



To make the improving of our own character our central aim is hardly the highest kind of goodness. True goodness forgets itself and goes out to do the right thing for no other reason than that it is right.

... Lesslie Newbigin

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A NOTE FROM YOUR INTERIM PRIEST . . .

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings and Blessings to all of you in the name our Lord Jesus Christ! It has been a blessing to be with you since the beginning of April, and I look forward to our time together in the months ahead as you search for and prepare for a new rector at the beloved Parish of Saint Andrew.

I have been visiting a number of parishioners via the telephone, personal correspondence, and home and hospital visits. As I have said in our liturgies and to the vestry, if you know of someone who is ill or homebound and in need of a visit, please let me know. I will be glad to contact the person to see what might be helpful. It is an honor and a privilege to visit those in need and to bring Holy Communion. You may also call the parish office and leave me a message or leave a message with Judy Converse, the Parish Administrator. You may also give a message to one of the parish wardens: Al Colburn, Mary Madeiros, or Carolyn Smith. Besides Sunday, I am usually at Saint Andrew's on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. During the week, I commute from Cambridge via train, but I leave a car at Saint Andrew's in order that I may get around for meetings and to see people. If you ever have a pastoral emergency and need a priest, please call me at home at 617-576-3832.

As I write this, I am still rejoicing because of the absolutely wonderful Trinity Sunday that we shared yesterday in our 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Family Service. The Saint Andrew's children and youth are wonderful, and we look

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forward to more joyful experiences together in the months ahead. I will be doing some planning with lay parish leaders as this service evolves and develops. We will plan to be in touch about this in the future and welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Some people have asked about Baptism and Confirmation, and I would like to provide some information at this time. *The Book of Common Prayer* recommends that Holy Baptism take place at selected points of the Church year: (1) the Great Vigil of Easter; (2) the Day of Pentecost; (3) All Saints' Day or the Sunday after All Saints' Day; and (4) the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (the first Sunday after the Epiphany). For the approaching year, the Great Vigil of Easter will be on 15 April 2006; the Day of Pentecost will be on 4 June 2006; All Saints' Day is on 1 November 2005; the Sunday after All Saints' Day will be on 5 November 2005; and the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord will be on 8 January 2006. If you, a family member, or a friend are interested in being baptized, please speak to me so that arrangements can be made. We will need to meet a few times for baptism preparation and so please allow adequate lead time. If circumstances warrant, it is possible to have Holy Baptism at a Sunday Holy Eucharist not given above, and this may be discussed with me. The next Holy Baptism at Saint Andrew's is scheduled for Sunday, 14 August 2005.

The Bishops of our Diocese have recommended that Confirmation, Reception (into the Episcopal Church), and Reaffirmation take place at Deanery Confirmations. These Deanery Confirmations are scheduled in the period following Easter. In 2006, Easter Day is on 16 April. The exact dates for the Deanery Confirmations are not yet set, but it has been decided that the twelve Deaneries will be divided into six different dates, meaning that our Deanery (Concord River Deanery) will be paired with one other Deanery. If anyone is interested in being Confirmed, Received, or Reaffirmed at the Deanery Confirmation to be held after Easter in 2006, please speak to me as soon as possible. We will need to plan a program leading to Confirmation, etc., and the program would begin in the autumn of 2005.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Peace be with you,

Edward +

Notes from the Warden

Search Committee – The Search /Profile Committee of Russ Harris, Chair-Jeanne Cassin, John Ferrillo, Amy Gothorpe, Susan Leeming, Lorraine Leonard, Faith Salter, Judy Veno and Audrey Western have begun the search process. This will take a huge commitment from each of them. Please thank them for undertaking this very important task.

Rectory – The rectory has been rented – Thanks to Vic Burton and crew. The building project has been put on a temporary hold until we have our finances in order. We still have enthusiasm for the project and will be asking for your input in the next few months.

Not too early to think Christmas

The Christmas Fair Committee will meet on Tuesday June 7 at 6:30 in the Peabody Room. All are welcome to attend. We need your good ideas and your support!

– Lynn Ferrillo

Editor's Note:

Next Issue: July 2005

Deadline: June 20th

Send submissions to: 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 June

Sunday, June 5 – The Third Sunday of Pentecost (Proper 5)

First Lesson: Hosea 5: 15 – 6:6

God's message from the prophet Hosea was that God's love for the people, even though they have been punished for rebelling against the Lord, is unswerving.

Second Lesson: Romans 4: 13-18

Our second reading continues the series from Romans. Paul continues to explore the relation between faith and law.

