

DECEMBER 2013

A BLESSED ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON

Sunday, December 1 *First Sunday of Advent*

Sunday, December 8 Second Sunday of Advent, St. Nicholas Fair

Saturday, December 14 *The Greening of the Church, 9:00 a.m.*

Sunday, December 15 *Third Sunday of Advent Advent Lessons and Carols, 4:00 p.m., reception following*

Sunday, December 22 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Tuesday, December 24 *Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist 4:00 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist, 9:00 p.m.*

Wednesday, December 25 Festival Holy Eucharist, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 29 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m. Christmas Lessons and Carols (no Eucharist), 10:15 a.m.





FROM THE RECTORY

The other day I was on the computer reading an online biblical commentary. As I was reading about the historical background for Luke 21, my eyes were drawn to a flashing figure of a human torso on the right side of the screen. Underneath the muscular torso, it read, "Five surefire ways to burn belly fat."

The juxtaposition of biblical commentary with belly fat not only made me laugh, but also reminded me of the kind of tensions we encounter in the world we live in every day. No matter how hard we try to keep our attention on that which is meaningful, holy, and important in our lives, we cannot seem to escape the relentless ploys of advertisers vying for our attention.

Advent is the season of the church year when we are called to deep reflection, silence, prayer, and spiritual preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. It is a time to meditate on the grace and presence of God's love for us. But as much as we try to keep our focus on Jesus' birth, there always seems to be something bright and flashing that draws our attention away.

I have no solution or magic cure for this tension, except to acknowledge that this tension is most acute and pronounced in the season of Advent. However, I do want to share with you a prayer that has been helpful to me over the years, written by theologian Karl Rahner:

I should like to bring the routine of my daily life before you, O God, to discuss the long days and tedious hours that are filled with everything else but you.

You know that my daily routine is all business and activity; even my times of prayer can be a desert filled with empty sound. Through my own attitude I can transfer the holiest events into the gray tedium of dull routine. Everything I do becomes routine work because everything can rob me of the one and only thing I need, which is you, my God.

But on the other hand, if it's true that I can lose you in everything I do, it must also be true that I can find you in everything I do. Thus I must seek you in all things, even in the business, routine, noise, and fury of each day.

So what should I say to you now, as I come to lay my everyday routine before you? There is only one thing I can beg of you and that is your most ordinary exalted gift, the grace of your love that you have already given me. Amen.

May you each have a blessed and holy Advent.

Yours in Christ, Mary



NEWS OF THE PARISH

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT REHEARSALS START DECEMBER 1

Calling toddlers, children, and teens—and an infant for the "lead"! Join St. Michael's Christmas Eve pageant and help bring the Nativity to life for our parish!

We've been doing our own Vermont Nativity for several years now and will continue to do so, modifying to fit the company and adding, of course, any new elements that pageanteers invent. For the last few years, for instance, we have been blessed with flocks of free-range angels!

Here are the roles we need to fill: Innkeeper's Assistant, Innkeeper, Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Angel Gabriel, Angels, Shepherds, Wise Wo/Men, Starbearer, Townspeople, and Readers (all 10–18s are welcome as readers!).

We'll rehearse: Sunday mornings 9:00-10:00 a.m. (during Sunday school time) starting December 1, when we'll talk briefly about the story we'll tell and hear what role each child would like to play. On December 8 and 15, the rehearsals will be more detailed. In addition, we'll have a session with readers only, at a mutually convenient time. Dress rehearsal will be on December 22, right after the 10:15 service. The pageant will be at 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24.

We invite kids from outside the Parish to join in, too. If you have friends from school or the neighborhood who'd like to be part of the pageantry, please encourage them to come to do so.

For more information and to sign up, contact Annie Landenberger, 348-7156, verbatim@svcable.net. Watch for more information and a list of other adult contacts in upcoming Sunday Bulletins.



