

# St Stephen's News

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## FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

### A marvellous day in the garden!

Once again this year, the sun shone on St Stephen's Garden Party, providing a bit of Britain to guests who enjoyed the authentic food, pub offerings, maypole, and a festive atmosphere as only the British can provide.

Our Master of Ceremonies, Bill Hawkins, kept events moving along. The procession was piped in by the John F. Nicoll Pipe Band, followed by our rector, Fr Guy Hawtin, Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and the court jester.

Professor Horn's Punch & Judy show was again a highlight of the day, with authentic puppets and stage. A long-standing tradition in the British Isles, Punch & Judy puppetry delights both children and adults, as was evident by our audience reactions. Next year, be looking for Professor Horn's new stage and puppets imported from Europe.

The Musica Camerata singers added a festive note in their Renaissance costumes, and the John F. Nicoll Pipe Band, always a favourite, offered familiar and traditional pipe band airs during the afternoon.

No true British Garden Party could be complete without our many other booths: a 'jumble' table, the new scarves and jewellery table, a bake table, books – some real bargains here! – a wine and spirits wheel, The Barley Mow pub (yes, that was our own Fr Mike Kerouac dispensing the Guinness), with pub grub and bangers close by. Thankfully, the Lord High Gaoler had few subjects in the stocks! Between the bouncy castle, children's races, face painting and games, our largest contingent of children yet was royally entertained.

Guests were astonished at the transformation of Quimby Hall to a traditional British Tea Room, complete with china tea cups and plates. Each year, our tea room gets more beautiful.

The Garden Party was spearheaded by a planning committee: Bill and Annie Hawkins, Priscilla and Dick Huffman, Happy Riley, Martha Miller, John Karlsen, Courtney Buchness, and Colby Hawks. Many, many others in our congregation contributed hours of their time in planning, preparation, set-up, and clean up.

Be sure to save your Garden Party brochure. Not only does it contain Peter Threadgill's amusing write-ups, but we now include three traditional Anglican prayers (page 8).

We invite your feedback on continuing to make the Garden Party a successful event. Please e-mail any ideas or comments to Priscilla Huffman at [priscillahuffman@verizon.net](mailto:priscillahuffman@verizon.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 organisation, you are invited to join the happy crew next year for camaraderie and fellowship! PRISCILLA HUFFMAN

## FROM THE TREASURER

### Parish income continues to grow

Calendar 2014 was a further year of income growth for St Stephen's Anglican Church, with total income up by 1.0 percent from \$374,402 in 2013 to \$378,221.

Whilst our regular contributions were down 6% to \$282,299, our Gifts and Non-recurring Donations, which includes our Endowment Fund, was up 69% from \$19,694 in 2013 to \$33,264. In addition our

Tied & Designated Gifts, which includes the Building Fund, was up 37% from \$19,694 to \$33,264 in 2014. In fact the Building Fund reached a total of \$43,584 by the end of the year, well on our way to our goal of \$100,000.

Other income from Ceremonies i.e. baptisms, weddings & funerals was up 41% to \$10,150, whilst Earnings & Interest from our investments was down 11% to \$18,202 reflecting the change in the markets towards the end of the year.

As for our expenditure the figures are skewed somewhat by the completion and payment for the new office above the kitchen. We had a total expenditure for Buildings and Grounds Maintenance of \$116,071, which included \$106,482 for the office building and the new patio doors in the Cadwallader Room. If you remove these one off items then our expenditure for general maintenance is very similar to last year at \$9,590.

Administrative costs declined slightly from \$51,334 in 2013 to \$48,521, despite the acquisition of a new computer and IT equipment.

Personnel costs were up by 4% to \$178,896 reflecting the change in personnel from the previous year.

## The 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. To add a name to the prayer list, or to the visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, ring the parish office on 410 560 6776.

**FOR REPOSE OF THE SOUL:** David

**FOR RECOVERY:** John ✠, Hilarie, Jack, Donald, Evelyn, Cal, Finton, Edie, Cary, Judy, Julie, Phyllis, Steve, Wendy, Matthew, Adele, Starr, Helen, Emily, Kathleen, Marty, Don, Linda, Elizabeth, Mary Lou, Cathy, William, Dan, Lindsey, Shelby, Olan, Rob

**FOR LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE:** Stephen, Melba, Susan, Scott, Charles, Vinnie, Doug, Rusty, Ian, Lydia

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

Spending on the music program dropped by 20% to \$19,10 and the running costs of the Church School were reduced by 54% to \$1,115 reflecting the one-off purchase of the play area the previous year.

Banking and Finance was the same as the previous year at \$25,692 a variance of -0.8%

Other notable variances included an increase in our Programs & Missions (\$8,717), a decrease in our Sacristy & Altar supplies (\$4,838) and an increase in our Tithe (\$14,500).

Overall we had a loss of \$46,438 on the year but bearing in mind this included the one-off payment for the office and patio doors of \$116,071 our true position is one of a positive income similar to the previous year and bodes well for the future.

We hope that we will do as well in 2015. WILLIAM HAWKINS

FROM THE LADIES WHO LUNCH

## The Ladies will lunch on 20 May

This month the Ladies Who Lunch will meet at Michael's Cafe on Wednesday, 20 May at noon. Michael's is located at 2119 York Road in Timonium. (Visit [michaelscafe.com](http://michaelscafe.com) to view a menu.) Why not join us for a convivial get-together over a delicious meal? Good food and good fellowship – what more could you want? Please ring Joyce Perlberg on 410 252 2680 to make your reservation; she will need a final count by the 18th.

FROM THE CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Vacation Bible School: Savannah Safari

St Stephen's will be offering Vacation Bible School once again this summer for children ages 4 through 10. Vacation Bible School will take place from Monday, 22 June to Friday, 27 June from 9am–noon. This year's theme is 'Savannah Safari – Where Kids Discover How Love H.E.L.P.S. Others'. It is themed around life in an African village and is based on the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

There will be a modest \$20 fee to cover snacks, crafts and supplies. To process your child's registration, please telephone the church office on 410 560 6776 and speak to Happy Riley.

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The Rev. Michael Belt, The Rev. John Novicki, *Associate Rectors*

The Rev. Mr M. Wiley Hawks, *Deacon* · Adric, *Magister Chori*

Mrs Happy Riley, *Director of Pastoral Care & Wedding Coordinator*

### SUNDAY SERVICES

8 am: Said Eucharist

9.15 am: Choral Eucharist (with Nursery & Church School)

11 am: Choral Mattins (1st Sunday: Sung Eucharist)

6 pm: Choral Evensong (as announced: [evensong.ststeve.com](http://evensong.ststeve.com))

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, 6 pm: Evening Prayer

Friday, 12 noon: Healing Eucharist

Saturday, 5 pm: Family Eucharist

## Calendar of Events

### WEEKLY

**Mondays, 6.30 pm:** Bridge Club

**Tuesdays, 7 am:** Fellowship Breakfast (Nautilus Diner)

**Thursdays, 10 am:** Knitting Circle

**Fridays, 10.30 am:** Bible Study

### MONTHLY & SPECIAL

**Wednesday, 20 May, 12 noon:**

The Ladies Who Lunch meet at Michael's Cafe

**Thursday, 21 May, 2 pm:**

Afternoon Tea

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