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WORDS FROM JOEL

As many of you already know, our deacon, Joel Hill, was diagnosed with advanced lung cancer last spring. Since then, Joel has begun chemotherapy, but recently found out that her cancer had spread to her esophagus. While she continues to seek treatment, she is also learning about palliative care options. Because of the effects of the chemotherapy and the cancer, Joel has not been able to be with us at St. Michael's for many weeks.

Joel is extremely appreciative of everyone's prayers and cards during this very difficult time. We all love Joel so much, and her ministry at St. Michael's has affected us all deeply.

For this issue of the Guardian, I wanted to share with you a sermon that Joel wrote for Sunday, July 6, from the Gospel according to Matthew 11:25–30. Joel was not able to deliver the sermon, but Jean Smith delivered it for her. Many of you have asked for copies of the sermon, so here it is!

Please continue to keep Joel and her husband Stephen in your prayers. May Christ's peace and love uphold them during this time.

*Yours in Christ,
Mary*

Forty years ago, I was working for the Communications Workers of America in Washington, D.C. One day the entire staff was called to a forum in the auditorium. The speaker that day was the Minister of Health from Russia. He was here from Russia and had been invited by our administration to speak to the staff and others in the Washington, D.C. area. He gave a fine talk about Russia and Russia's hopes for the world and how it was working hard to gain world recognition and be part of the global community. At the end of his talk, we were invited to ask him questions and so the questions began: "If Russia is such a free nation, how do you explain the Berlin Wall?" The answer "You must understand that there are threats to our sovereignty on our western borders and so for our own protection we felt we need to build the wall. But we allow for free and easy movement through the wall." Question: "If you are such a great nation, how is it that your citizens are not allowed to come and go as they choose but have an almost impossible task of getting visas to leave the country?" Answer: "You must understand that we are a young nation and were all of our young, brilliant scholars and entrepreneurs to leave the country, we would see a drain on our intellectual resources, so we try hard to keep our people in our country." And so the questions and answers went for thirty minutes. At the end of the presentation, the "Minister of Health" was revealed to be a State Department expert on Russia and Russian affairs, impersonating the Minister of Health of Russia. The message he left us that day was simply that as people in this country, we read the headlines but we do not explore them for truth or veracity and so we are not able to respond to what appear to be plausible responses.

I fear that we do not do much better even today.

Now before you go away thinking this is a modern phenomenon, this chapter of Matthew presents us with people who are equally ill-informed. In this chapter, Matthew presents us with Jesus trying to teach not only his disciples but those living in the communities where he has done miracles. Unfortunately, they are



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too busy or too mired in their own preconceived judgments about how the world works to learn from Jesus. People were not interested in learning more about the Kingdom of God, particularly if it was not as they conceived it. Those who we would expect to understand do not understand. They just don't get it.

- John the Baptist, who baptized Jesus and who heard the voice of God saying “This is my Son in whom I am well pleased,” didn't get it.
- Those who found that neither John the ascetic nor Jesus the glutton met their particular value system did not get it.
- Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum where Jesus had worked and done mighty acts, as evidence of the Kingdom of God, did not get it.
- The Pharisees and the scholars who can explain the law and challenge those who appear not to follow the law, do not get it.

So who does get it? Jesus prays that those who are innocent and not wise, those who are open to possibility and not mired in their own preconceived value systems—he prays that they will get it. When we stop and learn, when we can believe in the journey that Jesus calls us to, then we will get it as well.

Discipleship is about learning from and following the model that Jesus shows us. It is not just about showing up on one day a week or reading a headline. It is about walking the journey seven days a week and it is about digging deeply into our faith and our journeys.

“Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” I don't know that the yoke imagery makes my burden any lighter, but thinking about being yoked to Jesus does make it feel lighter. Would I rather yoke myself to the latest political message or shouting heads, or to Jesus? Would I rather yoke myself to the spend-more-consume-more mentality of bigger houses and bigger cars, or to Jesus? Will I yoke myself to seeking more power so that I am more important and have greater status, or should I be yoked to Jesus?

