St. Stephen's News

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REMEMBER, REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO

St. Stephen's British Garden Party & Fete 11.30 AM to 4.00 PM, Saturday, May 5th.

DONT FORGET to bring your family and friends to Timonium's very own ethnic festival -- St. Stephen's British Garden Party and Fete -- on Saturday, May 5th. The Romans had orgies with roasted dormice in garum (fermented fish sauce -- uggh!). The Greeks have bouzouki music and spinach pies. The Germans oom-pah bands and bratwurst. But we are offering so much more, including snorkers, sausage rolls, cornish and welsh pasties, afternoon tea, bagpipes, May Pole dancing sack races, egg and spoon races, the pillory, a bouncy castle, wheels of chance and plenty of real ale.

The big event -- to be opened by His Most Gracious Majesty Henry VIII, King of England, Prince of Ireland, Duke of Acquitaine, and all that jazz -- is scheduled to take place between 11.30 AM and 4.00 PM. However there is still much to be done to ensure that this year's party is as successful as its predecessors.

One way you can help is by becoming a Patron of the event. It might not get you on the Queen of England's Birthday Honors List, but your name will be listed in our complimentary program guide – and that's almost as good. Why not sign up for one of the four levels of patronage:

■ Imperial Crown \$100. ■ House of Windsor \$75. ■ House of York \$50. ■ House of Lancaster \$30.

And May Day ... May Day ... May Day ... There are all sorts of items we need for the party: We are looking for: **Cakes for the Cake Stall**. Last year your cakes were so scrumptious, we sold out completely in the first two hours. Please double your efforts. It's all in a good cause.

We also need **tea cakes and dainties for our Tea Room**. We can use all the help we can get to provide mouthwatering teas for our guests. Also on our wish list are card tables and chairs for the tea room. They don't need to be Chippendale or Sheraton from the Custis side of the family or the neat little Shaker ladder backs you inherited from Auntie Mimi last summer. Plain ordinary ones will do very nicely.

We are also in the market for **superior quality jumble** for our **White Elephant Stall**. This is your opportunity to at last get rid of the auto harp 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. You can start bring them to the church the week after Easter.

Other things we are badly in need of are **bottles of wine and spirits** only for our bottle stall and **pretty baskets** are also needed for our floral arrangements. We are hoping to offer our guests a selection calculated to appeal to every taste. Dorona SZPER, WEAD COOK & BOTTLE WASHER.

FROM THE RECTOR

What a truly wonderful consecration that was!

THE CONSECRATION of The Right Reverend John Vaughan as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of the Eastern United States took place at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Timonium, Wednesday, April 18th. Bishop Vaughan's principal consecrators were The Most Reverend Brian Marsh, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church in America, The Rt. Rev. Stephen P. Strawn, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Missouri Valley, and The Rt. Rev. Chandler Holder Jones of the Anglican Province of America. Co-consecrators were The Rt. Rev. George Langberg, ACA; The Rt. Rev. Robert Loiselle, APA; and the Rt. Rev. Council Ned of the Episcopal Missionary Church.

A large congregation of priests and laity packed the church for the Consecration Liturgy and the Eucharist that followed it. After the anointing and "laying on hands" by the consecrating bishops, Bishop Vaughan was presented with the Instruments of Authority: the Bible, cope, mitre, Episcopal ring and crosier or pastoral staff.

The crosier (a bishop's stylized shepherd's crook) was the gift of Don Ruthig. It was a spectacular piece of woodwork, featuring in the center of the crook a beautifully hand carved shamrock — a traditional symbol of the Holy Trinity and a tribute to Ireland, Bishop Vaughan's birthplace.

The service music – which had a strongly Irish flavor – drew fulsome compliments from both from the participating bishops and clergy and the people in the pews. Few of the congregants, however, were aware that Adric, the organist and cantor, was performing under exceedingly trying circumstances. Our organ had broken down on the Sunday before the consecration and, despite extensive repairs, the miserable thing failed completely on the day of the service.

The Ray Daffer organ company came to the rescue with the loan of a substitute four hours before the service was due to begin. Adric, thus, had very little time to acclimatize himself to the new instrument. His was a consummately professional performance. Seldom have compliments been so richly deserved.

Bouquets are owed to the people behind the scenes who made the occasion so joyous and so memorable. Organizers for the event were the redoubtable Donna Szper and Rose Halbert (also affectionately known in the diocese as "Trouble One" and "Trouble Two.")

