



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

Isaiah 60:19

CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 1

All Saints' Day

Wednesday, November 2

Noon: Brown Bag Lunch
sponsored by ECW

5:30PM: Contemplative
Evening Prayer
Saint Mary's Chapel

Thursday, November 3

9AM: Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday, November 6

*Twenty-first Sunday
after Pentecost*

All Saint's Day Celebration

8AM: Holy Eucharist

10AM: Holy Eucharist
Saint Mary's Chapel

The Reverend Patricia
Rome Robertson

10AM: Sunday School
Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 9

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

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THE HARBOR CHART

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

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

Saint Jude's Episcopal Church, Seal Harbor

Town of Mount Desert, Maine

MUTUAL STUDY OF MINISTRY

In June, your Vestry gathered in retreat to plan for the Diocesan directed Mutual Study of Ministry. Facilitated by a consultant, Sarah Flynn, we worked to prepare to identify the strengths and growing points of the congregation and to develop goals that will lead the congregation into God's future for the church and the world.

The Vestry believes we accomplished this through interviews with over thirty parishioners, reflecting personal and general observations about their relationship with Saint Mary/Saint Jude's. In September, we met again with Sarah Flynn to compile and collate the interview data which finally led us to develop specific goals to lead the congregation into the future.

Generally, it was determined that areas of strength in the parish that we should continue and promulgate are: Worship, Music, Inclusion, House Church, a Spiritual Home for Generations and the Church's Outreach in the Community.

An overarching goal was identified: to strengthen relationships in the parish and with the community through improved communication. Always, recognizing the value of tradition while responding to the changing needs within the community.

Our objectives, therefore, are:

1. That we should keep parishioners better informed, always soliciting and listen to feedback.

- Your Vestry will communicate regularly with the parish through verbal announcements and monthly articles in the Harbor Chart.

- We seek to adapt our communication style to the particular needs of individual parishioners.

Furthermore, we will seek to identify pastoral needs more comprehensively and with intention.

- Pastoral care will be a regular item on the monthly agenda so that there is more communication among your Vestry about our parishioners' needs.

- Vestry will make phone calls to members of the parish to touch base.

- Explore a ministry of visiting the elderly (in addition to Rector visits).

A clear message from the interviews was that we, as a church, should plan social events to gather people...just to get together.

- The calendar of events will include some potlucks, perhaps inviting community members who are not necessarily members of the church.

- Cottage Meetings, as distinct from House Church, will be organized during the spring and summer to include year-round and seasonal members and perhaps others.

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RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

CALENDAR

*(Continued from page one)***Thursday, November 10**

4PM: Finance Committee
Rector's Study
5:30PM: Buildings and
Grounds Committee
Rector's Study

Friday, November 11

Veteran's Day
Office closed

Sunday, November 13

UTO Ingathering
8AM: Holy Eucharist
10AM Holy Eucharist
Saint Mary's Chapel
The Reverend Patricia
Rome Robertson
4PM: House Church at
Heather Jones'
6PM: *Come Home for
Supper* for MDI
Episcopalians

Tuesday, November 15

Harbor Chart deadline
(December/January issue)

Wednesday, November 16

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

Thursday, November 17

9AM: Prayer
Shawl Ministry
3:45PM: Vestry meeting
Rector's Study

Sunday, November 20

Ingathering of Pledges
8AM: Holy Eucharist
10AM: Holy Eucharist
Saint Mary's Chapel
The Reverend Patricia
Rome Robertson
10AM: Sunday School
Parish Hall

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When you read this Harbor Chart carved pumpkins will be waning on our porches, the celebration of "All The Saints" will be ringing in our ears, and the November cold air will be blowing the fall leaves all over town. The trees will almost be bare.

November brings that great feast of Thanksgiving and with it, the beginning of the church year with the season of Advent. Advent is from the Latin word, *adventus*, which means arrival or coming. Advent is the Church's New Year celebration. We start over; we begin the story of Jesus and his significance in our lives once again.

The season of Advent often gets lost in the plethora of activity and celebrations that occur between Thanksgiving and Christmas. But that does not have to be so. Advent is a season of waiting. It is a season to ponder, to reflect, to cherish and revitalize the hope that we and the world so desperately need. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews tells us that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Advent is the time to re-connect with what we really hope for, and then look for ways to behave that live into that hope that God has planted in us.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Harbor Chart is a description of the results of the Mutual Study of Ministry that the Vestry undertook this summer. The very title of the

project suggests the truth that ministry is the undertaking of the whole parish community, that leadership is shared with the Rector, and that what we do together engages us in the mission of God which has an impact on this community. Doing such a study allows us to "begin again," to focus on our life together, and to listen to God's invitation to share love in the world.

As you will note, a major part of our beginning again involves communication. It is a theme over and over again in the various conversations. Advent is a good time to ponder communication. What do we need in order to hear and understand each other? How do we convey the importance of Jesus' life to our own lives? How do we listen and see the movement of the Holy Spirit in us and the community around us?

Advent begins with an important message that we often affirm in our Eucharistic prayer: Christ will come again. Join me in preparing a place in your heart, in preparing a place in our wider community for the living Christ who is our hope. And as you listen, consider what God is saying to you. How does your life reflect that hope that is Christ? How do you become the presence of hope in our town? How do we begin again?

Your Sister in Christ,



The Reverend Patricia
Rome Robertson

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PASTORAL ECO-TEACHING

CALENDAR

*(Continued from page two)***Wednesday, November 23**

NO Contemplative
Evening Prayer
Saint Mary's Chapel

Thursday, November 24

Friday, November 25
Thanksgiving Holiday
Office closed

Sunday, November 27

8AM: Holy Eucharist
10AM: Holy Eucharist
Saint Mary's Chapel
The Reverend Vesta Kowalski
Moorhead Kennedy, Preacher

Wednesday, November 30

5:30PM: Contemplative
Evening Prayer
Saint Mary's Chapel

Every Saturday

9:30AM: AA
Parish Hall

Recently, the Episcopal Church House of Bishops, meeting in Province IX, in Quito, Ecuador, issued a Pastoral Teaching on the environment. It says, in part:

Affirming the biblical witness to God's abiding and all-encompassing love for creation, we recognize that we cannot separate ourselves as humans from the rest of the created order. The creation story itself presents the interdependence of all God's creatures in their wonderful diversity and fragility, and in their need of protection from dangers of many kinds. This is why the Church prays regularly for the peace of the whole world, for seasonable weather and an abundance of the fruits of the earth, for a just sharing of resources, and for the safety of all who suffer. This includes our partner creatures: animals, birds, and fish who are being killed or made sick by the long-term effects of deforestation, oil spills, and a host of other ways in which we intentionally and unintentionally destroy or poison their habitat.

One of the most dangerous and daunting challenges we face is global climate change. This is, at least in part, a direct result of our burning of fossil fuels. Such human activities could raise worldwide average temperatures by three to eleven degrees Fahrenheit in this century. Rising average temperatures are already wreaking environmental havoc, and, if unchecked, portend devastating consequences for every aspect of life on earth.

The Church has always had as one of its priorities a concern for the poor and the suffering. Therefore, we need not agree on

the fundamental causes of human devastation of the environment, or on what standard of living will allow sustainable development, or on the roots of poverty in any particular culture, in order to work to minimize the impact of climate change. It is the poor and the disadvantaged who suffer most from callous environmental irresponsibility. Poverty is both a local and a global reality. A healthy economy depends absolutely on a healthy environment.

The wealthier nations whose industries have exploited the environment, and who are now calling for developing nations to reduce their impact on the environment, seem to have forgotten that those who consume most of the world's resources also have contributed the most pollution to the world's rivers and oceans, have stripped the world's forests of healing trees, have destroyed both numerous species and their habitats, and have added the most poison to the earth's atmosphere. We cannot avoid the conclusion that our irresponsible industrial production and consumption-driven economy lie at the heart of the current environmental crisis.

Privileged Christians in our present global context need to move from a culture of consumerism to a culture of conservation and sharing. The challenge is to examine one's own participation in ecologically destructive habits. Our churches must become places where we have honest debates about, and are encouraged to live into, more sustainable ways of living. God calls us to die to old ways of thinking and living and be raised to new life with renewed hearts and minds.



Members of the Shuar tribe of indigenous Amazonians from Puyo, Ecuador, talking with Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori.

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ANGEL TREE

Autumn Greetings, Parishioners of Saint Mary's & Saint Jude's. The boats have left the harbor, the porch furniture has been taken in and the leaves are rapidly falling. Before we know it, the holiday season will be upon us.

We had our first meeting of the Angel Tree Committee on October 14th. We will once again be teaming up with the Mount Desert Elementary School to help make the holiday season less stressful for those families struggling on Mount Desert Island. With the high unemployment rates and a depressed economy, we expect there will be a greater need than ever before.

We will be asking again this year for the support of the parishioners of Saint Mary's & Saint Jude's to help make our Angel Tree a success. If you feel you would like to be a part of this project serving the children of our community, there are three ways you can be involved. You may send a donation to be used for the purchase of Christmas gifts, choose a tag from the Angel Tree or join our committee.

If you would like to make a donation, it can be sent at any time to the office of Saint Mary's & Saint Jude's, made payable to "Angel Tree." If you prefer to

choose a gift tag, there will be a tree with gift tags placed at the back of the winter chapel in late November. If you are the more adventurous sort and would like to join our small but enthusiastic group, please contact Janet Stratton, Sheila Smallidge or Martha Bucklin.

Those of you who will be choosing a tag, please remember if you plan on purchasing a gift that needs to be ordered it would be helpful if you made that order as soon as the tags are made available. The gifts need to be collected well in advance of

Christmas day. Once we have received the gifts they need to be wrapped, tagged and organized so the school can then distribute them to the appropriate places before school break.

I would like to thank you in advance for your generosity and support of the Angel Tree. This pro-

gram wouldn't be possible without all of you. It touches the community in a very special way and we thank you for being a part of it.

Respectfully,

Janet Stratton
Sheila Smallidge
Martha Bucklin





THOUSANDS OF HYMNS

In last December's edition of Music Notes, I wrote about a favorite carol – 'Hark! the Herald Angels Sing' – written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788). In that article, I mentioned that Wesley wrote over 6,000 poems. I under-represented the man – in fact, he wrote over 9,000. Nine thousand poems; 27,000 stanzas; 180,000 lines – three times the output of William Wordsworth, one of England's most prolific poets. His output means that, on average, he wrote ten lines of poetry every day for fifty years.



Recently, a Harbor Chart reader gave me a book containing 1,000 of Wesley's hymns, all of them set to music by various composers. The book ('A Collection of Hymns for the use of the People called Methodists' with a supplement) was published in 1889. Most of these are not sung today – our 1982 hymnal contains 23 of Wesley's hymns. Perhaps, in the future, we should select and sing some of his other 1000+ hymns. (I will place this book in the music library at Saint Mary's by-the-Sea.)

After I received the 1889 hymnal, I did some research on Wesley, coming across a sermon delivered in 1998 by Victor Shepherd, a professor at Toronto's Tyndale

Seminary and a noted Wesley scholar. Unlike most of the other pieces I have read about Wesley, Shepherd's text puts a very human face on this 18th century preacher and is, at times, amusing. I decided to share with you some of Shepherd's words.

"If Charles were alive today he'd strike us as eccentric. He wore his winter clothing all year 'round, even in the hottest summer weather. Whenever poetic inspiration fell on him he became preoccupied to the point of semi-derangement.

Seemingly unaware of where he was or what was in front of him, he would walk into a table or chair or desk, stumbling, lurching, crashing, not helped at all by his extreme shortsightedness. He would stride into a room, oblivious of the fact that a conversation had been underway before he invaded, and begin firing questions at those present, these people now wondering what weird creature was interrogating them. Not waiting for their reply, he would pour out aloud the poetry that was taking shape in his head, turn on his heel and walk out. If he happened to be on horseback when lines fell into place in his head, he would ride to the home of an acquaintance, hammer on the door and cry, "Pen and ink! Pen and ink!" The poetry safely written down, he excused himself and went on his way."

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FROM
THE EDITOR

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FROM TESTIMONY: THE WORD MADE
FLESH, BY DANIEL BERRIGAN 2004

This is true: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions and your old men shall have dreams.

It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind, of justice, of human dignity of peace are not meant for this earth and for this history.

This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.

So let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope. Let us see visions of love and peace and justice. Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage: Jesus Christ—the life of the world.

MUSIC *(Continued from page five)*

“The father of Charles, Samuel Wesley, was eccentric too. Fancying himself a poet, he published a book of entirely forgettable verse. The title of his book of poems was simply *Maggots*. The single illustration adorning the book was a drawing of Samuel himself with a large maggot sitting on his forehead. The poems are unusual: ‘The Grunting of a Hog’; ‘A Box like an Egg’; and ‘The Tame Snake in a Box of Bran’.”

Samuel married Susannah Annesley and eventually produced 19 children - Charles was the 18th. Shepherd continues: “They almost didn't get past the 14th, however. Susannah and Samuel differed sharply as to who was the rightful ascendant to the throne of England [in contemporary terms, one spouse perhaps a staunch Republican, the other a staunch Democrat]. Susannah supported James II, the rightful heir according to birth, while Samuel supported William, Prince of Orange, who had been imported from Holland. ‘William is no king!’ fumed Susannah, ‘he is but a prince.’ ‘If we are going to have two kings in this home,’ riposted her husband, ‘then we shall have two beds!’

Husband and wife slept apart for a year, during which Susannah complained to the bishop of Lincoln and the archbishop of York that she was maritally deprived. Neither bishop would have anything to do with the dispute. The night husband and wife were reconciled, John Wesley, their 15th child, was conceived. Charles was born four years later.” By 1780 Charles was 73 years old. Confusion had overtaken him.

Poetry no longer leapt to his mind. When he preached now he paused at length between phrases, trying to recall what he wanted to say. In frustration he would thump his chest with both hands while mumbling incoherently. Then, tired, he would lean on the pulpit with both elbows. If he wanted more time he had the congregation sing a hymn; and if more time still, another hymn.” Wesley lived for another eight years.

So, the next time you sing a hymn by Charles Wesley, think of this prolific, somewhat eccentric but, nevertheless, quite likeable man.

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AND STAFF

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MINISTRY *(Continued from page one)*

Your Vestry believes that it is important to communicate more effectively about our level of community involvement to encourage ongoing and, perhaps, new ways of involvement.

- Invite people to write for the Harbor Chart about their experiences of serving in the community
- Consider more advertising and articles in the local papers.

Your Vestry was both humbled and challenged by the thoughtfulness of your input. We believe that lines of communication that heretofore have not been open between the Vestry and the congregation are now opening. We ask your prayerful support in ensuring that the free exchange of ideas continues, and that we are always able to hear and respond to the needs our parish as we try to serve you and all God's people in the community and the world.

Thankfully,

Axie Diana and Donald Graves

HISTORICAL TIDBITS

*Earlier this year I received a communication from Ron Kley and Jane Radcliffe who are in the process of archiving a collection of materials in **The Vaughan Homestead Collection**. They ran across some references to our church and I thought you might be interested in some of what they say.* Patricia+

"In the process of cataloging an archival collection we recently found a printed copy of a sermon that was delivered at Saint Mary's in August, 1925 on the occasion of the dedication of a stained glass window in memory of a Bishop Doane of Albany, New York.

A program of this dedicatory service was also found, containing a listing of the various visual motifs present in the window and their respec-

tive scriptural significance.

It's abundantly clear from the text of Bishop Lawrence's sermon that Bishop Doane was a rather extraordinary gentleman who was not afraid to take positions that were outside the ecclesiastical mainstream of his time -- adopting an ever more inclusive sense of Christian brotherhood as his life went on.

Had he lived, I suspect that he might have been among those to support the more liberal reforms that have come about in our own time -- not the least of which has been the general acceptance of female clergy in many if not most faiths."

How about that?!



The Inscription on the Window dedicated to Reverend Doane:

*To the Glory of God
And in Loving Memory of*

*The Right Reverend
William Crosswell Doane*

*Born March, 2 1832
Died May, 17 1913
Friend of this Community
Founder of this Church*

*He being Dead yet Speaketh
This window erected 1925*

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUTH!



Our children and youth participated in the CROP walk for Hunger in Ellsworth on September 25. They gathered sponsorships at the September 18 worship/picnic and then engaged in the walk of 6 miles. Our small group raised \$300 for the cause!

Pictured above (left to right): *Youth:* Dan Howie, Elizabeth Jones, Mary Bridget Horvath, Peter Jones, Evelyn Howie, Philip Horvath, Nellie Horvath. *Adults:* Lesley Horvath, Beth Renault, Heather Jones

November Youth Events:

November 6: All Saints' Day – Sunday School class at 10AM

November 13: House Church at Heather Jones' at 4PM

November 20: Advent wreath making – Sunday School class at 10AM

November 27: First Sunday of Advent – Sunday School class at 10AM

