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Igniting the spirit of stewardship

*St. Wilfrid's life, some 1,300 years ago, continues to inspire us, and our vision, today. **PAGE 3***





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▶ **WORSHIP & EDUCATION AT ST. WILFRID'S SUNDAYS**

Holy Eucharist
 7, 8:30, and 10:30 a.m.

Adult Formation
 9:30 a.m., Sacquety Hall

Nursery, 8:15–11:45 a.m. (Room 1)

Children's Christian Formation:

▶ **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 10:30 a.m.

▶ **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY**
 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Healing Services, Evensong
 Monthly; Sundays at 5 p.m.;
 see *Sunday Times* for scheduled dates.

WEEKDAYS

Wednesday Morning Eucharist, 7 a.m.;
 Morning Prayer, Mon.–Fri., 8:30 a.m.

St. Wilfrid's welcomes the Rev. Gina Gore as our new deacon!

Gina was ordained a transitional deacon in June of this year, after receiving a Master of Divinity degree from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., and a Diploma of Theology from Bloy House, the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Claremont, in May, 2015. Her expected ordination to the priesthood is January, 2016. Since 2006 Gina has helped plant and build an experimental church community of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles called Thad's. Her passions include Christian education, helping the homeless, multicultural ministry, and music. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband and two children, and



their eldest is away at college. It is with great gratitude, excitement and honor that Gina joins our community at St. Wilfrid's, especially helping to ensure that our children and youth feel, know, hear and see the love of God, and grow in faith!

Youth will 'always remember' Detroit trip



On July 15, 2015 Fr. Michael, two adults and eight youth of St. Wilfrid's boarded a plane to participate in the 2015 ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) youth gathering in Detroit, Michigan. Each day, the group would wake up at 6 a.m. eat breakfast, then board a bus for the journey to downtown Detroit, ending every night at Ford Field with speakers, and musicians. During the five-day trip, three days were based on activities, including a day of service in the Detroit metropolitan area (Proclaim Justice Day), a day of learning with other groups from your local area (Proclaim Story Day), and a day of interactive learning

in the Convention Center (Proclaim Community Day). Over 30,000 young adults gathered daily to grow a deeper understanding of God in Jesus Christ, and learn how their actions impact the world around them. From the people in the neighborhoods which we helped clean, to the wait staff at the restaurants where we ate dinner, Detroit was an amazing and welcoming community. The youth of St. Wilfrid's, along with the adults who went with them, will always remember Detroit 2015. We look forward to the next gathering in Houston, 2018. Thank you to the family of St. Wilfrid who made this trip possible.

—Amy Wilkerson

Wilfrid's spirit lives, and lives on

In just a few short weeks, on October 11, 2015, St. Wilfrid's will celebrate our patronal feast day. This is a very special day in the life of our church, as we reflect not only on the blessings we enjoy right here in Huntington Beach, but on the life of St. Wilfrid himself and how that life inspires us still today. From 1,300 years in the past, his purpose and passions live on in the parish that bears his name more than 6,000 miles from his home.

What do we know about Wilfrid's purpose and passions?

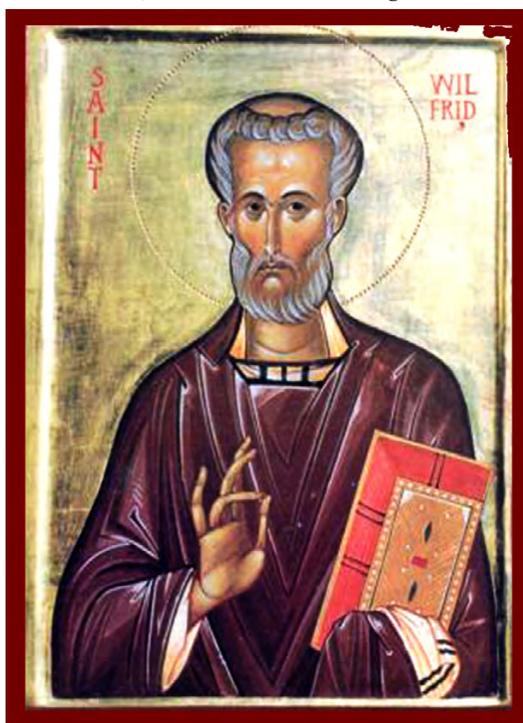
First, we know that Wilfrid was a man of deep conviction who was willing to stand for those convictions. At times against significant pressure and at personal risk, Wilfrid stood before royalty, archbishops, and popes championing what he believed to be right and just. As a result, Wilfrid experienced both great success and great humiliation. You might say that Wilfrid was all in, all the time.

