

# St Stephen's News

## St Stephen's Anglican Church · Timonium, Maryland

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FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

### Join us to finalize plans for a jolly Garden Party

Please join us next Tuesday (that's April 11th) for the last Parish Life Committee meeting before to the Garden Party. Come and lend your valuable ideas and opinions at this your last chance before we finalize our plans. We're planning a festive day.

We'll have pipers and singers and Maypole dancers. Races and frolics for the kids. Lot's to eat - from high tea to hot dogs. A load of jumble. Games of chance.

And, of course, King Henry VIII will be joining us along with his entourage. But beware, the King's goaler will looking for miscreants to put in the stocks.

Our traditional British pub, The Barley Mow, serving fine wines and ice cold, frothy beverages. There will be pub food aplenty, and much, much more.

We hope you will get involved by joining us on April 11th and lending your talents to making this the best Garden Party yet. If you can't make it to the meeting you can still help! Let us count the ways ....

Americans call it White Elephant, the Brits call it Jumble. But whatever you call it, please rummage the corners of your closets for bric-a-brac, collectibles, books, DVDs, CDs and oddities for our Jumble sale. But please no TVs or electronics. Tables are set up in the Parish Hall for your donations.

There will also be a St Stephen's craft table. There are lots of talented people at St Stephen's creating all kinds of wonderful crafts. Here's a chance to show off yours by offering some of your handmade items for sale.

We'll need cakes for the cake table. We'll be selling whole cakes, half cakes, and quarter cakes for families both large and small. Cakes should be delivered to the church on Fri. May 5th.

Help us with our advertising. Information sheets for Garden Party Program ads are in the back of the church. Help us by selling ads to the local merchants and businesses you frequent.

How about becoming a patron of the Garden Party? Your name will be listed in the Garden Party program acknowledging your generosity. There are several levels to choose from:

- ☐ Imperial Crown - \$100
- ☐ House of Windsor - \$75
- ☐ House of York - \$50
- ☐ House of Lancaster - \$30

Shortly we will have Garden Party posters to take to your grocery store, library, or any place else that has a bulletin board. We'll let you know as soon as they're available.

Finally, we need volunteers to work the day before and the day of the Garden Party. Sign-up sheets will be posted shortly in the vestibule. We hope you'll contribute your time to help us set up and run this great event. You'll be rewarded with lots of laughter and fellowship.

FROM THE RECTOR

### Change versus charity

Two thousand years of experience teaches us that churchgoers have never reacted well to change of any sort. And nowhere has this been more apparent than within the Anglican Communion.

In the 16th century, the replacement of liturgical Latin with English was by no means greeted with universal rejoicing. Nor was there unbridled joy when, in the 17th century, the Coverdale Bible was supplanted by the new fangled King James' Version.

The 1928 edition of the Book of Common Prayer bears eloquent witness to the lay people's stubborn resistance to

change. The Gospels and much of the Old Testament are largely from the King James Version of the Bible. The psalms, however, did not. And for more than 300 years – right up to 1979 – churches echoed to the sonorous tones of the Coverdale Psalter.

If there is any lesson to be learned from this, it is that should it prove necessary to institute changes in the church, it is essential to do so very slowly, with great care and with an absolute abundance of Christian charity and understanding.

Needless to say, it is a lesson that has been entirely lost on the folks who, since the 1960s, have been promoting a program of far reaching change that has radically altered the face of Anglicanism both here in America and in England.

Change, helter-skelter, has been rushed after change. Liturgical revision, the abandonment of ancient doctrines, and a major departure from the church's traditional understanding of the authority of Holy Scripture: hardly had one change been instituted than the next was upon us.

Currently, progressives are advocating abandoning the Nicean Creed in favor of some new cutting edge formula. The arguments for it are singularly unpersuasive, but even if they were valid the proposition would still be objectionable on the grounds that it would simply fuel further disputes.

