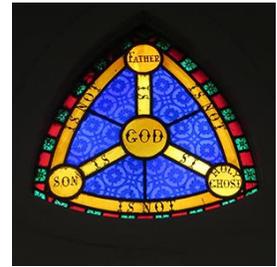




St. John's Episcopal Church

Ashfield, Massachusetts
Corner of Main and South Streets



August 2014

Congratulations to Arianna & Jack!

By Susan Todd

The visit of Bishop Doug Fisher and the confirmation of Arianna and Jack Monds on Sunday, June 22, was a very special occasion. The Burch-Monds family had given two Rose of Sharon bushes to St. John's and planted them on either side of the front door several weeks before the ceremony. For those very lovely gifts we are most grateful. St. John's gave Arianna and Jack black leather Books of Common Prayer with their names embossed in gold. One wonderful aspect of the preparation period was the number of people who met with the two confirmands, offering them their own heartfelt experiences as Christians.



- Ruth Craft shared information about all the beautiful items in the church that were given in honor of someone who was once a part of St. John's history

- Jennifer Walter, our acting Vicar, gave Arianna and Jack a tour of the many worship spaces of the Smith College Chapel, where she is the Director of Religious Studies, and gave them the opportunity to reflect on what they admired in each other

- Jane Dunning, who baptized

- Marilyn Berthelette helped service, how to use the hymnal

- Eliot Moss, upon his return

I filled in around the edges, using the Grenz's company. These great young

devoted group, but Arianna and Jack gave us all much more than we could have imagined.



Arianna, led them in a conversation about the what their own mission in life might be

them understand how music was integrated into the and how the cycle of the Psalms enhances our liturgy

from his Sabbatical, talked about the Holy Scripture

Catechism prepared by LeaderResources, Linda people had the opportunity to be guided by such a



Summer Picnics!

There are only 2 summer picnics left. Don't miss out on the fun and community building opportunities. They will be held on August 7th & 21st at 6:00 pm. We try to have at least two people co-hosting, so far we have only one person for each picnic. If you are interested in helping host please call Sue Craft, (413)628-0289. Hopefully the weather will be nice and we can enjoy the picnics outdoors, if not they will be at St. John's Corner, across the street from the church.



NO SMALL THING

By Mariel Kinsey

There is a back road between Ashfield and Conway which is surpassingly beautiful: open meadows, long views, far hills and close, individual trees, houses, barns, and wild flowers. One of those open meadows is a potential site for a several acre "compression station" associated with the proposed gas pipeline which might be passing through our hilltowns, farms, and forests on its way to the Boston area.

Last week, as part of the relay walk along the proposed gas line route, there was a late afternoon ceremony on one of the fields that would be taken for that compression station. 80 people from several hilltowns formed a large circle in the high grass and, led by a Native American woman-friend-neighbor, prayers were offered to the Creator. She spoke on our behalf to the Creator, expressing gratitude, and honoring all of creation that has shared life on that land since the beginning of time. Others spoke too, songs were sung, and when it was "over," no one wanted to leave. And so we stood there, in the circle and out of it, speaking together, or looking around, imagining the effect of bulldozers, cranes, new roads, jack hammers - all that what-all that goes into building industrial sites.

At some point it was said that we were there to make the land sacred. But I think not so. We were there because the land IS sacred, and we forget that, even those of us who think we are wide awake. We were there to let the land speak to us of its deep silence and fertility, of its sacredness, and of our responsibility to protect it from harm. This is no small thing. That one local field is a part of the life and health of the planet. We need to be reminded, many times over, of our capacity to either destroy these sacred places or to honor and preserve them. It is our own health and sacredness that is at stake; the health and sacredness of Creation itself.

Tag Sale

Thank you to everyone for all your donations and help in making our July 5 Tag Sale such a success. We made over \$600, with a few more items to sell. We're especially grateful to Joan Arsenault for incredible work organizing our contributions and to Mike Skalski for his speedy and cheerful clean up.



