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FROM THE MOST REV. BRIAN MARSH

Congrats and thanks from Presiding Bishop

MAY 5th, 2012 -- Dear Father Hawtin,
Please accept my sincere thanks for all you
and St. Stephen's did for the House of
Bishops and Executive Council during our
recent visit to Timonium.

Thanks are due to so many for making our
visit pleasant and productive.

I have heard nothing but enthusiastic praise
for the Consecration service. Much of this is
due to your expertise and the talent and ability
of your outstanding organist.

I also commend Donna and Rosa [a.k.a. Trouble
One & Trouble Two.] for their organizational work.
I could use a good deal more of such
"trouble" in the ACA!

Blessings to All

✠Brian

FROM THE RECTOR

British Garden Party a huge \$4K success

"THIS garden party," asked the lady at the other end of the
telephone, "Is it rain or shine?" It was quite a sensible question,
really. It had been raining for much of the day and the forecast
for the next days -- including, Saturday, May 5th -- seemed just
as grim. "Oh yes," I told her, "It is most definitely rain or shine.
It's a genuinely British garden party."

As things turned out, May 5th dawned in a flood of sunshine
and the weather stayed that way all day. And, maybe because the
heavens smiled upon us, we enjoyed one the most successful
British Garden Parties and Fetes ever.

By the end of the day everyone -- workers and guests -- had
enjoyed a thoroughly jolly time, the evidence of which was
manifest in the funds raised. At the end of the day, Parish Life
Committee treasurer, Cynthia Baker reported the "take" totaled
\$4,265.

There are still some modest expenses to be deducted from the
total as well as a little more cash to come in. However, the event
promises to yield the parish a very handy profit -- not bad for an
event which has normally be regarded more as a community
outreach than a fund raiser.

"Huzzah!" as our ever affable Henry VIII (alias Father Jon
Filkins) would say. ("Huzzah" is the much to be desired
precursor of the modern British howl "Hooray! "Hooray!")

Events as successful as this one are a little like icebergs. The
vast bulk of the work that ensured success lies unseen and, all
too often, unapplauded. So many people were involved in
staging the event, it is hard to compile an exhaustive list of those
who deserve congratulations.

Suffice it to say that a particular vote of thanks should go to
Garden Party chairman, the redoubtable Donna Szper. She is the
lady who obtained the permits, engaged the bag pipers, allocated
the booths, press ganged helpers and generally kept everybody
in line. The legion of helpers included Martha & Sev Miller,

To The Ladies of St. Stephen's
and their lady friends:
The Ladies Who Lunch
invite you to join them
for good food and great fellowship
at Yasou Greek Restaurant,
Amish Market Shopping Center,
York Road,
at 11.45 AM, Wednesday, May 16th.
To reserve, call Joyce Perlberg
410-252-2680

Stephanie Verhage, Don & Karen Ruthig, Rosa Halbert, Cyndie
& Dan Baker, Kirby von Kessler, Gordon & Mavis Turner,
Colby Hawks, Priscilla & Dick Huffman, Judy Elliott, Paul &
Sara Douglas, Bill Young, Suzie Henneman, Shirley Steinberg,
Happy & Whitney Riley, Alison Hendricks, Jane & John
Woodall, Diane Novicki, Tracy Gushue, Tracey Collins, Bea &
Dan Bursi, Jean Young, Jacqueline Green, Kim & Bob
Reynolds, Bill Clark, June Pearce, Mark Matherson, Anne &
Bill Hawkins, Brock Johnson, Joyce Perlberg, Phyllis Rice,
Birdie Krauss, Barbara Parker, Bill Spicer, Reta Richardson Judy
& Steve Kight and Charlotte Hawtin. My apologies to those I
have inadvertently omitted.

