



St. Michael's Newsletter

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From the Rector:

It has been an active spring at St. Michael's. Literally and figuratively, we hope the dust will settle soon! In addition to "normal" celebrations and events such as the Lenten Program, Holy Week and Easter services, first communion for children, confirmations, burials and memorial services, the parish has also witnessed and engaged in activities around the 300th Anniversary. These include evening lectures on the history and architecture of St. Michael's, the opening and display over Memorial Day weekend of a wonderful exhibit at the old Town Hall, and the presentation of a symposium sponsored by St. Michael's and the Peabody Essex Museum. All has taken the time and talents of many individuals to bring these to bear. All the while construction has been going on to renovate the downstairs of the Parish Hall, create a new universal access ramp, and install a lift. Jack hammers, power tools, painting and a revolving parade of workers have brought new sounds and sights to our campus.

No sooner do we transition out of the school and program year than we jump into the plans for the Lobster Lunch. The sign-up sheets are posted and the call has gone out for volunteers for this fun ministry over the July 4 weekend. Importantly, all the net proceeds of the Lobster Lunch constitute St. Michael's outreach funding.

All these events foster and support the

mission and vision of St. Michael's. This vision and mission is grounded in the mission of the larger Church "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." (1979 BCP, p. 855) Many hands make light work, the saying goes, and many hands continue to bring forth the ministries of St. Michael's. God's spirit is at work in the breadth of all that is and has been offered. "To each is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

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-1 Corinthians 12:7

On a recent Sunday, I included a meditation about the trust our Lord has in our ability to carry forward his work. It was written by the late George MacLeod, and included in book entitled, **Lent and Easter Readings from Iona**, edited by Neil Paynter. (c. 2001 Neil Paynter, published 2002 by Wild Goose Publications, Glasgow, Scotland.) The meditation, named "No other plans" follows:

"There is a very old legend, and all legends that persist speak truth, concerning the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to heaven after his Ascension. It is said that the angel Gabriel met him at the gates of the city.

'Lord, this is a great salvation thou hast wrought,' said the angel. But the Lord Jesus only said, 'Yes.'

'What plans hast thou made for carrying on the work? How are all to know what thou hast done?' asked Gabriel.

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From the Music Director—Special Music on Pentecost!

As we approach the end of this choir year, I want to thank all the members of the St. Michael's Choir and the St. Michael's Youth Choir for their excellent work this past year. We have added new anthems to the repertoire, as well as adding new members to our ranks. Good work, all!

I am completing work on the St. Michael's Service, a congregational setting of the Ordinary (Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus and Agnus Dei) and we will sing it for the first time on June 8 at the 10 am Pentecost service. Be sure and bring your good voices this day.

- Douglas Major, Music Director

Thank You, St. Michael's Choir—& Doug too!



Front Row: Director Doug Major, Teddi DiCanio, Sarah Hunter, Michele Baille. Middle row: Louise Wager, Denise Shea, Katie Hoyer, Liz Ayer, Jan Barnett. Back: Jim Ayer, Gordon Spaberg, Christopher Riegler, Stanley Smith, Gregory Kazan. Photo: Crystal Nilsson

Rector's Column - continued

'I left Peter and James and John and Martha and Mary to tell their friends, their friends to tell their friends, till all the world should know.'

'But Lord Jesus,' said Gabriel, 'suppose Peter is too busy with the nets, or Martha with the housework, or the friends they tell are too occupied, and forget to tell their friends - what then?'

The Lord Jesus did not answer at once; then he said in his quiet wonderful voice: 'I have not made any other plans. I am counting on them.'

On behalf of the all who tirelessly bring forth the good news of God in Christ through the ministries of St. Michael's, thank you. —Fr. Andrew



Summer Tercentenary Year Events

June 5 **St. Catherine's Guild Banquet**
at the Corinthian Yacht Club

June 7 SATURDAY

8:30 am—3:30 pm + tour & reception
Building a Handsome Church
Peabody Essex Museum

Don't miss this symposium with 5 of the best historians and scholars of colonial Anglican Church architecture and culture, focusing on St. Michael's and its relationship to Marblehead and other colonial and European churches.

Sign-Up at www.stmichaels2014.org
or at the Church Office.
Reserve by June 3rd to include lunch !

June 8 **PENTECOST**

Last Church School of the season—see page 3
Last Sunday with the choir until fall.

July 4- 6 FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

St. Michael's Lobster Lunch
See page 6 for new features
and how you can help!

Altar Flowers

One of the gifts of spring and summer are the wonderful flowers in our gardens and on our altar. Contact Anne Foster (or the Church Office) if you have flowers in your garden that can be cut for the altar. Thank you!



