

# St Stephen's News

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

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*A parish in the classical Anglican tradition*

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### STATE OF THE PARISH 2016/17: Part Two

## We add a unique new community mission

*Our Parish Meeting takes place between the 9.15 am and 11.00 am services on Sunday, October 29th. The second part of the Rector's State of the Parish Report that will be offered at the meeting. The first part will was published in last week's newsletter.*

A unique new mission has been founded by **Fr. John Novicki**, who also oversees our Sunday School. Fr. Novicki has for long been involved in the military reenactment movement. And following his ordination, he occasionally officiated as chaplain at reenactment events.

Now, with the blessing of **The Rt. Rev. John Vaughan**, our bishop ordinary, he has founded St George's Mission in order to provide chaplaincy services to the re-enactment movement in the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond.

The new mission has already enjoyed considerable success. Fr. Novicki regularly conducts church parades and provides counseling services for his new flock. It is by no means unusual for him to minister to several hundred people over a weekend – rather more than he would see were he to be serving at St. Stephen's.

Chaplains and chaplain services are also provided by the parish for civic organizations in the Baltimore area. These include **The U.S. Navy League's Baltimore Council**, **The Ancient & Honorable Mechanical Company of Baltimore** and **The St. George's Society**. Indeed, the Navy League, founded by President Theodore Roosevelt to provide support for the maritime services, meets in Quimby Hall on the fourth Wednesday of every month.

Furthermore, on the first Sunday of the month, the parish collects gifts of cash, non-perishable foodstuffs and, household goods for **At Jacob's Well**, the organization that helps Baltimore's mentally ill homeless population. Under the leadership of **Lt. Col. Scott Taylor**, St Stephen's has become one of the charity's most important sources of support.

Our **Sunday School**, praise the Lord, continues to grow apace under the leadership of **Diane Novicki** and her excellent cadre of teachers – **Tracey Collins**, **Datona Collins**, **Kiki Gushu**, **Tracey Gushue**, **Carolyn Kerouac**, **Alison Belt**, aided when the occasion demands by a goodly number of pinch hitters.

**The Parish Life Committee** continues to go from strength to strength under the joint chairmanship of **Priscilla** and **Dick Huffman**. The success of both the **2016 Cookie Walk** and the **2017 Garden Party** are, largely, a testament to their organizing ability.

In addition to the Cookie Walk and Garden Party, the Committee organized a host of other events including a diet-busting Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper, a wonderful Fall Picnic (for which we owe a hearty vote of thanks to **Ellen Reather** who hosted the event at her home) and a season of Silly Summer Suppers.

**Anne Hawkins**, a stalwart of Silly Summer Suppers, has instituted yet another gastronomic treat for parishioners

and friends from the local community. Annie, whose culinary skills are legendary, has organized a team to serve monthly tea parties in Quimby Hall.

A packed house gathers on a Thursday afternoon to enjoy delicious homemade tea sandwiches, scones with jam and cream, cakes and other delicacies. It is both a time for good fellowship and fine dining, as well as a source of community news.

While we are on the subject of gastronomy, St. Stephen's **Ladies Who Lunch**, under the leadership of **Sara Douglas**, have also enjoyed another year of fellowship and fine dining.

**The Knitting Circle** – mentored by **Cindie Baker** and **Mar Bopst** – meets on Thursdays at 10 AM to produce beautifully crafted comforts for the patients at local health care facilities, retirement communities and folks on the parish sick list. (Cindie's latest offering are gorgeous hand-made poppies for Remembrance Day, November 11th.) New members are always welcome,

The newsletter comes to you courtesy of the hard-working mailroom team: **Happy Riley**, **Anne Hawkins** and **Mar**

### 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.

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**FOR RECOVERY:** Peter, Charlotte, Dorothy, Rodney, June, Sarah, Betsy, Edie, Alan, Terry, Helen, Linda, John, Judy, Neal, Aida, Stephen, Nathan, Hobie, Betty, Helen, Eunice, Robert\*, David, Jan, Susie, Sophia, Bobby, Lee, Cary, Cour Marie, Jim, Joanna, Kendall, Ian, Gloria, June, John, David, Adrian, Tom, Michell, Aida, Mai, Al, Kathy, Jack, Lewey, Stephen, Pamela, Isobel & Judy

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

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**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.

