

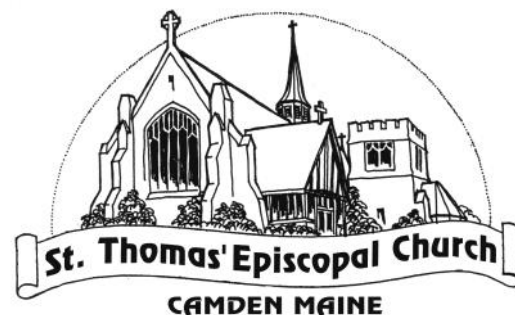
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Tidings

Sunday, November 15, 2015

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

We welcome all who enter these doors, especially those who enter for the first time or after a long absence. May this place be like home to you! All are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine at this altar. People are available in the Chapel during Holy Communion to pray with you about any need or thanksgiving.



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Prayer List

We celebrate those members who have birthdays this week: Jeff Conrad (November 16). Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: Marya Allen, Chris Pettee, Seana Roubinek, Ron, Andrew, Jean Harper, Nancy Mack, Jeremy Tucker, Bill Sharpe, and others who need our prayers: Kamrie Hodgman, Debbi Stockwell, Georgiana, Meredith Peters, Michael Drons.

Stewardship Update

Thank you to those that have pledged to support St. Thomas; as of November 8, we have received 50 pledges totaling \$139,538. If you need a pledge card, there are extras in the copy room or ask George and he will be glad to provide you with one. Thank you for your support of St. Thomas' Church!
Everything is possible for him who believes.
(Mark 6:23)

Building and Grounds Committee

We want to give you an update regarding our facilities. The Building and Grounds Committee members are Chris Glass and Parker Laite, (co-chairs), Fred Bucklin, Bob Furman, Elizabeth Moran and Carlos Mello. The committee is in the process of making recommendations for capital improvements and repairs of our Church buildings. Two critical capital improvements have been identified: a new roof on the parish hall and new windows for the rectory. The parish hall roof was replaced last week and the new windows will be installed before the end of the year. Thanks to generous donations we are able to complete these tasks before the winter. Stay tuned for updates as well as news regarding a Capital Improvements Campaign to begin in 2016.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 26
2:00 pm
Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Thomas'

Saturday, December 5
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
St. Thomas' Christmas Fair

Sunday, December 20
Greening of the Church
following the 9:30 service

Thursday, December 24
Christmas Eve
4:00 pm - Holy Eucharist Rite II
with Children's Christmas Pageant
10:00 pm - Holy Eucharist Rite I

Christmas Day
9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

sign up, or call Connie (236-4473) to help with your time, talents and wonderful donations, as so many of you have done in the past.

Polly's Pantry: It's time to begin planning what you will make for the bake table at the Christmas Fair. Dust off your favorite holiday recipes and shop for the ingredients. In just a few short weeks we will need all you wonderful cooks and bakers to bring us your best goodies. Thanks for including the church in your holiday baking plans.

—Jan Conrad

Singing Opportunity for Children

Bonnie Achterhof will again be offering an opportunity for children to sing together after the services today and next week. Children who would like to participate will follow her after Communion to the Green Room where they will sing for about 20 minutes.

Christmas Fair News

Our Christmas Fair is coming up right on the heels of Thanksgiving: **Saturday, December 5**. Connie Rader is looking for your donations of *gift-quality* items, decorative home items and/or Christmas decorations; attractive antique, vintage or "as new" table linens and table ware. Also, new linens (packaged), new or clean or barely used toys and children's Christmas books and quality undamaged small furniture, lamps and shades. (As usual, we will not accept used small appliances or used/outdated technology. And never used sheets or towels.)

Volunteers are need to sort and price donations, move boxes from the Rummage Room, work a shift at the Fair, and/or helping with clean-up afterwards. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Sun Room, so please

Next Sunday: Q. and A.

November 22

The Last Sunday after Pentecost:

Christ the King

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

As representative for the Diocese, Canon Michael Ambler will be available after each service to answer questions about St. Thomas' discernment process.

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: Canon Michael Ambler; **Deacon:** The Rev. Rosalee Glass/The Rev. Abby Pettee; **Eucharistic Minister:** Sandy Lyle; **Lectors:** Sandy Lyle, Paul Holman; **Prayers of the People:** Jan Lyle; **Usher:** Jan Lyle

9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: Canon Michael Ambler; **Deacon:** The Rev.

