ADVENT MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Advent is a very unique season in our church year. Of course, every season has its unique place in the hearts and minds of us all. But Advent holds a special place in our hearts, for it is at this time that we turn ourselves to the light that guides us through all the perils of this world to the true light of Jesus Christ. We are asked at this time - more than perhaps any other – to focus our minds and hearts on the true essentials of our lives as children of God. It is time for us to free ourselves from the material and spiritual storms that come our way and to seek out the tiny child of Bethlehem, the only savior of the world.

As you all know, your bishop spends a great deal of time traveling. The number of hours spent in airport terminals and on commercial airplanes can probably be counted, but I have never tried. It would probably frighten me. I also spend a good deal of time in my car, driving around the diocese. During these car trips, the radio is usually on and I like to listen to news programs. Late in the day, a program called “Market Place” appears. It is a news program, though one slanted toward the business end of things. Inevitably, the Stock Market report is given. Before the actual numbers are mentioned, a little tune is played. Some days, the tune is “We’re in the Money.” On other days, the tune “Stormy Weather” is played. You can easily decide whether the news is good or bad simply by hearing the first few bars of music.

Stormy weather is certainly something we have become familiar with here in the Northeast. Over the past few months, we have endured a hurricane and an unseasonably early snowstorm that has played havoc with power grids, computers, heat, lights and human emotions. Storms stir things up. They leave debris behind. They require us to do a great deal of cleaning up. But, perhaps, they also help us focus on those things that are truly essential.

Two weeks ago, Ljuba and I lost all electric power in our home. We were propelled backward into the early nineteenth century when a tree limb severed the electric power lines to our house. Everything changed instantly. But candles were found and lit, the wood stove started. We would survive, certainly, but the lack of computer connections and the absent balm of television programs were almost too much to bear. It would be tough for a day or so, but who knew the power would be out for over a week!

The day after this storm took out power lines and dropped heavy tree limbs all over the yard, we started the generator. We had regained heat and water. The few lights we had were centered
around the wood stove in the living room. That is where Ljuba and I congregated in the evenings. We also took in a friend and a neighbor, both of whom had no power in their homes at all. That is when the remarkable thing happened. Without any of our very distracting modern electronic time wasters, we actually had a great time talking, getting to know each other and simply reveling in the wonder of each other's company. The pool of light was small, but it was enough. It drew us together. Although tree limbs cracked and fell outside the house, the presence of each other offered human shelter against the storm.

It was very much an Advent moment. We waited for the storm to clear. We sought shelter against the night. We warmed ourselves before a fire. The light that came into the world on Christmas Day was very small indeed, so small that it was apparent only to those closest to it. But it was they who first knew of the love that would grow to embrace the world. It is worth waiting for, this light, this light of the Christ child.

Advent is truly a time of waiting; a time of waiting for the birth of Jesus, the Incarnation of our Lord. Advent also reminds us of the Second Coming. Someday, we will all be judged. And we should use this time to reflect upon our lives. Are we caught up in the spiritual storms that prevent us from following the true light of Christ? Are we so distracted by the debris of this world that we cannot see the path to Jesus that is open to us?

My brothers and sisters in Christ, I pray that this Advent will be a holy time for us all. Let it be filled with the true light of Jesus Christ. And may our churches be beacons of light as we worship

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in the presence of God and among those we love.

The light of Christ is the one true light, the light that will lead us home to God.

My prayers for you all.

*Your Brother in Christ,*

*Brockton Conference*

“Unity among our churches is such an important thing that it should be left to God.” That phrase was said to me as we broke for lunch on the first day of the Brockton conference. I have reflected on it since that time. There is a great deal of truth to this phrase, which was said in a very casual, almost distracted, way. It is God who will determine unity, not we ourselves. It is up to us to discern, as best we can, the steps God wants us to take.

The World Consultation on the Continuing Anglican Churches took place in Brockton, Massachusetts on November 3 and 4. Several papers were delivered. These will be assembled in a booklet, once all the material has been collected and edited.

The theme of the conference was indeed unity. Most speakers took the Continuum to task for the many schisms that had developed in our thirty-five year history. It has indeed been a contentious and fractious history. But perhaps the good news is that, having learned many lessons from that period, we are now ready to “grow up” and become the mature church that God wishes us to be. In our increasingly adolescent culture, it is important for the church to mentor, lead and teach the spiritually needy people of our country and world. It is what we are called to do.

The remarkable aspect of the Brockton conference was the collection of bishops, clergy and lay people who assembled there. At least seven continuing jurisdictions were represented. Even a year ago, such a gathering would likely have been impossible. But a new generation of leaders, ones freed from the old turf wars, have sought unity among Anglicans. Indeed, so little separates the continuing churches that it is hardly surprising that most churchgoers are unaware of the differences. Our task for the next few years will be to keep the dialogue going, to build bridges and to find ways in which our separate churches may cooperate and mutually support our missions.

The highlight of the conference was the Keynote Address given by Bishop Michael Gill of Southern Africa. Bishop Gill delivered an eloquent and moving address. He works in a very challenging area of Southern Africa, but expressed great joy and satisfaction in his work. The main theme of his address was to encourage all present to seek to make new Christians, not to steal sheep from other folds. We need to hear this message, as it pierces to the heart of our work as Christians. It is precisely the work that Christ has called us to: fulfill the Great Commission.

The various events at the World Consultation were attended by between 70 and 150 people. Each event spoke to the unity of God’s church.

St. Paul’s Parish, the Anglican church of Brockton hosted the event. To say that this parish and its rector, Father James Hiles, outdid themselves in hospitality would be to understimate their achievement. All aspects of this event were
Diocesan Synod 2011
from the Secretary

The 20th Annual Synod of the Diocese of the Northeast, hosted by Trinity Anglican Church, met in Rochester, NH, September 29th and 30th.

Official activities began on Thursday afternoon with a meeting of the Diocesan Standing Committee. Following the business meeting, the Standing Committee met informally with several postulants currently enrolled in Logos House. Please keep these men in your prayers as they progress in their studies, following their calling to serve the Lord. Thursday concluded with Choral Evensong, with a guest choir from First United Methodist of Rochester, held at Trinity Pro-Cathedral, and an informal supper in Champlain Hall. Rain altered plans for an outdoor cookout but didn’t dampen the spirits of those who enjoyed the food and fellowship.

A large congregation of clergy and laity attended the Synod Mass on Friday morning. Holy Eucharist was held at Trinity Pro-Cathedral with The Most Rev. Brian Marsh, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese, as celebrant. Following mass, attendees assembled at the Governor’s Inn in Rochester for the day’s events.

The Synod meeting convened with opening prayers by Bp. Marsh and introduction of guests, Fr. James Hiles, Dcn. Czarr Freeman, and lay representatives from St. Paul’s Parish, Brockton, MA.

Secretary Linnea Shaver called the roll and established that a quorum was present in both houses.

Bp. Marsh’s address to Synod spoke of “living the faith” and coming together to attend to God’s work. He talked about unity, noting that challenges and difficulties need to be carefully studied, thus the step-by-step process is a slow one. He cited the approval of a Communion Agreement between the Anglican Province of America (APA) and the ACA as a positive step in the unity process, noting it was largely symbolic since the two jurisdictions had never technically been out of communion.

The Bishop gave a brief overview of the ACA meetings and General Synod September 20-23, and thanked the delegates who attended. Items addressed during the week included discussions on diocesan boundary changes, election of a bishop suffragan for DEUS (Diocese of the Eastern U.S.), evangelism, and amendments to the ACA Constitution and Canons. Jeanne Moody was thanked for preparing the proposed ACA canon amendment booklets. The 2012 budget was passed by the Synod. International leadership (Traditional Anglican Communion) was a topic of much discussion and both the House of Clergy and the House of Laity passed resolutions requesting a change in the leadership from the primatial office. Letters directed to the TAC were drafted. Bishop Marsh noted that more information on the ACA general synod proceedings would be posted on the ACA website. Fr. Owen Williams was voted Registrar of the Synod, and Archdeacon Alan Koller was appointed as Vicar General, assuming the duties of the Endorser and Supervisor of the National Military Chaplaincy program.

