



...for the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light...

Isaiah 60:19

THE HARBOR CHART

News from the Parish of Saint Mary and Saint Jude: June 2011

Saint Mary's by-the-Sea and Parish Center, Northeast Harbor

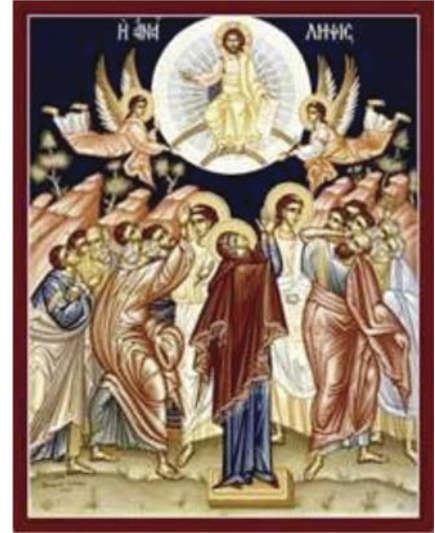
Saint Jude's Episcopal Church, Seal Harbor

Town of Mount Desert, Maine

Celebrate Ascension Day! Thursday, June 2 Evensong

Christians worldwide remember the departure of Jesus from this planet 40 days after his resurrection.

Gather with other Mount Desert Island Episcopalians to celebrate the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ at an evensong at Saint John the Divine in Southwest Harbor, beginning at 5:30PM.



Meditation Hike: 10:30AM, Thursday June 30 at Great Head.

Do you like to hike? Do you enjoy the silence of the forest and the ocean? Come for a different hiking experience. We will walk slowly and meditatively along a trail together in silence, pausing at particular points to listen to a reading.

We will conclude our hike with prayer, followed by lunch and an opportunity to reflect on the experience. Call the Church Office (276-5588) or email Patricia Robertson <revprome@road-runner.com> to register so we know you are coming. Bring your own lunch and water.



Gather at the Great Head parking lot at 10:30AM. This is a short hike with some moderate climbing over rocks. We will be going slowly and should return to the parking lot no later than 1PM.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 1

4:45 PM: Contemplative Study

5:30 PM: Contemplative Prayer

Saint Mary's Chapel

Thursday, June 2

Ascension Day

9-11AM: Prayer Shawl Ministry

Parish Hall

MDI Joint Evensong

5:30PM: Saint John's Southwest Harbor

Saturday, June 4

9AM: Hymn Sing

Saint Mary's Chapel

Vestry Retreat Day

Sunday, June 5

Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Sunday at

Saint Mary's by-the-Sea

8AM: Holy Eucharist

10AM: Holy Eucharist

The Reverend

Patricia Rome Robertson

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CALENDAR

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Study5:30 PM: Contemplative
Prayer

Saint Mary's Chapel

Thursday, June 99-11AM: Prayer Shawl
Ministry
Parish Hall**Saturday, June 11**9AM: Hymn Sing
Saint Mary's Chapel**Sunday, June 12***The Festival of Pentecost*

8AM: Holy Eucharist

9AM: Adult Forum

10AM: Holy Eucharist

The Reverend

Patricia Rome Robertson

10:45AM: Sonogee Service

Wednesday, June 154:45PM: Contemplative
Study5:30PM: Contemplative
Prayer

Saint Mary's Chapel

Thursday, June 169-11AM: Prayer Shawl
Ministry
Parish Hall4PM: Finance Meeting
Rector's Study**Sunday, June 19***Trinity Sunday*

8AM: Holy Eucharist

10AM: Holy Eucharist

The Reverend

Patricia Rome Robertson

*(Continued on page three)***D**ear Friends in Christ,

As I have participated and observed this parish over the last three years one of the core values that continues to be obvious to me is the value of family. This parish nurtures families (local and beyond) that go back for generations. We provide a holy space where every week, people come to be restored in their relationships with God, each other and the whole creation. And our families are a huge part of that restoration and recreation. Saint Mary's by-the-Sea, Saint Mary's Chapel, Saint Jude's Church are all testaments to generations that have gathered to worship and follow Christ and to be restored in their commitments to each other.

And, although young adults still come to be married in our churches (as their ancestors did) and then return to have their children baptized, young adults and children are no longer as invested in the ongoing development of faith that participation in church brings about. This is not news to any of you. The question is: how can we continue to live into and out of our core value of support of and nurture of families if the families are not present?

