



CROSS KEYS

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, OSTERVILLE MA 02655

November 2011

Did you know?

All Saints' Day, a feast of the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches, and a day on which churches glorify God for all God's saints, known and unknown. It is celebrated on Nov. 1 in the West, since Pope Gregory IV ordered its church-wide observance in 837. Its origin lies earlier in the common commemorations of martyrs who died in groups or whose names were unknown, which were held on various days in different parts of the Church; over time these celebrations came to include not only the martyrs but all saints. During the Reformation the Protestant churches understood "saints" in its New Testament usage as including all believers and reinterpreted the feast of All Saints as a celebration of the unity of the entire Church. In medieval England the festival was known as All Hallows, hence the name Halloween [=All Hallows' eve] for the preceding evening.

Important Dates to Remember

- November 1 All Saints Day
- November 6..... Bishop Shaw visit
- November 24.....Thanksgiving
- November 27..... Stewardship Sunday

Dear Friends,

Recently, I ran across this quote from C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. At the time I thought, "How appropriate as we undergo the renovations in our worship space."

"Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of - throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself."

The whole building process has fascinated me and the construction crew has tolerantly shared their wisdom with me at each changing stage.

While exciting, the process has also involved some pain and no little bewilderment, not only for me but for many of you. The Capital Campaign Committee is struggling to get a handle on finalizing the funding necessary for this project. Our generous donors struggle with a desire to balance being supportive while not stretching themselves too far in an uncertain economic environment. Our Altar Guild graciously continues to support the clergy while operating out of a closet sacristy and logging many extra steps setting up and cleaning up after each Eucharist. Our choir has creatively coped with a less than ideal location for their ministry each Sunday. Coffee hour hosts have been called to adapt to the new set up required by our use of the parish hall for our worship space. I am grateful for each one of you who have faithfully continued to come together to worship each week in spite of the fact that we are in the parish hall and still working on the best way to distribute communion with our new seating arrangement. We are all experiencing being "knocked about" during this process.

This past week, C.S. Lewis' wisdom came home even more forcefully to me when, during a visit to the currently gutted interior of our church, I managed to fall out the doorway face first into the ground. Talk about hurting abominably! Barring a few stitches, some contusions and sore muscles, I am fine, though much humbled by the experience. Confused by the fall, I was grateful for the care and concern of those who were with me, supporting me. I appreciated the skill and compassion of the hospital staff as they patched me up. I'm also grateful for the restraint my loving wife showed in not scolding me for forgetting I am not as young and athletic as I used to be. God is indeed good.

God is at work in us and among us in the ordinariness of human existence. He has wondrous plans in store for us! None of us likes change; even changes that will improve our lives are often met with suspicion and resistance. "We've always done things this way," is the cry. Yet growth requires change. How would the world be if we all remained the helpless babes we were born? In a very real sense St. Peter's Church – both its building and its people --is experiencing a birth, and the birthing process is painful. Ah, but the pain is forgotten when we gaze upon the face of new life!

On our spiritual journey, there are no right answers, only clearer visions and ever-deeper questions. While we walk the path together, we are called to be patient with one another, to listen *together* for the path the Spirit intends us to follow, and to help each other with as much grace and humor as we can manage during these changes. Remember, God is at work building a place in which He intends to live. May we each do all we can to welcome him.

Peace in Christ,
Denzil+

Newsletter Deadline



November 15th
for the December edition
of the Cross Keys

The deadline for the Cross Keys is the 15th of the month. Submissions may be emailed (MOST preferred by the editor!) to nancymumford@comcast.net Please note: I can only accept MS WORD documents (Not Word Perfect) by email

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**for those who are ill or in any need,
especially:**

Mary, Gerri, Dorothy, Erik, Millie,
Wilhelmina, Davis, Jim, Ivan & Jean,
Joanne, Dennis, Tom, Phillip, Lorraine, Christopher,
Walter, Micheline, Avena & Bishop Tharp Institute,
John, Ralph, Eddie, Al, Sheila, Leslie, Kellen,
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Michelle, John, Paul, Bob & Carol, Barbara, Russ,
Lynnie, Bill, Cathy, Mrs. L, Sally, Aleah, Richard,
Ernie, Lila, Matt, Elias, Margy, Jackie, Laura,
Meesh, Peter, Pauline, Joan, David, Anthony,
Dennis, Janet and for the homeless of Cape Cod,
those affected by mental illness and for our men and
women in the armed forces overseas especially in
Iraq and Afghanistan and the people of Haiti and
Japan.

