



St. Michael's Newsletter

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From the Rector: A New Journey Ahead!

Jesus replied [to Nathanael], 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' John 1:49-50

"You will see greater things than these." Bishop Richard Chartres, Bishop of the London, emphasized these words in his sermon at a special Michaelmas service celebrating St. Michael's 300th Anniversary on Sept. 28, 2014. In his sermon Bishop Chartres spoke eloquently about the story of St. Michael's as being one of survival and resurrection over its 300 years. As such, it is a story grounded in the self-giving love of God in Jesus Christ. He spoke of the option we have, individually and corporately, to embody this self-giving love as the Body of Christ as St. Michael's moves into its next 300 years.

While Sept. 28 marked our anniversary in an inspiring way, further tercentenary offerings continue. In particular, St. Michael's welcomes the new Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. Alan Gates on Sunday, Oct. 12. Just as our 300th celebration lifts and points us toward a hopeful future, so too does Bishop Gates' recent consecration as Diocesan Bishop. Approximately 3000 people were on hand at his consecration on Sept. 13 at Boston University's Agganis Arena. It is wonderful that Bishop Gates is able to visit St. Michael's in celebration of this tercentenary year. In addition to his presiding at the 10:00 service, and as we get to know him and he us, he will bless our new processional cross and the renovations to the church buildings made possible

by parish's Onward! Upward! Outward! Capital Campaign.

Bishop Gates' consecration ceremony was made all the more memorable by the gracious presence of now retired Bishop Tom Shaw. Bishop Shaw has led this diocese for the past twenty years, and originally planned to celebrate our 300th with Bishop Gates on Oct. 12. Many know that he is receiving palliative care as he deals with an aggressive form of cancer for which there is no cure. Our prayers are with him. Bishop Shaw wrote in a letter to the clergy and lay leadership of the diocese dated August 25,

You know, time too often in our culture is perceived as a problem; all of us, at some point, feel we don't have enough of it. Yet, because of Jesus the Messiah, all time is now God's time. It is part of the unfolding of God's glory. We are invited into it as an experience of the presence of God. I believe that is where our prayer, where our life together in gathered community, where our participation with God in making all things new is taking us: into the heart of God.

May each of us be opened to the possibility and the hope offered through God's gift of time.


The gift of time has been present to St. Michael's in these past 300 years, and is a gift given to this generation now. May we embody his Christ's self-giving love and move a-glow into the next 300 years. "You will see things greater than this," Jesus tells us, as we embody his self-giving love and move a-glow into the next 300 years at St. Michael's.

-Fr. Andrew

Please Welcome Bishop Alan Gates, Sunday, October 12 at 10 am

**One Service Only at 10:00 am & no Church School
So All Can Attend
Followed by the blessing of our renovations
and new processional cross**


Let's give a great welcome to our new Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates who will be visiting to celebrate our 300th Anniversary. We will have one service at 10:00 a.m.—no 8:00 service and no Church School—so all can attend. At the end of the 10 am service we will process out the Summer Street doors for a blessing of our ramp, working lift, steeple and Parish Hall renovations (including carpet!), plus a blessing of our new processional cross. Bishop Gates will then meet with the parish during coffee hour in the Parish Hall, followed by lunch with the Vestry at 12:30 p.m.




**Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 5 at 1 pm
Summer Street Lawn**

Bring your pet or stuffed animal, on a leash or in a carrier, to Saint Michael's Summer Street lawn for a blessing by Father Andrew. This is an annual event near the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi.

It also marks the beginning of **Creation Care Season** when we look at ways we can make more sustainable use of God's Creation.



October 2014 Events



Thursday, October 2
6:30 pm St. Catherine's Guild
with Judy Anderson:
"Women in 1714 Marblehead"

Sunday, October 5
1:00 pm Blessing of the Animals
Choral evensong moved to September 27

Sunday, October 12
One service only
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with The Rt. Rev. Allan Gates, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, presiding
11:15 am Blessing of Ramp, Lift, Parish Hall, Steeple and Processional Cross

Wednesday, October 15
6:00 pm Apple Pie Making

Sunday, October 19
10:00 am Intergenerational Service
5:00 pm Tercentenary Organ Recital series resumes with Doug Major, organist & Richard Watson, trumpeter

Tuesday, October 28
7:30 pm Tom Connolly on H. P. Lovecraft
(see page six)

Sunday, November 2, All Saints Day
Set your clocks to fall back one hour!