What yokes you these days? Worry about gas prices, worry about paying the bills, worry about the economy or the environment: worry, worry, worry. What is the yoke that you carry?

We have just celebrated the 4th of July, with parades, firecrackers, bands, and rousing music. It is a time for national pride and national anthems. But with rising gas prices, the growing gloom of recession, less time and less money, we seem to be burdened a good deal these days. Just making ends meet takes us away from worrying about the other in these days. Let them worry about theirs.

On the other hand, on this holiday weekend, it's easy to recall the names of those who made hard choices for this nation: George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and so many others. It is also easy to remember those whose impact has changed the world: Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., Mother Teresa, Dorothy Day, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Oscar Romero and Desmond Tutu. These and many more were able to take up their yokes and burdens and move closer to freedom and happiness. Jesus says that we can be like them as well. Even though it is a stretch, I believe that we can walk in Jesus' shoes and we can walk in the shoes of Martin Luther King or those of Dorothy Day or Desmond Tutu.

In some respects, these heroes of our country and the world are the little ones that Matthew talks about, the little ones who are eager to try, to learn, eager to reach out and to change the world. The disciples throughout



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Matthew's gospel are referred to as children and they have that child-like hunger to learn and to take up the yoke. Children learn in a variety of ways, through play and practice and imitation. The disciples are beyond childhood now and they know that the road will not be smooth and safe, but they are willing to walk the road of the Martins, Dorothys, Georges, Oscars, and Desmonds. The so-called wise and intelligent of our nation don't take those risks for they believe that nothing can change. It is the risk-takers who take up the yoke of Jesus and work for those who are sick, naked, lonely, imprisoned, and hungry.

In the 1970s, Stephen and I began a program called Alternatives to Violence in one of the prisons in Hagerstown, Maryland, a program designed to teach residents how to problem-solve without hitting someone; ways to problem-solve through reaching out and listening, through active listening. In March and April this past year, the prison was locked down for more than 30 days at a stretch because of gang activity that has threatened the safety of those living there. A group of inside AVP facilitators—about eight of them—who have been in the AVP program for a number of years are writing a proposal to the administration that they be allowed to bring their facilitation skills to bear on the unrest. They are stepping out on a road that may be a dead-end, but they are taking the risks to put forth skills that they have learned and honed over the years to bring rest and peace to the institution. They are stepping out to take risks from the journey that they have traveled and learned from.

They believe the yoke is easy and the burden is light.

Jesus says my yoke is easy and my burden is light.
Believe it and your yoke will be easy and burden light.

How will we make a difference today? Can we step out and take risks? Can we do what Jesus wants us to do? To take up the burden and believe that it is light? Can we do that today? Tomorrow? Next week?

How will we make differences today? Tomorrow?
Next week?



Mounting the new icon of Mary Magdalene in the chapel



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LETTER FROM PAUL MOBERLY

As many of you know, I've recently been approved by Bishop Ely as a Postulant for Holy Orders, and will soon be departing Brattleboro to begin studies at Virginia Theological Seminary. In fact, by the time the *Guardian* is published, I'll already be settling down on "Holy Hill" in Alexandria, Virginia, just outside of Washington, D.C. This has been a process of approximately two years of much prayer, discussion, careful thought, and spiritual discernment; and consultation with pastor Mary Lindquist, my spiritual director Thad Bennett, a sincere and thoughtful Parish Discernment Committee (PDCOM), and meetings with the Bishop and the Diocesan Commission on Ministry's Committee on Discernment (or, CoM-CoD, for short). I've learned a lot, wrestled with the decision, and been challenged throughout this process. I've come to believe strongly that God is calling me to the priesthood in God's one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

It is not without some sadness, of course, that my time as a resident of Brattleboro, and as an active member in the life of the community at St. Michael's, is now drawing to a close. I came to St. Michael's four-and-a-half years ago, visiting for the first time on Martin Luther King Sunday in January of 2010. Immediately, I felt the warm embrace of this community—and the welcome of all of you. I joined the choir right away, and found that there was a place at the table here for me. Over these past years, I've grown, and (I think!) possibly even matured a bit. I am grateful to all of you for walking with me on this journey; and I hope that I have contributed, in return, perhaps just a fraction of the love and grace I've received as a part of this family.