*If you placed a loved ones name on the Parish
Prayer List and the name can be removed, please
email or call the office.*

Thank you, Alison

Baptisms on November 6:

Kevin Michael Manning

Alison Rose DeVincent

Sophia Lee DeVincent

November Birthdays

1-Fr. Denzil Luckritz, Ron Reed, Barbara Reed
3-Amelia Gorham
5-Christopher Perrone
7-Clare O'Keeffe
9- Betty Bowley, Terri Guarino
10- Nilde Diefenbach
11- Phyllis Land
13-Becca Bertrand
18-Jesse Cote, Wendy Breslin
21-Ruth Healey, Kay Welsh
25-Jean Giliberti, Julie Rice, Claire Richer
27-Clare Putnam
30-Lydia Stanney

Please note, if we've missed your birthday, let us know
so that we can get your birthday on file in the office.

Anniversaries

11-Neil & Meredith David

25-Chuck & Debbie Gasior

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jason & Stacy Reed on their new
son Jackson Carter Reed who was born on Friday,
September 30th. Jackson is the grandson of Ron &
Barbara Reed.

GOBBLE GOBBLE GOBBLE

This month your Outreach Committee will put together 20 Thanksgiving turkey baskets for our less fortunate Cape Cod neighbors. Our collection table will be in the Parish Hall. Please help by donating potatoes, apples, onions, squash, canned pumpkin, boxed pie-crust mix, evaporated milk, canned cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, canned gravy, bags of stuffing, and, as extras, canned fruit, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, tuna fish.

Should you wish to help with turkey purchase, the centerpiece of each basket, tuck your donation in the orange-edged Thanksgiving envelope (one is in your pledge box, or find one in your Sunday Bulletin each November Sunday until Thanksgiving). Envelopes can be dropped in the collection plate, given to Alison in the Church Office, or mailed to:

St. Peter's Church
P.O. Box 437
Osterville, MA 02655

Your check should be made out to "St. Peter's Church" and earmarked "Turkeys". Checks received beyond our turkey purchase need will be used to help our Cape Cod needy in the months ahead.

Who receives our baskets? A Baby Center (one wing of the Cape Cod Council of Churches) carefully selects 13 families from the truly needy they serve---folks in housing but going through a rough patch. A Baby Center also

serves many families from Angel House and Safe Harbor, and we will be delivering 2 baskets to each of these Hyannis group homes that serve and shelter our most vulnerable. Two baskets will go to CHAMP Homes Hyannis, and one to our Rector who will help a family he quietly identifies. Regretfully, Outreach cannot respond to individual phone requests for baskets.

The Outreach Committee and interested parishioners will deliver our turkey baskets on Tuesday, November 22. If you would like to be a part of this delivery, we would love the help. Please phone Helen Prothero, [508-744-7095](tel:508-744-7095) by Thursday, November 17.

Outreach collections traditionally reflect our parishioners' generosity. We ask for your continued caring....with food....donations for turkey purchase...and ongoing help for our needy.

GOBBLES of thanks St. Peters -
Your Outreach Committee



Behind the Scenes With Will Beebe: The Phases of Construction

Where are we now, with the Nave work?

Some might think that since the Nave is now back down from its 4-foot lift that we are almost ready to hold Services there. Unfortunately, that is not the case. We are just into another phase of work. Here is what is happening:

Concrete Phase: We have poured over 150 yards of concrete, so far. Nave footings, foundation walls, floorings, etc., are obviously the first thing we had to do. This Phase also includes the new work of the elevator foundation and Narthex area on the Parking Lot side of the Church building. Now that this work is almost done, we can move on to the next phase.

Steel Phase: As I have been saying for a long time now, we have had major issues not only with the foundation of the Nave, but the way the Nave was attached to the rest of the building. Once we were able to really examine the support structure, it was clear that major re-work was needed. As I write this article, we are nearing completion of the installation of several lateral beams and a lengthwise beam that will properly support the Nave. In addition, many steel columns are being placed in the Undercroft area to support these beams. Sparks have been flying, as the steelworkers weld these beams to the concrete walls. The steel phase also includes the installation of corrugated steel flooring in the Parking Lot Narthex, that will support a concrete floor.