From the Music Director

Enthusiasm, dedication and skill – all three of these on the part of our Choir singers this past weekend made for a magnificent musical offering, both at Evensong on Saturday, September 27 and at our Festival Eucharist for Michaelmas on the 28th. We offer congratulations and thanks to those who sang so beautifully, both in the St. Michael's Choir and in our Youth Choir. I want to offer my special thanks to the parents of the Youth Choir who were so supportive and ready to help when needed as we prepared for our big celebrations. Well done, good and faithful servants!

Please mark these dates on your calendars for our Tercentenary Organ Recital Series:

Organ Concert Schedule - Sundays at 5 pm

- October 19 - Richard Watson, trumpet & Douglas Major, organ (see page 7)
- November 16 - Ryan Patten
- January 18, 2015 - Katelyn Emerson
- March 15 - Brian Jones
- May 17 - David Carrier

Our subscription brochure will be sent out this week, so please join in and support our series with a subscription to allow us to showcase our wonderful Fisk Organ and open our church to the community at large.

—Douglas Major

Church School—from Kelley Howells

What a busy September we have had! We began by admiring our new steeple and refurbished bell tower without all the scaffolding that had hidden it. We went back to our two service schedule & began our programming year.

Nursery Care—In the nursery, we welcomed Anneliese Hammer as our new High School nursery care worker. All of the nursery care children are getting to know her and are enjoying our beautiful, newly remodeled space. As of this writing we are still in search of an adult who would like to work in a paid position in the Nursery for two hours each Sunday from September until June.

Church School—Following an all parish video presentation and goal setting meeting, and our special service with the blessing of the backpacks in mid-September, we began Church School! We began by learning about St. Michael and St. Michael's Church in our reorganized space in the Davenport House.



Supper Club—Also in September we began another year of Supper Club, with a great group of Middle School youth. We look forward to our next meetings on October 7th and again on October 20th. We are still looking for volunteers to act as chefs. Please sign up on the Sign up genius or contact Kelley at Kelley@stmichaels1714.org.

High School Service Group—Karin McCarthy and I have created a special outreach program geared for High School Students. Students need not be members of St. Michael's parish. We encourage all High School students to consider joining our group, and to bring along friends!

Many young people need to fulfill community service requirements for their school, for National Honor Society, for college applications, for their religious affiliation, or for other reasons. Many times the annual requirement for students is 30-40 hours of commitment per year. We will coordinate opportunities for students to fulfill many if not all of these necessary hours, while providing a peer group to connect with.

It is our goal to provide experiences that will enable students to learn about themselves, while giving much needed aid to others. We will be based at St. Michael's with local outreach to Marblehead, Salem, and Lynn. We

- Oct. 5: Nursery Care and Children's Chapel/Church School 9:30
Blessing of the animals 1 p.m.
Summer Street Lawn
- Oct. 7: Supper Club 6-8p.m.
- Oct. 12: Nursery Care, No Church School,
Visit of Bishop Alan Gates,
Blessing of Capital Campaign Projects
- Oct. 19: Nursery Care and Intergenerational Service
- Oct. 20: Supper Club 6-8p.m.
- Oct. 26: Nursery Care and Church School 9:30
- Oct. 29: Youth Group Serving at Lifebridge

are planning four main activities to complete as a group over the school year, and will provide opportunities for individuals to take part in service that is of interest to them.

We met with a wonderful group of High School students in September and look forward to beginning with service projects in St. Michael's Church and LifeBridge in Salem.

St. Michael and All Angels Service—On September 28th our service was a very special one, to celebrate the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels and the 300th Anniversary of St. Michael's Church. We were honored to have the Bishop of London preside. This very well attended service was followed by a reception at the Lee Mansion where the children's hard work on the quilt was unveiled. There, the quilt was blessed, and gifted to St. Michael's Church in honor of the 300th Anniversary. In gratitude for all of their hard work on the quilt, gifts were given to Gillian Petty and Sue Cool.

Upcoming in October

On Sunday, October 5th we will continue our tradition of the blessing of the animals. All are invited to bring their pets to the Summer Street lawn at 1p.m. for a special blessing from Father Andrew.

