



# St. Michael's Newsletter

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## From the Rector: Capturing the Wind

A few years ago, in the course of a conversation with a spiritual director, I spoke of my then sailboat and sailing. “What does it have to teach you?” he asked me, referring not just to the boat but also the endeavor. I responded quickly, “Everything!” The old boat was new to me. I knew my learning curve was steep. Living in a community of life-long sailors of every level, I sensed those around me would likely forget more than I would ever know! Obviously, his question was an invitation to look well beyond the mere bounds of boat maintenance and sailing. The spiritual director’s question has stayed with me through many other endeavors and tasks. That particular sailboat is gone now. A smaller one has replaced it. I know more, it is true, and still have much to learn!

Later in the conversation he related the gift of the Holy Spirit with the wind propelling a sailboat: sails and headings are adjusted to best capture the wind and course direction, just as we adjust and shift as the Spirit leads us through familiar and new ministries.

We are at a point in the year when boats are going back in the water, gardens are being planted, and the end of the school year is on the horizon. The program year at St. Michael’s also is winding down. On June 5 we will recognize the Adult and Youth Choirs and the Church School teachers as they conclude their respective ministries for the spring and head

off for a well-deserved break. The Wednesday Bible study will conclude for the summer on June 8, returning (as with the choir and church school) in September. Just as these move into summer hiatus, other ministries take up their glad songs. In particular the Lobster Lunch over the July 4 weekend is in its fervent planning stages. The Vestry voted at its May meeting to once again donate half the net proceeds to our partnership church and school, St. Thomas, Arcahaie, Haiti, and the other half to organizations helping those in need here on the North Shore of Boston. Later in July St. Michael’s will participate in the Kids in Community summer enrichment program at St. Stephen’s, Lynn. Kids in Community (KIC) is a free day camp for elementary age children at St. Stephen’s. St. Michael’s will participate the week of July 25-29. More information about (KIC) will be coming. Also, St. Michael’s Leadership Development Team continues to discern ways for St. Michael’s to help homeless families and children, be this through Family Promise, The Haven, or other organizations. We adjust, trim, take hold and move forward mission and ministry with the power of God’s spirit.

What will we experience? What will we learn? Perhaps everything we need for the moment! As the rhythm of life within and outside the parish shifts and changes, we are reminder that we live in spiritual time. To paraphrase St. Paul, “God is not far from each of us. For ‘in him we live

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**From the Music Director—Thank You St. Michael's Choirs (and Doug too)!**

On Sunday, June 5th at 5 pm, our Youth Choir will be travelling to St. John's Episcopal Church in Gloucester to join their Youth Choir for Choral Evensong. The choirs have learned a beautiful setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by my dear friend and colleague David Hogan. He was a very fine tenor in my choir at Washington Cathedral, and tragically perished in the TWA flight that went down over off of Long Island in 1996. He was a music educator and a fine composer whose work we performed regularly in Washington.

St. John's Church is located at 48 Middle Street, Gloucester, MA 01930, and parking is available just off of Washington Street. I hope you can join us and support our young singers.

- Douglas Major, Music Director

**Rector's Column - continued**

and move and have our being.'” (Acts 17:27b-28) A sudden gust may come up or the wind may shift. The creative, redemptive and sustaining presence of God is there, working in and through us, to bring forth something new and life-giving of God's grace.

—Fr. Andrew

**Family Homelessness Forum  
Sunday, June 5, 11:15 am**

How shall we help homeless families, children and young adults on Boston's North Shore? Shall we partner with Family Promise, The Haven, HAWC, others? With shelter? Food? Donations? Conversation? Tutoring?

Join us for a discussion after the 10 am service on Sunday, June 5. See the Family Homelessness bulletin board in the Parish Hall for information on these various organizations.

- Leadership Development Team:  
Karin McCarthy, Steve Clay, Brian Fizer, Annette Nicolas, Frances Nilsson, Patty Reilly & The Rev. Andrew Stoessel.

**Summer Sundays**

**June 5 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:30 am Child Care  
(no Child Care June 14—Sept. 9)
- 9:30 am Church School Breakfast Celebration in the Parish Hall Chapter Room
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II—our last Sunday with the Adult Choir
- 11:30 am Family Homelessness Forum
- 5:00 pm Choral Evensong at St. John's, Gloucester with the Youth Choirs of St. Michael's & St. John's

**June 14 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**June 21 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**June 28 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**July-August Sunday Services**

July 3—August 28  
9:00 am Holy Eucharist

**St. Michael's Lobster Lunch**

July 2-4 SATURDAY, SUNDAY & MONDAY

**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



**Rogation Sunday – The planting and blessing of the gardens.**



### May Highlights

In May, both Church School Groups continued their study of Saints and Easter People. We learned about St. Augustine of Hippo and Mother Teresa of Calcutta and were inspired by their lives and their good works.

