

A LETTER FROM REV. CLIFFORD

As some of you know, my wife and I are unexpectedly relocating to Boston where treatment options for my cancer are available that are unfortunately unavailable in Hawaii. Nevertheless, returning to the cold city of my birth from the warmth of Hawaii and its people is not easy. We had intended Honolulu as our permanent home.

Moving to Boston reminded me of how little control anyone has over life. We can choose, however, our response to what happens in life. We can succumb to the temptation to believe that suffering is unfair, a dead end and thus wallow in our misery. Or, we can regard suffering as a door to redemption, entering into suffering in search of a fresh experience of God's presence, to develop a greater reliance on God's light and love. Jesus chose the latter and invites us to follow in his footsteps.

Moving to Boston also prompted Susan and I to appreciate how important the Parish of St. Clement's has been to us. Susan enjoyed singing with friends in the choir. And I exercised both a sacramental and teaching ministry due to the generous welcome of first the previous interim, Canon Kate, and then of our former rector, Pastor Heather.

St. Clement's faces a challenging and exciting future. The challenges include rebuilding in-person programming, renewing a missional focus and recruiting new people. One key to future success is calling a rector with vision, skills, gifts and grace to lead the parish and the heartfelt conviction of answering God's call to lead St. Clement's. St. Clement's is graced with lay leadership and a congregation well able to meet all of those challenges.

St. Clement's future is also exciting. The parish has a strong financial base. Its physical plant is in good condition. Most importantly, St. Clement's is a great community – or, more accurately, a great community or communities. Because of you, my time with you as a non-stipendiary Priest Associate was consistently rewarding and fulfilling. Some days, I thought I should pay the parish for the privilege of serving among you! I pray that your next rector will share my experience and feelings.

With much aloha and the traditional seafarer's prayer for God's continued blessing of fair winds and following seas,

George Clifford

Ke 'Alemanaka

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Church Office Hours

Open Weekdays
9AM to 4:30PM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Clement's is turning 125 in 2023! If you would like to join brainstorming discussions for the celebratory event please let us know!

Stitched Together With Love, St. Clement's newly-formed knitting and crochet group, will not be meeting during the summer months. We will notify you when meetings resume.

Our food distribution program is still open to receiving donations of canned soup, corned beef, pork and beans, chili with meat, corn and vienna sausage.

Mahalo to June's Food Distribution bagging crew:
Sandy and Bill Souza, and Kathleen Norris.

Sunday School is on Summer Break. We will notify you when Sunday School resumes in August.

ZOOM SERVICE OUTLINE

SUNDAY

Worship at 8AM & 10:15AM

ID#: 854 4414 6891

Passcode: 1515

Adult Discussion at 9AM

ID#: 870 9106 2608

Passcode: 1515

Bible Study (RBTL) at 9AM

ID#: 661 508 747

Passcode: 1515

You can join any service with your phone! Just call this number: 1 (669) 900-6833 and enter the meeting ID and passcode when prompted.

SUNDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST

The Rev. Alison Dingley is Serving as Celebrant

New arrangements have been made in our Sunday schedule. The Rev. Alison Dingley will be joining us in both July and August. The Rev. Richard Shields will also be serving as celebrant during this time. You will find the celebrant schedule outlined below:

July 2022

7/3 Alison Dingley
7/10 Richard Shields
7/17 Richard Shields
7/24 Richard Shields
7/31 Richard Shields

August 2022

8/7 Alison Dingley
8/14 Canon Sandy Graham
8/21 Alison Dingley
8/28 Alison Dingley

A FOND FAREWELL TO THE CLIFFORDS!

Susan and Rev. George Clifford will be moving to Boston this month

The Parish of St. Clement extends a warm aloha and well wishes to George and Susan Clifford as they start a new chapter in their lives. As you'll have read in the front-page article, they will be moving to Boston, Massachusetts.

George was a leader in both a pastoral sense and as an educator. Every Sunday, he served as the facilitator for our Adult Discussion group, while Susan Clifford lent her beautiful voice to the St. Clement's Choir. We will miss them both dearly.

CHANGES TO OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will now be open from 9AM to 4:30PM

Starting after the Fourth of July weekend, the Church Office will be expanding its hours. We'll now be open from 9:00AM to 4:30PM.

Please note, that there will only be one person in the office regularly - our new Office Manager, Leesa Steadman. The role of Office Manager requires frequent trips out of the office, so we ask for your understanding when you call. Be sure to leave a voicemail with your contact information and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

If you'd like to learn more about our new Office Manager, Leesa Steadman, turn to page 7 of the newsletter to read her bio.

