

St. Stephen's News

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A parish in the classical Anglican tradition

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FROM THE RECTOR

Vestry appoints a Parish Development Committee

ST. STEPHEN'S Vestry has appointed a Development Committee charged with formulating a strategic plan to chart the parish's future. They will be reviewing a wide range of activities including congregational growth, outreach and fund raising.

The committee will be chaired by Vestryman Allan Gushue, chief executive of a mortgage brokerage and the parish's leading fund raiser. The committee members are Wendy Smith, a development officer with Johns Hopkins University, Bea Kalina, a strategic planner and volunteer coordinator at the Joseph Richey Hospice and Martha Miller, co-chairman of the parish's Buildings & Grounds Committee and a member of the development committee at St. Paul's Schools for Girls.

Among the projects the Development Committee will oversee is the campaign to establish an endowment fund to underpin the parish's financial future. The initial goal is to raise some \$200,000 for the Endowment Fund, the income from which will be dedicated to paying off the parish's \$480,000 mortgage.

Treasurer Bill Hawkins has already received promises of substantial sums of money from a number of parishioners to launch the campaign. A charter document for the Endowment Fund is being drawn up by Senior Warden John Cobb.

FROM THE CHOIRMASTER

Celebrate the Fourth of July at our Hymnfest

PUT YOUR patriotism on display at our Fourth of July Hymnfest and Reception. It will take place at the church on Sunday July 4th. at 6.00 PM -- the same time as our monthly services of Choral Evensong.

This year presents us with one of those rare occasions when Independence Day falls on a Sunday, and we should make the most of it. What better way is there to celebrate it than with the patriotic songs and hymns that are traditionally sung on the nation's birthday, followed by a gala July 4th reception?

Come and join your voice with ours in a musical tribute to the USA at our Fourth of July Hymnfest. The program will not only be devoted to July 4th favorites, we are also planning to sing the parish's most popular hymns.

This means we are asking you to vote for your favorite hymn or hymns. We will be giving out voting slips with the orders of service at Sunday services. Submit the numbers and tunes of your favorites and drop your votes in the alms bason along with your offering or hand them in at the office. Then get ready to sing your heart out. ADRIC

TIMEFORREFLECTION

Lest we forget to give thanks on July the 4th

THE COMING of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost as a mighty rushing wind and dancing tongues of fire turned a tiny group of fearful people into fearless evangelists who went on to transform the world with Jesus Christ's Gospel of Salvation.

They taught that every individual, no matter how high or low their estate, is equally precious in the eyes of their creator and that our most important duty, after our duty to love God, is to love our fellows as much as we love ourselves.

Over the millennia, this radical doctrine totally reordered what was once unashamedly referred to as "Christendom" and is now

blandly – and inaccurately – referred to as the West. It swept away the rationalizations and intellectual accommodations that permitted the tyranny of kings, the twin evils of chattel slavery and wage slavery, and the murderous revolutionary utopianisms who have sought to enshrine human beings on God's throne.

Nowhere has its effects been felt more acutely than in this land of ours. Contrary to what folks might be taught at school these days, America's founding fathers were inspired by the Christian vision animated by Christ's Comforter -- a vision which holds that the most noble act people can perform is to lay down their lives for the good of their fellow men.

Such acts can take the form of lives devoted to the altruistic service of others – teachers, nurses, doctors, scientists, clergy and folks who work with the poor, the needy, the troubled in spirit and the dying – all those selfless folk who commit their lives to the service of others.

On the Fourth of July, the nation's birthday, we should also pause to pay homage to the people who have made the ultimate sacrifice – the people who have, literally, laid down their lives to enable the rest of us to live in peace, freedom and dignity.

Officer and enlisted man, black, brown, white, Native American and Asian, they have always been citizen soldiers who came to the colors to defend a country whose liberties and commitment to justice they cherished.

They have come from all walks of life – farmers and foundry

**THE RETURN OF THE
SILLY SUMMER SUPPERS**
Fun neighborhood get-togethers every
Thursday at 5.30 PM
Join us for Evensong at 5.00 PM

men, bankers and bakers, stock brokers and stockyard hands, cabbies and cowboys – to honor an obligation the general acceptance of which stretches back more than 300 years to the time when the first settlers set foot on these shores.

It is a sense of duty rooted in America's unique, intensely close relationship with that extraordinary book the Bible. This relationship, in turn, arises from the fact that from the very beginning this land, this blessed land, was regarded by those who settled it as a "Promised Land" -- a "Land of Milk and Honey."

It is by no means accidental that the people who stormed out of the Wilderness into the Land of Canaan 3,500 years were also citizen soldiers – men whose normal occupations were as far from soldiering as it is possible to get: herdsmen, metal workers,

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FOURTH OF JULY HYMN FEST
6.00 PM Sunday, July 4th, 2010
Reception to follow

carpenters, potters, fishermen. These ordinary folk took up arms only when called upon to defend their faith, their homes, and their loved ones.

When the call to arms came, the situation was invariably desperate. At the time the Angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon in the days of the Judges, the whole land was under occupation by the Midianites, who came from what today we call Saudi Arabia.

And the man God had singled out to save the country was so frightened of the hosts of Midian, he was threshing his wheat in his wine press in hopes that the Midianite soldiers wouldn't find it – not at all your average run-of-the-mill superhero.

All-too-often the Israelite volunteers had to turn to unorthodox methods to make up for their lack of skill at the business of soldiering. King David was the prototype of the American Minute Man when he used his prowess with a slingshot on the

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR
INDEPENDENCE DAY**

being Sunday, July 4th, 2010

8.00 AM, 9.15 AM & 11.15 AM
HOLY COMMUNION

For the Epistle: Deuteronomy 10:17-21
The Gospel: St. Matthew 5:43-48

FOR YOUR MORNING OFFICE

The Psalter: Psalm 18:1-20
The First Lesson: Isaiah 26:1-12
The Second Lesson: St. John 8:31-36

hunting field to slay the giant Goliath.

Often they relied on inventiveness and command of technology to make up for deficiencies in numbers and military expertise. Just of the way Gideon and David's made use of psychological warfare.

Often, they had nothing to rely on but faith that God would come to their aid – as in the days of Hezekiah when Judah stood defenseless in face of the Assyrian King Sennacherib. And God miraculously preserved Jerusalem in much the same way that he sustained and preserved America during the Revolution.

If the benefits of living in here in America are great, the duties and obligations are great also. Young Americans have never shirked those duties and obligations – even at the cost of their lives. Memorial Day was instituted to enable us to express our gratitude to who sacrificed their lives in order that we should continue to enjoy ours.

The poet Laurence Binyon paid tribute on behalf of all of us in a poem called "A Song for the Fallen": It reads, in part:

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them . . .*

As our Lord Jesus Christ said: "Greater love hath no man than this, that man lay down his life for his friends." **GPH**

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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: Helen, Alma, Sara, Ravi, Elizabeth, Brian, 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, Erline, 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, Carol and Debbie.

LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: June, Anna, 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.

**COLLECTS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY & ST. PETER**

O GOD, the protector of all who trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts and commanded him earnestly to feed thy flock: Make, we beseech thee, all thy Bishops and Pastors, diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they make receive the crown of everlasting glory, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

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