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St. Michael's Newsletter

From the Rector

Patience, persistence, perseverance

These words formed the theme of this column last May. They spoke to the physical therapy I was undergoing for my left hand (accidentally broken two months earlier) as well as to our spiritual journey. They came to mind again as much needed helpful reminders after additional surgery this October on that same hand. The reason for this second surgery was to remove the screws and plates the surgeons inserted last March to help my bones mend properly. Removing them has already given me more mobility in my hand. It is as if one phase drew to an end and a new phase, with renewed hope has begun.

Just as we have shifted from summer to fall and then into the winter months - each season with its offerings and blessings - so too do we move into a new year in our church calendar. The long season of Pentecost draws to a close with a celebration of Christ the King on Sunday, Nov. 21. The new ecclesiastical year begins on Nov. 28, the first Sunday of Advent. Of course, in between those two Sundays is

Thanksgiving. Advent is a season of hope and expectation. We could say that it builds on the foundation of faith built over the months of Pentecost, and for that matter, the whole year.

Later in this newsletter is an update on our Stewardship pledge drive for 2011. This, too, takes patience, persistence and perseverance. (Most things worthwhile do!) The Stewardship Committee is doing a wonderful job keeping the parish updated and informed on the campaign. Most importantly, however, thanks are extended to all the parishioners who have stepped up to date with their pledge. We are

making important strides to balance our budget and to ensure that our endowment is not spent. The goal of all of this is that our programs and ministries at St. Michael's lead to fulfillment of our mission: transformation in God's grace through Jesus Christ. Faith, hope, and those three "p's" stated above are components that move each of us toward that transformation, from one phase to the next.

- Fr. Andrew

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November Calendar

Happy November Birthdays to

Julia Christian
Oliver Riegle
Conrad Kleykamp
Elizabeth Ayer
Finley Capshaw

Marblehead Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, November 23 at 7:30 pm

St. Stephen's Methodist Church
67 Cornell Rd., Marblehead
All Thanksgiving offerings to the Marblehead Food Pantry.



From the Music Director

Now that we have all survived another October Hallowe'en season, I would like to invite all in the parish, and their friends outside the parish, to two wonderful musical events at St. Michael's Church. —*Doug Major, Music Director*

Sunday, November 7 at 5 pm Choral Evensong and Benediction

On Sunday, November 7 at 5 pm, we continue our Evensong and Benediction service with a new setting of the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* by George Dyson.

Sir George Dyson (1883 – 1964) was a well-known English musician and composer. He was born in Halifax, Yorkshire on May 28, 1883 and died in Winchester September, 28, 1964. Dyson attended the Royal College of Music and was a winner of the Mendelssohn Scholarship in 1905, which enabled him to spend some years in Italy and Germany. In 1914 he joined the Royal Fusiliers, and during this time wrote a widely-used training pamphlet on the use of grenades. (His son Freeman Dyson became a well-known physicist and mathematician.) After being invalided at home with shell-shock in 1916, and recovering, Dyson joined the Royal Air Force and became involved in their military bands. In 1921 he took up posts as music master at Wellington College and as professor of composition at the Royal College of Music. He then worked for thirty years as a school music teacher (at Rugby, Wellington and Winchester), before being appointed as Director of the Royal College of Music in 1937. Dyson received a knighthood in 1941 and was made a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (KCVO) in 1953. (Thanks to Wikipedia for this information.)

Dyson's Evening Service in D remains a staple of the English Cathedral repertoire, and is not only wonderful to hear but great fun for the choir to sing. Please join us, and bring a friend, as this is one of the ways we can increase our outreach to our community.

Sunday, November 21 at 5 pm Organ Recital with Bill Crane

On Sunday, November 21 at 5 pm we will host the ever-popular organist Bill Crane from Portland, Oregon. Since he was last in Marblehead, Bill has, in his own words, played, conducted, and sung way too many programs, mostly in Oregon, but a few other places, too. His proudest achievement was in March of 2009 in Portland as producer and artistic director of "24/7," an astounding 24 classical music concerts performed in 24 hours by some 350 performers to mark our nation's having been at war in Iraq and Afghanistan for seven years. Bill played eight of the programs, was there for the whole event, and lived to tell about it!



