

St. Stephen's News

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FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

The annual fete: What a swell party it was!

IT WAS JUST the thing we needed to put the recession utterly out of our minds for a few hours! Indeed, our British Garden Party and Fete – organized by **Donna Szper** – has become much more than another fund raiser. Like our Cookie Walk, it is rapidly achieving the status of a much loved neighborhood institution.

This year's event seems set to become the best ever both in terms of fun that was had and funds that were raised. The Tea Room, under the leadership of **Rosa Halbert**, took in over \$1,200. This represents more than 120 teas. No sooner was a table vacated than it was reoccupied once again by new guests.

It was a hungry crowd . . . and a thirsty one. Our British specialities – sausage rolls and Welsh and Cornish pasties – sold out completely. The Hot Dogs Stand did a roaring trade as did the folks selling beverages.

The Pillory – supervised by gaolers [*pronounced "jailer," ed.*] **Brock Johnson** and **Happy Riley** – did a land office business. Apparently, it's not only children who simply cannot resist hurling wet sponges at people helplessly trapped in the pillory's embrace. Adults adore it, too. All in all, the pillory raised more than \$350. At \$2 a time, that's a powerful lot of wet sponges. It was an impressive first appearance for the attraction.

The Cake Table, White Elephant Stall, Plant Stall, Wine Wheel and Book Stall were all exceedingly popular. The children's attractions, under the watchful eyes of **Diane Novicki**, **Tracey Gushue** and **Jeanette Menas**, were never short of custom. But, then, Jeanette's face painting is ever popular and what kid could possibly resist Iggy the Magician or a bouncy castle?

A full accounting of the day's "take" had not been completed at the time of writing. Initial tallies, however, indicate gross receipts before the deduction of expenses exceeded \$7,000. That is a tremendous achievement.

Mentioning everybody who contributed to the success of this wonderful event would be an overwhelming task. Consider, for instance, the large number of people who contributed cakes for the Cake Stall and Tea Room, and the folks who burrowed into their cupboards and attics to stock the White Elephant Stall with high quality jumble [*i.e. junk, ed.*]

However, a few people deserve singling out for the extraordinary effort they put in to make the event a success. **Donna Szper** richly deserves our thanks again taking on the daunting task of organizing the garden party.

Folks who work behind the scenes are rarely shown the appreciation they merit. For example, **Martha Miller** and **Don Ruthig**, joint chairmen of the Building and Grounds Committee, did an extraordinary job preparing the grounds and putting up the stalls.

They were enthusiastically aided and abetted in this by **Brock Johnson** and **Colby Hawks**, who made sure the church facilities were sparkling clean for the occasion, and **Bill Hawkins**, the only man who could remember

how to put up the tents. Nor should we overlook the culinary skills of the chefs of the Silly Summer Suppers, **Anne Hawkins** and **Charlotte Hawtin**, who labored over hot ovens baking the ever-popular pasties and sausage rolls (not to mention Welsh Cakes and brownies) for the event.

And we'd also be remiss if we failed to thank to all of you – **the parishioners of St. Stephen's** – who manned the stalls, and whose help and financial support contributed so greatly to the event's success.

Last but far from least, our thanks goes to **Father John Filkins**, who travelled all the way from his parish in Pica-yune, Mississippi, to reprise his role as King Henry VIII, the distinguished royal personage who opened the garden party. What a great sport he is! We only hope his new parishioners appreciate him as much as we do!

FROM THE RECTOR

A quintessentially English Evensong

CHORAL EVENSONG on the Fourth Sunday After Easter, May 2nd, welcomed the St. George's Society of Baltimore in a belated celebration of St. George, Patron of England whose feast day is observed on April 23rd.

It was a service with an unabashedly English flavor from start to finish. The Processional Hymn was *I vow to thee, my country*. The Office Hymn at the conclusion of the service was the great English favorite *Jerusalem*.

Jerusalem is a musical setting of the poem of the same name by William Blake, the mystical poet and artist who lived at the turn of the 18th and 19th centuries. Blake's works include the poem *The Tyger* and an extraordinary collection of paintings [one entitled *The Ghost of a Flea*] on permanent exhibition in London's Tate Gallery.

The music included Richard Shepherd's setting of the *Preces & Responses*, Herbert Murrill's *Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in E* and C. Hubert H. Parry's *I was glad when they said unto me* [Psalm 122:1-3, 6-7].

Parry's anthem and the Intercessory Prayers were followed three rousing verses of the *British National Anthem*, the second verse of which utters sentiments not utterly inappropriate to our present times.

It goes: "O Lord our God, arise, Scatter our enemies, And make them fall; Confound their politics, Frustrate their knavish tricks; On thee our hopes we fix: God save us all."

The Voluntary was the quintessentially English *Orb and Sceptre (Coronation March, 1953)* by Sir William Walton.

The one sad note was that it was Head Chorister **Alexander Nickol's** swansong in the treble stalls. Adric, the choirmaster, presented him with a certificate from the Royal School of Church Music in recognition of both the quality of his singing and the dedication with which he approaches it. Happily, this is by no means the last St. Stephen's will see of Xander. Adric tells us he will continue singing with the choir "on whatever voice parts Mother Nature has in store for him."

A freewill offering was received at the service in aid of the charity the choir adopted last year: Dr. Bob's Place, the hospice for children under construction at Joseph Richey Hospice. So far the choir has raised upwards of \$5,000 for Dr. Bob's. GPH✘

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR
THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION**
being the Sixth Sunday After Easter, May 16th, 2010

8.00 AM & 9.15 AM
HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: I St. Peter 4:7-11
The Gospel: St. John 15:26-16:4a

11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER
The Psalter: Psalm 24
The First Lesson: Isaiah 33:5-6,17,20-22
The Second Lesson: St. John 17:1-26

FROM THE VESTRY

**Make a point of coming
to our Annual Meeting**

REMEMBER! REMEMBER! The Annual Parish Meeting will take place between the 9.15 AM and 11.15 AM services on the Sunday After the Ascension, May 16th.

It will be worth your while to attend. In addition to hearing what's going on in the parish, we will be serving a slap up breakfast during the meeting.

The candidates renominated *en bloc* to serve on the vestry are retiring members **John Cobb**, Rector's Warden; **Gordon Turner**, People's Warden; and **Donna Szper**, who chairs the Garden Party and Cookie Walk committees.

✠ 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

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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.

Prayer Chain, call the office at 410 560 6776.

RECOVERY: Elizabeth, 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, 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, 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: 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.

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL: Nick Ranieri.

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: The Rev. Rudolph Ranieri. & family.

**COLLECTS FOR ROGATION SUNDAY
AND ASCENSION DAY**

O LORD, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we might in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *AMEN.*

Book of Common Prayer, Pages 175 & 177

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