



St. Michael's Newsletter

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From the Rector

The twelve days of Christmas conclude on Tuesday, January 6, celebrated as the Feast of the Epiphany. In the western church, the visit of the Magi to the manger again is commemorated. The Magi have followed a star in order to pay homage to the Christ child. The spiritual "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow" speaks of shepherds rather than Magi, but the sentiment is the same: "There is a star in the east on Christmas morn, rise up shepherd and follow." Having been warned in a dream to avoid King Herod, the Magi return home bearing the light of Christ they have witnessed. The light is manifest in them and symbolically shines through them to the whole world.

January 6 marks the beginning of the season of Epiphany. In this season, we too are to witness the light of Christ and become bearers of it. What shall we become as a result? This question cycles back to us each year, and frankly, each day. Of course by January 6 we will be six days into the new year of 2015. Some people will have articulated New Year's resolutions, while others will have less formulated but no less hopeful view of the coming year. The New Year marks a new beginning and our lives – secular and spiritual – receive an invitation to move forward.

After many wonderful events in 2014 celebrating the church's 300th anniversary, we at St. Michael's are invited to consider how we will grow in depth and

breadth in the light of God. Our Tercentenary celebration naturally leads us into the 301st year parish life and mission.

We will have a few more events to come to help guide us in renewed life and mission. Most immediately the Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas will visit St. Michael's on Sunday, January 11 (The First Sunday after the Epiphany, commemorating the Baptism of our Lord). Bishop Douglas has published widely in the fields of missiology* and ecclesiology, and has served on many leadership bodies in The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion. Among his published material is an essay included in a book edited by

What Shall We Become in the New Year?

Winnie Varghese, *What We Shall Become – The Future and Structure of the Episcopal Church*. We are considering this book for a Lenten program, but that is for next month. Meanwhile, Bishop Douglas will provide insight into ever evolving understanding of church and structure in carrying out God's mission to the world. This includes our mission in Marblehead!

In the aftermath of Christmas and in the light of this new season and new year, may we be open to new joys and new possibilities.

Fr. Andrew

**Editor's Note:* Missiology is the area of practical theology that investigates the mandate, message, and mission of the Christian church, especially the nature of missionary work.

Worship & Music

**Evensong & Benediction
Sunday, January 4 at 5:00 pm**

As the Christmas holidays come to a close, join us for Evensong on Sunday, January 4th at 5:00 pm. The service will include the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in B flat by Charles V. Stanford, and Douglas Major's anthem "Sing to the Lord a New Song."

**Organ Recital with Katelyn Emerson
Sunday, January 18 at 5:00 PM**

Katelyn Emerson is one of America's fine young organists. She has won competitions in the U.S. and placed third in the Organ Competition in Kaliningrad, Russia. Katelyn is pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in Organ with minors in French and Music History at Oberlin College (OH). At her young age, she continues to impress critics and audiences alike, having performed in France, Russia, New York, Portland (ME), and various other American cities. Her program will include music by Bach, Langlais, and Franck.



Tercentenary Lecture Series Continues

**Sunday, January 11
The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas
Episcopal Bishop of Connecticut**

Bishop Ian will be preaching at the 10:00 am service on the future of the Episcopal Church with a discussion at coffee hour. See more about Bishop Ian on page 5.

**Tuesday, February 10 at 7:30 PM
Dr. Douglas Major
Director of Music, St. Michael's Church**

"Why We Like to Sing:
an Overview of the Centuries-long Tradition of
Congregational Singing in the Anglican Church"

This hour-long presentation will explore the great tradition of communal song in the Church, and will include opportunities for the attendees to sing some favorite hymns as well as experience some unknown gems from times past.



January Events

January 4, Second Sunday of Christmas

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:30 a.m. Church School Chapel/Child Care
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 5:00 p.m. Evensong & Benediction

Thursday, January 8

- 6:30 p.m. St. Catherine's Guild

Friday, January 9

Annual reports due.

January 11 First Sunday after the Epiphany

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:39 a.m. Church School & Child Care
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas preaching with Q&A at coffee hour. (see page 7)

January 18 Second Sunday after the Epiphany

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:30 a.m. Church School & Child Care
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 5:00 p.m. Organ Recital:
Katelyn Emerson

Tuesday, January 20

- 12:00 noon Friends with Parish Aid

**January 25 Third Sunday after the Epiphany
One service only at 9:30 a.m.**

- 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 9:30 a.m. Church School & Child Care
- 10:45 a.m. Annual Meeting,
Children's activities downstairs followed by light lunch

Church School & Youth

In January and until the beginning of Lent the Church School uses a one-room school house model as we learn together about the life of Jesus. In January, we will learn about Jesus at Cana, and also about the stories of some women who struggled for freedom; Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth and Harriet Ross Tubman. We will also learn the story of John Newton; the sailor, minister, and composer behind the hymn "Amazing Grace".