Rosalee Glass/The Rev. Abby Pettee;
Crucifer: Jeff Conrad; **Eucharistic Minister:**
Holly Vondell; **Lectors:** Jeff Conrad, Jade
Hazzard; **Prayers of the People:** Roy Gilley;
Acolytes: Joshua Shea, Elizabeth Akin

Today's Music

At the 2009 General Convention of The Episcopal Church, a newly expanded listing of saints commemorated was adopted, with the title, *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints*. The title comes from the 12th Century Latin text contained in Hymn #238, *The Hymnal 1982*:

*Blessed feasts of blessed martyrs, holy
women, holy men,
With affection's recollections greet we your
return again.
Worthy deeds they wrought, and wonders,
worthy of the Name they bore;
We, with meekest praise and sweetest, honor
them for evermore.*

November 21st we remember three English church musicians: John Merbecke (1505-1585), Thomas Tallis (1505-1585) and William Byrd (1543-1623). Merbecke composed music to accompany the 1549 *Book of Common Prayer*. We hear his setting of *The Great Litany* sung at *The Great Vigil of Easter*. Although a Roman Catholic, Tallis survived serving under four monarchs and is regarded as the father of English Church music. Byrd, also a Roman Catholic, was a student, colleague and successor of Tallis, who produced an enormous and varied body of music for the church.

Since next Sunday, November 22nd, is the last Sunday of the Church Year: Christ the King (yes, the following Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent!) we are remembering these three giants of church music. Herbert Howells (English, 1892-1983) wrote the exquisite prelude as a paean to Tallis. The Choir sings one of Tallis' well-loved anthems, *If ye love me*. Then we all get to sing one of Tallis' most stirring hymns, *I heard the voice of Jesus say*. Ralph Vaughan Williams brought this hymn back to our attention while editing *The Episcopal Hymnal* and was so taken with the tune that he wrote his *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis* for double string orchestra and solo quartet (1910).

We also sing the bright Sunday hymn, *O day of radiant gladness*, as well as the 1693 German tune, *Munich*, matched with the 1867 text pointing us to the Holy Scripture, *O Christ, the Word Incarnate*. At the Offertory we sing one of the strongest hymns for social justice and peace written over one hundred years ago by Henry Scott Holland. This text is very successfully paired with the

Calendar

*Meetings and Events are subject to change.
St. Thomas' welcomes the use of its facilities for meetings and events. Please contact the Parish Office before scheduling any event. A detailed building calendar can be viewed in the office copier room.*

Sunday, November 15

7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:15 am Sunday School
9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:15 am Children's Rehearsal
—Green Room
5:00 pm Centering Prayer—Green Room
6:30 pm AA meeting—Basement

Monday, November 16

6:30 pm AA meeting—Parish Hall

Tuesday, November 17

9:00 am Xi-Gong Group—Green Room
5:00 pm Vestry Meeting—Conference Room
6:30 pm AA meeting—Basement
6:30 pm OA meeting—Conference Room

Wednesday, November 18

9:30 am Liturgy of the Word
and Healing Service—Chapel
10:15 am Coffee and Conversation
—Sun Room
10:45 am Staff Meeting—Library
4:00 pm Education for Ministry
—Conference Room
5:30 pm VoXX Rehearsal—Parish Hall,
Green Room
6:30 pm AA meeting—Basement

Thursday, November 19

5:00pm Choir Rehearsal—Green Room
6:00 pm Eastern Orthodox Vespers and
Bible Study—Chapel, Sun Room,
Kitchen
6:00 pm All Addictions Step Study
—Conference Room
6:30 pm AA meeting—Basement

Friday, November 20

6:30 pm AA meeting—Basement

Saturday, November 21

11:30 am Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen
at St. Peter's Rockland
6:30 pm AA meeting—Basement

Sunday, November 22

7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:15 am Q&A with Canon Michael Ambler
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strong, melodic tune published in 1693. We go forth into the world singing William W. Reid, Jr.'s 1958 text which reflects on the world we live in, divided by race and material wealth, balanced by the prayer that we never lose sight of God's vision for a world where love, peace and justice reign. It is paired with another strong Welsh tune from the early 19th century, *Llangloffan*.

May we go forth never losing sight of God's vision.

—Jane Schroeder, Minister of Music

Library Corner

A reminder that the Esther Hotchkiss Library is St. Thomas' lending library, right around the corner from the Parish Office. It's open whenever we are. Here is a recommendation from the Library Committee:

A Grief Observed
C. S. Lewis

Written after his wife's death as a way of surviving bereavement, *A Grief Observed* is the honest and beautiful reflection of C. S. Lewis on the fundamental issues of life, death, and faith in the midst of loss.

Our Church Office is open Tuesday - Friday

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

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