Some highlights this month include the wonderful job done by Church School and Supper Club members as they took on various roles in our Intergenerational Service on May 8th. Also, Church School members worked hard to beautify the grounds on the Pleasant Street side of the property on Rogation Sunday, May 15th. A huge thank you goes to all of the families who donated plants, loaned tools, and volunteered to help.

Our garden looks spectacular !

### **High School Service Group & Supper Club**

High School Youth, and Supper Club Members, we are looking for your help! On Friday, July 1st we will be gathering a group together in the morning to help carry, dust, and set up the tables and chairs in the tent for our annual Lobster Luncheon. The set up does not take a long time, especially if we get many volunteers, and your help would be much appreciated!

If you think that you can assist with the set up on July 1st please let me know at [Kelley@stmichaels1714.org](mailto:Kelley@stmichaels1714.org)

### June Highlights

#### **June 5th - End of the year Family Breakfast Celebration and 2016-2017 Registration**

We will be gathering all Church School and Nursery families for our third annual end of the year breakfast celebration at 9:30 on our last day June 5th!

Please look for our Sign-Up Genius email to sign up for donations to the breakfast.

We plan for parents and children to arrive to the Chapter Room 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 in our outside space, weather permitting. Children will join the service at our usual time .

#### **Youth Choir Special Performance – June 5<sup>th</sup> 5 o'clock at St. John's, Gloucester**

Please join St. Michael's Youth Choir at 5 o'clock on Sunday, June 5th, for a special evensong performance at St. John's Church in Gloucester. There they will be joined by the St. John's Youth Choir for an evening of beautiful music and song. All are welcome.

#### **Watering Brigade**

The work to beautify our grounds continues, as we will need help keeping all of our newly planted flowers well-watered over the summer. This summer our Water-

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## Church School—continued

### June Dates to Remember

- June 5 9:30 am Last Church School, End of the year celebration breakfast, and 2016-2017 Registration Youth Choir Special Performance at 5 o'clock Evensong at St. John's Gloucester
- July 1-4 Festival of Arts Exhibits open here in St. Michael's Parish Hall.
- July 1 Tables and covers to be set up in tent for lobster luncheon. Look for more information coming soon about how you can help with chair dusting and set up.
- July 2-4 Lobster Luncheon and continuation of Festival of Arts Exhibits
- July 3 Begin summer service schedule. One Sunday service at 9:00am (instead of 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock).

ing Brigade will be led by Kelley Callahan.

Thank you Kelley!

Please sign up on the Sign-Up Genius or let her know if you are able to sign up to water for a week (or more!) this summer.

### \*\*\*2016-2017 Volunteers Needed\*\*\*

On June 5th we would like to register at least 5 adults to commit to helping in church school for the next school year. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU WOULD BE COMMITTED TO HELPING EVERY WEEK. In fact, during much of the winter we will only need two helpers, so 3 people would have each week "off".

This year there have been 3 very dedicated volunteers who have helped at church school, but we will need new people to help. By registering at least 5 people for the year, volunteers can choose ahead of time the weeks that are most convenient for them, and this way I can get any pre-

paratory information to the volunteer ahead of time.

You do not need to be a teacher to volunteer! In fact one role each week is that of "Activity Leader". This person does not need to prepare in advance. They simply help greet children, and facilitate our story, craft, and snack time. They are the extra set of hands to set out a snack, or help a child with their gluing, or escort someone to the bathroom, etc.

Lastly, I think that I may be able to speak for those who have volunteered, that it is very rewarding to help St. Michael's church in this way. We have a wonderful group of children and it is inspiring to be part of their spiritual, intellectual, and social growth, and it is also a lot of fun!

Please consider this opportunity to give back to our parish and the children. We will have sign-ups for 2016-2017 Church School volunteers at our June 5th year end celebration and registration day.



*Some of the St. Michael's children and youth that participated in the Intergenerational Service on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Photos by Kelley Howells.*

## St. Michael's 1914 Bicentennial Celebration

"...a church which for two hundred years had stood for things spiritual in the midst of things material." - The Venerable Frederick B. Allen, 1914

Planning for 200th anniversary of the formation of St. Michael's was begun as early as 1910. The Rev. Welles Partridge and the Vestry began fundraising to complete the 1893 Parish Hall, improve buildings and grounds, and pay off debts. One of the fund-raisers was a Lawn Festival given on Marblehead Neck by "The Summer League of Old St. Michael's." There was afternoon tea and light refreshments with music by the Salem Cadet Orchestra—all for 50c each! Copies of Samuel Roads "Historical Address" from 1888/ were made available for sale.