Any Body Can Do This: Preserving Food

Join an informative and fun-filled food preservation workshop series with your neighbors! Facilitators will teach hands-on food preservation projects and you will leave not only with a sample of your completed project but also with the skill to repeat the project at home! The workshops are held at the First Congregational Church of Ashfield, Main St., Ashfield, MA. Workshops are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. To reserve a space for a workshop call Sue Craft at 628-0289. We have three more workshops left this year and all workshops are free!



August 12 – Making Dilly Beans
with Karen Sullivan

Sept. 9 – Making Paneer
with Side Hill Farm

Oct. 14 – Naturally Fermenting Alcoholic Beverages
with Steve Gougeon of Bear Swamp Orchard,
Rick Intres of Bear Meadow Apiary and
Brendan Burns of Artisan Beverage Co.

This workshop series is sponsored by Share The Warmth: an Ashfield Community Committee.

New Address for David Gifford

Lathrop Home
215 South St.
Northampton, MA 01060

Christmas Artisans' Showcase

It is not too soon to think about anything you might like to contribute to the Artisans' Showcase the first week of December. During the summer you might want to put up a few extra jars of jam, sew a quilt or pillow, make a dried wreath, or freeze some fudge. We welcome all contributions.

New Financial Administrator.

St. John's is thrilled to welcome Amy Murray as our new financial administrator. She is replacing Sandy Lilly, who has been part of St. John's for 8 years and is now retiring from this position. We are most grateful for Sandy's commitment to St. John's and for bringing order to our financial picture. She and Amy have been working together to create a smooth transition.

Conference of the Association of Anglican Musicians

By Marilyn Berthelette

As many of you know, I have just returned from attending the Conference of the Association of Anglican Musicians, affectionately known as AAM. Just what is AAM? AAM is, and I quote, "an organization of musicians and clergy serving in the worshipping communities of the Episcopal Church and the larger Anglican tradition. Founded in the early 1970's as the successor to the American Cathedral Organists and Choirmaster's Association, AAM's membership today embraces musicians, clergy, and supporters of music in Anglican liturgical life. Members work and worship in cathedrals, parishes, and missions large and small, theological seminaries, and church-related schools. They are organists, pianists, bishops, guitarists, presbyters and deacons, directors and trainers of choirs, teachers of music, and friends of Anglicanism's musical tradition and practice of sung prayer." We now have over 900 members. We have an annual conference somewhere in this country and in the years ending in "7", in England.

This year's conference was based in Washington, D.C. I am blessed to have friends, musical friends, who live in nearby Alexandria, with whom I stayed. And I took the train.

The choir of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, gave a pre-conference concert as their last stop of a ten-day East Coast tour. The concert opened with the *Haec dies* (This is the day that the Lord hath made.) by Herbert Howells, the first of many Howells pieces performed during this conference. Howells composed Hymns #582 *O holy city, seen of John* and #665 *All my hope on God is founded*. This concert was in St. John's, Lafayette Square, the so-called "president's church", where my friend and colleague Ben Hutto presides over the music. Ben has four chants in our hymnal, two for the Magnificat, one for the Te Deum, and a Simplified Anglican Chant.

The conference opened with a glorious Solemn Mass on Monday morning at St. Paul's, K Street, where the Eucharist has been celebrated daily, and vestments used, since before 1900. The Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton, bishop of Maryland, gave the opening sermon, which was one of the highpoints of the week. He first spoke of how he went from being a black Baptist to a non-church-goer to a church shopper to an Episcopalian. What drew him in to our branch of the church was the beauty of the liturgy

and its mystery, even though he had no idea how to use all those books. He kept returning. Bp. Sutton then spoke of Jesus' two calls: The first call of the resurrected Jesus was to go to Galilee, that is, to go home and worship. Only then could the disciples hear the second call to go and make disciples of all nations. He went on to say that a healthy church, a growing church needs three equal legs of a stool: excellent music, excellent liturgy, and excellent preaching. If any one of these

three is missing, the other two are not strong enough to grow the church. An incredibly inspiring preacher, Bp. Sutton's sermon is available on the Internet; I can send you a link.