In his book, *Door Set Open*, Peter Steinke suggests that it's time for the church to leave its doors wide open and to go out into the community where those who need us are hanging out. Is there a way in which SaintMary/Saint Jude can open our doors ever wider and go out to where families are hanging out and learn from them what they need in order to be restored? Are there some changes in our worship that would be

more welcoming and accommodating (including different days/times/locations as well as different kinds of music)? This is challenging for us to even think about. The unusual nature of this parish in which families and individuals come and go provide both an opportunity and a challenge. If sustaining ties from one generation to another, if valuing our young people, if supporting all kinds of families (no matter what their configuration) is to remain a core value then we will need to find a new way.

As we welcome travelers back into our midst, even as you entertain family over the summer and take time to be together, perhaps we can all be tuned into the strength that being here, sharing in worship, and playing together brings into the world. Take the time to ask the younger people around you. How can the church support you? What do you need from us? We're here in Christ's love for you. Perhaps in asking the question some new answers will emerge. Please share them with me or other Vestry members.



The Reverend Patricia
Rome Robertson

We all should be alert and welcoming to the young people who return to our midst for however much time they have to be here. Let us thank God for them and listen to them so they can show us the way.

Your Sister in Christ,

Patricia +

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT
ANNUAL MEETING, PART II
SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2011

CALENDAR

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Wednesday, June 22

4:45PM: Contemplative Study
5:30 PM: Contemplative Prayer
Saint Mary's Chapel

Thursday, June 23

9-11AM: Prayer Shawl Ministry
Parish Hall

Friday, June 24

Musical Evening
Bill and Julia Myers
Place TBA
5PM: Wedding Rehearsal
Saint Mary's by-the-Sea

Saturday, June 25

5:30PM: Coffin/Westcott
Wedding

Sunday, June 26

8:00AM: Holy Eucharist
Saint Mary's by-the-Sea
10:00AM: Holy Eucharist
Saint Jude's
The Reverend
Patricia Rome Robertson

Wednesday, June 29

4:45PM: Contemplative Study
5:30PM: Contemplative Prayer
Saint Mary's by-the-Sea

Thursday, June 30

10:30AM: Meditation Hike
Great Head
9-11AM: Prayer Shawl Ministry
Parish Hall
3:45PM: Vestry Meeting
Rector's Office

Every Saturday

9:30AM: AA
Saint Mary's Parish Hall

First of all I want to thank all of you for entrusting the position of Senior Warden to me for the past two years. It has been a wonderful and humbling experience- taking all of us down paths we had neither anticipated or desired. But it has brought us closer to our fellow island Episcopalians and made us see ways of more closely communing with our neighbors and friends.

While we entered the four church experiment with some trepidation, we rejoiced at having full church services with full voices. That is something we will continue on major feast days:

● June 2: *Ascension Day*: 5:30PM Evensong
Saint John's, Southwest Harbor

● August 6: *Feast of the Transfiguration*: Holy Eucharist. The mountain and time TBA. The Bishop may join us!

● September 18: *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost* 10AM: Holy Eucharist at Suminsby Park followed by the picnic.

● November 13: *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost* 5PM: Evensong at Saint Saviour's with MDI joint choir.

● Other outreach projects utilizing the resources of each church.

● In Haiti: Partnering with/adopting, a school, small church, or orphanage.

● A Native American project.

● Growing vegetables for seniors.

- A more effective food bank.
- Work to be more "green."
- A joint vacation bible school.
- Habitat for Humanity.
- Americare involvement.
- Food and fuel assistance.

An improved communication system among the four churches is underway.



Senior Warden Dorothy Clunan enjoying a recent Music Evening

The "Come Home for Supper" program, initiated by members of Saint John's will continue. (Host and prepare the main dish, have the guests bring side dishes and dessert.) These informal dinner parties bring Episcopalians together to make new friends.

Our own Peter Vaux, who is an inspiration to us all, has organized monthly singalongs in parishioners' homes allowing musicians and people to sing and enjoy one another. This has become enormously popular.

Finally, I want to send a big thank you to all who helped me fulfill my responsibilities as Senior Warden. My special thanks to Patricia who gently guided me along a sometimes rocky path to do my job as best as I could.

God Bless You All,

Dorothy Clunan

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CONTEMPLATIVE STUDY AND PRAYER

On Wednesday, May 11, Contemplative study and Prayer moved back to Saint Mary's Chapel, beginning at 4:45PM. Contemplative Evening Prayer (with 20 minutes of silence) begins at 5:30PM.

