



# St. Michael's Newsletter

## From the Rector:

I initially planned to begin this “welcome back” newsletter article by noting the seismic shift in schedules and preparation families face as the first day of school beckons. The use of the word “seismic” is an intentional exaggeration. It may feel “seismic” at times, but we know the shift from more carefree days of summer to the more structured days of the fall happens each year. We make our adjustments. Even though there may be complaining from children about their imminent return to school, deep down they may even welcome the pattern and direction the school year offers.

This year in particular there seems to be much going on that taps our desire for a return to and grounding in a regular pattern of life. In late

August a true, devastating seismic event struck central Italy in the form of the 6.2 magnitude earthquake. Buildings crumbled, lives were lost, and families left homeless. A week earlier in the US, areas in Louisiana experienced torrential rains which resulted in widespread flooding. Here, too, lives were lost, homes destroyed and people left homeless and coping as best as possible. First responders on the scenes worked with urgency and care, and such work continues on. (In Louisiana Episcopal Relief and Development - [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org) - has been in close

contact with Episcopal dioceses in the region, providing support for local efforts of relief.) The current presidential election itself seems to elevate mixed feelings of hope and concern, no matter which party or candidate one is for or against.

“Witness” was the word offered on Aug. 18 by “Brother, Give us a Word,” a digital ministry from the Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE). Br. David Allen wrote, “Not everyone is called to go out into other parts of the world to be missionaries. Others are called to witness quietly to the Gospel teachings, wherever

they are, by showing kindness and love to those with whom they live and work, and to pattern their lives on the teachings of Jesus in ways appropriate to their circumstances.”

I’ve been thinking of Br. Allen’s words a lot these past weeks as we transition into this new season. Yes, there is much to elevate our concern and anxiety, and new challenges each day. (Close to home, in late August disturbing and hateful anti-Semitic words were scrolled in the dirt at Marblehead High School. The town leadership, including our police chief, the school principal, and support of the Marblehead Ministerial Association responded quickly in witness against such hatred.) Our faith, strengthened

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September Calendar

## From the Music Director

Here's hoping you all enjoyed the summer as much as I did! Both the St. Michael Choirs will be starting rehearsals soon, so please mark these dates on your calendars.

**St. Michael's Youth Choir** - rehearses Thursdays from 4:30 - 5:30 pm, beginning September 15th.

**St. Michael's Adult Choir** - rehearses Thursdays from 7:30 - 9 pm, beginning September 8th, and singing for the 10 am Service starting September 11th.

We are always looking for new members for both choirs, so if you are interested in joining a wonderful group of energetic people who lead the music for our services throughout the season, please contact Doug Major at majordrmus@verizon.net or 978-578-2140.

Happy Labor Day weekend to all!

- Doug Major

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through our worship, prayers, fellowship and service, grounds us to meet the challenges we encounter and the joys that abound around us.

Our faith connects us with the people near and far in witness to kindness and love to mend strife and injury.

To those who have been worshipping all summer at St. Michael's, and to those who return after a summer hiatus, welcome. As we adjust our schedules to the rhythm of a new program year, may we be strengthened as agents of love and kindness in our community, and witnesses to the power of God's grace.

—Fr. Andrew

## Adult Formation

### 'Inquirer's Class' for Reception into the Episcopal Church

Fr. Andrew will facilitate an "inquirer's class" for those interested in being officially received into the Episcopal Church from another denomination. The class will meet this September and October at a time to be determined. The "reception" will take place the morning of Saturday, October 22 at St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston. Contact Fr. Andrew if you are interested.

## September 2016 Events

### Sunday, September 4—2 services resume

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

### Wednesday, September 7

- 10:30 am Weekly Bible Study resumes

### Thursday, September 8

- 7:30 pm Adult Choir rehearsal resumes

### Sunday, September 11

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:30 am Child Care resumes
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with returning Adult Choir Blessing of the Backpacks

### Thursday, September 15

- 4:30 pm Youth Choir rehearsal resumes

### Friday, September 16 & 30

- 11:00 am Wisdom Friendship Group

### Sunday, September 18

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:30 am Child Care
- 9:45 am Church School
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### Sunday, September 25—Michaelmas

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:30 am Child Care
- 9:45 am Church School
- 10:00 am Festal Eucharist, Rite II

### Sunday, October 2

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:30 am Child Care
- 9:45 am Church School
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 1:00 pm Blessing of the Animals
- 5:00 pm Choral Evensong

### Wednesday Bible Study Resumes, September 7

On Wednesdays at 10:30 am, a group of men and women who delve into the meaning of the collect and readings for the coming Sunday and what they might mean to our daily lives. The discussion is often lively with viewpoints from a variety of parishioners and clergy.