The Gospel: Matthew 9: 9-13

In today's liturgy we hear the call of Matthew to follow Jesus. As a tax collector working for the Roman occupying forces, Matthew was considered a traitor to Israel and therefore a grave sinner.

Sunday, June 12 – The Fourth Sunday of Pentecost (Proper 6)

First Lesson: Exodus 19: 2-8a

The first reading takes us back to the time of the exodus. God affirms the covenant with Israel and then gives the people of God their identity: to God they are a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

Second Lesson: Romans 5: 6-11

Today's reading from Romans tells us something else about our identity. We are a people who have been reconciled with God through Jesus' death.

The Gospel: Matthew 9:35 – 10:15

The Gospel reading is the account of the calling and commissioning of the Twelve Apostles. They are sent forth with the message of God's kingdom.

Sunday, June 19 – The Fifth Sunday of Pentecost (Proper 7)

First Lesson: Jeremiah 20: 7-13

The first reading is a passage from the

prophet Jeremiah. This prophet was strongly rejected by the leaders and many of the people.

Second Lesson: Romans 5: 15b-19

In the second reading Paul is seeking to explain the result of God's grace in our salvation. He sets before us a contrast between Adam and Jesus.

The Gospel: Matthew 10: 16-33

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' instructions to his twelve disciples as he prepared to send them out to proclaim the gospel. Today that passage continues with his warning to them that they will encounter opposition to the message and may even have to suffer for it.

Sunday, June 26 – The Sixth Sunday of Pentecost (Proper 8)

First Lesson: Isaiah 2: 10-17

The Old Testament reading from Isaiah proclaims that God upsets earthly power and might. It is God alone who will be revealed in power and might, and that revelation will be shown by God's humbling of human pride.

Second Lesson: Romans 6: 3-11

The reading from Romans today is a reminder of what God has done for us in Baptism. That we have died to the world and have been raised to new life by water and the Spirit is God's ultimate reversal of the world's pattern of life.

The Gospel: Matthew 10: 34-42

This passage, in which Jesus talks about the division which faithfulness to the gospel will bring about, was particularly meaningful to the early Christians at the time the evangelist composed his Gospel, for the early group of Christians found themselves being rejected by family and friends because of their faith.

April Vestry Meeting Highlights

Following is a summary of the April Vestry Meeting:

- ✘ At 7:35pm Father Ed began the meeting with the Prayer of Saint Francis.
- ✘ JOHN MCNEILL gave his resignation as a Vestry member. The family will leave our church this summer and look for a new one closer to their home in Stow. His resignation was accepted. We all expressed our mutual regret and John left the meeting.

Commissions Reports:

- ✘ COMMUNICATIONS: Alan Rogers reported that Anne Cahill will continue writing the X-Press. Cheryl Gump has volunteered to serve on this commission. Church office administrator Judy Converse will be on the commission. Manny Lindo is the Liaison to the Vestry. Discussion of the updates to our church website, what other information should be added and the maintenance required to keep it up to date.
- ✘ FACILITIES: Alan Rogers is the person who performs most of the work for this commission although he is not officially the chair. We discussed the poor quality of the work by our present cleaning company under contract. Alan said that many chores need to be done around the Parish Hall. The doors of the church all need to be restored. The West Transept doors are presently undergoing professional restoration while others could be done by willing volunteers.
- ✘ Vic Burton reported the ongoing rectory refurbishment. Legal responsibilities and liabilities were discussed. A one year's lease maximum at a time is desired.
- ✘ WORSHIP COMMISSION: Susan Leem-

ing reported that the last meeting was August 31, 2004. The commission did an inventory of vestments, altar hangings, and the funeral pall and documented their history. Items in both the church and parish hall were comprehensively inventoried and photographed for insurance purposes. A computer disk is in the church office for accessing this data. Assessing value still needs to be completed. The list of vestments should be reviewed again. The commission works under the direction of the rector.

- ✘ Rev. Kienzle recommends designing new Saint Andrew's flyers to have ready for visitors. He also feels "Tract Ministry" is very useful and that we should purchase Forward Movement brochures and display them in the Peabody Room and the Parish Hall.
- ✘ PARISH LIFE: Rena Gagne reported that this commission meets once a month on Tuesdays and is comprised of herself, Priscilla Andrews, Susan Hildreth, Mary Medeiros and Heidi Wharton. They will prepare the Reception on May 1 for Rev. Kienzle. Possible new activities could be a Newcomers Dinner and a Summer Picnic. On the last day of Sunday School, there should be a cake and Recognition of all graduates and teachers.
- ✘ STEWARDSHIP: Chair Carolyn Smith. Provided a handout.
- ✘ OUTREACH: Comprises Lee Burton, Rhonda Cotton, John Gothorpe, and Peter Wharton. They feel the charities we have been funding should be re-evaluated. Tsunami relief groups will be explored. Campership funding undecided. Should we have a barbecue in June and involve Young Life?
- ✘ PASTORAL: Chair John Ferrillo not pre-

April Vestry Meeting Highlights (continued)

sent. There are a total of four LEMB'S and the prayer chain is active.