Second, we know that Wilfrid viewed whatever he faced in life as an opportunity to share his faith. Whether journeying to Rome for one of his pleas to the pope, or exiled from Northumbria to Sussex, his persuasive preaching and teaching won the hearts of many to Christianity. His travels resulted in the establishment of churches and monasteries throughout the Northern British Isles. His passion for art and architecture translated into buildings and worship space that rivaled the most beautiful in all of the Europe of his day. Wilfrid offered his very best to his witness for Christ in word and action.

As we prepare to celebrate our 55th anniversary, it seems appropriate to reflect on how these characteristics of St. Wilfrid have been expressed in us, and how we might embody them more fully in the years ahead.

St. Wilfrid's has long been a church

accustomed to challenge, and unafraid to rise to that challenge. At various points in our history, we have taken steps of inclusion that resulted in some members leaving for more comfortable surroundings. When a vital ministry in this community, Beach Cities Inter-faith Services, was threatened with closure, we stood before magistrates



and bishops championing the cause, and gave of our time and resources to ensure its continued ministry. When St. Wilfrid's Preschool had dwindled to the point we were faced with its potential closure, we stepped out in faith, hiring a director who helped us re-envision that ministry. Today the

Preschool is more successful than ever before and is inviting new families into our parish life.

More than 25 years ago, the vision for the beautiful campus we enjoy week after week was cast. Parishioners sacrificed greatly, some mortgaging their homes to help fund construction of a facility that is among the finest of its kind in Orange County. We have watched over the years as crafters have added to the beauty of our shared spiritual home in wood, and glass, and stone; plants, and flowers, and vestments; altar furnishings, and so on and so on. The spirit of Wilfrid has been at work here even when we did not recognize it.

Today we are presented with opportunities to further expand that spirit. New evangelistic opportunities are ready to be engaged. St. Wilfrid's Song School has launched; the Preschool continues to expand into the community; BCIS is garnering support more broadly than ever before; The Table, our newest Sunday worship offering, has a promising future; and the announcement that the Rev. Gina Gore is being added to St. Wilfrid's ministry staff renews our commitment to the children, youth, and families of our parish.

In the coming months, we will also be invited to undertake a renewal of our campus. Twenty-five years into the vision that was cast for this beautiful worship space, it is time to give significant attention to our aging infrastructure, ensuring its use for the years ahead, and envisioning what those enjoying this campus 25 years from now will need. Just as those who paved the way for what we enjoy today, we will be called to sacrifice for those who will utilize this sacred space beyond our lifetimes.

The spirit of Wilfrid lives! Together, may we ensure that his spirit lives on for generations to come.



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KERNELS FROM KAREN » THE REV. KAREN MAURER

BCIS helps people; they respond with gratitude, joy

Recently, a Latina woman walked into BCIS with things she wanted to donate. We filled out the tax paperwork for her and then she asked to speak with me. She wanted to share her story. It turns out that Rosa (not her real name) was a former client, a non-English speaking woman who used many of our services to help her move forward with her life. We fed Rosa and her family, helped with utilities, gave them clothing and, most of all, according to Rosa, we encouraged her in a way that helped her believe that a better future was possible. Rosa speaks English fluently now has received education and is employed by Alta Med as a nurse assistant. She wanted me to know that without BCIS, she doesn't think she would have made it. She is filled with gratitude and joy!.

This is what your giving accomplishes...lives are changed! People are given hope! YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN THIS! Much of the incredible sup-

port we receive comes from our St. Wilfrid's church family. I am constantly grateful to all of you for your generous support in prayer, goods, time and financial giving. People like Rosa thank you too! My hope is that this article will help update you on all of the exciting things that are happening at BCIS.

So much has happened over the last year! We have been and continue to be in a time of transition; from moving into our new facility and the financial demands newly placed on us, to the changing face of homelessness in the greater Huntington Beach Area. The BCIS board has been working very hard to develop strategies to meet the changing needs and we are making great progress. I covet your prayers as we move forward!

settings, but when you buy, 0.5% of the dollar value of your purchase is donated to BCIS. We recently got our first check from Amazon! Just think how all of your Christmas shopping can help us too! I've put a screen shot of my page to show you what it looks

BCIS Clients' Ages	# of people	%
Ages 5-17	741	30%
Ages 18-24	265	11%
Ages 25-44	559	22%
Ages 45-64	713	28%
Ages 65+	102	5%
Not Tracked	102	4%
TOTAL	2511	100%

like. If you look just below the search box, you will see the phrase, "Supporting: Beach Cities Interfaith Services." It is easy to sign up and name BCIS!

