

St. James Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter

October 2, 2026

Please join us
In person at 8:00 a.m. online or in-
person at 10:00 a.m.
We hope to see you on Sunday!



SERVICE ON FACEBOOK
LIVE

Our online worship
service is at 10:00 a.m.
The link will be on our
website at:
www.saintjamespr.org



Coffee Hour after the 10:00 a.m. service.



The altar flowers are given by Mac and Laura Learned to the glory of God and are dedicated to Matthew and Monika Learned for their wedding anniversary on October 1st .

Service SCHEDULE

THANK YOU FOR SERVING ON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

PRESIDER: THE REV. RICHARD ROLLEFSON
DEACON: THE REV. JAMES ARNOLD
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: BECKY HEWATT
LECTOR: PEGGY BEEMER
SPANISH GOSPELLER: MARK PLANTS
USHERS: MAC & LAURA LEARNED
TECH: MAC LEARNED
VESTRY ON DUTY: LAURA LEARNED
COFFEE HOUR: NORA GAISI
ALTAR GUILD: TEAM B
COUNTERS: MARK PLANTS & SUE THORSON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

PRESIDER: THE REV. RICHARD ROLLEFSON
DEACON: THE REV. JAMES ARNOLD
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: VOLUNTEER
NEEDED**
LECTOR: LEE ADINOLFI
SPANISH GOSPELLER: CHRIS RUDMAN
USHERS: LEE ADINOLFI & CHRIS RUDMAN
TECH: SCOTT CURRIE
VESTRY ON DUTY: CONNIE GANNON
COFFEE HOUR: HOSPITALITY
ALTAR GUILD: TEAM C
COUNTERS: CHUCK & KATHY BARTON



If you see an error above; no need to contact the office. Please check the service schedule for the correct information. Thank you!

OCTOBER SPECIAL GIVING



Rector's Discretionary Fund is the featured special outreach for June. Clergy discretionary funds are used to assist people in need, usually for gas, food, utility payments, or prescription costs. At times they are used for contributions to charitable organizations. They are never used for the rector's benefit or personal expenses. Your generosity allows St. James to be generous when people ask for assistance. Thank you!

There are specially marked envelopes for your donation in the narthex. Please make your check payable to St. James' and designate RDF on the memo line.

RUMAGE SALE COMING SOON!



WE ARE READY TO ACCEPT YOUR DONATIONS! Busy cleaning out your house and garage? Need a "place" to donate all of those useful-to-others items? We have a place for you! Once again St. James will be having a rummage sale. It will happen on **November 7**. Donations will go to benefit the Youth Religious Ed program. Gather up all those things that you don't need. This time we **WILL** take your small furniture. No books or clothing, but will take handbags, belts and other accessories. We have a cart that you can borrow to help you when you unload your car. Please ask at the office.

Marilyn Gerber, Sylvia Barker, Laura Learned

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

October 11	Celebration in Gratitude for Rev. Rollefson
October 18	Fr. Peter Ackerman's 1 st Service at St. James.
October 25	Stewardship Ingathering
October 24	Fiesta 26
November 7	Rummage Sale
December 6	First Communion

Outreach Needs



Our outreach for Feeding the Hungry continues to grow. We used to serve between 60-80 people per

month and we have increased our meals due to a greater need. We are currently serving approximately 200 people per month. We are requesting help in meeting our present needs. We need some help with both casseroles and cookies. Store bought is fine, as long as they feed 10 people. If you can help, please contact Marilyn Gerber.

We have pans for the casseroles in the narthex--please see the link below for some casserole ideas (in case you are stumped for what to make).

<https://www.thepioneerwoman.com/food-cooking/meals-menus/g31929060/easy-casserole-recipes/>



Fiesta '26!!!!

St. James Courtyard, SATURDAY OCT 24, 5-8pm
RSVP by October 4

☐ Please reserve for us #____ places for Fiesta 2026

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Free will donations will be accepted:

☐ As a free will donation, we'd like to donate: \$_____

If you want to make a donation, pay by:

☐ Check payable to "St. James Church" is enclosed

☐ Visa/MC with the QR Code, or call Newlin at 805-610-9243
If you use the QR code, please click "Fundraiser"



Please return this reservation to:
St. James, 514 14th Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446

**RSVP to
reserve
your seat!**



If you would like to help cover the expenses for the FIESTA, please speak to Newlin or Bonnie about sponsoring a table (\$320 each) or a sponsoring donation.