Bp. Marsh reminded parishes that advertising grants of $1500 per parish to promote growth are available from the national church.
Postulants and candidates, Mark Black, David Koller, Partrick Derosiers, Ron Furrer, Harry Wellsman and Charlie Niemi and new diocesan clergyman Fr. Amos Mihanda (St. Paul’s) were introduced. The Bishop reported that Dcn. Merrill Perkins and Fr. Frank Bartlett were ordained since last year’s Synod and that Dcn. Dale Bové and Art Bennett would be ordained to the priesthood on Oct. 1. He recognized two other priests new to the diocese since last year, Fr. Joseph Bizimana (St. Augustine, Old Orchard Beach) and Fr. Alexander Henderson (a.k.a. Hendy) Webb (St. Luke’s).

Bishop Marsh thanked Trinity Pro-Cathedral for hosting the synod, Alan Wylie for preparing the reports booklet, and Ed Pacht for his continued editorship of the NEA.

Bp. Langberg reported that he is nearing completion of his studies in pursuit of a Master’s Degree in Ecumenical Studies. He noted that the intercommunion document prepared by the Roman Church has raised many questions in regard to recognition of and allowance for diversity, i.e., that which characterizes us as traditional Anglicans. He asked for continued prayers that the Lord’s will for the Church be carried out.

Business proceeded with acceptance of last year’s Synod minutes, a review of the 2010 parochial reports, and the Treasurer’s reports. Bp. Marsh stressed that financial stewardship by all parishes is canonically required and he reiterated the importance of meeting support obligations to the Church. The Synod voted to approve a recommendation by the Standing Committee, adopting a policy that all parishes and missions must pay tithes to the diocese of either 12.5% of pledge and plate or a minimum of $250 per year, whichever is greater. Hardship waivers to the policy are subject to the Bishop Ordinary’s discretion. At the Bishop’s request, the Synod adopted a resolution by acclamation to prayerfully affirm and commit to the full complement of payment of tithes this year, the goal being to end the budget deficit faced by the diocese for the last several years. The treasurer noted that tithe payments could be made in installments throughout the year and electronic statements would be made available between synods (when standing committee reports are prepared) if she is provided with an email address. St. Elizabeth’s, Tuxedo, pledged to increase their diocesan tithe from $2400 to $3000.

The 2010 proposed budget was reviewed and passed.

Bp. Marsh announced the formation of a committee to develop a planned giving program for the diocese, appointing Dcn. Cupoli as Chairman, and JoAnn Samson and Walter Jones to serve on the committee.

Written reports, distributed to delegates prior to the Synod meeting, were approved. Some highlights follow:

Chancellor (Walter Jones): Chancellor Jones has been working with St. Matthias to retrieve parish properties improperly removed from the premises. He communicates regularly with the Bishop Ordinary, advising and attending to the legal needs of the diocese.

Board of Examining Chaplains (Canon Davis): Fr. Webb has joined the Board as Chairman, replacing Fr. Davis, who retires this year. The summer training program (under the umbrella of Logos House) was held in June in conjunction with the Clericus meeting. The Board continues to rigorously examine all postulants and candidates to ascertain their calling to serve Christ’s Church.

Logos House (Canon Henthorne): A record number of students are currently enrolled. New courses continue to be added to the curriculum. A regional weekly seminar program for diaconal candidates was very successful.

Archdeacon (The Ven. Dr. Alan Koller): The Archdeacon provides spiritual support and training to men pursuing Holy Orders. Two helpful publications written by the Archdeacon are available on the diocesan website, a guide to use of the Book of Common Prayer for laity, and an informative booklet for postulants preparing for the priesthood. The Archdeacon also serves as Vicar General, assuming the duties of the Endorser and Supervisor of the National Military Chaplaincy program.

Canon Missioner (Fr. Jim Hurd): Fr. Hurd visited several congregations, focusing on ways of growing parish membership. He encouraged all to be evangelists, sharing the good news by words and actions.

Deaneries:
St. Benedict (Dean Ley): Several clergy from the deanery attended clerics in January and June. Fr. Ley attended the ordination of Dcn.
Rich Dibble to the priesthood and the memorial mass for Lois Chamberlain. Two regional deanery picnics were held during the past year.

**Holy Spirit** (Dean Williams): No joint deanery gatherings were held during the year, but Fr. Williams reported much activity in individual parishes within the deanery.

**Saint Mary** (Dean Tutor): Dcn. Bennett continues to lead the mission in St. Johnsbury, VT. Dcn. Rob Philp is returning to the diocese. Fr. Webb is serving as vicar of St. Luke’s. Two very small, inactive missions were closed but there are new opportunities for growth in the deanery.

**St. Luke’s Youth Camp** (Fr. Rich Dibble): Camp Director Fr. Dibble reported that 22 campers, 6 counselors and Bp. Marsh attended St. Luke’s Camp. The camp theme “Drive On” explored obstacles faced in the Christian walk and how to overcome them. Better communications for publicizing the camp experience, a back-up nurse, and more help are all needed. Contact Fr. Dibble with questions or to volunteer.

**International Anglican Fellowship** (Peter Thomas): Peter Thomas reported that more than $92,000 was distributed last year and thanked supporters, noting that diocesan members heavily support the IAF. Those helped were spread throughout the world, including South Africa, India, South America, Zambia, Kenya, Haiti, Japan, and the U.S. Funds were also given to Fr. Amos to help with the cost of relocating his family from Africa. Peter relayed a story about the struggles of a remarkable priest near Pretoria (Bp. Gill’s diocese) who suffered the total loss by a devastating fire of a church, school and orphanage he had established, and his faith and perseverance to rebuild.

**Northeast Anglican** (Ed Pacht): Editor Ed Pacht asked all parishes and missions to share their news with others in the diocese by submitting articles to the NEA. Deadlines are on the 15th day of February, May, August and November. Thanks, Ed – keep up the good work!

**Deo Gratias** (Kathy Lippman): More than $2000 was collected. Grants were allocated to the seminarian fund ($500), St. Luke’s Camp ($500) and the balance to St. Paul’s Portland to help Fr. Amos relocate his children to the U.S.

**House of Bishops**: Leadership in the ACA House of Bishops has changed. Bp. Marsh was elected President and Bp. Langberg, Vice-President.

**Safe Environment Coordinator** (Fr. Tutor): Pledge to Protect and The Code of Ministerial Conduct are available online or from Fr. Tutor and all clergy and parishes must comply with conditions set forth in these documents. Contact Fr. Tutor with any questions.

**Communications/Press** (Fr. Monroe): Fr. Monroe reported that the Diocesan website is a very successful means of getting information out. All DNE parishes and missions should be accessible via the website. For those not having a site of their own there is an initial set-up fee of $50 and an annual maintenance fee of $15. Fr. Monroe electronically distributes Diocesan and National news as requested by the Bishop, sends out press releases, schedules, changes, Yorkie’s Closet inventories (vestment and liturgical resource for those in need), and a myriad of other informative documents. Your input is crucial to his success in getting information out. Thank you Fr. Monroe for the outstanding job you do!

The Synod unanimously approved an application from St. Augustine, Elizabeth, NJ, requesting admission to the diocese. Pastor William Alvarez and several representatives from St. Augustine were welcomed. Pastor Alvarez revitalized and grew the former APA parish that now has a congregation of about 150 and ministers to a largely Hispanic community, celebrating Mass in Spanish.

Fr. Monroe presented a gift of a tabernacle from Yorkie’s Closet to Pastor Alvarez. Pastor Alvarez and lay representative Liz Nigrinis expressed joy and gratitude for the gift and their admittance into the DNE.