Also in October, we will be welcoming our new Bishop Alan Gates to St. Michael's Church. This will be only his second visit as Bishop to a parish, and we are fortunate to welcome him here to bless all of our Capital Campaign Projects.

On October 19th we will not have Church School as usual, and will instead be participating in the Intergenerational Service. We would love to have children and youth sign up to participate! More information on sign-ups will be coming to families by email.

—Kelley Howells, Church School Director

Are We Doing Enough for Haiti?



Bishop Richard Chartres translates as Father Max Accime describes how St. Michael's funds help Haiti. Photos: C. Nilsson.

Meeting Father Max Accime at the Michaelmas celebration made me ask myself some questions. I did a little research to fill in some gaps in my (very limited) knowledge about the church in Haiti. Here is some of what I discovered:

- The Diocese of Haiti is a diocese of The Episcopal Church. In fact, the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, established in 1861, is the largest diocese in the Episcopal Church with over 83,700 members (in 2010) and over 100 congregations. Forty-eight priests serve the diocese. The diocese emphasizes education in its outreach. The current Bishop is the Rt. Rev. Jean Zache Duracin.
- The Episcopal presence in Haiti is vast with two hundred and fifty schools and churches, Holy Trinity Cathedral, a seminary, a music school, a nursing school, a business and technical school, and the only school for the handicapped in the country, as well as the only manufacturer of prosthetics. The Sisters of Saint Margaret oversee all aspects of the Foyer Notre Dame, a home for elderly people who are alone or whose family is not able to fully care for them. The Sisters provide spiritual and material support in a safe and loving environment, support that includes terminal care and burial. The Sisters also direct a scholarship program for children and young people who otherwise could not afford an education.
- The 2010 Haiti earthquake destroyed much of the infrastructure of the diocese, including Holy Trinity Cathedral and its school, the diocesan offices, the Couvent Sainte Marguerite, the College Saint Pierre, at least four of the diocese's more than 200 schools, and the home of Bishop Duracin and his injured wife. It also destroyed the home of Father Max and his family in Port-au-Prince.
- The Episcopal Diocese of Haiti has established a Part-

nership Program, of which St. Michael's is a part, fostering connections between churches and schools in the United States and Canada with Episcopal churches in Haiti. Partners have paid teachers' salaries, provided classroom equipment, books, helped to build school buildings, provided medical help and exchanged visits, letters and prayers. The coordinator of the Partnership Program is the Rev. Kesner Ajax. Here is a link to a video on Episcopal News Service explaining the Partnership Program:

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2013/09/13/video-kesner-ajax-explains-a-well-run-haiti-partnership/>

- To rebuild Episcopal institutions in Haiti that were destroyed by the earthquake, the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church has launched a Church-wide appeal. The campaign centers on the Holy Trinity Cathedral complex, which includes the Cathedral and its Biblical narrative murals, Holy Trinity Music School and Holy Trinity Professional School, as well as primary and secondary schools. To learn more about the campaign, here is a link to the page on The Episcopal Church website: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/haiti-more-cathedral>.

At the lunch and program at the Lee Mansion after our festive 300th Michaelmas program, St. Michael's presented Father Max with a check for \$7000 from the proceeds of our Lobster Lunch. This money is much needed for teachers' salaries, hot meals and scholarships for children, and basic infrastructure for the schools under Father Max's care. Our brothers and sisters in Haiti have an extreme need for basic necessities and education. Our national church has called for an effort to rebuild the beautiful cathedral in Port-au-Prince and the services provided by the Diocese of Haiti. I challenge our parish: are we doing enough?

—Susan Butterworth, Parishioner & Episcopal Divinity School student



Linda Smidt & Father Andrew present a check to Father Max.

Stewards of the Month—James Dearborn, Treasurer

James Dearborn came to St. Michael's in 2004, the same year Father Andrew was installed as rector. "Andy and I are neighbors on Summer Street so I thought I should stop in at St. Michael's and check out the 8 a.m. service," he says. "So I went, and as I left the service, Alma Howie shepherded me into the Parish Hall for the coffee hour and I have been attending at 8 o'clock ever since." He says it is a memory that always brings a smile to his face.

James likes getting to church first thing on a Sunday because it sets up his day and his week. "The early morning light streaming through the stained glass windows gives the space and time a holy feel," he says. As a Roman Catholic, he finds the service both comfortable and familiar.