In addition to Thad and Mary, I want to thank the members of my parish discernment committee: Mary Carnahan, Martin Leggott, Kurt Johnson, Sarah Rich, and Karen Guthrie. They generously gave of their time, experience and wisdom, meeting regularly with me between August of 2013 and January of this year. It was a challenging, anxiety-producing, but ultimately quite rewarding experience for me, and I hope that they found it to be an enriching and worthwhile experience as well.

Of course, the process of discernment does not end here, though the formal education begins soon. I plan to keep in touch with St. Michael's and the larger community of Brattleboro over the next few years, and hope to be back to visit as often as I'm able. This parish has been such a huge part of this process for me, and really, it wouldn't have been possible without each and every one of you. God willing, I'll be able to return to St. Michael's for a joyous celebration and ordination to the transitional diaconate sometime in early 2017. In the meantime, I welcome your thoughts and prayers as I embark on the next part of this journey.

Paul Moberly



A GIFT FOR PAUL MOBERLY

I know I am not alone having mixed feelings about Paul Moberly's departure for seminary. On the one hand, I am so excited for Paul and believe he is and will be a gift to the church. On the other hand, he will be moving away from Vermont and from St. Michael's and we will miss him deeply.

If you would like to give Paul a gift to help support his seminary studies, you may give it to him directly, or join with others at St. Michael's to collect funds to buy Paul a set of vestments (alb, cassock, surplice) that he will need for seminary. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please make checks out to St. Michael's with "a gift for Paul M." in the notation. Many thanks for your prayers and support for Paul as he starts this new chapter in his life!

Mary



SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING AUGUST 7

Teachers, parents, or anyone interested in helping with Christian formation for children and youth in 2014–2015 are invited to a Sunday School meeting (with pizza!) on Wednesday, August 7, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. Kids are welcome to attend. We will gather on the Rectory Lawn (weather permitting) and share food, then have an activity for younger kids while the adults



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and youth meet. This is a time both for reflection on our existing programs (Godly Play, Workshop Rotation, Youth Forum) and a time to organize for the fall. If you have a child or children involved in Sunday School, or if you are interested in helping out with our ministry with children and youth, please come! Just speak to Mary Lindquist to RSVP or write her at mary@stmichaelsvermont.org



JERUSALEM PEACEBUILDER CAMPERS TO VISIT ST. MICHAEL'S

Last summer, the Porter family moved to Brattleboro to work full-time running an organization called Jerusalem Peacebuilders, a “a residential peace-camp for Israeli, Palestinian and American teenagers” (www.jerusalempeacebuilders.org). We are fortunate that the Porters, now active members at St. Michael's, have invited our church to participate in the work of Jerusalem Peacebuilders. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering at the camp in August, please contact Dorothy Porter at dmpinvt@yahoo.com.

In addition, kids from Jerusalem Peacemakers will be presenting the sermon at St. Michael's on Sunday, August 24, for the 10:15 a.m. service. Be sure to attend St. Michael's for this special service!



PARISH PICNIC AUGUST 31 AT THE AMES' FARM

We hope you will all come to the Ames Farm for a gfhulme@aol.com church picnic on Sunday, August 31, from 4:00–7:00 p.m. There will be swimming in the pool, hanging out, water slide for the kids, and plenty of burgers (veggie too) and hot dogs. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. We will provide a few tables, a big tent, and patio tables with umbrellas. We hope that those who are coming with last names A–L will bring a side dish, and those with names M–Z bring a dessert. We will provide drinks (iced tea, lemonade, club soda, etc.), burgers, hotdogs, buns, and condiments.

See you all there. Oh, and by the way, bring a chair!

