



The Epistle

A Newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Worshiping God ~ Serving Our Community

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Reverend Kathleen Cullen, Priest in Charge

September ~ 2015

A Note from the Pastor's Desk (still reserved for Rev. Kathleen's return!)

Reverend Kathleen has completed her rehab and will be back in the office the week of Labor Day. She will be on hand to celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday, September 13th. We look forward to having her with us again.

The Parish wishes to thank the clergy who stepped in and celebrated our Sunday Eucharist with us during Rev. Kathleen's absence: Rev. Marcus Crapsey, Rev. Linda Spinella, Rev. Susan Langle and of course, the Priest who was here all the other Sunday mornings, our old friend, Rev. John McCausland. We are grateful for their loving care and guidance.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH PARISH NEWS

On August 16, we had some unexpected company at our Sunday service. Our dear friends, **Pat & Jack** were up Florida, looking tanned and happy. They were greeted by everyone with all the love they deserve. They also managed to be on hand for a Food Bank run on Monday and Food Pantry on Tuesday....Jack added a post to the church's Facebook page saying it was as though they never left. How's that for the power of positive and heartwarming welcome. They are enjoying their new home and yes, they will remain in our hearts, thoughts and prayers as we continue to wish them well.



Save the date: Sunday, September 13

We will hold a special coffee hour as a 'Welcome Back Sunday' for all our friend and parishioners who aren't always able to attend during the summer months. The choir will begin that day as well.

Mariette is coordinating refreshments, and is open to help. Please try to attend and catch up with folks and what's been happening over their summer.

The Food Pantry & Yard Work

For the month of September, the pantry requests that we bring CANNED FISH to our food collection basket. However, any donation is welcome and happily accepted. St. Peter's in Londonderry have been supplying the pantry with tons of fresh veggies over the summer and plan to continue through the next couple of months. We are very grateful for their support!

Outreach and Inreach efforts.

Do you have an hour here or there during the week or on a weekend? There are many opportunities at St. Andrew's for volunteers:

- Thrift Shop welcomes folks on Saturday morning August through end of June from 9:00am – Noon. An hour of your time will help any Saturday
- Food Pantry and Yard Work on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month
- Food Bank Pick-up prior to Pantry Day, normally on the Monday 1st & 3rd monthly
- Altar Guild on Saturday to take a rotation setting up communion
 - Plus Sunday morning for clean-up of communion items
 - **The ladies who volunteer are also choir members and it would help to give them time for coffee before they rehearse after the service. Consider stepping in on a Sunday.
- Choir members are always in need and welcome.
- Acolytes, LEM's and Readers for Sunday worship.
- Hospitality & Coffee Hour welcomes coffee makers, folks to bake or buy refreshments and people to help set up before and then clean up after
- Sunday Bulletin needs a coordinator and/or people willing to print up the material

....Any one of these ministries will bring you a sense of well-being and belonging and may bring a sense of closeness to God...

Please prayerfully consider these opportunities to serve the church and our Lord.

From around the Diocese

The following was taken from 'Tending the Vine' a blog by Bishop +Rob on Wednesday, August 5. Click on the blog at www.tendingthevine.org OR from www.nhepiscopal.org and read his works. You find something that will uplift, stimulate the mind and/or bring spiritual peace.

The image of the Vine, as Jesus describes it in the Gospel of John, contains within it elements of the creative (you will bear fruit), stability (abide), learning and discipline (pruning the branches that do not bear fruit,) and joy ("that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.") The fifteenth chapter of John is rich with meanings. Likewise, the experience of being a part of a modest diocese of the Church has seeming infinite opportunities to witness how God is tending the vine with our help. My hope is that this blog will be one small but good fruit of our life together as we abide in that vine for our own spiritual health and for the life of the world.

Southern Convocation starts its fall meetings on Tuesday, September 22 at All Saint's Church in Peterborough. Topic of discuss will be Convention Resolutions and Diocesan Budget. Refreshments served at 7:00pm with the meeting beginning at 7:30. Presentation by The Rev. Kevin Nichols, Canon for Mission Resources/CFO and Gloria Gallant, Finance Manager

213th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire will be held Saturday November 7, 2016 at the Grappone Center, Concord NH

Theme will be God's Mission - Our Kids

CONVENTION REGISTRATION: All registration for convention is available online. Registration will be open, and we will send you the link, on Wednesday, August 27 and registration will close on October 10. We will not be able to accommodate late registration for delegates or alternates.

Guests (no voice/no vote) may be able to register late, but lunch will not be available. For information or questions about registration please contact Lynn Eaton at 603-224-1914.