James is currently treasurer of St. Michael's, having also been assistant treasurer. "It is a daunting task," he says. "Stewardship is so important to the church." He also co-chaired the Evangelism and Welcoming Commission with Jan Barnett. They initiated potluck suppers at Michaelmas.

James works for a mutual fund in Boston and he commutes each day although he says he would prefer to be able to stay on Summer Street. However, his commute did allow him the opportunity to drive the Bishop of London to Logan Airport on the morning after his visit on Michaelmas.

His wife Jill is at home with their two sons, Henry, 16, who attends St. John's Prep, and Andrew, 14, who attends Marblehead High School. Jill is a Deacon at Old North Church.

In their leisure, the Dearborn family has a motorboat in Salem Harbor and they vacation on the coast of Maine. "I have been going there most of my life," says James. "Castine is much like Marblehead." He also plays golf.

"We must always encourage people to muster the energy to look ahead, even while looking fondly back. We still need a church to go to!" says the treasurer of St. Michael's Church in closing.

- A series of parishioner profiles by Marilyn Day.



Thank you Kelley Howells, Sue Cool and Gillian Petty — the guiding hands for St. Michael's Church School's Tercentenary Quilt.

St. Michael's Heart of Christmas Fair

December 5 & 6, 2014

Apple Pie Making

Wednesday, October 15, 6:30 pm

Christmas Fair Planning

Monday, October 20, 7:00 pm



October is here and plans are underway for another great weekend, beginning with the tree lighting and carols on Thursday, December 4 and ending with Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 7. In between will be the Heart of Christmas Fair! Mark your calendar and put those great ideas into motion for preserves, gift baskets, crafts, frozen casseroles, doll clothes, knit hats with flowers, and more. And set aside great items for the Rich Uncle's Table—items in good condition that you would be proud to give your friends! Art work is particularly popular.

Join Pam Oppelt and Greg Bates for a fun night of apple pie making on Wednesday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m. Just bring your paring knives, and there will be peeling machines and dough ready for rolling.

More planning and craft days are coming up. Ideas? Contact Frances Nilsson or Karen McMahon, co-chairs. And yes, we will have vendors in our new space downstairs with children's activities in the Chapter room.



October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 12:30 am</p> <p>17th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Children's Chapel 9:30 am Nursery 10 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 1 pm Blessing of the Animals No Evensong this October</p>	<p>11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Thriff Shop Hours Tuesday-Saturday 1pm - 4 pm</p> <p>5:00 pm St. Michael's Team at My Brother's Table, Lynn 6:00 pm Supper Club</p> <p>7</p>	<p>9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA</p> <p>1</p>	<p>4:45 pm Youth Choir 6:30 pm St. Catherine's Guild: Judy Anderson 7:30 pm Adult Choir</p> <p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>18th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST One Service at 10 am No Church School 9:30 am Nursery 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates 11:15 am Blessing of Projects</p>	<p>Columbus Day Office Closed</p> <p>13</p>	<p>7:00 pm PreDiocesan Convention Forum, All Saints, Danvers</p> <p>14</p>	<p>9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 6:30 pm Apple Pie Making 7:00 pm Capital Campaign 8:00 pm AA (downstairs)</p> <p>15</p>	<p>4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Stewardship 7:30 pm Adult Choir</p> <p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11:00 am St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge, Salem, Captains Ed & Michelle Bailie</p> <p>11</p>
<p>19th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am 300th Meeting No Church School 9:30 am Nursery 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm Organ & Trumpet Recital with Watson & Major</p>	<p>11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 pm Supper Club 7:00 pm Fair Planning</p> <p>20</p>	<p>7:00 pm Vestry</p> <p>21</p>	<p>9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA</p> <p>22</p>	<p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>11:00 am Funeral for Doris Bartlett</p> <p>18</p>
<p>20th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 9:30 am Nursery 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p>	<p>11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>27</p>	<p>12:00 pm Audit Mtg. 7:30 pm Tom Connolly: Crypt of the Mind - H.P. Lovecraft</p> <p>28</p>	<p>9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 5:00 pm Youth Service at Lifebridge 8:00 pm AA</p> <p>29</p>	<p>4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir</p> <p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>Fall back one hour tonight! Daylight savings time ends.</p> <p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>All Hallow's Eve</p>

October—November Events



**Sunday, October 19 at
5:00 pm
Richard Watson—
Trumpet
Douglas Major—Organ**

Richard Watson and Douglas Major join forces for a wonderful program of music for a trumpet and organ, featuring works by Telemann, Hovhaness, Henri Tomasi, Eric Ewazen and Major's own St.

