

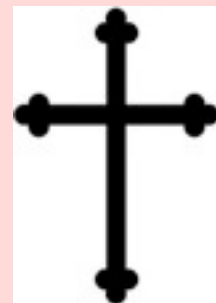
# Nu`oli

## Happy New Year!

### AULD LANG SYNE

The song, "Auld Lang Syne," is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year. At least partially written by Robert Burns in the 1700's, it was first published in 1796 after Burns' death. Early variations of the song were sung prior to 1700 and inspired Burns to produce the modern rendition. An old Scottish tune, "Auld Lang Syne" literally means "old long ago," or simply, "the good old days."

<http://wilstar.com/holidays/newyear.htm>



### JANUARY

January was established as the first month of the year by the Roman Calendar. It was named after the god Janus (Latin word for door). Janus has two faces which allowed him to look both backwards into the old year and forwards into the new one at the same time. He was the 'spirit of the opening'.

In the very earliest Roman calendar there were no months of January and February at all. The ancient Romans calendar had only ten months and the new year started the year on March 1st. To the Romans, ten was a very important number. Even when January was added, the New Year continued to start in March. It remained so in England and her colonies until about 200 years ago.

<http://projectbritain.com/year/january.htm>

Month of January  
 birth stone - **Garnet**, Emerald, Rose quartz  
 flower - **Carnation**, Snowdrop  
 color - **Black**, Dark Blue, Dark Red  
 Meaning - **Loyalty**, Constancy

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**Aloha Corner**

The new sign up sheets for Flowers and Refreshments are up. *Remember your loved ones with flowers* or celebrate a special occasion with flowers or a plant for the gardens at Christ Church.

*Refreshments* are an important part of the outreach to visitors and our social time with each other. Please sign up to take a turn. When supplying



refreshments comes the responsibility of cleaning up afterwards, if you are afraid of the dishwasher ask Dale or Glenda, Pamela or Beryl to show you how it works. It makes clean up a breeze. If you are unable to accomplish both refreshments and clean up, ask someone to help you.

RECTOR'S COLUMN *Even the Lone Ranger had Tonto!*

In the stories of our faith, it is Jesus who stands as the central figure, but he does not stand alone. Amid the miracles and the ministry, there are, inevitably, the multitudes. Living among us, fully human, our God comes to us *in community*. I take this as a sign that we are to follow his lead.

For those of us who were raised to be self-sufficient, asking for help can be a daunting challenge. Some tasks are simply easier and better accomplished by one person. But for much of life, and particularly in our church life, we would do well to allow others to join us in a *shared* ministry. We do our best work when we work *together*. Even the Lone Ranger had Tonto!

The language of the church is telling: when we gather on Sundays, our celebration takes the form of a *liturgy*, meaning, "work of the people." In doing this work, we read from the Book of *Common* Prayer. The title is very intentional. We are called to prayer, not as solitary pilgrims, but as members of a community of believers. The priest begins the service with a reading of a prayer called the *collect*. The word derives from the Latin *collectio*, and refers to the *gathering* of the people. Our weekly petitions and thanksgivings come, not as individual prayers, but rather in the recitation of the *Prayers of the People*. We refer to our meal of Thanksgiving, the

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CHURCH MOUSE



Andy and Barbara went to SFO for the Christmas vacation. [Nancee and Steve went to visit family in Thailand.](#) Jane Backus had two adorable grand daughters visit from the mainland. [Pamela had a friend visit from Nome Alaska.](#) Jasmine is visiting family on the mainland. [Margaret Hughes is visiting from New York.](#) Kate Winter has just had a book published. [CJ left on](#)

Big Island Cursillo  
Ultreya Schedule for 2012



**January 22, Sunday**      **Imiloa Church in Waimea**

Ultreyas are held on the third Sunday of each month between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. Bring songbooks, musical instruments, vocal chords (mandatory), something ono to eat and share with everyone and lots of JOY!

SENIOR WARDEN'S COLUMN

A wonderful Christmas season is drawing to a close, as is the year 2011. Our “rectory” is nearly finished at long last—how will it be used? Our Pu Nani Leo Hawaiian Emersion School will be a going, and valuable operation—can we find new ways to enhance and be a part of its operation? The vandalism to our church and Queen Emma Center seems to have died down—how can we make a positive contribution to the dynamics which caused it? We seem to have lost a number of much loved and familiar faces from our congregation—and we mourn the losses. We also have welcomed new faces and familiar “snow birds”—they are a valuable part of our lives—how can we best use them?

