

# St Stephen's News

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FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

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

Please join us on the Sunday after Easter (that's April 8th) for the last Parish Life Committee meeting before to the Garden Party, which takes place on Saturday, May 5th. Lend your valuable ideas and opinions at this your last chance before we finalize our plans for a truly festive day.

We'll have a bagpiper 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. *(Editor's note: Gaoler is the English English for jailer. What's more, it is pronounced the American way – "jailer." Go figure!)*

Our traditional British pub, The Barley Mow will be 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 Sunday, April 8th, and by 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 name you use, please rummage the corners of your closets for bric-a-brac, collectibles, books, DVDs, CDs and oddities for our Jumble sale. We interested in everything except 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 Cadwalader Room. 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

## Church & Missions Sundays

The word "parochial" is used as a metaphor in the secular world for a very good reason. Parishes tend to be inward looking, mindful of the needs of their parishioners and the communities in which they are located. The Church's mission to the wider world tends to take a back seat.

However the national Church and its missions at home and abroad still need funding. The good news is that there are funds available to take care their needs. The bad news is the money is still in your wallets.

More good news: St Stephen's vestry has a plan that will take care of the problem as painlessly as possible. The four Sundays After Easter are to be designated as "Church and Missions Sundays."

We are asking you each Sunday prayerfully to set aside – in

## 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, Bryan, 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, Elizabeth, Wade, Michael✕, Priscilla, Annie & Sifa

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

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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.

addition to your usual pledge – an extra \$10 or so for the national Church and its missions. Envelopes will be provided with you orders of service.

FROM THE RECTOR

## Change without 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, are 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.

Progressives, for example, advocate 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.

Had the upset all these ‘reforms’’ caused engendered a 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 progressive mind. Their goal -- in church and secular society -- seems to be to stamp out, as ruthlessly as possible, the faintest vestiges of dissent.

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

Even so the consequences of abandoning the virtue of charity are proving baleful in the extreme -- not only for our churches but for the nation as a whole . GPH✕

FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

# Potted Plant fundraiser

The Parish Life committee is having a fund raiser for the church. Order forms for potted plants for the garden, patio or balcony are in the Cadwalader Room. Order by April 9th, and pick up on May 4th and May 5th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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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

### 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

## Parish Life Meeting

*The Sunday After Easter, April 8th. 10.30 AM*

## The Vestry Meeting

*Wednesday, April 18th, 7.00 pm*

## The Ladies Who Lunch

*Barrett's Grill - Hunt Valley Towne Centre*  
*Wednesday, April 18th 12.00 pm*  
*Details: Call Sara Douglas 410-560-9026*

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