

St. Stephen's News

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FROM THE EDITOR

Parish says farewell to Father James Johnson

THE PARISH said farewell to The Rev. James V. Johnson at a rip-roaring party at the home of Rosa and Jim Halbert on Saturday, April 10th. Fr. James, who has served the parish for almost five years, resigned as St. Stephen's associate rector to answer a call to lead the newly founded St. Paul's Anglican Church in Whitehall, Pennsylvania.

While it was a fun occasion -- a typical St. Stephen's parish party -- it was a time for shedding a few tears. After all, it is never easy to say "adieu" to some one like Fr. James who has won so many hearts with his preaching, his splendid tenor voice and his cheerful nature.

As a mark of their appreciation, the parishioners presented Fr. James with a purse, including a check for \$1,500 from the Parish Life Committee.

Fr. James preached his final sermon to the parish on Sunday, April 11th, Low Sunday. Afterwards, he told parishioners, "You are a wonderful, warm and welcoming parish. You will go with me in my heart wherever I go."

The Rev. Guy P. Hawtin, the Rector, said: "It's always hard to say farewell to a friend and colleague who has won such a warm place in our hearts. But we also should be happy that our friend has been called to lead a parish of his own.

"Our loss is Whitehall's gain. But, remember, 'farewell' is not 'good bye.' Whitehall is not so far away and, as most of you know, Fr. James' mother lives in the neighborhood, which means he will be visiting Baltimore quite regularly. Besides, there are neat little inventions called the telephone and e-mail that will enable us to stay in touch." **AEH**

AN APPRECIATION

The parish bids adieu to a beloved founder

FRANK Edie Curran, Jr. -- a much loved founder of this parish -- passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center on the Tuesday of Holy Week, March 30th. His funeral took place in a packed St. Stephen's Church on Friday in Easter Week, April 9th.

In life, Frank was a hard guy to miss. He stood 6ft 2ins and weighed 220 pounds -- unchanged from his days as both offensive and defensive tackle on the University of North Carolina's football squad. His prowess on the football field earned him the nickname "Bear."

A lifelong Episcopalian, Frank was a member of the vestries of both Trinity Church, Towson, and All Saints Church at Bayhead, N.J. -- his family's summer home. He also served both parishes as a lay reader. His proudest moment was serving as chaliceist for Archbishop of Canterbury Donald Coggin when he visited Bayhead in the 1970s.

Frank was a churchman who both admired the 1928 Prayer Book and routinely used it at family prayer services. His rejection of the Episcopal Church's 1979 Prayer Book was based not solely on a dislike of the revised language and mix and match liturgy, but a belief that it was far less user friendly for the laity than the 1928 book.

Not being the sort of person who easily accepts the unacceptable, he joined the other members of the Baltimore Chapter of the Prayer Book Society in founding St. Stephen's. What's more, he took a leading role in getting the parish church built -- searching for suitable sites, commissioning architects and spurring less adventurous members of the congregation into action. His deepest regret about the church he played such an important role in building is that it doesn't yet have a steeple with a cross on its peak.

Frank (Edie to his family and oldest friends) was born in 1928 in Greenboro, NC. Awarded a football scholarship to the University of North Carolina, he graduated with a B.S. in

business in 1949 and worked for most of his career as a top sales engineer for Hackney Brothers Body Company, makers of refrigerated truck bodies.

In 1950, he married the former Ardith Marilyn Valentine, who hailed from Bayhead, New Jersey, where the youthful Frank spent most of his summers. Ardith, who survives him, is a former Valentina model and a no less striking figure than Frank. Tall, slim, exquisitely dressed, she sports an eye patch which invariably matches the outfit she is wearing.

A devout, Christian, devoted parent and loyal and generous friend, Frank leaves an enormous gap in the lives of all who knew him. We extend our deepest sympathy to Ardith, the couple's daughter Stacey, their two sons, Dee and Val, and their host of grandchildren. It was truly a joy and privilege to have known him. **GPH**

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Whoops! What have I done?

Meeting date is now May 16th

MEA CULPA! Mea culpa! Mea culpa! Somehow or other I managed to schedule the Annual Parish Meeting for Mother's Day, and, as the Parish Life Committee recently pointed out, this simply won't do! Therefore we have rescheduled it for the following Sunday (Sunday After the Ascension, May 16th).