Monday afternoon we had the first of several choral rehearsals with Julian Wachner, my new favorite conductor. Julian is the Director of Music and Arts at Trinity, Wall Street, and a fabulous conductor. He turned our 248 conferees, mostly tenors and basses, into a unified choir in no time. Later in the week, I had the privilege of watching him work with a choir of 50 teenagers who were attending a music camp. Trinity reaches out in many ways, including bringing music to the local public schools, and Julian is very much a part of that outreach.

At one of our Evensongs, the Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston, bishop of Virginia, outlined six disciplines for a Christian: worship, prayer, stewardship, religious education, evangelism, and outreach. We need the first two disciplines before we can do the last two. He left us with much to ponder.

During the week we had great choral music from all periods, including a black gospel choir called The Ministers of Music, who are professional singers, ministers of music, and clergy; Cathedra, a choral ensemble of professional singers from our National Cathedral; the afore-mentioned Youth Choir from Mid-Atlantic Episcopal Schools and Churches; and the Men and Girls Choir of the National Cathedral. We had services of Morning Prayer, Eucharist, Evensong, and Compline, all of which had wonderful music, liturgy, and preaching. There were several professional development sessions: one on clergy-musician relationships with a panel of four bishops, two priests, and two musicians, a session on same-sex marriage rites and blessings, and a session on servant leadership for musicians. We experienced all of this in many different venues, including sitting in the Great Choir of our National Cathedral and at Virginia Seminary (the largest of our National Cathedral and at Virginia Seminary (the largest of our 11 episcopal seminaries.)

For two of our meals, we went to Georgetown Club and to the National Press Club. At one of our meals, Craig Windham, an NPR reporter/newscaster and an active and devout Episcopalian, was the speaker. His address was really a sermon on servanthood.

We all became acquainted with the Washington Metro system (an easy way of getting around), and we walked a LOT, in weather that stayed in the nineties most of the week.

Why have such conferences and why attend? Such a conference feeds our souls and our minds and inspires us to

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respond to Jesus' two calls, first to go home and worship and secondly, to go and make disciples. We are given some "nuts and bolts" tools and many examples of the best in music and

liturgy and preaching. We have the opportunity to share our successes and failures with our colleagues, and, hopefully, to learn from them.



Vestry Meeting Notes – July 6, 2014

- After an opening reflection we reviewed our covenant.
- We checked in with each other.
- We approved minutes from the previous meeting.
- Treasurer's report: pledge payments are on track; our expenses are a little higher than budgeted (perhaps because of recent oil purchases). We welcome Amy Murray as our new bookkeeper! We agreed to change the signers on the checking account to match better our current officer and staff situation. We deferred detailed review of audit findings to a future meeting.
- We reviewed the calendar.
- The Vicar made a brief report.
- We discussed a few pastoral care concerns.
- Bookplates for donated Wonder, Love, and Praise hymnals are forthcoming.
- We noted changes in leadership at MotherWoman.
- Buildings and Grounds: A new of inspections and repairs have happened; we discussed the situation with the Corner furnace (near the end of its life); the plaque for the Memorial Garden is moving forward, and also a better sign for the Corner.
- We discussed whether to put up a sign advocating against the new gas pipeline in our area, but did not come to a decision.
- We discussed developing and posting a plaque commemorating the original food pantry in the Corner.
- We discussed renting out the office that is being vacated soon.
- We closed with prayer.

