

St Stephen's News

ST STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH • TIMONIUM, MARYLAND

VOLUME XXX, No. 12 A PARISH IN THE CLASSICAL ANGLICAN TRADITION APRIL 9TH, 2019

FROM JOHN DARLINGTON

Let's get ready to party! It's later than you think!

It is later than you think! In four short weeks we will be celebrating St. Stephen's Annual British Garden Party on Saturday, May 4th. I have it on good authority (Fr. Hawtin) that we can expect another excellent day, weather wise, with sunny spring-like temperatures. However, just in case something should fall through, it probably would be a good idea to bring a light jacket or sweater in the event our usually accurate weather forecaster is not quite so.

As you probably know, our Parish Life Committee has been working very hard to put together a wonderful day of festivities, including gastronomic enjoyments, outdoor entertainments, wonderful baked goods for purchase, games of chance and an authentic British tea party.

Returning this year are the, always entertaining, Punch & Judy Show, and of course the Scottish Bagpipers. In addition to our Baked Goods table, we will continue to have our Book Sales, Jumble, the Booze Bros, and Flower tables. Along with the Punch & Judy Show, there are many activities planned for the youngsters and the young at heart, including face painting, flower pot painting, the "bubble station" and color table.

Now, if all this sounds like our British Garden Party is all put together, it is not! We need your help and quickly. First out of the box is neighborhood advertising and sponsorship. We would like you to distribute our Garden Party Posters, as well as solicit ads for our Garden Party Brochure from local merchants as you go about your everyday tasks. This needs to be done now in order to get the maximum advertising momentum.

These posters are available now and can be found in the Cadwalader Room. In addition, there are several additional tasks that need to be completed at various stages in our run-up to the big day. These include volunteers for the various food and sales tables, providing fresh baked goods, "white elephant goods for our "Jumble" table, and bottles of wine and spirits to stock the Booze Bros. stand.

You can bring your "Jumble" items and the wine & spirits bottles to the auxiliary kitchen for storage. Sign-up sheets for all the volunteer tasks can be found in the Cadwalader Room as well. If any of these volunteer jobs do not strike your fancy, tell a member of the Parish Life Committee, and I am sure they will find something for you to do.

Finally, we need a crew of "deck hands" to help erect the tents, tables and booths *the day before our big event*. This activity usually takes around three hours, depending on the number of volunteers who show up. It is not hard work, but we need a lot of "hands". Lastly, don't forget to consider being a Contributing or an Ad Patron. The following are the levels of patronage:

Contributing Patron

Imperial Crown @\$100.

House of Windsor @\$75 House of York @\$50.

House of Lancaster @ \$25

Ad Patron

Quarter Page @\$25.

Half Page @50.

Whole Page @\$100.

If you choose to be a Contributing Patron, your name will be printed in the event program. Please indicate how you want your name displayed. Should the Ad Patron category appeal to you, the text of your ad should be included with your check.

Either way, all checks should be made out to St. Stephens Anglican Church and deposited in Cindie Baker's mailbox which is in the Church Office just off the Cadwalader Room. OK, now let's all get ready for the Big Day!

FROM THE RECTOR

A case of animal rights or Animal Crackers?

The Tale of Peter Rabbit was one of my favorite books when I was a small boy, and rabbit pie was one of my favorite dishes. I raise the subject because, aged five, I was able to do two things that many adults today are apparently unable to do. I was able to

Parish Prayer List

Our Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List and guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice. To add a name to the prayer list, or visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the parish office (410) 560 6776.

FOR RECOVERY: Daniel, Leona, Charlotte, Bryan, Rachel, Elizabeth, Dorothy, Sarah, Betsy, Edie, Alan, Terry, Helen, Linda, John, Judy, Neal, Stephen, Nathan, Hobie, Betty, Helen, Robert*, Jan, Bobby, Lee, Cary, Marie, Jim, Joanna, Kendall, Ian, Gloria, June, John, Adrian, Tom, Michell, Al, Kathy, Jack, Lewey, Stephen, Pamela, Judy, Elizabeth, Wade, Sifa, Theresa, Lisa, Larry, Dan & Scott

FOR LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Bethany, Caroline, Ardis, Mavis, Melba, Sam, Vinnie, Doug, Ian, Lisa, Carey, Cindy, Jacob, Casey, Beth, Kath, Rebecca, Catherine & Elizabeth

IN MEMORIAM:

THOSE WHO MOURN:

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: Lt. Col. Charles Bursi, Lt Nicholas Clouse, USN; Lt Col. Harry Hughes; USAF; Cpt Fiodor Strikovski, US Army.

distinguish between fantasy and reality in recognizing that animals are not simply "less-abled" human beings.

