

# St. Stephen's News

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## REPORT FROM THE WEB

### Any friend of Isaac is a good friend of ours

IT'S BEEN a little over a year since St Stephen's "new" web site went live: the first post was on April 3rd, 2011 (entitled "*Fiat situs interretialis*", in case you missed it). The site has come a long way. Since then, there have been 462 more blog posts, including musings by the Rector (and by Isaac) from the Newsletter, announcements of Women's lunches and Blood Drives, photos from Bishop Vaughan's consecration and the Cookie Walk, and Collects for Sundays and Saints' Days.

In addition to the front page, which is our blog, there are over sixty other pages, describing our liturgy and our beliefs, our various outreach programs, our Christian Education programs, and our Parish Life activities. There are photo galleries of Cookie Walks, Garden Parties, and the children's Crèche service. There are also archives of past sermons and Newsletters in PDF format.

The site has accumulated over 24,000 "views" (every time someone looks at a different page or blog entry, that counts as a "view"). That's about 1,500 views per month, or 50 views per day, with significant surges in November and December of 2011. The busiest day was December 4th, 2011: over 3,000 people visited us from Facebook, with 1,800+ views of the Cookbooks page, and 1,300+ views of the Cookie Walk Silent Auction listing. Or at least that's what the statistics say. Isaac thinks there was something dodgy going on.

But in fact, thousands of visitors find our site from Facebook (over 5,000 so far). All of our blog posts get cross-posted to the Church's Facebook page, and to Isaac's Facebook page (he's actually got more friends than the Church). We've also gotten a lot of visitors clicking through from the Diocesan web page, Holy Trinity Seminary, and sites such as the Prayer Book Society and the Secker Society (which tracks parishes using the 1662 BCP). Recently we got several visitors from Bishop Chad Jones's blog: he posted vast quantities of photos from Bishop Vaughan's consecration.

In turn, a number of visitors have clicked through to other sites from our web pages: The Diocese, Joseph Richey and Dr Bob's, St Barnabas in Picayune (Fr Filkins's parish), and the University of Michigan's searchable, online version of the KJV (including the Apocrypha).

People have found our web site as the result of some rather unusual searches. There are the usual searches, of course: variations of "St Stephen's Anglican/Traditional Episcopal Church Timonium Mays Chapel Baltimore". But 72 folks were searching for "*sic transit gloria mundi*", which Fr Hawtin used in his article on Steve Jobs; 37 were looking for the Chorister's Prayer (we have a Latin translation of the standard Royal School of Church Music prayer); a dozen or so folks were researching the Coverdale Psalter; and a handful of folks were looking for the picture of a Star Wars storm trooper crying into his drink, thinking "those *were* the droids I was looking for". They've also searched for "ganging beer", "bissextum", and "hidden life with thee".

We've only gotten a handful of comments on posts we've made, but a handy program called *Akismet* has protected us from over 26,000 spam comments. So why not visit our site, and leave a comment yourself? Or visit us on Facebook, and become a Friend of Isaac. **PETER THREADGILL**

## THE RECTOR'S REPORT: PART 1

### Parish Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 17th

THE ANNUAL Parish Meeting will take place between the 9.00 AM and 11.15 AM services on Sunday, June 17th. St.

STEPHEN'S has enjoyed another successful year – despite the continuing recession. We have welcomed quite a number of new members, although, sadly, we have also said a final earthly farewell to a number of old friends – including a couple who had been with us from our earliest years.

Church activities, however, were enthusiastically supported and our work in the wider community has continued to expand, serving a growing number of civic organizations and health care institutions.

The key organizer of the parish's community service team is **Mrs. Anne Hawkins**, Director of Pastoral Care. She also edits the newsletter, and coordinates our remarkably successful community blood drives.

We provide chaplains for organizations including the U.S. Navy League, the **Ancient & Honorable Mechanical Company of Baltimore** and the **St. George's Society**. We also provide pastoral care and support at **The Joseph Richey Hospice**, **Union Memorial Hospital** and **The Greater Baltimore Medical Center**.

The clergy conduct regular church services at retirement communities and nursing homes, including **Glen Meadows**, **Mays Chapel Ridge**, **Genesis at Brightwood**, **Genesis at Mays Chapel**, **Lorien at Mays Chapel**, **Lorien in Columbia** and **Roland Park Place**, as well as occasional services at other communities including **Heart Homes**, **Blakehurst**, **Edenwald** and **Keswick**.

