

# St. Stephen's News

**St. Stephen's Church, Timonium, Maryland**  
 A parish in the classical Anglican tradition

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**FROM THE RECTOR**

## Ferrets and the fate of my large White Rabbit

"WHAT HAPPENED to the White Rabbit?" asked Wiley Hawks, intrigued by the ultimate fate the large and handsome rabbit I had rescued from a neighbor's Christmas dinner table. His interest had been sparked by a finely crafted antique English ferret cage he had acquired at a local auction.

"It must have been a very small ferret, don't you think?" he said, holding up the tiny, highly polished mahogany casket. As the world's living expert on English rural oddities, I am often asked for my opinion about such arcane artifacts.

I explained that ferrets didn't live in those miniature cages. They were merely used to transport them from the hutches where they lived to the burrows where their owners hunted rabbits. This was done by pegging nets over all but one of the exits to the rabbit burrows. The ferret was then released from the cage into the burrow.

Rabbits -- rightly terrified of the vicious little predators -- soon started fleeing the burrows only to be trapped in the nets over the exits and swiftly dispatched by little boys wielding what in my part of the world were called "ruddy girt sticks."

The knack was not to hit the ferret -- a feat easier said than done. I was present when Reuben Packer fatally whacked his dad's favorite ferret. It was the first time I had ever seen a grown man sit down and weep.

My white rabbit enjoyed a long, well fed and slothful life in a warm and roomy hutch. Field rabbits, by contrast, figured often on country folks' menus. Some were shot, more were trapped, but most, I suspect, came courtesy of the men with the ferret cages. **GUY HAWTIN\***

**FROM THE TREASURER**

## *Please make life easier by sending in pledges*

A TREASURER'S lot is not a happy one (apologies to Gilbert & Sullivan) at this time of the year. The problem, you see, is that the poor treasurer has to prepare a budget for the coming year and -- as always -- there are still a lot of pledges to come in.

If you haven't yet sent in your pledge, please pop it in the mail as soon as possible. It will make my life so much easier. Take pity on poor treasurers at this time of year. We like to celebrate Christmas too! **BILL HAWKINS**

**THE ENDOWMENT FUND**

## *Consider a gift of shares*

A SEASONAL gift of shares is always warmly welcome by folks like us who are establishing an endowment fund. A gift of shares can also provide the giver with a useful tax write off, especially if they have an highly appreciated value. St. Stephen's maintains a brokerage account and we can either hold the shares you donate or sell them if you think that best. The parish has already benefitted from gifts of highly appreciated shares.

Currently the fund stands at over \$110,000 -- well over half way towards an initial goal of \$200,000. The Endowment Fund is intended to provide the parish with the financial stability to sustain its growth. The income will be primarily devoted to reducing the mortgage.

The Endowment Fund Drive team welcomes contributions large and small. If you would like to donate to the fund, please send your check to the Treasurer, made out to *St. Stephen's Traditional Episcopal Church* and marked on the memo line "*Endowment Fund.*" If you wish to make an donation in memory, or in honor of a loved one or friend, please give us the

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Schedule, Dec. 24th, 2010, to Jan. 9th, 2011

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, December 24th

4.00 PM: Children's Christmas Service & Blessing of the Creche

7.00 PM: Family Candlelight Eucharist

10.30 PM: Choir sings carols followed by Solemn High Christmas Eucharist

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 25th

10.00 AM: Sung Holy Communion

### PATRONAL FESTIVAL

The Feast of St. Stephen

Sunday, December 26th

8.00 AM: Holy Communion

9.15 AM: Holy Communion

11.15 AM: Morning Prayer

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Feast of St. Sylvester

Friday, December 31st, 2010

11.15 PM: Holy Communion

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Feast of The Holy Name

Saturday, January 1st, 2011

10.00 AM: Holy Communion

### THE SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, December January 9th, 2011

At 6.00 PM The Choir of Men & Boys sing:

A FESTIVAL OF  
 LESSONS & CAROLS FOR  
 THE EPIPHANY

information in a separate note. Also let us know if you would like to be named in the newsletter as a donor. **BILL HAWKINS**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**THE LADIES of St. Stephen's Christmas lunch will be at Patrick's Restaurant on Cranbrook Road, Cockeysville, at noon on Monday, December 20th. To reserve a place, call Joyce Perlberg at 410-252-2680.**

**THE CHRISTMAS BLOOD DRIVE: Please give the gift of life this Christmas. Sign up for our Christmas Blood Drive, which will take place on Monday, December 27th, between the hours of 3.30 PM and 8.00 PM.**

**SAVE THE DATE OF April 23rd, 2011 for the dedication of the Joyce Holmes Memorial Glen at the Cylburn Arboretum. Time: 10.30 AM to 12.30 PM.**

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE  
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
being Sunday, December 19th, 2010**

**8.00 AM & 9.15 AM  
HOLY COMMUNION**

The Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7  
The Gospel: St. John 1:19-28

**11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER**  
The Psalter: Psalm 80

The First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11  
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 3:1-17

Tanya, Jane, Brook, Val, Helen, Joseph, Joshua, Rachel, Carl, Cal, Catherine, Sam, Ruth, Kristi, Paul, Sue, James, Patty, Antonio, Lauren-Michelle, McK-ayla, Randy, Jack, Grace, Bob, Fran, Carolyn, Ken, Serina, Wyatt, Bobby, Alexander, Erlene, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, William, Betty, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tracy, Tom, Lelilah, Jennifer, Miriam, Karen, George, Eliza, Mel, John, Randy, James, Sarah, Linda, Suzanne, Marian, Steven, Jeanne, Tammy; Ellen, Jim, Patricia, Bonnie, Mary Ann, Robert, Christine, Dee, Brian, Barbara, Gillian, Eileen, Matthew, George, Bryan, Jason, Jane, Joan, Frances, Pat, 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, Linda, Carol, Bernie, Charlene, Josephine, Margaret, 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 Carol.

**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, 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.

**✠ 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:** Noah, Heather, Laurie, Diane, Don, Lynn, Helen, Georgetta, Katherine, Hindra, Sara, Ravi, Elizabeth, Brian, Tracey, Linda, Robert, Nancy, Edithann, Doris, Jay, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb,

**Christmas Memorial Flowers**

*If you wish to make a contribution towards the Church Christmas decorations in honor or memory of a loved one please complete this form and return it with a check (payable to St. Stephen's Church and marked Christmas flowers) by December 20th.*

**Name of Donor:** .....

<b>Poinsettias</b> (Pink, Red or Jingle Bells)	<b># of plants</b>
6 inches, single (4-6 blooms) @ \$8	_____
7 inches, double, (7-10 blooms) @ \$15	_____
8 inches, triple, (red & white) (10-15 blooms) @ \$22	_____

My gift is made **IN HONOR OF, IN MEMORY OF, IN THANKSGIVING FOR** (please circle)

**Total enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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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: THE THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ADVENT & THE EMBER DAYS**

O LORD Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries my likewise so prepare and make ready thy way; by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end.  
*AMEN.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who has committed to the hands of men the ministry of reconciliation; We humbly beseech thee, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, to put it into the hearts of many to offer themselves for this ministry, that thereby mankind may be drawn to thy blessed kingdom; though Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

*Book of Common Prayer, Pages 93 & 260*

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