Another exciting development is our partnership with Congregation B'nai Tzedek (CBT) of Fountain Valley. With BCIS board member Barry Kielsmeier's encouragement, they are making BCIS their High Holy Days outreach recipient. For Yom Kippur (Sept. 23), CBT organized a big food drive and donated food items for our shelves, dubbing it "The Grateful Giving Challenge." The challenge continues; CBT is challenging other churches and organizations to meet or exceed their giving. Please contact Rev. Karen to get on the schedule and join the fun!

Our own MaryEllen Barnes has taken on grant-writing for BCIS. Towards that effort, she has been fine-tuning the ways in which we keep statistics and helping us analyze the data we keep. For example, from August 2014 to July 2015, you can see in the chart on this page the breakdown of our clients by age group.



GIVING FOOD DURING THE FAST *Rabbi David Young of CBT takes a few moments between Yom Kippur services to join Dave and I in celebrating the gift of food.*

Did you know that you can give to BCIS painlessly? Yup, through smile.amazon.com, you can sign up to have BCIS be the non-profit organization that you support. When you shop on smile.amazon.com, you retain all of your current

Leaving a legacy: it's building for the future

Legacy is about life and living. Legacy is about learning from the past. Legacy is about building for the future. Jim Schweitzer and Steven Nadolny are members of St. Wilfrid's Legacy Circle. They wish to share with you why they have decided to leave a legacy gift to provide support to St. Wilfrid's through their estate plan. Here is their testimonial:

St. Wilfrid's has been our primary spiritual home for the past decade plus. We were generously embraced by this community of faith as part of their extended family. When it came time

to establish our trust, we were intentional about our final gift to an organization that has meant so much to both of us.

The intent behind the gift is not glamorous nor press-worthy. It's about paying it forward and being faithful stewards of this space we call St. Wilfrid's. We want to make sure that St. Wilfrid's can remain a viable presence in this local community. St. Wilfrid's has weathered the recent economic times primarily because prior generations of the faithful were able to make a commitment to sustaining their and our spiritual home. Now we see

it as our turn to help contribute to the financial lifeline for our spiritual home.

There were other reasons we included St. Wilfrid's in our trust. This is the church that helped introduce us; we were married here, and plan on being interred here as well. This is a church that challenges us to enter into Christian dialogue in the midst of a polarized world. This is a church that acts globally and locally. This is a church filled with people we love.

Please take the time to consider joining us and fellow parishioners as members of St. Wilfrid's Legacy

Circle to provide for future generations of our spiritual family. Thank you.

—Jim and Steven

LEAVING A LEGACY

■ Have you already included St. Wilfrid's in your estate plan? If yes, call the Church Office if you would like to become a member of the Legacy Circle. To find out more about how you can make a legacy gift to St. Wilfrid's and join the Legacy Circle, please contact the church office at (714) 962-7512.

PRESCHOOL CORNER



'Trunk or treat': Halloween fundraiser on Oct. 30 will aid playground remodel

St. Wilfrid's Episcopal Preschool will be hosting their "Trunk or Treat" Halloween fundraising event on Friday, Oct. 30th from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be entertainment, food trucks, and lots of fun activities. The cost will be \$5 per person, with all proceeds going to fund our playground remodel. We would

like to invite all ministries of St. Wilfrid's to participate in this family event. If you cannot participate and would like to donate candy, there will be two boxes in the narthex where you can drop off your candy. If you would like to participate, please contact Debbie Pratt at 714.968.3100, or debbie@stwilfridschurch.org.



Baked goods, better playground!

Here's another way you can help support the preschool: participate in the bake sales held on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

On the third Sunday of every month, St. Wilfrid's Episcopal Preschool holds a bake sale after the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services. If you would like to donate baked items, you can help by dropping them off on Sunday morning. Proceeds from the bake sales this year will be going to support our preschool playground remodel.

Best-selling author Wm. Paul Young to speak at St. Wilfrid's on Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.; new book is called 'Eve'

The author writes: I grew up in the Protestant evangelical side of the religious family, so I was raised believing that questions were enemies. To ask questions of God or the Church was tantamount to rebellion.

Over the course of my life, I have learned to love the questions and I write to explore good questions.