20s/30s Christmas Party December 13

Sarah and David Warren have graciously offered to host a Christmas party this year for the 20s/30s group at their home at the Northfield-Mount Hermon campus in Northfield, Massachusetts (about 10–15 minutes south of us). This will take place on Friday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m. Newcomers are very welcome.

The gathering will be a potluck, with the main dish being provided by David and Sarah. Please RSVP to Paul Moberly if you will be attending at paul.b.moberly@gmail.com. Please let Paul know what you can bring and if you will need childcare. We will try to arrange for childcare at St. Michael's for the evening.

We'll also be doing a Yankee Swap, so bring a white elephant/inexpensive gift (please don't spend more than \$5–10).

We will arrange car-pools leaving from the church, and I'm glad to pick up folks who don't have wheels readily available; just let Paul know.

Stay tuned for additional details as they become available. Looking forward to a joyous holiday celebration with as many of you as can join!



THE GREENING OF THE CHURCH DECEMBER 14

All are invited to the greening of the church on Saturday, December 14, at 9:00 a.m. This is a festive time when we adorn the church with greens and decorate the Christmas tree. Please join us!



ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS DECEMBER 15

The Advent Service of Lessons and Carols will be on Sunday, December 15, at 4:00 p.m. The choir is primed and pumped, and we all are ready to celebrate this most beloved of seasons by joining our voices with yours in Advent carols and hymns. This is a wonderful service for all of us, whether we are new to the church or cradle Episcopalians, so be sure to invite your friends and neighbors. They will feel warmly welcomed in our beautiful greened sanctuary and newly handicapped-accessible building. The choir has several wonderful new anthems to share, including the incredible "O Nata Lux" from Morten Lauridsen's *Lux*



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ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS RECEPTION

The reception after the Lessons and Carols service is both a St. Michael's tradition and a wonderful way to provide hospitality to visitors to our church. We are asking the congregation to help by bringing food.

- If you are able to help, and your last name begins with A–J, please bring sweet finger food.
- If your last name begins with K–Z, please bring cheese and crackers or fruit.

Food may be dropped off at Coffee Hour on December 15 or before the Lessons and Carols service later that day. Please contact Betsy Bates if you have any questions, 257-0734. Thank you ahead of time for your help!



CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Janet and Sissi are again coordinating arrangements for lunch after the Christmas Day service. If you do not have other plans, please join us in the Undercroft with our St. Michael's family. All are welcome. Please contact sissiloftin@hotmail.com or phone Sissi/Janet at 254-9509 for more details. We hope to see you there.



OPENING NEW DOORS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD: STEWARDSHIP FOR 2014

Many thanks to those who have pledged to support the mission and ministry of St. Michael's in 2013. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our parish!

We are also thankful to Doug Switzer, Steven Meyer, Christy Fritz, and Mark Genszler who gave wonderful stewardship reflections in October and November. Each of them spoke from the heart and helped us all think deeply about what St. Michael's means to us.

If you haven't yet turned in your pledge card, we hope you will soon! We understand that your financial support is only one way you support St. Michael's and that you all give generously of your time and your gifts. However, we tend to emphasize your financial support at this time of the year because we are in the midst of drawing together a budget for 2014. If you have not received a stewardship brochure or pledge card, please contact the church office (254-6048) or pick one up in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.



FOYER DINNERS RESUME IN JANUARY

St. Michael's is going to start up the Foyer Dinners again in January. For anyone new you may ask, "What are foyer dinners?" Foyer dinners are strictly a social event that happen with members of our church who may want to get to know other members more closely. How they work is, you sign up and you (and your spouse, significant other, partner) are put into a group of eight that will meet once a month in someone's home for dinner. You may elect, as a group, to have the dinners be potluck, or you may decide to "be a host, be a guest." In this case the person/couple who hosts the dinner will provide the whole dinner and everyone else are guests who just show up for an enjoyable evening. Then the next month someone else hosts everything. However you decide to entertain is up to you as a group.