We are left to start the New Year of 2012 with Questions and Challenges—and that is as it should be. In the secular world this is a time for analysis and resolutions. For our church family it is also a time to consider and resolve. Christ Church is changing. South Kona is changing. More changes are afoot! How can we as members of Christ Church make the most positive possible contribution to our changing communities?? Many members have worked very hard in the last year (and years), and some are tired—we will need to welcome our new faces into positions of responsibility whether on vestry, altar guild, education programs, choir, or grounds care! We need to share our thoughts, insights and concerns as a caring and united church community. No one can meet the challenges ahead alone, not rector, wardens, vestry. We have a rich and valuable past, as described in Nancee Cline’s book, which I believe most of us have read and appreciated—but we cannot live in the past. We have many strengths and we must build on them to become the vibrant community Christ Church is meant to be.

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RECTOR'S COLUMN...CONTINUED

Eucharist, as *Communion*. This is a meal to be *shared*, rather than consumed in isolation. Although once common, we now regard the practice of celebrating solitary mass to be contrary to the spirit of the Eucharist itself, particularly important if we remember that Jesus shared his Last Supper with the twelve!

As Rector, I am responsible for ensuring that all is ready for our worship and fellowship activities, but I could not possibly do it all by myself. No single person could hope to do all the work that it takes to keep our doors open! I am most thankful for all the many tasks our members do. My fear is that we allow too few of our members to participate in our various ministries. By that I surely do not suggest that we are in any way unkind or ungracious in this. Rather, I think we could all be more *intentional* in our invitations to others. I encourage you to make a point of *asking* another member of our church to join in your particular ministry this week. Think of someone who hasn't been especially active. Someone you'd like to get to know better. That person need not be skilled in any special way. This isn't rocket science or brain surgery we're practicing, after all!



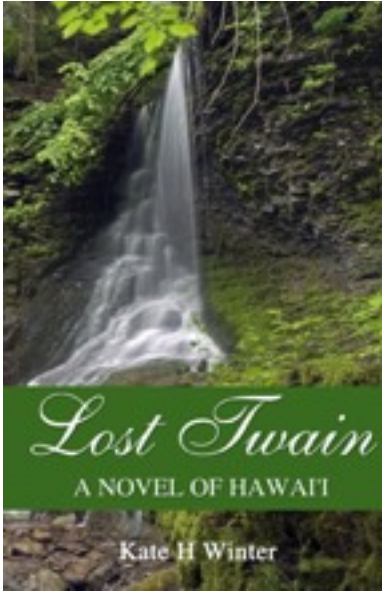
Our responsibility as good stewards includes, not just the giving of our treasure, but more importantly, of our time and talents. For those who are already involved in serving Christ Church, this implies seeking out and inviting others to join us.

For those who haven't yet found a place in the work of the church, your call is to be open to those invitations. We can accomplish so much if we work together, in community, with God's help!



*Father Dick*

## Book Party



The publication of Kate Winter's new novel will be celebrated on [January 22, 2012 in the Queen Emma Community Center](#). Everyone in our Christ Church Ohana is invited to join Kate in raising a glass as she says mahalo to the many who have supported and encouraged her in the long process of getting *Lost Twain: A Novel of Hawai'i* into print.



It's not news that Sam Clemens, the 30 year old reporter who would become Mark Twain, was here in the islands in 1866. But did you know that he disappeared for 6 weeks on Maui? Those are the facts. Twain scholars and fans have wondered what he was doing and why he might have destroyed the "missing" diary from that time. What happened in those weeks? Kate's new novel reveals the untold story, telling what she knows to be true but cannot prove. She will be talking about the book briefly and giving a short reading to entertain all. As Twain might have said, "The doors open at 3:00 pm - the mischief commences at 3:05."

### FEBRUARY

The Romans and Celts regarded February as the start of spring.

When did February first appear on a calendar?

February along with January, was introduced onto the Roman calendar by Numa Pompious when the calendar was extended from ten to twelve months. The word February comes from the word 'februa' - which means cleansing or purification, and reflects the rituals undertaken before Spring.

