

St. Saviour's Voice

St Saviour's Voice Issue 115, Advent & Christmas, 2010

The Advent Liturgy, Time to watch, to listen, and to kindle hope

Mary's song gives expression to a young mother's spirit, love and care. She praised the One who overturns the power, greed, and judgment and so inspired her son, deeper than words can tell. He was nurtured in her presence. How do our lives magnify the One whom we worship? Our individual actions and words? And what of our shared life in community, the one community of Sts. Mary and Jude, Sts. Andrew and John, the Church of Our Father and St. Saviour's?

Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent we will celebrate the Eucharist using Eucharistic Prayer B and we will use a new cycle of collects written by Steven Shakespeare and collected in *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*. For the First Sunday of Advent we find:



Holy Thief,
stealing away
our false securities
and idle vanity:
awaken us from the dull sleep
that clings to empty fear
and vacant routine;
unfold on us the time of crisis
when love of truth
floods a thirsty world;
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen

If you wonder what he is praying about, read the Gospel (Matthew 24:36-44) appointed for this Sunday. We continue to print the collects for the coming Sunday in *Grace Notes* so we have time to become aware of our response and to wrestle with Shakespeare's insights.

We will switch to the alternative translation of the Lord's Prayer, as it is found on page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*. It seems somewhat awkward each year to vary a prayer deeply imbedded in our prayer life and memory. Yet, our effort can yield the gift of fresh urgency.

On the Sundays in Advent, I will lead a class, *Receiving Gifts of Grace*, designed for those who are new to the practice of Christianity in Episcopal congregations. Why do we have an Advent season? Does Advent really matter? We will meet on Sunday mornings from 8:45 to 9:30 in the Parish Library. On December 12th, Emily-Blair Stribling will join the class when I am at St. John's for the day.

Jonathan

Vestry on Call and Readings for Advent and Christmas



Date	Psalm	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Gospel
11/28	122	Isaiah 2:1-5	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
12/5	72:1-7, 18-19	Isaiah 11:1-10	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
12/12	146:4-6	Isaiah 35:1-10	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
12/19	80:1-7, 16-18	Isaiah 7:10-16	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
12/24	96	Isaiah 9:2-7	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14
12/25	98	Isaiah 52:7-10	Hebrews 1:1-4	John 1:1-14
12/26	147:13-21	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7	John 1:1-18
1/2/11	84	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a	

Vestry On Call:

November 20-26	Rick Mack	288-3250
November 27-Dec 3	Debbie Parlee	244-3094
December 4-10	Jim Vallette	244-3106
December 11-17	Eva Davis	288-5704
December 18-24	Richard Foster	288-2720
December 25-31	Lynn Graham	288-4950



Prayer List:



We pray for Walter, Mark Campbell and family, Deanna Francis, Margaret Ellis, Bill Voorhies, Jr., George, Jan, Candi Cleary, Patti Wharton, Chauncey McFarland, Billie Marshall, Dottie Abbott, Jack Walls, Scott, Avis Keene, Sarah Cleaves, Anne Cleaves, Penny Ayers, Pauline Hartin, Sherry Taylor and Jeanne.

(As we will rotate people off the prayer list after six weeks, please inform the parish office if you or someone you placed on the list would like to remain on after that time.)

Community Outreach

Everybody Eats at St. Dunstan's (134 State St.) in Ellsworth offers a free, nutritious meal to anyone Mondays from 3 to 6pm.

Common Good Soup is offering free lunches and musical entertainment starting at noon every Thursday. Island Connections will try to provide rides for seniors and the disabled who'd like to attend.

Island Connections is in dire need of volunteer drivers. The demand for rides for medical appointments, errands, shopping for food, etc. has increased by 37% over the past year. They are in need of help to keep up with the demand. If you can help, even once a week, please call Island Connections at 288-4457. Gas cards are available if you are willing to make a trip off island.

From the Organ Bench

A heartfelt **THANK-YOU** goes to our choir and orchestra for the beautiful concert in honor of All Saints. We performed to a full house, which was most gratifying, and more than covered our expenses through memorial gifts and donations at the door. I have never heard our choir sound so glorious and I felt honored to be their leader. This was the third year to present a special performance in memory of our loved ones, and yes, I am already thinking about the next one.



I am happy to report that the duct-tape has been removed from the organ! For three days in late October our organ technician Bill Czelusniak and his helper Richard dismantled the leaking schwimmers and replaced them with new rubber cloth. I have some examples of the old-just ask me to see them sometime-they are a mess! We are lucky to have Bill as our organ guy. I can't think of anyone who would be more careful and exacting. He literally knows our instrument from the inside out and I trust him implicitly. We have now finished step one of Bill's recommendations for the organ, with two major projects to go. We will need to raise funds for those and I will let you know more about them after the new year.