We have had groups that have done both ways. We have had groups that have been together for over seven years. We have had groups where lifetime connections, including marriage, are made. It is a wonderful way to meet new people and make connections where otherwise you may not have gotten to know your best friend.

Please call or email Lori Palmer 802-251-0660 (lo_palm@hotmail.com) if you would like to join one of these fun groups. We will begin somewhere around the first of the new year so get your name/s in soon so we can get you in a group.



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ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE ON THE VESTRY?

The Vestry of St. Michael's is called to advance the mission and ministry of our parish and to be open in spirit, deep in faith, rich in worship, and active in service. Each year we nominate new candidates for the open positions on the Vestry. This year we have three open positions of 3-year terms and one open position for a 1-year term. A total of nine people serve on the Vestry.

If you would like to know more about serving on the Vestry (job description, nature of commitment, etc.) or if you would like to be nominated to serve, please arrange a time to speak with one of the outgoing vestry members (Corky Elwell, Judith Hildreth, Wayne Cook, or Ronny Johnson) or with our Rector, Mary Lindquist. We hope to have nominations by mid-December so that we may publish them in January's *Guardian*.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

For January 1–October 31:

Total Pledges Received: **\$171,409** vs. Budget of **\$176,417** (97.2% of Budget)

(for the month of October alone, the figures are **\$21,563** vs. Budget of **\$17,642**, or 122.2%)

Total Operating Income: **\$257,783** vs. Budget of **\$258,950** (99.5% of Budget)

Total Operating Expenses: **\$249,367** vs. Budget of **\$254,194** (98.1% of Budget)

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REPORT FROM CONVENTION

Some Reflections on the 2013 Diocese of Vermont Convention

All I can say is, "Wow!" I was duly blessed this year to be both a first-time delegate, representing St. Michael's parish, and a member of the Convention planning team. I'd been to Diocesan Convention once before, last year, as an observer-"just for fun," really. And I had noticed times when people felt energized and connected (mostly during worship and formation events), but also when people felt generally exhausted, worn down by the sheer volume of business and the often-lengthy debates. Thanks be to God, we have a Bishop and people in leadership at the diocesan level who are receptive to ideas from newcomers like me! The planning team got to tinker a bit with the arc of the convention schedule, and what resulted was a truly joyous gathering, infused with much singing and saturated with worship. I think, rather than being worn out at the end of day on Saturday, many of the folks who attended were, like me, energized, renewed, rejoicing.

The music was led by Ana Hernandez, who has a casual, down-to-earth style of teaching paperless music, which inspired everyone to lift their voices in praise. Although very few of the songs we sang were familiar to any of us, we were all soon joining in to these simple choruses. Whenever we'd been sitting too long, or business got a bit dry, Ana would jump up and call us to our feet. Even when debates over resolutions got a tad contentious, Ana helped us all to refocus our minds on the larger picture. It's amazing what power singing has to bring us together and to remind us that our mission is God's; and even when we disagree, we are one body, together.

Tom Brackett, the Missioner for Church Planting and Ministry Redevelopment for the wider Episcopal Church, was the speaker. I'd heard Tom speak before, but this time was even more inspiring. He brought stories of folks doing inspiring new things around the Episcopal Church. He challenged all of us to listen for the moving of the Holy Spirit, right now, in our Church and in our congregations; to allow ourselves to be disturbed out of our tendency toward "but we've always done it that way" thinking; and to imagine that, truly, our best days as a Church are yet ahead.

I came away with a palpable sense that the Holy Spirit is at work, right now, for real, in the Episcopal Church; in our own rural Diocese of Vermont; and yes, indeed, right here at St. Michael's in Brattleboro. God is doing a new thing in our midst. What that means for us as a people of God is still emerging, still taking shape. We are the midwives of that new thing. If God is doing something here and now, I, for one, want to be a part of it.

