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THE CHOIR OF MEN & BOYS

Come to choral evensong on Sunday, January 31st

THERE are certain occasions upon which the only possible thing a reasonable human being can do is scream: "If you can beat them – join them!" And the Superbowl is one of them.

To make things easier for choristers and congregation, we try to adhere unswervingly to our "first Sunday of the month" Choral Evensong schedule. But honesty demands we admit that even our schedule has to yield to Baltimore's deep and abiding enthusiasm for the Superbowl.

After much soul-searching, we have decided to bow to the inevitable and reschedule our monthly Chorale Evensong. It will take now place at **6.00 PM on Sunday, January 31st**.

This means you can hear some glorious music and enjoy the traditional reception afterwards, without missing a minute of the Superbowl. Life doesn't get any better than that, does it?

FROM THE RECTOR

The hard bitten saga of a mouse that roared

AN UNWELCOME effect of the recent bitter weather is that the rectory has once again been inundated by a horde of mice – a plague of dimensions unmatched since Moses was slugging it out with Pharaoh.

The miserable little critters get into everything. Flour, rice, cookies, chips, bread, potatoes – you name it, they'll eat it.

In fact, with the passage of years, they have become bolder and bolder. No longer is the sack and pillage of our home restricted to the hours of darkness. The cheeky beggars have started to conduct daylight raids on the kitchen.

Charlotte is not one to take this sort of challenge lying down: "I saw a rat in the kitchen!" she announced dramatically.

Charlotte, I hasten to assure you, is well aware of the difference between mice and rats. But she is equally convinced that only the prospect of imminent disaster will provoke me into action.

Now the mice in our house are quite superior specimens of the species. They are such remarkable survivors I fear they may be in the process of evolving into cockroaches. And this adds urgency to the struggle.

The prospect of our home becoming a battlefield for evolutionists and anti-evolutionists is bad enough. But imagine how inconvenient it would be if the U.S. Department of the Environment were to endow our mice with the same protected status as Snail Darters, Spotted Owls and Kangaroo Rats.

Not that our mice need the government's protection. They are perfectly capable of looking after themselves, thank you very much. These mice are positive Houdinis. They routinely evade my cunningly laid traps, neatly stealing the bait in the process.

It doesn't seem to matter how ingeniously and deadly the trap, the canny little blighters effortlessly outwit it. Nor does it matter how fragrant and tempting the bait -- they positively adore Brie, but don't seem too keen on Danish Blue – they pull it off the trap to thumb their noses at me.

Chip the Scottish Terrier, I regret to say, has never been much help. Indeed, he stands entirely aloof from the fray. While he's perfectly happy to chase mice and does so regularly, his purpose is not so much to root them out neck and crop as to cultivate their friendship.

A few years back, for example, I heard a yelping emanating from the hall and, on investigating, I discovered Chip face-to-face with a small, sleek and decidedly chubby young mouse.

"Attack, Chip." I said tentatively. (Chip responds rather more

cheerfully to requests than outright commands.) But instead of grabbing the mouse, he merely he stretched out a forepaw, gingerly attempting to prod the creature into motion.

When the mouse declined to move, Chip gave me a scornful look as if to say: "Do your own dirty work."

As I had no more taste for hand-to-hand combat than Chip, I decided that the best course of action would be to pick the mouse up and take him to the other side of Manor Road, far away from the rectory.

The ungrateful creature, however, was not in the least impressed by my selfless act of mercy. From the palm of my hand, he looked me straight in the eye and sank his minute mousey incisors into my little finger.

Later, after I'd dumped the little ingrate even further away than I had originally contemplated, I told Charlotte what had transpired. "Oh gosh," she said, "You'll have to see the doctor. That mouse might have given you rabies."

"I can't go and see a doctor for a mouse bite," I protested, "I've got my pride. Just think how the parishioners will snigger if they learn I gone to the doctor with a mouse bite."

"Suit yourself," said Charlotte, "But if you start frothing at the mouth, don't blame me."

THE SCHEDULE FOR SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

January 31st, 2010

8.00 AM: Holy Communion

9.15 AM: Holy Communion

11.15 AM: Choral Mattins

6.00 PM: Choral Evensong

Saturday, Jan. 30th, 5.00 PM: Family Eucharist

The doctor merely made light of my predicament "I wouldn't worry," he said, "I haven't seen any reports of hordes of rabid mice chasing terrified cats."

Oh, the shame of it all! GPH✘

OBITUARY

Charles Shriver -- alias Chuckles the Clown

WITH GREAT regret we report the death of a very good friend of St. Stephen's, Mr. Charles ("Charlie") Mayer Shriver, Jr., for 32 years the husband of founding member Ruth Dischinger Shriver.

One of the parish's fondest traditions was the Annual Fall Picnic and Blessing of the Carrollton Hounds which had been a fixture at the Shriver's Westminster farm for the best part of three decades.

Charlie, who was 81, passed away on Sunday, January 10th at Carroll Hospital Center after a brief illness. He was born in Baltimore on December 14th, 1928, the son of Charles M. Shriver Sr. and Ruth Lee French Shriver. He was a graduate of Gilman School and the University of Maryland School of Agriculture.

A lifelong dairy farmer, Charlie was a member of the Maryland Draft Horse Association and was one of the last Carroll County farmers to actively farm with draft horses.

An enthusiastic agriculturalist, he was a member of the Land O' Lakes Cooperative and strong supporter of American agriculture in general. He was also a member of the alumni associations of both Gilman School and the University of Maryland.

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR
SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY**

Sunday, January 31st, 2010

8.00 AM & 9.15 AM HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: I Corinthians 9:24-27

The Gospel: St. Matthew 20:1-16

11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 80

The First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 21:23-32

Charlie adored children and was never happier than when playing his *alter ego* "Charlie Chuckles the Clown" – a particular favorite at the parish picnic. He was also a train buff, thanks to family connections with the B&O Railroad.

His funeral took place on Saturday, January 16th, at Ascension Episcopal Church, Westminster. We extend our sincere condolences go to his widow, Ruth, his sister, French Shriver Foster of Saranac, N.Y, as well as his three nephews, numerous cousins, friends and associates.

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**

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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.

✠ 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: Linda, 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, Leliliah, 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, U.S. 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.

**COLLECTS FOR EPIPHANY III & THE
BEHEADING OF KING CHARLES I**

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

Book of Common Prayer, Page 112

O GOD, who art the King of kings and Lord of lords: Give grace, we beseech thee, to the earthly rulers of thy people that, following the faith of thy servant King Charles I, they may with him receive a crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *AMEN.*

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