Volunteers Needed!

Now is the perfect time to join us as a Church School volunteer if you haven't before. Please consider this worthwhile opportunity to share your gifts, and be part of the children's religious education experience here at St. Michael's. We really need your help!

During the winter we conduct religious education in a one-room schoolhouse model. It isn't hard, please give it a try if you haven't already! We will need two adults each week. The Storyteller position is the job for the person leading the lesson. The lesson is all set up for you and I will get you a copy in advance. The Activity Leader is the person who helps with a craft, which will be all set up for you also. This person also helps setting up snacks and taking care of odds and ends as they come up. Please consider volunteering and sign up on the St. Michael's Sign-Up Genius or contact Kelley at kelley@stmichaels1714.org

Annual Parish Meeting

This year our annual parish meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25th. There will be one service on that day at 9:30. (No 8 o'clock service, the 10 o'clock service is moved to 9:30 am.) Church School and the Service will both begin at 9:30. Children should be at the Davenport house by 9:30 and will join the service in progress as usual. The Meeting will follow the service and will take place in the Parish Hall. Child care will be extended on that day. Nursery and Church School children are invited to get a snack and return downstairs where there will be play time and activities for them while parents attend the meeting.

Church School Outreach

Also in January, Church School children will begin working on the "Superbowl of Caring" Fundraiser. This is a nationally organized effort in which funds are raised for a local charity of our choice. Our children here at St. Michael's have participated 6 times over the last 10 years and have raised a total of over \$1,600 and 210 food items. Last year was our best single year total when we raised \$422 and 47 food



Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Jan. 4: Nursery Care; Children's Chapel & Church School 9:30 am
- Jan. 11 Nursery Care & Church School
- Jan. 12 Supper Club
- Jan. 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend
Nursery Care; No Church School
- Jan. 25 Nursery Care; Children's Chapel & Church School 9:30 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II at 9:30 am
Annual Parish Meeting with extended nursery care followed by Parish lunch
- Feb. 1 Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser
Nursery Care; Children's Chapel & Church School 9:30 am

items for the Marblehead Food Pantry. Can we break our own record this year? Let's try!

To contribute to this endeavor, just drop off unexpired non-perishables to our food pantry box at the end of January, or make a cash donation to our soup pot on "Souperbowl" Sunday, February 1, 2015.

A Look Back at December

What a busy month we have had at St. Michael's! We began the month with Christmas carols, hot cider and "Chili in a Bag" at our second annual Christmas tree lighting right here on Summer Street. It was a clear night and a



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Church School & Youth continued

great time was had by all.

Next, the St. Michael's Heart of Christmas Fair began with a Preview dinner and entertainment for the children downstairs, while adults enjoyed the shopping and wassail upstairs. The fair continued the next day and was very successful with many coming to enjoy the crafts and the "Rich Uncle" items on sale, and all of the tasty luncheon treats.

St. Michael's Church School children also participated in the Marblehead Christmas Walk Parade for the first time. The theme this year was "Winter Wonderland, the weather was more like "rainy season", but our intrepid group forged ahead, handing out hot chocolate coupons to the onlookers along the route and having fun.

In Church School, the Godly Play Group learned about Advent and the Christmas story. The Weaving God's Promises group learned about Zechariah and Elizabeth, John the Baptist, and the Christmas Story.

The Pageant

All children came together to work on our wonderful Christmas Pageant! Cast members met for three rehearsals and also worked to memorize and practice their parts at home. The hard work of the children really paid off in a reflective yet joyous portrayal of the Christmas story right here at St. Michael's on Christmas Eve.

There are so many people to thank for their help on the pageant, first, Kaki Ianchulev for treating the entire cast to a wonderful cast party luncheon. It was enjoyed by all. Next to Milena Connolly, Gillian Petty, and Helen Riegle for all their help with costumes. The children looked terrific! Thanks also to Steve Clay for all of his help with the microphones. It makes all the difference when the children's lines can be heard and enjoyed. Thank you also to all of the parent volunteers; Tom Connolly, Aileen Day, Kelley Callahan, and Sue Cool. It would not have come together without you. Thank you so much!



December Outreach Programs

In December, the children and families of St. Michael's Church participated in the drive to help Marbleheaders enjoy a special holiday meal this Christmas. Groups led by Linda Smidt, the Honos family and the McCarthy/Atkinson, shopped with Market Basket Gift cards and delivered all the ingredients for a wonderful dinner for the families served by the Marblehead Food Pantry. Your effort, particularly at this busy time of year, is much appreciated!