**Bopst.** (If you change your address or if you're going away for few days, please let them know so they can make the necessary adjustments to the mailing list.)

The grounds have never looked better thanks to our brand new John Deer lawn tractor, the mowing skills of **Dick Huffman**, **Sara Douglas'** horticultural team and Col. Taylor's enthusiastic cleanup crew. In this regard, we are seeking volunteers willing to spell Mr. Huffman from time to time. Please give the parish office a call if you can spare a couple of hours a month for fresh air and fun.

The parish owes a considerable debt of gratitude to the Vestry for its work in overseeing the parish's affairs. They are **John Cobb**, Rector's Warden; **John Karlsen**, People's Warden; **Gordon Turner**, People's Warden Emeritus, and **Paul Douglas**, warden's assistant; **William Hawkins**, treasurer; **Dr. Kirby von Kessler**, **Priscilla Huffman**, **Sev Miller**, **Brock Johnson** and **J. Brice Richardson**. **Rosa Halbert** represents the diocese as a member of the Anglican Church of America's National Executive Council.

At this year's annual meeting, we shall be filling three vestry positions. The nominees are: **John Cobb, John Karlsen and Gordon Turner**, all retiring vestrymen.

Almost last, but very far from least, we should offer a very hearty vote of thanks to **William Hawkins**, our long suffering parish treasurer. During my years in Holy Orders I have served with many church treasurers, none of them as conscientious and painstakingly hard working as Bill. A year or so ago, Bill was also asked to take on management of the diocese's treasury – an unenviable task demanding the patience of Job. He has carried out the task with commendable firmness, moderated by tact, diplomacy and grace.

Penultimately, advancing years seem to be messing with my memory thus I should offer my sincere apologies to Ann Horner for failing to acknowledge her valuable work on the Altar Guild. I am sure the many other deserving souls whom I have failed to acknowledge and them I also offer my profound apologies. It was not done in malice, but, rather, incompetence.

Finally, if you would like to keep abreast of parish affairs, check a date, read a sermon, hunt through ancient newsletters or just browse generally, our website – webmaster, Mr. Threadgill -- is the place to do so. You will find it all at our web address:

[www.ststeve.com](http://www.ststeve.com) GPH\*

PARISH LIFE TREASURER'S REPORT

## Serving parish and community

The Parish Life Committee, of which we are all members, is the

social and fundraising arm of this church. We plan numerous events to bring parishioners, friends, family and neighbors together and, also, to raise money for our many endeavors.

We pledge to the church, and fulfill that pledge, the sum of \$12,000 a year. We do this by putting on events such as the British Garden Party in May, the Cookie Walk in December, and Summer Suppers. Reaching beyond our physical plant, we support others of our community and the world.

The Knitting Circle auction proceeds go to outreach here and abroad. Heifer International receives a gift of a Knitters basket which includes a sheep, a llama, an alpaca and an Angora rabbit. At Jacobs Well receives warm knitted hats and scarves. You are all aware of the non-perishable items and cash donations we give and have given over the past few years.

The Christ Child Society of Baltimore receives baby blankets, sweaters and toys for their layettes for new mothers and their babies, as well as a cash donation for the many needs of the women and children of Baltimore. And, of course, we knit prayer shawls and squares for those who need comfort.

In addition to our pledge to this church, this year the Parish Life committee was also able to pay for the new Lawn Tractor and the rack for the folding chairs.

We are always looking for more people to join us for ideas that will benefit our mission to serve the Church both here and around the world. Many hands make light work and we have fun doing work with our fellow parishioners. CYNTHIA L. BAKER,

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The Rev. Michael Belt and The Rev. John Novicki

*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)

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

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

**Thursday, 10am:** Knitting Circle

**Friday, 10.30am:** Bible Study

### MONTHLY & SPECIAL

## The Ladies Who Lunch

Wednesday, November 15th, 12.00 pm

Venue to be announced

To reserve: Call Sara Douglas 410-560-9026

## Vestry Meeting

Wednesday November 15th, 7.00 pm

## Parish Life

Tuesday, November 7th, 7.00 pm

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