When Partridge resigned in 1913 due to poor health, The Rev. Dr. Charles Wells came on board as Acting Clergyman. Wells was teaching at Harvard and McGill and he and his wife stayed with his mother who summered on the Neck. (See the January 2016 Newsletter for a profile of Wells).

Two days were planned for the bicentennial celebration, with a full day of events on Sunday, August 30th plus Monday afternoon through the evening. Anniversary celebrations were held at this time of year to coincide with the anniversary of the erection of the building, September 2, 1714. A celebration at the end of summer could also include summer residents.

Sunday, August 30th began with a Corporate Communion of parishioners and friends at 7:30 AM. The 10:30 AM Morning Prayer was the main service. Those with tickets were allowed in first with all other seats then filled till the church reached its capacity. The Rt. Rev. William Lawrence, Bishop of Massachusetts, gave the main address focusing on St. Michael's and the Episcopal Church as new churches built from the best of the old, as Elijah built a new altar from the stones of the old altar (1 Kings 18).

At 4:00 PM a Sunday School Festival was held. Favorite Church School hymns were led by the vested boy choir of St. Stephen's Church, Lynn. The Rev. Welles Partridge spoke that "The children were the most important thing in the world...Soon you will be St. Michael's Church and server her as wardens, vestrymen and priests. The children must take care of this building. More than the building, the children must take care of the faith..." The new Suffragen Bishop of Massachusetts and sometime Marblehead resident, The Rt. Rev. Samuel G. Babcock also spoke.

Evening Prayer was held at 7:30 PM with more addresses from The Rev. George I. Browne of Pennsylvania, The Rev. Edward Tillerton; The Venerable Frederick B. Allen, Archdeacon of the Diocese of Massachusetts; the Reverends Partridge and Wells, and Bishop Babcock.

Events continued on Monday afternoon with a reception at 4:00 PM. At 7:30 PM there was an evening service where The Rev. Wells gave an historical address, based on the earlier addresses of the Rev. John Wickliffe Leek in 1878 and Samuel Roads in 1888, describing 200 years of Church called St. Michael's within the town of Marblehead.

Music at all services was directed by St. Michael's organist Mrs. Warren A. Thorndike with its 8-member adult choir, plus a cellist, violinist & assistant..

—Frances Nilsson, *Historic Church Comm.*

Sources include "Saint Michael's Two Hundred Years Observed Last Sunday" The Marblehead Messenger, September 4, 1914.



Brochure from St. Michael's Archives.

### St. Michael's Thrift Shop

St. Michael's friendly Thrift Shop has a need for SUMMER clothing, both men's and women's in excellent condition, clean and freshly pressed. We also need any suitable items for the 4th of July celebration, especially Marblehead related items, i.e. books, framed pictures, posters, mugs, dishes, old souvenirs, memorabilia. Red, white and blue will reign!

Many thanks for your help and donations,  
Liz Grader and the volunteers

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

**St. Michael's Heavenly Lobster Lunch**

**Saturday, July 2nd through Monday, July 4th  
11 AM—3 PM**

**Historic Church Open House  
11 AM—3 PM**



**Special Events**

**Monday, July 4th  
Independence Day**

Bell Ringing: Noon & 6 PM

Organ Recital & Contest  
with Doug Major at 12:30 pm

**What? You won't be in town?  
There are still ways you can help!**

Once again the parishioners of St. Michael's will be donning aprons and taking to the kitchen and front lawn for the Annual Lobster Lunch over the Independence Day weekend, July 2, 3 & 4. Last year's event was a record breaker for this all-volunteer event and we would love to beat the record this year.

Volunteering at the Lobster Lunch is a really fun way to spend a couple of hours or a whole day over the weekend and 100% of the net proceeds goes to local charities and to our sister parish and school, St. Thomas, in Arcahaie, Haiti. From helping in the kitchen to serving lobster rolls and hot dogs or pouring iced tea, there is a job for everyone including visiting relatives and friends! Last year, we served over 2000 lobster rolls and hot dogs plus lobster salads and P, B & J sandwiches. It's a busy event and many hands make light work!