Church School—from Kelley Howells

Church School

In May, we learned about Jesus' time on earth after the resurrection and his ascension into heaven. We also learned about Paul spreading the Good News, and did a tremendous job taking part in the Intergenerational Service. We attended the 1928 Historical Service of Morning Prayer, and participated in Rogation Sunday by planting flowers and beautifying our parish.

June Highlights

June 1 – Children's Chapel and Church School

We will begin the month with a Children's Chapel service on June 1st at 9:30am where we will be learning about the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Because of construction, we will continue to hold Children's Chapel in the Church School room at the Davenport House. Church school will follow.

June 8 - End of the year Family Breakfast Celebration and 2014-2015 Registration

This year we are trying something new. We would like to gather all Church School and Nursery families for an end of the year breakfast celebration at 9:30 on our last day June 8th!

We will be sending a sign-up genius for you to sign up for donations to the breakfast. We are hoping for a beautiful morning, so that we can picnic on our grounds, but in case of bad weather, we hope to use our newly renovated space in the lower hall.

We plan for parents and children to arrive by 9:30 and for all to enjoy some breakfast treats while parents fill out registration forms for the fall to get a jump on next year's program.

By 10 o'clock parents should head into services, while activities and fun continue for the children. Children will join the 10 o'clock service at our usual time.

June Dates to Remember	
June 1st	Children's Chapel in the Davenport House & Church School
June 8th	Last Church School with end of the year celebration breakfast for Church School and Nursery, and 2014-2015 Registration
June 10th	Supper Club Family BBQ, New Supper Club members welcome!

Supper Club

In June, Supper Club will meet on June 10th for an end of the year celebratory BBQ hosted by Avery Russell. Thank you so much Avery! This BBQ is for Supper Club families, and for those interested in joining Supper Club next year. This gives new students the opportunity to meet some of our Supper Club members and get a taste of what our program is like. We will also be re-working the Supper Club schedule for next year, to give even more students the opportunity to attend.



Quilt Making

Thanks to Sue Cool and Gillian Petty, Church School and Supper Club students are hard at work, making a quilt to give as a gift to St. Michael's Parish in honor of the Tercentenary.

We have just gotten all of our "squares" completed! The children have been thinking about the various aspects, and events at church that are meaningful to them. They have created paper cut outs that represent their vision, and Gillian Petty has transferred their design to cloth. Then with her tremendous talent, she has sewn it together creating gorgeous designs. Now onto the hard work of creating the border, filling the quilt, and adding the backing. We are getting very excited to share our hard work with the Parish!



Rogation Sunday Planting May 18

Photos: Kelley Howells



Moses Parsons Stickney, Rector 1842–1847

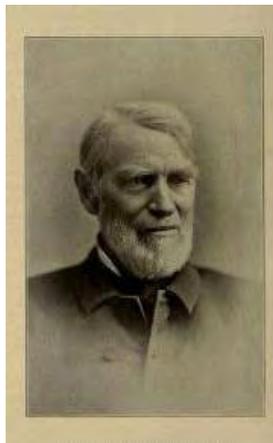
As soon as word was out that the Rev. J.P. Robinson was resigning, letters began to arrive from other ministers like Robinson who wanted to move North. However, a candidate was already in the area. The Vestry voted on June 30, 1842 to call the Rev. Moses P. Stickney.

Stickney's situation would not have been new to St. Michael's. Born in Byfield, Mass. in 1807, he had been raised in the Congregational Church, and may have been named for an 18th century pastor Moses Parsons. Stickney attended Dummer and Framingham academies, Harvard 1825-27 and graduated from Amherst College in 1830. He taught briefly at Topsfield Academy and then attended Bangor Theological School 1833-35 and Yale Theological School 1835-36. He was ordained in Eastport, Maine and served at the Central Congregational Church 1837-1840. But then Stickney felt called to the Episcopal Church.

We do not know what influenced Stickney. At that time there was no Episcopal Church in Eastport, but there were strong connections between Eastport and New Brunswick, Canada. Apparently Stickney applied for admission for candidacy in the Massachusetts Diocese in September 1840 and was ordained to the diaconate on February 25, 1841. Most likely Bishop Griswold, also serving as Rector of St. Peter's in Salem, sent Stickney to fill in at St. Michael's after Robinson had left. On September 14, 1842 at St. Michael's, Marblehead, Griswold ordained Stickney to the priesthood and on October 24, 1842 at Trinity, Boston, married Moses Stickney and Jane Frances Curry from St. Andrew's, New Brunswick, a town just across the bay from Eastport, Maine. The Rt. Rev. Alexander Griswold died in Salem on February 15, 1843.