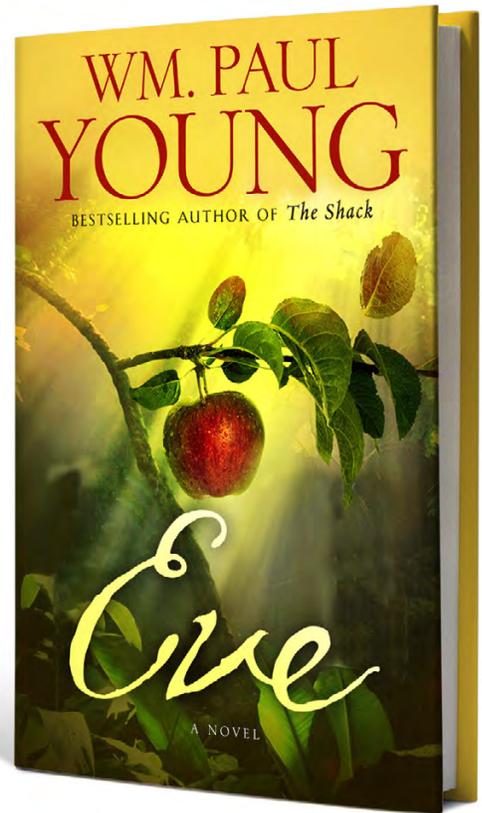
So, *The Shack* is written around questions regarding the goodness of God in the face of the tragedies and sadnesses of our life. *Cross Roads* asks the question, "How does grace get inside the world of someone who doesn't want it?"

Now, I've written *Eve*, and *Eve* is centered on another layer of questions, daunting ones for me, and have been since I was a teenager.

So my questions are these: What happened? Where did we all go wrong? What is it about us as human beings that can produce such great wonder and do such catastrophic damage?

For forty years these questions have led me to some disorienting realizations. *Eve* is the result of forty years of work on just that.

■ TICKETS for this Oct. 14th event can be purchased after all services, or at the parish office for \$20 each. Buy yours today!



2nd annual Vic Horton Memorial Golf Tournament set for Oct. 10

As we honor Vic Horton and the incredible work he did in years past to make this such a successful event, this year we'd also like to thank Mike Ortt and all the volunteers that make this event happen including hole sponsors and players!

It will be another "holey day," as Vic used to call it, for St. Wilfrid's denizens of the links at the second-annual Vic Horton Memorial Golf Tournament, to be held at the David L. Baker Golf Course in Fountain Valley at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10. Bring yourselves, your golf gear if you have it, and some money for the raffle and auction, too!

**David L. Baker Golf Course
10410 Edinger Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA**

11:00 AM Putting Contest - 12:00PM Best Ball Format Shotgun Start
Dinner and Raffle Drawing to Follow in St. Wilfrid's Sacquety Hall
\$75.00 cost includes: Golf cart, Green Fees, Goodie Bag, and Dinner
Guests are Welcome for Dinner at \$10.00/person
Proceeds will benefit St. Wilfrid's Youth Ministries

**SIGN UP AT THE TOURNAMENT TABLE IN THE
COURTYARD AFTER CHURCH ON SUNDAY!!**

St. Wilfrid's Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 27th: **Stewardship Kickoff, Youth Group Fall Kickoff: Bible Study**, 10 to 11 a.m., Youth Center.
CareNets 2, 4, 8 & 10 Potluck Picnic: 11:30 a.m., Helme Park
Evening Youth Group: 5–6:30 p.m., Youth Center

OCTOBER 2015

- 1st: **Adult Confirmation Class (4 of 8)**, 7 p.m., Youth Center
 2nd: **Church Potluck**, 6:15 p.m., Sacquety Hall
 4th: **New Sunday Worship Schedule Begins. Preschool Sunday:** the children will sing at the 8:30 & 10:30 services; **pancake breakfast** after the 8:30 service; **Blessing of the Animals** at all services; **"Pride" movie & EFLAGS potluck** after 10:30 service, Sacquety Hall
Solemn Evensong, 5 p.m., Church
 8th: **Adult Confirmation Class (5 of 8)**, 7 p.m., Youth Center
 10th: **Vic Horton Memorial Golf Tournament: 11 a.m.**, David L. Baker Golf Course, Fountain Valley
 11th: **Patronal Feast Day:** Breakfast after all services; Celebration Sunday
Parish Nurses: 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Sacquety Hall
2015 CHOC Walk at Disneyland
Coming Out Service: 5 p.m., St. Luke's, Long Beach
 12th: **Columbus Day Holiday:** Church Office Closed
 13th: **Grief Recovery Meeting: 10 a.m.**, Sacquety Hall
BCIS Board Meeting: 5:30 p.m., Room 9
Vestry Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Sacquety Hall
 14th: **An Evening with Paul Young**, 7 p.m., Church
 15th: **Adult Confirmation Class (6 of 8)**, 7 p.m., Youth Center
 17th: **Celebration of Wisdom Lunch: 11:30 a.m.**, Sacquety Hall
 We welcome and hosts S.H.I.P guests through Saturday, Oct. 31st.
 18th: **CareNet 6 Potluck Picnic: 12 noon**, Sacquety Hall
 22nd: **Adult Confirmation Class (7 of 8)**, 7 p.m., Sacquety Hall
 24th: **Safeguarding God's Children**, 9 a.m., Sacquety Hall
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 a.m., Room 9
 25th: **Free Flu Clinic: 8 a.m.–12 noon**, Sacquety Hall

- Youth Confirmation Class: 12 noon**, Youth Center
Walking Together interfaith program (1st of 3 dates): 2 p.m., Sacquety Hall
Healing Vespers: 5 p.m., Church
 27th: **Grief Recovery Meeting: 10 a.m.**, Sacquety Hall
 29th: **Adult Confirmation Class (8 of 8)**, 7 p.m., Sacquety Hall
 30th: **Trunk or Treat, 5:30 p.m.**, Parking Lot

NOVEMBER 2015

- 1st: **Daylight Savings Time Ends (set back your clocks!); All Saints' Day; Baptism**
EFLAGS Potluck, 12 noon, Sacquety Hall
Cursillo Information Brunch, 12 noon, Youth Center
Walking Together interfaith program (2nd of 3 dates): 2 p.m.
All Saints's Day Evensong, 5 p.m., Church
 7th: **Deanery Assembly**, 9 a.m., St. Clement's, San Clemente
Walk to End Alzheimer's, 10 a.m., downtown Huntington Beach
 8th: **Parish Nurses: 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.**, Sacquety Hall
Walking Together interfaith program (3rd of 3 dates): 2 p.m.
 10th: **Grief Recovery Meeting: 10 a.m.**, Sacquety Hall
 11th: **Veterans' Day Holiday:** Church Office Closed
 14th: **Brotherhood of St. Andrew Breakfast**, 8 a.m., Sacquety Hall
Cursillo Team Meeting: 8 a.m., Sacquety Hall
 15th: **Youth Confirmation Class: 12 noon**, Youth Center
 17th: **Vestry Meeting: 6:30 p.m.**, Sacquety Hall
 21st: **Celebration of Wisdom Lunch: 11:30 a.m.**, Sacquety Hall
 22nd: **Healing Vespers: 5 p.m.**, Church
 24th: **Grief Recovery Meeting: 10 a.m.**, Sacquety Hall
 25th: **Thanksgiving Service: 7 p.m.**, Church
 26–27th: **Thanksgiving Day Holidays:** Church Office Closed
 28th: **Prayer Shawl Ministry**, 10 a.m., Sacquety Hall
 29th: **First Sunday of Advent, Year C begins; Advent-Wreath Making: 8 a.m.–12 noon**, Sacquety Hall

Acolytes: Yes, we light the fire

We are looking for adults and young people to join our ministry. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact any of the people listed below. We will schedule a training session.

What is an acolyte? An acolyte is defined as a “layperson who assists in worship by carrying the processional cross or crucifix, lighting and extinguishing candles. Holding a torch at the reading of the gospel, helping with the presentation of the bread, wine, and gifts of the people, and assisting the deacon or priest in the preparation of the altar for communion.” The acolytes of Saint Wilfrid’s take their responsibility as leaders of the liturgy very seriously. We strive to perform our duties with joy and devotion.

Who does what?

► **CRUCIFER:**

The crucifer is in charge of the acolytes during the service. Crucifers are trained in assisting with the Holy Eucharist. You must serve as an acolyte for one year before you can be trained as a crucifer.

► **THURIFER:**

We usually schedule thurifers at special services, such as Christmas, Easter, Confirmation and often when the bishop visits our church. You must serve as an acolyte for one year before you can be trained as a thurifer.



► **POSITION TWO:** We also refer to this as “torch one.” Position two is responsible for making sure that there service sheets on the chairs of the acolytes prior to the beginning of the service and assisting with other duties during communion.

► **POSITION THREE:**

We also refer to this as “torch two.” Position three is responsible for distributing the offering plates, taking them to the altar during the offering and assisting with other duties during communion.

Remember the joy that your service gives; not only to our congregation and our clergy, but most of all to God. Serve with joy!

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