

# St. Stephen's News

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## FROM THE RECTOR

### A bishop with wit and a passion for giving

THE LATE Bishop John Gramley was blessed with an infectious laugh, a ready wit and a delicious sense of irony. And he employed all three to good effect when he made visitation to the parishes under his jurisdiction.

For those of us who loved him, a visit by Bishop Gramley was usually a hoot from start to finish. But for folks with a tendency towards pomposity and self-importance, they must have been something of an ordeal.

On one occasion, for instance, I found Bishop Gramley poking around in the sacristy. "Looking for something, bishop?" I asked.

"Yes," he replied, "I'm looking for a mitre."

"Sorry, we haven't got one," I said, "Did you forget yours?"

"No," he answered, "I was just checking to see if you were after my job. You'd be surprised how many pointy hats I find. *Purple-itis* is very catching."

Bishop Gramley was always keen to examine his priests' personal theological libraries. "I just want to discover the day you died," he would say with a smile, explaining that he believed clergy had a duty to keep their minds lively with constant study.

He subscribed whole-heartedly to St. Francis of Assisi's maxim: "Preach the Gospel constantly. Use words if you have to!"

It was an axiom he applied to his own life. Before his elevation to the episcopate, he had served for many years as a missionary in Namibia, when it was under the control of the apartheid regime in South Africa.

"I knew I was doing God's work," he explained, "Because I was being chased all over the place by both the Communist guerrillas and the South African secret police."

Not surprisingly, he had strong opinions about church activities. He believed that good fellowship made for good Christians, but he also declared that churches needed to take an active role in the community.

"Charity might begin at home," he would say, "But it certainly doesn't end there. A church that doesn't serve the people outside its walls is a dead church. It doesn't matter how little you have – you always have something to give. Giving your time and talents is as important as giving your treasure."

Happily, St. Stephen's passed Bishop Gramley's test. Even as a new and struggling parish without a building of our own, we made a point of serving the community.

We provided chaplains for civic organizations, held services at retirement communities and volunteered at hospitals and – particularly dear to our hearts – the Joseph Richey Hospice.

Almost 20 years have passed since Bp. Gramley joined his hero St. Francis in heaven, and during that time St. Stephen's has grown and matured. But some things haven't changed.

Like most young parishes, we don't have much of an endowment, but while we continue to live from hand to

mouth, we are as committed as ever to Bishop Gramley's dictum.

We have expanded efforts to help our neighbors through community blood drives and the other services we offer to civic organizations, retirement communities, nursing homes, hospitals and, of course, the Joseph Richey Hospice.

Most recently, our Choir of Men & Boys has adopted as its own special charity Doctor Bob's Place, the hospice for children currently under construction at Joseph Richey's Eutaw Street campus.

The choristers have dedicated the uncommitted offertory at their monthly Sunday Choral Evensongs to the new pediatric hospice – the first of its kind on the East Coast.

You, the parishioners, and the choir's fans among the friends of St. Stephen's, have responded with characteristic generosity. Indeed, at their recent Festival of Lessons & Carols for Epiphany, the congregation gave some \$1,000 to the choir's charity.

Congratulations are due to Adric, our Choirmaster and Organist, not just for creating such an inspiring program

## SCHEDULE FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 24th, 2010

8.00 AM: Holy Communion

9.15 AM: Holy Communion

11.15 AM: Choral Mattins

Saturday, January 23rd

5.00 PM: Family Eucharist

of carols, hymns and scripture readings, but for fostering and encouraging the choristers' charitable efforts. Both he and the choir are a great credit to the parish both for their glorious music, and for their open-hearted spirit of service.

Work on Dr. Bob's place started late last year and its doors are expected to open this coming fall. The project was the dream of the late Dr. Bob Irwin, the first volunteer medical director of Joseph Richey Hospice.

Dr. Irwin, a pediatrician with a large and successful practice in Catonsville, volunteered as medical director of the All Saints Sisters' home for handicapped children. It was his hope when he agreed to become Joseph Richey's medical director that eventually a children's hospice would be build to serve the 300 or more children who annually need hospice care in Maryland GPH✘

## FROM THE WOMEN'S GROUP

### Why not join the ladies for a New Year's lunch?

THE ladies of St. Stephen's are invited by the Women's Group for a New Year's lunch at the Grapevine, a newish restaurant located in Church Lane, just off York Road. It will take place 12 noon on Wednesday, January 20th. To reserve a place, call Ann Bonnell at 410-560-1130.