Bill and Nancy Ames



SAY HELLO TO . . .

Newcomers Tara and Kevin Castine and their two little boys, Fuller (age 2) and Holden (age 7). Tara and Kevin both work at Fulflex, where Tara is the purchasing coordinator and Kevin is an equipment operator. Avid bicycle riders and hikers, they met on a blind date 16 years ago. Tara spent a year as a nanny in Australia and enjoys reading and camping. Raised in the Church of the Brethren in Putney, she had friends who were St. Michael's parishioners and was drawn to St. Michael's by the beauty of the service, which she finds “conducive to a peaceful mind”; the open, welcoming atmosphere; the balance of structure and freedom; and the “awesome kids' program.” Kevin is a big NASCAR fan and races go-karts, which should make for lively outings when his boys get a little older. Holden will be starting the first grade at Putney Central School in the fall. He's a big fan of robots, transformers, and, of course, dinosaurs. If you see them around (the Castines, not the dinosaurs), say “hi” and introduce yourself!



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OUR CHOIR IS LOOKING FOR YOU!

Although the St. Michael's choir takes a break in the summer months, there are almost always a goodly portion of them in attendance on any given Sunday at the 10:15 a.m. service. Thus, "informal" choir happens! There is a joy in singing, and a particular joy when singing in fellowship with those who love God.

Have you thought about singing in our choir? Would you like to find out more about it?

If so, I'd love to talk to you! You can find me most Sundays, or you can call (348-7735), write (sdedell@sover.net), or leave a message in the church office. I'm especially keen to add a couple of voices to the Bass section—could this be *you*?

Susan Dedell



OUR EARLY SERVICE BREAKFAST

Back in May, Laura Lewis and I discussed hosting a full breakfast in lieu of our regular 8:00 a.m. service coffee hour. Of course, with the many Sunday morning programs, finding an open date was quite a task. However, with the help of our many faithful "8 o'clockers," 43 parishioners were treated to breakfast on July 13 following the early service. And what a breakfast it was! Choices ranged from scrambled eggs, to hearty biscuits with sausage gravy, French toast, blintzes with jam, and fruit salad. It was wonderful seeing everyone reconnecting with friends, catching up with some of the "summer folks," hearing laughter, and seeing the smiles. After breakfast, I had many requests for recipes, so if you are interested, email me (anek.cook@gmail.com) and I will happily share them.

Special thanks must go to Laura for the wonderful idea; to Ron Lenker, Kate McGinn, Sarah Benton, and Ken Jacobs (your "pre-meal" help in the kitchen with cooking, baking, coffee, and extra set-up was invaluable, and I thank you); to Rich Melanson, Lori Palmer, Laurie Chiperfield, Nancy Ames, Vince Johnson, and MJ Woodburn (your amazing team-

work at clean-up astounded me, thank you so much); and to everyone who donated so much, from food to juice and all the little extras that made the morning special, thank you.

Jesus tells us whenever two or more are gathered together in his name he is there as well; it was very clear to me that he joined us for breakfast that morning. Thank you all for making the morning such a success.

Anne Cook





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PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE: OPERATING INCOME/EXPENSES FOR JANUARY-JUNE

Total Pledges Received: \$100,648 vs. Budget of \$109,996 (91.5% of Budget)
of which: Total Pledges Received for June: \$13,637 vs. Budget of \$18,334 (74.4%)
Total Operating Income: \$160,181 vs. Budget of \$163,848 (97.8% of Budget)
Total Operating Expenses: \$153,779 vs. Budget of \$165,307 (93.0% of Budget)



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EVER WONDER HOW TO START A NEW MINISTRY?

A few years ago, Bill Ames had a great idea for a new ministry for St. Michael's but had no idea how to start the new ministry. While he eventually figured out how to get his ministry idea off the ground, he suggested to the Vestry that it would be a good idea to have a process in place that helps people know what to do if they want to start a new ministry program or offering.