Serving Schedule

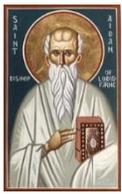


| <i>Date</i> | <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Celebrant</i> | <i>Preacher</i> | <i>Lector</i> | <i>Altar Guild</i> | <i>Coffee Hour</i> |
|--------------|---|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| August 3 | 8 th Sunday after Pentecost | Jennifer Walters | Jennifer Walters | Marilyn Berthelette | Arianna Burch | David Bruffee |
| August 10 | 9 th Sunday after Pentecost | Susan Schaefer | Susan Schaefer | Ariana Burch | Arianna Burch | Monds/Burch Family |
| August 17 | 10 th Sunday after Pentecost | Eliot Moss | Eliot Moss | Bryan Dufresne | Arianna Burch | David Bruffee |
| August 24 | 11 th Sunday after Pentecost | Eliot Moss | Eliot Moss | Clarence West | Jane Wagener | Jane Wagener |
| August 31 | 12 th Sunday after Pentecost | Eliot Moss | Eliot Moss | Mariel Kinsey | Jane Wagener | Clarence West |
| September 7 | 13 th Sunday after Pentecost | Jennifer Walters | Jennifer Walters | Sue Craft | Susan Todd | Lynette Sievert |
| September 14 | 14 th Sunday after Pentecost | Eliot Moss | Eliot Moss | Lynette Sievert | Susan Todd | Marilyn Berthelette |
| September 21 | 15 th Sunday after Pentecost | Eliot Moss | Eliot Moss | Susan Todd | Susan Todd | Bambi Philips |
| September 28 | 16 th Sunday after Pentecost | Eliot Moss | Eliot Moss | Jim Wagener | Susan Todd | Addison Hall |

The Bishops of Lindisfarne

This month the ECUSA recognizes two influential Bishops of Lindisfarne in Scotland on August 31. Both Aidan and Cuthbert were Bishop of Lindisfarne during times of transition.

Christianity in Britain was spread by many missionaries eager to bring the teachings of Christ to the masses. Some of these missionaries helped establish a church based on the teachings of St. John "the beloved disciple" while others preached a more Roman church as "established" by St. Peter. The two camps created tension in the church of the British isles.



Aidan was a monk at the monastery of Iona when he was called by King Oswald of Northumbria to help stop the resurgence of paganism and return the country to Christianity. Oswald had spent time at the monastery of Iona and specifically wanted a monk that would teach amore Celtic Christianity rather than a Bishop with a Roman background. Aidan answered the call and founded a monastery on the holy island of Lindisfarne. Aidan brought with him other monks from Iona and they spread the Word of Christ using the teachings of St. John.

Aidan and his monks traveled throughout Northumbria teaching and building churches and other religious communities. The resurgence of Christian activity helped keep Northumbria from returning to paganism.

The towns and villages around the new monasteries and churches followed a monastic model. People worked together, worshipped with the monks and nuns (who lived in "co-ed" monastic communities), and were self-supporting. Communities lived as a large extended family, very different from the individualistic society we find ourselves in today. Aidan died on August 31 of 651, serving as Bishop of Lindisfarne for 17 years.

It is said that on the night of Aidan's death Cuthbert, then a shepherd, saw a vision of Aidan while out in the field. It was this vision that called Cuthbert to become a monk. Raised in the Celtic tradition he became Bishop of Lindisfarne in 665, a year after the Synod of

Whitby. (The Synod of Whitby decreed that the laws and teaching of Roman Catholic Church would be the official church throughout the kingdoms of Britain.) This decree left Cuthbert with the task of guiding the Celtic Church to the laws and teaching of the Roman Church. Minutiae such as the proper tonsure (haircut) of a monk or nun were regulated as well as more important items such as the calculation of Easter. Before the Synod of Whitby the Roman church and the Celtic church used different methods to calculate the date for Easter; in the Roman church Easter always fell on Sunday, in the Celtic church Easter could land on another day of the week. The makeup of religious communities was altered as well; monasteries were now divide by sex and the religious/ordained members were set apart from the lay population.