In recent time, he has sight-read an entire Mozart opera in performance (piano reduction of the orchestra score) on a little less than an hour's notice, won seven ribbons at the 2010 Oregon State Fair for various textiles, exhibited a new sculpture in the inaugural show of a new art gallery in Portland's famed Pearl District, composed a new hymn tune on commission, played the calliope in the "Westward Ho!" parade for the 100th Pendleton Round-Up (the biggest rodeo in the West), and served as Director of Major Gifts in the development office of the Oregon Symphony. He has all the usual bona fides (fancy degrees from Tallahassee and Paris, etc., decades as an Episcopalian organist/choirmaster; academic appointments at universities, etc.) but thinks that you probably don't care about all that. He's fun and passionate and promises a program to match.

November Events

Chutney Choppers

Sat., Nov. 20, 9:30 am—1:30 pm, lunch included

Come pitch in as we chop, cook and can jars of delicious chutney to sell for Thanksgiving & the Fair.

Bring your own knives, peelers & apron.
See Pam Oppelt & Lissa Simard for details.



The Rev. Franklin Huntress' Trip to Jerusalem at St. Catherine's Guild Thursday, November 4 at 6:30 PM

St. Catherine's welcomes new members!
Contact Lesley Tracy for more information.

St. Michael's Christmas Fair

Save the Dates:

Friday-Saturday, December 3-4

Co-Chairs Lesley Tracy and Tom Weber

Church School & Youth—Aileen Ryder

Church School

Godly Play classes for students pre-K through 5th grade meet Sundays at 9:30am.

The Supper Club

A gathering of Middle School Youth on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6pm

High School Youth

Stay connected through our Facebook page.

Weekend in the Woods

The Diocese hosts a special retreat for Middle School Youth at the Barbara C. Harris Camp in Greenfield, NH. The weekend includes small group workshops, games (both indoor and out!) a talent show, live music and worship that gets you moving and thinking. It is a chance to take a break from the busy-ness of life and pay a little more attention to your Spirit. Students in grades 6-8 may contact Aileen for more information and to register.

November Highlights

Nov. 14 Brief Church School meeting following the service to discuss Christmas Pageant and winter activities.

Nov. 18-20 Godly Play CORE Training at St. John's, Beverly Farms, MA.

Nov. 20 Christmas Craft Day

Nov. 19-21 Diocesan Middle School Retreat

Nov. 28 Diane Christian, founder of Someone Else's Child Foundation will lead the One-Room Church School: "Kids helping Kids" in preparation for Christmas gift-giving.

Christmas Craft Day

Each year, the Church School creates a craft that the Youth sell at the annual Christmas Fair. This allows our children and youth to participate in the life of the parish and offer financial support. On the Craft Day the kids of the Church School come together for fun and fellowship. Included with the making of a craft is a Christmas party just for kids. Please watch announcements and emails for more information.

Church School & Youth Schedule

Date	Special Event	Middle School Youth	Godly Play I	Godly Play II
Sunday, November 7			The Lord's Prayer II with Kaki Ianchulev & Gillian Petty	The Prophet Elijah
Tuesday November 9		Supper Club: Discipleship		
Sunday, November 14	Church School Meeting 11:30am		Circle of the Church Year with Joe Oliveira & Gillian Petty	The Prophet Isaiah with Diane Christian & Noah Bittermann
Thursday, November 18	Godly Play CORE Training			
Friday, November 19	Godly Play CORE Training	Diocesan Middle School Retreat		
Saturday, November 20	GP CORE Training & Craft Day	Diocesan Middle School Retreat		
Sunday, November 21		Diocesan Middle School Retreat	Gratitude with Joe Oliveira & Gillian Petty	The Prophet Jeremiah with Noah Bittermann
Tuesday, November 23		Supper Club: Giving Thanks		
Sunday, November 28	One-Room Church School		Outreach: Kids Helping Kids With Diane Christian	

St. Michael's Colonial Clergy—A very brief introduction

St. Michael's had six settled clergy between 1714 and 1778 when the Anglican liturgy was outlawed in Massachusetts during the Revolutionary War. The first four clergy were born in the Great Britain; the last two, in New England, perhaps helping them to be more successful and acclimatized to the society of the area. The last four also had wives from the area providing family ties that brought them or their families back to the Marblehead and New England.

William Shaw, rector 1715-1718, arrived at St. Michael's in July, about 9 months after the church building was erected and a letter sent to London requesting a clergyman. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts (SPG) gave Shaw 20£ for his passage to Marblehead. As the first Anglican minister in Marblehead, Shaw faced scarce funds from parishioners, antagonism from many of the citizens, and demands for taxes to pay the First Church's minister. In 1717 he returned to England because of a dispute within the Parish. Little is known of Shaw before and after his years in Marblehead.

