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# The Net Tender

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## Having the Vicar to Tea

Over the last month, your vestry and I have been taking considerable time reading and digesting the responses we received from the survey that is at the heart of our current Mutual Study of Ministry. These represent a lot of data – over seventy pages of anonymous responses in small print. Reading and re-reading, certain themes emerge from the responses: excitement, a wish that we could do more, but also anxiety, frustration, nostalgia. Some responses lament the fact that it seems that everything is changing too fast, while others wonder why change is taking so long. Many include praise for the ministry that all of us do here, but some are difficult to read: they represent people who are angry, hurting, or feeling alienated from their church. While individual responses will remain anonymous as was promised, the Diocese will work with us to develop a thematic summary of the survey to share with the whole parish.

One of the frustrations coming from a significant minority of responses was a perceived lack of opportunity for personal contact with the Priest-in-Charge. I must tell you that this breaks my heart. I realize, though, that frustration most often comes when our expectations are not met, so it would seem like a good idea to talk about some of those expectations and make them explicit.

**My priest should be my friend.** True friendship is (or ideally should be) a two-way street. Friends should be able to share emotional, psychological and spiritual



intimacies in both directions over time, to provide support for one another as each needs it. By definition, the relationship between clergyperson and parishioner is asymmetrical: the clergyperson has responsibilities to the parishioner that are not reciprocal. If the clergyperson is relying on the parish or individual parishioners for his or her emotional support, that can be a sign of a serious boundary violation that can be emotionally and spiritually dangerous for both parties. We can love each other and we can even be friendly, but for me to be effective as your priest, I cannot truly be your friend.

**My priest should give me what I need.** In some parts of the church, there is an understanding that the priest mediates the sacramental love of Christ to His church. This may be true in part, but I find it healthier to focus on the ways that the church mediates God's love to the world and to each other. No person – ordained, lay, or canonized saint – can provide for all the spiritual and emotional needs of another, and to focus this expectation on the clergyperson risks making an idol of ordination or of the person of the individual priest. The priest is the one who shepherds the congregation, preaches the word, and celebrates the sacraments. God is the One who fulfills our needs.

**My priest is too busy to talk to me.** This is sort of a mirror image of the first two expectations, but grows out of similar assumptions. Part of the priest's job description is to provide pastoral care and spiritual counsel, and that usually means talking. I appreciate folks' concern that duties at two parishes keep me busy, and I do try to maintain boundaries between personal time with my family and time at work, but please, let me be the one to keep an eye on that balance. It is not helpful for folks to assume that I am too busy to talk to them, and then

## SOME COMMENTS ON DETERMINING THE DATE OF EASTER



Here we are again with the chief feast of Christianity upon us and wondering why and how its date wanders about the early spring calendar. The short approximately accurate answer is that Easter in the West is on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring. After the rough edges of determining the exact time of these events have been smoothed out, it can all be easily calculated. Check it all out on the internet, or, as good Episcopalians, turn to the Book of Common Prayer. On pages 880 and 881 it is all set forth in delicious detail, or you can cheat by turning to the answer sheet at pages 882 and 883. Is this the latest possible Easter can be? Check your short-term memory. What about the Orthodox? They celebrate Easter on the same date as we do this year. Other years they are one, four, or five weeks after us because their churches use the Julian calendar, which was changed in the west centuries ago, but lingered in Greece and Russia until after World War One, which is why the communist October revolution took place in November.

Spencer Ervin

## FLOWER GUILD MEETING

Organizational meeting Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12:00 noon, 41 Dix Point Road, West Tremont. Luncheon provided by Susan Buell and Ginny Agar. Please bring your calendars. **We always welcome new workers--no experience necessary!** RSVP--Susan, 669-5482; Ginny, 266-1705.



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Deadline for articles for May Net Tender is April 27

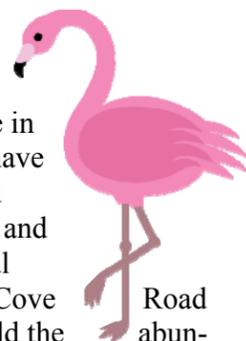
## THINK PINK!

