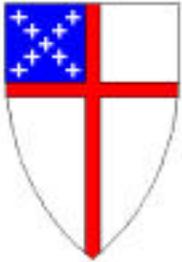


"I am the vine, you are the branches; abide in me and you will bear much fruit." John 15:5

Vine & Branches

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



October
2005

The Right Reverend
Richard S. O. Chang,
Bishop

The Reverend
Jodene S. Hawkins,
Priest-in-Charge

The Reverend Dr.
Gerald G Gifford
Rector Emeritus

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

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Choir Director

Mrs. Marie Wang
Organist

Katherine Crosier
Parish Secretary,
Graphic Design

Stuart Ching
Senior Warden

Harold Ware
Junior Warden

Caren-Jean Esaki
Secretary

Lowell Ing, Treasurer

Sue Yap, Contributor

From Mother Jodene

Aloha Beloved in Christ,

Choir reunion. Acolyte reunion. Surprise children's activities and prizes. Raffle for a handmade quilt. Food to tantalize taste buds. Hula. Mele. Ukulele serenades. Debut of a song composed especially for St. Elizabeth's. New video of the living history of St. Elizabeth's. Festive worship and music. Old friends and new friends time to talk story. No long speeches. Founders' Day is upon us and

your committee has done an outstanding job of planning a fun family day. It is not too late, a few tickets remain. Please call the church office for yours now! I very much look forward to greeting each and everyone in person and being with your family.



Blessings, and see you there!

Mother Jodene +

Reflections of the Senior Warden

by Stuart W. H. Ching



The beginning of September marked the first anniversary of Mother Jodene's tenure as our priest-in-charge. I know you will agree with me that Mother Jodene has done a terrific job and that much has happened in one year. But it is not

just from the efforts of Mother Jodene alone that we have seen such a transformation in our parish. It is because of the efforts of each and every one of you.

The biggest change that I have seen is that our Sunday attendance has increased. Former members have returned and new members have joined our parish community from the surrounding neighborhood and elsewhere. Cutting the chains off the front gates to the church was more than a physical act. It symbolized our commitment to open ourselves to others. St. Elizabeth's is now a welcoming place for people in the neighborhood to find a little comfort, a quiet place to pray, or to join in the fellowship of others.

I am proud of the way our long-time parishioners have welcomed newcomers into our church family. This is our mission as a faith community to witness to others the fullness of God's grace and love, and to open our arms to those with spiritual and material needs. From its beginnings, St. Elizabeth's has reached out to people of different backgrounds. We have been enriched by the cultural diversity that has resulted in our warm welcome to others. It was very gratifying to see our newer parishioners working side by side with long time members during our recent workday. All were working towards a common goal to ready the grounds for our upcoming Founder's Day celebration.

A few Sundays ago a gentleman, who was obviously down on his luck, entered the church prior to Sunday services. After sitting for a while, he got up and left. On his way out he explained to Junior Warden, Harold Ware, that he did not intend to stay for services but wanted to make a donation to the church. He deposited in Harold's hand sixty cents in loose change. How humbling it is to know that this man, who obviously had very little, was willing to give what little he had to the church. Perhaps he only came into the church out of curiosity or perhaps he needed a place for quiet reflection. But I would like to think that his offering was an affirmation that he approved of what we were doing in the

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From the Senior Warden *cont.*

community, and wanted to support our efforts with what little he had. Hopefully, he will return someday for us to thank him.

Although our parish is in one of the most depressed neighborhoods on O'ahu, this provides us with the greatest opportunity to follow Christ's example and be of service to those most in need. Sometimes what is most needed is a warm handshake, a smile or a few kind words to lift someone's spirit and to give that person a sense of belonging and acceptance. The next time you exchange the peace with a stranger, do it with a smile. You may not realize it, but that might make all the difference in the world to someone else.

Stuart W. H. Ching

Aaron Loo's special song for St. E's

Celebrate on a Sunday morning, Sunday morning in Palama . . .

Noted singer and composer Aaron Loo will direct our Ringers and Singers in a song composed especially for St. Elizabeth's, *Sunday in Palama*, on October 2nd. Aaron grew up in Palama; he is related to Dorothy and Richard Jung and Nella Kleinschmidt. His music represents the journey Aaron has taken from playing drums in a garage rock band in Hawaii to his landing in Los Angeles as a producer/composer. Aaron's composing and arrange style includes rock, R&B, jazz and classical.

Aaron will also lead the congregation in the beloved Rodgers and Hammerstein song, *You'll never walk alone*, as the closing hymn on Sunday.



A sketch of Aaron Loo's grandparents' store in Palama



Man Kwong Loo and Ngo Wong Loo. They had twelve children, 5 daughters and 7 sons. Aaron is the oldest grandson.

Greetings from the First Chinese Church of Christ

Dear Rev. Hawkins,

We offer our congratulations on behalf of The First Chinese Church of Christ. May your milestone of 103 years of ministry expand to many more years of bearing fruit for our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel Ling

You may give for the Reserved Sacrament Light or Altar Flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for blessings.



