



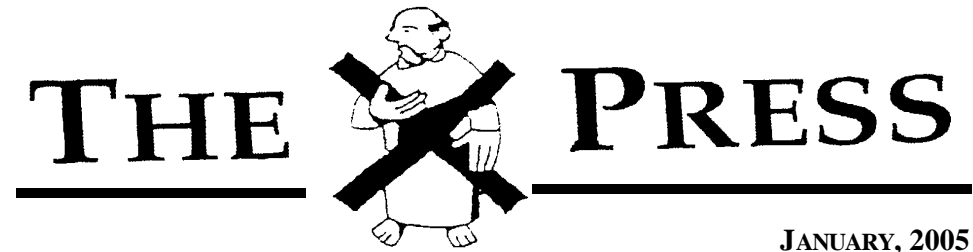
*If on our daily course our mind  
Be set to hallow all we find,  
New treasures still of countless price  
God will provide for sacrifice.*

*The trivial round, the common task  
Will furnish all we ought to ask;  
Room to deny ourselves -- a road  
To bring us daily nearer God.*

*... John Keble*

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Epiphanytide?

Okay, I know the word “Epiphanytide” doesn’t exist, but it seems as if it should in some way. On January 6<sup>th</sup> the Church celebrates the Feast of The Epiphany. What follows is a whole string of events that are epiphanic in nature culminating with the Feast of the Transfiguration—the last Sunday after The Epiphany. Throughout this Season after The Epiphany we gather as the people of God to behold the miracles of the in-breaking of God’s work in Christ into the creation; and by extension into our lives. Epiphany means manifestation. Throughout the season after The Epiphany we are ushered into God’s revealing presence in Jesus Christ. The Feast of the Epiphany with its star and magi clues us into what’s in store as this season unfolds. The celestial body points to the earthly body in a cradle or, perhaps, it’s the other way around. Then what follows are a series of revelations taking us ever deeper into the mystery of the incarnation. Sunday after Sunday we encounter, and have confirmed, the theophany of God in Christ.

If one were to do an etymological study of the word “Epiphany” we find within the word the root of phos (φωσ), which means light. Epiphany means to shine, to enlighten.

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Throughout these five weeks we are ushered into the light of God in Jesus Christ. Indeed, just so we get the point, we celebrate two major feasts within this “epiphanytide”. The Feast of the Confession of St. Peter, and the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul are both moments of enlightenment and revelation. In the latter, enlightenment is too weak a word. For it is while traveling on the road to Damascus that Saul (later Paul) is blinded by the heavenly light and encounters the risen Lord. All of this “Epiphanytide” culminates with the Transfiguration of our Lord the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

As we gather together on these Sundays, we long to be enlightened by the true light of God in Christ. During this time of cold winter air and long dark nights, let us remember that light and peace comes from our Lord Jesus Christ and that we are called to bask in his light.

Your servant in Christ,

**Scott+**

## Episcopal Visitation of The Rt. Rev'd Roy “Bud” Cederholm

Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 AM

Please make plans to attend the annual visitation of our Bishop Bud Cederholm on Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup>. On Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have one service only at 10:00 AM, followed by a Q&A session with the Bishop and lunch in the Parish Hall. During the bishop's time with us we will also join in witnessing the reception of John Petracca and the baptism of Anthony Petracca.

If you can help with the preparations and lunch please call the chair of the Parish Life Commission, Rena Gagne (978) 597-8459.

## Baptism and Incense

On January 9<sup>th</sup> we welcome into the household of God, Cody James Tom son of Dale and Melissa Tom. Melissa and Cody have been attending St. Andrew's for several months. Melissa grew up here at St. Andrew's, and although the Toms live in Gardner, Melissa and Cody are eager to be involved in the community of St. Andrew's.

January 9<sup>th</sup> is also one of the days of the Church calendar when we will have incense to celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. Incense will be offered at the 10:30 AM service but not at the 8:00 AM service. Please make plans to attend this wonderful celebration commemorating the feast of our Lord's baptism and the wonderful occasion of the baptism of Cody Tom.

## Annual Meeting January 30th

St. Andrew's annual Parish meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup>. On that Sunday we will have one service only at 9:00 AM. Following the service we will then move to the Parish Hall to conduct the meeting. If you are currently on a commission please be sure the have your reports to the parish office no later than Monday January 17<sup>th</sup>. The reports, along with the 2005 budget will be compiled and made available on Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup> for your perusal one week prior to the annual meeting.

### *Editor's Note:*

*Next Issue: February 2005*

*Deadline: January 20th*

*Send submissions to: [acahill@hybricon.com](mailto:acahill@hybricon.com), or drop off your submissions at the Church Office during office hours or in the Peabody Room on Sundays.*

*Questions? Please call me at: (978) 448-4053 (home) or (978) 772-5422 x 323 (work).*

*Be sure to include your name and telephone number on **all** submissions!*

# Readings for January

## Sunday, January 2 – The Second Sunday after Christmas

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31: 7-14

The Old Testament reading foretells the coming of God's kingdom, when all peoples will be gathered into God's holy place.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-19a

In today's reading from Ephesians, Paul sees this return to God in the cosmic sense of all peoples's – indeed the whole creation's – existing apart from God until the revelation of salvation through Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

The Gospel reading anticipates the feast of the Epiphany later this week. It is the account of the coming of the Magi, or Wise Men, from the east to worship the newborn King.

