



St. Michael's Newsletter

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From the Rector

As the large maple tree on the Summer Street lawn unfurls its leaves, I am again reminded of the gift and the richness of the liturgical seasons of the church year. The stark beauty of Lent – and for us in New England this year lots of snow and cold – leads into the journey of Holy Week and bursts in the joy of resurrection on Easter Day. That joy permeates Eastertide, the season of Easter of which we are in the midst. A new creation, renewed life of faith and community, and growing light are prominent symbols of this season. Forsythia, azalea and daffodil bloom, creation groans and sings with newness of the spring season.

And then half way around the world the earth shifts in Nepal, and 10,000 perish. And then simmering tension erupts in the aftermath of another death of a black man in police custody in Baltimore. And then in Marblehead an urgent and needed conversation ensues over the concern over a debilitating illness of a loved one; news is received of a tragic accident of a young man; cries of brokenness and loss and isolation are heard.

The disciples' world was turned upside down, inside out with the death of Jesus. It must have felt like the starkness of the darkest of winter days. And then...into

the weight of their unrest and grief and fear, the Word of God was present. "Peace be with you," the risen Christ said according to the Gospel of John. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And he breathed on them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. Their spirits were renewed, and new life flowed through the community.



This spirit and this life is offered to each of us as well. It strengthens us in our own weaknesses to be witnesses to and vessels of reconciliation and grace to those in need. For God's love "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (I Cor. 13:7)

The liturgical calendar reminds us that forty days after his resurrection, Jesus ascended to heaven, "from whence he shall come again." Fifty days after his resurrection, per Jesus' instruction, the disciples gathered in Jerusalem. There they received (perhaps again!) the power of the Holy Spirit. We might say the mission and work of Christ passed officially to his church and its members. God's spirit, God's love, and the light of Christ are as vibrant today as on that Day of Pentecost. We are sent forth in them into a new creation, renewed community and hope-filled light.

—Fr. Andrew.

Worship & Music

Evensong & Benediction Sunday, May 3 at 5 pm

May brings two musical events to St. Michael's Church:

Choral Evensong on May 3 at 5 pm - with music by Herbert Brewer and Harold Darke. Dr. Darke was Organist and Choirmaster at King's College Chapel, Cambridge England in the 1930's and 1940's, and was the teacher of my teacher, Ronald Arnatt. As one of my choir members called him, "Your Grand-teacher". I never thought of it that way, but yes, that works!

Organ Recital David Carrier Sunday, May 17 at 5 pm



On Sunday May 17 at 5 pm we host David Carrier, one of Boston's finest organists. He has chosen a very interesting and entertaining program for us, including the following works:

- Allabreve- J.S. Bach;
- Three Dances - Anonymous (1599);
- Two folksongs—Carson

Cooman (b.1982) "At night when the sun goes down" and "Sourwood mountain";

- Cat Suite-Denis Bédard (b. 1950) (Prrrelude/Cats at play/Catnap/Toc-cat-a;
- To the setting sun -Garth Edmundson (1892-1971); and
- the great Prelude and fugue in e minor by J.S Bach.

Please join us for the final organ recital of the season, and bring a friend!

Special Evensong in June

On Sunday June 7th, our Youth Choir will be joined by young singers from St. John's Church in Gloucester, for Choral Evensong. This will be the first time our youth choir will sing this service, and they are excited about hosting youth from Gloucester.

— Doug Major, Music Director

MAY SUNDAYS 2015

MAY 3 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 St. Catherine's Guild Corporate Communion & Breakfast
 9:30 pm Children's Chapel & Child Care
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 5:00 pm Choral Evensong

MAY 10 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Mother's Day
 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 9:30 am Church School & Child Care
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Intergenerational Service

**MAY 17 SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION
 ROGATION SUNDAY**
 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 9:30 am Church School & Child Care
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 5:00 pm Organ Recital: David Carrier

MAY 24 DAY OF PENTECOST
 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 No Church School
 9:30 am Child Care
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**MAY 31 1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 TRINITY SUNDAY**
 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 9:30 am Church School & Child Care
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 3:00 pm Blessing of the Marriage of Anna Onishi and Eric Buechwald

JUNE 7 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 9:30 am Church School Breakfast
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 5:00 pm Choral Evensong with the joint youth choirs of St. John's, Gloucester and St. Michael's, Marblehead

Church School & Youth

April Happenings

In Church School in April, children in our Godly Play group learned about Jesus' death and Resurrection, they learned the religious meaning behind Easter Eggs, and had an overview lesson on the many books in the Bible. Our Weaving God's Promises Group also learned about Jesus' death and Resurrection, and continued in the Bible to learn about Jesus' appearance to his Disciples, and the story of "Doubting Thomas".

In April we celebrated Holy week on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, with a Service at 7:30pm featuring music from our Youth Choir! It was a beautiful service enjoyed by all.

Upcoming Dates to Remember	
May 3	Davenport House Children's Chapel 9:30am Church School
May 10	Participation in Intergenerational Service
May 17	Church School 9:30 / Rogation Sunday
May 24	No Church School— Memorial Day Weekend
May 31	Church School 9:30
June 7	Year End Breakfast Celebration, Registration and Volunteer Sign-Up



The delicious luncheon is appreciated preceding the Good Friday Stations of the Cross.

On Good Friday, April 3rd we all enjoyed a delicious lunch of homemade chicken and rice soup and a tasty assortment of sandwiches and cookies. Thank you so much to Sue Cool and Kelley Callahan for making our scrumptious treats, and to Gillian Petty for heating, and setting up the meal and having it ready for our group. After lunch, we gathered in the church for Stations of the Cross with a group of over 30 people!

We continued Holy week observances with the beautiful Easter Vigil on April 4th and Easter Sunday Services on April 5th.

Supper Club

Supper Club had its year-end celebration on Monday, April 6th, at Fen Yang House on Atlantic Avenue in Marblehead. We looked back on a terrific year, recognized those who are moving on to our High School service group, and welcomed the new members who will be joining Supper Club in the fall. Thank you so much to Octavia Moniz for organizing and sponsoring our celebration!



St. Michael's youth gather for their year-end celebration.

Outreach

Rev. Holly Hartman, a Diocesan appointed deacon for global mission partnerships, spoke to us at St. Michael's on Sunday, April 19th after the 10 o'clock service. Holly had just returned from a partnership trip to Haiti and had a lot to share with us. She also spoke about the Mission Tithing Matching Grant program offered by the diocese.

300th Anniversary Special Worship Service

On Sunday, April 26th we held the last in our series of "historic" church services. Over the past year, we had

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Church School continued

greatly enjoyed seeing what services here at St. Michael's looked like through the centuries. This service gave us the chance to experience a "4th Century" Worship Service, looking ahead to the future.

May Highlights

In May, both Church School Groups will be learning about the 10 Commandments through stories and lessons appropriate for their age group. We will also be participating in the many annual spring traditions listed on the next page.

Children's Chapel – May 3rd

We will begin the month with a Children's Chapel service officiated by Father Andrew and our Seminarian Eric Fialho on May 3rd at 9:30am. Please arrive on time so that you don't miss any of it! Church school will follow.

Intergenerational Service – May 10th

The Intergenerational Service will be held on Sunday, May 10th. Children will be given a special role to play in the service. Please email me at kelly@stmichaels1714.org if you can make the commitment to attend, and I will help your child choose a role and prepare for the service. On that day we will not meet at the Davenport House. Instead we will meet in the Parish Hall just before 10 am to go over any logistics or last minute details.

Rogation Sunday – May 17th

We plan to celebrate Rogation Sunday with our customary planting of flowers. This year with construction completed, we will be able to plant on both the Pleasant and Summer Street sides. Please look for our Sign-Up Genius to sign up to donate the flowers, or to volunteer to help with the planting on that day.

June 7th -Year End Breakfast Celebration and Registration

On our last day, Sunday June 7th, we will be gathering all church school families for an end of the year breakfast celebration in the Chapter room!

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. This will help us to get a jump on next year's programming.

By 10 o'clock parents should head into services, while activities and fun continue for the children. Hopefully the weather will be nice and we can enjoy our outdoor space, otherwise we will continue with activities in the Chapter room. Children will join the 10 o'clock service at our usual time.

Please look for a Sign-Up Genius coming soon, to donate foods for our celebration .

******2015-2016 Volunteers Needed******

On June 7th we would like to register at least 6 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 four people would have each week "off".

This year there have been 6 dedicated volunteers who have helped at church school, but some of those volunteers are parents who have children that will be moving on next year, and we will need new people to help. By registering at least six 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 preparatory information to the volunteer ahead of time. In this format no one helper would be overloaded and all would be able to attend full services regularly. Even those who ski on weekends in winter would be able to sign up and volunteer for fall and spring dates. It is also best for the children to have familiarity with their teachers. Also, should a conflict arise, a volunteer could look at our schedule and swap with another church school helper.

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 pour juice, 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 2015-2016 Church School volunteers at our June 7th year end celebration and registration day.

-Kelley Howells.

Congratulations

Randolph & Alexandra Howie Stark are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Colette Leung Stark, in New York on April 9. Married at St. Michael's in 2011, the couple have a 2 year old son, Henry Howie Stark. Grandparents are Marian and Rob Howie.

Edwin B. Chase, Rector, 1860-1866

Edwin Bailey Chase, born in Newburyport to Capt. Bailey Chase and Mary S. Granger, was called to St. Michael's from Lewes, Delaware, in March 1860. He immediately focused on the Sunday School, increasing numbers 50% in his first year. Chase credits the "ladies of the congregation" with much that had been accomplished. Noting "a lamentable indifference to, and neglect of, religious obligations by the men" he set up a series of lectures for young men. When the 3rd group of Marblehead men was organized in August 1861 to serve in the Civil War, Chase held a service for them and distributed a copy of the *Book of Common Prayer* to each.



The Rev. Edwin B. Chase. Date unknown. Photo: St. Michael's Archives.

Chase's first parochial report to the diocese in 1861 also noted:

Our venerable church, the oldest in the Diocese, erected about 1714, although endeared by pleasant associations to a few, is, by its inconvenient location, and unprepossessing exterior, a great hindrance to the growth of the Parish. With the return of peace and prosperity to our land, which may God speedily bring to pass, it is hoped that an effort will be made to erect a new and substantial church in a more desirable locality.

This statement might have led to an early dismissal, but one of the few was Mrs. Eunice Hooper who financed repairs to the church in the summer of 1862. This was just in time for Chase's marriage in October 1862 to Mary Emory Page of New York. In 1863 the church "now gives promise of being capable of doing as good service in the next century as in the past." A stone font was added by 1863, all in time for St. Michael's 150th anniversary in 1864 when former rector J. B. Richmond published his "Historical Sketch of St. Michael's." By 1865 a new altar had been added to the chancel along with chestnut chairs designed by architect Alexander R. Esty of Boston.

Chase's years at St. Michael's had its ups and downs beginning with the outbreak of the Civil War. Thomas Evans died suddenly in August 1861, a St. Michael's warden since 1842. Evans left a bequest of \$2000 which would come to St. Michael in 1872 and become its first endowed fund. At Evans's death, Ezekial Russell became warden serving 30 years. In October 1863, Chase buried their first child who died of lung disease at age 3 months; the Vestry gave Chase a 3-month vacation to recover. Despite the ending of the Civil War and the return of Marblehead men, Chase notes in 1865 "Serious and much to be regretted losses by removals have occurred, while there has been no increase to the population of the Town, and but little increase to the number of worshippers in the Church."

In spring 1866 the Rev. Edwin Chase submitted his resignation and the Vestry reluctantly accepted. Chase went on to St. Peter's in Cambridge, Mass., which was just completing its new building. His rectorship at St. Peter's was described as "a term of nearly uninterrupted tranquility and prosperity" when "the strict simplicity of low church forms, gradually gave place to the richer and fuller ritual of what we may perhaps properly term the English, or Cathedral system." (*Cambridge Chronicle*, March 26, 1887). Chase served until his resignation in 1874 due to illness and died of consumption the next year at age 41. When St. Michael's was renovated in 1888 a silver vase was given in his memory. This vase is still used regularly.

Chase came from an extended family of Episcopal priests with an uncle, the Rev. Moses B. Chase, naval chaplain in Cambridge, and at least two Newburyport kinsmen named Robert. The Rev. Robert Green Chase was ordained with Edwin on Dec. 21, 1855 by high churchman George Washington Doane, Bishop of New Jersey, and founder of Burlington College, the seminary both attended. Robert Green Chase served in Philadelphia until his death in 1866. The Rev. Robert F. Chase was ordained deacon by Doane the year before Edwin and served at St. James, Amesbury, Mass., and as the first rector of Calvary Church, Danvers 1858-1865. Eventually Robert F. Chase moved to Philadelphia where he died in 1872. Convention records have a Rev. R. F. Chase also in Philadelphia 1860-1863.

- Frances Stith Nilsson, *Historic Church Committee*



St. Michael's interior about 1870 with stone font, altar and chestnut chairs. Columns appear to be marbled, as done by Bartoll in 1856.

May 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 3 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I + St. Catherine's Guild Corporate Communion & Breakfast 9:30 am Children's Chapel 9:30 am Child Care 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm Choral Evensong	4 10:00 am Visiting AA 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	5 5:00 pm St. Michael's Team at My Brother's Table, Lynn	6 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	7 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	8	9 10:00 am St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge Dana Denault Co-Captain
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 10 <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 9:30 am Child Care 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Intergenerational Service	11 11 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	12 12:30 pm North Shore Clericus	13 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	Ascension Day 14 8:30 am Wardens 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	15 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	16
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 17 <i>Rogation Sunday</i> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Historic Church C. 9:30 am Church School 9:30 am Child Care 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm Organ Recital: David Carrier	18	19 Noon Parish Aid 6-8 pm Deanery, St. Peter's Beverly 7:00 pm Vestry	20 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	21 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	22	23
DAY OF PENTECOST 24 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I NO Church School 9:30 am Child Care 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	25 Memorial Day <i>Office Closed</i>	26	27 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	28 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	29 9:00 am Coffin School Tours	30 4:30 pm Wedding Blessing Rehearsal
1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 31 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 9:30 am Child Care 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 3:00 pm Blessing of a Marriage	Sunday at 3:00 pm Blessing of the Marriage of Anna Onish and Eric Buechwald			Office Hours 8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Thrift Shop Hours 1:00 pm- 4:00 pm	

May Events

St. Catherine's Guild Corporate Communion Sunday, May 3 at 8:00 am

The officers of St. Catherine's Guild will host a Corporate Communion Breakfast following the 8 o'clock service for members of the Guild and those attending the 8 o'clock church service. St. Catherine Guild members should try to sit as a group, if possible, and go up to communion as a group.

Also, on Thursday evening June 4th, St. Catherine's Guild will hold its annual dinner at the Corinthian Yacht Club, Marblehead Neck. Cocktails start at 5:30 pm followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$35.00 per person and this includes tax, gratuity and house charges and includes entree, salad and dessert, coffee or tea. Members should have received their invitations either at our last meeting in April or by mail. Please make sure you have mailed your check with dinner choice to Linda Smidt, 21 Skinners Path, Marblehead by May 26th. Spouses and guests are welcome. If you have any questions, please call Renee Conly at 781/631-1025 or email Renee at renewconly@gmail.com.

- Pam Oppelt, President.

The Lobsters Are Comming...!

Friday, July 3—Sunday, July 5



It's time to re-hitch to the 'best little Lobster Lunch Committee in town' and attend an organizational meeting in May. If anyone would like more information or if interested in joining the committee, please email Linda Smidt (lindasmidt@comcast.net) or Kristin Carlson (Kristin.Simonson@gmail.com).

It should be a fantastic year as the 4th falls on a Saturday and the Marblehead Arts Festival is celebrating its 50th year. Yahoo.....the lobsters are coming!

“100% proceeds go to charity.”

Stewards of the Month: Diane Christian

About ten years ago when Diane was attending Old North, she decided to come with Lynn Bragdon to a service at St. Michael's. And she found a church that felt like home: “I like a Eucharist centered service and I loved the traditionalism and historical legacy of St. Michael's.”

Now she is the Assistant Treasurer and serves on the Investment Committee. She has taught Sunday school, and worked with the Food Pantry, the Mitten Tree, and the Lobster Luncheon. “I love working with children and plan to do more with the Sunday school,” Diane says.

Her new favorite memory at St. Michael's was watching the steeple go back up this summer. “It was a historic moment,” she says. Other special memories include the Christmas pageants and her daughter Julia's first communion.

Professionally Diane has been an investment advisor, celebrating her 30th anniversary in the field this year. Her husband Mike has a commercial insurance company. Their

youngest child is Julia who is a junior at Veterans Memorial. She plays violin, dances, and skis. “She has grown up at St. Michael's, starting with attending the nursery that used to be in the Davenport House,” says her mother.



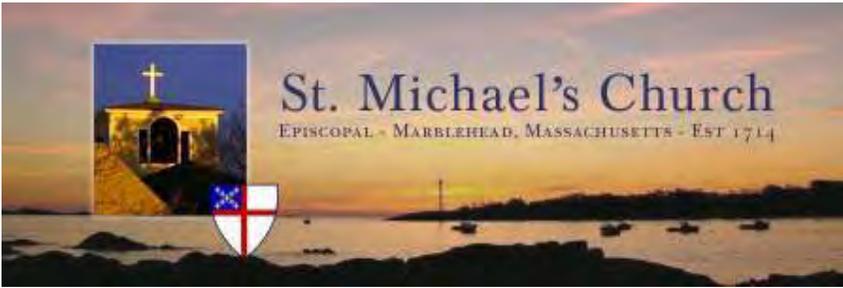
Michael, Julia, Kelly and Diane Christian.

Diane has also three grown stepchildren. Tommy is a family therapist with a doctorate in comparative religion while Jenn is in South Africa with the State Department, and Kelly is an art therapist in Boston with a degree from Lesley College.

“When we have the chance, we love to travel,” says Diane. “We have family all over the place, especially in California.” She recalls fondly the time she and Jenn both took a semester in England at Bath University in Bath.

“The spiritual is a big part of my life,” says the Boston College graduate. “And I love the energy of St. Michael's.”

- Marilyn Day, for an ongoing series of profiles of St. Michael's parishioners



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**Sunday May 3, 5 pm
Evensong & Benediction**

**With music of
Herbert Brewer and Harold Darke
sung by St. Michael's Choir**

**Sunday, May 17, 5 pm
Organ Recital with
David Carrier**

**Dances, folksongs, cats,
the setting sun
and J. S. Bach**

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St. Michael's Church

Officers: Stephen Clay, Sr. Warden; Karin McCarthy, Jr. Warden; Sue Cool, Clerk; James Dearborn, Treasurer; Diane Christian, Asst. Treasurer.

Vestry: Sarah Bates, Kelley Callahan, Brian Carlson, Zavier Chickering, Jennifer Davis-Oliveira, Ellie Doyle, Rory Gaunt, Justin Hintlian, Robert L. Howie, Jr.

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