Wood Phase: This phase is just being started, as I write this article. Work here will be both exterior and interior. Exteriorly, the superstructure for the roof over the new Undercroft stairway is already taking shape. Eventually, exterior wood work will include the roof over the Parking Lot Narthex and elevator shaft. Interiorly, all the walls in the Nave will be removed and replaced with new materials where needed. HVAC vents will be installed in these walls, as well as new electrical wires and sprinkler piping. Most importantly, proper insulation will be installed where none existed before. New drywall

and bead board will be installed. The leaded glass windows, which are being restored and repaired in Newton, will be re-installed. One of the unexpected pleasures of the wood phase has been the old fir flooring. This is the dark wood that was under the pews and under the carpet in the Tower Narthex. We have sanded a test area of this wood to see what is under the dark stain. It is so GORGEOUS that its natural color will be retained. WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE IT. WOW!!!

Finishing Phase: This phase is still in the planning stage. It includes the selection of aisle carpeting, Chancel flooring, Parking Lot Narthex flooring, Sacristy cabinetry, and paint colors through out.

Completion Phase: Once everything else is done, the pews, lectern, Altar, Altar Rail, etc., will be returned from the storage sheds in the parking lot. Then, and only then, can we reinstall the organ. The organ MUST wait until all the dust has settled, as dust could negate all the restoration work that it has had in the workshop in Maine.

OK, you ask, when will all this be DONE?? This is not an easy question, and has several levels of answer. The first level is: When can we get a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy so we can use the Nave? The hope is that we can get this before Christmas, and hold Christmas Services in the Nave. Unfortunately, this may not include the organ re-installation, installation of the as-yet-unfunded elevator, or usability of the Undercroft. The final level of Occupancy will occur somewhere down the road when the elevator is installed and the Undercroft is walled in its final, finished, configuration. Remember this is ONLY for the Nave and Undercroft area and does NOT involve the work needed in the rest of the building complex, or for the septic system.

In the mean time, PLEASE keep current with the pictures I post every work day on the church web site. In addition, I am always available to answer questions (either in person or by email), and can schedule tours of the construction site for those who wish to see it.

TREASURER'S MEMO
August, 2011

For the month of September 2011 and Year to Date (YTD), the income and expenses for the parish were as follows:

September 2011

Income: \$ 18,074

Expenses: \$ 29,357

Balance: (\$11,283)

YTD 2011

Income: \$318,046

Expenses: \$322,043

Balance: (\$ 3,996)

Our monthly expenses again outweighed our income. We have discovered a reporting error in the Year to Date income amount that included a budgeted amount that was not actually income received. The figures have been researched and corrected.

Looking back over the first eight months of the year at the amount of our pledges received, I have noticed a fairly significant drop in the pledging income monthly. Traditionally, this happens during the summer months, however, we didn't quite have the "bounce-back" I had hoped for in the month of September. Please be mindful of your pledge to your church.

We continue to march on through our renovations and joyfully anticipate coming together again in our beautiful church.

Please don't hesitate to call me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenn McDevitt
Parish Treasurer

St. Peter's Stewardship Update

The 2012 St. Peter's Stewardship Committee has been established and is meeting on a regular basis. Committee members are: Mark Thomas, Chairman; Kathie Duncan; Frank Fenner; and Ned Richardson with great assistance from Jen McDevitt. Short and longer term financial goals have been developed and over the coming weeks will be shared with the congregation. Stewardship Sunday will be November 20, when we will all be asked to put our completed pledge card in the offertory plate. Stay tuned to these pages for more information and listen to the "announcements" during Sunday services.

Just as much as we need St. Peter's ... St. Peter's needs us!

What is Christian Community?

Our catechism refers to the Church as "one"; another image we often use is that of "community". This idea is very difficult for many people to accept. All too often there seems to be discord and disarray within the Church. In fact, this is one of the primary criticisms by those who reject Christianity. "How can you Christians talk about love and yet be so divided by denominationalism and doctrinal bickering? How can you talk about love and yet be so unloving and cliquish in the local parish family? Given these observations, how can we talk about "community"?"