Michael Concerto. Hailed as one of New England's finest trumpeters, Watson holds positions in several orchestras in the area, and is know for his smooth tone and elegant phrasing. He and Major recorded the CD "Hope" at Methuen Music Hall, featuring many of the compositions they will perform in their recital. Watson and Major continue to enjoy their collaboration together, performing in various venues across New England, including Saint Michael's Tercentenary Service on September 28, 2014.

Next Tercentenary Lecture

Oct. 28 at 7:30 pm

**Tom Connolly on "Crypt of the Mind:
H.P. Lovecraft, St. Michael's, and a
Nightmare Vision of Marblehead"**

Our Tercentenary Lecture series continues on October 28 at 7:30 p.m. with a talk on the macabre writer H.P. Lovecraft whose visit to Marblehead and St. Michael's in the 1920s inspired a collection of stories in *The Tomb and Other Tales*. One of those short stories, "The Festival," is based directly on Lovecraft's visit to St. Michael's crypt, excavated in the 1970s by parish historian Rob Howie.



Our speaker is our own Thomas Connolly, Ph.D., Suffolk University Professor of English whose expertise includes American literature, drama, and theatre. His publications include articles on Eugene O'Neill—a sometime Marblehead resident—and Noel Coward. Please join us on Oct. 28 at 7:00pm for what will be sure to be a timely topic for Halloween and something very different for our Tercentenary celebration program!

November Events



Sunday, November 2—All Saint's Day
Daylight Savings Time Ends. Fall Back One Hour.

5:00 pm Choral Evensong

Thursday, November 6

6:30 pm St. Catherine's Guild with
Jenny Oliveira on her China trip

Sunday, November 9

The Very Rev. Katherine Ragsdale, President & Dean of the Episcopal Divinity School visits.

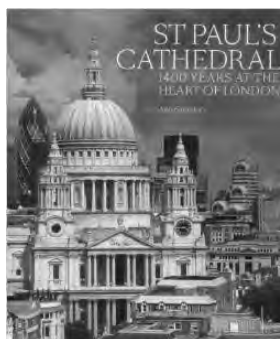
Sunday, November 16

5:00 pm Organ Recital: Ryan Patten

Tuesday, November 25

7:30 pm Marblehead Thanksgiving Service at
St. Michael's Church

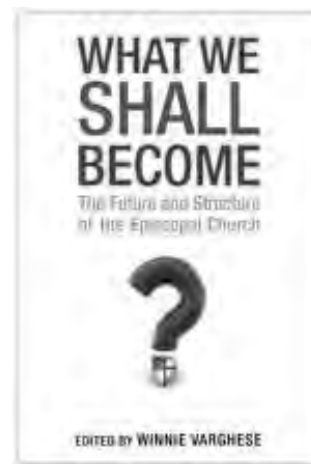
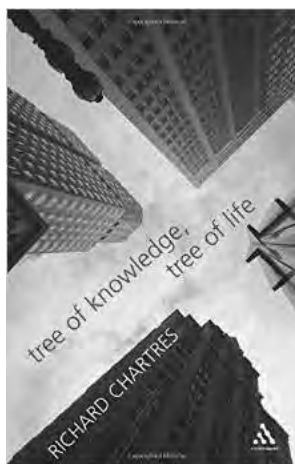
New in the Library



St. Paul's Cathedral: 1400 Years at the Heart of London, by Ann Saunders. 2012.

Tree of Knowledge, Tree of Life, by Richard Chartres, Bishop of London. 2006.

What Shall We Become? The Future and Structure of the Episcopal Church, edited by Winnie Varghese. 2013.





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Visitation of The Rt. Rev. Allan M. Gates Bishop of Massachusetts

Sunday, October 12
One service only
10:00 a.m.

**With a chance to meet and talk with
the Bishop at coffee hour**

Organ & Trumpet

Sunday, October 19, 5 pm

**Richard Watson
on trumpet
Douglas Major
on organ**

Reception to follow.

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.