

# The Net Tender - August 2015

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## WHY ARE WE GOOD? Part 1

This may seem like the wrong question: surely it is much more urgent to ask why we sin, why we do things that we know are wrong, or where does evil come from. But to understand human beings and our relationships to God and to one another, I think that it may be more revealing first to ask why we do things that are good, why we don't commit more evil than we do.

This begs the question of what is good: how do we judge our own actions and those of others? Philosophers have traditionally talked about three ways that we decide what is good. We can appeal to a set of more or less absolute rules, which are either mutually agreed upon or asserted to have come from a higher, unappealable source like God, the gods, or ancient tradition. This way of thinking is called Rules Ethics or Deontological Ethics.

We can examine the results or anticipated results of an action and decide if the world is better off for having done it. This is sometimes understood in John Stuart Mill's formulation of the greatest happiness for the largest number of people, and is called Consequential Ethics or Utilitarianism.



Virtue Ethics focuses on the life and development of the individual and how a habit or pattern of actions shapes and is shaped by that individual's character. The goal is a well-lived life, made up of good choices in accordance with the ultimate purpose of human life (which, of course, is open to debate).

Most of us probably began our moral reasoning as children with some version of Rules Ethics. An authority (a parent or teacher) tells us that it is wrong to hit people. We learn that rule and try to abide by it. Our parents may try to get us to think empathetically in terms of the consequences of our actions ("How would you like it if Sally hit you?") or in terms of virtue ("Good little boys don't hit people."), but the fact is that for the young child, the rule itself and the authority are what shapes our behavior.

At the same time, we begin to recognize particular personal consequences in terms of reward and punishment: We know the rule, and if we break the rule, something bad will happen. We are motivated by fear.

There is nothing inherently wrong with rules, nor with rewards and punishment. They are how society functions on a day-to-day basis. Scripture is full of rules, which we call commandments or God's Law. Rules are somewhat limited, though, in that they depend on other people and an external structure to preserve the laws and maintain the system of reward and punishment. In a situation where the rules break down or where punishment becomes uncertain, there is little reason not to do whatever one can get away with.

As we get a little older, we begin to realize that our actions have consequences, not only for ourselves but for other people and the world. We begin to wrestle with competing goods, and to realize that other people may not judge our own actions the same way we do.

## EVENSONG AT ST. JOHN'S SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

As part of the worldwide celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Episcopal Relief and Development (ER-D), St. Andrew & St. John will be welcoming Dr. Robert Radtke, President of ER-D, to preach at a service of Evensong (sung Evening Prayer) at St. John, Saturday, August 29 at 6:30 PM.

Also as part of the anniversary celebration, a traveling photo exhibit will be on display at St. Saviour from August 15 to August 30, and Dr. Radkte will be preaching at St. Saviour on Sunday, August 30.

Dr. Robert W. Radtke has served as president of Episcopal Relief & Development since 2005. Prior to that he served in various senior-level posts at the Asia Society. At Episcopal Relief & Development, Rob has overseen a number of major initiatives, including *NetsforLife*®, the agency's award-winning, flagship malaria prevention program; and the US Disaster Preparedness and Response Program, which helps Episcopal dioceses, congregations and other church institutions to both prepare for and respond to disasters in their local communities.

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Deadline for articles for September *Net Tender* is August 30

# SR. WARDEN'S REPORT

Bunny Watts

*Summertime....and the livin' is easy  
Flamingoes are flying  
Back to their roosts....*

And we in the St. Andrew/St. John Community can rest easy knowing that the efforts we put forth casketing, auctioning, pie making, and plant selling all were rewarded handsomely. OK, so lemonade wasn't so great but that was to be expected on a cool drizzly day! Even more importantly, we enjoyed working together and sharing the rewards of our combined creative energy.

We have traditionally given a percent of the Fair proceeds to the Hancock County Medical Mission and will do so again this year. The Vestry will be addressing the question of whether this practice should continue or whether we should consider alternatives for a portion of the Fair proceeds. If you have suggestions along these lines, please share them with a vestry member.



## St. Saviour's Parish in Bar Harbor Hosts Episcopal Relief & Development Photo Exhibition

In celebration of Episcopal Relief & Development's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, St. Saviour's is hosting the organization's traveling photo exhibition at 41 Mt. Desert Street, Bar Harbor from Friday, August 14 to Monday, August 31.