David Mossom, Rector 1719-1727, faced similar problems upon his arrival, but was able to gain some official support. Governor Shute issued directives to the Town of Marblehead to not tax members of the Church of England in Marblehead, but the colonial laws favored the Town. It was not until Shute returned to London that the SPG was able to influence the General Court to pass a law in 1727 allowing a portion of a town's taxes to go to a Church of England. Meanwhile, David Mossom requested a transfer to a more hospitable area and was sent to New Kent County, Virginia. There he settled down for a long and prosperous tenure which included the marriage of Mrs. Martha Custis to George Washington in 1759. Mossom married 97 couples while at St. Michael's, but we have no records of his baptisms or burials.

George Pigot, Rector 1727-1738, arrived in Marblehead after spending several years in Rhode Island and Connecticut as a teacher and missionary. While there he met and married his wife Sarah and often returned to Rhode Island to preach. Pigot is best known for his published sermon *A Vindication Of...the Observation of Christmas Day* in answer to a sermon of Rev. John Barnard. Pigot baptized 454 infants and adults and married 95 couples. He also preached regularly in Salem and was instrumental in the founding of St. Peter's. Even after his return to England, his family stayed in Salem.

Alexander Malcolm, Rector 1740-1749 was raised in the Kirk of Scotland. He received his degree in Edinburgh and wrote a well-known thesis on the theory of music. Malcolm came first to New York City as a teacher before

the SPG sent him to Marblehead. While in Marblehead Malcolm met his wife Mary Reed; their portraits are in our Archives. Malcolm performed 272 baptisms at St. Michael's including several of his children. Some were even baptized here on return trips to Marblehead after his move to Maryland. In Annapolis, Malcolm became Chaplain in Ordinary to the Assembly of Maryland, a member of the Tuesday Club, and later, rector of St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's County until his death in 1763.

Peter Bours, Rector 1753-1762. was born in Rhode Island, and graduated from Harvard College. Shortly after his arrival the church received an organ from St. Peter's. Bours was rector at a prosperous time for Marblehead. He baptized 465 infants and adults and married 140 couples. He was an outgoing, congenial and widely respected. Bours died suddenly at age 36 and was buried in St. Michael's Churchyard with a monument provided by the Parish.

Joshua Wingate Weeks, Rector 1763-1778, was born in Hampton, New Hampshire and also graduated from Harvard. He married Sarah Treadwell of Ipswich, Mass. Upon the recommendation of the Governor of New Hampshire and the rector in Portsmouth, he was ordained in England in 1761, with St. Michael's defraying some of his costs. John Barnard described Weeks as "a virtuous, sweet-tempered, learned gentleman." Weeks' first years in Marblehead were a time of continued growth with 500 or more baptisms, but the politics of the time created divisions, particularly for a clergyman who had pledged an oath to the king at his ordination. Weeks tried to stay in Marblehead after the Anglican liturgy was banned, but in 1778 he fled the area. He died in Halifax in 1806.

Society for Descendants of Colonial Clergy Annual Meeting at St. Michael's Sat., Nov. 6

Thirty members of the Descendants of Colonial Clergy will be attending their annual meeting to be held this year at St. Michael's Church. Marblehead's Don Doliber, will be their keynote speaker presenting information on the colonial churches of Marblehead.

Since Fr. Andrew will be at the Diocesan Convention, Junior Warden David Bittermann will be greeting the group with a brief overview of St. Michael's clergy before the Revolutionary War. St. Catherine's Guild will be catering the lunch with all proceeds to go to St. Michael's. Members of the Historic Church Committee will be providing tours after lunch.

If you would like to help or have questions about the group, please contact Frances Nilsson.

Stewardship Mid-Campaign Report

For those who have attended any Sunday morning worship service during the month of October, you know that the focus has been on the 2011 Stewardship campaign. Again, our goal is to reduce the withdrawal of endowment principal over the next three years. In 2010 dollars, this means an increase of \$80,000 in income, much of which comes from our financial pledge (support) of St. Michael's.

At the mid-point in the pledge drive there is encouraging news! Thank you to all who have made this possible so far by returning your pledge form and commitment for 2011.

As of Oct. 24, 68 households or individuals have responded with a pledge, or approximately 41% of our total, out of a total of 166 letters mailed and requests made. Gratefully, the majority of the pledges received are an increase over the year before. As of Oct. 24, a total of \$130,000 has been pledged for 2011.

We are on the way to meeting our goal for 2011! However, we are not there yet. If you haven't submitted a pledge for 2011, or can't find your pledge form and would like a new one, please call the church office or any member of the Stewardship Committee. Pledge forms are also available at the web site.