Following breakout sessions of the House of Laity (HOL) and House of Clergy (HOC), session leaders Kirby Wood (HOL) and Fr. Logan (HOC) presented reports.

The HOL discussed financial stewardship and the commitment by each parish to fully support
the resolutions to meet their financial obligations to the diocese (diocesan and ACA tithes) this year and hereafter. The group then turned its attention to deaneries and evangelism and ways of promoting more involvement in both areas. Kirby volunteered to work with Fr. Koller on producing training materials with activity suggestions and asked for those interested to email him. Bob Currier (All Saints) volunteered to start a sign-up sheet for laity interested in working together and to follow up with them on some of the suggestions. The HOL consented to Kirby’s request to step down as chairman and approved the selection of Alan Wylie to fill the position.

Fr. Logan presented a brief report on the House of Clergy session. Recent events in the TAC led the HOC to debate and discuss Canon Law and the trial of Bishops. Discussion will be continued on this topic at the next clericus meeting.

The meeting proceeded with the following elections and appointments:

Standing Committee: Fr. Williams and Kirby Wood were elected to three-year terms.

Executive Council: Peter Thomas and Fr. Hendy Webb were elected to serve on the Executive Council of the ACA.

DNE Officers: Diocesan officers were reappointed by the Bishop: Chancellor, Walter Jones; Secretary, Linnea Shaver; Treasurer, Kathy Lippman; Communications Officer, Fr. Monroe; Safe Environment Coordinator, Fr. Tutor.

Board of Examining Chaplains: Bp. Marsh announced the retirement of Canon James Davis as Chairman of the Board of Examining Chaplains and expressed his gratitude to Fr. Davis for his many years of service on the Board. The Bishop appointed Fr. Hendy Webb to the Board, naming him Chairman, and reappointed Fr. Williams.

Diocesan Court of the Ordinary: Alan Wylie was reappointed by the Bishop to serve on the Diocesan Court of the Ordinary.


Fr. Ley presented a resolution of thanks to the rector and members of Trinity, Rochester for hosting the Synod.

St. Thomas, Ellsworth, ME is scheduled to host the 2012 synod, date TBA.

Bp. Marsh urged both clergy and laity to attend the Northeast Festival of Faith, World Consultation on the Continuing Anglican Churches under the auspices of the Anglican Church in America, Diocese of the Northeast, hosted by Saint Paul's Parish, Brockton, MA, Nov. 3rd-6th.

Friday evening ended with the Synod banquet and a keynote address by special guest speaker, Rev. James Hiles, St. Paul’s, Brockton, MA. Secretary Linnea Shaver and Treasurer Kathy Lippman were surprised and humbled when they were presented with the Kilian Award for their many continuous years of service to the diocese. In a brief ceremony, Fr. James Davis was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Logos House.

On Saturday morning a mass was celebrated, ordaining Deacons Dale Bové and Art Bennett to the Sacred Priesthood. Congratulations and God bless both of them.

Many thanks to all for an enjoyable and productive synod!

----- Linnea Shaver, Secretary, DNE
General Synod
(excerpted from the website)

The Eighth General Synod of the Anglican Church in America was held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL September 22-23, 2011. The Rt. Rev. Brian Marsh, President of the ACA House of Bishops presided.


The Synod unanimously adopted a resolution of inter-communion with the Anglican Province of America. This will insure the jurisdictions work together for the Glory of God, able to share ministers, allow members to receive communion from the other jurisdiction when traveling or living in an area where they have no parish of their own, and allow Episcopal visits when needed. This will allow members of one jurisdiction to get to know the other while working on Corporate reunion.

While that remains the goal, Much work needs to be done. So when such corporate re-union can be done cannot be predicted.

The House of Clergy prepared a letter to Abp. John Hepworth urging him to step down as the Primate of the Traditional Anglican Communion. The synod, realizing the laity and clergy have no real voice in the TAC urged the College of Bishops to take action to facilitate this matter.

Jim Elkins (ACA Chancellor), has worked for the past three years on proposed amendments to present a major overhaul of the Constitution and Canons. A special thanks goes to Jeanne Moody for typing the proposed amendments for presentation to the synod. The canon on marriage was referred for further study and the House of Bishops was authorized to take immediate action if it becomes necessary.

Appointments:
Chancellor - Jim Elkins
Secretary - Judy Creel
Treasurer - Gil Miller
Education - Bp. Daren Williams & Fr. Alan Koller
Vicar General Armed Forces - Fr. Alan Koller
Recorder - Jeanne Moody
Registrar - Fr. Owen Williams

More on Unity
Bishop Marsh

I attended the recent Provincial Synod of the Anglican Catholic Church. Bishop Grundorf and I had been invited to attend that synod in a spirit of mutual support and appreciation. I had expected that we would be warmly received and welcomed. My expectations were greatly exceeded. Bishop Grundorf and I were granted voice during the proceedings, giving us the opportunity to address synod on any and all issues. We were also invited to deliver formal addresses to the synod. In addition, we were accorded the honor of processing with the Archbishop of the ACC at synod Mass. Clearly, there is a strong emphasis on the growing unity of all major Continuing Anglican jurisdictions. Although we are not in formal communion with the Anglican Catholic Church, we may certainly count on mutual respect, opportunities to share the Eucharist and an increasing desire to share our gifts with each other to the glory of God's church.
Brooklyn NY  
St. Joseph

Greetings in the name of the Lord from St. Joseph’s Anglican Church.

I am writing to you on behalf of the congregation of St Joseph’s Anglican Church. A continued message that I would like to push is that we have a web presence which can be located at HTTP://WWW.SJAC-NY.ORG. On it you will find our Sunday bulletins and other items of interest such as links and upcoming events.

Here is a quick listing of some of the events that occurred during the last few months, so please bear with me due to the number of pictures that were used. I tried to keep it short and simple but you know how that goes when you have pictures.

On Sunday, October 2nd, Mr. Wallace Mitchell, of Wally D. Productions, arranged a memorial service for the First Prime Minister of Belize, The Right Honorable George Cadle Price to be held that afternoon in Evensong format. Mr. Price went to rest with our Father on September 19, 2011. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.

Audience participation during the service was phenomenal and emotional. There was a beautiful vocal rendition given by Ms. Joan Lucas. Not to be outdone, Mr. Knox Cumberbatch gave a trumpet solo shortly thereafter. Reflections were done by three people whose lives were shaped due to the profound interaction of Mr. Price in their life.

On Sunday, October 16th, we had our annual Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong service. It is a service held in honor of God for giving us the many blessings that we enjoy daily. This is manifested by the “fruits” of our labor and is depicted in the following pictures.

After carrying their offerings to be blessed, you can see them posing for the crowd. Before the presentation of the “fruits”, it is customary for our members to say something heartfelt as a means of expressing their gratitude.

The following pictures are of our church, having been decorated by the members with their gifts of flowers, fruits, produce, corn stalks and sugar cane. Those items were given in thank-offering for their deceased family members and just because.

Our altar decorated with seasonal flowers.

Our main aisle decorated with corn stalks and sugar cane.

Here, you can see some of our lovely ladies, saying those words of thanks that I mentioned earlier.

I saved the best for last as, on that same Sunday, Father Brathwaite gave a special prayer for our oldest in age but youngest in heart member, Mrs. Alice Trapp who just turned 94 years young. As you can see, she’s blushing away.

She has a way of letting you know that she has her own mind and will tell you it in no uncertain terms. God bless Mrs. Trapp and may her sharp wit be around for a long time to point out what we need to know whether we want to know it or not.