Paul Moberly



It was a privilege to attend the 2013 Diocesan Convention "Stirrings of the Spirit" in Burlington recently as a delegate of St. Michael's Church. I particularly enjoyed the opportunity for fellowship with parishioners of fellow churches across the state, the worship lead by Bishop Ely, and the music by Anna Hernandez. I felt connected to a community that is much larger than I realized and inspired by their unique experiences and testimonies.

I was also very moved by the preaching and "multisensory" presentation of the Rev. Tom Brackett, who spoke on how to engage and nurture the new life emerging within our individual faith communities. His words on how to learn from failure, how to make peace with uncertainty, and how to navigate the volatility, uncertainty, and complexity inherent to the human condition were inspiring on a personal level and thought-provoking in the context of considering the journey ahead for St. Michael's Church. I'm grateful to the parish for the opportunity to attend and would enjoy sharing more about the aforementioned ideas with anyone who might be interested.

Dawn Kotapish



REPORT FROM CONVENTION

ST. MICHAEL'S PEOPLE ELECTED TO DIOCESAN POSITIONS

Also at the 2013 Convention, three St. Michael's people were elected as diocesan officials:

- Mary Lindquist will serve a 4-year term on the Diocesan Standing Committee, an advisory committee to the Bishop, which also acts in the absence of the Bishop as the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese. The committee must consent to ordinations and to Episcopal elections in other dioceses. The committee may also consent to the sale and purchase of land/buildings.
- **Clark Anderson** will serve a 7-year term on the Board of Trustees, which is the owner of all diocesan

property and is responsible for management of diocesan investments. The Board also manages invested funds entrusted to it by congregations and schools of the Diocese.

• Joel Hill will serve as an alternate to the Provincial Synod, the oversight group for programs sponsored by the New England dioceses, and which also serves as a link between the Province and Executive Council and other wider-church groups and activities.

If you are interested in being a delegate to the 2014 Diocesan Convention, please let Mary Lindquist know!

OUR MISSION AND WORK...AND HOW YOU CAN HELP

SING MESSIAH AND HELP THE HOMELESS DECEMBER 7



You are warmly invited to join in this year's Messiah Sing, featuring our own Clark Anderson as conductor. The downbeat comes at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 7, at Centre Congregational Church in downtown Brattleboro.

This is the 43rd annual Messiah Sing sponsored by Friends of Music at Guilford. Some 300 singers from

the tri-state area join to sing favorites from Handel's masterwork. A few other folks come to luxuriate in the amazing sound of such a gathering. Because the business community and a private donor cover the costs, all door donations are divided between Morningside Shelter and the Drop-In Center for their work with the homeless. More than \$8,000 has been donated over the past four seasons! Also, the Drop-In Center's van outside the church will collect bags of nonperishable food and winter outerwear, as well as blankets and sheets for the Overflow Shelter.

DECEMBER LECTIONARY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1: Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44, Psalm 122

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8: Isaiah 11:1–10, Romans 15:4–13, Matthew 3:1–12, Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15: Isaiah 35:1–10, James 5:7–10, Matthew 11:2–11, Psalm 146:4–9, or Canticle 3 or Canticle 15

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22: Isaiah 7:10–16, Romans 1:1–7, Matthew 1:18–25, Psalm 80:1–7, 16–18

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29: Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Galatians 3:23-25;4:4-7, John 1:1-18, Psalm 147 or 147:13-21



EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

GODLY PLAY: HOW AND WHY

Every Sunday at 10:15 a.m., the children of the parish are welcome to come to Godly Play. While the adults are participating in the Liturgy of the Word, the part of the service that includes all the



center. The idea is that children learn about the church year from the structure of the room, and that they can always find a story if they want to play with it.

Each story is written so that a young person might understand. For instance, in teaching about prophets: "Prophets know the best way. Men and women are prophets. So they were once boys and girls like you."