Featuring 33 iconic photos of Episcopal Relief & Development's work around the globe, the exhibition leads viewers through a vivid, intimate exploration of the organization's history and programs.

Through compelling images and insightful descriptions, the photo exhibition builds meaningful connections to Episcopal Relief & Development's four core program areas: alleviating hunger, promoting health, creating economic opportunities and responding to disasters. Photos come from five continents and were chosen from over 20,000 images by curator Johanna Lehan, who has worked for *The New Yorker* and *Newsweek*.

The "AllHands75" e-docent app, available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#), provides enrichment while experiencing the exhibition in person, and acts as a virtual tour for remote viewing. The app features a variety of voices – including the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church and the President, staff and supporters of Episcopal Relief & Development – giving deeper detail and background for each image.

"It is incredibly moving to stand in front of these powerful images and hear from someone who was there in the midst of amazing transformation, or whose faith in the importance and impact of our work inspires deeper connection," said Sean McConnell, Episcopal Relief & Development's Director of Engagement. "Striving together with local partners, our programs truly engage communities in realizing their vision of a thriving future. I hope that this exhibition helps people to see what we can do when we act together to heal our hurting world."

*Episcopal Relief & Development works with more than 3 million people in nearly 40 countries worldwide to overcome poverty, hunger and disease through multi-sector programs that utilize local resources and expertise. An independent 501(c)(3) organization, Episcopal Relief & Development works closely with Anglican Communion and ecumenical partners to help communities rebuild after disasters and develop long-term strategies to create a thriving future. In 2014-15, the organization joins Episcopalians and friends in celebrating 75 Years of Healing a Hurting World.*



## Birthdays

### AUGUST

20—Dianne McMullan  
27—Brooks Saltsman  
29—Elaine Theriault  
30—Rita Redfield  
31—Peter Obbard

## Wedding Anniversaries

### AUGUST

13—Ted and Joan Bromage



## GARDEN PARTY

Local Solutions invites you to a Garden Party at St. Saviour's in Bar Harbor on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Music will be provided by the Acadia Ukulele Society and there will be LOTS of great food! Come learn what Local Solutions (building independent lives for those with disabilities) is all about and enjoy fun, food and fellowship!

## HELP SARAH AND PAMELA SUPPORT CANCER RESEARCH

Pamela Smith and I are walking in the 5K Champion the Cure Challenge on August 14 and 15 to benefit research and clinical trials at the Lafayette Center in Brewer. As a participant in one of the clinical trials for colorectal cancer, I know how valuable it is to be able to take part in this research without going to Boston. There are currently 55 adult trials and 20 children's trials in Brewer!

If you would like to support this research, as well as those of us dealing with cancer, we would greatly appreciate it. You can go to [ctechallenge.org](http://ctechallenge.org) and select "sponsor a participant", type in Sarah Flynn and "search". That will bring you to a donor page that you can fill out. Thank you all for your support of all kinds. It all helps!

*Sarah Flynn*



Kay (Kei) Leo Kowalski-Takahashi  
Born July 12, 2015 in Japan  
Son of Yuki Takahashi & Charles Kowalski  
Brother of Kento  
Vesta sent this picture  
(taken when he was 10 minutes old)

## OPEN HOUSE

The Alcyon Center, situated above beautiful Seal Cove on MDI, invites you to an Open House August 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 pm. The Center is an experience of being welcomed, body, soul and spirit into the life of a small, practicing contemplative community. The Open House will include tours of the main house and grounds, an opportunity to speak with the directors and board members while enjoying light refreshments and herbal teas. If interested in attending, please respond either to [office@alcyoncenter.org](mailto:office@alcyoncenter.org) or call (207) 244-1060; directions to the event can be obtained by contacting either the email or telephone number noted above.

## QUIETSIDE FESTIVAL THANKS

Thanks to all who donated silent auction items, baskets, pies, baked goods, plants, provided music, and helped set up and tear down.

Despite the rainy weather we managed to take in \$6464 (QSF) + \$3067 (Yard Sale) = \$9531.

### Silent Auction Business Donors:

Galyn's Restaurant  
Mt. Desert Islander  
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### Other Silent Auction Donors:

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Jayne Ashworth



Twins?

