

**Cookie Walk is Here! Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9.00 AM until 1.00 PM.**

# St. Stephen's News

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## The Diary of a Churchmouse

Here among long-discarded cassocks,  
Damp stools, and half-split open  
hassocks,

Here where the Vicar never looks  
I nibble through old service books.  
Lean and alone I spend my days  
Behind this Church of England baize.  
I share my dark forgotten room  
With two oil lamps and half a broom.  
The cleaner never bothers me  
So here I eat my frugal tea.  
My bread is sawdust mixed with straw;  
My jam is polish for the floor.

Christmas and Easter may be feasts  
For congregations and for priests,  
And so may Whitsun. All the same,  
They do not fill my meagre frame.  
For me the only feast at all  
Is Autumn's Harvest Festival,

When I can satisfy my want  
With ears of corn around the font.  
I climb the eagle's brazen head  
To burrow through a loaf of bread.  
I scramble up the pulpit stair  
And gnaw the marrows hanging there.  
It is enjoyable to taste  
These items ere they go to waste.

But how annoying when one finds  
That other mice with pagan minds  
Come into church my food to share  
Who have no proper business there.  
Two field mice who have no desire  
To be baptized, invade the choir.  
A large and most unfriendly rat  
Comes in to see what we are at.  
He says he thinks there is no God  
And yet he comes...it's rather odd.  
This year he stole a sheaf of wheat  
(It screened our special preacher's seat),  
And prosperous mice from fields away  
Come in to hear the organ play,  
And under cover of its notes

Ate through the altar's sheaf of oats.  
A Low Church mouse, who thinks that I  
Am to papistical and High,  
Yet somehow doesn't think it wrong  
To munch through Evensong,  
While I, who starve the whole year  
through,  
Must share my food with rodents who  
Except at this time of the year  
Not once inside the church appear.

Within the human world I know  
Such goings-on could not be so,  
For human beings only do  
What their religion tells them to.  
They read the Bible every day  
And always, night and morning , pray.  
And just like me, the good church  
mouse,  
Worship each week in God's own house,  
But all the same it's strange to me  
How very full the church can be  
With people I don't see at all  
Except at Harvest Festival.

### FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

## The Cookie Walk is Saturday!

After months of planning and hard work this Saturday is finally THE BIG DAY!

You're undoubtedly tired of our pleas for cookies, greens, gifts, and your time, but we do have one final request. Please come! Bring your family. Bring your friends. Join us at one of St. Stephen's most enjoyable events!

## Cookie Walk at a Glance

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> - Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>:** Drop off cookies

**Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2.00 PM.** Volunteers needed to set up Quimby Hall for work days

**Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 10.00 AM.** Workdays. Volunteers needed to make table baskets, wreaths, and greens arrangements.

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 10.00 AM:** Volunteers needed for final setup

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>:** The Big Day. Volunteers needed help with the sale and for clean-up.

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.** Bidding ends for the Silent Auction following 11.15 AM Service

### FROM THE LADIES WHO LUNCH

## Join Us On December 18<sup>th</sup>

The Ladies of St Stephen's will hold their Christmas lunch at Bluestone Restaurant on Aylesbury Road, Timonium, at noon on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. As has become custom, ladies are invited to bring their gentlemen with them to this time of fellowship and good food. Please be sure to let us know you're coming. Bluestone requires an accurate count for our reservation. 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

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Schedule, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

4.00 PM: Children's Christmas Service  
& Blessing of the Creche

7.00 PM: Family Candlelight Eucharist

10.30 PM: Choir sings carols followed by  
Solemn High Christmas Eucharist

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

10.00 AM Sung Holy Communion

### PATRONAL FESTIVAL

The Feast of St. Stephen

Comm. Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

8.00 AM: Holy Communion

9.15 AM: Choral Eucharist

11.15 AM: Choral Mattins

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Feast of St. Sylvester

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013

11.15 PM

### EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014

At 6.00 PM The Choir will sing

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS FOR  
EPIPHANY

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:** Katherine, Roberta, Susan, Donna, Aida, Eunice, Cherry, Ruth, Carolyn, Hilarie, Vivian, Jack, Suzie, Pat, Mary John, Charlene, Bill, David, Wyatt, Richard, Shaye, Mavis, Eleanor, Bobbi, Carmen, Rodney, Hamilton, Jane, Donald, Mary, Helen, Tammara, MaryAnn, Annie, Carolyn, Cynthia, Evelyn, Edith, Jason, Kim, Dee, Cal, Finton, Fran, Tracey, Leonard, Linda Lou, Ben, Edie, John, Beth, Adele, and Maryann.

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**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE  
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**8.00 AM & 9.15 AM HOLY COMMUNION**

For the Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

The Gospel: St. Luke 21:25-33

**11.15 AM CHORAL MATTINS**

The Psalter: Psalm 25

The First Lesson: Isaiah 55

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 21:25-33

**LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE:** Connie, Azalea, Stephen, Ann, Paige, Lydia, Remi, Melba

**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, Ian Cadwalader serving in Afghanistan.

**Calendar of Events**

**Weekly Activities at St Stephens**

**Tuesdays, 7.00 AM:** Breakfast Fellowship at the Nautilus Diner

**Thursdays, 10.00 AM:** Knitting Circle meets in Quimby Hall

**Wednesdays, 6.30 PM:** Bridge Group meets in Quimby Hall

**Fridays, 10.30 AM:** Bible Study in the Cadwalader Room

**Special Events**

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 9.00 AM.** Cookie Walk, Quimby Hall

**Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2.00 PM.** Afternoon Tea, Quimby Hall

**Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 12.00 Noon.** The Ladies Who Lunch at Bluestone Restaurant.

**Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9.00 AM:** Volunteers needed to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.

**Christmas Memorial Flowers**

*To make a contribution towards the Church Christmas decorations in honor or memory of a loved one please complete this form and return it with a check (payable to St. Stephen's Church and marked for Christmas flowers) by December 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

**Name of Donor:** \_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettias (Red, White or Pink) 6 inches, single (5-8 blooms @ \$10 (# of plants.....))

7 inches, double, (10-12 blooms) @ \$16 (# of plants.....)

8 inches, triple, (Red) (12-18 blooms) @ \$27 (# of plants.....)

**Total # of plants** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total amount enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

My gift is **IN HONOR, IN MEMORY OF, IN THANKSGIVING FOR** (please circle)

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Martha Miller (410-321-9038)

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.

COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN  
ADVENT AND ST. NICHOLAS,  
BISHOP OF MYRA

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.

AMEN

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ALMIGHTY God, who in thy love didst give to thy servant Nicholas of Myra a perpetual name for deeds of kindness both on land and sea: Grant we pray thee, that thy Church may never cease to work for the happiness of children, the safety of sailors, the relief of the poor, and the help of those tossed by tempests of doubt or grief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

AMEN

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