The meeting will take place between the 9.15 AM and the 11.15 AM services and, as an inducement to attend, a slap up breakfast will be served. At the meeting, the Rector will present his report on the state of the parish. The Treasurer and Wardens will also report and the meeting will elect three members of the Vestry.

Three candidates have been nominated to serve on the vestry -- all of them retiring members. They are John Cobb, Rector's Warden; Gordon Turner, People's Warden; and Donna Szper, who chairs the Garden Party and Cookie Walk committees.

My sincere apologies for fouling up the date of the meeting. In my defense, I must say that as I have only lived in this country for 30 years and I have not yet managed to adjust to the difference between the dates of English Mothering Sunday and American Mother's Day. Moreover, unlike the English Church Calender, the American Church Calender does not see fit to list Mother's Day as a feast Day.

What is a poor parson to do? **GPH**

FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Only two weeks to get ready for the Garden Party & Fete

THERE are a mere two weeks to go until our Annual British Garden Party & Fete, which takes place on Saturday, May 1st. This means time is running out for you to join the ranks of the nobility by signing up as one of our patrons.

There are four levels of patronage, and you will receive a visible sign of recognition for your support -- an exclusive "gong" which is a lapel pin with tri-colored ribbon attached.

- Imperial Crown \$100 will have a crest befitting the category
- House of Windsor \$75 will have a neat little unicorn.
- House of York \$50 will have white rose motif.
- House of Lancaster \$30 will have a red rose motif.

Why not sign up? The Garter King of Arms awaits.

There are also all sorts of things we need to help make the event a success. We are looking for:

Cakes for the Cake Stall: Last year your cakes were so absolutely scrumptious, we sold out despite the weather.

Please redouble your efforts -- because it is all in a good cause.

We also need **tea cakes and dainties** for our Tea Room. Rosa Halbert could use all the help she can get to provide mouthwatering teas for our guests.

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE
FEAST OF ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST
being the Third Sunday After Easter, April 25th, 2010**

8.00 AM & 9.15 AM
HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-16
The Gospel: St. John 15:1-11

11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 102:15-28
The First Lesson: Isaiah 62:6-12
The Second Lesson: Romans 15:4-13

Also on our wish list are **tea pots** -- not the George II sterling silver heirloom that you inherited from the Custis side of the family. The pretty little pot that Aunt Mabel gave you a couple of Christmases ago would do very nicely.

We are also still in the market for **superior quality jumble** for our White Elephant Stall. This is your opportunity to at last get rid of the zither Uncle Thomas used to twang at family gatherings and the cage that once was home to Cousin Ebenezer's parrot. Please search your cupboards, attics, cellars and fallout shelters for salable treasures.

We also need **volunteers** to help set up on Friday, April 30th, and to man the stalls and side shows on Party Day, Saturday, May 1st.

And don't forget to bring along your family and friends to Baltimore's only and only absolutely British Garden Party & Fete. Tell them they'll not see anything like it this side of the pond.

We will be taking them back to the good old days when this annual event of **color and pageantry** took place in churchyards and village greens all over England. Entice them with a promise of a fabulous traditional English Cream Tea.

Enter our **Glamorous Grandmother** competition where you will have the chance to be crowned on a beautiful throne. Dads and granddads are not left out as they can enter our **Knobbly Knee** competition and walk off with the much desired title. For the children there will be many, many games and compe-

titions for them to enter as well as a **Bouncy Windsor Castle**.

The theme chosen for our prize winning competition for **Floral Exhibits** - "British Pubs". Further details will soon appear. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 1st!

✠ **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: Tracey, Linda, Robert, Nancy, Earnie, Sharp, Edithann, Jay, Robert, Nancy, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, Val, Helen, Joseph, Joshua, Rachel, 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, Katherine, William, Betty, Cal, Wendell, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tracy, Tom, Lelillah, 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, LFrances, 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, Linda, 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: June, Jean, Garrett, Ned, & Stephen, Rachel, Robert & Renee, Lydia; Richard, Melba, Debbie, Phyllis, Georgetta, Carolyn, Suzanne, Tony, Erik, 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, Carol, Sandra, Elsie, John, Mary, Michael and ;David

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

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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 GOOD SHEPHERD
SUNDAY AND ST. GEORGE'S DAY

ALMIGHTY God, who has given thine only Son to die be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.. *AMEN. Book of Common Prayer, Page 171*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast made us heirs of all victories of faith: Arm us, like Saint George, with such trust in the truth that is invisible, that we may seek no rest from its demands, and have no fear it its service; though the same 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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