

St. Stephen's News

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12th annual British Garden Party a huge success

IMAGINE a bright blue sky overhead, and under your feet a lush green lawn. In the center of the green, a tall maypole with bright ribbons streaming in the wind, and around it, colorful booths with baked goods, plants and flowers, pub drink and grub, games of chance, Arts & Crafts, and a table full of interesting jumble. If you attended St. Stephen's 12th annual British Garden Party and Fete on May 4, you were treated to such a magical afternoon.

With over 150 guests served in the Tea Room and the parking lot filled by 11:45 a.m. thanks to the assistance of our authentic Bobbie, this year's Garden Party enjoyed perhaps its biggest attendance ever. It was a fine hour for St. Stephen's congregation and volunteers.

Here's how events unfolded:

The planning of the Garden Party started months ago when Donna Szper turned over her detailed operating history to the fledgling Parish Life committee managers. A first move was to track the event on project planning software, set up by Bill Hawkins. Other planning committee members included Annie Hawkins, Don Ruthig, and Dick Huffman, with Martha Miller and Priscilla Huffman serving as co-chairs for the Garden Party.

With this strong start, the volunteers, many with years of Garden Party experience, picked up the project, and momentum rolled from there. The Parish Life meetings afforded volunteers a chance to put forth their ideas and suggestions, all of which were welcomed.

The week before, many hands helped with pricing jumble, decorating, baking, making signs, erecting the tents in our new layout (and testing some bottles of Harp in the process!)

The Garden Party was opened by our Master of Ceremonies, Dan Bursi, who also served as the jester. The John F. Nicoll Pipe Band piped in King Henry (Fr. Jon Filkins), Archbishop Thomas Cranmer (Fr. Rhae Kelley), and our rector, Fr. Guy, who provided the invocation. The traditional English atmosphere was continued as the maypole dancing activity provided by the Baltimore Folk

Thank You to these local businesses that supported our Garden Party by purchasing ads in our brochure.

Brick Bodies Fitness – Timonium
Frome Improvements, Inc. - Jarrettsville
May's Chapel Cleaners – Timonium,
Bruno's Hair Design, Yorkridge Shopping
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Timonium
Take Shape For Life – Reisterstown
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MARS Grocery Stores – Timonium and
Cockeysville
Gardiner's Furniture – Baltimore
Matcha Time Café & Gift Shop – Elliott City
Pampered Paws Salon – Timonium

Music Society kicked off the afternoon fun. Garden Party guests were invited to join in celebrating the month of May with a traditional maypole dance.

Always a favorite, the pipe band held everyone's attention as they paraded in again to offer many familiar and traditional pipe band airs. Madrigal singing was provided by Camerata Musica dressed in full renaissance costumes.

Guests wandered the green visiting our many booths. Books were a bargain buy, as well as lovely British prints and items

Calendar of Events

Weekly Activities at St Stephens

Tuesdays, 7.00 AM: Bible Study at the Nautilus Diner

Wednesdays, 5.00 PM: Bible Study in the vestibule

Thursdays, 10.00 AM: Knitting Circle meets in the Parish Hall

Thursdays, 7.00 PM: Bridge Group meets in the Parish Hall

Fridays, 10.30 AM: Bible Study in the vestibule

Special Events

Sunday, June 2nd: Monthly In-gathering for At Jacob's Well

Sunday, June 2nd: Evensong at 6.00 PM

Sunday, June 9th: Service for the Ordering of Deacons at 4.30 PM. Reception to follow.

Tuesday, June 11th: Parish Life Committee meets at 7.00 PM in the Parish Hall

Thursday, June 20th: First "Silly Summer Supper" of the season at 5.30 pm in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, June 26th: Vestry meets at 7.00 PM in the vestibule

offered by the Daughters of the British Empire. Our "Best of British" flower show theme was carried out with 16 creative and humorous entries.

Many a pint was enjoyed at The Barley Mow, our new authentic British-style pub crafted (along with the wheels and maypole) by our creative Don Ruthig.

The younger guests enjoyed the Bouncing Castle, races, games, and face-painting. We thoughtfully added a parent lounge this year located near the new gym equipment which has been installed at the side of the lawn.

The volume of jumble exceeded anything in past years, and required several volunteers to keep up with brisk sales.

New booths this year included the Arts & Crafts table, a silent auction, and a chocolate wheel. A roving card illusionist entertained both children and adults.

Another innovation this year was to expand the offering at the Bake table to provide some smaller portions and items in addition to our cakes. The Raspberry Crowns sold out, so these may become a popular tradition at both the Garden Party and Cookie Walk.

Very happily, gross receipts exceeded our investment in materials and supplies.

We invite your feedback on continuing to make the Garden Party a successful event. Please e-mail any comments to Dick Huffman at hufdad@comcast.net

Again, thanks for the extraordinary efforts on the part of our many volunteers. For those who missed out on the fun of preparation and organization, you are invited to join the happy crew next year for camaraderie and fellowship. **PRISCILLA AND DICK HUFFMAN**

SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 9TH, 2013

Bishop Vaughan to Ordain St Stephen's Postulants

SUNDAY, June 9th, will be a special day for our postulants, Michael Belt and John Novicki, as well as for St Stephen's. Bishop John Vaughan will be conducting a special service for The Ordering of Deacons at 4.30 PM in the sanctuary, at which time Michael and John will be receiving their orders as admitted Deacons.

Monthly In-gathering for At Jacob's Well - Sunday, June 2nd

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR

TRINITY SUNDAY

May 26th, 2013

8.00 AM & 9.15 AM HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: Revelation 4:1-11

The Gospel: St. John 3:1-16

11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 29, 99

The First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

The Second Lesson: I Peter 1:1-12

Please join us to celebrate this important milestone in the spiritual journey of our postulants.

Following the service there will be a reception at the home of Colby and Wiley Hawks, 7809 Bellona Avenue, Ruxton. Please RSVP to Colby and Wiley at 410-321-8308 if you plan to attend.

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.

✠ 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: Brice, Reta, 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, Erlene, 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 Whitsunday and the Ember Days

O GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Book of Common Prayer, Pages 180 and 260

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