



# The Guardian

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FROM THE RECTORY

## THE LITURGY OF DAILY LIFE

*Earth's crammed with heaven,  
And every common bush afire with God,  
But only he who sees takes off his shoes;  
The rest sit round and pluck blackberries.*

— Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Today, I picked up Jonah, Nathaniel, and Bibi from school around 11:30 a.m. It was a half-day because it was the last day of school. The children had spent the day cleaning their classrooms, reminiscing about the school year that was ending, and saying good-bye. Although the kids were excited for summer vacation and the accomplishment of having completed their respective grades, Nathaniel started crying while saying good-bye to his second grade teacher. He knew that the friends and the teacher whom he'd grown to love would no longer be together in the same way and he was sad.

It just so happened that I was celebrating the noon Eucharist at St. Michael's that day. So I rushed back home with the kids, got on my robe and entered the chapel full of familiar faces. I announced that there was no saint appointed for that day, but that, in the more secular seasons of daily life, it was the Last Day of School.

Perhaps it was the juxtaposition of picking up my children and praying in the chapel, but it seemed to me at that moment that this day was a sacred day, a day to be recognized and given thanks for. I was grateful for the teachers and administrators who had cared for and loved my children over this last year, I was thankful for the friendships they had made and all that they had learned. And I was cognizant that this moment was unique and precious and fleeting. All this I wanted to bring to my prayers that day.

When we celebrate the different liturgical seasons and the prayers for morning, noontime, and evening in the church, we recognize the sacredness of time. We stop to notice the beauty of the morning, or the sense of longing in the season of Advent, and in these moments we notice and cherish the presence of God in our midst.

There is no reason why the significant moments of our daily, more secular lives might not be cherished in the same way. God is no less present in the Last Day of School than in the holy days of the Church year.

How would our daily lives be different if we truly were able to acknowledge this sacredness at all time and in all places?

*Yours in Christ,  
Mary*



## NEWS OF THE PARISH

### ROCK POINT CAMP

Mary Lindquist will be serving as chaplain at the Episcopal Church in Vermont's Rock Point Camp in Burlington from July 5–10. St. Michael's is sending four kids to Rock Point Camp this year: Ainsley Meyer and Jonah, Nathaniel, and Bibi Johnson. Please keep Mary and the kids in your prayers!



### SUMMER AT CHRIST CHURCH, GUILFORD



Just a reminder that St. Michael's 8:00 a.m. service will take place at Christ Church, Guilford, on the first Sundays of July, August, and September. Christ Church is St. Michael's "Mother Church" and was founded in 1817, the first Episcopal Church in Vermont. While Christ Church no longer hosts a weekly congregation, it is used for concerts, weddings, and occasional worship by the St. Michael's congregation. Mark your calendars to take part in worshipping at this wonderful, sacred place.



### PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE: OPERATING INCOME/EXPENSES FOR JANUARY–MAY

**Total Pledges Received:** \$100,406 vs. Budget of \$89,949 (111.6% of Budget)

**of which: Total Pledges Received for May:** \$13,591 vs. Budget of \$17,990 (75.5%)

**Total Operating Income:** \$157,010 vs. Budget of \$135,693 (115.7% of Budget)

**Total Operating Expenses:** \$142,927 vs. Budget of \$139,134 (102.7%)



### NEWS FROM JERUSALEM PEACEBUILDERS CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Jerusalem Peacebuilders Leadership Camp for American, Israeli, and Palestinian teens in West Brattleboro is looking for volunteers to help out at the camp this summer between July 21 and August 2. Opportunities include preparing and cleaning up lunch and dinner meals, supporting staff and guest educators in workshops, transportation assistance, supply runs, hosting campers for a community dinner, and supervising campers during recreational activities and field outings. Please contact Dorothy Porter (dmpinvt@yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer.

Paint for Peace August 2: Join Israeli, Palestinian, and American youth participants from the Jerusalem Peacebuilders Leadership Camp to paint an original 40-foot peace banner that will travel the country. Paints and brushes provided. The peacebuilders will also share their stories, perform skits, and recite poetry during the event. This interfaith event invites people from all faith traditions in and around Brattleboro to come and join us in supporting these inspiring young leaders in their quest for peace.



**Where:** Brattleboro Common at the Gazebo (rain or shine)

**When:** August 2, noon to 4:00 p.m.

**Cost:** Free, all ages welcome!

**Contact:**  
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2014 Hosted teens with Betsy Bates



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### JULY LECTIONARY

#### *Sunday, July 5:*

Ezekiel 2: 1-5; Psalm 123; 2  
Corinthians 12: 2-10; Mark 6: 1-3

#### *Sunday, July 12:*

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

#### *Sunday, July 19:*

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

#### *Sunday, July 26:*

2 Kings 4: 42-44; Psalm 145: 10-19;  
Ephesians 3: 14-21; John 6: 1-21

## CELEBRATIONS

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1	Meaghan Landin
July 2	Caroline Womack Addison Weaver
July 3	Rosie Wojcik
July 4	Matthew Wojcik
July 5	Thea Porter Rebecca Porter
July 7	Lori Palmer Joanne Patalano
July 8	Judith McGee
July 9	Anita Crosson Irene Burtis
July 12	Ann Switzer
July 13	Jessica Mattson
July 14	Marian Wojcik David Carr
July 15	James Nohl
July 16	Olivia Capponcelli
July 20	Richard Gauthier
July 22	Susan Wilmott
July 25	Phillip Wilson
July 26	Barbara Hoag
July 27	Kerry Capponcelli
July 30	Shirley Hodgdon
July 31	Nancy Barber