We will continue to meet at Saint Mary's Chapel until June 29 when we will move to Saint Mary's by-the-Sea.

This midweek offering provides a wonderful opportunity to slow down, breathe and be restored in your relationship with Christ, each other and the world. Join us at any time.

CONFIRMATION

Have you been Confirmed in the Episcopal Church?

On Sunday, August 7, Bishop Stephen Lane will visit our parish and preside and preach in worship. If you, or someone you know would like to be confirmed, received or renew their baptismal vows with the Bishop, please contact the Rector no later than June 15 to arrange for preparation.

CHURCH BREAKFAST & SERMON



Chuck Bucklin, Jackie Agnese, Fred Bucklin, and Henri Agnese enjoy the results of their hard work at giving the parishioners a delicious breakfast on April 3rd.

It was a special Reunion for many of us! Thanks to all of you!

Moorhead Kennedy gave a provactive Sermon on Sunday, May 15th.

He has been a important part of our looking at our interpretation of the Scriptures in a new light.



FROM THE EDITOR

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For updates on Haiti please contact Karin Draper <haiti-mainechair@ymail.com> & <http://www.worldwidevillage.org/leogane-community-health-initiative>. The Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs

A significant video offering a first-hand tour of the devastated Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port Au Prince, Haiti, is available on the Episcopal Church website here: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/haitiappeal/>

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MUSIC EVENING: SONGS OF THE SEA

I am writing this a few days before our May Musical Evening, whose theme is ‘Songs of the Sea.’ The songs that will be shared on this evening are sea shanties (sometimes spelled ‘chanties,’ derived from the French verb “chanter,” To Sing). Although shanties do not find their way into our church services, there are a few hymns in common usage that do have a nautical slant. Perhaps the most famous (and favorite) of these is ‘Eternal Father, Strong to Save.’ This hymn was included in a 1941 service aboard HMS Prince of Wales, at anchor in Ship Harbour, Newfoundland. This was the venue for the famous meeting between Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill – the joint declaration from which became known as the Atlantic Charter. The hymn was also used as the final song in another shipboard service 27 years before, on April 14, 1912, a few hours before the Titanic hit an iceberg and sank.

The words of the Navy Hymn were written by William Whiting in 1860 as a poem for a student about to set sail for America. The following year, an Anglican clergyman, J.B. Dykes composed the tune ‘Melita’ for this hymn – and this is the tune that is so well known today. Dykes named the tune after the island reached by the apostle Paul after his ship went down (Acts 28:1 “And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita”). Today we know this island as Malta.

There are several versions of the text of this hymn – versions that have extended the sentiment beyond the realm of the ocean. For example, the original words for verse 3 are: “Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood, Upon the chaos dark and rude, And

bid its angry tumult cease, And give, for wild confusion, peace; Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!”

In the 1940 hymnal, this verse became (thanks to the writing of American Bishop Robert Nelson Spencer):

O Spirit Whom the Father sent, To spread abroad the firmament, O Wind of Heaven, by Thy might, Save all who dare the eagle's flight, And keep them by Thy watchful care From every peril in the air!

In the 1982 hymnal, the word “space” was added to the final verse. This version became hymn #579 (“Almighty Father, strong to save”) – the original, water-only, version appears as #609 (“Eternal Father, strong to save”).



A Harbor Chart reader recently sent me a slim 1947 volume called “English Hymns and Hymn Writers.” There is much of interest in this book; one section that caught my attention during an initial skimming of its pages described a ‘modest little book’ written by the prolific hymnist Isaac Watts and entitled “Divine Songs attempted in Easy Language for the use of Children.” Song Number XXIX is subtitled “Against Quarrelling and Fighting.” Here are its words:

*Let dogs delight to bark and bite,
For God has made them so;
Let bears and lions growl and fight
For 'tis their nature too.*

*But, children, you should never let
Such angry passions rise;
Your little hands were never made
To tear each other's eyes*

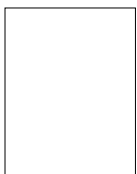
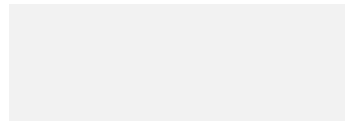
Thanks to this reader for sending me this book! Peter Vaux

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MUSICAL EVENING: THE AUDIENCE



Some of the audience at the Sea Shantie Evening on Friday , May 20th at Joe and Beth Renault' s house in Somesville.



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