guests have been doggies, kitties, piggies, birdies, hamsters and chinchillas, as well as Maui-Boo the kitty who lost her meow.

St. Elizabeth's Scholarship Awards

The purpose of the Scholarship Fund is to encourage greater participation in the life of the Church and to recognize members who have willingly contribute their time and talents to the betterment of this parish.

The two recipients this year are **Edward Fitzpatrick** and **Matthew Won**, both sophomore students attending Macalester College. Congratulations!



Give Thanks to the LORD

Thanksgiving 2006

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

I pray for an abundance of God's blessings to be upon you and your families near and far this Thanksgiving. St. Paul wrote long ago to Christians living at the crossroads of East and West these words of inspiration:

"Rejoice....The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God." (Philippians 4:4-6) We, too, are Christians who live at a crossroads of East and West. We have worries as well as great thankfulness for God's blessings in our lives. May this prayer from our Book of Common Prayer provide us a way to pray to God with a spirit of rejoicing in this season of Thanks Giving.

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,
We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
We thank you, Lord.

*For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank you, Lord.*

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For the commitment of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; *To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.*

With the love, joy and peace of Christ,

Mother InLove

Awards Program

The Vestry of St. Elizabeth's has approved the suggestion to restore our Awards Program to recognize members who contribute or have contributed to the betterment of the church.

Senior crosses (members 50 years of age and older) and Junior crosses (members 49 years old and younger) will be presented at the annual meeting in January 2007.

Nominees must be regular, baptized and contributing members of St. Elizabeth's who have participated in church activities, i.e. Work Days, Altar Guild, etc. Nominations should cite accomplishments over the past several years and be submitted to the Vestry no later than December 1st to be considered for this year.

Children Join Sunday School



Melanie, Joseph and Alexander

Let's all give a big St. E's welcome to Melanie, Joseph, and Alexander from our Wednesday reading program. Melanie is a 10th grader at Central Middle School. Alexander and Joseph are 5th graders at Princess Ka'iulani Elementary school. All three now attend St. Elizabeth's Sunday school. Melanie is our first junior volunteer in our reading program. We are looking forward to these young people joining our worship team as acolytes.

From the Office of the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Dee and I would like to express our deep appreciation to you and the members of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church for the warm welcome and generous hospitality which you extended to us at my visitation. Your continued generosity and warmth made the visit a particular special time for both of us.

The arrival of the lion dance was a particular surprise that I will remember as part of my visit. Thank you for your trust in me with the gift of a living plant. Dee and I will make every effort to grow it and raise it as a reminder of your friendship and support.

As you continue with your new rector, please know that Dee and I will hold you in our prayers.

Faithfully yours,
Richard S.O. Chang
IV Bishop of Hawai'i

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"That tasted good! Now let's all start on our Christmas lists."

from *JoyfulNoiseletter.com*
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Date Change!

For Our Young Artist Series

Pre-Holiday Treat for Everyone

Saturday November 18th
3pm, St. Elizabeth's

Our first ever string quartet performance will take place Saturday, November 18th.



Performing will be Morganne Aaberg and Heather Shoheit, violins; Audrey Knuth, viola; and Riana Anthony, cello. They will play a traditional Chinese folk song, Franz Josef Haydn's *String Quartet No. 42 'The Emperor'*, and Antonin Dvorak's *String Quartet No. 12 'The American'*.

In honor of the season of Thanksgiving there will be no admission charge, just a calabash.

**Pledge Blessing
Sunday**

November 26, 2006

Noteworthy happenings

St. Elizabeth's was a recipient of the Episcopal Church Women's annual grants.

Thanks to the Diocesan Churchwomen's Social Concerns Committee, chaired by Annette Jim from St. Clement's, our Children's Outreach Christmas Party will have plenty of new gifts to the children.

Mother Jodene was invited to be introduced to the Kaumakapili Church board Meeting. Kaumakapili members were very excited that we had opened our Children's Outreach Center and hope to offer some support from their own fundraiser for our neighborhood ministry.

Nancy Shim-Au had a personal audience with Mayor Mufi Hannemann at the Kalihi-Palama Health Center Open House of their newly remodeled facility.

Visiting church family members:

from the Big Island Francis and Puanani Woo. Francis at 96 years old walked down 19 flights of stairs to get to church on time because of the earthquake.

From New York, Peter and Frances Chiu joined us on a Sunday. They returned to New York just in time to miss our earthquake.

Gecko Reports

Behind the Scenes

Did you know: Roy Chee volunteers in the office every week to make the bank deposits. Patsy Ching volunteers weekly to assist Kathy Crosier with office



administration? Charles Kokubun polishes all the brass crosses and processional candle holders when we have special events like our Bishop's visitation? Gelacio Timonio and his family volunteer cleaning outside our back fence to try to keep rubbish under control. Mahalo to Brian Kau for his installation expertise from the Music Room to Shim Hall. Lillian Tyau is our faithful Sunday School assistant.

