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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

At both St. Saviour and at St. Andrew and John this summer, we have been using a different form of the Prayers of the People, and several people have had questions about this form and the Prayers of the People in general.

It may seem obvious to us that regular worship should include prayers offered by the people, or at least in their name, for their particular intentions. Jewish synagogue worship included such intercessions, as did early Christian worship. As the Mass in the middle ages became more clergy-centered, however, the Prayers of the People or “General Intercessions” dropped out of use.

In the sixteenth century, when Archbishop Cranmer sought to design a form of worship in the English language suitable for use by all the faithful, he restored the General Intercessions in the form of the “Prayer for the whole state of Christ’s Church Militant on earth.” Those who came to The Lord’s Supper in the Protestant Episcopal Church before the adoption of the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* may remember a version of Cranmer’s 1549 original.

In this long prayer, the priest prays for the Universal Church, for all Christian Rulers, for Bishops and Ministers, for the present congregation, for “those who, in this



transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity,” and for the dead. It’s worth noting that this prayer is recited only by the priest as a part of the Eucharistic Prayer, and that it follows a single set form. The people’s job is to listen to this prayer being said or sung, and perhaps to hold their own intentions silently in mind.

As part of the liturgical renewal among many western Christian traditions in the twentieth century, the General Intercession was restored in the Roman Catholic Missal, and in our BCP the “Prayer of the whole state of Christ’s Church” was reclaimed as the Prayers of the People, to be led by a Deacon or lay leader. The intention in the 1979 BCP was to encourage creativity in corporate intercession, listing the categories of prayer (which align with the categories of Bishop Cranmer’s prayer), and offering six forms with the rubric, “Any of the forms which follow may be used.” Look at the rubrics on page 383: these forms were never intended to be prescriptive, but simply to be examples from which individual communities might craft their own prayers.

In practice in many places, these six forms have become defaults (how many of us, prompted with “Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church,” will automatically respond, “That we all may be one.”?). Since 1979, many books of beautifully composed intercessions have been published and prayed, but it is worth remembering that prayers don’t have to come out of books (as much as that sounds like heresy to many Episcopalians).

The Prayers of the People that we began using at Pentecost this year began their life about fifteen years ago at my home parish of St. David’s, Beanblossom, Indiana, where new prayers were composed seasonally by members of the Worship Committee. I like the fact that they allow time for members of the Congregation to offer up their own intercessions, silently or aloud. As I have served at other churches as Deacon and Priest, I have written Intercessions for various seasons and occasions, but always with the uneasy sense that the Prayers of the People should really be composed by the people, not the priest.

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Deadline for articles for August *Net Tender* is July 27

QUIETSIDE FESTIVAL

The theme for the Harbor House Flamingo Festival is “Under Construction” and all the Flamingos will be wearing hard hats! Our Quietside Festival is being held at the same time, on Saturday, July 12 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Boutique: Mel is seeking your items for the Boutique at the Quietside Festival! Please bring your costume jewelry, gently used scarves and hats, and other boutique-quality items to St. John no later than Friday, July 11, 2014, to allow time for them to be priced. Thank you!

Plants: Karen needs your plants for the plant sale!! There are pots in the shed, and Michele has the key to the shed.

Baskets: Dianne is seeking baskets for the basket raffle. She needs them by Monday, 7 July 2014.

Silent Auction: Bunny and Michele need help with followup from letters that were sent earlier. If you have an hour or two to help, please contact Bunny as soon as possible!!



A repeat from 2013, by popular demand!

TWO WORLDS

Bunny Watts

*At the corner of Cottage and Bridge Streets,
Bar Harbor, Maine
July 4, 2009*

Sousa blares from the back of a truck
Pipers in full regalia solemnly share their heritage
Grandparents unfold themselves gingerly
from curbside chairs to honor the flag and
Shiny red trucks convince us that they will keep
us safe.
Volunteers from the Island's treasured institutions
Roll by in vintage cars and trucks
Streaming with banners and bunting.
A hush descends as the crowd respects the
unavoidable reminders of wars past and present.
And then kids return to the frenzied gathering of
Tootsie Rolls and bubble gum.
Big men do noisy stunts in tiny cars
Clowns shower bewildered children with high 5's.
And we enjoy this microcosm of all
That America cherishes and celebrates.
While silently, just two short blocks away
The incoming tide brings its bounty to the
Barnacles' outstretched arms and snails
Start their own parade in search of tasty morsels.