In 676 Cuthbert was granted permission to retire to an island near Linsdisfarne now commonly known as Cuthbert's Cave. In 685 he was briefly called back to serve as Bishop of Lindisfarne and died in his monastic cell in 686.



Abbey of Lindisfarne

Both of these men were called to lead the church in Britain in difficult times; both successfully guided the church when they answered that call.

Everliving God, you called your servants Aidan and Cuthbert to proclaim the Gospel in northern England and gave them loving hearts and gentle spirits: Grant us grace to live as they did, in simplicity, humility and love for the poor; through Jesus Christ, who came among us as one who serves, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Holy Women, Holy Men. This commemoration adopted provisionally at General Convention 2009

Are you interested in serving?

There are opportunities every Sunday for you to help at a service. After church refreshment and host a Coffee Hour? have a quiet moment before church to prepare not only for any of these important ministries or have questions stjohnsashfield@verizon.net. Never hesitate to speak



Why not read for the congregation? Why not share your favorite Serving on the Altar Guild could be a wonderful way for you the altar but yourself for worship. If you would like to volunteer please call the church office at (413)628-4402 or e-mail with Eliot or Sue Craft for more information.

August Calendar

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| 3 | 10:00 am | Eucharist Service | 18 | 11:00 am | MotherWoman |
| 4 | 11:00 am | MotherWoman | | | St. John's Corner |
| | 7:30 pm | Al Anon | | 7:30 pm | Al Anon |
| | | St. John's Corner | | | St. John's Corner |
| 5 | 9:30 am | Ashfield Com. Play Group | 19 | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | |
| | | St. John's Corner | | 9:30 am | Play Group |
| 6 | 5:30 pm | Centering Prayer | | | St. John's Corner |
| | | St. John's Corner | 20 | 5:30 pm | Centering Prayer |
| 7 | 9:30 am | Osteoporosis Class | | | St. John's Corner |
| | | St. John's Corner | 21 | 9:30 am | Osteoporosis Class |
| | 6:00 pm | Parish Picnic | | | St. John's Corner |
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| 10 | 10:00 am | Eucharist Service | | | St. John's Corner |
| 11 | 11:00 am | MotherWoman | 24 | 10:00 am | Eucharist Service |
| | | St. John's Corner | 25 | 11:00 am | MotherWoman |
| | 7:30 pm | Al Anon | | | St. John's Corner |
| | | St. John's Corner | | 7:30 pm | Al Anon |
| 12 | 9:30 am | Ashfield Com. Play Group | | | St. John's Corner |
| | | St. John's Corner | 26 | 9:30 am | Ashfield Com. Play Group |
| | 3:00 pm | Food Pantry UCC | | | St. John's Corner |
| 13 | 5:30 pm | Centering Prayer | | 3:00 pm | Food Pantry UCC |
| | | St. John's Corner | 27 | 5:30 pm | Centering Prayer |
| 14 | 9:30 am | Osteoporosis Class | | | St. John's Corner |
| | | St. John's Corner | 28 | 9:30 am | Osteoporosis Class |
| 17 | 10:00 am | Eucharist Service | | | St. John's Corner |
| | 12:00 pm | Vestry Meeting | 31 | 10:00 am | Eucharist Service |

Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the newsletter need to be in by the 3rd Tuesday of the previous month. The deadline for the September newsletter is August 19th. We would love to include things that are coming up and some reports/stories on activities that have already happened. While it's good to know what is coming up, it is also nice to know how things went after the event.