Mark Black Subdeacon / Postulant & Webmaster.
Amherst, NH  
St. Luke's

The Bishop was able to join us to preach at a special evensong service in remembrance of the 9/11 tragedy in New York. The service was well attended and the offertory (some $560) was sent as a contribution to the 100 Club of NH which is used for the families of NH state police, local police, firefighters and conservation officers who have lost their lives in service to the state.

On 16 October there was one service followed by a meeting to explore the mission statement created by our Search Committee. A tremendous amount of work has gone into the preparation of the statement and a questionnaire has been distributed which is due by back 2 Nov. to determine what we, as a parish, are looking for in a new rector. This is a long and thought provoking process and the participation of all members of the parish is necessary for us to proceed to the next step. We are learning a great deal about ourselves as a parish family in the process.

Due to illness our annual Christmas Fair has been cancelled for this year. A great deal of time and effort is required to produce this event every year and our focus this year has been on other things. We hope to be more organized to resume running this event next year.

We were delighted to have Father Amos Mihanda and his wife, Odia, join us on Sunday, 6 November. Father Amos is an Associate Priest at St. Paul's Church in Portland, Maine. Part of the mission of members at St. Paul's is to bring their eight children from Uganda to Maine which is a major undertaking. We pray that until the funds are raised and the children actually safe here in the US that they are held in safe hands in Uganda. Please include the family in your prayers.

An anonymous gift has provided us with a beautiful new advent wreath and stand which we hope will enhance our worship during advent and for many years to come.

Peace be with you.

— Submitted by Lee Garre

Lebanon NH  
Trinity

As I write this, we approach the Second Sunday before Advent, a Sunday absent from more contemporary versions of the Book of Common Prayer but a welcome artifact of our enduring and continuing connection with the roots of our Anglican tradition.

Advent is a time of new beginnings, and we at Trinity have, as reported in the last edition of the NEA, begun a new worship life in the Franklin Masonic Lodge in Lebanon, NH. We count ourselves fortunate to have found this engaging site very near the downtown. Our hosts have made us most welcome and have facilitated our use of their space in a most gracious way. We look forward to a continuing warm relationship with the Masons, who, incidentally, had worshipped with us annually when we were located at our original site in Cornish.

We are happy to welcome back to the Upper Valley the Philps family, Den. Rob, Beth, Kristen, and Jonathan. The addition of Rob (who is really a deacon, but whom we think of as Rob) to the clergy of our parish is timely and he is most appreciated for his excellent sermons. We also appreciate Beth for her knack for hospitality and her exquisite sticky buns!

Coincident with our move to the Franklin Lodge, the rector and vestry are committed to introducing a weekly program of Bible Study or prayer to be offered to the local community as an outreach project. We are most fortunate to have two active postulants and the aforementioned Rob Philp to assist in the development of this project. This will be a major effort for our small parish, but we look forward to God's blessings upon it together with growth from the local community.

It being that the rector is also the bishop, it would have been unconscionable for the parish to be unrepresented at the national Synod. Consequently, Allan (your faithful scribe) and Jan (his faithful wife) Wylie attended the national synod in St. Louis, Allan being a delegate. I can only say what many have probably heard from other sources. I have seldom (and never at a church convocation) seen such trust and single-mindedness among the participants:
Bishops, clergy, and delegates. It is a refreshing and rare experience to attend such a convocation and witness the Holy Spirit at work. It was, for instance, a rare experience to attend a workshop on stewardship, conducted by a bishop, conveying his own stewardship techniques and justification as rector of his parish. We are truly blessed in our American church to have such competent and dedicated leadership.

As we do each year, we look forward to the Advent season with anticipation of new opportunities and challenges in our new digs. We look forward as well, to His coming again to strengthen and assure us.

----------Allan Wylie

**Raymond ME**

**Benedictine News**

It has been a busy fall at the Priory. We had a few trees come down during Irene which we have cleaned up giving us about another cord and a half of firewood. The summer repair/painting projects have seeped into fall but are nearly done and we thank God for this unbelievable weather giving us the extra time. A memorial to our 1st Prior, Br. Robert Herrick has been placed in the animal cemetery as his heart was always with the animals. Even the barn got painted!!

Valerie Kazarian was received as an oblate in a beautiful mass on Oct. 15th. The chapel was full as she made her promises, received her veil and scapular and her new religious name, Obl.Sr.Mary Raphael. Obl Sr. Therese aka Chris Swasey renewed her promises on the same day. Religious life is not easy if practiced in earnest, especially if one is also "in the world". These ladies perseverance and fortitude are to be commended and is an inspiration to us all.

Fr. Kevin just finished with the All Soul's Novena. The prayer lists were long but prayed with joy and sincerity. One lady commented that her list gets longer each year. She is right, they do...the longer you live, the longer the list. It is every monk/nun's honor and humble privilege to pray for people and rather than looking at the list with sadness as the loss of these valuable people, we look at them with gladness for all those whom we hope are now with God.

We have received 2 new geese who have wing deformities but are wonderfully funny and friendly; one even helped Sr. paint the barn. Thanks to the kindness and generosity of Carlos and Pat Homola Portuondo (two of our animal angels) our little barn will have a new roof this fall and the animals will stay dry. They are supplying all the materials and Fr. and Sr. will do all the work. Every now and again, in this life, a human will cross your path whose intentional living, kindness and generosity is so Christ like and inspirational that one cannot help but feel truly blessed by having known them. Such is the case with Carlos and Pat who are beautiful examples of living in Christ and shining His light on the world around them and thus blessing those they meet. God first served.

We and our animals are truly grateful for their kindness and for the generosity of all our animal angels especially as winter approaches. This economy has been hard on everyone even the animals who are being displaced, re-homed, thrown out and dumped on road sides at alarming rates. We ask your help in doing what you can. If you wish to help the animals, please mark "for the animals" on your check otherwise your funds go to the general fund used for chapel upkeep, ie candles etc. All donations are tax deductible and very appreciated.

Your "homework" this quarter is to google Tarra and Bella. This is a story of an elephant/dog friendship which, sadly, ended recently with the death of the dog. There is a lesson for humans here and if you look closely, you will
for long time church members Bart and Marcia Bumsted, who passed away within months of each other, after a long and happy marriage of 63 years. The couple had played a vital role in the establishment of St. Margaret’s. Mr. Bumsted served as a Vestryman, Warden and choir member. Mrs. Bumsted was active in volunteer work in the community, and served St. Margaret’s in the choir and the Ladies Guild. They have been interred in our Memorial Garden.

Bible study with Fr. Monroe resumed at the beginning of October. Our Sunday school resumed with Fr. Robert Burns, guest clergy, for the children of the parish. On Saturday, October 22, a group of Ladies Guild members met to plan our annual Christmas Fair, luncheon and bake sale, which will be held on the 19 of November. Co-Presidents Ann Wilcox and Mary Thomas, as always, have the event well organized, with tasks assigned and “to do” lists drawn up. This event is a wonderful fund raiser for the parish, and a grand kick off to the holiday season. Our specialty baskets are well known throughout the area, and people come early for the best selection.

Meeting at Mineral Springs were Linda Monroe, Charlotte Whiting, Maureen Sparti, Ann Wilcox, Fran Shore, Allison Bergeron, and Mary Thomas. (standing.)

Also in October, Fr. Monroe Baptized Jennifer Clark Franz and her 2 small children, Olivia Jean Franz, and Emma Joyce Franz. We welcome them to the table of the Lord.

In mid November Fr. Monroe and his wife Linda left for a well deserved vacation. We were pleased to welcome Fr Amos Mizuka and Deacon Al Ryan from St. Paul’s in Portland.

see how we are not so different from our animal friends, yet could learn so much from them if we weren’t so proud. The reporter even commented on this very thing. “Pride goeth before a fall.” Look at our society and then take a look at the elephant’s…what do you think?

We at the Priory wish you all a warm, blessed Christmas and an enlightened New Year.

——Fr. Kevin and Sr. Mary Francis and all the animals
Deacon Ryan delivered a thoughtful sermon on prayer, and offered many practical suggestions to make daily prayer part of our lives, not just reserved for Sunday. Both clergy joined us in the undercroft for refreshments.

Upcoming events include our Christmas Fair on the 19th, as well as a Vespers service by our sub-Deacon Mr. Wellsman on Thanksgiving eve. Fr. Lamarre, from the Priory in Raymond, Maine will be celebrating the Mass on November 20 in Fr. Monroe’s absence. It is always a pleasure to welcome Fr. Lamarre back to St. Margaret’s.

St. Margaret’s is now awaiting the Advent season, and anticipating the warmth, fellowship, family gatherings and joy of the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We wish all our Anglican friends the best of holiday happiness, and health and blessings in the New Year.

——Maureen Sparti, St. Margaret’s Vestry

Mystic. Connecticut
St. Matthias

After a spurt in attendance this past spring and early summer, things have “leveled off” here at St. Matthias; it is a modest-sized, but very faithful group which worships on Sundays at 10:30AM.

Deacon Perkins opened the Meetinghouse to Olde Mistick Village visitors on select Saturdays from July through October, in conjunction with high-profile events at the Village, which raised awareness of the Traditional Anglican presence here in this part of Connecticut.

As the holidays approach, be mindful of ways to promote your parish or mission in your area: A holiday fair or pageant; promoting events or special services on your local cable provider -- companies such as Comcast, Metrocast, etc., will give free mention to non-profit entities on Community Access channels; and many newspapers print weekly Church Services Directories for free, or at a nominal cost. In spite of what many folks say about "the liberal news media", the local news media CAN be our friends!

Be safe, be well, be blessed at this meaningful time of year, and always --

---------Deacon Merrill Perkins

Ellsworth, ME
St. Thomas Church

Our Annual Lobster Feed on August 27 was successful, though the weather was less than ideal and we faced competition from the American Folk Festival in Bangor. Our senior warden and lobster boat captain Leroy Weed donated over 125 lobsters along with corn and strawberry shortcake, and other parishioners contributed potato salad, refreshments, condiments, and their cooking skills! We even had visitors from Russia and the Republic of Georgia. Pat Tanishvili made and donated the Teacup and Saucers quilt, for which the winning ticket was drawn between the two sittings. The winning ticket belonged to our parishioner Ellen Simmons, and proceeds from the raffle yielded $195.00. This sum, along with $1137.00 from the lobster feed and $121.00 from jams and syrups also sold at the feed, for a total of $1,453.00, were donated to the Building Fund. Thanks to all who worked at and donated to the “Lobstah” Feed.

St. Thomas has been blessed by an organ donor! Mr. Roger Plante, a resident of the Rochester, New Hampshire area recently approached Dean Owen Williams of Trinity Church in Rochester with the offer of an nearly new Yamaha 7000 Electone organ. In a conversation with our Canon Henthorne, Dean Williams offered the organ to our parish. The offer was accepted, with the understanding that it would be the responsibility of St. Thomas’ members to move the 800 pound organ, which occurred on October 22-23. On Friday October 21 our senior warden Leroy Weed rented a truck from a neighboring storage and moving business which offered us favorable arrangements. Our parishioners Dave and Ellen Simmons just happened to be in the Rochester area at that time, and Dave and Leroy very ably moved the organ into the truck, and transported it to our church. Father Henthorne has sent Mr. Plante a letter of thanks.
A man from East Islip, Long Island, New York recently read an edition of the *Northeast Anglican* and saw the photograph of our church’s rack cards and was so impressed that he asked Fr. Henthorne for some samples!

Ann and Jim Geary have donated a restaurant-quality Bunn Coffee Machine to our parish, which will be much appreciated during our coffee hour.

Wishes to all for a blessed Advent Season!

---------- Kevin A. Kelly

**Tuxedo NY**

**Saint Elizabeth’s**

Greetings from St. Elizabeth’s! Since the last NEA newsletter, we, like so many others, experienced two extreme weather events. Hurricane Irene brought severe flooding damage to our community and an early, record-breaking heavy snowstorm in late October caused extensive property damage, lots of downed trees and extended power outages for many residents. Thankfully, our volunteer firemen and many other caring folks and organizations in our community came forward to assist wherever needed during both of these storms. At times like these, we realize how very blessed we are to be surrounded by loving friends and neighbors who reach out to help those in need during difficult times. We were fortunate that both the chapel and the parish house at St. Elizabeth’s got through these two severe storms with no major problems and we pray that all of you were safe as well.

In the previous NEA newsletter, I had mentioned two new events we planned to have in October — a “butterfly fries” concession at Tuxedo’s Community Fall Fun Day on Oct. 1st and a big band dinner dance on Oct 15th. Due to flood damages from the hurricane, the Fall Fun Day was re-located to an alternate park location in Tuxedo. Attendance was lower than usual, but the event was held and our fries concession was a popular attraction. We hope to try this again next year under better circumstances. We cancelled the dinner dance, as many residents were still struggling with turmoil in their lives and damages from Hurricane Irene and we didn’t feel that it was an appropriate time to have this event. We plan to re-schedule the dinner dance next spring.

We’ve just finished a couple of very busy November weekends here at St. Elizabeth’s. On November 6th, we had a table at an Arts and Crafts Fair run by our local Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary. The Fair was well-attended and we sold several beautiful hand-crafted items donated by parishioners in our congregation. The following weekend, on November 12th, we held our annual roast beef dinner fund-raiser and served a sell-out crowd. We have run this event for many years and it has certainly become a community favorite!

We’re looking forward to hosting this year’s annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service on Nov. 22nd. Folks from the other churches in our community will join us at St. Elizabeth’s to share in thanking God for His many blessings. Our ongoing volunteerism at the local food pantry provides us with the wonderful opportunity to put our thankfulness into action, collecting and distributing food to those in need during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons and throughout the year. We are so thankful that we can provide donations and manpower to this critically needed outreach.

December activities begin with our annual wreath and poinsettia sale on December 8th – 10th. Our Sunday School Christmas Pageant is planned for December 18th and the children are already excited about donning their costumes and performing as angels, shepherds and kings on this special day. We’re also looking forward to the many other joyous events and services that fill the Advent and Christmas seasons. We pray that we and all of you will be filled with the Holy Spirit as we serve our Lord and Savior in 2012. “Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!”

---------- Ingrid Magar

**Webster NY**

**Holy Cross.**

We have had our ups and downs at Holy Cross. Several of our members have had health concerns but are doing well now. Lola Jurgensen had replacement surgery. She is now up and about and we hope she and Bob will be returning soon. Joyce Rice had a car accident and was in the hospital for quite some time. She too is now...
home and has returned to us. She is looking forward to resuming as head of our St. Martha's Guild. We will be planning some spring events. We are having a small informal pre-Christmas luncheon on Dec. 4. On a sad note we lost another founding member. Joe Watson passed away on September 22. Joe and his wife Joan were responsible for finding the building that now is home for our Church. Joe was a pilot in World War 2 and served in the same Pacific Theater as my father. He was a very nice man and will be missed.

-----Paula Neville

West Winfield NY
St. Lucy

The year has been busy at St. Lucy’s!
On May 7th, my father was ordained to the priesthood, something I’ve been looking forward to for a long time.

In June, I took over the diocesan summer camp website
(http://stlukescamp.com/news.php)
and created the diocesan youth website
(http://acanedioyouth.blogspot.com).
The summer flew by, with septic tank failure, new jobs, and all of the normal summertime commitments. The perfect end to the summer was a week at St. Luke’s camp, where a wonderful time was had by all.

My father and I attended the World Consultation on the Continuing Anglican Churches in Brockton, MA from November 3rd to 4th. It was an uplifting experience. I got myself appointed to the youth committee, and with all hope will do great things in this position. I ask for your prayers that God help me and those involved in this undertaking understand what it is we are to do.