The organ is sounding magnificent right now and I invite you to my annual recital, ***Music for Advent and Christmas***, on Friday, December 10 at 12:15. Joining me this year will be baritone Geoff Knowles. Geoff will be singing a number of Christmas carols, both familiar and not-so-familiar, and I will be playing music by Bach, Alec Rowley and Craig Phillips. For years I have wanted to learn and perform Bach's four movement ***Pastorale*** and I'm happy to say it's finally on the program! Donations received at the door will go to St. Saviour's outreach funds.

At the 10:00 service on December 19 we will have our Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas. This will be a joint service for all the MDI parishes and I have a lot of marvelous music planned. Please invite a friend or neighbor to come with you - I can promise it will be a joyous way to begin Christmas week.

Wishing you and yours a blessed Christmas,

Julia

A big thank you to Charlie Lyons, head usher; Diane Phipps, Lucy Creevey and Sandy Paine, for their outstanding job greeting and ushering at the concert!



The Schedule of Christmas Services at St. Saviour's

Christmas Eve	4pm The Birth of Jesus and Holy Communion
Christmas Eve	10pm The Celebration of the Nativity by the Mount Desert Island Episcopal Congregations with Choir
Christmas Day	10am A Celebration with carols
The First Sunday of Christmas, December 26	7:30 and 10am
The Second Sunday of Christmas, January 2	7:30 and 10am

A Service for Remembering

Friday, December 10th at 5:00 PM

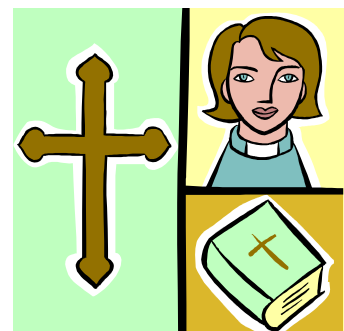
The Rectory Common Library

During the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas, the wonder of child birth, the gathering of family and the miracle of child-like joy can touch us deeply and also hit a raw spot. For many of us, this is a hard time when we remember those who are not with us to celebrate. We are not alone; and unless we need to be, we do not have to be alone.

All are invited to celebrate the Eucharist with the special intention of thanking God for the lives of loved ones and asking God to comfort those who are grieving and those whose children have died before them. Such losses change life forever. We seek a way to remember and to go forward. We have a need to embrace grief and hope. If you have lost a child or someone else, if you feel deep emptiness, I hope that you will find time to sit still and to be embraced by God's care. Please come if you can, and pray for those who have died, for all who grieve and for those who have lost a child.

If you would like to help shape this service or take a role in leading a part of it, please call me, Jonathan Appleyard, 288-4215, and welcome our neighbors and friends.

Morning Prayer is moving! Beginning on Wednesday, December 1st, we will say the daily office in the Rectory Common Library to save energy and enjoy the wonderful room that was refurbished by Warren Davis, Julie Grindle, Bill Scott, Janet Scott and Barbara Sunderland with the support of the Episcopal Church Women and many others. We will use the Lord's Prayer as found in the New Zealand *Book of Common Prayer* and canticles from *Enriching Our Worship*. Please join us for Morning Prayer **Wednesday through Saturday at 8:30 am** in the Parish Library.



Baptism

The next opportunity to receive the sacrament of Baptism will be January 8th, the day that we remember Jesus' own baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist. What baptism meant to John and to Jesus appears to be very different. John strode a path toward enlightenment practicing renunciation, purity and adherence to specific codes of behavior. Jesus' exuberance, his disregard for rules and his behavior toward outcasts, women, and children opened him to the criticism from many, including John's own disciples. Yet we honor this day as a step in Jesus pilgrimage and a source for his wisdom.

Please let Jonathan or the Parish Office know if you are interested in baptism. He will prepare candidates and their sponsors, godparents and families at 10 am on Saturday, January 7th, unless there is a more convenient time for all.



The First Light Society of the Diocese of Maine



The Episcopal Diocese of Maine established the First Light Society in 2003 for anyone who includes St. Saviour's Parish, the Diocese of Maine or any other Episcopal ministry in their will or planned giving. As you may know, our current ministry is partially supported by our forebears' gifts. Several current members of the St. Saviour's have made provision for their annual giving to continue beyond their lifetime and were included as founding members. If you would like to make such plans, please let Jonathan know. If you would prefer to keep your plan confidential, but want to support the effort, please let him know this wish as well.

Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad. Psalm 40:17



St. Saviour's Parish Christmas Order Form due by Dec 10

St. Saviour's will be ordering the poinsettias and wreaths to decorate the church for Christmas. If you would like to have either placed in the church in memory of or in thanksgiving for your loved ones, please cut the form below to place your order. We will select the colors so that the church is well adorned.



Come Trim a tree, sing a carol, and enjoy some cookies following the 10 am service on **Sunday, December 19th**. We will decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Plan to stay, hang an ornament or two and enjoy the bounty of sweet and savory goodies.

Qty. Item

_____ Poinsettia(s) \$18.00 each = _____

_____ 20" Wreath (s) \$20.00 each = _____

My check is enclosed for a total of \$ _____

Given by: _____

In memory of/thanksgiving for: _____



At the Diocesan Convention, October 22-23, 2010



Bishop Stephen Lane



Carmen Greene and Linda Foster



Above: Lee Garrett and
Jonathan Appleyard



Left: Margaret (Madge) and the
Reverend Edwin A. Garrett III

Milestones we celebrate at St. Saviour's!

Baptismal Anniversaries

November 30	Lucy Triplett
December 4	Paul Coston
December 5	Corinne Graham
December 12	Max deKoning
December 16	Jason Smith
December 24	Mary Smith
December 26	Addison Lively Taylor Malloy
December 27	Andrew Leiser Stephen Leiser



Birthday Greetings

November 26	Ellie Batchelder
November 30	Kay Richards
December 2	Isabel Bohrer
December 3	Jim Vallette
December 6	Stephen Heath
December 11	Catherine Walton
December 12	Caroline Heath
December 13	Don Allen
December 14	Calvin Tweedie
December 15	Robert Clark
December 17	Robert Phipps
December 18	Jonathan Appleyard
December 21	Lara Horner
December 24	Nancy Cameron Tina Hawes
December 28	Paul Coston
December 29	Liane Peach
December 31	Lindsey Leiser-Lively



Marriage Anniversaries

December 21	Diane and Robert Phipps
December 22	Pat and Roget Samuels
December 28	Joyce and James McFarland

Thanksgiving

Linda Palfry's message to her friends at the Harbor Hill Thanksgiving meal November 17.

This week I received a Thanksgiving card saying "Set a place for gratitude, serve up smiles, and share memories with people you love."

We move so fast and sometimes we see so little in our daily lives. Create a desire to pause and reflect.

It's the sunrise on Cadillac and the sunset hues to close our day. As we await the snowflakes to cover the green grasses, may we be ever thankful for this good, warm place to live and the people around us to lighten up our spirits. Eat, smile, be happy at this Thanksgiving feast and remember those less fortunate than us.

GoodSearch Pennies adding up!

We received a check for \$16.03 from GoodSearch! Thank you to all who use GoodSearch for their internet searches and noted us as a recipient of donations each time they used it. Don't forget: www.goodsearch.com, then put Saint Saviours Episcopal Church (Bar Harbor) as the recipient. Every time you do an internet search with GoodSearch after that, we will receive a penny, and we all know how those pennies for outreach add up!



Prayer Shawl Ministry News

Four years ago, several Prayer Shawl knitters from St. Saviour's attended a Prayer Shawl Ministry (www.shawlministry.com) workshop at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Waterville presented by co-founders Janet Bristow and Vicky Gallo. Shawls filled with love and prayers are knit or crocheted and given for comfort during illness or grief, as well as for times of joy and celebration. What has become a far-reaching ministry has given us the opportunity to help fulfill our desire to reach out to others.

Invigorated by that workshop, we continued to meet bi-monthly at St. Saviour's, but due to scheduling conflicts, weather, personal commitments, etc., meetings were no longer held with regularity. Participants continued to knit/crochet at home, however, and several shawls continue to be gifted. We have deeply appreciated that a number of summer parishioners, relatives of members of our congregation and other local community members have been generous with their time and knitting talent throughout these past years.

Recently, St. Mary's/St. Jude's prayer shawl ministers invited all MDI Episcopal parishes to share in a get-together to discuss how we might collaborate/share ideas. To date, this small group has met twice, as our second meeting was at St. Saviour's, Friday, November 12th. It seemed a consensus that we should continue to meet and offer at least one opportunity per week for interested participants. Currently St. Mary's group in NE Harbor is meeting on the first and third Thursdays of each month in their Parish Hall. The next meeting at St. Saviour's will be Friday, December 10th at 1:00, and due to the busy-ness of the holidays, we will only meet once in December, but we hope to set a bi-monthly schedule, alternating weeks with St. Mary's.