Two bits of recent news puts St. John's in a position to participate in the Quietside Festival much as we have in the past. The first is that the road work will be suspended during July and August so we won't have that to deal with. Secondly the garage on Seal Cove where we have sifted, sorted and sold the Road abundant donations of our parish members and friends will be available for that purpose again this spring since the property has not sold. The garage is open for storage now, if you have things you are eager to donate. Once the weather gets warmer the important work of sorting and pricing will begin and many hands will be needed. Depending on what we have left and the available manpower we will also have the option of the Treasure Trove sales tent(s) on the day of the Fair.

Some preliminary inquiries have indicated Margot Haertel wants to sell a record number of pies and Dianne McMullan will be eager for all your great ideas for the basket raffle. A letter is being prepared to go out to donors for the Silent Auction; we will be looking for people to make follow-up visits to potential donors who have received letters but haven't gotten around to replying. As Spring unfolds I suspect there will be stirrings of interest among the ladies who have made the Garden Booth such an attraction. So we're starting to roll and there's room for everyone to climb on board. It's always a fun day which gives us a chance to work together in different ways, as well as being an important fund-raiser.

What part would **YOU** Like to play?

Bunny Watts  
Sr. Warden



## Having the Vicar to Tea (continued)

express frustration that we don't talk. As a move toward ameliorating this situation, I am considering establishing scheduled office hours at each parish, when I am explicitly available for drop-ins. In the meantime, and at any time, please don't hesitate to call. I may have to ask you to make an appointment in a few days' time, but I may also invite you to come right on over.

**My priest should come and visit me at home.** There have been times and places when it was common for the clergy to make the rounds of parishioners' homes, and some folks miss that tradition (I've heard from others that they are glad to be rid of it!). Home and hospital visits are important for the sick and those who cannot come to church, and sometimes a meal at home or otherwise away from church is the best venue to talk about a pastoral concern. I have to admit, though, that "having the pastor to supper" is a tradition that I find uncomfortable and of questionable value, perhaps because it reinforces some of the other expectations listed above.

What I hear in the wish for home calls, though, is a genuine desire for time together that is neither liturgical nor driven by an agenda: time simply to get to know one another and enjoy one another's company. As a way to nurture this kind of fellowship (and frankly, to protect my family time), I'm proposing regular (once a month?) small gatherings over coffee at the church, with a promise of no agenda, no reading list, no occasion except enjoying one another's company. Stay tuned for details.

Of course, if you need to talk about anything in particular – or if you want to respond to anything I've said here – please call right away. I promise you I'm not too busy.

Tim+



## LENTEN MUSICAL PROGRAMS AT ST. SAVIOUR'S

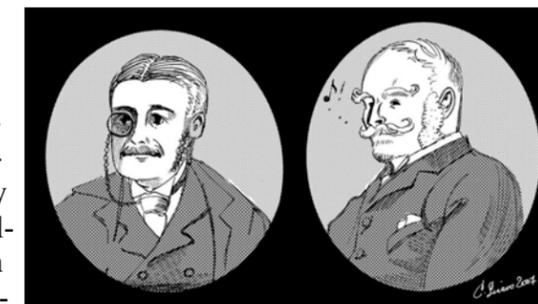
**Sunday, April 6 at 3 pm.** The St. Saviour's Festival Choir is once again preparing a Lenten program which will take place on Sunday, April 6 at 3:00 pm. They will present Mozart's beautiful *Missa Brevis in F Major* accompanied by strings and organ, as well as several other appropriate anthems.