Plans are underway for a winter youth gathering.
-----In Christ, Emily Dibble

St. Johnsbury VT
Christ Church Anglican

Greetings from all of us at Christ Church, St. Johnsbury, VT.

Our small group of faithful parishioners was elated when we learned that our Deacon, Art Bennett, was to be ordained Priest at the Pro-Cathedral the weekend following the Synod.

Several of us were able to attend the inspiring service which took place on Oct. 1. After the ordination, a wonderful breakfast was graciously provided by the people of Trinity Church. We were honored to meet so many lay people and leaders from our Diocese.

As a parish, we feel Art has been faithful in his commitment to his Lord, his church and his congregation. For all of these things, we are grateful to God.

-----Marlene Steelman

St. Luke’s Camp

Communications are slow with the folks at New England Keswick, but I would like to put the following in the NEA if not too late. Was hoping for something more definitive, but it’s the best we can do at this point:

Remember the dates: St. Luke’s Camp will likely be held August 12-18, 2012 in Monterey, MA. We are currently trying to negotiate for a slot one week earlier but negotiations are not complete yet. Either way, look forward to another great week at camp!

Watch for details on the camp and youth websites to the left in St. Lucy’s post.

-----Thanks, Fr. Rich Dibble

Rochester NH
Trinity Anglican Church

The Parish was glad to host this year’s Synod, and it was good to see so many friends from around the Diocese. We are now back into our regular routine. We have a Parish Life Committee whose primary purpose is to organize those outside events to bring the parish family closer together. In October several families went out for apple picking at one of the local farms. However, they and the other parishioners were given an additional task… Take some of those apples and make the best treats they
could. For the next two Sundays these treats were brought in for coffee hour. After tasting, there was a vote on which was the best. Mrs. Tammy Kane won for her Apple Cake. The prize was a Magic Bullet (as seen on T.V.) In November, our Parish life event was to be a corn maze trip. However, with the late October snow storm, most of the farms have closed up. Our substitute event was a Sunday hike along the Isinglass River trail in Rochester.

Speaking of the Snow Storm... This parish celebrates the Feast of Christ the King according to the Anglican Missal. This year it fell on the day of the Storm. Power was out at the Church, but, funny enough, we have candles. The intrepid members of the congregation attended a very medieval service in a cold church with lots of flickering candles. Truly an old fashioned candlelit service. Our special feast for the feast day had to be canceled because the stoves are electric.

(note: This editor was one of six present for the 8 o’clock Mass that day. The following expresses my own impression)

_Unelectric Mass_, by ed pacht

_Snowy wintry day,_
_heavy, wet and white it lies_
on the city streets and cars,
_and so the old man trudges forth,_
_and clears his car,_
_and, weary though he is, sets out,_
to drive on upward to the church,_
_arrives in time for Sunday Mass,_
_leaves his car, steps through the door,_
_and steps into another world,_
_where the dim light of a cloudy day_ bare filters through the glass
to a church without electric light,
without a furnace giving heat,
with many candles burning bright
_in the chill and holy dimness_
such as our ancestors knew,
_and time has lost its meaning,_
_and as the ancient rite begins,_
_the little group now gathered here_ knows the union of all times and places
_in this Eucharistic feast of sacrifice,_
together at the foot of Calvary.

together now, together then, together evermore, tasting now the timeless time and spaceless space, the open gates of eternity.)

Currently, The Choir of the Parish is beginning preparations for Christmas. One special event is that we are going to join once again with the Choir of the United Methodist Church in Rochester for a community Lessons and Carols in the Anglican Tradition. At Synod, their Choir joined with ours for Evensong. This time we will be traveling down the hill to their Church, which happens to have the best pipe organ in town. This event will be on December 17th at 3:30 P.M.

**Portland ME**

**St Paul’s Anglican Church**

We have had a busy summer and fall here at St Paul’s. We had a yard sale in July and then the Bishop’s visit in September confirming 5 new members into the Church. Now we are preparing for our Christmas fair on December 3rd.

Also during the summer and into the fall we have had a stone mason repairing our stone church. In talking to Gordan I could not help but be impressed with his love of stones and rocks and how they are put together to form a church. I recently read “Pillars of the Earth” by Ken Follack that describes the masonry builders of cathedrals in the 1400’s. Gordan has names for the stones and explains how this one is tied into that one to support and also interlocks together to hold the walls up. He points out how each stone has a purpose, interlocking with the others to ensure stability for the entire building from the foundation to the peak.

Just as every stone in our church building has a role/job to do, so we have a role and a purpose to hold-up and support our church. Just as cement and mortar hold each stone together to make a building so Jesus connects and cements us together to guide us through life and to build and maintain our church.

Rock and stone are mentioned often in the bible. Rock is often used as a name for God. Rock is strong and provides a hiding place, so God is strong and protects us from our enemies. Genesis 49:24; 2 Samuel 22:32-49; Psalm 19:14.
We at St Paul’s are very thankful for all the gifts that have been given us. We are truly blessed. The economy bad, the secular society rejects Christ at every turn yet we continue to reach out in love to all who come through our doors. Jesus never traveled more than a few dozen miles from his humble place of birth. He didn’t pastor a mega-church or head a para-church organization. He focused on children, lilies, sparrows, the wounded, the weak, the widow, the lame. He praised the woman giving the widow’s mite, not the rich and powerful. Mother Teresa once said “we cannot do great things on this earth. We can only do small things with great love.”

Please pray and be thankful for our Deacons, Priests and Bishops so that they may continue to stand by their vows to protect and defend the faith that has been given to us all. God is our rock and may God be with us all.

-----Ed Pettit

Waterville ME
Holy Trinity

We shared the faith with any who would listen when Holy Trinity had a booth at the Taste of Waterville (local groups and restaurants take over the central parking lot for distributing information and selling samples of food) at the beginning of August. With a large tent borrowed from St. Thomas in Ellsworth, we shared it with a local recycling group. Deacon Kalish handed out our pamphlets and talked with attendees. Some people wanted to debate with him and our deacon was happy to oblige. Talk about outreach! Any man who will walk around in the sun and heat for hours in black clericals has got to have the faith of God in him!

Our annual picnic had fewer attendees than last year, but everyone had a good time. Our deacon, Ed Kalish, playing guitar or the banjo, sang and entertained us with old favorites from the 1900's to the 1970's. (Most of us never listed to popular music after that). The weather was fine and hot, but we had some good breezes come up the lane. Linda Kalish’s strawberry pies were a big hit with third helpings to many! We enjoyed Nick Nicholson’s baked beans, a recipe he got from his aunt years ago. All our good cooks made it a fun event.

Heather Flewelling, has had our prayers during her journey from hospital room to a retirement home. Through all her illness she attended church whenever she could. She even made it to our picnic. More recently, Joan and Nick Nicholson are recovering from separate accidents. A former parishioner, Larry Morse, organist at St. Augustine’s in Old Orchard Beach, passed away from ALS in September. Five of us attended his memorial service.

Summer had some surprises: One Sunday a crow stopped on the window ledge by the pulpit and talked softly to Ed through the open window as he gave his sermon. We hope the crow was edified.

——Shyla Spear, Clerk

Charlestown, NH
Good Shepherd

In late August, our postulant, Scott Chase read Morning Prayer and preached at Good Shepherd.

September found a number of us travelling to the Anglican Church in America’s National Synod held at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Illinois, and shortly afterwards attending the Diocesan Synod in Rochester, NH.