VISITOR BAGS

To welcome visitors in our midst, gift bags for visitors are being prepared. The white bags will have a sticker that provides information about our Parish, as well as a brochure about our Parish, a brochure about the Episcopal church, a sheet of information about our ministry with the Westside Food Pantry, a pencil with the church's website address (www.SaintsMDI.org), some index cards, a map that includes trails on this side of the Island and a tide chart provided by the Chamber of Commerce and some chocolates. We will have children bags that will have crayons and drawings of St. John and St. Andrew. Each family receiving bags will also receive one of Fred Benson's Joyful Strings CDs.

Ushers will give the bags to people they notice are visitors and the celebrants will ask during announcements for visitors to raise their hands and, if they do not have a bag, the ushers will give one to each visitor. All members of the parish will have the job of saying hello to anyone who has one of the visitor bags after the service, and to make certain they feel welcome in our midst. Our thanks to Tim Fleck, Chloe Hatcher, Elaine Theriault and Jayne Ashworth for their work on these.

VESTRY BULLETS JUNE 19, 2014 MEETING

- Paul Haertel elected to fill unexpired Vestry term of Susan Buell.
- Yard sale went well! Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success! More than \$2100 was raised.
- Common room – new tables here, new chairs on order. New chairs in Undercroft are wonderful (*thanks to Rita for overseeing these purchases!*)
- Tim received approval to purchase two cases of bottled water to be sold as part of Haiti Art Show, August 2nd.
- Visitor bags being prepared.
- Clergy compensation approved.
- Rita Redfield and Gen Mackenzie will represent us at Annual Convention.
- Quieside Fair coming along, need follow-up to Silent Auction letters now—see Bunny if you can help.
- Farmer's Market begins 6-20-14.
- Mutual Study of Ministry (MSM)—draft letter prepared. After review by Vestry, it will be sent to all members of Parish via USPS. Summary also prepared. Discussion on how to move from letter, summary to achievable goals. Joint St. Saviour/St. Andrew & St. John Vestry Retreat being planned for fall.
- Date of Annual Meeting discussed—should it be moved to June to allow summer members to participate?
- Finances and investments doing well, audit (normal process) being considered, FIC developing a Duties and Responsibilities document.
- Minutes for May meeting were approved.



IT TAKES A VILLAGE

After years of great yard sales under Mary Mitchell's watchful eye, the pending sale of Priscilla's house (and more importantly the garage for our yard sale) made it necessary for us to move somewhere else. Bunny graciously invited Jayne and me to turn the basement at St. Andrew's into our new venue. As many of you know, the basement has been the "Happy Dumping Ground" for years. When in doubt, don't throw it out - just put in St. Andrew's basement! Thus began a fun and evolving adventure to get to the Yard Sale.

The first step was to clear out the junk and put away what needed to be saved. Nothing like having a strong son, living at home, to be dragged into service. Ian got to move, lug and drag, tables, chairs, and other assorted stuff around. We did halt when we unearthed a poor mummified cat. Rita, as the Junior Warden, took on that chore and kindly gave the cat a proper burial. Ted disposed of quantities of painting paraphernalia and such. Jayne and I culled through the rest of the remaining, pitching what was not useable.

Next came the sorting, pricing, and arranging of all our wonderfully donated items - thank you all who contributed to the sale. Karen Craig, Betsy Hewlett, and Edie Stanwood helped get everything priced, organized, and ready to sell. Then the realization; it was rather dark in the basement to showcase our fine merchandise. MCM Electric loaned us a great string of construction lights so our customers would be able to see all the neat things and buy lots, which they did!

I bet many of you noticed our great signage (and placement of said signs) by Tim. Clear, concise, and informative - what a concept and so effective. I was amazed at how many people commented on the signs; I bet they were all Ad Execs from NYC.