We are forming new friendships, sharing our ideas and patterns, and we are enthusiastic about what we can accomplish above and beyond our own individual parishes. The need for our shawls is great, and our supplies at this point are running quite low.

Please do not hesitate to come forward if you know somebody who might appreciate the gift of one of our shawls. Are there any parishioners who can't make it to church, but would like us to bring needles and yarn to your home and teach you the simple shawl pattern? We joyfully welcome those who have been knitting blankets for newborns at MDI, and we invite anyone who would just like to be with us in the library for tea and company even if knitting is not your cup of tea.

Also, please send us your email address if you would like to be included on our reminder list and/or if you have any ideas that would further enhance our ministry.

Contact Sue Blaisdell or Ruth Appleyard for further information.



Joint Worship Services at MDI Episcopal Churches

Joint Sunday Worship is at 10 am. 7:30 Eucharist at St. Saviour's is celebrated in the Chapel as usual.

December 19 - The Fourth Sunday Of Advent - Advent Lessons and Carols at St. Saviour's, Bar Harbor

December 24 – Christmas Eve – 10pm at St. Saviour's, Bar Harbor (**NOTE TIME CHANGE**)

January 6, 2011 (Thursday) - An evening observance of the Feast of the Epiphany, 5:30pm with potluck supper and conversation following, at Church of Our Father, Hull's Cove

March 6, 2011 - The Last Sunday After The Epiphany at St. Saviour's, Bar Harbor

April 17, 2011 - Palm Sunday at St. Saviour's, Bar Harbor

April 21 - Maundy Thursday at St. Mary's Church, Northeast Harbor

April 22 - Good Friday at the Church of St. John, Southwest Harbor

Saturday, April 23 - The Great Vigil of Easter, at Church of Our Father, Hull's Cove

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At MDI Episcopal Churches - Weekday services, education and events:

St. Mary's-by-the-Sea and St. Jude's - 5 Kimball Road - Northeast Harbor – 276-5588
Contemplative Evening Prayer on Wednesdays in St. Mary's Chapel at 5:30 pm.
Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve at 5pm

Church of Our Father - Route 3 in Hulls Cove -288-4849

Holy Eucharist - Wednesday - 7 a.m. followed by breakfast, Healing service on 4th Wednesdays
Sisters on a Journey at Church of Our Father, is a monthly program for all women who want to share food, fellowship and prayer. Gathering for the potluck meal begins at 5:30pm with the program beginning about 7pm. All women are invited. For more information contact Sharon Linscott at 288-9304.

St. Andrew and St. John in Southwest Harbor - 315 Main Street, Southwest Harbor 244-3229

Thursdays - Holy Eucharist at 12:30 (note new day and time) A service that offers healing and hope to all.

Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:30 pm – Bible Study with Jonathan Appleyard

Christmas Craft Fair – Saturday, November 27 from 9am to 2pm. Crafts, wreaths, baked goods, lunch!

Thanksgiving Day at 9:30 am

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Morning Prayer

Tuesday to Saturday at 8:30 am
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**Contemplative Prayer**

**Thursday at 5:30 pm in the Rectory Library**  
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Holy Eucharist

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 am
(childcare is provided at the 10 am service)
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**The Schedule of Christmas Services at St.  
Saviour's**

Christmas Eve at 4pm and 10pm

Christmas Day at 10am

First Sunday of Christmas, December 26

Second Sunday of Christmas, January 2  
both at 7:30 and 10am

**The mission of St. Saviour's Parish of Bar Harbor is to put Jesus Christ first in our lives, to spread the Good News of salvation through worship, education and ministry, building on the gifts and heritage of our congregation, and to provide a welcoming atmosphere of love and compassion.**

*Bishop: The Right Reverend Stephen T. Lane*

*Rector: The Reverend Jonathan Appleyard*

*Organist & Choirmaster: Julia Morris-Myers*

*Parish Administrator and Editor: Margaret Stewart*

Office hours are Tuesday-Friday from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

**Sanctuary is handicap accessible**

Rector: Jonathan Appleyard; Senior Warden: Gail Leiser; Junior Warden: Lynn Graham, Treasurer: Richard Foster;  
Clerk: Carmen Greene; Vestry Members: Jeff Becan (seasonal), Eva Davis, Geoff Knowles, Rick Mack,  
Debbie Parlee, Jim Vallette and Diane Zito (seasonal).