Dear Parishioners of St. James,

It is with great love, and gratitude that I write this letter to you. It is a letter of thanks for all your support during the last seventeen months. We have worked hard to search for and find our next rector. We have persevered continuing to be the hands and feet of Christ during this time. Our ministries have not slowed down but carried on and I appreciate that more than you know. Sylvia, our Parish administrator has been my right hand in doing this. Without her support we would not have been able to have priests nearly every Sunday. When I began this journey as Senior Warden, I was prayerful that if we had supply 3 out of the 4 Sundays a month, we would be blessed. We had supply nearly every Sunday save about 5, and I thank Sylvia for that work. My personal thanks to all our supply: Pastor Richard, Pastor Russ, Rev. Shelley, Pastor Jim, Sister Greta, Rev. Karen and definitely Rev. David Dod who not only supplied for us but accepted the call of supporting our First Communion program! I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Deacon Jim, stalwart to our parish during this time as well. Our vestry has also been working hard during this time keeping the church “running”. Thank you to Dennis, Kathy C., Judi, Connie, Mark, Becky, and Jimmy.

As we begin our new journey with Father Peter let us remember that this isn’t a sprint but a marathon. Things will take time to complete and we have the time. As stated by the diocese: It takes about 18 months for new clergy to fully acclimate. Let’s be sure we give Father Peter, Marie, and Harry that time. Time to grow and learn to love the parish of St. James as much as we do. We welcome the Ackerman’s with open arms and open hearts.

Laura Learned
Senior Warden



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to serve as ushers and coffee hour hosts. Please contact the office if you can help!



October 1, 2026

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

This year's stewardship theme, *Plenty Good Room* speaks of God's abundance. There is plenty of room at God's table for each of us. God's abundance invites us to enjoy the many ways we are connected to one another, our neighbors and to God.

Our parish budget is one way we tell the story of those relationships. Each pledge and gift sustains our common life: children growing in faith, neighbors receiving meals and care, worshippers being welcomed, and friends finding hope. Our budget is more than numbers; it reflects our values and our mission.

We take time each year to prayerfully consider our intentions, with God's help, to serve with the St. James community in the coming year.

- Please complete the enclosed **2027 Pledge Card** and return it by **October 25**.
- The front of the Pledge Card has space for renewing financial commitments, or to make a pledge for the first time. The back welcomes gifts through volunteering.
- We will pray over the pledges at a Celebration service on October 25. If you prefer, just return your card to the church office any time before that date.

Every gift matters. Amounts and types of giving will be different for each family. For those who are able, we encourage you to increase your pledge to cover some increasing expenses. As a community giving together, we trust we will meet our ministry needs.

Pledging is very important because our plans in 2027 will be prepared based on the total of pledges received.

- If you have never pledged before, please pray about taking a first step this year.

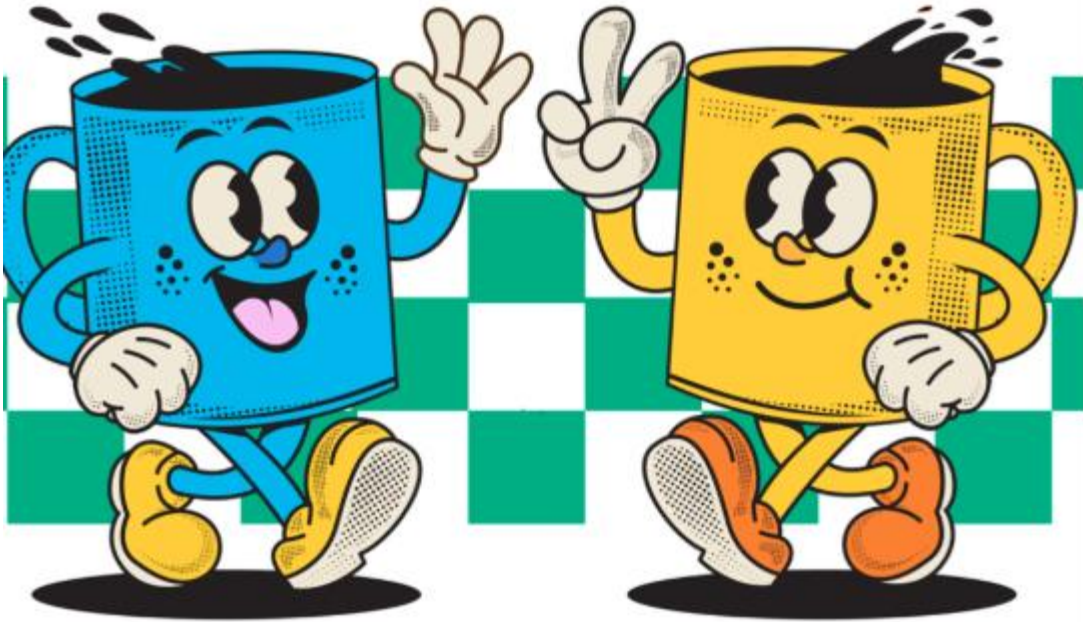
The enclosed **Q&A About Pledging** provides more information. We invite you to pray, to listen and to continue sharing yourself joyfully as part of the St. James community.