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR  
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
Sunday, January 24th, 2010**

8.00 AM & 9.15 AM HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: Romans 12:16-21  
The Gospel: St. John 2:1-11

11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 43  
The First Lesson: Isaiah 41:18-10, 17-20  
The Second Lesson: St. John 4:1-14

**THE TREASURER**

**Please send in your pledges**

CHURCHES, like families, need to plan their budgets, but, also like families, they find it very hard to do so if they are unable to forecast what their income will be. St. Stephen's is in the process of drawing up its budget for the year, but we cannot finalize things until you have all sent in your annual pledges.

We know that most folks regard making a pledge is just a formality and that you will be making the contribution whether you notify us or not. We realize making a pledge is a chore at a time of the year when there are already enough chores. But like Linus in the Peanuts cartoon, we need our "pledge security blanket." Please send in your pledge to make our New Year more happy and secure! **BILL HAWKINS**

✠ **PARISH PRAYER LIST** ✠

OUR Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List and guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice. To

add a name to the list, or to the visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the office at 410 560 6776.

**RECOVERY:** Phyllis, Rachel, Louisa Rose, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, Val, Helen, Joseph, Joshua, Rachel, Frank, Carl, Charlotte, Cal, Catherine, Sam, Ruth, Kristi, Paul, Sue, James, Patty, Antonio, Lauren-Michelle, McKayla, Randy, Jack, Grace, Bob, Fran, Doris, Carolyn, Ken, Serina, Wyatt, Bobby, Alexander, Erlene, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, Polly, Katherine, William, Betty, Cal, Wendell, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tracy, Tom, Lelilah, Jennifer, Miriam, Karen, Steve, George, Eliza, Mel, John, Randy, James, Sarah, Linda, Suzanne, Marian, Edith Anne, Steven, Jeanne, Tammy; Ellen, Jim, Patricia, Bonnie, Mary Ann, Robert, Christine, Dee, Brian, Barbara, Gillian, Eileen, Matthew, George, Bryan, Jason, Jane, Joan, Frances, Ernie, Pat, Lynn, Michael, Ray, Leslie, Brandon, May, Scott, Stephen, Robert, Danny, Billy, Betty-Ann, Mildred, D'Metrius, Laura, Stacey, Frank, Alma, Christine, John, Henry, Naomi, Pam, John, Ben, Kevin, Gwen, Elizabeth, Gloria, Lee Emily, Elsie, Bruce, Regina, Lewis, Madolin, Eudora, Carol, Bernie, Charlene, Josephine, Margaret, Mackie, Jody, Sheila, Jo Anne, John, Geradine, Thomas, Jeanne, Sister Catherine-Grace, Maxine, Ann Sharon, Dennis, Mae, Anita, Marilyn, Lawrence, Rebecca, Dorothy, Joanne, Albion, Martha, Jackie, Charles, Tony, Edward, Kim, Vivian and Debbie.

**LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE:** Rachel, Robert & Renee, Lydia; Richard, Melba, Debbie, Phyllis, Georgetta, Carolyn, Suzanne, Tony, Robert, Doris, Drake, The Norris family; Gillian, Beverley, Adrienn, Jhana, Marla, Matthew, Joan, David, Laurie, Ellen, Lynn, Mildred, Sarah Lee, Tom, Susan, Debbie, Kathy, Owen, Douglas, Amy, Jo Anne, Mary, Gregory, Isabel, Bobby, Dorothy, Darren, Scott, Rebecca, William, Charles, Joyce, Asfa, Eleanor, Kathy, Linda, James, Barry, Ann, Evelyn, Jeanette, Elizabeth, Virginia, Mildred, Chris, Micki, Stephen, Erik, Carol, Sandra, Elsie, John, Robert, Mary, Michael and David

**ON ACTIVE SERVICE:** Col. Scott Taylor, U.S. Army, Alex Bursi, US. Navy; Capt. Charles Bursi & Lt. Col. Harry Hughes, U.S. Air Force; Lt. Col. R. J. Lytle & PFC Charles E. Heintz, IV, U.S. Army.

**FOR THE DEPARTED:** Harriet Downey and Charles Shriver.

**FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** Phyllis Miller & family; Ruth Shriver & family

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**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
8.00am -- Holy Communion  
9.15am -- Holy Communion (Nursery & Church School)  
11.15am -- Morning Prayer (Nursery)  
(1st. Sun. of the month: Holy Communion at 11.15am)

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**  
Wednesday: 6.00pm Evening Prayer  
Friday: Noon: Healing Eucharist  
Saturday: 5.00PM Family Eucharist.

**COLLECTS FOR EPIPHANY II  
& THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL**

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

O GOD, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle St. Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

*Book of Common Prayer, Pages 111 & 229*

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