On October 1, the Rt. Rev. Brian Marsh ordained the Rev. Mr. Arthur Bennett, a resident of Unity, NH, to the Sacred Priesthood at Trinity Anglican Pro Cathedral in Rochester, NH. Fr. Bennett was born in Washington, DC, is a veteran of the United States Air Force and a former policeman in Fairfax, VA. He has a Bachelor’s degree from American University and undertook his ministerial education at the Logos House of Theological Studies in Brooksville, ME. He was a missionary schoolteacher in Honduras and assisted in the development of a girl’s home in that country. Since 2005, Fr. Bennett has served as a deacon at Good Shepherd, clergy on call for the Charlestown Police Department, and has held regular services at nursing homes in Claremont. Fr. Bennett will serve as Vicar of
Christ Church Anglican in St. Johnsbury, VT, where he has been Deacon in Charge for the past year.

In October, we were delighted to join the Charlestown Ecumenical Network on the 2011 Harvest Walk around Charlestown for the benefit of the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. Our contingent from Good Shepherd made up 25 percent of the walkers! Deacon David, Dee Blanchard and her dog Midnight, were the last to complete the walk, but Pastor Susan Rosen from the Congregational Church made sure we got a bottle of water and an apple for completing the course. It was a glorious day for a walkabout.

During the months of October and early November, our Wednesday morning Bible study group examined the Fasts of the Old Testament, and how they prefigured God’s plan of redemption for His people. With that understanding, we are now reading the Gospel of Matthew in the light of the Jewish messianic tradition.

In early November, Aare Ilves, Jeanne Moody, and Deacon David attended the Northeast Festival of Faith at St. Paul’s Parish in Brockton, Massachusetts. It was a wonderful and joyous event to worship and meet with our brothers and sisters from other jurisdictions. The presentations, which are available on the Internet, are well worth reading. Fr. James Hiles and his parishioners did a superb job hosting the meeting at their church.

At a recent coffee hour, we had a powerful presentation by the Pregnancy Center of the Upper Valley. The Center provides counselling and relationship-building training for expectant individuals and couples, that will improve their parenting skills, and provide both emotional and material support during pregnancy. The Center conducts seminars for both middle- and high school-aged students in both public and private schools that help young people develop emotional maturity and prepare for the responsibility of marriage. Their faith-based and pro-life approach is clearly welcome in an increasingly secular society that sees abortion as a harmless option to an unwanted pregnancy. Their program of prevention, intervention (if necessary), and assistance to those who have made regrettable and tragic decisions in the past, was very moving. We hope in the near future to sponsor one young person in their program for a year including both prayer and financial support.

Aare Ilves, Jeanne Moody, and Deacon David attended a meeting of the Charlestown Ecumenical Network on disaster ministry in view of the severe flooding that occurred in Vermont during Hurricane Irene. We will develop plans for combining our resources should a natural disaster or other emergency affect the Charlestown community. We concluded that each church should have a plan that among other things makes sure that all parishioners are safe and accounted for during an emergency.

On Saturday, November 19 a group of us gathered for the Harvest Diner at the Fort at No. 4. Deacon David was asked to say the blessing before the meal. Our last Morning Prayer service at the Fort for the year was on the last Sunday in October. We are very pleased that we have been invited back to hold Sunday services at the Fort in 2012.

Finally, Good Shepherd participated in the Charlestown Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 20. Deacon David gave the Invocation, Phil Turner led the Thanksgiving Litany, and Aare Ilves assisted as an usher.

We wish all our friends in the diocese a blessed Holy Nativity.

Submitted by The Rev. Mr. David W. Moody

Elizabeth NJ
St. Augustine

This editor would like to welcome our newest parish, an active work among the Hispanic population of its area. Pastor William Alvarez, a Methodist minister who will soon be ordained priest, has revitalized this congregation. It was my pleasure to meet him and several of the layfolk at Synod. May God bless this new work, and may he help us all to learn what he has given them to share with us. Here follow a few
Roberge, the new pastor of the Parish of Christ the King in Concord, was also in attendance. Amidst incense, candles, and song the church was filled with parishioners, guests and clergy giving praise with All the Saints. Children of the parish carried in the opening procession the Holy Relics to the Altar, thus joining the Church Triumphant with the Church Militant in the great Eucharistic Feast. The food brought to the event, was, as always, spectacular, everyone who attended ate their fill and there was a goodly amount left over. The celebration lasted well into the evening and parishioners and guests mingled well into the night.

Our Arts Ministry is continuing to flourish, and provides not only special music for the parish but a city/state wide opportunity to experience professional God-centered entertainment. The first week of November saw the 4th Annual New Hampshire Opera Idol, sponsored by All Saints, in which performers descended on Concord to compete for monetary prizes and coveted opportunities to perform publicly for All Saints and Just Love to Sing, a non-profit organization run by our Arts Ministry director.

Our annual performance of A Dicken’s Christmas in which professional singers and actors under the leadership of our Arts Ministry director, Jane Cormier, will perform at the 900 seat Concord City Auditorium is a very English vision of Christmas. The community of Concord, and the surrounding metropolis have made the performance of A Dickens Christmas a holiday tradition. This is a FREE performance underwritten by the parish and sponsors to allow for the true meaning of the Season to be proclaimed: Jesus Christ! All are welcome to Concord on December 10 at 7:00 PM to attend the performance, and it is rumored that Fr. Christian will again make a guest appearance on stage. For more information on the events and happenings at All Saints, visit the web-site at: www.allsaintsnh.com

The Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord will be celebrated at All Saints with the following Service times: December 24, Vigil of Christmas, 10:30 PM, and December 25, Christmas Day, 1:00 PM.

All are welcome to join in the celebration!
From a Chaplain in Afghanistan  
by CH (CPT) Jerry Sherbourne

I have been asked to write an article for readers of the NE Anglican describing my ministry in Afghanistan as a deployed Army chaplain. I would like to begin by thanking Mr. Ed Pacht, Frs. Koller and Monroe and Bp. Marsh for the opportunity to do so, for their support in sending BCPs, ordo calendars, and baptismal certificates, and for their prayers. God bless you.

So, what are my days like over here, and what is my ministry like? I am part of a small behavioral health/medical detachment, the 528th COSC (Combat Operational Stress Control – you can find us on Facebook J). My assistant and I spent most of July-August traveling by plane and helicopter around a large portion of the country to visit our COSC teams at their various locations. I will continue to do this periodically in order to “check up on them” pastorally; to work with them in support of their mission, to talk w/ the Soldiers they help; and to liaison with the chaplains in their AO (area of operations).

I go about my day over here much the same as I did back in the states [as do most deployed Service-members; the ones who kick in doors or work directly with the Afghan people are few compared to the rest of us who enable and support them]. I usually start with PT – which means running – about 0530. My assistant asked me, “Is today a running day, Sir?” I said, “it’s always a running day!”

After running comes, of course, shower and call-home (!) and breakfast. Calling home is a highlight of each day. If I call early in my morning, it’s not quite too late at night on the east coast. After breakfast I walk to the chapel, where I am blessed to have a decent office. My day starts with a scan of my email and news sites (I am anxiously keeping up with national politics) and, more importantly, with Morning Prayer and some time in silence for contemplative prayer. This has been a startlingly growthful practice for me and a real blessing to incorporate into my prayer life. After morning devotions, I generally respond to e-mail and generate some email for other people to respond to J.

I am blessed to be able to hold “Chapel Ancient: The Anglican/Episcopal Service on BAF” on Sunday mornings at 0900. I was recently joined by an ACNA priest and we’re up to about 12-15 on a Sunday now! This is a refreshing chance to minister both sacramentally and from w/in the Anglican tradition.

“Chapel Ancient,” by the way, is a play on the Army Chaplain Corps version of the “non-denominational” contemporary worship service: Chapel NeXt.

Most of my ministry occurs outside of church services and Bible studies, though. It’s not very glamorous or any more important than what any of our priests or people do on a regular basis – but it is what God has given me to do, and I am blessed to be able to do it. Basically, I have conversations w/ people; and while it’s very ordinary in some ways, it’s also very exciting to be a part of what God is doing in their lives.