The parish continues its monthly collections of non-perishable foodstuffs and household goods for **At Jacob's Well**, a charity that helps Baltimore's mentally ill homeless population.

**The Joseph Richey Hospice's** new hospice for children, **Dr. Bob's Place**, has been in operation for almost a year now and is serving an increasing number of patients. Joseph Richey has been a particular focus of our community service for upwards of 20 years and parishioner **Bea Kallina**, the Volunteer Coordinator, reports an increasing need for our volunteer services particularly at the new children's hospice. Our Tuesday and Friday morning and Wednesday afternoons **Bible Studies** are led by **Brock Johnson** who also serves as lay reader and Sunday School teacher.

The Tuesday morning, **Knitting Circle** – mentored by **Happy Riley** and **Karen Ruthig** – meets in the parish hall to laugh and chat while producing beautifully crafted comforts for the patients at the Joseph Richey Hospice and folks on the parish sick list. They are always ready to welcome new members – learners or expert. And it is not necessary to be physically present to join the circle.

The newsletter comes to you thanks to the hard-working mailroom team: **Donna Szper**, **Joyce Perlberg (and Misty)**, **Mar Bopst** and **Jim Halbert**. (If you change your address or if you're going away for a few days, please let them know so they can make the necessary adjustments to the mailing list.)

The Parish Life Committee (PLC), led by **Chairman Stephanie Verhage**, excelled itself once again. The annual **Cookie Walk**, organized by the irrepressible **Donna Szper** was as successful as ever. Donna also organizes the annual **British Garden Party**, which netted a hefty \$4,000 profit.

The committee organized a host of other events, including a diet-busting Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper. The committee's Silly Summer Suppers – a brainchild of **Anne Hawkins** and **Charlotte Hawtin** – ran through the summer and much of the fall, attracting an enthusiastic following not only among parishioners, but among folks in the neighborhood.

The parish owes a considerable debt of gratitude to the Vestry for its work in overseeing the parish's affairs. They are **John Cobb**, Rector's Warden; **Gordon Turner & Don Ruthig**, People's Wardens; **Paul Douglas**, assistant to the People's Warden; **Bill Hawkins**, treasurer; **Dr. Kirby von Kessler**, registrar; **Alan Gushue**, fund-raiser-in-chief; **Brock Johnson**, director of Adult Education; **Donna Szper** who represents the parish life committee and **J. Brice**

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR  
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Being Sunday, June 17th, 2012

**8.00 AM & 9.00 AM  
HOLY COMMUNION**

The Epistle: I St. John 3:13-24  
The Gospel: St. Luke 14:16-24

**11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER**

The Psalter: Psalm 138  
The First Lesson: Job 21:17-33  
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 14:12-24

**Richardson**, who is a member of the diocesan Standing Committee and the church's National Executive Council.

The building and grounds have never looked better thanks to **Grounds Chairman Martha Miller, Buildings Chairman Don Ruthig and Brock Johnson** (a.k.a. "Sparkles"), who lead a team of enthusiastic volunteers, including **Colby Hawks, Judy Elliot, Sev Miller and Bill Hawkins**.

A special vote of thanks should go **Don Ruthig**, whose wood-working talents, have earned him the title of "Purveyor of Crosiers to the Episcopate. Having produced a gorgeous wooden crosier for Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Brian Marsh, Don made an even more splendid one for our new suffragan, The Rt. Rev. John Vaughan. (Don is planning to make a new an equally splendid one for Bishop Marsh.)

This year we will be electing three vestry members. The nominees are **Don Ruthig, J. Brice Richardson, and Severn Miller** (to replace **Allan Gushue**, who is retiring).

**FROM THE LADIES WHO LUNCH**

**Please join us on June 20th**

LADIES and their gentlemen are invited to Tarks Restaurant at 12 noon on Wednesday, June 20th, at the Greenspring Center on Falls Road. Why not plan to join us for good food and great fellowship? To reserve your place, call Joyce Perlberg at Tel: 410-252-2680.

✠ **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:** Richard, Bill, 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, Lynn, Katherine, Hindra, Ravi, Elizabeth, Brian, Tracey, Edithann, Jay, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, 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, 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, Hope, 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, 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

**REPOSE OF THE SOUL:** Barbara Andrews

**FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** The Andrews family.

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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 TRINITY I AND  
ST BARNABAS THE APOSTLE

O GOD, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee; Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

*Book of Common Prayer, Page 188*

GRANT, O God, that we may follow the example of thy faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of your Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *AMEN.*

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