## Sunday, January 9 – The First Sunday of Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord

First Lesson: Isaiah 42: 1-9

The first reading looks forward to the ministry of the Messiah.

Second Lesson: Acts 10: 34-38

The second reading is one of the early Christian proclamation of the meaning of Jesus' ministry from the time of his Baptism through to his dying and rising.

The Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17

Jesus' Baptism was for all the Gospel writers, and in the apostolic preaching of the Gospel, the event which initiated the redemptive ministry of the Messiah.

## Sunday, January 16 – The Second Sunday of Epiphany

First Lesson: Isaiah 49: 1-7

In the first reading, one of the servant songs of Isaiah, God announces that the servant of God will bring not only the people of Israel into God's household but will be sent to all humankind.

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 1: 1-9

Throughout this Epiphany period we read

from I Corinthians. This letter of Paul is particularly concerned with the life of the church as the body of Christ.

The Gospel: John 1: 29-41

In today's Gospel reading we hear the testimony of John the Baptist to Jesus.

## Sunday, January 23 – The Third Sunday of Epiphany

First Lesson: Amos 3: 1-8

In the first reading, the prophet Amos warns a people who have become unconcerned with God to take God's message seriously.

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 1: 10-17

In today's reading from I Corinthians, Paul addresses one of the problems plaguing the church in Corinth: disunity.

The Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus calls his first disciples, at least two of whom he had met earlier. Taking them from their work as fishermen, he calls them to fish for people.

## Sunday, January 30 – The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

First Lesson: Micah 6: 1-8

The Old Testament reading from the prophet Micah is a call from God to holiness. In its closing words we hear the same principles of living in response to God expressed in the Beatitudes.

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 1: (18-25). 26-31

Paul, seeking to inspire the Corinthian church to unity, points out that God's wisdom was most fully revealed in the cross of Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

One of the ways the Lord was shown forth as God's Son was in teaching, and today's Gospel, the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount, reveals in the Beatitudes Christ's call to holiness, and his promise of the kingdom of God.

# Vestry Nominations

THANK YOU, to all those who have agreed to accept a nomination to join the Vestry in 2005. Below, enjoy these short biographies from some of the nominees, so you can get to know (or know better) the people who will lead us in the future!

## Vic Burton

My working experience has been in various management positions in the construction materials industry. I have been retired for the last twelve years. My purpose in wishing to join the vestry is to encourage fiscal responsibility. I would also like to work with Buildings and Grounds to ease their work load and I have already agreed to oversee any future building projects at St. Andrews.

## Al Colburn

I grew up in Ayer- and have many wonderful memories of my youth spent at St. Andrew's – as an acolyte, youth choir, member of Sir Galahad ( a youth group the met every Friday evening), and summer camp. We moved from the area for a number of years but when we returned we came back to St. Andrew's. I have been involved in many of the projects St. Andrews, has completed over the last few years. I have served as chairman of the Stewardship Committee, served on the Long Range Planning Committee, the Vestry, as Warden and Treasurer. I am currently on the Planning and Investment Committees. St. Andrew's means a lot to our family, Jill serves on the Alter Guild and Courtney and Jamieson our grandchildren are involved in parish activities. I wish to serve to help the Church grow and continue to be our place of worship, a place we have grown to love and have made many friends. I would be thankful for your nomination and do my best to see St.

Andrews move forward.

## Nancy Franzen Barringer

Confirmed in the Episcopal Church in 1984. Member of Saint Andrew's since 1989. Married to George E. Barringer, Jr. in 1981 and have one child, George Edward Barringer III "Ned" who was baptized at Saint Andrew's in 1990. Offered my services at church first in the Nursery and then as a Church School teacher and Church School Coordinator for the past several years. Produced the Advent Wreath Making, Christmas Pageant and Easter Egg Hunts for the past few years. Ran the Rummage Sale for two years. Assisted Office Administrator. Framingham State College BA European History and Simmons College, Master in Library Science. Nine years as corporate librarian in various chemical, genetics and engineering companies. Volunteer in school and community groups. Loves Saint Andrew's and the parishioners there.

## Lili Ott

Lili Ott has been a parishioner at St. Andrews for five years, and served on the vestry as treasurer in 2001 and 2002. For more than thirty years, she has been a museum director, most recently at the Shaker Museum and Library in Old Chatham, NY. She has been active in other Episcopal churches in Georgia and Maryland in Christian education and outreach work. She and her husband John Ott have two grown children, one of whom is in divinity school. Lili is interested in serving on Vestry because she believes that her gifts and experience in nonprofit management may be helpful to St. Andrews at this time, and because of her care for its people and traditions.

# January 2005

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