The Church's bond and basis of existence is our common unity with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We share a vision and a purpose – not one of our own creation, but one given to us by God. Our sin-tainted human experience shows that in any gathering of people there are going to be differences of opinion and emphasis – even families can fight among themselves. Yet we are called to try to work together, so that the reality of God's Kingdom may dawn upon us.

St. Paul's picture of community uses the image of the body. Each part of the body has a role to perform and a job to do. The hand is not the eye, and the foot is

not the arm; each part of the body is essential to the well-being of the entire organism. The whole body is controlled by the head – and the Head of the Body we all the Church is Jesus. In community there will be various roles and jobs to be done. Given the Church’s apostolic task, to proclaim Good News that others might respond – that is to evangelize – there are ways for every member of the Body to contribute to that goal.
1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Food Pantry



When you are shopping, it would be helpful if you could pick up extra items that are always useful - peanut butter, jelly, canned soups and crackers, pasta and tuna. If you are thinking of the food pantry as you empty your cupboards before ending south, please check the dates; we welcome all non perishable, unexpired shelf friendly items. Once again, we thank you on behalf of those who frequent the pantry.

Thank you for your continued support.
Adrienne and Meredith Carlton

“You Have Cancer.” **Update on Last Month’s Pastoral Message.**

Many of you have offered your prayers and support to me since I shared news of my medical issue in last month’s Cross Keys. For that I am very grateful, as well as for your willingness to honor my privacy by not asking me for details of what is going on.

Because I said in that article that I expected my surgery and recovery would take me away from you for much of the Fall, you may be wondering why that has not happened. Additional medical tests, consultations, a second opinion, and greater clarity as to the scope of the surgery that will be required, as well as a desire not to disrupt my family life during the holidays, nor effect my commitments at St. Peter’s, have resulted in a delay in my surgery until February. There apparently is no risk involved in this decision, and it will allow the doctors to make decisions that are more appropriate.

Please know that I am not in pain, though I am tired a lot more, and in addition to the pervasive presence of this issue, I am often on an emotional roller coaster, having good and bad days. I have had to curtail some activities, and, frankly, find other far more difficult to do.

Please continue to keep Louisa and me in your prayers, offer your support, respect my privacy, and with me stand firm in our Faith in God, and in the belief that when this is finally over, I will resume my life and activities with renewed energy and commitment.

The Rev. Russell H. Allen,
Associate Clergy

“Liturgy and U” The Message of All Saints

What we believe as Anglican Christians is found in Scripture, in the ancient creeds of the universal church, in the language of our common prayers, our liturgy, our hymns and in the catechism located in the back of the Prayer Book.

Here is a brief summary.

Holy Scripture – John 14:1-6. Jesus says to his disciples: “I go to prepare a place for you that where I am there you may also be.”

Luke 23:43 - To the repentant thief who was to be crucified with him, Jesus said “This day you will be with me in Paradise.”

The Nicene Creed - “We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.”

The Book of Common Prayer – Commendation prayer found in the Burial Office: “Receive him/her into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace and into the glorious company of the Saints in light.”

Proper Preface used in the service for the commemoration of the dead:
“For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when this mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a home eternal in the heavens.”

The Proper Preface for All Saints – “For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we may rejoice in their fellowship and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.”

Consecration Prayers – Prayer A: “At the last day, bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.”

The Hymnal

Hymn #269 – “We know that Christ is raised”

(vs 1) “We know that Christ is raised and dies no more,
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;
And our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia

(vs 2) We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn we share with him an Easter life
As living members of the living Christ. Alleluia”

Hymn #287 “For all the Saints”

(vs 3) “O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold.
Alleluia

(vs 4) O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia”

The Catechism – a brief summary of the church’s teaching. It takes the form of question and answer.

Q. What is the communion of Saints?

A. The communion of Saints is the whole family of God, the living and the dead, those whom we love and those whom we hurt, bound together by Sacrament, prayer and praise.

Q. What do we mean by everlasting life?

A. By everlasting life, we mean a new existence in which we are united with all the People of God, in the joy of fully knowing and loving God and each other.

What wonderful assurance these texts give us.

Happy All Saints!