<http://projectbritain.com/year/february.htm>

#### Month of January

birth stone - **Amethyst**, Bloodstone, Onyx, Moonstone

flower - **Primrose**, Violet

color - **Black**, Dark Blue, Dark Red

Meaning - **Light Blue**, Yellow and Purple



### February Birthdays

- 03 JULIE WEBB
- 04 DEBBIE SHORES
- 04 KELA LUCZON
- 11 EDDIE WESSEL
- 23 KEAWE STRANCE
- 26 SUE BOTTRELL
- 27 GAGE ALLEN



## Sincerity

*honesty of mind,  
freedom from hypocrisy*

### Calendar

#### USUAL EVENTS

**February 5th, 1st SUNDAYS**

9am Service/ 10am breakfast

**February 14th, 2nd Tuesdays**

ECW mtg. @ QECC 10am

**February 26th, LAST Sundays**

(Taize Service, 6pm) TBA

**February, EVERY Wednesdays**

Life Care Center Service 10am

Holy Eucharist 6pm

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The ECW of Christ Church is holding a meeting and Valentine party on February 14th at 10am in the Queen Emma Community Center.



Bring a Valentine poem or share a special Valentine moment.



*Glenda Hamilton, Treasurer*



*Beryl Spalding, President*

**CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST**

Your continued prayers are asked for these people:

Andy Archibald, Betty Dunford,  
Irene Mc Cullough, Steve Warren, Martha and Joy, Elijah,  
Tracy, Shy Doe, Patricia Taylor, Peaches & Jimmy Schenck,  
Alberta Spalding, Margaret Arney, Bill, Gerardo Luczon,  
Kathy Solomon, Jim Anderson, Karen Flickenger,  
Willy Greenwell, Brenda Lee, and Mona Gurrobat

We are a praying community, which means that, not only do we believe in the power of prayer on a personal level; but that we also believe that we are called to offer our petitions and thanksgivings on behalf of others. We believe that God hears and responds to all of our prayers, individual and corporate. Every prayer is to God a love poem from a dear child. Like any loving parent, our God rejoices in the faith that underlies our prayer.

Our Christ Church prayer list is offered as but one way to respond to the many and varied concerns of our members and our friends. In an effort to keep this essential part of our prayer life current and relevant, we will be updating the list weekly, and have determined that each month we will start a new list. If you wish to keep a name on the list for an extended period, please contact the office **every month** to let us know.

**Calendar**

**USUAL EVENTS**

**January 1st, 1st SUNDAYS**

9am Service/ 10am breakfast

**January 10th, 2nd Tuesdays**

ECW mtg. @ QECC 10am

**January 29th, LAST Sundays**

(Taize Service, 6pm) TBA

**January, EVERY Wednesdays**

Life Care Center Service 10am

Holy Eucharist 6pm

**January Birthdays**

- 06 EARL OGATA
- 07 REIKO FORD
- 07 BETTY O'BRIEN
- 11 HEIDI EDSON
- 11 LORRAINE SOLM
- 13 TOM BOTTRELL
- 13 VERNA CHANG
- 16 KEN POOL
- 24 SKIP DERIEG
- 29 DALE HAMILTON
- 30 CC GREENWELL
- 31 SUZANNE NEMICK



*Loyalty*

*a strong feeling of support or allegiance*

Let me close with words from the General Thanksgiving at the end of our prayer book (p836):

*“Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.*

*We thank you for the blessing of family and friends and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.*

*We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.*

*We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.*

*Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ, for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying through which he overcame death, and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.*

*Grant us the gift of your Spirit that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen”*



Charlotte Melrose

**Shelter for the Homeless... *A decent place to live*—**



Does any family deserve less than that? In our community, there are scores of families who live in sub-standard homes, usually through no fault of their own. With soaring housing costs, the recent recession, and tight mortgage restrictions, home ownership is but a dream for many of our neighbors. Habitat for Humanity can help us make that dream come true. Through a special program called Apostles Build, 12 congregations from all denominations can pool their resources to build a home for a

deserving family. As a member of the Faith Relations Committee of the West Hawaii Habitat Affiliate, I challenge the Christ Church community to join in this great project. Because Habitat leverages volunteer labor and a good deal of donated materials, we are able to build a home for less than a hundred thousand dollars. That means that an Apostle congregation can participate with a donation of less than \$8,500!. We already have a commitment of \$1,000 toward our share of the build. I have faith that the members of Christ Church can meet the challenge of raising an additional \$7,500!