One of my Soldiers who goes to Chapel NeXt asked me to baptize him recently. I was honored, of course, and we began baptismal preparations. We spoke about relationship w/ God, prayer, the Apostles’ Creed, love, forgiveness and family. We knelt together in the chapel and prayed the Family Prayers from the BCP – and rather than just talking about prayer, experienced the mystery of the love of God together. Because he attends Chapel NeXt, it was only right to baptize him with that congregation -- which practices baptism by immersion! So, when the day came, we passed out photocopies of the 1928 BCP’s Baptismal liturgy and invited everyone to gather round the “font.” I was vested in Army multi-cam uniform with white stole and the baptismal candidate was in his PT uniform. I offered a short explanation of the service, encouraged people to join in the prayers and then we conducted a reverent and decent baptism according to the 1928 BCP liturgy. When it came time for the actual dunking, another
Then there is always the sermon to prepare, prep for any Bible studies or classes I might be doing, my own Soldiers to follow up with, and some “walk ins” who want to talk w/ a chaplain (about everything from depression, to having been abused as a child, suicidal thoughts, and relationship problems... to questions of God and the spiritual life). AND, of course, I fulfill my role as a liaison from the COSC (Combat Operational Stress Control) unit to the area chaplains, helping educate them about what the COSC has to offer their unit and how we might be able to support them.

The days do tend to be long, but I have pretty much control of my own schedule, so I take care of myself. Most everyone in my unit takes a day off each week. I have low ops days, but ought to get better about taking an entire day off. The Sabbath was made for us because we need it!

I try to skype home or IM in the evening, too, but tonight I can’t get online. I miss talking to my wife and kids, but I have time to write this article, so that’s good.

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chaplain helped me – taking him by one arm while I took the other, and the Soldier leaned back and went under while I said, “I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.” Though I usually use a shell and pour generously three times, for this we opted for only one immersion rather than three! He had gone w/out meat on Friday and fasted all day Saturday in preparation. It was a powerful experience for him, and a great start to his life as a baptized Christian.

I wish I could tell you about the countless (young and not-so-young) men and women on spiritual journeys who need and long to know the love of God. I just sat w/ a great young LT as he prayed out loud for the first time, “God, if you’re real and you’re out there listening, I don’t have much of a relationship with you, and I’d like to. Please help me. That’s it.” He really meant “that’s it” as the clue to me that he was done praying and it was my turn, but what a way to say, “Amen!” And what a prayer! It was a holy moment. God was, of course, right there in the room with us, and He will answer. As I write I am overwhelmed by what a privilege, honor, and blessing it is to get to be here with and for these American servicemembers. [Other times I am overwhelmed by how hard it is to be away from the girl of my dreams, and to miss my kids’ lives for a whole year at a time.]

I also teach a class every third day at the Warfighter Restoration Center. It’s called “Spiritual Exploration” and is exactly that – a chance for Soldiers who are going through hard times and/or dealing w/ combat and operational stress reactions (COSRs) to look at their spiritual life and consider whether and how attending to the needs of their spirit might be a helpful part of their growth. Most Soldiers have a Christian background and they start thinking about things like praying, reading the Bible, and going to church/chapel. For others it will mean other things, but if I can encourage them to seek Truth and Beauty and Peace w/ God, themselves and/or others – then I have just encouraged them to seek Jesus, though they may not know Him yet and might not have any interest in Him at the time. I also offer a selection of optional classes on prayer, the Bible, forgiveness – as well as the chance to just talk w/ me if they would like.

Then there is always the sermon to prepare, prep for any Bible studies or classes I might be doing, my own Soldiers to follow up with, and some “walk ins” who want to talk w/ a chaplain (about everything from depression, to having been abused as a child, suicidal thoughts, and relationship problems... to questions of God and the spiritual life). AND, of course, I fulfill my role as a liaison from the COSC (Combat Operational Stress Control) unit to the area chaplains, helping educate them about what the COSC has to offer their unit and how we might be able to support them.

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war. Again, I thank you for your prayers and support – they mean the world to me. God bless you.

Sadly, shortly after I wrote this article, we lost one of our Soldiers in a suicide vehicle borne IED attack in Kabul. We completed the Memorial Ceremony in Bagram on Thursday. Just had to let you know. Please pray for his family and all the families of the fallen and wounded.

from the newspaper of Shelby NC, the chaplain’s hometown:

Sergeant Christopher Rod Newman, a 2004 Crest High School graduate, was one of 13 Americans killed in the attack, according to his family. The Taliban have claimed responsibility for the attack which happened Saturday morning in Kabul.

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**Broken Veil**

The veil is pierced and broken, the gulf no longer is, there is no heaven far off there, from the earth that we know here, for God is born as His own creature, He that made the time is dwelling in it, and, still our Lord, is now our brother, cradled in the human arms of mother, and He that sits above the heavens, yet now dwells within the earth beneath, and we, who cannot look upon His glory, yet can cuddle Him as helpless infant, walk with Him as humble man, and climb with Him up Calvary’s mountain, there to watch with sorrow and with joy, as He who is the Life and source of life, bears our sins and dies our death, and rises with a beckoning hand to lead us through the broken veil, that we may dwell with Him – at Home.

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Mystic: St. Matthias — Sun 10.30
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Mail to: P.O. Box 293, Mystic, CT 06355
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(860)391-22497 Dcn. Merrill Perkins

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Amherst: St. Luke - Sun 8 & 10am
(3 Limbo Lane) (603)672-6054.
Fr. Alexander H. Webb

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Bishop Brian Marsh.
Dcn David Moody

Concord: All Saints’ - Sun 1pm
(at Concordia Lutheran, 211 North Main)
(603)545-9079 Fr. Christian Tutor OSA.

Conway: St. Margaret of Scotland - Sun 9.30am
(85 Pleasant St.) (603)447-2404
Fr. Jeffrey Monroe

Rochester: Trinity - Sun 8 & 9.30am
(180 Rochester Hill Road) (603)332-4121
Fr. Owen Williams

Lebanon,: Trinity—Sun 11am
28 Maple St. (413)323-6445.
Bp Brian Marsh, Dcn. Robert Philp

New Jersey

Elizabeth NJ: St. Augustine—Sun 10am
(55 Jefferson Ave.)
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Fr. James Ayers. (585)334-3512, Fr. Dale Bove
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Fr. Neville Braithwaite (718)756-1258

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Wetzel and Morgan Roads (315)652-3538
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Tuxedo: St. Elizabeth - Sun 10am
(38 Chapel Turn, Eagle Valley)
Bp. George Langberg. (845) 753-2580
Fr. Robert Ley (973) 962-6849

Webster: Holy Cross - Sun 10am
(615 Bay Road) . (585)467-6029
Fr. David Ambuske

West Winfield: St. Lucy (10265 US Rte 20)
(315)725-3745. Fr., Richard Dibble

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Poultney: St. David - 1st Sundays 9.30am
A House Church. Call (802)645-1962
Fr. Alexander Stringer.

St. Johnsbury: Christ Church—Sun 10.10am
(54 Southard St.—SDA church) Fr. Art Bennett
(753)504-5631

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Fr. James R. Hiles
Clergy Anniversaries

My list is woefully incomplete and probably inaccurate. Please help me get it right. ed.

Dec
06 - Bp Brian Marsh, D 1997
06 - Fr. Frank Grey, D 1997
08 - Fr. Christian Tutor, vows 1987
14 - Bp George Langberg, D 1985

Jan
01 - Fr. James Davis, P 1955
19 - Dcn William Morrill, birthday

Feb
02 - Fr. Christian Tutor OSA, D 2007
12 - Fr. Frank Bartlett, P 2011
15 - Bp Robert Harvey birthday 1916
22 - Fr. Owen Williams, D 1998
23 - Fr. Kevin LaMarre OSB, birthday
24 - Fr. Alexander Stringer, P 1953

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