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:00 AM SCS Chapel 8:00 PM Strivers for Sobriety	2 9:00 AM Altar Guild 10:00 AM Compassionate Friends 6:30 PM Tongan Choir Rehearsal
3 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Adult Discussion 9:00 AM RBTL 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 2:30 PM Tongan Church	4 Independence Day 7:30 PM AI-Anon	5 5:00 PM Labyrinth Open	6 8:00 AM SCS Chapel 5:00 PM Na 'Ohana Meeting	7 4:30 PM Farmers Market	8 8:00 AM SCS Chapel 3:30 PM Vow Renewal 8:00 PM Strivers for Sobriety	9 8:30 AM RYSE Meeting 9:00 AM Altar Guild 6:30 PM Tongan Choir Rehearsal
10 Eid al-Adha 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Adult Discussion 9:00 AM Beth Fincke 9:00 AM RBTL 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 1:00 PM Prayer Chain Mtg. and 2 more...	11 8:00 AM SCS Chapel 1:00 PM Parish Staff Mtg. 5:30 PM Tae Kwan Do 7:30 PM AI-Anon	12 5:00 PM Property Committee Mtg.	13 8:00 AM SCS Chapel 5:30 PM Tae Kwan Do	14 10:00 AM Lee Inurnment 4:30 PM Farmers Market HAPPY BIRTHDAY VI LOO	15 8:00 AM SCS Chapel 12:00 PM Kūpuna Box 7:00 PM Tongan Bible Study 8:00 PM Strivers for Sobriety HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANNETTE JIM	16 9:00 AM Altar Guild 10:00 AM Tourist Wedding 10:30 AM Food Distribution 6:30 PM Tongan Choir Rehearsal
17 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Adult Discussion 9:00 AM RBTL 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 2:30 PM Tongan Church	18 8:00 AM SCS Chapel 1:00 PM Parish Staff Mtg. 5:30 PM NAMI WOW 5:30 PM Tae Kwan Do 7:30 PM AI-Anon	19 5:00 PM SCS Board Mtg.	20 8:00 AM SCS Chapel 5:30 PM Tae Kwan Do HAPPY BIRTHDAY SCOTT HAUGER	21 4:30 PM Farmers Market	22 Summer School Ends 8:00 AM SCS Chapel 8:00 PM Strivers for Sobriety	23 9:00 AM Altar Guild 11:00 AM USH Cooking 6:30 PM Tongan Choir Rehearsal HAPPY BIRTHDAY BETH FINCKE
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MOVING FORWARD

On Saturday, June 25, the entire Vestry met with Canon Sandy Graham for three hours in the first step toward calling a new rector to the Parish. Canon Sandy is the Canon for Congregational Life and Leadership for the Diocese of Hawaii and will be our guide throughout the entire search process.

The consensus of the Vestry was that we are ready to move forward. To do this there are three questions that we need to answer: “Who are we as a Parish right now?” “Who is God calling us to be?” And finally, “Who will help us to get to where God wants us to be?”

Our first step is to get input from you, our parishioners. That will start by Vestry members calling or emailing you to get your input to help answer the first two questions. Please take the time to thoughtfully answer the questions that you are asked. The Vestry will meet with Canon Sandy again on Sunday, July 10, to share what we have found out.

On Sunday, August 14, Canon Sandy will be our celebrant and be available to talk with parishioners. Later in the summer we will have an all-parish meeting to learn what will happen next. When that date is set, we will let you know. We need everyone to be engaged in this journey.



MONTHLY VESTRY BRIEF

An Outline of Vestry Actions in the Month of June

- The following resolutions were unanimously passed by the Vestry at their June 28th meeting:
 - Be it resolved to declare The Parish of St. Clement a gun-free zone, following the Episcopal Church 2021 General Convention resultion 2021-D003 Declaring Church Sites as Gun-Free Zones.
 - Be it resolved to thank our secretary, Alofa Carpenter, for her two and a half years of dedicated service to the Parish of St. Clement.

INTRODUCING LEESA STEADMAN

Learn more about our new Church Office Manager

Leesa Steadman has lived in Hawaii for six years since coming from California to help care for her parents. She worked for the City and County of Honolulu as a Labor Standards Officer and Secretary II from 2016 to 2019, before taking time off to care for her parents and move them back to California. She was employed as a virtual administrative assistant from 2020 until this year. That experience of working virtually was not her first as she managed her own internet radio station for over 8 years as well as helped to oversee two busy gaming websites. Through these experiences, she taught herself to do web page design as well as some graphic design.

Originally attending Allan Hancock Community College in Santa Maria, California, after moving to the United States from Germany, she also attended the University of Santa Barbara while going for a degree in English. She later resumed her education to pursue a B.A. in Art History through the Academy of Art University, based in San Francisco, California, through their online program. This degree is still In progress, reflecting a lifelong interest of Leesa's in art and its history as well as other aspects. She also occasionally volunteers at the Honolulu Museum of Art (HoMA) during events like 'Art After Dark' and wishes to do more of that in the future.

Leesa lived abroad for much of her younger life, spending time in countries such as Germany, South Korea and other places like Hong Kong as well as time in China, Japan, and the United Kingdom.

Most of her professional background includes extensive experience in all aspects of clerical and administrative work, which is what led to her interest in employment with the Parish as its office manager. In the past, she was also active in the local church by teaching Sunday School and through participation in the choir. She also looks forward to continue helping the homeless, elderly and others in our local community as she once did while working for the City and County of Honolulu's affordable housing programs.



JULY AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY
Holy Eucharist 8AM and 10:15AM Adult Discussion 9AM Bible Study 9AM	Office Open 9AM to 4:30PM
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Office Open 9AM to 4:30PM	Office Open 9AM to 4:30PM Assistance Available 10AM to 12PM
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Office Open 9AM to 4:30PM Farmers Market 4:30PM to 7PM	Office Open 9AM to 4:30PM Kūpuna Box (7/15) 12PM to 1PM
SATURDAY	SPECIAL EVENTS
Third Sat. (7/16) Food Distribution 10:00AM to 12:00PM	OFFICE CLOSED Independence Day Monday, July 4