Joyfully,

Laura Learned, Senior Warden

Kathy Currie, Stewardship

COFFEE HOUR



THANK YOU TO REV. ROLLEFSON

On **October 11** we will have a festive coffee hour in honor of Rev. Richard Rollefson. That will be the last Sunday that Rev. Richard will supply for us. He has been instrumental in helping us get through this transition between Rectors. St. James is grateful for his generosity in time and spirit!

Please bring a yummy dish to share while we spend some time with Rev. Richard after the 10:00 a.m. service.

Blood Drive
Saturday, Oct 17 10 am - 2 p.m.
Please consider Donating Blood
Spread the Word to Others Volunteer to Reminder Call
Volunteer to Greet for one Hour. Thanks!



A Scary Good Giveaway!

No tricks, just treats. **Donate in Oct.** to help patients who rely on blood donations and you'll be entered to win **one of two \$10,000 gift cards.*** Schedule your appointment today.

Make an appointment at vitalant.org or call 877-25-VITAL

Plymouth and St. James Church BLOOD DRIVE

**Saturday, October 17, 2026
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**



**Donate at Plymouth Church in Fellowship Hall at:
1301 Oak St., Paso Robles, CA 93446**

Scan the QR code to SIGN-UP and SAVE LIVES!

*Terms and condition apply; see vitalant.org/ScaryGoodGiveaway.

877-25-VITAL | vitalant.org
Because of you, life doesn't stop



Scheduling Link:

<https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/guest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=IGUtrLgO%2F2ObFrYcMz%2B6fWIIysE8rMYgptuR9oQeriY8%3D>



Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem



WHAT IS LIFE LIKE FOR **CHRISTIANS** IN PALESTINE?

Adult Education Coffee Hour
October 11, 2026 at 11.30am

Presented by Doni and Randy Heyn-Lamb, members of All Saints, Pasadena
and of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship's Palestine Justice Network

Following Jesus into the Public Square

Practical and Spiritual guidance for living into our Baptismal Covenant



October 17th 2026,
10 am – 3pm
St Mary's Pacific Grove
\$25 includes lunch and snacks

We live in a time when political values are in direct opposition to gospel values. Many of us are discouraged and feel that there is little we can do to make a difference even as we see our neighbors being arrested, government programs decimated and the environment devastated. Yet our baptismal covenant calls us to persevere in resisting evil, to strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being, so we cannot simply step aside.

This workshop will:

- Help you discern how God is calling you to use your gifts
- Provide you with tools to live into your baptismal covenant, rooted in nonviolence
- Give you hope for the possibilities that God can open

Everyone is welcome. Come as you are. Please consider bringing friends from your congregation or community so that you will have a network of support.

The workshop leader will be The Rev. Jaime Edwards-Acton. Jaime has been Rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church for over 20 years, a vibrant, bilingual, multi-cultural congregation in the heart of Hollywood. Jaime is co-chair of Sacred Resistance in the Diocese of Los Angeles.

We understand... a call to stand in resistance to the systemic evils that oppress and marginalize any member of our human family – including but not limited to racism, sexism, nativism, homophobia, anti-Semitism and Islamophobia. Grounded in our baptismal promises, our resistance to public policies that perpetuate those evils is how we put our faith into action in the world. ~ Sacred Resistance6

Note: This is a high participation event!

Register on the Diocesan website: <https://realepiscopal.org/en/social-justice-event-registration/>

Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real



PR SENIOR CENTER

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Shop
Local
♥
Support
Local

COME SHOP LOCAL ARTISANS
AND FIND UNIQUE, HANDMADE
ITEMS INCLUDING:

- Handmade Crafts
- Home Décor
- Holiday Decorations
- Baked Goods
- Jewelry
- And More!

