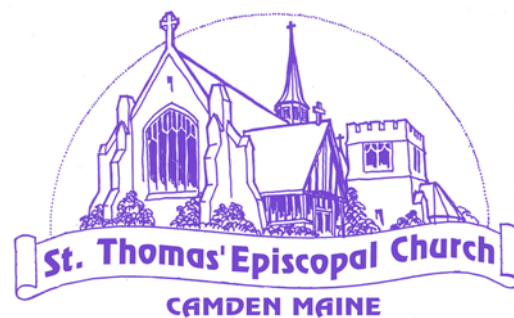


S T . T H O M A S ' Tidings

Sunday, July 15, 2018
The Eighth 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. Members of our prayer ministry are available in the Chapel during Holy Communion to pray with you about any need or thanksgiving.



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Taizé Service Next Week!

Taizé services will be held at 7:00 pm in the church next Sunday, July 22. Come and enjoy the candlelit services, the Taizé chants, and the times of rich silence in this ancient yet modern contemplative service. The final Taizé service will be August 26.

Come and help feed the hungry!

St. Thomas' will be at the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen at [St. Peter's Rock-land](#) next Saturday, July 21 at 11:30 am. Loaves and Fishes requires no experience, just a desire to help your neighbor. Call Pam Bardon (236.2421) to let her know you'll be coming, and she'll let you know exactly what to do. Come join a fun & friendly group of people dedicated to the most vulnerable in our community.

Summer Fair News

The *Summer Fair* is one of the major fund raisers for St. Thomas' Church. In order for it to be a success, lots of help, large and small, is needed.

The *Fair* chairs are in place, but volunteers are needed to help them. Whether you can spend the day or just a couple of hours, either on August 18 or during set up the week prior, your help will be greatly appreciated! Please check our website for more information.

Rummage Items: Thanks to all who are donating used houseware, china, glassware, books, and other quality "white elephant" items. These can be placed on the bench in the rear foyer

where they will be taken to the rummage room for storage. *Please refrain from bringing in used appliances!*

If you have questions, please contact our *Summer Fair* go-to person, **Kate Jackson**, at **785-4500**.

Speaking of the Summer Fair:

We are assembling donors for the many baskets we're assembling to raffle during the *Summer Fair*. All the types of baskets are on clipboards in the sun room Sunday mornings, so pick some items you'd like to donate by putting your name next to the items on the list, or if you or your family want a project to do together: *sign up to do a whole basket!*

Today's Music July 15, 2018

We are so very fortunate to have folks who are willing to freely share their talents: one of them is our faithful choir member, Millie Crocker. Millie has been singing in church choirs since she was a 'wee lass' (my words!) and then decided awhile ago to learn how to play the harp. Millie has also figured out how to take tunes and make them into arrangements to play on the harp. We discussed at length whether to include James Horner's *Twilight and Mist* (during communion) since it is not *sacred music* and in fact was written as part of a film score. However, occasionally there are organ pieces I play (a few weeks ago I played a Vaughan Williams' postlude from a film score, *The 49th Parallel*) as well as anthems we

sing, that were not composed as *sacred music*, and yet they work. Many hymn tunes originated as folk tunes (and some from even more secular beginnings!) So today we have the fruits of Millie's labors, offered as the prelude, the offertory and as the communion offertory. Thank you, Millie!

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound is truly a remarkable hymn. John Newton wrote the text sometime before 1779. The poignant irony is that John Newton for many years was a slave-ship captain: **and** his hymn continues to be sung with fervor by descendants of those who were shipped as cargo in ships such as his as well as the descendants of the ship's owners. The hymn is autobiographical, referencing Newton's conversion and subsequent total change of lifestyle. And, yes, Newton did write '*wretch*' in his version. When we reflect on his way of life as a slave-ship captain, perhaps there was no other word for him to describe his state of mind before '*grace*.' The text was paired with many tunes in the early 1800's before becoming associated with the printed version in William Hauser's *Olive Leaf* (Georgia, 1878). The text and tune only entered the Episcopal hymnal supplement, *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (New York, 1981) and was finally included in our [The Hymnal 1982](#) (the one you hold in your hands as we sing.)

We enter worship singing the rousing hymn, *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*, Georg Weisell (German, 1590-1635) paraphrase of Psalm 24. Catherine Winkworth (English, 1827-1878) translated this from the German in 1855, and then went on to translate about 400 hymns (!) She collaborated musically

with William Sterndale Bennett, founder of the English Bach Society as well as Otto Goldschmidt, the German-born pianist and composer who founded the London-based Bach Choir in 1875 (and was husband of the singer Jenny Lind!) Her translations are highly respected and continue to be sung in many faith traditions. The lively tune, *Truro*, was published first in London in 1789. And, yet, we still do not know the composer nor why the tune is named after a city in Cornwall!

We go forth into the world singing the stirring hymn, *Praise to the living God*. The text is a paraphrase of the Yigdal, the Jewish articles of faith written down by Moses Maimonides (1130-1205) and put into verse in 1400 by Daniel Ben Judah Dayyan. We sing the traditional Hebrew melody for this text (however, the tune is only traced back to the seventeenth century). The tune is named for the person who wrote it out, Meier Leoni, cantor of the Great Synagogue in London. A good one to sing with gusto!

Jane Schroeder
Minister of Music

Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: Ron, Andrew, Joanne Scott, Missie Stone, Tiffany Andrews, Stormy Bok, Seana Roubinek, Pat Olds, Paul Whittaker, Sid and Priscilla Lindsley, Carolyn Morris, Roxanna, Risa, Janan Vaughn, Rosalind Clarke, Amy, Darlene, Gordon Gushee, Susan, Martha, Ginnie Harper, Abby Neal, Francesca Bero, Mary.

This Sunday

July 15, 2018:

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Amos 7:7-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Psalm 85:8-13
Mark 6:14-29

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Sandy Lyle; **Lectors:** Pam Bardon, Paul Holman; **Prayers of the People:** Sandy Lyle; **Usher:** Jan Lyle.

9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** TBA; **Eucharistic Minister:** Kristian Kibler; **Lectors:** Jane Schroeder, Sally Williamson; **Prayers of the People:** Bill Freeman; **Acolytes:** TBA; **Ushers:** Scott Chrysler, TBA.

Next Sunday

July 22, 2018:

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon; **Lectors:** Jan Lyle, Pat Ayers; **Prayers of the People:** JoAnne Ryan; **Usher:** Tom Crowley

9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** TBA; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jeffrey Conrad; **Lectors:** Polly Chatfield, Barbara Lawrence; **Prayers of the People:** Roy Gilley; **Acolytes:** TBA; **Ushers:** Jim Ebbert, Lucy Ebbert.

What's Where

Our Sunday School and Nursery rooms are located past the sun room. Turn right. The *Blue Room* is the Nursery; the *Yellow Room* is the Sunday School room. Restrooms are located down the right aisle, past the Chapel, at the end of the corridor on the left side. Additional rest rooms are located in the basement (down the same corridor, via the stairway on your left).

Calendar

Sunday, July 15

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7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am—Holy Eucharist, EOW II

5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, July 16

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Parish Hall

Tuesday, July 17

9:00 am—Xi Gong—Green Room

5:00 pm—Vestry—Conference Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, July 18

9:30 am—Service of Healing and Holy Eucharist—Chapel

10:15 am—Fellowship

—Sun Room

11:00 am—Bible Study—Sun Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Thursday, July 19

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, July 20

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Saturday, July 21

11:30 am—Loaves and Fishes Soup

Kitchen—St. Peter's, Rockland

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

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5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

7:00 pm—Taizé Service—Church

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