The Vestry has finalized two documents that help direct people who have inspirations for new ways to serve God in our church and community:

- Starting a ministry program (something new that does not fit into any existing committees, such as Winged Productions, or creating a monthly worship service on the Commons, etc.).
Starting a ministry offering (a short-term project like leading a book group or a six-week small group).

St. Michael's hopes to inspire and empower people to exercise their gifts for ministry. Have an idea? We want to hear about it. The forms are now available at the church office and will soon be available online.



STRATEGIC INVESTMENT IN SACRED PLACES

On a hot Friday afternoon, July 11, the Strategic Investment in Sacred Places (SISP) team composed of Sarah Benton, Chris Hart, Bruce Landenberger, and Mary Lindquist, along with a dozen or so church staff, leaders, and curious members, gathered in the large meeting room with the four SISP advisors for the first of several workshops to be held over the next two years. St. Michael's Church is one of nine churches in Vermont, both Episcopal and UCC, invited to participate in this program designed to help each participating congregation discern, assess, and deepen their roles as both a spiritual and economic asset and resource in their respective communities. The process culminates in a \$5,000 grant to be used as seed money for a special project—for some, vital maintenance or building renovations; for others, like St. Michael's having just completed a major building-improvement



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project, a program or programs to expand mission, service, and/or more efficient and wider use of our beautiful new building. The over-arching goal of the program is the preservation of often significant historical buildings, as well as the social and spiritual communities they support in an ever more volatile economic and secular climate.

A personal clergy friend of mine with a parish in Michigan said that participating in the SISP workshops not only helped them with much-needed funds to provide accessibility for both the church entrance and raised altar; almost more importantly, it also facilitated a process of self-evaluation that threw open doors to improved outreach, sense of mission, and, yes, fundraising, in support of their parish and wider community. Teach a man to fish...

Our first session was designed as a way for the advisors to get to know our congregation, or from another view, for us to begin looking at our strengths, weaknesses, and particular corporate personality. A series of questions was posed to the assembled group, opening up into comment and discussion. Areas of exploration included:

- What is St. Michael's as a congregation demographically, liturgically, and spiritually?
- Where does St. Michael's see future investment?
- What is St. Michael's role in the larger community of Brattleboro and beyond?
- How does the congregation of St. Michael's work together? Communicate? Handle disagreement?
- How does St. Michael's tap into individual members' interests and skills?
- How would St. Michael's use the seed money?
- How does St. Michael's communicate with the larger community? Reach out to non-members?

Ensuing conversation was lively, insightful, and sometimes surprising. I am sure that it will continue, and serve to inform future workshops which will explore ideas including assessment of St. Michael's economic value to the community, effective use of congregational resources, fundraising, and community partnering. The afternoon closed with a tour of the

building and a narrative of recent renovations, led by former Clerk of the Works Ron Lenker.

The Team meets with the SISP advisors again in September. And welcomes constructive observation and insight. Contact Mary, or any of the team members.

Bruce Landenberger



VOLUNTEER AT KIDS4PEACE LEADERSHIP CAMP

This camp for Palestinian, Israeli, and American teens run by Nicholas and Dorothy Porter is held from August 1–10 and August 13–24 at 1635 Hinesburg Road in Brattleboro. We invite you to participate by volunteering to help prepare lunch for our campers. Volunteers are welcome to sit in on morning or afternoon camper dialogues. For further information, contact Dorothy Porter at 254-0068 or dmpinvt@yahoo.com.



OUR OUTREACH COMMITTEE AND LOAVES & FISHES

As one of the newer members of both our Outreach Committee and Loaves & Fishes, I am on a learning curve. I joined the Outreach Committee because I wanted to be physically involved in how our congregation interacted with the Brattleboro community at large. I have found that this group of very dedicated individuals struggles not only with this issue, but also with its desire to interact on both a national and an international level. The eight-to-ten people meet on the first Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. We few can not, and should not, be the only line of communication with the world outside St. Michael's Episcopal Church. Your ideas and actions would make us a more effective body.

