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From the Rector: A New Journey Ahead!

On the first day of the Marblehead Public School year residents in parts of town are greeted in the early morning with honking car horns and jubilant shouting. No, these are not parents celebrating the return of their children to the classroom, but rather it is the new senior class announcing their final year of high school. I don't think the entire senior class participates (not everyone has a car, for one thing), but the contingent that carries this out makes their presence known. Their cheers and exuberance carry all the joy and solemnity of the moment – an audible statement of hope, hard work, and expectation with graduation on the horizon.

Late August, early September also brings back returning students to the myriad of universities and colleges in our area and beyond, and the delivering of college students – first year or otherwise – to their academic institutions. There is a lot of a movement this time of the year.

Parish life at St. Michael's is making its transition back into the program year as well. It has been an active summer with a very successful Lobster Lunch being bookended by construction projects within and without. As people return this September to St. Michael's they will be met with a new handicap ramp and lift, and a nearly complete renovation of the downstairs of the Parish Hall. The foyer has new lighting, and there will soon be a new carpet! The

bell tower is water tight, and perhaps most striking is a new steeple!

After 221 years without one, St. Michael's new steeple was raised on August 28. This was funded through a generous bequest of the late Harold Hodgkinson and the generosity of parishioners through the capital campaign. It also took the passionate support and leadership over the past decades by a handful of parishioners.

Even with its going up, the question has been raised, why re-erect a steeple? While St. Michael's is housed in an historic building, we are first and foremost a house of prayer, worship and service in the Anglican-Episcopal expression of Christian faith. Our steeple is a reminder to all of God's presence and of our need and desire of seeking and encountering God's grace. Ed Nilsson in his remarks at the steeple raising on August 28, quoted the historian Kirk Shivell: steeples are seen as "reaching to-



Photo: Ulrike Welsch

ward Heaven, a testimony of faith, and a form of continual prayer." The steeple serves as a marker and symbol of a church – and specifically this church! - to which all are invited for spiritual nourishment and renewal.

The renovations in and of themselves do not grant one access to heaven or the keys of God's kingdom. But they help orient us toward that kingdom. The ramp and lift allow for inclusion of all God's people – both able bodied and not. The redesign of

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the lower Parish Hall, the repair to the bell tower in the church, and enhancements to the foyer provide meaningful space in which to worship, teach, sing, welcome and meet, all to strengthen one another in service to the wider community. The steeple draws our attention upward, toward the divine, inspires us with its graceful design, and is a beacon for those seeking deeper relationship with God and each other. These things foster God's kingdom. The planning, the raising of funds, and the skilled work of the workers – the whole effort has taken the dedication and perseverance of individuals and teams alike.

Unlike the new senior class, I've opted against driving around town honking my horn and shouting out the car window announcing the fall season at St. Michael's, our renovations and new steeple. There is no graduation on the horizon, per se, but I am excited and hopeful to continue and foster our journey together in the love of God and God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

—Fr. Andrew

Tercentenary Services Sep. 27 & 28

Choral Evensong, Saturday, September 27th at 5 pm

We are moving our first Evensong of the season from October to one week earlier, so that we might have another opportunity to worship with the Bishop of London, the Right Reverend Richard Chartres. The service of Choral Evensong will include the singing of the Te Deum Laudamus, a setting of by Doug Major composed 20 years ago for the 150th anniversary of a church in Charleston, WV. There will be no reception afterwards as the Parish Hall will be set up for Sunday morning.

The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels 300th Anniversary Festal Eucharist Sunday, September 28th at 10 am

With a Procession to a Reception at the Lee Mansion

There will be one service at 10 o'clock service on September 28th to celebrate the 300th anniversary of St. Michael's Church. The Bishop of London the Very Rev. Richard Chartres will be preaching. Other visitors will include returning clergy and Father Max Accime from our sister parish in Haiti. St. Andrew's in Marblehead is cancelling its 10 am service so members can join us. And of course, the music will be inspiring and grand.

To reserve general sanctuary seating parishioners should sign up for free tickets in the Parish Hall lobby or by calling the Church Office. The Parish Hall will be set up for overflow with live video projection of the service. Pick up your tickets at the Church office weekdays & Sun, Sep. 21.