Every Godly Play session has a storyteller and a doorkeeper. The storyteller memorizes the story so that in the telling they can easily manipulate the props. The doorkeeper helps out in a variety of ways. We could use a few more people to help out, especially as the number of children at St. Michael's has increased. Storytelling is fun. The children are appreciative. Are you interested? Might you help out three or four Sundays a year?

Annamarie Pluhar

Adult Forum Schedule for December

December 1, Birth and Expectation—As we approach this time of Advent, we are reflecting on themes of expectation and the nuanced meaning of that word. What are the expectations that we hold for one another and for ourselves within communities, families, and on a personal level? What happens when those expectations are disrupted? Is a shift in expectation necessarily aligned with disappointment or can it also bring about possibility? Hunter Greenwood Swanson, a transgender therapist specializing within the LGBTQ community and his wife Kathryn would like to invite you to discuss these themes with them as they prepare for the advent of their first child this coming March. They will also touch upon the challenges of navigating gender and identity in a non-traditionally gendered family.

December 8, Expectation in the stories about St. Nicholas—Joel Hill will lead.

December 15, Expectant Living—What is the role of expectation in faithful living? Does an attitude of expectancy somehow assist God's desire to transform us and the world? What does it look like to live faithfully in the face of both expectation and disappointment? We'll consider these questions as we look at Scripture and hear one another's thoughts and stories. Jean Smith leads.

December 22, Wrap-up to Advent: A review of the Advent forums and something extra—Thad Bennett will lead.

readings and sermon, the children have a Liturgy of the Word that is tailored to younger minds. Bible stories are told with the help of props that illustrate the stories. Children are encouraged to listen to the story and then to wonder about the story. After the story telling, children are invited to do an activity. Their choices are art, or playing with the props of a particular story.

Godly Play is based on the work of Maria Montessori. Each of the stories has a tray or basket that holds the props of that story together. Like in a Montessori classroom where everything has a place, the stories belong in a particular spot that is labeled. The stories are arrayed around the room in an order that is similar to the liturgical year, with the Holy Family at the



ST. NICHOLAS FAIR

ST. NICHOLAS FAIR DECEMBER 8

Not a great deal is known about Nicholas except that he was Bishop of Myra in the 4th century. Beyond that much of what we conjecture about Nicholas stems from myth and legend. He is known as the patron of sailors and children and also for generosity and the giving of gifts. One of the legends about Nicholas is that he often dropped small bags of gold in the windows of young women who could not marry because they did not have sufficient dowries. As the bearer of gifts to children, his name came to America by Dutch colonists in New York and from that he is popularly known as Santa Claus.

In this period of Advent when we wait with great

expectation for the birth of God's love, a son, we will stop briefly and celebrate St. Nicholas at a festive fair. On Sunday, December 8, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service, the St. Nicholas Fair will be held in the Undercroft of the parish. The Fair



begins with a lunch of soup, salad, and bread, and then there will be great opportunities for creating gifts to share with friends and families.

There will be door swags, Christmas tree ornaments, bird feeders, small wooden boxes to create and paint, bow-making, cookies to decorate, and chocolate melting in the kitchen to shape into candies for giving. It is rumored that a visit by the Bishop of Myra may also happen, but you will have to come to see if that rumor is fulfilled.

In addition to all the creating, there is a Christmas Shoppe open where children are invited to come and purchase small gifts for their

families. We always have someone who can help with wrapping the gifts to put under trees. This intergenerational event for the whole parish family is great fun and we invite you to be a part of it with us.