## Why Are We Good? *(continued)*

There is nothing wrong with thinking in terms of the greatest happiness for the largest number, especially if we can think in terms of consequences wider than those that affect us personally. We often judge competing forms of government or economy by exactly this standard. The limit to Utilitarianism, though, is that it depends on us making judgements that we are not equipped to make. It requires us to evaluate the cost and benefit of a particular action to other people's happiness and well-being, which is necessarily subjective, and to draw specious comparisons and equivalencies: Is the happiness created by affordable food greater or less than the happiness forfeited by underpaid farm workers? Inevitably, we tend to be drawn toward the happiness or unhappiness of those nearest to us.

Virtue ethics is perhaps a little out of fashion. It requires that we actually wrestle with the question of the purpose of human life, and what it means to live well. In a culture that whose highest values often seem to be celebrity for its own sake, winning at any cost, wealth without limit, it is worth asking why. It is worth asking who we are created to be.

As Christians, we are taught that we are created in the image and likeness of God. That image has been somewhat obscured by the sin of the world, but in Jesus we have seen what a well-lived human life looks like. It is a life that is lived under God's Law, but blind adherence to the rules or fear of punishment is not the point. It is a life aimed toward shalom, the flourishing of all people, but maximizing happiness is not the point.

The life well lived is one structured wholly around our relationship to God, and the rubric for judging any action is neither rule nor consequence, but how that action fits (or doesn't) within a life so lived.

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

*Yours in Christ's Peace, Tim*

## NOTES FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

*Stephen Sampson*

At Saint Andrews this summer, several people have asked me about Eloise, the reed organ, wondering what kind of organ she is and where she comes from. Eloise was manufactured circa 1924 by the Estey Organ Company in Brattleboro, Vermont, which manufactured organs for over 100 years, closing in 1960. Organs manufactured by the company included approximately 520,000 reed organs and 3,200 pipe organs. Estey also manufactured a folding suitcase-type organ, and made most of the chaplains' organs used during World War II. In addition, the company made a foray into electronic organs toward the end of its existence.



Eloise has been maintained over the past couple of summers by Allen Myers of Mudfog Reed Organ, a one-man shop in Brooklin, Maine dedicated to the restoration of reed organs. The Mudfog website includes interesting information on and photographs of reed organs (<http://www.mudfogreedorgan.com/>). Allen registered Eloise with The Reed Organ Society (ROS)' ([www.reedsoc.org](http://www.reedsoc.org); registration # 4577, following the link to the ROS Database). Technical information on Eloise is available on the website, along with abundant information on reed organs and the opportunity to participate in reed-organ discussion groups. And one final note: the array of organ pipes on the wall behind Eloise is solely decorative. (Much information for this article is from the Estey Organ Company website (<http://www.esteyorgan.com/>) and the ROS website.)

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RECITAL FOR FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to organist Andrew Mead for his performance on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at St. John's. Andy's playing was both exciting and evocative and raised \$440 for the Westside Food Pantry. Thanks also to Michael Shook and Dianne McMullan for their help.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

### August 2, Pentecost 10

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew by-the-Lake  
10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine  
Psalm 51:1-13; 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35  
The Rev. Timothy Fleck

### August 9, Pentecost 11

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew by-the-Lake  
10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine  
Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51  
The Rev. Kathleen Killian

### August 16, Pentecost 12

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew by-the-Lake  
10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine  
Psalm 111; 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58  
The Rev. Timothy Fleck

### August 23, Pentecost 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 84; 1 Kings 8:1-6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43;  
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69  
The Rev. Kathleen Killian

### August 30, Pentecost 14

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew by-the-Lake  
10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine  
Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10; Song of Solomon 2:8-13;  
James 1:17-27; Mark 6:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
The Rev. Kathleen Killian

### Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.—Holy Eucharist

August 6 (The Transfiguration)

August 20 (William Porcher DuBose)

August 27 (Thomas Gallaudet & Henry Winter Syle)

The Rev. Kathleen Killian

August 13 (Blessed Virgin Mary)

The Rev. Timothy Fleck

## TAIZÉ - AN ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

Friday at 6 pm in the Chapel at St. Saviour's in Bar Harbor on August 28

Simple, yet profound. Experience the spirituality and the meditative songs of the Taizé community of France, an interdenominational and ecumenical monastic order known around the world for its message of trust, peace and reconciliation.

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