

SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES: August 30, 2015

TODAY: HYMN SING follows the short Voluntary. Sign up a favorite on the sheet on the piano before the service or during the peace. We'll do up to 8.

The SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE continues through September 6 (Labor Day weekend) after which we return to the program year schedule on September 13 with 8 and 10:30 Eucharists.

FIRST THURSDAY EVENSONG September 3 at 6 pm

MINISTRY TO CHILDREN Beginning September 13th our Sunday School schedule will change to begin at 9:15. This is an effort to meet the needs of some existing families as well as give new opportunities for additional families. In addition on Thursdays (beginning on Thursday September 10) the music program begin with Choir School from 4:30-5:45. Children and adult choir members (friends too!) can enjoy a potluck dinner together at 6 followed by intergenerational study, bonding and fun. There will be a join choir rehearsal from 7-7:30 when the children are dismissed. The Parish Choir will continue singing 'till 8:30. Children from the Choir School will be invited to sit with and sing the service with the Parish Choir on Sunday mornings. At the heart of this venture is the desire to build more of a beloved intergenerational community which will be welcoming to families with children. Please help spread the word.

ADULT FORUM "St. John's! That's one church that is REALLY living the gospel!" (From a Gloucester citizen.) To explore the various St. John's ministries that are already doing it, as well as plans to apply it in the larger community will be the thrust of Adult Forum this school year. Adult Forum will start again after Labor Day @9:15AM, before the 10:30AM Service on September 13th. The co-coordinators will be Jesse Browning and Lydia Priest. The book is "Unbinding the Gospel," by Martha Grace Reese, available both used and new from Amazon. (If buying it is a hardship, please contact us or our Rector.) Fr. Bret will be the facilitator of our first meeting. Thank you to all who are "living the gospel" in the many and wide-spreading ways that our church offers! *Up with you all!*

GRACE CENTER OPPORTUNITY The Grace Center has been chosen by Bank Gloucester as a potential recipient of a grant of between \$500 - \$5000. In order for Grace Center to win, we need to have the most on-line votes. Voting begins on Monday, August 24 and goes through Wednesday, September 30th. To vote, simply go to BankGloucester.com and click on "Banking for the Community. It is wicked easy and just takes a minute. Please feel free to forward this e-mail to your friends and family. As always, we thank you for your compassion and dedication to the most vulnerable of our neighbors.

TIME & TALENT SIGN-UP! After each service on September 13, we will have sign-ups in the parish hall for folks who might be interested in joining altar/flower guilds, usher/greeter/acolyte/lector/LEM/Choir etc. *Many hands make light work.*

COUNTRY CUPBOARD FAIR. Continued thanks to everyone for your generous donations of supplies for the fair. This week, we have 2 rather unusual requests. Does anyone know how to make monkey knots? We'd like to offer pet baskets that include rope toys with a monkey knot and loop. We'd also like to make grape jam this year. So if you have access to any local grapes, please let us know so we can take advantage of them when they ripen. One last note. The crafters will not be meeting on Tuesday September 1st, but will resume on the 8th. For further information contact Gwen Kopka at 978-283-6951 or gwenkopka@comcast.net.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING Safe Church Training will be at St. Andrew's in Marblehead on Saturday, September 19, from 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. People who need to take this training are staff, vestry, anyone volunteering or considering volunteering to work with the children's programs, or anyone interested. St. Andrew's will provide a light lunch for the participants as well as coffee/tea and light breakfast snacks. Participants will need to pay a fee to attend of \$40. For more information or to register, follow the Web link in the FYI or call Amy Cook at 617-482-4826 x645.

Congregational Resource Day You are invited to attend the Congregational Resource Day for the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts on Saturday, October 3, 2015; 9:30 AM - 3:15 PM, Bentley University, 175 Forest Street, Waltham.

FLOWERS & SANCTUARY LAMP There are openings to accept donations for **flowers** on Sept. 20 & Oct. 4 (\$35), and to keep the **sanctuary lamp** lit on Oct. 4, Nov. 29 & 12/27 (\$15). **Advent Wreath** Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, and 20. (\$25.00). Sign-up is in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings or next to the Sacristy door during the week. Thank you.

YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. JOHN'S EXPERIENCE THE "GOOD NEWS" each week through drama, art, music and movement. Sunday School begins at 8:45 am.

August 30, 2015: The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Participating in the Liturgy	<i>The People of God gathered in St. John's Church</i>
Presiding and Preaching	The Rev. Bret Bowie Hays, Rector
Lectors	Pete Goodwin & Rick Britton
Eucharistic Ministers	Cecily Merrell & Al Browne, Jr.
Intercessor	Claudette Chmura
Acolyte	Julian Murray-Brown
Ushers	Tom & Claudette Chmura
Greeters	Mary McCarl & Carole Secrest
Preparing for the Liturgy	
Altar Guild	Melanie Murray-Brown & Marcia Mullen
Flower Guild	DeeDee Bedford
Bread bakers	Kim Prentice, Janet Williams, Catherine McGeary & Sue Lupo

- **FOOD BANK** for next week: **Cereal**
- ***The Cape Ann Food Pantry can only accept unexpired items in original packaging.***
- **Coffee Hour** today is hosted by Sue Lupo & Naomi Astyk.
- St. John's Action Shelter **Sandwich Program** this week is by Kim Prentice.
- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY** are in memory of Shigeo Kobayashi given by Hatsumi Miura.
- **THE SANCTUARY LAMP** burns this week in memory of Harry Floyd given by Jean Dyett.