Thanksgiving humor

Why did the Pilgrims' pants always fall down? Answer: Because they wore their belt buckles on their hats.

Humor Pew

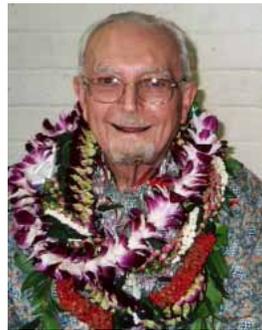
Success is relative—the more success, the more relatives.

Now that it has started to rain, it's good to remember that nothing is friendlier than a wet dog.



When comedian Yakov Smirnoff first came the United States from Russia he was not prepared for the variety of instant products available in American grocery stores. He said, "On my first shopping trip, I saw powdered milk—you just add water and you get milk. Then I saw powdered orange juice—you just add water and you have juice. And then I saw baby powder, and I thought to myself, 'What a country!'"

Dr Gifford receives Kupuna Award



Dr. Gifford received the Bishop's Kupuna Award for 2006 on October 14th. His nomination read as follows:

The Rev. Dr. Gerald Gifford has truly been a servant of the saints of God throughout his many years of ordained ministry. His ministry embodied serving, encouraging, and teaching children and adults to grow in faith and to love their neediest neighbors as themselves. Dr. Gifford's passion for justice has been a guiding

focus of his ministry. His leadership in the Palama Interchurch Council helped strength and calm the Palama neighborhood and earned him many awards. He has always been an avid Biblical scholar, sharing his knowledge with all ages. He continues to teach outreach Bible studies at the Hawaii Kai Retirement Apartments. When anyone needs a listening ear, Dr. Gifford is there with all the time in the world and the assurance of his prayers. His heart has held the stories of pains and joys of countless saints of God and of those seeking to know Jesus. With gratitude for his many ministries St. Elizabeth's nominates this faithful man of prayer who qualifies as a wisdom person and kupuna.

(By The Rev. Jodene S. Hawkins)

Dear Mother Jodene and Congregation

Thank you for the great honor of being nominated for the Kupuna Award. In receiving this award and the beautiful lei from you, I add this experience to the loving memories Polly and I have of being members of the St. Elizabeth's Ohana.

God bless you, dear friends in Christ!

Faithfully,

The Rev. Dr. Gerald G. Gifford II, Rector Emeritus

Thankful Thoughts

There is always something to be thankful for, if you take time to think about it;

For example, how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt!

"Rejoice....The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God."
(Philippians 4:4-6)



From Nancy Shim-Au's Kitchen

CURRY BEEF TURNOVERS by Amy Shim

- 4 tubes Pillsbury Crescent Rolls
- 1-1/2 lb. lean ground beef
- 1 cup finely chopped bamboo shoots

- 1 cup finely chopped water chestnuts
- 3 tbsps. curry powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 tbsps. oyster sauce
- 4 tbsps. ketchup
- 1 round onion, chopped
- 4 green onion stalks, chopped
- 2 eggs, beaten, for glaze

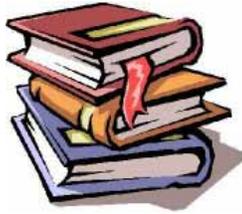
Brown ground beef with bamboo shoots and onion until beef is done. Add water chestnuts and all of the seasonings. Mix well. Cool overnight and refrigerate.

Open crescent rolls and seal seams with finger. Cut into squares (small for appetizers, larger for main dish). Fill with appropriate amount of filling. Fold into triangles and seal edges with a fork. Brush with beaten egg. Place on cookie sheet and bake at 350 deg. for 12 minutes or until rolls are done. Serve hot.

Church Library

has new Editions

All are available for members to check out, explore and read. Please see Kathy or Mother Jodene



From the Church Learning Series Titles (All are very readable and understandable)

