

# St. Stephen's News

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## STATE OF THE CHURCH: PART III

### Rector's Report 2012/13

FOR St. Stephen's, the year 2012/13 was marked by a number of notable arrivals and departures. Not least **Anne Hawkins**, our beloved Director of Pastoral Care, resigned after 15 years devoted service. She has been succeeded as director by **Happy Riley**, who like Annie, brings to the task both nursing expertise and boundless energy.

**Stephanie Verhage**, the long serving head of the Parish Life Committee, handed over the baton to joint chairmen **Priscilla** and **Dick Huffman**. And **Donna Szper** tendered her resignation after an exhausting decade as organizer of both the Cookie Walk and the Garden Party.

Donna will continue to serve with **Rosa Halbert** as delegate to our diocesan synod, where the pair have earned the sobriquet "**Trouble One and Trouble Two**."

My near departure with a heart attack last year prompted the arrival of **The Rev. Michael Kerouac** to help **Fr. Rhae Kelley** run the parish in my absence. In the short time Fr. Kerouac has been with us, he and his wife Carolyn have become such firm favorites that we asked him to join us as Vicar.

Hard on the heels of Fr. Kerouac's appointment, parishioner **Wiley Hawks** was set apart as Sub-Deacon. Wiley has been assisting at the altar and helping the St. Stephen's pastoral care team in its work both in the parish and the wider community.

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** and its new hospice for children, **Dr. Bob's Place**, is a particular focus of our community service. Parishioner **Bea Kallina**, the hospice's Volunteer Coordinator, reports an increasing need for our volunteer services particularly at the new children's hospice.

Our Tuesday, Friday morning and Wednesday afternoon **Bible Studies** are led by **Brock Johnson** who also serves as lay reader and Sunday School teacher.

The **Knitting Circle** – mentored by **Happy Riley** and **Karen Ruthig** – meets in the parish hall on Thursdays at 10 AM to produce beautifully crafted comforts for the patients at the Joseph Richey Hospice, local nursing homes and folks on the parish sick list. New members are always welcome.

The newsletter now has a new editor – **Don Ruthig** – and comes to you courtesy of 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 few days, please let them know so they can make the necessary adjustments to the mailing list.) The annual **Cookie Walk**, organized by redoubtable **Donna Szper** was as successful as ever. Priscilla and Dick Huffman organized this year's no less successful British Garden Party. (A full report on which will appear in next week's newsletter.)

The Parish Life Committee organized a host of other events, including a diet-busting Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper. The committee's Silly Summer Suppers ran through the summer and into 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 Warden; **Gordon Turner**, People's Warden Emeritus, and **Paul**

**Douglas**, warden's assistant; **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, **J. Brice Richardson**, who is a member of the diocesan Standing Committee, and **Sev Miller**.

At this year's annual meeting, we shall be filling three vestry positions. The nominees are: **Donna Szper**, **John Cobb** and **Gordon Turner**, all retiring vestrymen.

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**.

Thanks to the creativity of **Adric our Organist & Choir Master**, the **Choir of Men & Boys** has maintained a remarkably high standard despite an acute shortage of trebles.

We are always on the lookout for trebles, experienced singers, as well as probationers and learners. If you know a boy who would enjoy singing and who would appreciate a splendid musical education – all for free – please let us know his name. We'd love to recruit him.

Adric and the choir have maintained their splendid Choral Evensong program. These services are generally sung on the first Sunday of the month and the offertory is in aid of the choir's special charity, **Dr. Bob's Place**.

The choir sings only Evensong on the first Sunday of the month and both Choral Eucharist and Mattins on subsequent Sundays. The officiant at Mattins and Evensong is usually **Peter Threadgill**, our head lay reader and resident composer.

Thanks also goes to **Lloyd Bowers**, formerly organist at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Carey Street, Baltimore, who, from time to time, serves as assistant organist.

Our lay readers are **Gordon Turner**, **Paul Douglas**, **Dan Bursi**, **J. Brice Richardson**, **Bob Reynolds**, **Dr. Kirby von Kessler** and **Chris Carroll Browne**.

**Postulants John Novicki** and **Michael Belt** will, God willing, be ordered Deacons by Bishop Vaughan Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Both have been busy with studies and with outreach programs. John acts as lay chaplain to a group of re-enactors. Mike, assisted by Wiley Hawks, provides pastoral care at a local nursing home.

St. Stephen's Ladies Who Lunch, under the leadership of **Joyce Pearlberg**, have enjoyed another year of fellowship and fine dining.

The **Altar Guild**, led by **Stephanie Verhage**, and **Joyce Perlberg** has had another busy year. Membership is open to both men and women. If you are interested in this vital work, please contact the parish office or an Altar Guild member.

We are also looking for more **ushers** – particularly for the 11.15 AM Sunday service.

The Sunday School gained what we hope will prove to be a valuable recruitment tool in the form of a magnificent new children's playground. It was paid for thanks to the efforts of a team of parents and friends and a profitable second hand clothes sale.