St. John's Intercession List

Short term: Senft family, Lois Schenck, Bob McTeague, Christine Gillis, Jeanne Martin, Denise McKenzie, Carole Secrest, Doris, Rob Pallme, Tamara Moulton, Christopher Spellman and Penney.

Long term: Elvira "Mary" Spinney, Christopher Secrest, Janet Williams, Eric Runnells, Ruth Campos, David Arnold, Sally Brown, Jon Brown, Nancy McCarthy, Dick and Phyllis McGinnis, Annette Biggar, Neil Woodberry, John Cobb & Mary Frear, Ben Shepard, Charlie Currier, Guy Maychszak, Glo Richardson, Nancy Poland, Maxine Lupo, Susan Richardson, Ted and Linda Lavery, Mary McIntyre, Elizabeth Kaul, Mark Brophy, Nancy Feldman, Marilyn Prentiss, Anne Brantley Betts.

Welcome

Be you a regular worshiper, first-timer, or occasional visitor, we hope you will enjoy our fellowship! St John's worship, Sunday Adult Forums, and other programs are always open to everyone. Come and check us out! Children are always welcome at worship in St. John's Church!

First time in our Church?

We are delighted that you are here! For some visitors our customs are very familiar, for others they are completely new. If you are among the latter group, RELAX, there is nothing that you can do by accident that will cause offense! Ask an usher, watch your neighbors, go with the flow. Introduce yourself to our Rector and sign our guest book after the service.

Restrooms: There are three: one on each level at the far end of the building from our worship space. Exit the door opposite the organ and follow the signs.

Children in Church: Children of all ages are welcome in church. We want children and parents to enjoy church and we support you in doing what you need to do toward that goal. It's OK for children to sound like children; we won't be offended. Please use the play area at the front of the pews on the right, or the Thompson Room, at any time, no matter what part of the service is going on, if they will help you or your child(ren). The Thompson Room has a table, chairs, couches, carpeted space, and a PA system that will let you hear what is going on in church. Nursing mothers may breastfeed there or in church. Your child's comfort, safety, and well-being are your proper concern, and we support you in fulfilling that obligation.

Access Needs: If you need help at the step leading up to the altar or would find it easier to receive Holy Communion in your pew, please speak to an usher. Hearing Assistance devices are also available. If you would like to try one out, please speak to an usher.

Nurture and Challenge Your Spirit with us at St. John's!
Our mission in Christ is to nurture and equip members
for spiritual growth and active participation in ministries
of compassion, justice, and peace in the church and beyond.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sundays	8:45 am Sunday School (in Parish House) 9 AM Summer schedule—single service. 7:30 pm Sunday & Sober Alcoholics Anonymous
Mondays	9-noon Ms. Fixits Women gathering to tend to the fabric of the church. 6 pm Women's Cursillo Reunion Group (<i>resumes in the Fall</i>) 7 pm Bible Study <i>First Monday of the month</i> led by Lynn Runnells. 978.526.7546
Tuesdays	5 pm Free Harvest Meals, sponsored by Cape Ann Interfaith Commission
Wednesdays	7 am Men's Bible Reflection, (Bible study) 8:30 am Grace Center, an open drop-in center for people from the community 7 pm Fish City Alcoholics Anonymous
Thursdays	4:30-5:30 pm Choir School Children from ages 4-10 On summer break, begins on September 10. 6 pm Evensong <i>First Thursday of the month</i> On summer break, begins on September 3. 7:30-9 pm Parish Choir rehearsal On summer break, begins on September 10.
Saturdays	9am-noon Common Threads <i>Fourth Saturday each month</i> —knitting, crocheting in a group creating fiber arts for people in need. Contact Kim: kdprentice@hotmail.com or 508.284.7237 Action Shelter Lunch-Making carolynkstewart@comcast.net 8 pm Big Book Alcoholics Anonymous

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Parish Office Hours: Monday – Thursday: 8am-noon during which the Church is open for prayer and meditation.

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The Rev. Bret Bowie Hays, Rector	Wardens: Gwen Kopka & Astrid afKlinteberg
Mark Edward Nelson, Music Director	Clerk: Libby Browning
Jay DiPrima, Director of Youth Ministry	Treasurer: Elizabeth Redmond
Betsy Levick, Parish Administrator	Assistant Treasurer: Karen Kasper
Marjorie I. Bishop, Church Assistant	VESTRY
Staff e-mail: first name+@stjohnsgloucester.org	2016 – Naomi Astyk, Lin York-Robbins, Martha Whitney
	2017 – Norm Barr, Ian Bedford, Sara Stotzer
Cloe the Dog, Parish Mascot	2018 – Len Berry, Lydia Priest, Carole Secrest