Fr. Paul

Singing the Psalms

It would be logical for you to assume I would launch into a treatise on the necessity, beauty and background of Anglican Chant, but I will save that for another day. I would like to focus today on the Metrical Psalm here and in doing so, I'll present it in a bulleted format, hopefully making it more user-friendly than perhaps my usually lengthy *Cross Keys* article.

The Psalter

- In its original form is a collection of Hebrew hymns
 - Intended to be sung, not said
- Considered as poetry
 - Examples can be found of the occasional rhyme, alliteration and other devices that are almost impossible to translate in English, as well as the Hebrew meter
- Closest translation in the original use of the psalms is when they are sung in Anglican or Gregorian chant
 - Chiefly done in cathedrals, religious communities or Evensong
 - The average Episcopalian is familiar with psalms as slivers of scripture, recited by people and leader in a kind of spoken monotone
 - Think of what would be lost if a hymn from the *Hymnal 82* were spoken and not sung

The translation

- In early Christian years of worship, eight psalm tones were developed
 - The language was Latin and the music was, to use the words of William Byrd (circa 1540-1623), “framed to the life of the words”.
 - At the Reformation, use of the vernacular in worship prompted adaptations of the melodies to English words
 - Some closely followed the Hebrew verses while others became free paraphrases.

The Metrical Psalm

- Once translated into English, shortly after the Reformation, the psalms were then translated in various metres (the basic rhythmic structure of a verse or lines in verse, i.e. iambic, trochaic, etc).
- These metred psalms were then set to local folk tunes and original hymn tunes.
 - An example of a tune created for a specific text is Martin Luther's translation and musical setting of Psalm 46 (“A mighty fortress is our God”)
 - Many tunes often took their name from the psalm to which they were to be sung. (“A mighty fortress’ tune name is the translation of the first three words into German, “Ein feste Burg)

A Hymn Tune's Metre

- Hymn tunes can be indexed by their metre.
- A hymn tune's metre can be found in the bottom right hand corner of the hymn in our *Hymnal 82*.
- LM = Long Meter, CM = Common Meter, etc

"A New Metrical Psalter"

- A collection of psalms translated into metred prose
- The metre is also listed on the bottom of the page.
- Therefore, when looking for a hymn tune to wed to a psalm text, one only has to research which hymn tunes have the same meter and are most familiar to the congregation
- This makes singing the psalm very accessible and powerful.
- One can't help but rethink again about the meaning of those texts when they are transposed from the familiar.

The Psalmes of Dauid in Meeter.

Beatus vir. Psalmi. T. S.

This Psalm is set first as a preface, to exhort all godly men to studie and meditate the heavenly wisdom: for they be blessed that do so: but the wicked contentments thereof at length shall come to misery.



The man is blest that hath not bent to wicked read his care: Nor led his life as sinners doe, nor late in scoones chaire. 2. But in the law of God the Lord, doth let his whole delight: And in that law doth exercise himselfe both day and night.

3 The shall be like the tree that groweth full by the rivers side: Whose bringeth forth most pleasant fruit in her due time and tide. Whose leafe shall never fade nor fall, but flourish still and stand: Wher so all things shall prosper well that this man takes in hand.

An example:

Psalm 34:9-14

1. O fear the Lord, you saints of his,
For those who fear him, he shall feed.
The lions lack, but those who seek
The Lord lacks nothing that they need.
2. Come, children, listen to my words
And I will teach you holy fear;
Who seeks to know prosperity,
Desires long life, and holds life dear?
3. Your tongue must keep from evil words,
Your lips from lying; these must cease.
Turn back from evil and do good;
Seek and pursue the way of peace.

This is an example of a hymn tune in "LM" (Long Meter). If I look in my "Metrical Index" found in the back of the organist's edition of the *Hymnal 82*, I find that the hymns "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates", "When I survey the wondrous cross", "When Jesus wept" are among the 83 hymn tunes listed with LM meter. I chose the above three because I know they are familiar to our congregation. Now think of hymn 436, "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates", here is the first verse to help you bring it to mind:

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
Behold the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.

Take that tune and now sing the above paraphrase of Psalm 34:9-14 and you have a new way to sing the psalms to the glory of God. Hopefully, the above will give you background and therefore an understanding of why we are singing the psalm on November 6th, when Bishop Shaw is celebrating Eucharist with us at the 10:00 a.m. service.

November Adult Forums

The Adult Forum, held every Sunday following the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, meets in the Library.