- ✘ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Nancy Barring will replace John McNeill as liaison to the Vestry. Nancy made a quick oral report on the status of the Sunday School in place of John. Attendance (probably because of the timing of classes and service) is around 20-25 children and teens, the lowest in years. Teachers are definitely needed, both now and for the coming school year.
- ✘ Discussion of the meeting Nancy Barring attended held by Groton Episcopalians that want to start their own church.
- ✘ MEMBERSHIP: Rhonda Cotton led discussion of her group's possible activities to boost membership including personal contact and advertising.

Other Business:

- ✘ LAST MEETING MINUTES: Reviewed and corrections added.
- ✘ TREASURER: Jonathan Gothorpe elected as new Treasurer. Jon distributed the latest Analysis of Revenues and Expenses. Various line items discussed. Report accepted. Upgrades to the church office business software are now installed and functioning well.
- ✘ AUDIT COMMITTEE: They should start the 2004 audit. Treasurer should notify committee.
- ✘ SEARCH COMMITTEE: Volunteers at present: Jeanne Cassin, John Ferrillo, Russ Harris, Lorraine Leonard, Faith Salter, Judy Venno. A couple of others are considering joining.
- ✘ Replacement for John McNeill on the Vestry is needed.
- ✘ Adult Christian Education – what has been done in the past and what might be planned for the future? Rev. Kienzle said he would be willing to lead a class

from 9:30 to 10:15 through June. He recommends publicizing the fact that the Vestry are evaluating time changes for the coming school year for education and services.

- ✘ Lili Ott recalled Derby Swanson from the Diocesan office saying that her office could send out a speaker willing to discuss difficult issues facing our local and national church. Rev. Jurgen Lias from Christ Church, Hamilton-Wenham, has said he would be willing to speak on "What is at Stake?"
- ✘ Discussed having at least one "family service" before the end of the school year, hopefully one in May and one in June. Which Sunday would be best and should the one in June also be Recognition Sunday?
- ✘ Rev. Kienzle recommended two books: "Listening Hearts: Discerning Call in Community" and "Grounded in God: Listening Hearts Discernment for Group Deliberations". He also said he could lead a workshop on centering prayer.
- ✘ BUILDING COMMITTEE: Manny Lindo will be asked to clarify what the architect has done, what needs to be done, and has a bill been submitted? The architect will be paid approximately \$10,000.00 when the first step is completed which Vic Burton reports is 90% done.
- ✘ New Welcome Letter that was being reworked by Heidi Wharton will be assumed by the MEMBERSHIP COMMISSION.
- ✘ The first Cottage Meeting was attended by 22 people.
- ✘ Pinard's Florist is now supplying most of the flowers for Sunday.
- ✘ Meeting concluded a few minutes before 11pm.

Shepherds Needed

The Membership Committee has been busy brainstorming how our community can welcome and invite visitors into St. Andrew's. Many ideas have surfaced ranging from passive advertising (improved signage, improved web site access, greater selection of tract info, post card mailings) to personal mentoring (integrating a PA system in the sanctuary, Brochures for ushers, an enhanced approach to foyer groups, town specific welcoming persons, individual/ family mentors).

As a first step, we would like to invite parishioners to be a "shepherd" for their town. This involves a short welcoming visit with a family who fills out a visitor pew card requesting information, within the week of their visit. A loaf of sweetbread or cake would be provided to you for your visit to the family. Coordination of all this would be through the Membership Commission liaison.

If you enjoy meeting new people, talking about St. Andrews and could visit those in your town please speak to a commission member. If you'd be interested in joining this exciting commission, we meet the first Wednesday of each month. Join in the fun and excitement brewing here at St. Andrews!

Judy Converse, Rhonda Cotton, Dick Dabrowski, Cheryl Gump, Lili Ott, Faith Salter, Carolyn Smith



Christianity is a religion which concerns us as we are here and now, creatures of body and soul. We do not "follow the footsteps of his most holy life" by the exercise of a trained religious imagination, but by treading the firm, rough earth, up hill and down dale.

... Evelyn Underhill

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