**Sunday, April 13 at 5:30 p.m.** You are cordially invited to a performance of Giovanni Battista Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* on Sunday, April 13 at 5:30 p.m.; Johanna-Karen Johannson, soprano; Rebecca Hope Woods, mezzo-soprano; Julia Morris-Myers, piano. Suggested donation is \$15. Profits will benefit the MDI Community Campfire Coalition, which provides heating fuel to locals in need. FMI: [www.seacoastmission.org](http://www.seacoastmission.org)

## NOTES FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

We were graced with another exciting recital in March. On Saturday, March 22, in a recital to benefit the Westside Food Pantry, the Gilbert & Sullivan Ala Carte group presented selections from operettas by—you guessed it—Sirs William S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan. Ala Carte is the concert group of The Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Maine, the only performance group in Maine dedicated solely to the performance, preservation, and promotion of the works of Gilbert and Sullivan. The group of five singers, accompanied by me on the piano, sang choruses from several operettas including 'The Gondoliers', 'Iolanthe', 'The Mikado', 'Princess Ida', and 'The Pirates of Penzance'. The singers filled the space with their rich harmonies and strong, clear voices, and neatly negotiated the many passages featuring rapidly sung, tongue-twisting lyrics. Joe Marshall, leader of the group, introduced each selection with thorough and often humorous background information on the story of the operetta and the characters involved. The performance concluded with a moving presentation of 'Hail, Poetry', the group's 'theme song'. The audience clearly enjoyed the entire performance, and could be heard singing along on occasion. A well-attended reception in the undercroft followed the recital.

Stephen Sampson



## EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

For many years the Parish of St. Andrew and St. John have supported Episcopal Relief and Development or ERD. This outreach used to be called The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, which was a mouthful. The organization was established in 1940, and the first effort was to assist refugees fleeing Europe during World War II. During the 1960s and 1970s the emphasis was on rehabilitation and development. One of the largest efforts was help during the 1978 famine in Ethiopia. In the 1980s focus was on continued disaster relief for the famine in Ethiopia with new focus on disaster relief in Honduras, Mexico, and Columbia. It also helped close to home with Hurricane Mitch.

In 2000 the organization was renamed Episcopal Relief and Development, and its focus became more worldwide. ERD has worked with partners to develop the Millennium Development Goals, eight benchmarks developed by the international committee to reduce global poverty by 2015. These benchmarks are to alleviate hunger and improve food supply, create economic opportunities and strengthen communities, promote health and fight disease, respond to disasters and rebuild communities. The current responses are to the crises in South Sudan and to the aid of Syrian refugees.

We can help by supporting ERD with our Lenten offering. There are boxes at the back of the church for coins and envelopes for checks or bills. These will be gathered at the end of Lent and sent to ERD from our congregation. Thank you!

Margot Haertel, ERD Coordinator



## THE LIGHTER SIDE...

### If students wrote the Bible

- Instead of God creating the world in six days and resting on the seventh, He would have put it off until the night before it was due and then pulled an all-nighter.
- The Last Supper would have been eaten the next morning--cold.
- The Ten Commandments would actually be only five--double-spaced and written in a large font.
- New edition would be published every two years in order to limit reselling.
- Forbidden fruit would have been eaten because it wasn't cafeteria food.
- Paul's letter to the Romans would become Paul's email to abuse@romans.gov.
- Reason Cain killed Abel: they were roommates.
- Reason why Moses and followers walked in the desert for 40 years: they didn't want to ask directions and look like freshmen.

## Birthdays

### APRIL

- 1—Sarah Flynn
- 6—Margaret Fletcher
- 8—Mary Parkman
- 13—Susy Ogden
- 22—Diane Krueger
- 28—Ken Cochrane
- 29—Henry Goodwin

## Wedding Anniversaries

### APRIL

- 7—John & Betsy Hewlett
- 19—Steve & Wanda Fernald
- 22—Ken Cochrane & Rita Redfield

## MARCH VESTRY BULLETS

Jayne Ashworth

- “Hard Winter” vouchers approved for distribution by Westside Food Pantry in April 2014.
- Susan Buell has resigned from the Vestry. She will continue as co-chair of the Westside Food Pantry and the Flower Guild. The Vestry members are thankful that Susan shared her decision with us, and expressed that they will miss her presence and voice. The vestry will continue to discuss their responsibility to fill the vacancy according to the parish bylaws.
- Tag Sale/Quietside Fair organization is beginning. See Bunny Watts to volunteer.
- Mutual Study of Ministry common themes of responses were discussed. Tim will contact Heidi Shott about executive summary to share with Parish. More work to be done.
- Next Vestry Meeting is moved to Thursday April 24 to allow Vestry and Tim to participate in Island-wide Maundy Thursday service.
- Minutes of February 27 SASJ Vestry Meeting were revised and draft version with revisions will be posted at St. John.