The Adult Forum began its new season on Sunday September 11 with a discussion of “9/11 Ten Years After,” and on the remaining Sundays of the month our focus was on Sexuality and Marriage, exploring how the Church’s approach to these two essential elements have changed in recent years. This included an excellent talk by Jeffrey Soares on his experience as a gay man.

Our popular “This I Believe” Series resumed for its third season in October. Presentations by members of our Parish Family were given on each of the five Sundays of the month, with reflections and discussions following each talk. These Adult Forums have been very well received by persons attending them and have proven meaningful experiences for those asked to share their faith perspectives. The next series of “This I Believe” presentations will be offered during the Lenten Season.

There will be no Adult Forum on Sunday November 6th, as we will be celebrating All Saints’ Sunday with our Bishop. The schedule for the other Fall Adult Forums in November is:

Sunday November 13th: The Prayers of the People [see below].

Sunday November 20th: Report on the Repair and Renovation Project.

Sunday November 27: Making Sense of the Advent and Christmas Seasons.

The topics for the December Adult Forums will be announced in that month’s Cross Keys.

Your comments and suggestions for the betterment of the Adult Forums, and especially proposals for future topics, are always appreciated. Please contact

me before or after Sunday Worship, by email at capecahd@comcast.net, or by phone at 508-432-3483 or 860-391-3100.

The Prayers of the People Project

Beginning with the First Sunday of Advent I have been developing a set of the Prayers of the People for use at St. Peter’s that follow the pattern set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. This three-year Project reflects the Church Year and the themes and readings of the Eucharistic Lectionary. Each Prayers of the People contains flexible content and opportunities for adaptation to changing circumstances, and thus can be used in this and other parishes in years to come. They also include a congregational response that is printed in the Sunday Bulletin. Copies of these specially written Prayers of the People are available on Sunday morning for those wishing to use them during the Holy Eucharist or in the week following.

Upon their completion at the end of 2013, these Prayers of the People will be edited, compiled, and possibly published for use in the large Church.

You may have noticed some modifications in the content, length, and other aspects of the Prayers of the People since this Project began. This has been due in part to changes in the Church Year, but they have also resulted from comments and suggestions made by members of the congregation. Such input is very valuable to my oversight of this project, and I encourage anyone wishing to participate in this dialogue to contact me personally before or after Sunday Worship, by email at capecahd@comcast.net, or by phone at 508-432-3483 or 860-391-3100.

On Sunday November 13th the Adult Forum will be devoted to this Prayers of the People Project. At that time, I will discuss the purpose, role, format, and content of this part of our corporate worship, this Project, including the process I use to develop and revise the weekly Prayers of the People, and ways by which we might make our intercessions, petitions,

and thanksgivings more effective parts of our Corporate Worship as a Parish.

Please join me for this important discussion.

The Rev. Russell H. Allen, Associate Clergy.

Does Striving for Justice Mean Occupying Osterville?

I have been watching with great interest the news reports of the growing movement locally called “Occupy Boston” with the same level of intent, hope, and expectation with which I viewed the Arab Spring, the end of apartheid in South Africa, the transitions that began in Poland and ended with the demise of the Soviet Union, and, earlier, the events of the Civil Rights Movement. In each case, I have asked: “Is this the work of the Holy Spirit, furthering what we promise God we will do: ‘Strive for Justice and Peace.’”

Now let me right off say that this is not a political commentary. Critics who have said that those involved in this worldwide movement lack focus or an agenda miss the point: Theirs is a human activity that is far more basic than the advocacy of a political agenda, position, policy or cause.

Moreover, let us be careful about the words we use to describe them. The great Lutheran theologian once said about the debate over abortion, that a conversation can proceed between those on both sides of the issue unless and until someone says that abortions are murder, then it will end. Calling those involved in the “Occupy” movement a mob or anarchists not only terminates any legitimate conversation with them, but fails to recognize that its participants are engaging in a basic human right, a key element in our history and a fundamental aspect of our democracy. They are declaring that something is very wrong, no longer tolerable. They are “mad as h---, and they are not going to take it anymore!”