Joel Hill





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LITURGICAL ROTA FOR DECEMBER 2013 · 8:00 AM AND 10:15 AM SUNDAY SERVICES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

POSITION	DECEMBER I	DECEMBER 8	DECEMBER 15	DECEMBER 22	DECEMBER 29
		8:00 A.M	SERVICE		
Lay Assistant	Anita Crosson	Wayne Cook	Kate McGinn	Anita Crosson	Wayne Cook
Intercessor	Doug Switzer	Bill Ames	Laura Lewis	Anne Brown	Joanne Patalano
Usher	Judy McGee	Anne Cook	Anne Cook	Anne Cook	Anne Cook
Sacramental Healing	Janet Cramer	Sarah Benton	Trudy Crites	MJ Woodburn	Sarah Benton
		10:15 A.M	I. SERVICE		
Crucifer	Annamarie Pluhar	Mikael Mattson	Peter Johnson	Jessica Bennett	Ricky Davidson
Torch Bearers	Miranda Smith	Jake Mattson	Leigh Marthe	Jonah Johnson	Caleb Fritz
	Brian White	KC Mattson	Julian Siegel	Andachew Mousin	Clara Fritz
Element Bearers	Andy & Elise Burrows	Sherry Stimmel	Ken Jacobs	Sissi Loftin &	
	,	Linda Rice	Ricky Davidson	Janet Brocklehurst	
Lay Assistant	Nancy Barber	Joyce Vining Morgan	Annie Landenberger	Brian Morgan	
Lector	Sarah Warren	Diana Bingham	Martin Leggott	Jodi Clark	Sarah Rich
Ushers	John Daly John Carnahan	Vince Johnson Nancy Barber	Andy & Elise Burrows	Michael & Susan Wilmott	Betsy Bates Ken Jacobs
Sacramental Healing	Betsy Bates	MJ Woodburn	Betsy Bates	Janet Cramer	Trudy Crites
	Sarah Benton	Trudy Crites	Robin	Robin	Jean Smith
			White-Diamondstone	White-Diamondstone	
Altar Guild	Jane Sbardella	Jane Sbardella	Irene Burtis	Irene Burtis	Mary Carnahan
	Christine Gauthier	Christine Gauthier	Craig Newbert	Craig Newbert	Betty Elwell
	Lucia Osiecki	Lucia Osiecki	Judith Hildreth	Judith Hildreth	Rebecca Olmstead
			Ruth Struthers	Ruth Struthers	Zadie Olmstead
Counters	Anne Cook	Wayne Cook	Ricky Davidson	Sherry Stimmel	Doug Switzer
	Judy McGee	Vince Johnson	Jared Rediske	Judith Hildreth	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.





MILESTONES & TRANSITIONS

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 1	Liz Vick
December 7	Susanna Grannis Chris Mattson
December 8	Paul Dyer
December 9	Jeanette Perry
December 10	Arthur Smith Daniel Smith Clara Fritz
December 12	Jenny Karstad
December 14	Paula Ryan Robin White-Diamondstone Nathan Potter
December 15	Carol Hesselbach
December 17	Jessica Bennett
December 20	Merribelle Coles
December 21	Peter Walker Stephanie Dockery
December 22	Susan Avery Ann Bonneville
December 23	Jean Smith
December 25	Joyce Vining Morgan
December 26	Jeanette Landin
December 28	MJ Woodburn Christine Gauthier
December 30	Julia Miramontes Annamarie Pluhar Dolly Glennon

ANNIVERSARIES

December 5	Brian & Joyce Vining Morgan
December 7	Michael & Susan Wilmott
December 27	Bruce & Kerry Capponcelli



Therefore the Lord shall give you a sign: behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Emmanuel.



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Our Worship Together

- SUNDAYS—8:00 a.m., Quiet service of prayer and Holy Communion
- 10:15 a.m., Prayer, music, and Holy Communion, with Sunday School and childcare
- WEEKDAY MORNINGS-6:00 a.m., silent hour in chapel
- WEDNESDAYS—Noon, Brief service of prayer and Holy Communion
- THURSDAYS—9:00 a.m., Rite I service; 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

Please see front for Advent and Christmas services schedule

- DECEMBER 13—20s/30s Christmas Party
- DECEMBER 14—The Greening of the Church
- DECEMBER 15—Lessons and Carols
- DECEMBER 25—Christmas Day Lunch