New this year, church school children created a craft to sell at the Heart of Christmas Fair. They made "Reindeer Dust" a combination of oats, glitter, (and maybe a little magic) that is spread on your lawn on Christmas Eve to attract Santa's reindeer to come to your house. About 40 of these packets were sold at the fair, raising \$1 each. This money went toward St. Michael's Programs and Ministries. Packets left unsold were donated to those receiving stockings through the Marblehead Food Pantry.

Also new this year, the Supper Club youth assisted the "Marblehead Community of Friends" by decorating stockings, and by filling a stocking for a boy their age who is in need. This child attends the Marblehead Public Schools and received a large stocking filled with socks, hats, mittens, a toothbrush and toothpaste, candy, gift cards, and a number of sports items and balls that were generously donated by Supper Club Families. Thank you to those families for making the holidays brighter for this young man!

Children and their families also participated in the annual St. Michael's Mitten Tree. Our High School service group got together to make and label all of the mittens for the tree. They also created 50 holiday greeting cards that will contain gift cards that will be given to older children in need. This year about 42 gifts were donated to brighten the holidays of those less fortunate. They were delivered to the Marblehead Food Pantry. This effort was spearheaded by Diane Christian, thank you Diane!

-Kelley Howells.



Bishops of Connecticut Visit St. Michael's, 1788 and 2015



Samuel Seabury, 1st Bishop of Connecticut, 1784-1799, by Ralph Earl, courtesy of the National Gallery of Art.

On Sunday, March 23, 1788, Ashley Bowen recorded in his journal "This day being Easter Sunday the Right Reverend Father in God Bishop Seabury preached, and in the forenoon confirmed people of all denominations. Note: myself and wife and daughter Molly were confirmed by Bishop Seabury." The *Salem Mercury* reported on March 25 that "upwards of 120 persons received the benefit of this apostolick rite." The St. Michael's rector at the time was The Rev. A. Fitch Oliver whom Samuel Seabury had ordained in 1785, the 5th deacon ordained into the Episcopal Church.

Just 5 years before this Marblehead event, 10 clergymen meeting in Woodbury, Connecticut elected Samuel Seabury (1729-1796) to be their bishop. Seabury sailed to London to seek consecration. But the bishops there did not think they had the authority since Seabury would not swear allegiance to the King. Seabury then went to the Scottish Episcopal Church whose bishops did not require the oath. However, they did ask Seabury to include certain Eucharistic prayers of invocation that had been included in the 1549 Prayer Book, but excluded from the 1552 Prayer Book. On his return to Connecticut, Seabury convened clergy and began ordinations into the diaconate and priesthood.

Church historian Robert Pritchard notes that Seabury also used "the office of confirmation to impart the Holy Spirit to lay men and women," thus distinguishing the new Episcopal Church from Congregationalists yet tying it to themes of regeneration.. In Seabury's first address to his clergy he explained: "By Baptism we are taken out of our natural state of sin and death, into which we are born by our natural birth, and are translated, transplanted, or born again into the Church of Christ...and by confirmation...we are endued with the Holy Spirit to overcome sin, and to perfect holiness in fear of God."

Samuel Seabury was born in Connecticut in 1729. His father was a Congregational minister who was ordained into the Church of England in 1731. Seabury graduated from Yale, studied theology with his father, medicine in Edinburgh and then ordained in England in 1753. He served in parishes in New Jersey, New York, and as a loyalist was appointed chaplain to the King's American Regiment. After the War he returned to Connecticut.

As Bishop of Connecticut and Rhode Island, Seabury had influence on the 1789 Book of Common Prayer, ordained xx to the priesthood, and founded the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut, now called Cheshire Academy. Edward Ballard, St. Michael's minister 1848-1851, became headmaster there 1851-1857.



Birthplace of Samuel Seabury, Ledyard, Connecticut. Photo from twitter.com/ctbishopian 12/28/2015.

- Frances Stith Nilsson

The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas Guest Preacher January 11, 2015



Ian T. Douglas, 15th Bishop of Connecticut, 2010-2015, wearing the Cross of St. Augustine

On Sunday, January 11, the 15th Bishop of Connecticut, The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas will be preaching at St. Michael's 10 am service as part of our Tercentenary Lecture series. A Q&A will follow at coffee hour. Join us for this opportunity to look "W(h)ither the National Church" and the future of the missionary work of the Episcopal Church.

Prior to becoming bishop, Douglas was Angus Dun professor of Mission and World Christianity at the Episcopal Divinity School, serving on the faculty 1989 to 2010 as well as Priest Associate at St. James in Cambridge.