September 2014 Events & Fall Beginnings



Saturday, September 6

10:00 am Acolyte training

Sunday, September 7

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I resumes

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II resumes

4:00 pm Judy Anderson walking tour-see p. 7

Monday, September 8

11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry resumes

Tuesday, September 9

6:30 pm Youth Services Group

Wednesday, September 10

10:30 am Bible Study begins

Thursday, September 11

4:45 pm Youth Choir resumes

7:30 pm Adult Choir resumes

Sunday, September 14

9:30 am Nursery resumes in new space!

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I with choir & Blessing of the Backpacks

11:20 am Church School Overview & Welcome

4:00 pm Judy Anderson walking tour-see p. 7

Sunday, September 21

9:30 am Church School begins

Tuesday, September 22

6:00 pm Supper Club begins

Saturday, September 27

5:00 pm Choral Evensong and Te Deum

Sunday, September 28—Michaelmas

One service only with no church school.

10:00 am Festal Eucharist, Rite II

with procession to a

Reception at the Lee Mansion Garden



There will not be church school for Michaelmas, so children can participate in the service. Children in the youth choir will process in and will be seated in the choir loft. All other children are invited to sit with their families and enjoy this important event.

Following the service the clergy, choir and the entire congregation will process to a reception in the Lee Mansion garden, under the tent, where proclamations will be read and the children's quilt will be unveiled.

From the Music Director

Welcome back to all, from vacation, camp, visiting friends and family. What a truly great summer it has been this year!

September 11, Thursday, will be our first day of choir rehearsals, both for the St. Michael's Choir (7:30 pm) and the Youth Choir (4:45 pm - 5:45 pm). The Adult Choir will sing for the first time on September 14 at the 10 am service, and the Youth Choir has been invited by Fr. Stoessel to join us for the great celebration on September 28, Michaelmas. I look forward to seeing all of you again, and in rehearsing in our brand new Choir Room. Heartfelt thanks to Ed Nilsson and all the crew who have worked so hard to create such a fine space in the lower level of the Parish Hall.

Church School—from Kelley Howells

Welcome back, everyone. We have a great year ahead with new and returning activities. Don't miss Sunday, September 13th when we will have an overview for everyone. But here's a quick review:

Acolyte Opportunity

Father Andrew has asked all supper club members, and students entering the 6th grade and up, to consider serving this coming year as acolytes. There will be training given on Saturday, September 6th from 10am-11am. Please give it some consideration. It is a great way to give back to St. Michael's Parish.

NEW! - Youth Service Group Begins September 9th

Karin McCarthy and I have been working this summer to create 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 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 interests them.

Organ Concert Schedule - Sundays at 5 pm

October 19 - Richard Watson, trumpet & Douglas Major, organ

November 16 - Ryan Patten

January 18, 2015 - Katelyn Emerson

March 15 - Brian Jones

May 17 - David Carrier

Please mark these dates on your calendar - they will be wonderful programs of well-loved repertoire as well as opportunities to hear some new compositions. Choral Evenings will continue on the first Sunday of the month from November through May.—*Douglas Major*

Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9th at 6:30 here in St. Michael's parish hall. Please bring a friend and join us for pizza! At that time, we will offer a number of potential opportunities to the students and have them decide which plans are of interest to them. Some possibilities that could be chosen by the group include: volunteer opportunities at St. Michael's including St. Michael's Thrift Shop, Lifebridge, Habitat for Humanity, My Brother's Table, Marblehead Food Pantry, Marblehead Council on Aging, , among others.

We hope to see you there! Please RSVP to Kelley@St.Michaels1714.org if you plan on joining us.

Blessing of the Backpacks - September 14th

This annual tradition continues this year on September 14th. Children are invited to bring their backpacks to the 10 o'clock service where they will be blessed by Father Andrew in anticipation of a wonderful school year ahead.