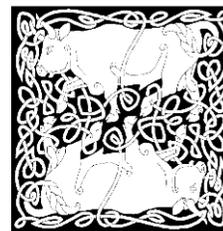
Send items to Kristen at taurus1457@gmail.com

Celtic Prayer for the Protection of Cattle

*Pastures smooth, long and spreading,
Grassy meads aneath your feet,
The friendship of God the Son to bring you
home
To the fields of the fountains,
Field of the fountains.*

*Closed be every pit to you,
Smoothed be every knoll to you,
Cozy every exposure to you.
Beside the cold mountains,
Beside the cold mountains.*

*The care of Peter and of Paul,
The care of James and John,
The care of Bride fair and of Mary Virgin,
To meet you and to tend you,
Oh! The care of all the band
To protect you and to strengthen you*



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
"CELEBRATING GOD'S ABUNDANCE"

Diocesan Prayer Cycle - AUGUST

Diocesan Ministries

1. St. Andrew's Church, Longmeadow – The Revs. Derrick Fetz, Francis Howard, Robert Price
2. St. Mary's, Thorndike
3. The Ministry of Altar Guilds
4. The Rev. Dr. Richard Simpson, Canon to the Ordinary
5. Good Shepherd, West Springfield - The Rev. John DeBonville
6. Church of the Epiphany, Wilbraham - The Rev. William Coyne
7. All Saints', South Hadley - The Rev. Tanya Wallace
8. Christ Church/Trinity Lutheran, Sheffield - The Rev. Anne Ryder
9. For the Mission of the Church
10. St. Paul's, Stockbridge - The Rev. Tom Damrosch
11. For the repose of the soul of The Rt. Rev. Alexander Doig Stewart, V Bishop of Western Massachusetts
12. Trinity, Whitinsville – The Rev. Dr. John Derek Stubbs
13. For the Spiritual Life of our people and churches
14. Clergy Living Beyond the Diocese
15. St. Paul's, Gardner - The Rev. William Hobbs
16. Diocesan Missioner for Legacy Stewardship - E. John

Wider Mission

1. For Regional Ministry Strategy Development in the Diocese
2. Reconciliation Seminars
3. Anti-Racism Advancement
4. Safe Church Programs
5. Archbishop Daniel and Mary Sarfo, Diocese of Kumasi
6. The Alban Institute
7. Episcopal Migration Ministries
8. Episcopal Appalachian Ministries
9. Episcopal Booksellers Assn., Inc.
10. B.E.S.T. (Bishops' Executive Secretaries Together)
11. The Rev. Tanya Wallace, Safe Church Trainer
12. Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Inc.
13. The Prayer Shawl Ministry
14. Episcopal Healing Ministries
15. Episcopal Public Policy Network
16. Church Pension Group

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17. Church Growth & Revitalization
18. St. Mark's, Leominster – The Rev James Craig
19. The Rev. Pamela Mott, Canon to the Ordinary
20. Church of the Atonement, Westfield - The Revs. Nancy Stroud and John Hooker
21. Diocesan Youth Ministry
22. The Rt. Rev. Andrew Wissemann, VI Bishop of Western Massachusetts
23. Assistant to the Bishop for Stewardship- Bruce Rockwell
24. Church of the Reconciliation, Webster - The Rev. Janice Ford
25. St. Luke's, Worcester - The Rev. Warren Hicks and Rev. Dcn. Jane Griesbach
26. Christ Memorial, North Brookfield, The Rev. Dr. Paula Winsor Sage
27. St. Michael's-on-the-Heights, Worcester
28. Holy Trinity, Southbridge
29. For stewardship in our churches and in our Diocese
30. Non-Parochial Priests & Deacons
17. The Living Church Foundation, Inc.
18. The Episcopal Church Foundation
19. Episcopal Church Missionary Community
20. Episcopal Communicators
21. Episcopal Peace Fellowship
22. Episcopal News Service (ENS)
23. Episcopal Church & Visual Arts
24. Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and United Thank Offering
25. Alter Guild
26. ELCA New England Synod
27. Faith Alive
28. Episcopal Relief & Development: Ms. Molly Robinson, Donna Sroka
29. Jubilee Ministries
30. Historical Society of the Episcopal Church

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