Please specify your gift so that it can be directed for your wishes.

Have you noticed?

St. Elizabeth's altar area is now filled with glowing light thanks to the new lights replacing the old ones which have not worked for years. See anew the beauty of our church when coming through the grand double doors open to welcome everyone.

The memorial plaque giving glory to God for the ministry of Pat Ing is now in place by the entrance of the church in thanksgiving for our new parking lot in her honor.

New plantings and landscaping frame our front and side entrances.

We have many new folks from the neighborhood and many former members returning to worship with us on Sunday mornings.

Our Sunday school has eight children from the neighborhood learning learning the stories of Jesus.

Ringers and Singers are back after summer vacation, offering their musical gifts of bells enhancing our worship.

A ragged old \$1 bill met an old \$50 bill in a man's wallet, and they began a conversation about their travels around the country.

"I've had a good life," the \$50 bill boasted. "I've been to Las Vegas, Hollywood, the finest restaurants in New York, political fund raisers, and I just returned from a Caribbean cruise!"

The \$1 bill replied, "I've been to every church in every denomination in the country: the Lutheran Church, the Methodist Church . . ."

"Pardon me," the \$50 bill interrupted, "What's a church?"



**Vestry Meeting
October 23rd**



Founders' Day, Oct. 16th

10:00 am, Holy Eucharist

12:00 noon, Catered Luncheon

Entertainment by

Lani Kealoha
Ellen Kong
The Palama Settlement Seniors
and even a surprise guest!

TICKETS
are still available!

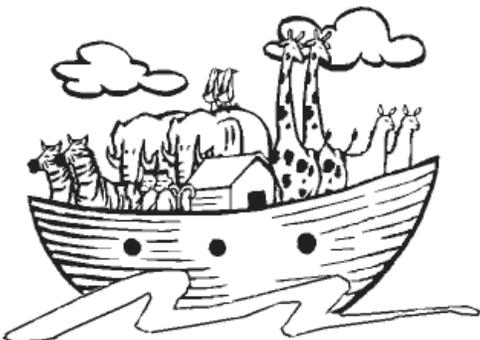
The anticipation of Founders' Day continues to escalate! All hands on deck are needed to ensure a successful launching of this very special event. Help is needed on Saturday and Sunday, October 15th and 16th. If you have greens, flowers, containers, buckets and wire to fasten cuttings, please inform Joan (Lani) Kealoha or bring them with you. Since flowers are fragile, tables need to be decorated *early* Sunday morning. Please label your buckets, containers and vases. And Mahalo everyone!

Please inform all your guest st that parking for Founders' Day will be confined exclusively to Palama Settlement. Drivers, drop passengers off at St. Elizabeth's, then proceed to Palama Settlement Parking. Enter through Vineyard Blvd. Make right turn into narrow roadway which leads to back of Harry and Jeanette Weinberg gym, then take the shuttle back to St. Elizabeth's, which will run from 9:30-10:00, 11:00-12:00.

Bible Trivia

How many days was Jonah in the belly of the whale?

Answer: Three days.



The story of Noah and his ark is in Genesis 5:29 - 10:32

Noah's Ark Sunday

Back by popular demand! Again we will bless our pets big and small on Sunday, November 13th. Last year we had the best behaved doggies, hamsters, chinchillas, and Boo the

sleeping Kitty. Somehow God's creatures really understand that this is God's house and are on their best behavior. All ages are invited to bring their pets.



A House of Prayer for All People

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make it a threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God, make the door of this house the gateway to thine eternal kingdom.

On St. Stephen's Walbrook, London. By Bishop Thomas Ken, 1637-1711.

Happy 100th Birthday, Stella Ho Lau!



Birthday cake and "Kau-Bucks" coffee was served to all on Sunday, Sept. 18th in celebration of this milestone. Stella is shown here with her daughter.

Pearl City Urban Garden Center Field Trip, Oct. 22nd

Join us for an interesting, informative and fun field trip on Saturday, October 22nd at 4:00 p.m. with Dale Sato from the Urban Garden Center on Second Street in Pearl City. Enter through the left lane on Kamehameha Highway by the traffic light as you approach Home Depot. Take a left and park in the designated lot.

The 30-acre facility, under the jurisdiction of the University of Hawaii, was originally designated as a flood zone and has since been beautifully restored as an experimental garden and teaching facility. Staffed by volunteers, this visual treat includes a children's garden, herb garden, fruit orchard, over 100 varieties of plumeria, hundreds of variegated hibiscus, a children's tunnel, a maze fashioned from various hedging, a sensory garden for the blind with plants that are textured and shaped in different patterns with distinctive fragrances, handicapped railings and ramp and even an amphitheatre.



Allow about an hour and a half for the complete tour. We recommend you wear a hat, sunscreen and covered shoes. Special arrangements were made to accommodate us beyond the normal viewing hours at no charge. This will be the only opportunity to visit this acclaimed resource before Dale's retirement. Please sign up in the back of the church by October 16th. P.S. Please DO NOT HARVEST the fruits, flowers or vegetables. They are there strictly for our viewing pleasure and for educational experiments. See you there!