One of the hardest workers of all was King Henry VIII, The
monarch graciously opened the affair and kept things going with
gusto and, mercifully, great good humor. Nobody was beheaded
or burned at the stake, although this might have been a decided
possibility. Correspondence preceding the event suggests the
long dead king has actually possessed poor Fr. Jon. But judge for
yourselves. GPH✠

Most Beloved Subjects Sir R.B. Wiley and Lady R.B.W. Colby,

*Forsooth! It grieves me to be so long away [from St. Stephen's
Shire], for fast have the days passed since our last revels. Nay, in
truth, 'tis only the briefest of moments, as our memories of yore
are as fresh as the rememberings of the dispatch of a certain
Queen, who lacked a good head. Your Lordly Regent, Exalted
King, Imperial Emperor, Defender of the Faith, etcetera, ad
nauseum, doth again desireth to proclaim his satisfaction for
that which thou hath provided us in these ages past.*

*Oh woe! Alas and alack, thy King doth continueth to search
for a new bride. Having spent these many days sitting on the
splendid, but splintery, Throne of St. Gumbozo the Truly
Mediocre at our splendid, but moldered, Swampsey Palace, in
our splendid, but vermin infested Castle of Picayune, we hath
commanded our many lowly lackeys to search high and low for
a bride in these fair lands. Finding no success in love and now,
with fewer lowly lackeys, we prithe God have mercy upon us in
our quest . . . We perceiveth thy shire has many eligible women
of fine quality for Royal consideration at our return, the 5th of
May, to St Stephen's Shire.*

Zoot and Alors! Regally,

Henry REX VIII

FROM THE TREASURER

It never rains, but it always seems to pour

DESPITE the economic downturn -- or perhaps because of it -- our
overheads have continued upwards. Thus the Vestry is asking
each of our parishioners and friends prayerfully to consider
increasing your financial support this year.

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR
THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION**

Being the Sixth Sunday After Easter, May 20th, 2012

**8.00 AM & 9.00 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, 22

The Second Lesson: St. John 17:1-26

We are hoping for a modest increase in pledges for the short term. And with a view to the longer term, we are renewing our appeal for contributions the parish Endowment Fund in order to secure the parish's future. Thanks to your past generosity, the fund currently stands at just under \$200,000. Our aim is to double that figure over the next couple of years.

The Vestry is also hoping to raise a little money to invest in the parish's future by building a children's play area behind the church. Every other church in the neighborhood has a play area, and the vestry believes that such a "child friendly" investment would be useful in attracting young families.

Now we come to a "it never rains but it pours" bit. On the morning of Bishop Vaughan's consecration our organ "gave up the ghost." The folks at the Ray Daffer organ company saved the day by loaning us a new instrument while they repair ours. That was the good news. The bad news is that the repairs will cost us at lot of money – quite how much we don't yet know, but at least several thousand dollars. We would be most grateful if you can see your way clear to helping us raise the money to cover these unexpected costs.

Please don't imagine the parish is teetering on the verge of bankruptcy. It's reasonably healthy all things considered. But we haven't begged for your increased financial support in quite a long time. We hope you listen to our needs sympathetically and give us a helping hand if you can afford it. **BILL HAWKINS**

✠ **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.

RECOVERY: Hope, Leo, Riley, Mary-Ann, 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, Erlene, 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, Scott, 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, Gerardine, 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, Adrienne, 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, Mildred, Chris, Stephen, Carol, Sandra, John, Mary, Michael and David

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: LTC R.J. Lytle, PFC Charles E. Heintz, IV, USA; Lt. Benjamin Schramm, USMC; Lt. Alex Bursi, Charles Watts, Capt. Charles Bursi, USN. Lt. Col. Harry Hughes, Major Benjamin Hawkins, British Army

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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.

**COLLECTS FOR ROGATION SUNDAY &
ST. JOHN BEFORE THE LATIN GATE**

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 our Lord Jesus Christ. *AMEN.*

Book of Common Prayer, Page 175

MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright
beams of light upon thy Church, that it being
enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle
and Evangelist Saint John, may so walk in the light
of thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light
of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

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