Our thanks goes particularly to Sunday School teachers **Diane Novicki**, **Tracey Gushue**, **Tracey Collins**, **Allison Hendricks**, **Alison Belt** and **Brock Johnson**. Diane also leads the **Junior Altar Guild**.

Our talented **Flower Guild** continues to deck the sanctuary with spectacular floral arrangements. It was hard to imagine the church appearing more beautiful than it did at Christmastide until we saw the Easter flowers. Almost last, but very far from least, our long suffering treasurer **Bill Hawkins** would like to remind you that finances always get tight as summer approaches. Family vacations tend to play havoc with church cash flow. If you are planning a trip, Bill would very much appreciate it if you paid your pledge before you went away, rather than upon your return.

Meanwhile, if you would like to keep abreast of parish affairs, check a date, read a sermon, hunt through ancient newsletters or keep us with the endless complaints of Isaac the Misanthropic Brass Eagle, our website is the place to do it. You will find it at our web address: [www.ststeve.com](http://www.ststeve.com) GPH ✂

**Annual Parish Meeting - Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, Following the 9.15 AM Service**

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR  
WHITSUNDAY  
May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
8.00 AM & 9.15 AM HOLY COMMUNION**

The Epistle: Acts 2:1-11  
The Gospel: St. John 14:15-31

**11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER**

The Psalter: Psalm 68  
The First Lesson: Wisdom 1:1-7\*  
The Second Lesson: St. John 4:19-26  
*\*Apocrypha*

**Sunday Morning Discussion Group**

JOIN us on Sunday mornings between the 9.15 and 11.15 services for a lively discussion of the collects and lessons appointed for that day.

We meet upstairs in the Rector's office immediately following the 9.15 service. The discussions are led by Dan Bursi.

**FROM THE LADIES WHO LUNCH**

**Join us May 15<sup>th</sup>**

THIS month the Ladies Who Lunch will be meeting at The Peppermill at 12 noon on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Why not join us for a convivial get-together over a delicious meal? Good food and good fellowship -- what more could you want? To reserve your place call Joyce Perlberg at 410-252-2680

**✠ PARISH PRAYER LIST ✠**

OUR Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List as well as the guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice & Dr. Bob's Place. 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:** Fr Guy✠, Ray✠, Kathleen, Michael, Finton, Morris, Charles, Dawn, Betty Jean, Elliot, Sharon, Paul, Andy, Michael, Rosina Donna, Diane, John, David, Richard, Bill, Charlotte, Leo, Riley, Mary-Ann, Linda Lou, Cynthia, Nancy, Judith, Deborah, Dorothy, Thelma, Mary, Linda, Jan, Liz, Bob, Wyatt, Jim, Reta, Sara, Tammy Sophie, Paula, Blair, Melvin, Heather, Laurie, 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, 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, Lelilah, Jennifer, Miriam, Karen, George, Eliza, Ray, Mel, John, Randy, James, Sarah, Linda, Suzanne, Steven, 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, Maxine, Ann, Sharon, Dennis, Mae, Anita, Marilyn, Lawrence, Joanne, Martha, Jackie, Charles, Tony, Edward, Kim, Vivian, Doris, Fran, Carol, Jimmy, Felicia, Susan, Anita, Christina and Suzie.

**LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE:** Hope, JoAnn, Larry, Aaron, Hope, Tom, Rosa, June, Anna, Jean, Garrett, Dean, Ned, Stephen, Rachel, Lydia; Richard, Melba, Debbie, Phyllis, Carolyn, Suzanne, Tony, Erik, Bobby, Kay & Emma, Gillian, Beverley, Adrienn, Jhana, Marla, Matthew, Joan, Laurie, Ellen, Lynn, Mildred, Sarah Lee, Susan, Kathy, Owen, Douglas, Amy, JoAnne, Mary, Gregory, Isabel, Bobby, Dorothy, Darren, Scott, Rebecca, William, Charles, Joyce, Asfa, Eleanor, Kathy, Linda, James, Barry, Ann, Evelyn, Jeanette, Elizabeth, Virginia, Mildred, Chris, Carol, Sandra, John, Mary, Michael, Drake, Emily, and David

**ON ACTIVE SERVICE:** PFC Charles E. Heintz, IV, USA; Lt. Benjamin Schramm, USMC; Lt. Alex Bursi, Capt. Charles Bursi, Lt Nicholas Clouse, USN. Lt. Col. Harry Hughes.

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**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
8.00 am: Said Eucharist  
9.15 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 THE Sunday After The Ascension and Archbishop Dunstan of Canterbury**

O God, the King of Glory, who has called thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and ealt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *AMEN*  
*Book of Common Prayer, Page 179*

O God of truth and beauty, who didst richly endow thy bishop Dunstan with skill in music and the working of metals, and with gifts of administration and reforming zeal: Teach us, we beseech thee, to see in thee the source of all our talents, and move us to offer them for the adornment of worship and the advancement of true religion; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *AMEN*

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