This struck me while listening to an earnest young student discuss animal behavior. It rapidly became clear that the learning being propounded was second hand – acquired, presumably, from textbooks authored by folks who had no more first-hand knowledge of animal behavior than the student.

A genuine understanding of animal behavior seems a less than important item on the school curriculum compared with sex education – even less than English literature, foreign languages, geography and history.

The lack of a first-hand acquaintanceship with animals and, indeed, the land, itself, is gravely skewing social – and political – attitudes, especially in the realms of biology and the environment.

It is not merely a case of people not knowing where their food comes from or how it is produced – though that is truly a serious matter. Indeed, judging by the exceedingly odd shapes of the chunks of meat on display in supermarkets these days, even butchers are ignorant of the anatomy of the animals they are paid to dismember. Our ignorance of things agricultural creates serious confusion in many areas of plant and animal husbandry – not least the realm of genetic engineering, a

science that has made a tremendous contribution to feeding the world's hungry.

It is by no means a new phenomenon. We have been engaged in genetic engineering for millennia, creating higher yielding cereals and improving breeds of domestic animals. One of the oldest examples of genetic engineering in animal husbandry on record is found in the 30th Chapter of the Book of Genesis – an account of Jacob's efforts to improve to quality of his herds of cattle and goats.

The difference between genetic engineering in Jacob's day and our own is that while methodologies are essentially the same, modern science enables us to speed up the process enormously.

It is important to bear this in mind when weighing arguments about genetically engineered food – for many of the objections fall into the realms of ignorance and "vain superstition." Furthermore, many animal rights groups appear to be laboring under a similar ignorance of animal behavior and husbandry.

Indeed, farmers and others in the field of animal husbandry find the contention that animals have "rights" similar to human rights entirely perverse. Of course, it is wrong to harm or maltreat animals in our care, but it is equally wrong to

anthropomorphize them by endowing them with near human qualities.

How on earth did we develop our strange modern fads and fancies? Part of the explanation might be that in 1938, agricultural workers accounted for about 25 percent of the U.S. labor force and a majority of people lived in small rural communities. Today fewer than 2 percent of American workers work on the land and a majority of the population live in cities or the suburbs.

As our direct acquaintanceship with farm animals and their counterparts in the wild has declined, so our impressions about them have been increasingly been formed by fantasy stories, cartoons, Disney movies and the like. Deer have morphed from the Sunday roast to Bambi, bears to Yogi, and chimpanzees into Bozo, the animal world's lovable, cuddly clown.

This is an utterly false impression. Animals do not have our reasoning powers – or anything like them. Treating animals in the field or in the wild as pets is fraught with danger.

Indeed, the most vicious creature I ever met was the cutest little Jersey bull you ever set your eyes on. The runner up was an ever-so-appealing Basset Hound who could always be relied upon to bite the hand that fed him. GPH*

St Stephen's Anglican Church

11856 Mays Chapel Road, Timonium, MD 21093

Office: 410 560 6776 · **Rectory:** 443-425-2420

Pastoral Care: 410 252 8674

www.ststeve.com

The Very Rev. Guy P Hawtin, Dean & *Rector*

The Ven. Michael Kerouac, *Vicar* ·

Associate Rectors:

The Rev. Michael Belt, The Rev. John Novicki,

The Rev. M Wiley Hawks

and The Rev. Dr. Norman Flowers

Mrs Happy Riley, *Director of Pastoral Care & Wedding Coordinator*

SUNDAY SERVICES

8am: Said Eucharist

9.15am: Sung Eucharist (with Nursery & Church School)

11am: Sung Mattins (1st Sunday: Sung Eucharist)

Choral Services (as announced) – evensong.ststeve.com

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, 6pm: Evening Prayer

Friday, 12 noon: Healing Eucharist

Saturday, 5pm: Family Eucharist

Calendar of Events

WEEKLY

Monday, 6.30pm: Bridge Club

Thursday, 10am: Knitting Circle

Noon: Bible Study

Friday, 10.30am: Bible Study

MONTHLY & SPECIAL

“Our Odd Anglican Ways”

(The Lenten Series)

Wednesdays until April 10th, 6.45 pm

Ladies Who Lunch

Wednesday, Noon, April 17th

Basta Pasta, Timonium Road,

Reservations, call all Sara Douglas at 410-560-9026

The Evening Choral Office

Sunday, April 7th at 6.00 PM

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

St Stephen's Anglican Church
11856 Mays Chapel Road
Timonium, MD 21093

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
TIMONIUM MD
PERMIT # 181