Joining Loaves & Fishes began as a way to mark time as I was newly unemployed and trying to determine what I wanted to be when I grew up. For me, this group has opened my eyes to one of life's basic needs, hunger, which is not being efficiently met within our



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community. Are you aware that upwards of 300 people receive a free, healthy, home-cooked meal each Tuesday and Friday at the Center Congregational church on Main Street? And each Tuesday and Friday morning I find myself surrounded by members of our faith community not only cooking, cleaning, packaging, and planning, but also dropping by with vegetables, milk, breads, sweets, flowers, smiles, and their desire to know if more is needed. If you are not one of these people yet, you could be. Right now Loaves & Fishes needs pot holders, bar towels, plastic containers, and funds. Loaves & Fishes pays the Vermont Food Bank about \$100 a month. Consider adopting a month. Consider joining us for a month. The conversation is always lively, the good feeling is contagious, and the food is amazing.

Hollis Carlisle



**LAMBS FOR THE HOLIDAYS
AT LOAVES & FISHES**

We have a few openings left for those who might want to donate meat to the Loaves & Fishes twice-weekly lunch service in Brattleboro. A donation of \$125 (with tax deduction to the donor) provides a lamb to be raised by us at our farm, to be butchered and delivered in December for holiday meals. Lambs will be bought in August. Please make out a check to Loaves & Fishes in Brattleboro and mail it to Ruth Tilghman, 603 Upper Dummerston Road, Brattleboro, VT 05301.

*Thanks,
Bill and Nancy Ames*

EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

ADULT EDUCATION FOR THE FALL

The Forum Committee—Bill Ames, Nancy Barber, Karen Guthrie (Vestry Liaison), Joel Hill, Mary Lindquist, Annamarie Pluhar, Ruth Tilghman—is on hiatus for the summer. When we re-convene in August we will continue to plan forums for September and October. While forums led by clergy are very popular, we realize we have an untapped resource in our own parishioners (remember the stories of the birth mothers, the videos of the elder interviews, the report from Hilltop Montessori students?). We invite you to come forward with your suggestions for the 2014-2015 forum year, either as presenters or just to suggest topics. To guide you, see below our mission statement, which we use to guide us. Thank you for your interest and attendance this past year, and thank you for your continuing participation!



ADULT FORUM MISSION STATEMENT

The Adult Forums will offer a diversity of topics covering:

- different interests (outreach, scripture, contemplative Christianity, spirituality, tradition, community interests, etc.);
 - experiences of faith;
 - the basics of Christianity and the Episcopal Church (for both those new to the church and those who want to rediscover their roots) and
 - specialized topics (for deeper understanding)
- In the context of:
- small, high-commitment/confidential small-group offerings,
 - open, low-commitment offerings (forums), and
 - a balance between content and discussion

All offerings are to be connected to our context (Christian, faith community); all topics should ask the question, “How does this connect to our faith?” or “So what?”.

*Nancy Barber,
for the Committee*

DID YOU KNOW?

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ROTA FOR AUGUST

LITURGICAL ROTA FOR AUGUST 2014 • 8:00 AM AND 10:15 AM SUNDAY SERVICES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