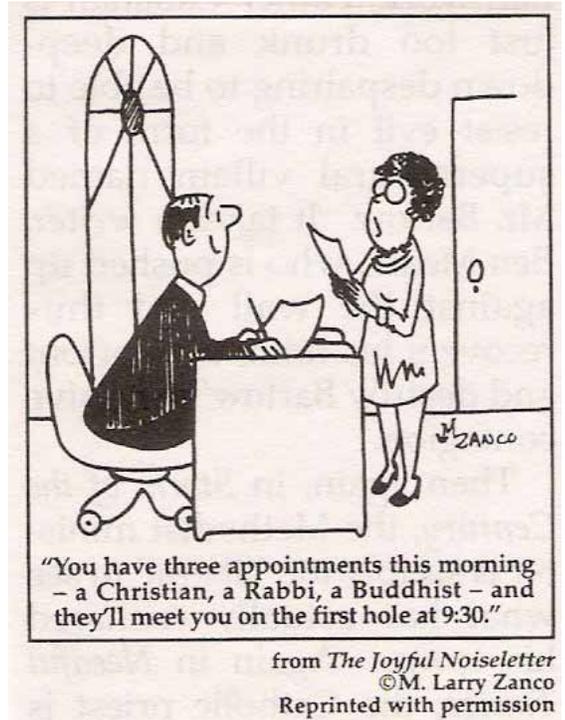
- The Anglican Vision
- Opening the Bible
- Engaging the Word
- The Practice of Prayer
- Living with History
- Early Christian Traditions
- Opening the Prayer Book
- Mysteries of Faith
- Ethics after Easter
- The Christian Social Witness
- Horizons of Mission
- A Theology of Worship

November Birthdays

- 11/2 Hazel Yee
- 11/3 Johnny Kuniyoshi
- 11/7 Justina weia
- 11/7 Ethleen leichy
- 11/7 Eric Arakawa
- 11/14 Julie Young
- 11/15 Randy Timonio
- 11/15 James Kealoha
- 11/17 Jeremy Bush
- 11/19 Laura Iwami
- 11/24 Charles Chu
- 11/25 Yenchy Repaky
- 11/25 Erthleen Repaky
- 11/28 Jeanette Wong

Next Vestry Meeting

is Sunday, Nov. 19 at 9:30 am.



Dear St. Elizabeth's:

Much grateful thanks for the marvelous hospitality you extended towards me during my visit to your parish last Sunday. From the moment I arrived, I felt welcomed and included into your circle--your graciousness has helped to make my visit a memorable one!

Fond thought and prayers go with you in your minister,
Love,
Heidi Edson

Church Attendance

October 2006

8:15 Sunday average **104**
Chinese Language service **5**



Musical Events and Programs

at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church
November and December

Please invite friends and family to join us!

5	Sunday	<p><i>Organ Concert by Walter Kau 9:30-10:00 Music in worship at 8:15 by cellist, Charlie Yu</i></p>	NOVEMBER
12	Sunday	 <p><i>Noah's Ark Sunday--Blessing of the Animals at 8:15 worship Flute music in worship at 8:15 by Daniel and Joshua Yuen-Schat</i></p>	
18	Saturday	<p><i>Young Artists Series String Quartet Concert, 3:00 pm Guests and family cordially invited. Calabash.</i></p>	
19	Sunday	<p><i>Duet by Marie Wang and Ajaon Chen, at 8:15 worship accompanist Joyce Wang</i></p>	
23	Thursday	 <p><i>Thanksgiving Service at 9:00 am Special music by the Yuen-Schat family singers</i></p>	
26	Sunday	<p><i>Choral Music in worship at 8:15 am by the Honolulu Chinese Chorus Ajaon Chen, conductor</i></p>	
3	Sunday	<p><i>Piano music in worship at 8:15 am by Daniel Yuen-Schat, age 9 Celebration of New Ministry and Reception, 4:00 pm</i></p>	DECEMBER
10	Sunday	<p><i>Christmas Present Wrapping for Children's Outreach Center 9:30 am Shim Hall</i></p>	
16	Saturday	 <p><i>12:00 pm Melody and Christopher Lindsay perform "Nutcracker Nuts" and Christmas carols in the church. 1:00 pm Children's Christmas Party in Children's Outreach Center</i></p>	
24	Sunday	<p><i>Advent IV and Christmas Eve 8:15 am Holy Communion 9:30 pm Melody Lindsay, harp and Ajaon Chen, soprano 10:00 pm Festival Christmas Eucharist</i></p>	
25	Monday	<p><i>Christmas Festival Eucharist 9:00 am</i></p>	

*It's Never too Soon to Get Ready for Exciting
Events to Save on our December Calendars*



Christmas Music for the Young and Young at Heart

"Nutcracker Nuts"

Saturday December 15th

Time: 12:00 pm

**Performed by Melody Lindsay and
Christopher Lindsay**

Invite your friends and family members to this delightful Christmas Drama, Christmas carols and fun for all ages at St. Elizabeth's Church.

At 1:00 pm our Neighborhood Children's Christmas Party with Santa Claus and presents for the children will follow in our Children's Outreach Center

There is no admission charge. This music program is a gift from the Lindsay family to our church family in thanksgiving for our outreach ministry to our Palama neighborhood children.

In the Spirit of Christmas

Christmas Present Wrapping Party

Sunday December 10th after church.

Join us in wrapping gifts for our
Neighborhood Children's Christmas Party.



***The Pastoral Discretionary Fund
has been depleted.
Please be generous during this
holiday season.
Please designate special offerings
to "Pastoral Discretionary Fund."***



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