Many thanks to our retail staff who sold an incredible amount of things: Elaine Theriault, Patsy Fogarty, Anne Wetzel, Dianne McMullan, Karen Craig, Edie Stanwood, Dottie Ritsko, Ida Smallidge, Marilyn Mays, Sue Newman, and Alice Downs. With everyone's great retail expertise, we raised \$2,115.32. Not only did we have a great sale, it was a catered affair! Dottie provided delicious lunches, both days, as well as a fabulous blueberry cake and the all-important coffee. Talk about a bonus incentive to keep the workers happy.



As the sale slowed down, Jayne and I were discussing the future of the unsold - specifically the linens-which would not winter over. A nice woman piped up that she volunteered at 'Serendipity' and would happily take the linens to their store. Truly, talk about serendipity. . .

To get the basement in tip-top shape, we had Jennie and Dudley Poirier haul away the last of the unsalable. Now it looks pretty darn good down there. Stop by and take a look.

Interestingly enough, having a primarily indoor yard sale made life much easier. Weather and tents did not matter. We could leave priced items out on the tables. Think we may be on to something.

The bottom line: everyone made this year such a success that Jayne and I want to enlist your help for Yard Sale 2015 - bring your durable treasures to the basement at St. Andrew's whenever you wish. Tables are set up, ready to receive (however please wait till next spring to drop off anything that can pick up a musty smell). Many thanks to all,
Barbara and Jayne

Haitian Art Sale—August 2

There will be a planning meeting on Monday, July 14 at 4:00 p.m. in the Rectory Common Room. All parishes are encouraged to attend and help. The sale is planned for Saturday, August 2nd in the parking lot of St. Saviour's Parish, from 9 am to 4 pm. There's lots to do the day of the event so we'll need all the help we can get. Call Marti Torbeck (522-8710), Diane Phipps (664-3204), or Linda Lewis (244-0005) with questions or if you can help but can't attend the meeting.

Birthdays

JULY

2—William Fletcher
4—Ida Smallidge
7—Mary Mitchell
17—Karen Craig
20—Dana Hiscock
26i—Bill Krueger
29—Betsy Hewlett
31—Chris Peterson

Wedding Anniversaries

JULY

7—Andrew & Dianne McMullan

FARMER'S MARKET

will be in St. John's parking lot every Friday through October from 9:00-1:00.



PARISH MEETING IN AUGUST

Join us Monday evening, August 25 at 5:30 for a Parish Meeting, Dinner and Conversation. The official parish meeting will be short and will be confined to one question (*see official notice below*). After adjourning the official meeting, we will share Fr. Tim's award winning chowder (Seacoast Mission Chowder Cook-off, 2014) and vestry members will present findings and proposed goals from our recent Mutual Study of Ministry process and open a discussion session.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

In accordance with Article V, Paragraph 4 of the Constitution and Bylaws of St. Andrew and St. John Episcopal Church (as adopted January 28, 2007), notice is hereby given of a **Special Parish Meeting to be held MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 5:30 PM AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.**

The subject matter of the meeting is a proposed change to the Constitution and Bylaws. The first two paragraphs of Article V shall be amended as follows:

5.1 Right of voting shall extend to persons who are at least fifteen years of age and who have, during three of the previous ~~three~~ twelve months, been stated worshippers in this church and stated contributors to its support. Twenty members of the parish shall constitute a quorum at any meeting; and, a quorum being present, a majority shall control.

5.2 The annual meeting of the parish shall take place on ~~the third~~ a convenient Sunday in ~~January~~ June or on such other date in ~~January~~ June as the wardens and vestry shall determine.

The intent of the proposed change is to move the Annual Parish Meeting to June, with the hope that it will allow more of our seasonal worshippers to participate. The change to the voting requirements is intended to make it clear that seasonal worshippers may vote if they have been faithful in the last year.

This change would not change the fiscal or budget year of the parish. It is anticipated that the budget adopted by the Vestry would be presented at a Parish Meeting in January called for that purpose.

Any change to the constitution and Bylaws requires the vote of a majority of members present at two successive meetings of the parish. This is the first proposal of this change; if it is accepted at this meeting, it will be proposed again at the Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for January 18, 2015. If accepted then, the Annual Meeting would be placed in recess until a Sunday in June, 2015, at which point elections would be held and other parish business would be conducted as usual.