Come join us once, several times or every week!

## Children & Youth - from Kelley Callahan

For those of you who might not know, Kelley Howells, St. Michael's much-loved director of children's ministries, began a job teaching at Tower School this fall. Although we are so happy for Kelley, she will be sadly missed.

For those of you who may not know me, my name is also Kelley - Kelley Callahan, and I will be doing my best to lead the church school for as long as needed. I have been a parishioner at St. Michael's since 2013 and a member of the vestry since 2015. I began teaching church school in 2007 when my oldest daughter, Lily, entered church school at a different parish. At the ripe, old age of 3, Lily wasn't quite ready to attend class alone, so with her "Dolly" clutched in one arm and my leg in the other, Lily, "Dolly" and I attended Godly Play classes together each Sunday.

I had never envisioned myself as a church school teacher but since I was there anyway, it only made sense for me to help out. I tied some shoes, chaperoned some bathroom trips, and marveled at some masterpieces. At the same time, I quickly became intrigued with the Godly Play process and found myself as lost and absorbed in the stories as the children. I also realized how much I did not know (or remember) about my religion and the bible. Eventually, and by default, I began leading some classes. It was then that I realized the profound depth of which one learns something when they teach it to someone else. As I taught - and learned - my faith and spirituality also began to deepen. As I met other parents and teachers, I developed a sense of community and belonging in a church that was new to me. My knowledge, my faith and my friendships all grew quickly.

The opportunity to teach church school has been a gift - an unexpected and wonderful gift that I would like to share with you. I feel so blessed to now have the opportunity to lead the church school and I really look forward

**"To serve you only  
need a heart  
full of grace  
and a soul  
generated by love."  
- Martin Luther King**

to the journey, but I can't do it without your help. Won't you consider volunteering your time to help the church school? The investment is minimal and the reward is priceless. Look for the Sign Up Genius coming your way soon!

I look forward to seeing you on September 11 and to working with you throughout the year! With peace and blessings

- Kelley (Callahan)

P.S. You may also sign up to volunteer on September 11, after the 10:00 service. Please also feel free to contact me anytime with any questions or concerns:  
lucysmon@aol.com or 781-888-2235.



### Children's Chapel Returns!

Back by popular demand ... Father Andrew will be holding children's chapel on the first Sunday of each month. Immediately following the 10:00 service, children will have a quick snack and then gather together in the chapter room downstairs. Parents are most welcome to attend! Our first children's chapel will take place after the welcome back service on September 11. Parents may register their children for church school at this time in the parish hall.

P.S. Don't forget to bring backpacks to be blessed at the September 11, 10:00 service!

### Youth Choir Begins



All youth, (strong readers, second grade up), are welcome to join the youth choir! Practices are every Thursday from 4:30-5:30, beginning September 15. Contact Doug Major for more information. majordrmus@verizon.net

P. S. Don't forget to bring backpacks to be blessed at the September 11, 10:00 service!



#### Plan Ahead!

Ongoing	Signups for Watering Brigade!
September 4	Return to two service schedule at 8:00 am and 10:00 am.
September 11	Child Care returns at 9:30 am Blessing of the Backpacks After the 10 o'clock service: Children's Chapel and Registration
September 15	Youth Choir Rehearsals resume
September 17	Acolyte Training
September 18	Church School begins at 9:45 am
September 25	Michaelmas
September 26	First Supper Club 6—8 pm
October 2	Blessing of the Animals at 1 pm on the Summer St. lawn—All animals, stuffed animals, pictures of animals, etc. are welcome.
October 16	Intergenerational Service at 10:00 am

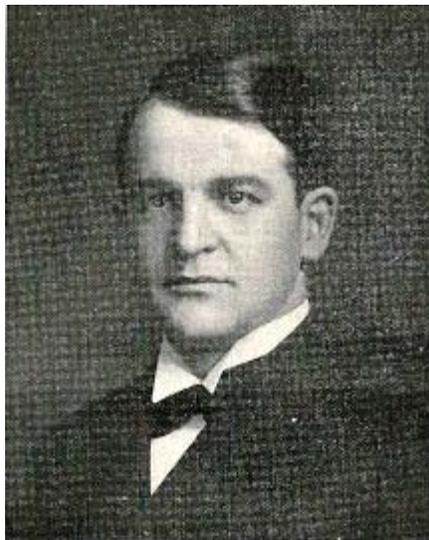
## Lyman Rollins (1881-1930), Rector 1915—1921 “Fighting Parson”

