

St Stephen's News

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FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

It's nice to be noble; be a patron of our fete

May Day! May Day! May Day! It's almost upon us. There are just three weeks to the St Stephen's Annual Garden Party and Fête. This means time is running out for you to join the ranks of the nobility by signing up as one of our noble patrons.

Prime Minister Lloyd George felt free to sell patents of nobility to special friends and acquaintances, and so do we. Patrons may choose from four ranks of nobility:

- 👑 Imperial Crown – \$100
- 👑 House of Windsor – \$75
- 👑 House of York – \$50
- 👑 House of Lancaster – \$25

What are the benefits of patronage? Aside from the undying gratitude of all the yeomen, serfs, villeins and cotters in the parish, our noble patrons will receive a free hot dog, a beverage of their choice, and a prominent mention in our profusely illustrated programme.

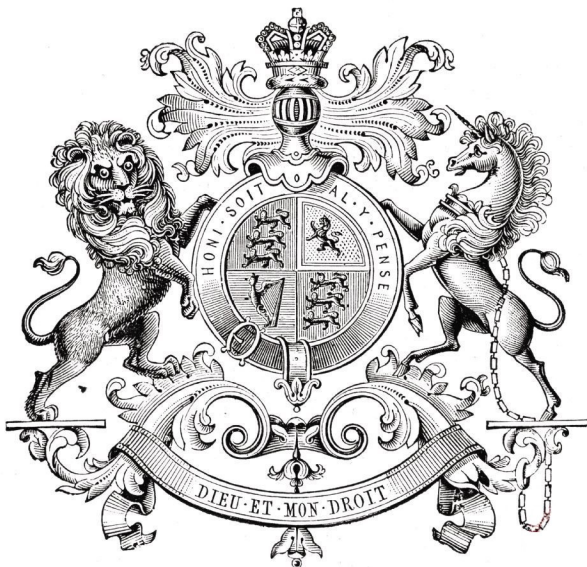
Why not sign up? The Garter King of Arms awaits ...

But don't stop there. Please attend the Parish Life Committee meeting on Tuesday, 19 April – the last meeting before the big event – to help us finalise our plans.

There are also sort of things we need to help make the event a success. We are looking for cakes for the Cake Stall. Last year your cakes were so scrumptious, we sold out completely in the first two hours. Please double your efforts. It's all in a good cause.

We also need teacakes and dainties for our Tea Room. We can use all the help we can get to provide mouthwatering teas for our guests.

Card tables and chairs to go with them are also on our wish list. And tea pots, too. Not the George II sterling silver heirloom that you inherited from the Custis side of the family, but the pretty little pot that Aunt Mabel gave you a couple of Christmases ago would do very nicely.



We are also still in the market for superior quality jumble for our White Elephant Stall. This is your opportunity to at last get rid of the zither Uncle Thomas used to twang at family gatherings and the cage that once was home to Cousin Ebenezer's parrot. Please search your cupboards, attics, cellars and fallout shelters for saleable treasures.

And we are badly in need of bottles of wine and spirits only for the Bottle Wheel.

Last, but very far from least, please volunteer to help. We need as many folks as possible both for set up on Friday, 6 May, and on Party Day, Saturday, 7 May. **The Parish Life Committee**

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 RECOVERY: Hilarie, Cal, Phyllis, Edie, Bill, Terry, Helen, Jim, Adele, Linda, John, Judy, Neal, Aida, Nathan, Hobie, Betty, Helen, Eunice, Tom, Rosemary, Robert, David, Jan, Susie, Beth, Sophia, Bobby, Lee, Pam, Charlotte

FOR LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Stephen, Melba, Scott, Vinnie, Doug, Ian, Lisa, Carey, Ned, Cindy

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: Lt Alex Bursi, Capt. Charles Bursi, Lt Nicholas Clouse, USN; Lt Col. Harry Hughes; Lt Cdr Emma Hawkins, RN

Enough of the 'Great Unwashed'

Most 'Bible movies' are, with a few notable exceptions, sorry evangelists for the Christian faith. Those loosely based on the New Testament generally portray a fey, willowy, Anglo-Saxon Jesus wafting limpidly around an arid landscape, occasionally uttering 'sound bites' randomly culled from the Gospels.

The only redeeming aspect of this type of Bible movie is that they are sometimes good for a laugh. My favourite example of the genre is *The Robe* which features a muscle-bound Victor Mature rolling around in the sand of Hollywood's take on a Roman gladiatorial arena, wrestling a stuffed lion, fresh from the taxidermist's workshop.

Apparently, the movie's director originally planned to film Mature wrestling a real, live lion. 'There's no danger, Victor,' he reportedly assured the anxious star, 'His teeth and claws have been pulled.'

'Who wants to gummed to death?' growled Mature.

Movies based on the Old Testament are usually even less true to the text, albeit rather more muscular than the New Testament variety. Sadly, what promised to be the most hilarious of all the Bible epics never got off the ground. Its working title was *Jesus Christ and the Twelve Thousand Apostles*.

The project was abandoned when the producer (the redoubtable Sam Goldwyn, I believe) was gently informed that there were only twelve Apostles. It seems he considered a mere twelve Apostles just a tad too modest for a big screen epic.

However, the recently released *Risen* is a movie that fails to fit this traditional mould. It is the story of a Roman army officer who has been ordered to search for Jesus' body, presumed stolen from the tomb by his disciples. It is well shot, well acted and entirely believable.

It is probably ungracious to cavil, but I do wish movie-makers would stop portraying Jesus and the Apostles as horny-handed sons of toil. Most of them were decidedly middle class.

Jesus' family worked in wood, one of the most expensive commodities in the Holy Land at the time. And, there's evidence to suggest they were building contractors at Sepphoris, one of the wealthiest cities of the Decapolis.

Jesus was so elegantly dressed, the soldiers who crucified him cast lots for his coat, rather than tear it in half. Peter, James and John were partners in a fishing fleet and Matthew was a tax farmer, which meant he was very rich, indeed almost certainly a millionaire.

They well educated, fluent in at least three languages, possibly four (Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek and (probably) Latin). Being Jews, they bathed regularly. Enough of the 'Great Unwashed' already! **GPH✘**

FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Countdown to Garden Party

How can you help make our British Garden Party a success? Let us count the ways...

✓ Become a Garden Party patron! Your name will be listed in the Garden Party programme acknowledging your generosity. Leave cheques in the church office for Cindie Baker.

Levels include:

- ✠• Imperial Crown – \$100
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✓ Rummage through your house for unwanted bric-a-brac, collectibles, books, DVDs, CDs, etc., and drop them off on the jumble table in Quimby Hall.

✓ Donate bottles of wine and spirits for our bottle wheel.

✓ Sell advertisements for the programme. Ads must be received by 26 April. Letters and a sample page are available in the Cadwalader Room.

FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School 2016

St Stephen's Vacation Bible School, for children ages 4–10, will take place once again this summer during the week of 20–24 June from 9am–Noon. The cost is \$20, and there are scholarships available upon request. This year's theme is *Creation Days*. We will explore the seven days of Creation in the Book of Genesis. Please phone the church office on 410 560 6776 and speak to Happy Riley to begin your child's registration. We hope you will bless us with your children, and please have them bring a friend!

FROM THE LADIES WHO LUNCH

The Ladies will lunch on the 20th

The Ladies Who Lunch will convene at the **Outback Steakhouse** on Wednesday, 20 April at noon. The Outback is located 134 Shawan Road, in the southeast corner of the Hunt Valley Towne Centre. Why not join them 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.

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The Rev. M Wiley Hawks, *Pastoral Care Chaplain*

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

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, 6 pm: Evening Prayer

Friday, 12 noon: Healing Eucharist

Saturday, 5 pm: Family Eucharist

Calendar of Events

WEEKLY

Monday, 6.30 pm: Bridge Club

Tuesday, 7 am: Fellowship Breakfast (Nautilus Diner)

Thursday, 10 am: Knitting Circle

Friday, 10.30 am: Bible Study

MONTHLY & SPECIAL

Tuesday, 19 April, 7 pm

Parish Life Committee meeting

Wednesday, 20 April, 12 noon

The Ladies Who Lunch meet at Outback Steakhouse

Saturday, 7 May, 11 am–4 pm

St Stephen's British Garden Party & Fête

There will be no Afternoon Teas offered in April or May

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