Support
Local
Makers

**VENDOR
TABLES
AVAILABLE**

MEMBER PRICING

3-FOOT TABLE	6-FOOT TABLE
\$15	\$25

NON-MEMBER PRICING

3-FOOT TABLE	6-FOOT TABLE
\$30	\$40



For Vendor Registration
& Information:
Paso Robles Senior Center Staff
805-237-3880



PASO ROBLES SENIOR CENTER
270 Scott Street
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Shop Local ♦ Support Local ♦ Celebrate the Season!

Family Caregiver Retreat

Friday, October 9 from 10AM-2PM

St. James Episcopal Church 1335 Oak Street, Paso Robles



- **Featured Speaker: Dr. Sara Bartlett, DSW, LCSW**
 - Dr. Bartlett will discuss the changes, loss, and grief that can occur as your relationship with your loved one changes throughout the disease journey, and offer guidance for navigating these difficult transitions.
- **Accessing Emotional Support Resources with Nell Bennett, LCSW**
- **Body Centering Activity with Lorraine Goldman, CEEAA**
 - Exercise Expert for Aging Adults through APTA (Academy of the American Physical Therapy Association).
- **Afternoon Speaker: Michelle Zulim-Clark from SLO County Public Health**
 - Changes in body mechanics for personal care/safety awareness for dementia family caregivers

The day also includes:

- Chair Massages: Mary Uebersax, LMT
- Lunch & Dessert Provided
- Limited Respite Care: CAPSLO Adult Center right next door!

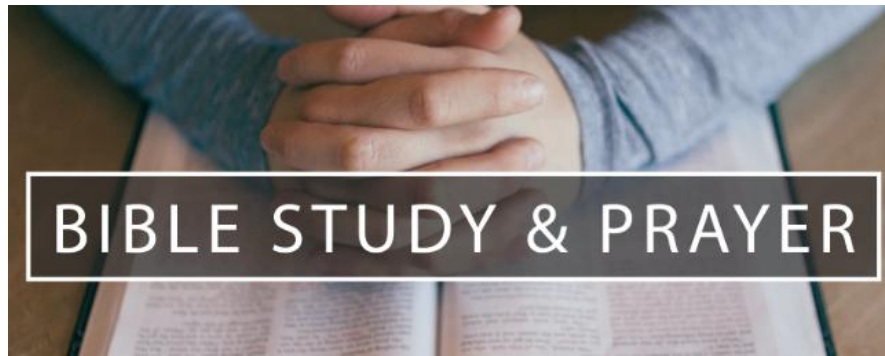
RSVP by October 6 at 805.239.5679

Questions? Contact Mara Whitten at mwhitten@capslo.org

Must RSVP! No cost /donations accepted

Due to sensitivities, animals are not able to be accommodated





WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE



This week our Wednesday Evening Service is at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. If you would like to join us, the link is shown below.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97618986631?pwd=QUF6aUduWE9vUFJlQ2lzbmNYaWplUT09>

Meeting ID: 976 1898 6631 Passcode: 820301



Our Grief Support Group will meet on the **fourth Tuesday** of each month at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Please bring a sack lunch, if you'd like.

The Women's Prayer Group meets for breakfast on the **second Wednesday** of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall.



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will meet monthly. We welcome all men from St. James! Please contact Deacon Jim for more information.



TEAM A

Bonnie Railsback
Alice Jones

TEAM B

Carol Hungerford
Kathy Barton
Kathy Currie

TEAM C

Laura Learned
Marilyn Gerber
Sue Thorson

Vestry

Senior Warden:

Jr. Warden, Worship & Music:

Finance:

Administrative Communication:

Stewardship

Diversity Development

Buildings and Grounds:

Hospitality:

Laura Learned

Mark Plants

Dennis Breckow

|

Kathy Currie

Judi Dod

Jimmy Ciccolo

Becky Hewatt

Connie Higdon Gannon

MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!



BIRTHDAYS

October 2

Bonnie Railsback

October 12

Peggy Beemer

October 14

Tom Westbrook

October 23

Kim Cruciani

October 28

Susan Funk

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Doris Ann

PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER

We give thanks for the life & ministry of:

Robert Edelman

Suzie Elwell

Justin, Amanda, Aldin & Hannah Ferrell

Nancy Foran

Gordon Fuglie & Susan Funk

Nora Gaisi & Max & Nico Torres

Marilyn Gerber

Sue Grosjean

Newlin, Liz & Alie Hastings

DELEGATES



Delegates:

Laura Learned
Jimmy Ciccolo
Rosaleen Runnals

Alternates: