

**St. Paul's**  
Episcopal Church

*Where Tradition Meets Today*



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# Scattering

As I enter my second summer with you at St. Paul's I can really feel the shift as summer arrives, school ends, and our seasonal members migrate back to the now-hopefully-unfrozen north. Those who live here year round are also scattering – vacations, family reunions and travel of all sorts occupy much of their summers as well.

I do hope and pray that your summer plans include worshipping with us at St. Paul's when you are in town. We are planning some summer programming, more information on that is forthcoming. All offerings will allow you to participate as time and your own travel schedule permits.

While we may be scattered, we are always together in prayer and woven together as the body of Christ. I have been thinking a lot about our common prayer. As you

know, our search committee has a beautiful prayer they have asked all of us to pray with them each day. But I would like us to go further with that. I am inviting each of you to join with me in saying a Daily Office (Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, or Compline), including the scripture readings for the day with special intention for various ministries of St. Paul's. I will facilitate this via my blog, <http://itinerantpriest.org>.

Meanwhile, scattered or not, let us commit to continue to pray and rejoice together over the miles that may separate us, remembering that we are bound together by the love of Christ.

*J. David Kight*<sup>+</sup>

Fr. David+

## Welcome and Fond Farewell: Staff Changes



We are happy to announce that Brian Geraghty joined the staff at St. Paul's as the part-time Assisting Sexton working with Roscoe Campbell. Brian is replacing Randy Cseh, who has returned to his career as a long distance truck driver.

Roscoe said, "Brian fits right in and from day one knew his way around St. Paul's because he previously volunteered here. He knows the drill, campus and people, and is a hard worker."

You will also see Brian at the 10 am services working the recording, sound and lighting system. "I enjoy

working with Roscoe, the staff and parishioners and also giving back to the community," said Brian. He is replacing our long time employee, Roy Talbot, who has relocated to Colorado with his significant other, Shelley Seales. Many of you remember that Shelley was the Manager of St. Paul's Turnover Shop for several years.



"We are grateful to Randy and Roy for their outstanding service to St. Paul's and wish them good luck in their new endeavors," says Rev. Kathleen Gannon.

So the next time you see Brian, be sure to welcome him to St. Paul's.

# What is the Vision for St. Paul's?

Our first two visioning sessions were held April 8 and May 3, with 77 parishioners in attendance. The following summary was created for those who were unable to attend.

During the visioning sessions, a history and description was provided of the property owned on the main campus and on the block west. Recently, new developers have bought land around St. Paul's and their projects were identified, showing the impact immediately north of our parking area to Atlantic Avenue and in the blocks to the east.

A summary of 15 years of annual financials was made, highlighting use of reserves to balance annual budgets and how reserves are now at a minimum. The 2015 annual pledges and contributions are falling short of tightly budgeted expenses.

Our neighborhood is changing. St. Paul's has been a spiritual oasis in downtown Delray for 105 years, but changes in adjacent land use are now underway. A shift from one-family residential and small retail structures to multi-dwelling and larger commercial buildings is underway immediately north and east of the parish property.



Populations will increase and demographics change.

Land values are spiraling up. For St Paul's, both problems and opportunities result. At the same time, consideration must be given to upgrading our aging buildings to ensure their utility. Options must now be identified to maximize value of parish property in the block immediately west of the main campus.

## **Summarizing Declaration from Parishioners Priorities, Needs and Desires:**

- identify and call a new rector
- attain financial stability on a year-to-year operating basis
- share more information with parishioners about St. Paul's needs for annual revenues and capital needs
- find ways to attract more young families
- identify areas of the campus that need to be upgraded and expanded, for example, places for parish dinners and events, Paul's Place, Day School, parking, sanctuary, youth activity and education
- discuss implications for planning for a parish with a large number of aging parishioners

# Incoming diocese bishop 'gifted preacher and teacher'

by Michelle Dargan, *Palm Beach Daily News Staff Writer*

When the Right Rev. Peter Eaton was consecrated as the Episcopal bishop of the Diocese of Southeast Florida in May, he saw his role as a support person to the priests and lay leaders.

"My job is to ensure all the congregations and institutions in Southeast Florida and their leaders have what they need to flourish in their work of the ministry of the gospel," he said. "They're on the front lines."

Eaton has been the rector and dean of St. John's Cathedral in Denver since 2002. He has worked as a parish priest and college chaplain for 30 years and has served parishes in Lancaster, Pa.; Salt Lake City, the United Kingdom and France. In addition to English, he's fluent in Spanish and French.

His father, Wade Eaton, was an Episcopal priest who spent his career teaching young priests. Eaton said he knew he wanted to be a priest in his early teens but didn't decide until college.

"I wanted to make sure I was doing it for my own reasons and not just because it was the family business," Eaton said.



He studied at King's College in London, and Queen's College in Cambridge, along with Westcott House in Cambridge.

Eaton was ordained in 1987 in England and received as a priest in the Episcopal Church from the Church of England in May 1991.

Eaton said he wants to continue the Episcopalian tradition of reaching out to the community, whether people attend church or not.

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for a relationship with God and, for those within the church, discover all the possibilities for a deeper spiritual journey," he said. "We need to inspire young families in their Christian journey and make sure we are caring for the poor, the homeless and anyone disadvantaged in society who have no one else but God as an ally. We have to always be a voice for love, compassion, justice and mercy in a world where other voices are loudly advocating other ways of treating our fellow human beings."

In 2010, Eaton's wife, Kate, founded Mishkhah, an organization that partners with congregations to create worship services for those who don't attend church.

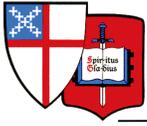
"It's for those who are wanting to find a way into church but don't know how to do it," he said.

The Rev. James Harlan and his wife, Elizabeth, are good friends with the Eatons. Before coming to Bethesda, Harlan served a Denver parish down the street from where Eaton served.

"Knowing him as I do, I'm confident he's the right person to be our bishop," Harlan said. "He will be a tremendous support to the clergy. He has a great capacity to lead complex organizations. He's a very gifted preacher and teacher. He's engaging, funny and thoughtful and speaks both Spanish and French quite well, which is important because we have Spanish and French congregations."

Said Eaton, "I'm excited I'll never have to shovel snow again and that's huge."





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The Rev. J. David Knight, *Interim Rector*  
The Very Rev. Kathleen P. Gannon, *Associate Rector*  
The Rev. Dr. David Angelica, *Assisting*

## Happening at St. Paul's

### Regular Schedule

#### Holy Eucharist:

Thursdays at 12:10pm  
with healing prayers

Saturday at 5pm  
Illuminated Worship  
with jazz-based music

Sunday at 8am  
Traditional spoken service

Sunday at 10am  
with the St. Paul's Choir

\*Sunday at 5:30pm  
SEEK{ers} service for the  
20's and 30's - meditation,  
music, teaching and supper.  
\*Seek{ers} will be on hiatus  
during July and August.

#### Children's Chapel

Sundays at 10am  
Children join their parents  
in the church at 10:45am for  
communion.

### Weekly Schedule

Wednesdays (will resume on July 8)  
Bible Study at Panera 8-9am  
(Panera located on Linton  
and Federal)

Thursdays  
Christian Yoga at St. Paul's  
7 - 8:30pm in Parish Hall  
\$7 per class

### Save the date...

#### An Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Picnic

Sunday, July 5, after the 10am service  
Brots and Burgers along with chips,  
sodas, and ice cream will be available  
for a donation of \$6. Wear your best

Fourth of July costume and win a  
prize! There will also be games, prizes  
and other activities. Proceeds (and  
contributions) will go to a major garden  
project that will feature floral native  
Florida plantings on both the front of  
the Church and parking lot.  
Dress casually and have some fun!