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 1	Pam & David Carr
July 13	Susan & Paul Dedell
July 20	Susan & Phillip Wilson
July 23	Mary Lindquist & Kurt Johnson
July 27	Ann & Douglas Switzer
July 29	Betty & Corwin Elwell



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## ROTA FOR JULY

**LITURGICAL ROTA FOR JULY 2015 · 8:00 AM AND 10:15 AM SUNDAY SERVICES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**

Position	July 5 at Christ Church	July 12	July 19	July 26
<b>8:00 A.M. SERVICE</b>				
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Kate McGinn	Anita Crosson	Wayne Cook	Wayne Cook
<b>Intercessor</b>	Kiersten McKenney	Doug Lilly	Joanne Patalano	Anne Brown
<b>Sacramental Healing</b>	Betsy Bates	Janet Cramer	Jean Smith	Jean Smith
<b>Usher</b>	Doug Switzer	Anne Cook	Judy McGee	Anne Cook
<b>10:15 A.M. SERVICE</b>				
<b>Crucifer</b>	Ricky Davidson	Jack Karn	Jeff Hiam	Jessica Bennett
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	Annelise Fedoruk Nathaniel Johnson	Caleb Fritz Jonah Johnson	Andachew Mousin Marian Wojcik	Avery Bennett Kierstan Landin
<b>Element Bearers</b>	Sue Dyer Chris Hart	Nancy Barber Fred Bump	Michael & Ron Doty-Tolaro	Jeff Hiam Sue Dyer
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Jeff Hiam	Greg Lesch	Miranda Smith	Brian Morgan
<b>Lector</b>	Jodi Clark	Valerie Abrahamsen	Greg Lesch	Martin Leggott
<b>Intercessor</b>	Sarah Benton	David Mattocks	Valerie Abrahamsen	Jen Karstad
<b>Ushers</b>	Liz Vick Darcey Mercier	Andy & Elise Burrows	Judith Hildreth Nancy Barber	Sarah Benton Elaine Curry Smithson
<b>Sacramental Healing</b>	Janet Cramer Robin White-Diamondstone	Sarah Benton Betsy Bates	Trudy Crites Carolyn Taylor-Olson	Margit Lilly Robin White-Diamondstone
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Craig Newbert Irene Burtis Judith Hildreth Sherry Stimmel	Mary Carnahan Charlene Kemp Betty Elwell Rebecca Olmstead Zadie Olmstead	Mary Carnahan Charlene Kemp Betty Elwell Rebecca Olmstead Zadie Olmstead	Madelyn Howard Carol Hesselbach Lynn Billington
<b>Lemonade</b>	Building + Grounds Committee	Healing Team	Vestry	Choir
<b>Counters</b>	Ricky Davidson Jared Rediske	Wayne Cook Vince Johnson	Judy McGee Anne Cook	Sherry Stimmel Judith Hildreth

If you cannot make it, please find your own replacement; then call Jeanie in the Office at 802-254-6048, ext. 104. Thank you.





## HOW IS THE CHURCH FUNDED?

*Recently a person new to St. Michael's asked our Rector about how the church is funded. While we usually assume that people who come through our doors understand this aspect of the church's life and work, it is often an area of confusion. The Stewardship Committee offers here a basic explanation of how the church is supported financially.*

St. Michael's operates almost entirely on contributions from parishioners. The majority of these monies come as annual pledges, which can be paid weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually. To meet their pledges, folks use cash, checks, securities, or regular payments set up with banks that can be sent by check, credit card, or electronic transfer. These operating funds are used to pay salaries, maintain the buildings, and support parish ministries, including Parish Wellness and Outreach, which touch the lives of people of St. Michael's and of the larger community in which we live. Additionally, groups at St. Michael's contribute through fundraising activities such as the semi-annual tag sales and the preparation of proposals for outside funding for programs such as The Choir School.

St. Michael's has a yearly campaign to raise funds to support the programs, activities, and ministries of the church. It's called our Stewardship Campaign. Usually in the fall we take four to six weeks to focus on our faith at work through the church and its ministries

and to ask people to make a financial commitment to St. Michael's for the coming year.

Parishioner Chris Hart reflects on her own decision-making regarding her pledge: "I find that some years my focus is outward and I look to all the work we do locally, nationally, and internationally as a community of faith. Other years, my focus is inward and I look to all that this community and faith mean to me. How you have blessed and supported me and the huge impact following my faith has had on my life. Both are always present when I am sitting considering my pledge."

Monies also come to St. Michael's in recognition of the work of the Church and a desire to help assure that this work can continue. These monies usually support ongoing activities such as religious education, capital building maintenance or music and become part of the Church's endowment. Individuals often contribute to these funds through their wills, from unexpected windfalls, or in honor of special occasions or special people in their lives.

While money is only one way St. Michael's is supported by parishioners, it is a very important way. Without the generous contributions both from our current congregation and from our predecessors, we would not enjoy the rich and vibrant ministry we deeply value.



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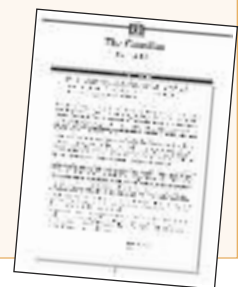
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## Our Worship Together

**SUNDAYS**—8:00 a.m., Quiet service of prayer and Holy Communion

10:15 a.m., Prayer, music, and Holy Communion, with Sunday School and childcare

**WEEKDAY MORNINGS**—6:00 a.m., Silent hour in chapel

**WEDNESDAYS**—Noon, Brief service of prayer and Holy Communion

**THURSDAYS**—5:30 p.m., Contemplative service of chanting, silence, and prayer

**SATURDAYS**—8:00 a.m., Centering prayer

## This Month At St. Michael's Episcopal

**JULY 5 8 A.M.**  
**WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH,  
GUILFORD**