Several other events important to St. Michael's happened during Stickney's rectorship. On January 19th, 1844 the Vestry voted "the Ladies of the Parish, agreeable to their request, have liberty to erect a building on the land belonging to the church and to be connected with it, for a Vestry and Lecture room." Bishop Manton Eastburn called it a "new and very convenient vestry-room" and also noted on May 3rd "that it is intended, during the present summer, to make some very much needed improvements in the interior of the church."

The next year on July 27th, Bishop Eastburn notes in his Journal to the Convention: "I must here express my thanks to the Vestry of this parish, by whose direction the interior of the St. Michael's has been restored, in a great measure, to the original solemnity and propriety of ap-



The Rev. Moses P. Stickney from **The History of Topsfield Academy** by Perley and Don, 1899.

pearance. Through some alterations made several years since, this ancient and interesting edifice had almost altogether lost the characteristics of a Church. By the persevering exertions of a few members of the parish, these deformities have at length been removed; giving place to improvements, which have been carried out with perfect taste and judgment. The exterior of the church has also been repaired; and presents an appearance, indicating that the worshippers within its walls are not insensible to the claims of this time-honored sanctuary upon their pious reverence and care."

In his 1846 Parochial Report Stickney describes these changes: "In the course of the past year, the interior of it has been greatly

improved, by the removal of the heavy structure which encumbered the church, and the introduction of a new pulpit and desk, placed one on the left, and the other on the right side, without the rails. The chancel has thereby been much enlarged, and the performance of the divine service rendered much more convenient. The expense of this alteration...has been defrayed by the ladies of the sewing circle..." What was this heavy structure that was removed? One has to look back to the 1833 renovations to try to visualize: "A new Pulpit including a vestry room. The old chancel stood formerly on the North East part of the Church was now removed on the N.W. part and enclosed the Pulpit vestry &c. The Altar Piece...was placed directly over the Pulpit."

All was going well at St. Michael's until tragedy struck Marblehead. On September 19th, 1846 a tremendous gale came over the Grand Banks. Eleven vessels and sixty-five men and boys of Marblehead were lost at sea. It was the death knell to Marblehead's fishing industry. The following Easter, St. Michael's Vestry wrote Stickney that they were falling behind in paying his salary, and did not have a solution in the near future. The Rev. Moses Stickney left St. Michael's at the end of May 1847 and took a position at St. Peter's in Cambridge.

An author wrote a history of St. Peter's in an 1887 **Cambridge Chronicle** article saying: "The rector, although a most excellent and devoted clergyman, was ... at heart a warm adherent of the ritualistic branch of church..." Stickney stayed at St. Peter's four years, spent a year Bishop George Washington Doane's Burlington College in New Jersey and then returned to Boston as assistant to the rector at the Church of the Advent, 1853—1871. Inspired by the Oxford Movement, Doane's

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Steward of the Month—Jean Howe

Jean Howe has attended St. Michael's since 1955 when she moved to town. "My former husband was a strong Episcopalian so we went to St. Michael's. I loved it and have never gone anywhere else," Jean says.

She finds the building charming, loves the service and adds, "It is a very rewarding church community and I was attracted to the people of St. Michael's."

Among her favorite memories is the all boys choir which rehearsed every Thursday and in the sixties one of her sons sang in it. She remembers their singing at the Christmas Eve service when the boys were so tired they could hardly keep their eyes open. She says, "They were adorable."

Another memory is the special service given to dedicate the star, made by Elaina Bryant, that backs the crucifix above the altar.

Her three sons were all baptized and confirmed at St. Michael's. Father Norton became a family friend and was godfather to their youngest son who is named David after him. "Fr. Norton was a beautiful man," Jean says.

Over the years, Jean took an active role in the church. She helped with the children in the choir. She chaired the Christmas Fair one year. "It was the year after Hope and John Haug chaired it," she recalls. She recalls the Service League in which the younger members of the church gave their time and talent to church work that needed to be done.

Professionally Jean has had a number of careers. She



taught English at Marblehead High School and after that, she was chosen to start and run the adult education classes in town from 1973 to 1983, a program that grew to 1800 people taking classes. Then she became a realtor. Then for ten years she did tour guiding with eight day bus trips through New England. Now she runs and operates mobile home parks in New Hampshire. Still, she found time to take a rigorous year-long chaplaincy course at Beverly Hospital which led to her volunteering for six years at Brigham and Women's Hospital, a program that was run by fellow St. Michael's parishioner Debbie Hall.