NOTES FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

Stephen Sampson

As noted in an article in this issue by Susan Buell, the series of Westside Food Pantry benefit recitals is bringing much exciting music to St. John's and the community this summer. This includes the unusual occurrence of two recitals featuring violin soloists within a two-week period—Amos Lawrence will play on July 6, and Thomas Cooper will perform on July 15. In this regard it is interesting to note the key role that the violinist Nicolò Paganini (1782-1840) played in establishing the tradition of the solo instrumental recital. The 'romantic era' in music, which took place generally in the 19th century and included the composers Mendelssohn, Schumann, Chopin, Tchaikovsky, Verdi, and Liszt, was characterized in part by traveling virtuosi, a phenomenon that began with Paganini. Paganini was the greatest violinist of his age, and he had a significant influence on the technique of violin playing and, through his virtuosity, the ambitions of performers of other instruments. Born in Genoa, Italy, Paganini began performing and composing at an early age. He took music lessons from his father before he was six years old, and then with the best instructors in Genoa. In 1795 he went to Parma, Italy to study but was told by teachers there that they could do nothing more for him. He subsequently began a course of rigorous self-training that often included playing 15 hours a day. In 1797 he started his concert tours, which for many years comprised numerous successive triumphs. From August 1828 to February 1831 he visited about 40 cities in Europe, and an 1832 tour in England and Scotland made him wealthy. Paganini's playing was known for its astounding technique and power, together with great romantic passion and energy. He would also sometimes use certain virtuosic 'stunts', such as playing a particularly difficult piece on a single string after cutting the other three on stage with a pair of scissors. He also composed much music for the violin, and regularly performed his music at recitals. Once Paganini was established as a successful performer, his life combined triumphs and personal excesses, including extensive gambling. His artistic fortunes began to decline in 1834, but he did retain his fame. He died in Nice, where he had gone in 1839 for his health.

Sources: a) Niccolò Paganini, in 'Baker's Biographical Dictionary of Musicians®', Centennial Edition. Nicolas Slonimsky, Editor Emeritus. Schirmer, 2001 [on www.thirteen.org/publicarts/violin/paganini.html]; b) 'Music in Western Civilization', Paul Henry Lang, W.W. Norton & Company, 1969; c) <http://www.paganini.com/nicolo/nicindex.html>; and d) http://www.naxos.com/person/Nicolo_Paganini_25624/25624.html.

THANK YOU FOR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

It is one thing to have been born on Mother's Day and to have had a joyous party, but to celebrate again on the Church's special Pentecost Day inspires awe.

My profoundest thanks go to Scott Martin and to all of you who have made me so happy to be back and to be amongst you at St. John's where music and message and friendship and flowers flourish.

It will take me many happy hours putting together my Book with the fascinating cards I have received. Each one expressed the sender in a poignant way; some by their own photography and all by poignant personal messages. Imagine receiving a photo of a pink lady slipper and a yellow lady slipper all in one day.

Heartfelt thanks to all who set those colorful tables with nostalgic bouquets and served such a delicious lunch.

Over many years I have anticipated a wonderful Memorial Service at St. John's but it never seems to happen. So thank you for giving me such a joyous living party. I can truthfully say, you have topped ninety years of blessed continuous happiness.

Sincerely,
Susannah Jones



WESTSIDE FOOD PANTRY RECITAL SERIES CONTINUES THIS SUMMER

Mark your calendars: Each recital is followed by a reception. The suggested donation is \$15.00 and ALL proceeds go to the Food Pantry.

Sunday, July 6th at 3:30pm; Violinist Amos Lawrence (Susannah Jones' son) accompanied by Stephen Sampson and solo pianist, Lisa Lanza perform Ravel, Sibelius, Elgar and others. A reception will follow hosted by the Marthas Guild.

Tuesday, July 15th, 7:30pm; Violinist Thomas Cooper will perform accompanied by Stephen Sampson.

Friday, August 15th, 7:00pm; Tenor and Southwest Harbor native, Joshua Miller performs accompanied by Stephen Sampson.

We are grateful to these musicians and to the musicians who performed for the Westside Food Pantry in May and June. In May harpist Phoebe Durand and alto Amy Kurman were our guests, and on June 17th the Sears Family performed music for organ, piano, violin and viola. Thanks to Dianne McMullan and Barbara Campbell for the reception following the May recital. The June 17th reception was donated by "Tasteful Tides" of Northeast Harbor.