The “Occupy” participants obviously feel that way, but do they have a reason to? Is there inherent in the wrongs they have personally experienced, which they reveal and reject, something that violates the essentials of human and divine justice? Are they indicating a need for we whose calling is to strive for justice to listen, respond, and act? To phrase it differently, should we as members of the Baptismal Community the Church, who live in a covenant relationship with God, occupy Osterville?

Justice is an elusive thing – defined differently depending, in some cases, on the reason it is or is not a desirable quantity. There is the biblical justice revealed especially in the Prophets of the Hebrew Scripture, and in more recent years in the writings and actions of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, William Stringfellow, William Sloane Coffin, or Archbishop Desmond Tutu. However, secularly justice usually is applied to the judicial system, asking whether all people are treated the same from the moment of their arrest to their imprisonment. Justice can be a matter of insuring fundamental liberties and human rights; it can relate to social equality and a level playing field, revenge and closure, or the redress of a grievance. None of these really apply here, however.

Rather, the “Occupy” movement is about social justice, more specifically economic justice. Is our economic system just? Does everyone have an equal chance, as Lincoln held, to earn by his or her own labor what they need? Is there equal access to employment, or a glass or pink or gray ceiling? Is everyone able to attain the same basics for human living: shelter and security, food, medical care, education?

Is our striving for justice a matter first of asking these and similar questions?

Is it a matter of challenging assumptions? Like that the poor are poor by their own fault; the unemployed are without work due to their own actions; the American Dream of home-ownership should be denied to those with a poor credit rating; the wealth of the rich will, if they are left alone, benefit those who are poor?

Or do we need to cut to the chase?

In contemporary America fewer and fewer possess more and more. More and more possess less and less. The current economic crises can hide the reality made clear in many studies: The richer are getting richer and the poorer are getting poorer. There is a growing gap between the haves and the have-nots in this country, and history shows that eventually such a condition must be changed or it will erupt. Is "Occupy..." a seismic warning of things to come?

Whose fault is this economic injustice? Who is to blame? Who should be held accountable? Those are not the questions to ask. Neither is what should be done, for before asking such a question can become an effective step, there needs first to be an acceptance that everyone must be involved in developing any answers. The rich cannot speak for the poor; the poor must speak for themselves, sometimes with the help of those who strive for justice and peace.

That may be the most important role that we can and should play today: To bring together all who must be involved in creating a just society, one that has economic justice as a hallmark, and to foster the dialogue needed to make the changes required for justice to be present.

But first, is it necessary to gain the attention of all across that spectrum, to demonstrate that something is dreadfully wrong and needs to be fixed, and not to rest until that reality is acknowledged and addressed? If that is what the people involved in "Occupy ..." are doing, getting the attention of those who believe there is no problem, or, worse, think they alone have the solution, then they should be embraced and encouraged, not met with police force or mace.

Therefore, Rise up, O people of God, and occupy Osterville, and do not go home until the message of the Gospel, the message of justice and peace, has been faithfully proclaimed, faithfully heard,

and faithfully made manifest in the world.

The Rev. Russell H. Allen,
Associate Clergy

Holy Baptism

The Book of Common Prayer establishes five occasions when **Holy Baptism** is most appropriately administered in a given Parish. Our next Baptismal Occasion is All Saints' Sunday, November 6. Bishop Shaw will be the preacher at the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist that celebrates all the saints by whom God has blessed the Church throughout the ages, including our own Parish.

Following that date, the Ministration of Holy Baptism will be held on the First Sunday after the Epiphany, The Baptism of Our Lord, Sunday January 8th 2012. Anyone wishing to be baptized, or to have someone baptized at that time should contact the Parish Office or Fr. Russ Allen at 508-432-3483 at their earliest convenience.

Confirmation and Inquirers' Class

Beginning in January 2012 our Parish Clergy will offer a very special educational opportunity to anyone wishing to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church, Renew their Baptismal Covenant with God, or deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Christian Religion and our Anglican/Episcopal Faith Tradition and Practice. This **Confirmation and Inquirers' Class** will consist of two required sessions and 6-8 additional ones, each being scheduled for 1- 1 ½ hours following the 10 a.m. Sunday Holy Eucharist. A light lunch will be included in each session. More details have been sent in a letter to members of the congregation eligible for Confirmation, and will be announced in Cross Keys and the Sunday Bulletin as they become available.