Jean's three sons live both near and far:

George is in Austin, TX, Peter is on the Neck, and David is in New York. All are married and have seven children, from 14 to 25, between them.

Jean likes to travel so she, her children, and grandchildren plan trips together. Last Christmas, 14 of them went to Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand. The year before, they went to Morocco. The trips are not packaged tours. Jean handles the planning, but she says she is good at delegating so that it becomes a group effort.

Nevertheless, she finds time to play badminton at Gut 'n Feathers and to play tennis. She belongs to Explorers Life Long Learning in Salem. And until this year, was on the Board of Trustees of the Abbot Public Library.

Says Jean of her many roles and interests, "I love to dabble, a typical Gemini." *- Marilyn Day*

Moses P. Stickney—continued from page 4

close friend William Crosswell had founded Advent in 1844 with daily services and rituals not seen in New England Protestant churches. Bishop Eastburn had at first refused to visit Advent with its crosses, candles, altar flowers and solid altar. The movement caused much friction between Evangelical low churchmen and high churchmen moving towards Anglo-Catholicism.

Stickney moved to Vermont in 1871 near his two older children, both born in Marblehead. He was Rector of Christ Church in Bethel, Vermont and St. Paul's in Royalton from 1871-1888, and just St. Paul's, Royalton until his death, August 19, 1894.

Frances Nilsson, Historic Church Committee

St. Michael's Episcopal Church Marblehead, Massachusetts

Our Mission is to seek transformation in God's grace by worshipping God in prayer, song, and study; loving and serving our neighbor in and outside our parish Community; and being good stewards of God's creation.

Our Vision is to be a Mission-driven Episcopal congregation that by 2014 will be widely recognized as a vibrant, open, and inviting community, known for liturgically-centered worship and music, for lifelong learning, for pastoral presence and service to communities near and far, for good stewardship of our resources, and for celebration of our legacy as an historic church.

St. Michael's Lobster Lunch—Donate! Promote! Bake! Volunteer! Enjoy!

St. Michael's Heavenly Lobster Lunch

**Friday, July 4th
through Sunday, July 6th
11 AM—3 PM**

**Historic Church Open House
11 AM—2 PM**

Special Events

Friday, July 4th—Independence Day
Bell Ringing at 7:30 AM, Noon & 6 PM

Saturday, July 5th at Noon
Organ Recital & Contest with Doug Major

Sunday, July 6th 11am—3 pm
NEW! Meet Paul Revere



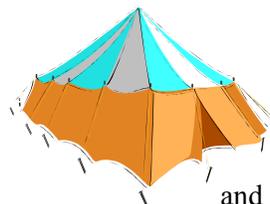
**What? You can't be here?
But you can still help!**

Donate to help raise the tent.

Bake cookies for us to freeze.

Spread the word! Download and print the poster from the web site and put it up in your car window, workplace and at your favorite shopping place.

Tell your friends. Link to us on Facebook.



Help Us "Pitchure" the Tent!

Pitching a tent on the lawn has made all the difference in the success of the Lobster Lunch, boosting attendance and sales. Help us prepay for the tent by making a donation. Be a sponsor for \$25, \$50 or more.

Check the easel in the Parish Hall as donations come in to raise the tent and fill it with people.

Yes, in just 4 short weeks St. Michael's will be donning our aprons and hats and dishing out lobster rolls and hot dogs to the throngs of Marblehead and surrounding communities. Lobster salad on a bed of lettuce we expect to increase in popularity. Don't miss this opportunity to dish up Marblehead's favorite food to your friends and neighbors while raising funds for charities.

Sign up sheets are in the parish hall so sign up now or you may miss your chance to get your favorite duty—in the kitchen, in the dining area, selling hats, promoting St. Michael's or baking treats! Donations to defray costs are also welcome.

Have visiting friends and relatives? Sign them up to help or send them off to events and exhibits while you serve your shift. And of course, bring them to lunch!

100% of all net proceeds go to our local charities and to our sister parish and school, St. Thomas, in Arcahaie, Haiti. This is an excellent opportunity to remind the town of the generous hearts of the parishioners of St. Michael's and that we still know how to throw a fabulous lobster lunch too.
- Chair: Linda Smidt,

Lobster Lunch Planning

will be Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:30 pm with pizza and wine. This is a TEAM effort that turns this 3-day event into a great Lobster Lunch with all our proceeds for Outreach: for St. Thomas Arcahaie, Haiti, food pantries and soup kitchens and more. Contact Linda Smidt if you would like to help with planning. We usually hold 3 planning meetings through May and June.