Their able support staff – cleaning the church, serving the food, ferrying the guests, etc. – included Sev and Martha Miller, Brock "Sparkles" Johnson, Judy & Steve Kight, Ellen Reather, Dan Bursi, Don & Karen Ruthig, Judy Elliott, Happy Riley, Bill & Anne Hawkins, Brice & Reta Richardson, Bill Spicer and Charlotte Hawtin.

Our thanks also to the folks who provided the food for the reception following the service and Colby and Wiley Hawks who entertained the bishops and other dignitaries to dinner on the Monday evening before the

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER Being Sunday, May 6th, 2012

8.00 AM, 9.00 AM & 11.15 AM HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: St. James 1:17-The Gospel: St. John 16:5-13

FOR YOUR MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 116 The First Lesson: Job 19:21-27a The Second Lesson: St. John 12

Consecration. Thanks are also owed the staff of the Padonia Park Club who catered lunch, supper on Tuesday and breakfast on Wednesday.

By way of congratulations, the bishops confirmed St. Stephen's as the pro-cathedral of the diocese – a considerable honor for a modest country church with a warm hearted, generous, hard working and extremely capable congregation. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. **GPH***

FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Help us make the final plans for Garden Party

THE PARISH Life Committee invites everybody -- all members and friends of St. Stephen's -- to a supper meeting at 6.30 PM on Tuesday, May 1st. The main item of the agenda will be the final preparations for the British Garden Party.

Please join to finish planning this important event. Your input is greatly valued -- and to prove just how much we value it, we will be serving a delicious lasagna supper so there is no need to worry about missing supper..

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00 am: Said Eucharist 9.00 am: Sung Eucharist (with Nursery & Church School) 11.15 am: Choral Mattins (1st Sunday: Choral Eucharist) 6.00 pm: Choral Evensong (1st Sunday only)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, 6.00 pm: Evening Prayer Friday Noon: Healing Eucharist Saturday, 5.00 pm: 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 prayer list, or to the visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the parish office at 410 560 6776.

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RECOVERY: Hope, Jodi, Scott, Leo, Riley, Phyllis, Linda Lou, Cynthia, Robert, Nancy, Judith, Deborah, Dorothy, Dr. Devadadson, Thelma, Mary, Adele, Linda, Jan, Liz, Bob, Wyatt, Jim, Reta, Sara, Tammy, Sophie, Paula, Blair, Melvin, Heather, Laurie, Diane, Don, Lynn, Helen, Katherine, Hindra, Ravi, Elizabeth, Brian, Tracey, Edithann, Jay, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, Val, Joseph, Joshua, Rachel, Carl, Cal, Catherine, Sam, Ruth, Kristi, Paul, Sue, Patty, Antonio, Ray, Lauren-Michelle, McKayla, Randy, Jack, Grace, Fran, Carolyn, Ken, Serina, Wyatt, Bobby, Alexander, Erline, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, William, Betty, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tom. Leliliah, Jennifer, Miriam, Karen, George, Eliza, Mel, John, Randy, James, Sarah, Linda, Suzanne, Steven, Jeanne, Tammy; Ellen, Patricia, Bonnie, Mary Ann, Christine, Dee, Brian, Barbara, Gillian, Eileen, Matthew, Bryan, Jason, Joan, Frances, Pat, Michael, Brandon, May, Stephen, Danny, Billy, Betty-Ann, Mildred, D'Metrius, Laura, Stacey, Frank, Christine, John, Henry, Naomi, Pam, Ben, Kevin, Gwen, Gloria, Lee Emily, 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, Joanne, *Albion, Martha, Jackie, Charles, Tony, Edward, Kim, Vivian, Doris, Carol, and Suzie.

LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Aaron, Tom, Jennifer, Brendan, Rosa, June, Anna, Jean, Garrett, Ned, Stephen, Rachel, Robert & Renee, Lydia; Richard, Melba, Debbie, Phyllis, Carolyn, Suzanne, Tony, Erik, Drake, Bobby, Kay & Emma, Gillian, Beverley, Adrienn, Jhana, Marla, Matthew, Joan, David, Laurie, Ellen, Lynn, Mildred, Sarah Lee, 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, Chris, Stephen, Carol, Sandra, John, Mary, Michael and David ON ACTIVE SERVICE: LTC R I Lytle, PEC Charles E.

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COLLECTS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER & Ss. PHILLIP & JAMES

ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN

ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life; Grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, following the steps of thy holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN*.

Book of Common Prayer, Pages 173 & 258

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