If the upset all these 'reforms' have caused engendered a

### Holy Week Schedule

*9 April through 16 April*

#### **Palm Sunday**

8 am: Said Eucharist

9.15 am: Choral Eucharist

11 am: Choral Eucharist

#### **Holy Monday**

6 pm: Said Eucharist

#### **Holy Tuesday**

6 pm: Said Eucharist

#### **Spy Wednesday**

6 pm: Said Eucharist

#### **Maundy Thursday**

7pm: Choral Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar

#### **Good Friday**

12 noon: The Seven Last Words from the Cross

3.30 pm: Children's Way of the Cross

6 pm: Communion of the Presanctified

#### **Holy Saturday**

7pm: The Great Vigil of Easter

#### **Easter Day**

8 am: Said Eucharist

9.15 am: Choral Eucharist

followed by Easter Egg Hunt (for children 9 and under)

11 am: Choral Eucharist

mighty powerful spiritual and moral awakening, the proponents of radical change might have been justified. Had the turmoil they caused swiftly abated, having inflicted no lasting damage, they might have been able to argue that their haste was justified.

But the fact of the matter is that their strategy has been an unmitigated disaster. Church membership in America has fallen by more than a third, and even more precipitously than that in England. In view of the unhappy consequences of all this turmoil, one might imagine even the proponents of change would see the wisdom, temporarily at least, of dropping the subject of change in the interest of promoting harmony.

That, I fear, is mere wishful thinking. Harmony is that last thing on the mind of the "reformers." Their goal seems to be to stamp out, as ruthlessly as possible, even the faintest vestiges of dissent.

The utter lack of kindness and understanding shown to those who disagree with them goes far in explaining St. Paul's unpopularity in the church today. His contention that charity is the paramount Christian virtue is clearly quite out of step with the times. GPH✱

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:** Timothy, Peter, June, Hilarie, Sarah, Betsy, Edie, Alan, Terry, Helen, Jim, Linda, John, Judy, Neal, Aida, Stephen, Nathan, Hobie, Betty, Helen, Eunice, Tom, Robert✕, David, Jan, Susie, Sophia, Bobby, Lee, Cary, Courtney, Marie, Joanna, Kendall, Ian, Gloria, June, John, David, Adrian, Michell, Aida, Mai, Al, Kathy & Don

**FOR LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE:** Stephen, Melba, Sam, Vinnie, Doug, Ian, Lisa, Carey, Cindy, Jacob, Casey & Beth

**ON ACTIVE SERVICE:** Lt Alex Bursi, Capt. Charles Bursi, Lt Nicholas Clouse, USN; Lt Col. Harry Hughes; MSGT Michael Holter, USAF; Cpt Fiodor Strikovski, US Army

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The Rev. Canon Guy P Hawtin, Rector  
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The Rev. Michael Belt, The Rev. John Novicki and  
The Rev. Robert Ludwig, Associate Rectors  
The Rev. M Wiley Hawks, Pastoral Care Chaplain  
Mrs Happy Riley, Director of Pastoral Care & Wedding Coordinator

SUNDAY SERVICES

8am: Said Eucharist  
9.15am: Sung Eucharist (with Nursery & Church School)  
(3rd Sunday Choral Eucharist)  
11am: Choral Mattins (1st Sunday: Sung Eucharist)  
6pm: Choral Evensong (as announced) –  
evensong.ststeve.com

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, 6pm: Evening Prayer  
Friday, 12 noon: Healing Eucharist  
Saturday, 5pm: Family Eucharist

Calendar of Events

WEEKLY

Monday, 6.30pm: Bridge Club  
Tuesday, 7am: Fellowship Breakfast (Nautilus Diner)  
Thursday, 10am: Knitting Circle  
Friday, 10.30am: Bible Study

Parish Life Committee

Tonight, Tuesday, April 11th 6.00 pm

Parish Youth Play Group

Saturday April 15th, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Ladies Who Lunch

(at the Green Turtle in Hunt Valley)  
Wednesday April 19th 12.00 pm - 2.00 pm

Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, April 19th 7.00 pm

Easter Flowers For St Stephen's Altar

Here is a selection of beautiful spring flowersto decorate the church for Easter Please make your choice and return this form to the church office with your check by Wednesday April 12th. Flowers may be taken home after the 11.0 am service

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lilies Small elite 6" 4-6 blooms @ \$10 (# of plants.....) Field Azalea @ \$15 (# of plants.....)

Hydrangeas Four plus blooms @ \$20 (# of plants.....) Hiacynths @ \$10 (6" pot) (# of plants.....)

Tulips @ \$10 (6" pot) (# 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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