



Who says Victorians had no sense of humor? This photo, from 1885, features Sausalito's "Flirtation Club", a social club for young men and women – appropriately supervised, of course! Ellie Avery Reed, founder of Church of Our Saviour, stands in back with her husband, The Rev. Frederick Wilcox Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Sausalito.

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About Ellie Avery Reed



Church of Our Saviour traces its history to the early missionary work of Ellie Avery Reed, wife of the first priest of Christ Church, Sausalito, The Rev. Frederick Wilcox Reed. The Reeds established a Sunday class for the children of Mill Valley in the late 1880s. In June of 1892, Mrs. Reed called together some of the residents of the newly incorporated town to arrange for the organization of an Episcopal mission for Mill Valley. As a memorial for her recently deceased husband, she was prepared to construct the first church building at her own expense on property donated by the Tamalpais Land and Water Company. Later that same month, The Rt. Rev. William F. C. Nichols, Bishop of the Diocese of California, gave consent for the establishment of the new mission, which held its first official service in the Mill Valley schoolhouse assembly room. The first church building of Church of Our Saviour at 10 Old Mill Street, designed by noted architect and artist Willis Polk, began hosting services by August. Bishop Nichols consecrated the building on September 11th, 1892. Ellie Avery Reed's vision and generous commitment to the founding of Church of Our Saviour leaves a legacy we continue to enjoy well into the parish's second century. She also helped establish a core mission of this community: the nurture of children's faith and spirituality.

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