*Father Dick*



**The Flowers are given to the Glory of God by...**



**Jim and Anne Anderson**

*hopes for "peace on earth"*

**Joan Coupe**

*In memory of Beth and Fred Richards*

**Tom Bottrell Family**

*In memory of Dorothy Bell and Marjorie Bottrell*

**Beryl Spalding and Bob Foerster**

*In memory of loved ones and*

*In thanksgiving for friends and family*

**Meg Greenwell**

*In memory of Lois and Sherwood Greenwell and*

*In thanksgiving for Alli, Rob and my family*

**Betty Hodgins**

*In memory of Gordon Hodgins*

**Jimmy and Peaches Schenek**

*In memory of the Hatcher/Schenck families and*

*In thanksgiving for friends and family*

**Roland and Hildi Vieira**

*In memory of our parents and*

*In thanksgiving for our children.*

**6:00pm, Queen Emma Community Center**

**2nd Annual Burns Pot Luck Dinner, Wednesday January 25,**

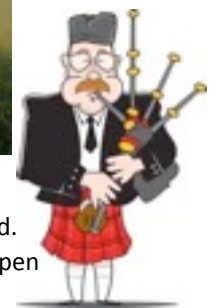
Robert (Bobby) Burns suppers have been part of Scottish culture for about 200 years to commemorate Scotland's best loved bard.

The Burns dinner ritual was started by close friends of Burns' a few years after his death in 1796 as a tribute to him. Christ Church will hold its second annual Burns Pot Luck Dinner on January 25, 2012 at 6:00 at the Queen Emma Community Center to honor one of Scotland's best.

The basic format for the evening, which will be the same as last year's, has remained unchanged. We'll begin with the presentation of the honored haggis, which will be piped in by a bag piper, and cut open after a poem to the haggis is given. In addition, a faux haggis will be presented, and several traditional toasts will be made. One of the central features of the evening is for everyone to give a short speech on Burns or to the beauty of Scotland by reading one of his poems or singing one of his songs. There are many different types of Burn's immortal poems and songs, from light-hearted to literary. Favorites for recitations are Tam O' Shanter's *Address to the Unco Guid*, to *A Mouse and Holy Willie's Prayer*, among others. The evening will culminate with the company standing, linking hands, and singing Auld Lang Syne to conclude the program, which the piper will accompany.

The aim of the evening is to enjoy everyone present, partake in some shared food & maybe some haggis, drink some of the brackish waters of the highlands (scotch – please bring your own, after all we are a frugal congregation!), embrace Scotland's best & its beauty, and enjoy Bobby Burns' work.

All are welcome to attend and are encouraged to recite one of Bobby's poems or sing one of his songs. Here is link to a website where you can look over his work can select one of his works you would like to share (<http://www.robertburns.org/works/#alpha>).



## Sunday Eucharistic and Daily Office Readings for January 2012

### According to the Use of the Episcopal Church

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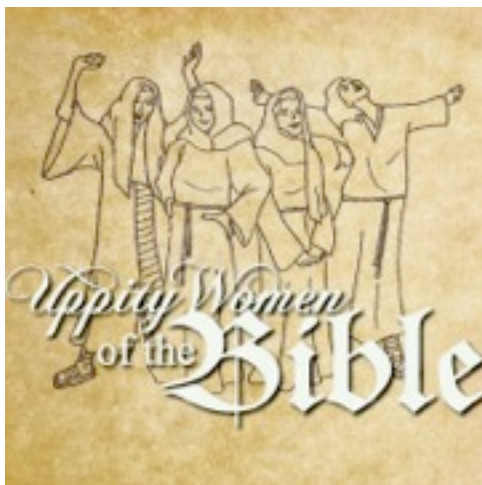
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#### UPPITY WOMEN OF THE BIBLE



*Uppity Women of the Bible* is a four volume DVD-based series from [Living the Questions](#) featuring Hebrew Bible professor Dr. Lisa Wolfe. Combining careful scholarship with humor and fresh insights, Dr. Wolfe presents a lively, thoughtful discussion of *Ruth*, *The Song of Songs*, *Judith* and *Esther*.

Come and join us for Sunday School 9-10am for this study!

## Calendar of Activities

### January 22, Sunday

Book Reception Party for Kate Winter Queen Emma Community Center 3pm

### January 25th, Wednesday

Bobby Burns' Night, Scottish food Pot Luck 6pm

### January 29th, Sunday

Service followed by Annual Church Meeting and Pot Luck 10am (not 9am)

### February 5th, Sunday

1st Sunday Combined Service followed by brunch, guest speaker Deanne DiMichele of West Hawaii Community Health Center 10am (not 9am)

### February 14th, Tuesday

ECW Meeing & Valentine Party, Queen Emma Community Center 10am

### February 18th, Saturday

Vestry Retreat

### February 21st, Tuesday

Mardi Gras Queen Emma Community Center 6pm

### February 22nd, Wednesday

Ash Wednesday 8am and 6pm