For information, guidelines, and forms:

www.nhepiscopal.org/convention

Christ Church, Exeter NH, is planning to celebrate its 150th Anniversary September 18-20, 2015, and has planned a full schedule of activities to celebrate the occasion. Read more at The Bulletin or for more information visit <http://christchurchexeter.org>.

Envelopes & Donations

In the box of pledge envelopes, you will note that several months have an additional envelope designated for a specific cause. The extra monies from these envelopes help us attain a better level of budgeting. In the month of September, there is one for the West High School Scholarship Fund. Although the Vestry designates a certain amount each month for this fund, it helps us to achieve that goal when the parish adds to the 'kitty'. Envelopes for utilities - the Diocese - Food Pantry and other special occasions are also provided to help us balance our funds and to add to your taxable donation.

Besides envelopes, we also participate in *Electronic Giving*, which takes the guess work out your busy life...*'did I write my check this week'*, you may ask...with 'E-Giving' or even bill pay through your bank, this enables you to continue your tithing without the worry and it helps the church maintain its cash flow. Paperwork for E-Giving is located on the table in the hall.

The Vestry appreciates your commitment. Thank you!

Altar Flowers & Ushers

During the past year, we began a practice of inviting the person(s) who have the altar flowers on any given Sunday an opportunity to serve as an usher, at least to bring the gifts of wine and wafers to the altar. It is perfectly acceptable to decline the invitation; however, we welcome your participation.

Speaking of flowers, there are three or four weeks on the flower chart that are still open.

Please remember if you make an announcement in church speak from the lectern so everyone will hear what you have to say. Thank you.

Honors for the Month of SEPTEMBER

Birthstone: Sapphire Flower: Aster

BIRTHDAYS:

10	Erica MacKillop	13	Jackie Schorling
14	S. Alice Pickett-Hale	20	Jean Aspinwall
23	George Lajoie	27	Sue Critz

ANNIVERSARIES

11 John & Lisa Spring 27 Norris & Gabby Shatney

REMEMBERANCES

Clyde Robinson by the Langer Family
Ethel Firby by Fran LaSalle

Eucharist Minister and Reader Schedule

DATE	CRUCIFER	1 ST READER	2 ND READER	LEM
Sept 6	LYNDA BENNETT	RP HALE	JACK FOWLES	FRAN LaSALLE
Sept 13	KIM CHABOT	SHELLY KESSLEMAN	NANCY HARDING	MARIETTE ROUX
Sept 20	MARK CRITZ	JACK FOWLES	LISA SPRING	JOHN SPRING
Sept 27	LYNDA BENNETT	RP HALE	NANCY HARDING	MARIETTE ROUX

First Readers say the First Lesson and the Psalm. Second Readers say the Second Lesson and the Prayers of the People and the Military List Prayer list

SAFE CHURCH Upcoming Training Sessions

A Refresher Training is required every three (3) years. Anyone in need of refresher training needs to take the new Initial Safe Church Training

9/12/2015	St. Paul's – Concord	9am - noon
10/3/2015	All Saints' - Littleton	9am - noon
10/10/2015	St. James' – Keene	9am - noon
10/17/2015	Holy Spirit – Plymouth	9am - noon
10/31/2015	St. Matthew's – Goffstown	8:30-noon

Email Lynn Eaton at leaton@nhepiscopal.org to register.

Registration is open only until 7 days prior to training

Vestry Minutes Highlights June 8, 2015

Present: Fran LaSalle, Lynda Bennett, Jack Fowles, Brian Sullivan and Phil Petts

Absent: Rev. Kathleen (LOA) and Mariette Roux

Fran opened the meeting with a prayer.

The May 4, 2015 minutes were approved on a motion by Lynda, seconded by Jack.

Budget:

- -Profit and Loss for May shows a net gain of \$206.75 for that month but YTD figures show a negative balance of \$4531.12.
- -The April 6, 2015 Treasurer's report, which had not been previously approved were now so done along with the May report, on motions by Lynda and Phil. All were in agreement.
- -Brian presented a comparative overview of income and expenses from 2010 to the present.
- -West High scholarship fund, presented on June 4 by Bishop Rob and Lynda Bennett was discussed. It was decided that we would budget \$50 per month for next years' scholarship. The Bookkeeper will set up a separate listing in the bank balance sheet. While we would like to increase the amount awarded, the reality of our current deficit budget prevents this. A motion was made by Phil and seconded by Lynda, that we will increase the amount by whatever we additionally raise for next year, if the next fiscal year budget is positive. This will be evaluated at year-end.
- -Charter Trust was unable to be at the meeting, and so it was decided to invite them back for the October meeting when Rev. Kathleen would be here.