POSITION	AUGUST 3	AUGUST 10	AUGUST 17	AUGUST 24	AUGUST 31
8:00 A.M. SERVICE					
Service at Christ Church, Guilford on August 3 & September 7					
Lay Assistant	Anita Crosson	Kate McGinn	Wayne Cook	Anita Crosson	Wayne Cook
Intercessor	Laura Lewis	Joanne Patalano	Kiersten McKenney	Doug Switzer	Bill Ames
Healing Minister	MJ Woodburn	Jean Smith	Trudy Crites	Sarah Benton	Janet Cramer
Usher	TBD	Bill Ames	Anne Cook	Bill Ames	Anne Cook
10:15 A.M. SERVICE					
Crucifer	Miranda Smith	Mikael Mattson	Ken Nielson	Ricky Davidson	Peter Johnson
Torch Bearers	Whitney Nichols Fred Bump	K.C. Mattson Jake Mattson	Betsy Bates Brian White	Jonah Johnson Clara Fritz	Kiersten Landin Betsy Bates
Lay Assistant	Greg Lesch	Annamarie Pluhar	Annie Landenberger	Miranda Smith	Jessica Bennett
Lector	Chris Chapman	Susan Heimer	Dawn Kotapish	Sarah Warren	Jodi Clark
Intercessor	Sarah Benton	Mary Carnahan	Diana Bingham	Joe Grannis	Jen Karstad
Ushers	Sherry Stimmel Sissi Loftin	Sarah Benton Linda Rice	The Fritz Family	Michael Doty-Tolaro & Ron Doty-Tolaro	Corky Elwell Chris Hart
Element Bearers	Craig Hammond & Liz Vick	Ken Jacobs Dick Burtis	John Daly Leigh Marthe	MJ Woodburn & Vince Johnson	The Allen Family
Altar Guild	Mary Carnahan Betty Elwell Rebecca Olmstead Zadie Olmstead	Madelyn Howard Carol Hesselbach Lynn Billington	Madelyn Howard Carol Hesselbach Lynn Billington	Susan Dyer Elise Burrows Pat Laubach Judy Walker Laurie Chiperfield	Susan Dyer Elise Burrows Pat Laubach Judy Walker Laurie Chiperfield
Healing Team	Trudy Crites Robin White-Diamondstone	Margit Lilly Janet Cramer	Janet Cramer MJ Woodburn	Margit Lilly Robin White-Diamondstone	Trudy Crites Betsy Bates
Lemonade	Outreach Committee	Outreach Committee	Outreach Committee	Vestry	Vestry
Counters	Sherry Stimmel Judith Hildreth	Vince Johnson Ricky Davidson	Jared Rediske Wayne Cook	Sherry Stimmel Judith Hildreth	Doug Switzer Gwen Mousin

If you cannot make it, please find your own replacement; then call Jeanie in the Office at 802-254-6048, ext. 104. Thank you.





CELEBRATIONS

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 2	Caleb Fritz
August 9	Pat Laubach
August 11	Christine Triebert
August 13	Paul Moberly
August 16	Joe Grannis, Louis Ronconi
August 17	Gregory Lesch
August 18	Avery Buchanan, Mary Carnahan
August 19	Samuel David Mattocks
August 20	Emmanuel Keppel
August 21	Judith McBean
August 22	Janet Brocklehurst
August 23	Samantha Scharff
August 25	Meghan Mattocks
August 26	Susan Dedell, Betty Elwell
August 28	Fred Bump
August 30	Chilton Williamson
August 31	Ronda Burgess

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 5	Bill & Nancy Ames
August 19	Jodi Clark & Jenny Karstad
August 20	John & Mary Carnahan Lawrin & Pam Crispe
August 22	Alan & Judith McBean
August 24	Susan & Paul Dyer
August 25	Christine Hart & Bill Morlock
August 27	Martin & Deborah Leggott
August 30	Vince Johnson & MJ Woodburn
August 31	Ed & Jane Sbardella Robert & Susan Kochinskas

FAVORITES FROM CHURCH BULLETINS NEAR AND FAR

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn sing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

AUGUST LECTIONARY

Please check on line in the announcements section of the website to see what the readings are for the coming Sunday.

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Our Worship Together

SUNDAYS—8:00 a.m., Quiet service of prayer and Holy Communion

8:00 a.m. Service will be at Christ Church in Guilford on
July 6, August 3 & September 7

10:15 a.m., Prayer, music, and Holy Communion, with childcare

WEEKDAY MORNINGS—6:00 a.m., Silent hour in chapel

WEDNESDAYS—Noon, Brief service of prayer and
Holy Communion

THURSDAYS—5:30 p.m., Contemplative service of chanting,
silence, and prayer

SATURDAYS—8:00 a.m., Centering prayer

This Month At St. Michael's Episcopal

AUGUST 7—Sunday School Meeting

AUGUST 31—Parish Picnic