## WE RECYCLE!

Fourteen years ago at the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Maine, one of the resolutions passed was our responsibility “to leave a clean, safe and wholesome environment to our children, grandchildren and to all generations to come.” At that time the Parish of St. Andrew & St. John had already been recycling for several years. We have recycle bins in the undercroft stairwell for the categories of recyclable items accepted at the Southwest Harbor Transfer Station for “Eastern Maine Recycling.”

Items should be delivered clean and sorted into three categories:

- (1) NEWSPAPER, which includes newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail/window envelopes, phone books, file folders, gift wrap, all books, CLEAN/RINSED MILK AND JUICE CARTONS.
- (2) CARDBOARD, which includes cardboard, shoeboxes, cereal, boxes, brown paper grocery bags, gift boxes.
- (3) CLEAN CONTAINERS (one gallon or less), which includes all plastic #1-7, foil, cans, pots and pans, empty aerosol cans, empty glass bottles (any color), jars, empty paint cans.

NOT ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING are light bulbs, hypodermic needles or sharp objects, vinyl siding or toys, potato chip bags, plastic food bags, bubble wrap, food, trash, “peanuts,” diapers or polystyrene foam.

To help the students at Pemetec Elementary School, who were the force behind a recycling brochure and DO recycle at school, you can donate your empty printer cartridges and used cell phones to their fundraising program. We can be their good recycling neighbor!

Margot Haertel

## BOUND FOR ESSENTIALS

Four cartons of toiletries, packed from the basket at the rear of the church for the Essentials Pantry in Portland, were packed for delivery on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Remember to bring the toiletries bring back from your travels and donate them to this effort by placing them in the basket at the rear of the St. John sanctuary.

Ted Bromage



## WESTSIDE FOOD PANTRY

### Gilbert and Sullivan Recital

Thank you! Thank you! to the Gilbert and Sullivan Singers, to their accompanist, Stephen Sampson, and to Bunny and the reception workers for a joyous evening. Lively G and S songs filled the church, delighting everyone in attendance. The singers appreciated the responsive audience and the lovely reception.



I was especially pleased to see Father John O'Hara from Holy Redeemer and St Peter's Churches. At the reception he and I lamented the need for food pantries and soup kitchens-as Father O'Hara said: private charities cannot be the solution to food insecurity-we aren't capable of meeting all needs--And he said we are not talking about charity here we are talking about JUSTICE. The organ recital and the G and S performance raised a total of \$1200 for our neighbors.

Susan Buell



### Upcoming Events

*The Best Spaghetti Supper Ever* - sponsored by the Southwest Harbor Congregational Church on High Street. Date: Saturday, April 12, 5-7 p.m. All contributions, after expenses, go to the Westside Food Pantry.

*Touch a Truck* - This fabulously fun family event is sponsored by the Harbor House Children's Center and the Westside Food Pantry. Date: May 17. Place: Bar Harbor Airport. All proceeds after expenses are split between the Children's Center and the Westside Food Pantry.

#### Recitals

1. Harpist Phoebe Durant, accompanied by Stephen Sampson. Date: to be announced (in May 2014),
2. Violinist Amos Lawrence and pianist Lisa Lanza have offered to perform in early July 2014.
3. Baritone Joshua Miller, who grew up in Southwest Harbor, has offered to do a vocal recital in either June or August. Stephen Sampson will accompany him.
4. Emma Walsh and Pepin Mittlehauser have tentatively agreed to do another performance in June.

We are incredibly fortunate that so many fine musicians are willing to share their gifts with the Westside Food Pantry and the entire community.