Start Baking NOW!

Once again the Lobster Lunch Committee asks the very generous bakers of St. Michael's to supply the cookies for this year's 4-day event. Last year we asked the parishioners to start baking cookies in June and it turned out to be an overwhelming success. We will be baking two types of cookies and no rice krispie squares (they did not hold up in the heat).

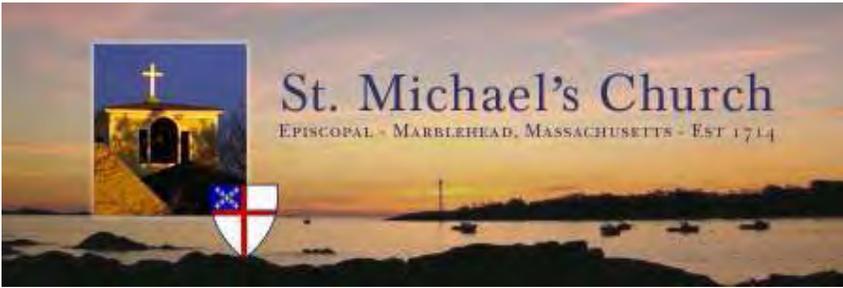
Market Basket has a brand of cookie dough called Take n' Bake and you can find this in their produce section near the eggs. The two types of cookies are: Chocolate Chip and Oatmeal Raisin. You can also use the Nestle Toll House cookie dough for the chocolate chip cookies.

Each package makes 24 cookies. Put two cookies in one baggie and then put one or two dozen of these baggies in a larger zip lock freezer bag and mark on the outside the quantity and the type. This will help us with the count and type.

You can start baking now and bring to St. Michael's to place in the freezer.



The Thrift Shop needs your help too!
Bring in your summer items that no longer fit and those summer housewares you're not using. Recycle and benefit those in need and the church too!



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Sunday, June 8

***Pentecost!
and Last Sunday for
Choir & Church School***

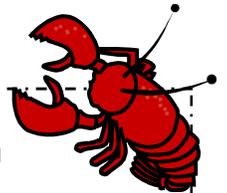
**8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:30 am Church School Breakfast
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

Lobster Lunch

**Friday—Sunday
July 4—July 6th
11:00 am—3 pm**

**Volunteer Now!
Sign-Up in the Parish Hall**

**Remember: All Net Proceeds
Fund Our Outreach Programs**



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, Ellie Doyle, Rory Gaunt, Robert L. Howie, Jr., Karin McCarthy, Jennifer Oliveira.

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.

St. Michael's Church

June 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1) 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Children's Chapel 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	2) NO Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm Deanery Meeting, St. Peter's Church, Beverly	3) 9:00 am Glover School Walking Tour at St. Michael's 5:00 pm St. Michael's Team at My Brothers Table, Lynn 6:30 pm Lobster Lunch Planning Meeting	4) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA	5) 5:30 pm St. Catherine's Social and 6:30 pm Dinner at Corinthian Yacht Club 7:30 pm Adult Choir	6) 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm St. Michael's Church Open House and Church Tours	7) 8:30 am – 3:30 "Building a Handsome Church: St. Michael's, Marblehead 1714" Symposium at Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA followed by 4:00 pm Tours & Reception at St. Michael's
8) DAY OF PENTECOST WHITSUNDAY <i>End of Church Program Year</i> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am End of Year Church School Breakfast and Registrations for Fall 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	9)	10) 6:00 pm Middle School Supper Club End of Season Celebration at 27 Pleasant St. 7:00 pm Wardens Mtg.	11) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study - <i>Last until fall</i> 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA	12)	13)	14) Flag Day 10:30 am – 1:00 pm St. Michael's Team at Life Bridge, Salem Valerie Wycoff & Pam Oppelt, Co- Capts.
15) TRINITY SUNDAY Father's Day 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	16)	17) 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	18) 9:30 am Holy ucharist 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA	19)	20)	21) <i>Fr. Andrew on Vacation June 21 – June 30</i>
22) 2ND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Tercentenary Meeting 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	23)	24)	25) 9:30 am Holy ucharist 8:00 pm AA	26) Marblehead Festival of Arts Exhibit set-up at St. Michael's	27)	28)
29) 3RD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	30)	Parish Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Thrift Shop Hours Tuesday – Saturday 1:00 – 4:00 pm	4th of July St. Michael's Lobster Lunch 11 am – 3 pm Revere Bell Ringing 7:30 am, noon, 6 pm	5th of July St. Michael's Lobster Lunch 11 am – 3 pm noon Organ Recital & Contest with Doug Major	