Announcements

Fellowship Hour We all like a little coffee and a cookie while we socialize after the Sunday service. But we all need to take a turn once in awhile to keep up this nice treat. Please sign up to volunteer to make coffee and supply goodies for the Fellowship Hour on the sign-up sheet in the hallway.

Flower Delivery Imagine how bright you could make someone's day when you represent the church by bringing them flowers made from the Sunday Altar flowers. If you would like to see this

joy, please volunteer to deliver flowers to our parishioners who aren't able to join us in church by signing up on the bulletin board in the hallway.



Food Cards Please see Wayne Schmidt after the 10:00 am service if you are interested in purchasing Food Cards.

Lessons for November

DATE	1ST LESSON	PSALM	2ND LESSON	GOSPEL
November 6 All Saints Sunday	Revelation 7:9-17	Psalm 34:1-10,22	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
November 13	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18	Psalm 90:1-8 (9-11), 12	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
November 20	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 95:1-7a	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46
November 24 Thanksgiving Day	Deuteronomy 8:7-18	Psalm 65	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Luke 17:11-19
November 27	Isaiah 64:1-9	Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37

Extra copies of the Prayers of the People for the week are available on the table in the hallway of the church.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 8 am - 8:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:45 am - 10:45 am Children's Chapel 10 am - 11 am Holy Eucharist Rite II 11 am - 11:45 am Fellowship Hour	31  Halloween 8:30 am - 9:30 am AA meeting 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Al-Anon	November 1 All Saints' Day 8 am - 9 am Exercise Class 9:30 am - 10 am AA Meeting 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Capital Campaign Meeting	2 8:30 am - 9:30 am AA meeting 10:30 am - 11:30 am Bible Study 2 pm - 2:30 pm Pastoral Care 2:30 pm - 3 pm Staff Meeting 7 pm - 8:15 pm Adult Choir Practice 7 pm - 8:30 pm Alanon	3 8 am - 9 am Exercise Class 9:30 am - 10 am AA Meeting 4 pm - 5 pm Prayer Circle 8 pm - 8:30 pm AA Meeting	4 8:30 am - 9:30 am AA meeting	5 8:30 am - 9:30 am AA meeting 10 am - 1 pm Armenian Church
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends 8 am - 8:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:45 am - 10:45 am Sunday School 10 am - 11 am Commitment Sunday and Bishop Shaw visit 11 am - 11:45 am Fellowship Hour	7 8:30 am - 9:30 am AA meeting 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Al-Anon	8 8 am - 9 am Exercise Class 9:30 am - 10 am AA Meeting 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Capital Campaign Meeting 7 pm - 9 pm Open Mic Night	9 8:30 am - 9:30 am AA meeting 10:30 am - 11:30 am Bible Study 2:30 pm - 3 pm Staff Meeting 7 pm - 8:15 pm Adult Choir Practice 7 pm - 8:30 pm Alanon	10 8 am - 9 am Exercise Class 9:30 am - 10 am AA Meeting 4 pm - 5 pm Prayer Circle 8 pm - 8:30 pm AA Meeting	11 Veteran's Day 8:30 am - 9:30 am AA meeting	12 8:30 am - 9:30 am AA meeting
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Sunday Services

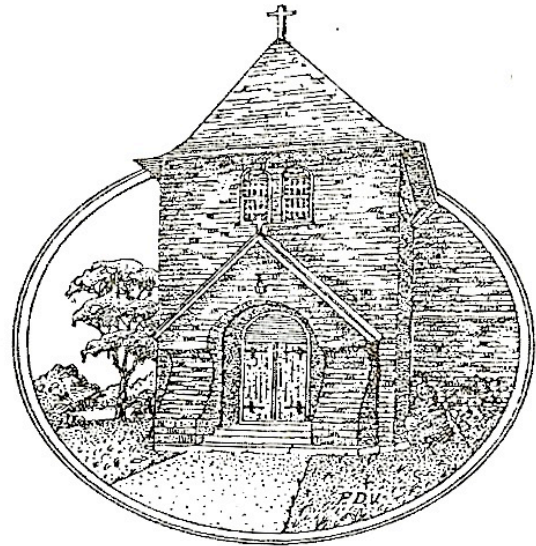
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10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday Service

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday childcare is provided downstairs
for parents attending services.
Parents must sign their child
in and out of childcare.



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