In the Episcopal Church he has worked as a Volunteer for Mission in the Episcopal Church of Haiti, a member of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church and chair of the Standing Commission on World Mission. He is also a founder of Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation. Douglas has been a member of the Standing Committee of the Anglican Communion since 2009 having served earlier with various Anglican groups. In 2011 the Archbishop of Canterbury awarded him the Cross of St. Augustine, the highest honor in the Anglican Communion.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2nd SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 4 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Children's Chapel 9:30 am Child Care 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm Evensong & Benediction	5 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	THE EPIPHANY 6 5:00 pm St. Michael's Team at My Brother's Table, Lynn	Parish Office Hours Monday-Friday 8:30 am-12:30 pm	New Year's Day 1 Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3
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2nd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 18 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Historic Church 9:00 am Thrift Shop NO Church School 9:30 am Child Care 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm Organ Recital: Katelyn Emerson	Marlin 19 Luther King, Jr. Office closed	20 Noon Parish Aid & Friends - all are welcome 7:00 pm Vestry	21 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA (Chapter Rm.)	15 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	16	17
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January Gatherings

St. Catherine's Guild

Thursday, January 8 at 6:30 pm

St. Catherine's Guild will hold its next dinner meeting on Thursday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

This will be our "after Christmas party" as we decided having a December's meeting was too close to the Christmas Fair. We will have our traditional "Yankee Swap" on January 8th so please bring a wrapped gift (value \$10). This gift can be something you received at Christmas but don't need or want.

All women in the Parish are invited to attend. If you are not a current member, please call Jennifer Oliveira at 781/842-1285 by Jan. 6th to let her know you are coming. Current members also need to let Jenny know you will be attending. Dinner will consist of oven baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, green salad and dessert (cost \$4.00 for dinner and \$5.00 to support our child in Haiti).

- Pam Oppelt, President.

Parish Aid Society & Friends All Are Welcome—Members & Not!

Tuesday, January 20 at noon

St. Michael's Parish Hall

Please bring a sandwich and yourself!

We will provide a cup of soup, dessert, tea and coffee.

RSVP to Susan Zorn, or to the Church Office by calling 781-631-0657

All are welcome to participate in an informal lunch and fellowship on the third Tuesday of the month.

January 25, 2015

One Service Only at 9:30 AM

Annual Meeting at 10:45 AM

Children's activities will be downstairs with extended nursery care and Parish Lunch to follow

Join us for a review of 2014—a most exciting year for St. Michael's—with the election of officers and new members of the Vestry, an update on the Capital Campaign, and the budget for next.

It's not late to pledge or revise your pledge upwards. Help us close the gap and dip less (or not at all!) into the endowment.

Annual Reports Due January 9th

Committee/Commission Chairs— Please turn in your 2014 annual report to Jane Maihos **by Tuesday, January 9, 2015**. The early date facilitates combining, copying and collation. Please send electronically, preferably single-spaced in Times New Roman 12-point font. Thank you.

"W(h)ither the Church" Sunday, January 11 — *continued from page 5*

Books by Ian T. Douglas include **Fling Out the Banner: The National Church Ideal and the Foreign Mission of the Episcopal Church** (1996), **Waging Reconciliation: God's Mission in a Time of Globalization and Crisis** (2000), **Beyond Colonial Anglicanism: The Anglican Communion in the 21st Century** (2000), and **Understanding the Windsor Report: Two leaders in the American Church Speak Across the Divide** with Paul Zahi (2005).

Born in Fitchburg, MA, Douglas attended Lawrence Academy, received his B.A. at Middlebury College, a joint Ed.M at Harvard's Graduate School of Education and M. Div. at Harvard Divinity School and his Ph.D. in missiology from Boston University.

- Frances Stith Nilsson





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with Q & A at coffee hour

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5:00 PM

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St. Michael's Church

Officers: Frances Nilsson, Sr. Warden; Stephen Clay, Jr. Warden; Sue Cool, Clerk; James Dearborn, Treasurer; Karl Renney, Asst. Treasurer.

Vestry: Melissa Amberik, Sarah Bates, Brian Carlson, Xavier Chickering, Jennifer Davis-Oliveira, Ellie Doyle, Rory Gaunt, Robert L. Howie, Jr., Karin McCarthy.

Delegates for Convention: Jan Barnett, Denise Shea. **Deanery Delegates:** Jan Barnett, Frances Nilsson, Denise Shea

Staff: The Rev. Andrew J. Stoessel, Rector; Dr. Douglas Major, Music Director; Kelley Howells, Christian Education Director; Jane Maihos, Parish Administrator; Jennifer Hill, Sexton.