Parish Church School Meeting—September 14th

On September 14th following the 10 o'clock service, there will be a brief presentation in the parish hall to update the whole congregation on church school activities. We will have a quick slideshow of last year's programs, a look ahead to our goals for the coming year, and an opportunity to register children if you have not already done so. Please bring your calendars, we hope to schedule as many volunteers as possible for church school this year at our assembly.

Nursery Care – Begins September 14th

Children up through preschool age are invited to attend our Nursery program in our newly renovated space in the lower hall. Nursery care will resume on September 14th.

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Church School—continued

Church School – Begins September 21st

St. Michael's Church offers religious education to children through Church School which is held at the Davenport House. Church school is divided by age into two classrooms. Two curriculums are used: "Godly Play" is used with students in grades K-2, and "Weaving God's Promises" is used for students in grades 3-5.

Supper Club – Begins Monday, September 22nd

Supper Club is a group of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who meet 12 times over the course of the school year for food, fellowship and fun with a bible story, biblical figure, or spiritual question, theme; here at St. Michael's Church. Youth are encouraged to build their own personal relationship with God and ask questions! We will have our first meeting on Monday, September 22nd. All meetings are from 6p.m. to 8p.m. here in the Parish Hall.

The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels 300th Anniversary Service with the Bishop of London to preside – September 28th

Our 10 o'clock service on September 28th will be a very special one, to celebrate the 300th anniversary of St. Michael's Church. There will not be church school that day, in order that the children may participate in this very special service. Children in the youth choir will be processing in and will be seated in the choir loft. All other children are invited to sit with their families and enjoy this important event.

Following the service, all are invited to attend a reception at the Lee Mansion where the children's hard work on the quilt will be unveiled. There, the quilt will be blessed, and gifted to St. Michael's Church in honor of the 300th Anniversary.—*Kelley Howells, Church School Director*

Bishop of London

When St. Michael's was founded in 1714, all Anglican priests in the colonies were licensed by the Bishop of London and funded through the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts (SPG) and other means. There were no Anglican bishops in the Americas so any colonist who wanted to be ordained had to take the long voyage to London. St. Michael's first four priests, William Shaw, David Mossum, George Pigot and Malcolm Alexander, were all born in Great Britain, although the latter three lived in the Americas before returning to England for ordination. Peter Bours and Joshua Weeks were born and educated in New England and their passage to England for ordination was paid for by St. Michael's. So from 1714 to the Revolutionary War, our bishop would have been the Bishop of London.

Bishops of London had long been interested in the state of the church in the colonies, but Henry Compton, Bishop of London 1675—1713, also sat on the Committee of Trade and Plantations. Compton sent out commissaries and worked with colonial administrators such as Sir Francis Nicholson to expand and strengthen the Anglican Church. One commissary, Thomas Bray, indicated that unlike the Caribbean colonies, rich with the sugar trade, the North American colonies needed help supporting their ministers. And so in 1701, the SPG was formed to send ministers and schoolmasters to Britain's colonies.

Today's Bishop of London is the Rt. Rev. & Rt. Hon. Richard J. C. Chartres. Richard Chartres read history at Trinity College, Cambridge and taught ancient history after graduation. In 1973 he was ordained and 1975-1983

became chaplain to Robert Runcie, who was Bishop of St. Albans and then Canterbury. Chartres moved to a parish in the Diocese of London in 1984 and became Bishop of Stepney in 1992. In 1995 he became the 123rd Bishop of London. Chartres has the title Right Honorable as Dean of HM Chapels Royal and a Privy Counsellor.



While Bishop of London, Chartres has demonstrated particular interest in ecumenical dialog, faith and communication in this modern world, environmental justice, as well as his early interest in history. In 2002 he opened the Centre for Reconciliation and Peace in St. Ethelburga's, a medieval church building that survived the WWII London blitz, but was largely destroyed by an IRA bombing in 1993. He has also served as a trustee on the Coexist Foundation. In the installation of a college chaplain, he speaks of fostering "a Dialogical approach to faith in the modern world between faiths and secular disciplines" and "collaboration in shared concerns; advocacy for faith in hostile circumstances and in pursuit of justice and peace."

In 2006 the Church of England launched a "shrink the footprint" campaign, led by Chartres, to reduce the church's carbon footprint 80% by 2050. The mantra in his London diocese is "We are tak-

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Stewards of the Month—Rory and Julie Gaunt

Rory and Julie Gaunt have attended St. Michael's for three years. Rory grew up Episcopalian, converted to Roman Catholicism in college, but then he and Julie found the stances on social issues in the Episcopal church more suited to their philosophies so they joined St. Michael's. "Our acquaintances and friends here gave us a warm welcome. Its smallness means you quickly get to know people." said Rory. Julie adds, "I like what it offers the children; it is a special place for them."

Rory currently serves on the Vestry and on the Property Committee. His favorite activity is the Lobster Luncheon. Both Julie and he participate in the child oriented activities: Sunday school and the Christmas pageant. "Our children look forward to it," says Julie. Last year their daughter Anita had a speaking part, that of Gabriel. "She belted it out. I was more nervous than she was!" remembers Julie.

Rory was instrumental in getting a recent Green Grant from the Diocese to upgrade the church's plumbing and lighting systems for energy efficiency as part of the renovation. "The timing was perfect," he says. "It will reduce costs and make us a more sustainable parish." He said that St. Michael's historically good record keeping helped win the grant of \$8000.

Rory runs a bio fuels company, Lifecycle Renewables. His company collects waste vegetable oil and reformats it into heating fuel. As well as being recycled, the product reduces emissions associated with heating fuel. Other applications are also being developed.

Julie has been an at-home mother, but is now learning real estate photography. "I have friends who are profes-



sional photographers who help me and then it is amazing what online tutorials there are. I am learning as I go," she says.

The Gaunts have two daughters, Anita, 9, who will be in the fourth grade at the Village School this year, and Lucia, 6, who will be in the first grade at the Gerry this fall. Anita is on swim team, plays soccer, loves to read, and studies the violin. Her little sister Lucia loves art, plays the piano, and does dance and gymnastics.

In their leisure time, they like the beach as a family: surfing, diving, swimming, paddle-boarding. In the winter they ski together. "I knit a little," says Julie. "I learned it on-line, just the way I am learning photography."

"We like the history of the church and its quaintness. It is good to be a part of it," says Rory.

Bishop of London and SPG *continued*

ing action on Energy and Carbon; Water and Waste; Wildlife and Biodiversity." Between 2005 and 2011 his churches have achieved a 22% savings in energy.

Chartres sermons draw on the poet William Blake, T.S. Eliot's play *The Rock*, politics, and world history as he speaks on topics from the starts of WWI and WWII, the Bible in China, the Tercentenary of the Hanoverian Dynasty, Christian New Media, before Parliament on an Energy Bill in his name, to "Women in Abrahamic religions as peacemakers."

Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge;
where is the knowledge we have lost in information?
- *TS Eliot in The Rock*

Frances Nilsson, Historic Church Committee

St. Michael's Episcopal Church Marblehead, Massachusetts

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

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

Celebrating a Steeple: Marblehead Transformations 1714 to 1814 and Beyond

Historian Judy Anderson of Marblehead Architectural Heritage will lead walking tours to benefit St. Michael's on Sunday, September 7 and Sunday, September 14 at 4:00-5:30 pm. Beginning at St. Michael's at the Summer St. entrance, the tours will review the social and architectural changes in Marblehead from 1714 to 1814 and beyond, and particularly as they relate to changes to St. Michael's. The suggested donation is \$10 per person with all proceeds to go to St. Michael's capital campaign.



Bring a friend or two and enjoy a lovely tour! Thank you, Judy for helping us "raise the steeple."

Michaelmas Preparation Day, Saturday, Sept. 20, 9am-noon

Come join many hands on Saturday, September 20 as we ready our buildings and grounds for a great celebration the following weekend. We will be replacing summer annuals with fall ones, cleaning out the choir loft, rearranging furniture and the exhibit in the Parish Hall, removing old furniture from the lobby in preparation for carpet cleaning, and hopefully refilling archives materials in a new cabinet safe. A special crew will polish the chandelier. Sign-up or call the Parish Office if you can help. Contact Frances Nilsson if you have questions.

"Many hands make light work."

To our St. Michael's family,

The tribute to our mother, Martha Bessom Gorman, at her funeral on July 25th was remarkable. At the age of ninety-eight, we were pleasantly surprised at how many people filled the pews of St. Michael's church for her funeral. We are so thankful that friends and members of St. Catherine's Guild not only helped us prepare and serve the food, but provided delicious desserts for the collation. What a wonderful celebration of her long and productive life, and how blessed we both are to have such a wonderful and caring church family! Thank you all so much! We could not have done it without your support!

Pam Oppelt and Lissa Simard

Upcoming Events



Thursday, October 2

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

Sunday, October 4

Choral evensong moved to September 27

Sunday, October 12

Bishop Allan Gates at St. Michael's for the Blessing of Ramp, Lift, Parish Hall and Steeple

Sunday, October 19

5:00 pm 40th Anniversary Organ Recital series begins with Doug Major and Richard Watson, trumpeter

Tuesday, October 28

7:30 pm Tom Connolly on H. P. Lovecraft

Sunday, November 2—All Saint's Day

5:00 pm Choral Evensong

Thursday, November 6

6:30 pm St. Catherine's Guild

Sunday, November 9

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

Sunday, November 16

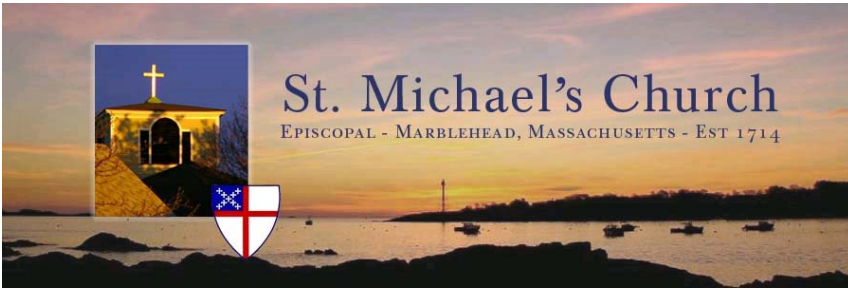
5:00 pm Organ Recital: Ryan Patten

Tuesday, November 25

7:30 pm Marblehead Thanksgiving Service

Late Breaking News—a new find!

To strengthen the tower for the new steeple, braces have been added to the supporting columns. Two of these columns are between the 1714 exterior and the 1833 interior walls. To get to one of these columns a section of wainscoting on the west wall, between the Russell and Appleton windows, was removed temporarily. Inside the cavity a view of the original exterior wall shows a large decorative panel that would have been inside an 18th century pew. It is not high art, but a most interesting find. Look for photos online and posted in the Parish Hall lobby. Contact Edward Nilsson or David Bittermann for more information.



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Choral Evensong

**Saturday, September 27
5:00 pm**

**Music includes
The Te Deum by Douglas Major**

Michaelmas 2014

**Sunday, September 28
10 am Festal Eucharist
with returning clergy, friends &
the Bishop of London
followed by a procession
to a reception at
the Jeremiah Lee Mansion garden.**

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.



September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Office Closed	2 5:00 pm St. Michael's Team at My Brother's Table, Lynn 7:30 pm Property	3 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:00am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	4 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	5	6 10 – 11 am Acolyte Training
13th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 4:00 pm Judy Anderson Tour	8 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	9 6:30 pm Youth Service Group 7:00 pm Wardens	10 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	11 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	12	13 10:30 am Bishop's Consecration 11:00 am St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge, Salem led by Pam Oppelt & Valerie Wyckoff
14th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Tercentenary Com. 9:30 am Nursery 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with returning choir 11:20 am Church School presentation 4:00 pm Judy Anderson Tour	15 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	16	17 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	18 Newsletter Deadline 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	19	20 Michaelmas Cleanup/Preparation 9:00 am - noon
15th 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	22 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6 – 8 pm Middle School Supper Club	23 7:00 pm Vestry	24 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	25 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	26	27 10:00 am Rehearsal for Sunday 5:00 pm Choral Evensong & Te Deum
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