Warden's Report:

- -Phone coverage: Jack and Phil for the next 3-4 months. Fran will contact Canon Hannah for any pastoral care needs.
- -Mail and Email: Fran
- -Sunday morning door opening: RP and John though we may need someone on an occasional Sunday.
- -West High School 'Study to Work' program:
 - Discontinued for the summer. They have been a big help with our Food Pantry Day.
- -Research on grants suggested by Mission Resources is tabled for the summer,

Parish Life:

- -Sirena has taken over the Facebook administration.
- -Vimeo—hosting videos—is replacing You Tube. It is felt the quality and use is easier and better. Dick Brown has taken responsibility for the recordings. Rev. Kathleen and Mary paid for the first year, \$59.95.

Outreach:

- -Lynda reported that the West High awards night was impressive with students nicely dressed and mannerly. The principal described the school as a community high school with various groups of students connecting with one another. Bishop Rob was delighted to be there. A picture of the Bishop, Lynda and the scholarship recipient appears on the church's Facebook page.
- -The donated freezer from Sacred Heart has been installed, and is running. A thank you note has been sent.
- -AA Representative meeting scheduled for July 22 at 6:30. Fran invites someone to join her.

Capital Buildings and Property:

- -Repair of Founder's House apartment stair rail. Lynda will get a name of someone who could do the work. (ED Note: Rear door AND front door – both have been repaired.)
- -Railing on Conant St. also needs repair.
- -Fire Alarm batteries have been updated.
- -Organ blower repair: Jack is following up on this with a referral from another contractor.

New Business:

- -Consider approaching Nancy Harding for membership on the Vestry. Motion made by Phil and seconded by Jack. (ED NOTE: She accepted!)
- -John would like to arrange with some parish to have access to a set of bells. Rev. Marcus may be looking into this. We asked Phil who is in the choir to remind John to follow up with the Rev. I can provide his contact info to John.
- -Phil brought up the idea of sending a gift to Rev. Kathleen. After a discussion of what it should be, Brian made a motion to purchase a fruit basket. All agreed and Phil will handle the purchase.
- -Lynda will bring a cake to celebrate the choir at the end of their year on Sunday, June 28.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phil Petts for Mariette Roux, Clerk of the Vestry

From Conant St: The Thrift Shop is now open for the remainder of the year and welcomes shoppers and volunteers. Be sure to stop by with donations, to purchase something and to say hello. Let the volunteers know we appreciate their dedication.

They will be closed Labor Day weekend (9/5) but open again the following Saturday.

CMC Parish Nurse Program at the Parish of Transfiguration
107 Alsace St, Manchester, NH ~ 603-663-8004 for questions or to Register

Chair Exercise Classes:

Tuesday's at Bedford Presbyterian, 10AM

Tuesday's at St. Elizabeth Seton 9-10AM

Thursday at St. Anthony 9:30AM

Thursday's at Transfiguration, 9:30AM

Knitting Group: Tuesday's at Transfiguration, 1:00-3:00 PM

Massage: call 603-663-8004 to register

Chair Massage,

2/12 Transfiguration, 9:30-11:30 AM, fee

2/25 Transfiguration, 9:30-11:30 AM, fee

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Parish of Transfiguration, Closed till Sept 2nd

2nd Tuesday at St. Joseph Cathedral Rectory, 1-2 PM

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church - Closed till Sept

1st Monday @ St. Elizabeth Seaton, 6-7:30PM

1st Friday @ St. Pius X, 9AM

Senior Group: St. Joseph Cathedral, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10 AM

SHINE (Supportive Services for Older Adults) Closed till Sept

St. Matthew's in Goffstown NH on Wednesday's 10:30-11:45AM

T'ai Chi for Health: Parish of Transfiguration, Tues. 6-7 PM

Contact 603- 289-0927 or nhtaichi@comcast.net to register

Walking Groups:

Tuesdays at Transfiguration, 9:30 AM

Wednesdays at Transfiguration, 9:30-10AM

Yoga: Sundays 3PM Bedford Presbyterian – Free will offering

Closing Thoughts:

Everyone is aware that St. Andrew's hosts numerous AA groups for recovering alcoholics, but do you know of someone who is battling a drug addiction, especially heroin? In Manchester there is an establishment called 'Serenity Place' located at 101 Manchester St. ***They never turn anyone away.*** Their phone number is 603-625-6980. There is a Facebook page and they are listed in the yellow pages.

The best gift we can give to anyone is to help them find their own way – help someone in need by referring to our calendar schedule of AA meetings or providing the info for Serenity Place.

May you all find the peace for which you are searching!
Fran