These recitals raise money for the food pantry and give us an opportunity to educate the community about food insecurity. And we are able to enjoy beautiful music in our lovely church. Please help spread the word!

FYI: In the last few months, outside groups have asked Dean and me to talk about food insecurity and the work of the food pantry. Dean participated on a panel at Reel Pizza after the showing of the film, "Room At the Table". On June 29th, I spoke about the food pantry at the 10:00 service at the Union Church in NEH. Dean, Dianne McMullan and I have been interviewed by students from Mount Desert Island High School who were researching poverty on MDI, specifically the food pantry and the backpack program, as part of their service learning requirement for graduation.

With gratitude,
Susan Buell



WEDNESDAY EXPLORERS

Wednesday Explorers is a weekly open discussion forum, facilitated by Vesta Kowalski, that meets in the St. John's Common Room from 10:00 to 11:30 on Wednesday mornings. There's a different topic each week; the topics are chosen by the group. Anyone is free to come once, occasionally, or regularly, and friends from outside the church community are welcome, too. Schedule of topics for July:

July 2 – *S/he said what?* The first installment of what is intended to be a regular first-Wednesday open forum to discuss ideas from recent or past sermons that you found intriguing, irritating, inspiring, provocative, puzzling, peculiar . . . anything that made you want to talk back to the preacher.

July 9 – *I believe – or do I?* We'll look at the Nicene Creed word by word, talking about where it came from and discussing how its language does or does not convey our 21st century beliefs.

July 16 – *The other gospels.* Matthew, Mark, Luke and John made it into our Bibles. Thomas, Mary, James and Peter did not. We'll look at samples of what's in some of the many gospels that were not included in the Bible, and discuss what we might find to be of value in them.

July 23 – *Art as theology.* If a picture (or a sculpture) is worth a thousand words, religious art can be expected to say a great deal about the theology of the artist and the period in which it was created. We'll look at some examples of paintings, sculpture, and stained glass and talk about how they speak to us about God. If you have a favorite, bring it (or a picture of it).

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY

Pentecost 4, July 6

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew by the Lake
10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine
Psalm 45:11-18; Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49;
Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
The Rev. Vesta Kowalski

Pentecost 5, July 13

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew by the Lake
10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine
Psalm 119:105-112; Genesis 25:19-34; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
The Rev. Tim Fleck

Pentecost 6, July 20

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew by the Lake
10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine
Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23; Genesis 28:10-19a;
Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
The Rev. Vesta Kowalski

Pentecost 7, July 27

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew by the Lake
10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:15-28;
Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
The Rev. Tim Fleck

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

12:30 p.m. — Holy Eucharist
The Rev. Tim Fleck

Prayers of the People *(continued)*

This, of course, begs the question of why I have not invited people to come together to compose prayers that express the needs and longings of this community. I will plead guilty to expediency: with two bulletins to get out every week, it has just been easier to use the forms from the BCP or from published sources. I would love it, though, if a group of folks from both parishes were interested in getting together to explore Prayers of the People and what they might look like in our parishes.

One more thing... I heard comments from a couple of people expressing discomfort with the prayer this week "For our Muslim brothers and sisters as they enter the month of Ramadan this weekend." This is part of the Diocesan Cycle of prayer, which encourages us week by week to pray together for the people and communities of our Diocese and the world (you can see the whole year's cycle at <http://episcopalmaine.org/images/diocese/documents/2014diocesancycleofprayer.pdf>). If the discomfort is about praying for people who are not Christian, we need to remember that we are called to pray for everyone, not just Christians (1 Tim 2:1-6). If the discomfort is about praying for those whom we consider to be our enemies (or some of whom may consider themselves to be our enemies), remember that our Savior told us to pray for our enemies; it is no great achievement to pray for our friends (Mt 5:43-44; Lk 6:27-28). As difficult as it may be to pray for those we consider the enemy, it becomes even more difficult to think of another person as the enemy while we are praying for them. Which itself is reason enough to pray for everyone.

Feedback? I hope you will call or e-mail me to continue the conversation.

Yours in Christ's Peace,
Tim