

14th July 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Back in 2005, I was working as a business manager for a dental practice. A woman came in and handed me her insurance information. On her card were the words, "Episcopal Diocese of California." Being a life-long Episcopalian and also being between church homes, I wanted to hear more. She told me about St Stephen's and invited me to attend church there. That wonderful woman is, Ruth Grant.

I've always felt the Holy Spirit had a hand in bringing us together, and bringing me to St Stephen's; which then led to my call to Holy Orders. What a journey it has been. Looking back, when Ruth Grant walked into that office, my life changed forever in ways I never could have expected. Thank you Ruth Grant.

With Covid19, we've all had to make many changes. One more change is that I'm now exclusively at Christ Church in Sausalito. Fr. Ellsworth is blessed to have the help and support of many clergy. My help is needed more at Christ Church.

Of course, we will always be in touch. My heart has a very special place in that sanctuary and with all of you. The Ven. Dorothy Jones is my "mom" so I count on her to help keep us connected.

Thank you all for your love and support. Thank you for the many ways you allowed me to be your deacon. I will always look back on our time together with fond memories and I will continue to hold you in prayer.

Lastly, invite someone to church. You never know what the Holy Spirit has in mind!

Faithfully,
The Rev'd Dcn Alberta Brown Buller