From San Francisco

Hi, Mother Jodene, I've been receiving my newsletter and enjoying each issue. I read it from cover to cover even though I don't recognize a lot of names. Some are familiar, though! Thank you for suggesting that I sign up when I was back home for Lauren's (Chong) and Barry Zane's wedding. Thought I'd let you know that you can email me the "Vine and Branches" newsletter to save on postage. Take care, and thanks again.

Thelma Lai-Chang
(Vernon Chang)
San Francisco



Baptisms

**Holy Baptisms
to be held
October 23rd at
8:15 Eucharist.**

Holy Baptism is God's Sacrament of birth to new life in Jesus Christ and God's sacrament of Belonging to God and belonging to God's church. In this sacrament, God *hanai's* us into God's eternal ohana by Water and the Holy Spirit and we are "marked as Christ's own forever."

Please call the church office or see Mother Jodene if you or a loved one desires to receive this Sacrament.

Ragdolls2Love Update

Thank you to all who have responded to the latest plea for more ragdolls. We have heard from our parish family living in San Francisco who will soon be sending material for the crafters at St. Elizabeth's. Pearl Kau has also been busy and will soon complete two more dolls. Arleen Young has requested a copy of the pattern ... anyone else needing patterns, please call the church office, or pick one up on the reception table.

Thank you for all your support, the need is great and unending.



On Sunday, September 18th, the children brought forward to the altar the completed ragdolls that will soon be in the arms of a child left homeless from Hurricane Katrina.

Average Church Attendance September 2005

8:15 am service
Chinese ministry

91
6

Daniel Ho and George Kahumoku

Saturday, November 26th, Thanksgiving Weekend, 3 pm. Daniel Ho returns for a super



encore at St. Elizabeth's joining George Kahumoku for a concert in our church of Hawaiian hymns and slack key guitar classics

and new releases. Both Daniel and George are Na Hoku Hanohano award winners and wonderful entertainers.

Seating will be limited to our church sanctuary. Each ticket purchaser will receive a free Daniel Ho or George Kahumoku CD with their ticket purchase of \$15. Rare handmade ukuleles will be on display from Koaloha Ukuleles, a Palama neighbor.

We will have cookies and sweet breads for sale to benefit our Garage Children's Outreach Center off Banyan Courtyard.

How perfect is this for a day of Thanksgiving for God's blessings, lifting our spirits and getting some early Christmas joy and homebaked goodies.

Stewardship Reflections

A Sunday School teacher was telling her sixth-graders about good stewardship. She asked each of them to bring to class the following week "something that you have too much of."

A boy raised his hand and asked, "Can I bring my little sister?"

Parish Work Day Thanks

Thank you to the many volunteers who came out to beautify our church grounds on Saturday, Sept. 10th: **Tom and Peggy Ishida, Richard Jung, Richard and Wai Wah Yee, Lowell Ing, Kit and Jodene Hawkins, Rodrigo and Florenzia Carlos, Caridad Badua, Roy Chee, David and Nella Kleinschmidt, Lillian Tyau, Sylvia Rowland, Beatriz and Pedro Timonio, Florida Abiva, Bonifacia Magday, Bill Eng, Millie and Jerry Goo, and Nancy Shim Au.**

Harold D. Ware, Junior Warden

All Saints Day, Sunday, November 6th

All are invited to join us in the Feast of All Saints at St. Elizabeth's. Sunday, Nov. 6th we will remember in prayer and in candle lighting all our beloved who have gone before us to their eternal rest. Please send or sign up the names of all whom you wish us to pray for to the church so that their names will be read at the altar on this Sunday.

Hurricane Katrina and St. Elizabeth's Response

Nearly \$2700 was gathered from the folks at St. Elizabeth's for the benefit of hurricane victims. Episcopal Relief and Development provides emergency assistance in times of disaster; rebuilds devastated communities and offers long-term program development solutions to fight poverty. ERD will especially offer help to the elderly, women and children.



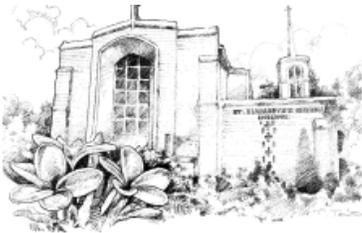
October Birthdays

Bernice Kau	10/2	Beryl Goo	10/14
Carole Fujishige	10/5	Donovan Young	10/20
Jamie Chock	10/8	Suzanne Shak	10/21
Daniel Tyau	10/8	Jonson Jong	10/21
Michelle Ramos	10/9	Harlan Arakawa	10/24
Mia Starkman	10/9	Katherine Crosier	10/24
Inorie Eichy	10/9	Esther Tyau	10/29
David Kleinschmidt	10/12		
Nora Blaisdell	10/14		

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