The Committee also thanks Harriet Magee, Carl Hyam, Karl Renney, Sue Cool and Ian Hunter for sharing their stories about St. Michael's during the Sunday "Ministry Minute."

- *Stewardship Committee: Avery Russell, Jeff Barnett, Harriett Magee, Karl Renney, Larry Robbins.*

Thrift Shop Sale & Meeting Nov. 5 at 10 am



The Thrift Shop is overflowing with goods—thank you all for your donations. So we're having a sale, particularly on women's suits.

We're also having a meeting of Thrift Shop volunteers on Friday, November 5 at 10 am. Come with your suggestions on how we can increase sales and showcase our holiday items.- *Mary Williams, Thrift Shop Treasurer*

Steward of the Month: Tom Weber

When Tom moved to Salem two years ago, he began looking for a new church home even though he was still on the Vestry of his church in Charlestown. He says he made the rounds—twice-- of the five Episcopal churches in Marblehead, Salem, and Swampscott. At St. Michael's, he liked Father Andrew's greeting of everyone after church and later when Fr. Andrew followed up on their introduction, Tom decided he had found his new church.

At the time, St. Michael's was completing the mission statement and Tom was drawn in. Now he is a Vestry member, his third time on a Vestry and he says, "Names and churches change, but not the problems." He also says, "St. Michael's has an interesting group of leaders who are fun to work with." As a vestry member, he hopes the church will be able bridge the financial gap it faces over the next three years.

He is also the chairman of Music and Worship. He grew up in Michigan as German Lutheran. "When they sing, they raise the roof," he says. Of himself and singing, he says he makes up in volume what he lacks in quality.

One parish activity he particularly likes is the Lobster Luncheon because it is a great opportunity to get to know the whole parish.

Tom used to be an automotive manufacturing executive, but now he is very busy developing a new company, Lighting New England, LLC, which will provide LED lighting for street lights, hospitals, and colleges. Such lighting saves energy and cuts carbon footprints in half, he says.

In his personal life, Tom is proud of his two sons and their families—Charles and Dawn in Colorado and Todd and his two children Justin, 14, and Emily, 10, who live in Dracut. His mother Berde came from Michigan to live with him about a year ago. "She plays drop-dead killer bridge," he says. She is enjoying her new life here with him, and then he adds with a laugh, "Taxachusetts does drive her crazy, though!"

Finally Tom shares a bit of philosophy about why people go to church. Because it makes people feel better for many reasons, he says. Maybe it is for a sense of family, maybe to help with their own problems, but whatever the reason, the challenge of any church is to figure out what we do that helps people feel better...and then do more of it

- *Marilyn Day*

Outreach Opportunities



Substitute Volunteers Wanted For Lifebridge Teams

The Lifebridge Saturday lunch volunteer teams are looking for individuals who would be willing to be on a substitute list. Individuals on this list would be willing to help with a Saturday lunch (from 10am to 1pm) at Lifebridge on an "on call" basis in the event that one of the regular team members is unable to be there. Cooking is simple, there are no dishes to do and families are welcome!! Please contact Peggy Bittermann if you are interested in being on the substitute list.

At left, Lissa Simard and Marilyn Day prepare sandwiches in kitchen at Life Bridge.

Sunday, Nov. 14 at 11:30 am A Haiti Discussion

with
Sister Marjorie Raphael and
Sister Claire Marie
from
The Sisters of Saint Margaret
Convent in Roxbury.

Sr. Marjorie will retell her experiences in Haiti's earthquake and Fr. Andrew will report on the Haiti Connection Conference he will attend in early November.

Parishioner News

Polarity

Increase your energy and sense of well-being with gentle exercise and mind-body integration techniques.

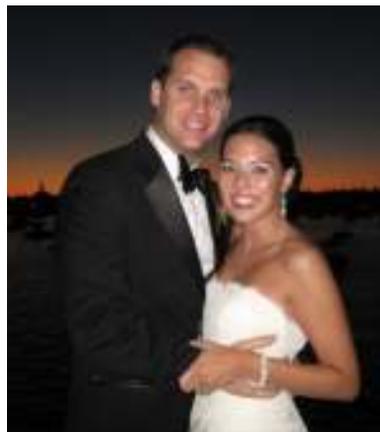
Every Friday at 9 am
in St. Michael's Church Parish Hall.

An exercise program composed of gentle movements, postures, stretching, self-massage and breathing techniques developed to help re-balance the body, mind and spirit. Comfortable clothing that moves and breathes and bare feet are recommended. Yoga blankets are provided.

\$5/class drop-in fee

Questions: Jan Barnett, 781 244 4048

If you can sit in a chair and breathe,



Congratulations to Elizabeth Wu Howie and Clifford Harris Dank who were married at Chandler Hovey Park on October 2, 2010 by the Reverend George Westerberg.

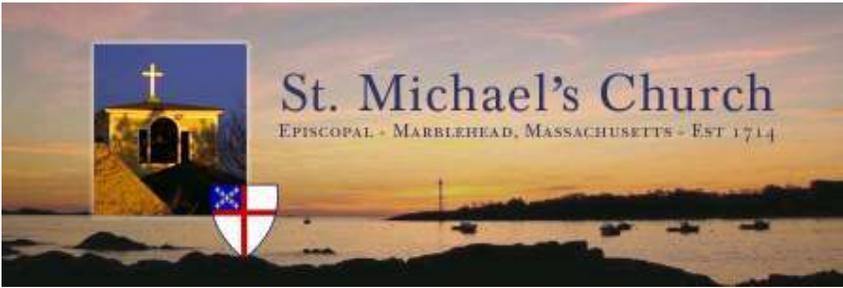
Elizabeth is the daughter of Marian and Rob Howie, and the granddaughter of Alma Howie.



Marian & Rob Howie and Marcia & Dexter Koopman met serendipitously on a recent trip to Bermuda.

Congratulations also to Emily Kathleen Albers and Bartlett O'Neil Winder (BOW) who were wed at St. Michael's Church on June 26, 2010 by the Reverend Andrew Stoessel. BOW is the son of C.C. and David Winder.





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Sunday, November 7
All Saints Sunday
Holy Eucharist at 8 am, 10 am
Evensong & Benediction, 5 pm

Sunday, November 21 at 5 pm
Organ Recital:
Bill Crane of Seattle, WA

**Marblehead Interfaith
Thanksgiving Service**

Tuesday, November 23
7:30 pm

St. Stephen's Methodist Church
67 Cornell Rd., Marblehead

**Give thanks with a Marblehead
Food Pantry contribution.**

St. Michael's Church

Officers: *Barbara Miller, Sr. Warden; David Bittermann, Jr. Warden; Sarah Bates, Treasurer; Laurence Robbins, Asst. Treasurer; Walter Haug, Clerk.*

Vestry: *Susan Cool, Ian Hunter, Louise Hunt, Harriett Magee, Joe Oliveira, Anna Onishi, Avery Russell, Linda Smidt, Thomas Weber.*

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; Aileen Ryder, Church School Director; Jane Maihos, Parish Administrator; Ron Warburton, Sexton.*

Saint Michael's Church

November 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1)	2) Election Day 5:30 pm St. Michael's Team at My Brothers Table, Lynn 7:30 Property Comm.	3) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 8:00 pm AA	4)	5) 9:00 am Polarity Exercise Class 10:00 am Thrift Shop Meeting in Parish Hall	6) Diocesan Convention St. Stephen's, Lynn Society for Descendants of Colonial Clergy 9:30 am – 2:30 pm Turn Clocks Back!!
7) ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm Choral Evensong & Benediction	8)	9) Noon North Shore Clergy Luncheon at St. Michael's 6:00 pm Middle School Supper Club 7:30 pm Wardens	10) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 10:45 am Devereaux House Visitation 11:45 am Office Staff 8:00 pm AA	11) VETERANS DAY <i>Office Open</i> 7:30 pm Adult Choir	12) 9:00 am Polarity Exercise Class	13) 11 am – 1 pm St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge, Salem
14) 25TH PENTECOST (Proper 28) 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:30 am Sisters of St. Margaret's Haiti Discussion	15)	16) Noon Parish Aid 7:30 pm Vestry	17) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Office Staff 7:30 pm Education Com. 8:00 pm AA	18) 7:30 pm Adult Choir	19) 9:00 am Polarity Exercise Class <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	20) Chutney Choppers 9:30 am – 1:00 pm Church School Christmas Craft Day 10:00 am
21) LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm Organ Recital– Bill Crane	22)	23) 6:00 pm Middle School Supper Club 7:30 pm Adult Choir 7:30 pm Marblehead Interfaith Service at St. Stephen's Methodist	24) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA Meeting	25) Thanksgiving Day <i>Thrift Shop & Office Closed</i>	26) <i>Office Closed</i> Polarity Exercise Class t-b-a	27)
28) ADVENT I Beginning of Daily Office Year A 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Holy Eucharist, Rite II	29)	30)		Parish Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm		Thrift Shop Hours Monday – Saturday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm