



The Evangel

Notes from the Senior Warden --

Dear people and friends of St. John's,

It is a profound joy to welcome Harry Nicholson home again to Mt. Pleasant And St. John's! On behalf of the parish community, I extend heartfelt thanks to the Hartshorne family as they welcome Harry to their home.

In other news, the church has a new roof, and the restored cross is back in its proper place above the altar. However, there was some water damage to the nursery and the Goodrow Fund office after two nights of heavy rain during the project. Those repairs were made by the contractor. Thanks to the team at R. E. Krotzer Construction for a job well done! And thanks to Nancy Kinney, Junior Warden, for overseeing the project!

At its meeting on Sept. 8, the Vestry decided to postpone the installation of an audio-visual system in the Parish House. However, the obvious noise problems in the Parish House must be addressed. So the Vestry agreed to hire Simoni Systems Inc., an acoustical engineering firm in Saginaw, to survey conditions in the hall and to recommend acoustical changes so we can offer greater use of the hall by the parish, community groups, university groups, and recitalists.

Faithfully yours,

David



Remember Our Homebound Members

Stop by to visit or drop a card to our parish members who are homebound.

Alma Dickerson

461 E. Wing Rd., Mt. Pleasant
772-2516.

Al Neal

Longtime member of St. John's, has moved to Brighton to be near his son.

His new address is:

Brookdale Brighton
833 E. Grand River Ave., Apt. 122
Brighton, MI 48116.

St. John's Prayer Group

The 16 members of the Prayer Group offer petitions daily for the church and for specific requests. All parishioners are welcome to become members of



the Prayer Group or to submit requests by calling Sandy Wood, 773-9326, Martha Rarick, 773-7510, or the church office at 773-7448.

Home Communion

Just a reminder: you should let the parish office know if you are ill and wish to receive communion or a visit from either the clergy or a Lay Eucharistic Minister



Brandon DeLong	2
Dr. Linda Susan Beard	3
Pete L'Hommedieu	4
Matthew Alton	6
Allen Salmonsens	7
Rod Leslie	16
Sandy Wood	21
Amy Redman	26
Aaron Hartshorne	27
Anne Hiebert Alto	n 29



Gabriel Kney & Mary Lou Nowicki	3
Frank & Diane Benn	10
Christi Brookes & D. J. Proctor	12

parish House Kitchen Linens

If you took the kitchen towels and dish cloths home to wash after Coffee

Hour, we do appreciate that!

However...you need to remember to return them to the kitchen as

soon as you can! We want to

be sure that our next Hosts

have fresh, clean linens when they are needed! Thank you!





Outside the Tent

The poem that follows sounds as though it belongs in the season of Pentecost, those days when we celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit among the disciples. They are huddled in fear, wondering how they can step out boldly to continue the work their lord and master has taught them to do. But all of us who do the work of the Church—in any season, in any place—wonder at one time or another how we can follow in the disciples' paths. We are afraid—we are uncertain—of the days that lie ahead. And so we gather weekly, and sometimes in between, to worship Jesus and to give him thanks for his grace. We tend to the day-to-day work of the parish: the search for a new rector, the pastoral calls to those who are sick or lonely; the nitty-gritty work of the Vestry. We grieve a much-loved priest, and we welcome his husband's return into our midst. By the time Pentecost comes around next year we will have grown and changed as a people of God.

May this anthem to the Spirit strengthen us as we venture into the new and challenging work of the people of God.

Peace, Nancy

Spirit of Wind, Spirit of Flame

Sometimes you whisper
in my silent deep,
stroking my stubborn soul,
coaxing me from waking sleep.
You hover round my weary path,
folding me in gentle wings,
lifting me on breezes
of your hopes for me.

Sometimes you rush
into my timid heart,
a tempest of creative love
whirling away the walls I've built
to shield me from your heavenly power.

Sometimes you come to me
as soothing warmth,
a quiet flame lighting my darkened mind,
melting the winter of my fearful self.
You flicker before me day and night,
banishing my shadows
with your comfortable grace.

Sometimes you burn into my soul,
a firestorm of redemptive love,
turning to ash the bastions I've built
to hold at bay your devouring power,

Sometimes I have the courage to say,
enter into me, fearsome dove,
on this your holy feast:
Spirit of wind, Spirit of flame.

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October 2019

Sunday Lay Ministry

DATE	LESSONS	PRAYERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
October 6 17 Pentecost	8:00 a.m. Jim Thurston 10:00 a.m. Karen Vaaranauskas	8:00 a.m. Jim Thurston 10:00 a.m. Henry Fulton	Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen	Sharon Bolton and Elizabeth Brockman	Emma Dingman	Pamela Dingman
Lectionary Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-10 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10						
October 13 18 Pentecost	8:00 a.m. Barbara Sheperdigian 10:00 a.m. Jessica Vinciguerra	8:00 a.m. Carol Lauffer 10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney	Clancy and Pat DeLong	Rex Dingman	Pamela Dingman
Lectionary 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19						
October 20 19 Pentecost	8:00 a.m. Judy Wagley 10:00 a.m. Anne Hiebert Altonrt	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	Ulana Klymyshyn and Lynne L'Hommedieu	David and Jennifer Dingman	Matthew Kinney	Ella Jo Ragan and David Shirley
Lectionary Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8						
October 27 20 Pentecost	8:00 a.m. Candy Henderswon 10:00 a.m. Ralph Baber	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn	Ford and Pamela Dingman	Adam Baker	Ella Jo Ragan and David Shirley
Lectionary Sirach 35:12-17 Psalm 84:1-6 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 Luke 18:9-14						
November 3 21 Pentecost All Saints	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Cochrane	8:00 a.m. Candy Henderson 10:00 a.m. Sandy Wood	Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton	Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen	Emma Dingman	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
Lectionary Daniel 7:1-3,15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31						



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
		1	2	3	4	5
		10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 pm Yoga 7 p.m Compassionate Friends	6:30 p.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Office Closed	10 a.m. St. Demetrious Greek Orthodox meets
6 Pentecost 17	7	8	9	10	11	12
8 Holy Eucharist, said 9 Sunday School 10 Choral Eucharist 10 Pine River 5 Eucharist at Emmas 5 Yoga	12 p.m. DOK 4 p.m. Music Meeting 6 p.m. EfM	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 pm Yogaa	6:30 p.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Office Closed	
13 Pentecost 18	14	15	16	17	18	19
8 Holy Eucharist, said 9 Sunday School 10 Choral Eucharist 10 Pine River Vestry Meeting 5 Eucharist at Emmas 5 Yoga	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 4 p.m. Music Meting 6 p.m. EfM	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Yoga	6:30 p.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Office Closed	
20 Pentecost 19	21	22	23	24	25	26
8 Holy Eucharist, said 9 Sunday School 10 Choral Eucharist 10 Pine River 5 Eucharist at Emmas 5 Yoga	4 p.m. Music Meeting 6 p.m. EfM	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Yoga	6:30 p.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Office Closed	
27 Pentecost 20	28	29	30	31	November 1	2
8 Holy Eucharist, said 9 Sunday School 10 Choral Eucharist 10 Pine River 5 Potluck & Eucharist at Emmas 5 Yoga	4 p.m. Music Meeting 6 p.m. EfM	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Yoga	6:30 p.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Office Closed	



This is our Greeter/Coffee Hour Host Schedule—If you cannot serve on the date you were given, please exchange dates with someone else on the list and call the Parish Secretary at 773-7448

Greeters



Coffee Hour Hosts



October

- 6 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 13 David, Nandy, and Matthew Kinney
- 20 Ulana Klymyshyn and Lynne L'Hommedieu
- 27 Rod Leslie and Marian matyn

October

- 6 Sharon Bolton and Elizabeth Brockman
- 13 Clancy and Pat DeLong
- 20 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 27 Ford and Pamela Dingman

November

- 3 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton
- 10 Sharon Bolton and Sandy Wood
- 17 Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane
- 24 David and Jennifer Dingman

November

- 3 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 10 Ulana Klymyshyn and Lynne L'Hommedieu
- 17 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 24 D.J. and Misha Proctor and Christi Brookes

December

- 1 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 8 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 15 David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney
- 22 Ulana Klymyshyn and Lynne L'Hommedieu
- 29 Volunteers needed – Call Office 773-7448

December

- 1 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton
- 8 Sharon Bolton and Elizabeth Brockman
- 15 Clancy and Pat DeLong
- 22 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 29 Bring your leftover holiday goodies to share!

**St. John's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes, September 8, 2019**

Present are Adam Baker (clerk), Ulana Klymyshyn, David Shirley, Nancy Herman-Kinney, Ella Jo Regan, Harriett White, Eric Vinceguerra, Clancy DeLong, Diane Steir, Tom Cochrane.

David opened with a prayer.

Eric moved to approve the amended minutes from August, Ulana seconded. Vestry approved. Adam reported that Search Committee did not have a quorum for most of the summer, so they did not meet. Committee will meet next week and get going on planning for cottage meetings. Nancy suggested that the carpet in the narthex and sanctuary could use a cleaning and asked for guidance on what to do. Vestry suggested she look at bids in October. Nancy reported that over the sanctuary, there were different sized pieces of wood from 1882 that were coming down vertically and were rotten and full of gaps. There were essentially no boards under the shingles. Given the requirements to bring us up to code, the added cost would be \$4476. David Shirley agreed to cover that cost (Thanks David!!!).

David reported that he would like approval to go forward with the survey for the acoustic work for the Parish Hall. Tom reminded Vestry we need to be clear about how we intend to use the hall, to guide the goals for the survey. Eric moved Vestry approve David to initiate the survey for the acoustic work in the Parish Hall, Harriett seconded. Vestry approved. Nancy reported that Travis was willing to paint the lantern and the sign, but their schedules have not worked out. Diane suggested we consider using will.

Clancy completed the financial report. The Stewardship Campaign is scheduled for mid-October. Ulana reminded Vestry that the upcoming cottage meetings must be scheduled so they do not conflict with the Stewardship meetings. Mortgage is down to \$135,000, so it is inching down.

David checked with Ulana that the homeless shelter was still scheduled for the first two weeks in November, which it is.

David reported that Nancy is available for morning prayer on October 13th, so we do not need to find a supply priest.

David passed around the letter of agreement with Dennis Flynn. Tom suggested that we



approve the letter as it, but continue to research the bench fee issue and maybe add it as an addendum later. Ulana suggested we consult with Gordon and have him look over the language. David suggested we cross out 'recitalists' from section 6 of the responsibilities of St. Johns.

Tom and Nancy suggested we try the blessing of the animals in the church garden rather than the church. Vestry expressed approval of the idea.

Ella moves Vestry adjourn, David seconded. Vestry adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled for October 13th.

Adam Baker, Clerk
St. John's Vestry



August 2019 Financial Report

Below is a summary of operating fund activity through the end of August (66.67%).

Unrestricted operating fund receipts	\$ 128,685.29 (70.17% of budget)
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures	<u>121,853.28</u> (66.45% of budget)
Operating fund receipts over (under) expenditures	\$ 6,832.01

The Capital Fund reserve for which to draw mortgage payments is below the amount to cover September's payment. Funds from other sources may be needed to cover September's payment. Please verify that your Capital Fund pledge amounts are up to date.

Operating income and expenses track very closely to budget through August. A 50% down payment (\$8,650) for the new roof has been made. However, an unforeseen expense for replacing the underlying plywood sheets and an anticipated expense of removing bat guano are not included in the quoted cost of \$17,300.

The campaign to retire the mortgage will commence once additional capital expenditures are known (new roof, noise dampening system, etc.).

Cash balances on August 31, 2019 are as follows:

Checking Account.....	\$ 96,495.78
Savings	\$ 26,737.65
Certificate of Deposit.....	\$ 15,805.10
Endowment Fund Investment Account.....	\$ 77,414.37

Capital Campaign funds balance on August 1, 20194,000.98

Capital Campaign funds balance on August 31, 2019827.29

Capital Fund Activity For August:

Capital Fund Receipts	1,495.00
Interest Income.....	0.00
Bank/Credit Card Fees.....	0.00
Mortgage Principle.....	(4,133.37)
Mortgage Interest.....	(535.32)
Net Activity	(3,173.69)

BUILDING PROJECT

Total Capitalized Expenses.....	442,345.71
Non-Capitalized Expenses (Bank Fees/Interest) ...	23,635.31
Subtotal	465,981.02

Anticipated Expenses:	
Mortgage Interest	9,036.00
Bank Fees/Credit Card.....	893.90

TOTAL PROJECT COST.....475,910.92

Clancy DeLong
Parish Treasurer



ANGLICAN WORTHIES

349. Stubbs, William (1825-1901) Bishop and historian

Raised in Yorkshire as an Evangelical in modest circumstances, by college he was a Tractarian as befitted his faith in the constitution and the medieval heritage of his country. He could trace his ancestry to a William Stubbs in the fourteen century; his ancestry," states his biographer, J. Campbell, "mattered to him and for his view of English history." His earliest schooling introduced him to the ancient and modern languages--and even Anglo-Saxon! At the grammar school in Ripon he attracted the attention of Bishop Charles Longley, who "secured" for him a "servitorship" at Christ Church, Oxford. As a servitor he had no social status; his widowed mother struggled to hold the family together. Nevertheless, Stubbs took a first in classics, the kind of accomplishment in the English educational system that never goes unrecognized. He also developed an interest in English medieval history, which was not part of the university curriculum! (His father had taught him to read old documents and records in the courthouse in Stubbs' home town.) Stubbs nourished this interest reading in his college library.

On 1850 Stubbs was ordained to Navestock, Essex, a living he held for sixteen productive years. Stubbs added to his income working as an inspector of Schools; he also took in private pupils, among whom was the young poet Swinburne! And he married the schoolmistress!

Stubbs gained his fame as a scholar and editor of English medieval manuscripts. His first publication was his *Registrum sacrum Anglicanum* (1858), which verified the episcopal succession of all English dioceses from the beginning of the kingdom. This was the result of ten years' visits to other dioceses to examine their manuscripts and records. This study was the foundation of all later work. During this period he published several studies of particular dioceses and a number of periodical pieces, which established his reputation.

Stubbs established himself as the leading authority in medieval English history with the first of nineteen contributions to the Rolls Series, starting in 1863 with a commission to edit the *Chronicles and Memorials of Richard I*. The Rolls Series had been established six years earlier to publish documents of Great Britain in the Middle Ages, bringing together all the known early English records in their original form. (His last contribution was in 1889.) Moreover, his introductions sometimes ran to a hundred pages! By modern estimation he slighted unpublished materials and paid little attention to the holdings of the Public Record Office. Otherwise, his editions are still useful to historians today.

He angled for the professorship in modern history at Oxford and finally succeeded in 1866. Despite qualified competition, he had sufficient connections for the appointment. This position he held until 1884. It took some time, however, for the university to include Stubbs' historical studies to be absorbed into the traditional degree programs for undergraduates, but Campbell states that by 1872 modern history "became the largest school in the university," embracing all the colleges. Stubbs' lectures were published in multiple editions; some after his death. He was not, on the other hand, an effective lecturer, despite his fame; students were not comfortable with his obvious rigor.



As an appointed fellow of Oriel, he had a friend at Balliol in Benjamin *Jowett, despite religious differences.

Stubbs' masterwork was two volumes: *Selected Charters and other Illustrations of English constitutional history from the earliest times to the reign of Edward I* (1870) and *The Constitutional History of England in its Origins and Development* (1873-1878). Stubbs believed that a knowledge of one's country's constitution was essential to an English educational program. "It is not creditable to us as an educated people" that students should be taught the origin of Athenian democracy and not be acquainted with the generation of our own legal institutions, "which have exercised on the civilized world an influence not inferior certainly to that of Classical nations." English constitutional history showed "a distinct growth from a well-defined germ to full maturity. . . a growth whose life and developing power lies deep in the very nature of the people." Constitutional history, therefore, was more than a collection of charters and documents, but "the piecing of the links of a perfect chain." The volume was distinguished by an incredible range of learning, amply annotated. No such work had ever been written before.

Both books became required texts in history in the colleges. The historian G.M. Trevelyan declared that he read Stubbs "as a regimen of the modern type of scientific history at its best," to contrast with the more "literary" work of Gibbon, Macaulay, and Alexander Carlyle." The *History* reached nine editions before Stubbs' death.

Stubbs' next work was *Councils and Ecclesiastical Documents Covering the History of the Anglo-Saxon Church* (1878). Campbell says, "Stubbs' devotion to work such as that involved in the preparation of this volume is a reminder of the intimate relationship between his position as a church man and as an historian. The continuity of the Church of England, through its medieval past to apostolic times, was of fundamental importance to him." To this he added four hundred brief lives of Anglo-Saxons to the *Dictionary of Christian Biography* (1877-1887).

Stubbs received more honorary degrees throughout Europe than need be mentioned. Disraeli named him a canon at St. Paul's. In 1881 he was named to the Royal Commission on ecclesiastical courts, where he was obliged to listen to the tiresome debates on the thin line between secular and sacerdotal authority, which continued to plague the Church since the *Oxford Movement. His career as an historian ended in 1884 with his appointment as Bishop of Chester, where he immediately demanded the creation of more parishes (with schools) to serve the growing industrial population. Four years later he was presented to the wealthy but contentious diocese of Oxford. He was no stranger there! He was named a curator of the Bodleian, that wonderful library. But he was wearing out. A contemporary recalled that "age began to tell on him, and he found his routine work increasingly laborious and irksome." In 1901 he performed his last public duty, preaching in London before the new king, Edward VII and his guest, the Kaiser. Two months later he died, his workaholic life finished.

John Moorman, historian of the English Church, credits Stubbs as the beginning of a tradition of history among academic historians, notably the nine volumes of the *History of the English Church*, edited by W.R.W. Stephens and W. Hunt, which I have used extensively in my work on these Worthies.

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St. John's Mission:

St. John's Episcopal Church, with God's help and in the Episcopal Church tradition, lives to proclaim the Gospel of Christ by ministering through worship, outreach, fellowship and education. We welcome all who enter our doors, and we support the diverse callings of each member as we seek to serve Christ in every person.

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