On November 12, 1909, Lyman Rollins, oldest son of Lyman and Ellen Lucy (Carter) Rollins, was ordained at the Curtis Memorial Church of his youth in Concord, New Hampshire. In his ordination review, the New Hampshire Free Will Baptists' Council of Sacred Orders noted that Rollins had 6 years of preparation at the New Hampton Institution and at Bates College, (both with Free Will Baptist ties) and was currently serving in Gray, Maine. Rollins was also active in the YMCA and the Christian Endeavor Society, an interdenominational youth society founded in Portland, Maine.

Rollins was still searching, though, and received his Bachelor of Divinity from Newton Theological Seminary. Then in May 1911 he was recommended for the diaconate by the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. For the next year he attended the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge and assisted at St. John's Charlestown where he was ordained deacon, June 2, 1912. The next month, he became curate under the Rev. Ernest Dennan at St. Stephen's Memorial Church, Lynn, and was later received into the priesthood.

One of Rollins noted innovations at St. Stephen's was “Ministering to the Common” through July-August 1913 bringing the Sunday evening service with its vested choir to the steps of the church for a service to those relaxing on Lynn's Common. (St. Stephen's, *Parish Notes*, September 1913) In the summer 1914 Rollins also ran St. Stephen's Vacation School, a 4-week program in its 9th year. It has highly likely that Rollins would have attended some of St. Michael's Bicentennial celebrations, and particularly the Sunday afternoon children's service where St. Stephen's choir sang. He also participated in “The Galahad Club” telling a story on “A Boy's Hero.” The Order of Sir Galahad was founded at St. Stephen's by Dennan to engage young boys.

Then in December 1914, Dennan was called to be Archdeacon in Boston, and Rollins became Minister-in-charge in Lynn. It was short-lived position as St. Michael's voted the following February to call Rollins as their priest. The spring 1915 was a busy time as Rollins served at



Rev. Lyman Rollins, 1909.  
<http://heirloomsreunited.blogspot.com>

St. Stephen's, prepared for his move, served as Chaplain of the Damascus Lodge of Masons in Lynn, and performed in a grand fundraising pageant “The Chosen King” for the Masons in Holyoke, Mass. On Ascension Day that spring St. Stephen's presented their curate with a solid silver private communion service. Rollins continued to assist at Sunday evening services and respond to emergency calls until a new Rector was called.

The future was looking bright at St. Michael's in the winter of 1914-1915 following the bicentennial celebrations and word in January of a large bequest to come from the estate of Orlando Dav-enport. It was time to decide on a new

rector, and the vote was for the young curate in Lynn. Rollins arrived the following June and at the first Vestry meeting, a committee was formed to look into a vested choir. It was a successful first year with 40 baptized and 52 presented for confirmation on Easter Even 1916, and Alexander Cleary was thanked for his work with the new choir.

Then war was declared with Mexico and Rollins was given a 3-month leave to serve as chaplain of the Fifth Regiment of Massachusetts in El-Paso, Texas. By November Rollins was back in Marblehead, and soon St. Michael's would be making its first payments to the Church Pension Fund. The Vestry also began to take up the terms of the will of the late Isaac C. Wyman, to “undertake the promotion of religious worship...as a missionary branch of St. Michael's.” It would be 1922 before concrete steps would be taken to build a chapel that would become St. Andrew's.

The Mexican-American War was just a warm-up. When the United States entered World War I in April, 1917, Rollins volunteered again to serve as chaplain with the Fifth Regiment. And in July with the merger of the Fifth into the 101st Infantry, he was called into federal service. The stories of Rollins work and heroism while Chaplain of the 101st are legendary: from persuading angry Fifth Regiment members from protesting the newly formed 101st, to services and baptisms held in bunkers and before battles, sermons at Roman Catholic services and reading Hebrew prayers for



Rollins on leave, 1918.

## Lyman Rollins, The 'Fighting Parson' - continued

Jewish burials, to going out on forays into enemy territory, helping troops find their way back to safe territory and winning the Croix de Guerre. The only way to save Rollins was to promote him to Corporal over 21 other chaplains and to send him back to the states to recuperate and find more chaplain volunteers.

When the war ended and Rollins returned in July 1919 to

a rousing 5-minute ovation in Marblehead, the "Fighting Parson" was often seen across New England greeting returning soldiers, dedicating memorials, and urging people to give jobs to veterans. And St. Michael's immediately voted to investigate a new organ and church improvements and to begin work on a capital campaign to fund them. Over the next 2 years \$15,000 was raised and memorial donations received. With the neo-colonial movement coming into vogue, the altar table we currently use and the two wide chancel chairs were received and Rollins regimental commander, Col. Edward Logan, donated a crucifix in Rollins honor. Architect W. H. Quiner was brought in to guide the building changes. The hexagonal sounding board was added over the pulpit and on the right wall St. Michael's rectors were listed on a large board topped with a split pediment. The walls were re-frescoed with a simpler stenciled design. The Vestry also approved the return of the wardens wands. To make more room around the chancel rail, the pews in the north corners were removed, and there major structural problems arose.

In the Mid-Summer 1920 *Chimes* newsletter, Rollins gave a detailed description of problems and repairs made in the basement/crypt area of the church. In 1833 new sills and flooring had been installed. Some of the supports were placed on what was thought to be rock, but was instead disintegrating coffins. The organ loft had sagged 6". Consequently remains were dug up and reinterred. New steel beams were installed and lower sections of the central columns replaced and supported on new concrete foundations with additional enforcement in the walls. The boilers were enclosed in a fire-resistant room, and in the fall, and a new organ installed. The Vestry gave several votes of thanks to Rollins for the yeoman's work with both fund-raising and oversight.

Change is hard. The new organ was sensitive and use had to be restricted to the organist only. The Music Committee began a review of the organist and program.



*St. Michael's interior after 1919-1921 renovations.*

For several years there had been rumblings about the housekeeper family living in the Rectory since Rollins arrival. Tensions rose with new Vestry members in January 1921, reaching a head at the April 1921 Vestry meeting. At the meeting the Vestry accepted the Music Committee's report recommending the resignation of the music director. With Rollins public announcement of his desire to resign and the sudden death of long-time Warden William D T

Trefry, a visit from the bishop was necessary. Rollins agreed to stay on, but with his health declining due to war injuries, his resignation was accepted effective September 15, 1921. Veterans in Marblehead and Boston raised \$2500 to help him in his recovery.

Rollins physicians recommended that he move to higher altitudes with clearer air. He returned to his home state New Hampshire and bought a home in Enfield. Soon he recovered enough to take a position at St. John's, White River Junction, VT. When possible he would spend winters in Lebanon, NH at the home of Frederik Haskel, son-in-law of his housekeepers (George Winn died in 1920 and Esta Winn in 1922), and summer in Enfield. But in July 1930 he took ill, aggravated by his war injuries, and died at the Haskell.

Rollins death on Friday, July 11, occurred at the beginning of an encampment of 3000 WWI veterans at Ft. Devens and was announced there the following day. The funeral was held on Sunday with a small family service at the Haskells and the main service at St. John's led by priests of neighboring NH and VT parishes. On Monday, a military service and burial were held in Concord, NH with 100 veterans led by Logan, and eulogies from several including Archdeacon Dennan, his Lynn mentor and many others. A week later a memorial service was held at St. Michael's. At this last service representatives of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths sat with the current rector within the sanctuary and remembered this "Fighting Parson." Major Bernard L. Gorfinkle noted that Rollins "attended alike to all. He knew no creed and attended Jew, Gentile, atheist and Catholic alike. He could read Hebrew, he buried our dead according to our ancient customs and over them would read the Kadish, or morning prayer." Within a year, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 32 in Marblehead had renamed their post in honor of Chaplain Lyman Rollins.

*- Frances Stith Nilsson, Historic Church Committee.*

**Fellowship & More**

**Friday Friendship**

The first meeting of the Wisdom and Friendship Group will meet on September 16th at 11:00 am in the Parish Hall. We meet every other Friday. Annette Nicolas is our well qualified leader.

This group is especially appropriate for those who are retired, going through transition, or looking for spiritual friendships.

Our meetings include a theme for the day, prayer, contemplation and sharing bits of wisdom. The following poem describes St. Michael's and also the Wisdom and Fellowship Group.

*Anne Davis and Annette Nicolas*

**In This Place**

Find a sense of  
Church  
Community  
Communication

Hear a call to  
Loving Kindness  
Compassion  
Unity

Know a time for  
Believing  
Supporting  
Upholding

Recognize a feeling of  
Openness  
Integrity  
Truthfulness

Expect a movement to  
Encourage  
Include  
Forgive

Experience a house for  
Prayer  
People  
God

Inhabit a haven for  
The weak  
The Peacemakers  
The Spirit

*Maureen Farrell FCJ*

**Thrift Shop**

Welcome to the changing of the seasons and Early Autumn in our friendly, ecologically centered Thrift Shop. We welcome your donations of spotless, gently used Fall clothing (not Winter wear) but clothing suitable for the warm days of early Autumn. Fall shoes, boots, jackets and decorative items for the changing seasons, including linens, dishes, cooking utensils, bedding, flatware and decorative items.

We hope you will stop in, see, and purchase our wonderful recycled items. You will be amazed at the excellent value and fine taste of our donors. We offer the best items of any thrift shop. Come and see and please donate and purchase. We need your patronage. St. Michael's Thrift Shop is a significant financial donor to the many projects offered by St. Michael's. Please support us.

*- Liz Grader, President*



**A 'Stately' Fashion Show  
Saturday, October 22**

St. Catherine's Guild and the Thrift Shop will host another fun Fashion Show on Saturday evening, October 22 in the Parish Hall. You can help! —as a model, chef, kitchen help, silent auction donor and more.

Mark your Calendars!

*- Sarah Bates and Jenny Oliveira*

**"Someone's in the Kitchen!"**

Beginning August 22, Michael Buchalter will be renting St. Michael's kitchen to prepare meals for his venture, "Dinners Delivered." With thanks to Rory Gaunt, the Vestry approved a six-month lease. The kitchen will be in use by Mr. Buchalter Monday—Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Special exceptions for parish-related events are incorporated into the lease. Please welcome Mr. Buchalter should you see him, or interested in a dinner delivered!



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Photo: Ulrike Welsh

### Sunday Worship Schedule *Beginning September 4*

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

#### *September 11:*

9:30 am Child Care begins  
Adult Choir returns  
Blessing of the Backpacks  
Children's Chapel & Registration

### Michaelmas Sunday, September 25

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

#### St. Michael's Church

**Officers:** Stephen Clayon, Sr. Warden; Karin McCarthy, Jr. Warden; Sue Cool, Clerk; Diane Christian, Treasurer; Kristin Carlson, Asst. Treasurer.

**Vestry:** Sarah Bates, Kelley Callahan, Ellie Doyle, Brian Fizer, Rory Gaunt, Justin Hintlian, William Miller, Octavia Moniz, Jennifer Oliveira.

**Delegates for Convention:** Brian Fizer, Denise Shea. **Deanery Delegates:** Brian Fizer, Frances Nilsson, Denise Shea

**Staff:** The Rev. Andrew J. Stoessel, Rector; Dr. Douglas Major, Music Director; Kelley Callahan, Acting Christian Education Director; Jane Maihos, Parish Administrator; Jennifer Hill, Sexton.

**Newsletter:** Frances Nilsson, Editor; Marcia Koopman, Mailing.

# September 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Office Hours Mon. – Fri. 8:30 am – 12:30 pm		Thrift Shop Hours Tuesday – Saturday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	1	2	3
<b>16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 4</b> The Rev. Jess Petty, Guest Celebrant 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	<b>5</b> <i>Labor Day Office Closed</i>	<b>6</b> 5:00 pm St. Michael's Team at My Brother's Table, Lynn	<b>7</b> 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	<b>8</b> 7:30 pm Adult Choir	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:30 am - 1:30 pm St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge Co-Captains Valerie Wyckoff & Pam Oppelt
<b>17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Child Care 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with returning choir & Blessing of the Backpacks. 11:15 am Children's Chapel & Registration	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>14</b> 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 12:00 pm Haven Project, Lynn training at The Haven 8:00 pm AA	<b>15</b> 4:30 pm Youth Choir 6:00 pm Haven Project training at The Haven, Lynn 7:30 pm Adult Choir	<b>16</b> 11:00 am Wisdom & Friendship Group	<b>17</b> 11:00 am Acolyte Training
<b>18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 18</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Child Care 9:45 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6-8 pm Deanery at St. Andrew's 7:00 pm Vestry	<b>21</b> 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	<b>22</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 4:30 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>MICHAELMAS 25</b> <i>St. Michael &amp; All Angels observed</i> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Thrift Shop Meeting 9:30 am Child Care 9:45 am Church School 10:00 am Festal Eucharist, Rite II	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>28</b> 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	<b>29</b> <b>Feast of St. Michael and All Angels</b> 4:30 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	<b>30</b> 11:00 am Wisdom & Friendship Group	<b>October 1</b> Diocesan Congregational Resource Day Hopkinton 9 am—2 pm