Dean Henry and Susan Buell

### Distribution Sunday

Jim Vekasi was asked by Gen MacKenzie to pull together our bluegrass band to play during a recent food pantry voucher distribution. For almost 2 hours, we five band members watched dozens and dozens of our neighbors patiently wait to receive food vouchers, all of whom were greeted with smiles, warm welcomes, and great sensitivity. What I witnessed moved me deeply and made me very proud of our Church. My hat goes off to all those involved in this extremely worthwhile program and to those who support it financially. They are truly making a difference in our island community.

Fred Benson

## INDIFFERENCE

By Geoffrey A. Studdert-Kennedy

When Jesus came to Golgotha they hanged him on a tree,  
They drove great nails through hands and feet, and made a Calvary;  
They crowned him with a crown of thorns, red were His wounds and deep,  
For those were crude and cruel days, and human flesh was cheap.

When Jesus came to Birmingham they simply passed him by,  
They never hurt a hair of Him, they only let Him die;  
For men had grown more tender, and they would not give Him pain,  
They only just passed down the street, and left Him in the rain.

Still Jesus cried, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do,"  
And still it rained the wintry rain that drenched Him through and through;  
The crowds went home and left the streets without a soul to see,  
And Jesus crouched against a wall and cried for Calvary.

*An English priest during the World War I era. Studdert-Kennedy was renowned as a preacher and writer, he acquired the sobriquet "Woodbine Willie" from the brand of cigarettes he distributed in the trenches during that war. Hymn #9 (Hymnal 1982) is another fine example of his many poems.*

## LOVE

By George Herbert (1593-1633)

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,  
Guilty of dust and sin.  
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack  
From my first entrance in,  
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning  
If I lacked anything.

'A guest', I answered, 'worthy to be here';  
Love said, 'You shall be he.'  
'I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,  
I cannot look on Thee.'

Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,  
'Who made the eyes but I?'

'Truth, Lord, but I marred them; let my shame  
Go where it doth deserve.'

'And know you not,' says Love, 'who bore the blame?'  
'My dear, then I will serve.'

'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste My meat.'  
So I did sit and eat."



## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



## NOTE FROM HELENE SWANSON

March 13, 2014

Dear Friends and Family, This past March 8<sup>th</sup> I started my pilgrimage across the USA for the Equal Rights Amendment. It was a great day. Many were in attendance. I am truly blessed by the outpour of love and support God is sending in my direction.

Here is a Facebook page showing the event. <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.511009989015047.1073741882.381945201921527&type=1>

You can also join in spirit on the following two Facebook pages.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/370467279764897/>

or if you prefer

[https://www.facebook.com/events/1402339576696516/?ref\\_newsfeed\\_story\\_type=regular](https://www.facebook.com/events/1402339576696516/?ref_newsfeed_story_type=regular)

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

### Lent 5—April 6

7:30 & 10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist  
Psalm 130; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45  
The Rev. Vesta Kowalski

### Palm Sunday—April 13

7:30 & 10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist  
Liturgy of the Palms  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11  
Liturgy of the Word  
Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27  
The Rev. Tim Fleck

### Maundy Thursday, April 17 @ St. Saviour's

5:30 p.m. — Holy Eucharist, Footwashing, Agape Meal  
Psalm 116:1, 10-17; Exodus 12:1-4; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35  
The Rev. Tim Fleck

### Good Friday, April 18 @ St. John's

6:00 p.m. — Holy Eucharist  
Psalm 22; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42  
The Rev. Tim Fleck

### The Great Vigil of Easter, April 19 @ St. Mary's

7:30 p.m. — Holy Eucharist  
Psalm 114; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-8  
The Rev. Jane Cornman

### Easter Sunday, April 20

9:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist  
followed by a Community Brunch  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18  
The Rev. Vesta Kowalski

### Second Sunday of Easter—April 27

7:30 & 10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist  
Psalm 16; Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31  
The Rev. Tim Fleck

## SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. FORUMS

April 6 — *The Shack*, Floy Ervin

April 13—*Vestry Dialogue*

April 27— *Classical Education*, Aaron Hanson

## EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

A community breakfast will be served in the Undercroft of St. John's at 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to join us, please sign up at church or call the church office (244-3229) and leave a message. We hope to see you there!

Chloe Hatcher

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