**Sign-up in the Parish Lobby or online!**

Sign-up sheets are in the lobby next to the Parish Hall doors. And we will be sending an email soon with a link to sign up online. Online sign-ups will be added to the lobby sign-up. Contact Ellie Doyle if you have questions.



**Consider Donating** \$10, \$25 or more to help Pitch the Tent. Donations to pay for the tent mean more proceeds to charity! Sign-up sheets for donating are also outside the Parish Hall or you can mail or leave a check for St. Michael's at the Church Office with a note in the memo line saying "For the Tent."

**Talk it up** with your friends, relatives, co-workers and acquaintances. The best promotion is word of mouth. Like, and share and comment on the Facebook event page to increase its reach in the technosphere. Invite your Facebook friends. Download and print the flyer to post in your office, in your car windows, your favorite coffee shop, anywhere and everywhere.

**Bake some cookies.** Last year we baked and sold over 2000 chocolate chip and oatmeal raisin cookies - that's over 160 dozen! We need folks to bake! It's easy and takes less than an hour to bake and package 4 dozen cookies. Simply purchase Market Basket *Take-n-Bake* or Nestle *Toll House Cookie Dough* (chocolate chip or oatmeal raisin), slice and bake, put two cookies each in a sandwich bag, bag these by the dozen in a gallon size Ziploc freezer bag, mark with type and quantity, and bring to the church to freeze. Each package makes 24 - what could be an easier way to contribute?

**Join the committee.** We would happy to have you. Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 14, 2016 from 7 - 9 pm at the church. We still have lots to do before July 2 especially the week before!

If you want to donate, volunteer, join the committee or have any questions please contact

Lobster Lunch Co-chairs,  
Kristin Carlson (kristin.simonson@gmail.com) and  
Ellie Doyle (ellie@doylemarblehead.com)

**Thrift Shop Meeting, June 12**

Should the Thrift Shop open on July 3, Sunday, from 12 to 4PM and on Monday, July 4 from 10 to 4PM during the Art's Festival?

Please come and discuss and decide at the June 12th, Sunday, 9am Meeting of Thrift Shop volunteers in the Parish Hall. We will need extra volunteers to cover these shifts. Hope you can attend the meeting.

Liz Grader, President



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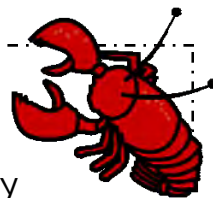
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## Sunday, June 5

*Last Sunday for Choirs & Church School*

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:30 am Church School Breakfast  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
with Adult Choir  
5:00 pm Choral Evensong at  
St. John's, Gloucester with Youth  
Choirs of St. Michael's & St. John's

## Lobster Lunch



Saturday—Monday  
July 2—July 4  
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:** Stephen Clay, Sr. Warden; Karin McCarthy, Jr. Warden; Sue Cool, Clerk; Diane Christian, Treasurer;  
Kristin Carlson, Asst. Treasurer.

**Vestry:** Sarah Bates, Kelley Callahan, Ellie Doyle, Brian Fizer, Rory Gaunt, Justin Hintlian, Bill Miller, Octavia Moniz,  
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# June 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Office Hours Mon. – Fri. 8:30 am - 12:30 pm	Thrift Shop Hours Tuesday-Saturday 1pm – 4 pm	1 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	2 6:30 pm St. Catherine's Guild at CYC	3	4
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 5</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Child Care 9:30 am Church School Breakfast & Fall Registration 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:15 am Homelessness Forum 5:00 pm Evensong at St. John's Gloucester	6	7 5:00 pm My Brother's Table in Lynn	8 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	9	10 11:00 am Wisdom & Friendship	11 St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge Pam Oppelt & Valerie Wyckoff Captains
<b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 12</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Thrift Shop Meeting 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	13	14 7:00 pm Lobster Lunch Planning	15 9:30 am Holy Eucharist NO Church Staff Mtg. 8:00 pm AA	16	17 Bell School tours of St. Michael's 9 am - noon	18 Newsletter Deadline
<b>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 19</b> Father's Day 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	20	21 11:00 am Funeral & Collation: Jay Moore 7:00 pm Vestry	22 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	23	24	25 Festival of Arts Set-Up 9am – 3 pm
<b>6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 26</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Historic Church 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	27	28	29 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	30 Lobster Lunch Tent Set-Up Festival of Arts Exhibit 6 pm – 8 pm	<b>July 1</b> Lobster Lunch Set Up am & 5 pm Festival of Arts Exhibit 2pm – 7 pm	2 Festival of Arts Exhibits 10 am – 5 pm Lobster Lunch 11 am – 3 pm