



# The Anchor

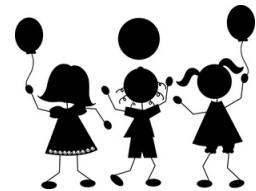
July/August 2011

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Longmeadow MA

*Looking Ahead to Fall Highlights ....*

## Homecoming Sunday: September 18

Add this festive kick-off of the program year to your calendar now.

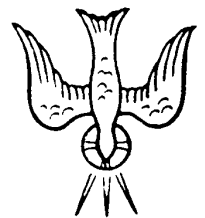


- ◆ St. Andrew's' 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- ◆ Cook out and games for kids
- ◆ Live music, featuring Mello Yello
- ◆ Bring your family and friends
- ◆ Church School registration

*Watch for more information in the September Anchor*

## Celebration of New Ministry: Sunday, October 16

This celebratory service is the liturgical recognition of the covenant between our parish community and our new rector as we go forward together in ministry. It formalizes the bond between St. Andrew's and Fr. Derrick Fetz as we together discern the will of God for the people of the Church, and marks the official "installation" of Fr. Derrick as St. Andrew's seventh rector.



Our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Gordon Scruton, will preside at the service, which will take place at 5 p.m. We will be joined by clergy and friends from around the Diocese, as well as by community leaders. It will be the weekend's only service, and will be preceded by a "pre-ception" so that all parishioners and their families may celebrate this important event in our parish life. Mark your calendar now! More information will be forthcoming in the fall.

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## 2011-2012 Parish Goal Set!

by *The Rev. R. Derrick Fetz*

### The Goal

After four months of intentional conversation and prayer, the Vestry set the Parish Goal at its joint meeting with committee and ministry chairs in June. The goal, based on the Parish Theme of *Creating Caring Connections*, challenges the St. Andrew's community to grow in its understanding of what it means to be in community:

***To develop, expand and deepen meaningful relationships among St. Andrew's parishioners and those outside the parish through ministries that a) foster fellowship b) encourage spiritual development and c) serve the common good.***

### Next Steps

Throughout 2011 – 2012, St. Andrew's activities, ministries and worship services will incorporate this theme so that it can permeate parish life. Parish leadership, lay and ordained, and staff will use the goal to provide focus in the various ministry areas. I will be working with committee/ministry chairs, staff members, Vestry members and the Wardens to develop objectives — measurable hoped-for outcomes — based on the Parish Goal and Theme. Some ministries may be revitalized and even born as a result.

### Your Role

First of all, the Parish Theme and Goal were inspired by the expressed need to increase how we relate to each other. You have already contributed to making this goal a reality!

To be effective in living out this goal, the whole parish will have to take ownership. Specifically, you can help advance the goal in multiple ways:

- share your ideas of how we as a community can live out this goal;
- pray that this goal will help us advance God's purpose for us;
- be open to new ideas, events and ministries associated with the goal;
- relay your ideas about scripture passages, books and quotes relating to community life (see below);
- write and/or submit a collect (prayer), reading or scriptural passage relating to the goal – a collect based on your submissions will be crafted and used in worship and personal devotions (see box at right and the article "How to Write a Collect").

### **Scripture Passages, Other Readings and Collects Needed!**

Do you have some thoughts about what scripture passages, books, articles and quotes relate to our Parish Goal?

How about writing a collect (prayer) focusing on our Parish Goal? (please refer to the article "How to Write a Collect" on page 4)

Please submit to Fr. Derrick by August 20.



## Christian Formation News: Looking Back, Looking Ahead

### Reflection on the Year Past

Each year as the school year comes to an end we get together and prayerfully reflect about the past year and voice our hopes and dreams for the future. What went really well? Were we welcoming to newcomers? How was the new time format? What did the children/youth enjoy? What were the challenges? Are any needs changing? How much were parents involved? Did the curricula engage our children? Was their experience meaningful/relevant to their lives?

This summer Fr. Derrick is meeting with Sue Lussier and scheduling meetings with the teachers to discuss these questions and more. Parents are encouraged to email Sue Lussier with any reflections about the program year or hope and dreams about the future ([formation@st-andrews-longmeadow.org](mailto:formation@st-andrews-longmeadow.org) or [dslussier@aol.com](mailto:dslussier@aol.com)). Below are some of the preliminary changes as well as important news and information for the fall.

✓ *Do you have comments about the church school year that just ended? Contact Fr. Derrick or Sue Lussier ... they'd like to hear from you!*

✓ *Might you be called to working with our children and young people, either regularly or every now and then? Talk to Sue Lussier about how you might be a part of our ministry.*

We are very blessed to have so many enthusiastic and energetic youth leaders and teachers at St. Andrew's. This year some of our leaders will be moving on to a new chapter in their lives or a new ministry and opportunities exist in both children's and youth formation. Please contact Sue Lussier or Fr. Derrick if you believe God is calling you into ministry with our young people.

### Planning for Children's Formation

**Faith Flight:** We know that the curriculum will be changing. We have been researching children's Bibles and have found two that we believe will be engaging for our children age 2- grade 2. We are encouraging families to add one or both of these Bibles to their libraries at home.

**Spark Story Bible** (Augsburg Fortress) brings God's Word to life through colorful art and rich retellings of 150 of the most popular Bible stories. (May be purchased online from publisher for approximately \$20.)

**Children of God Storybook Bible** (Zondervan); a wonderfully illustrated Bible of 56 stories from both the Old and New Testaments as retold by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. (Available online and in bookstores.)

### Planning for Youth Formation

**OTE** (On the Edge) will now include grades 3. We will be purchasing the **Spark Bible NRSV** (Augsburg Fortress) for each class member. This Bible introduces Bible marking methods with stickers to help connect youth to God's Word.

**R-13** (Rite-13) – This class will be preparing for the Rite-13 celebration in Spring 2012 that recognizes their unique gifts and creativity.

**J2A** (Journey to Adulthood) – As youth in this class prepare to be confirmed on May 12 of next year, they will be required to read **My Faith My Life** by Jenifer Gamber. The church has purchased these books and we are encouraging students to read them this summer to lessen conflicts with homework during the school year. Please contact Sue Lussier if you would like to make arrangements to get your copy. Pilgrimage planning is also underway and the pilgrimage is tentatively planned for the first week in July 2012.

## How to Write a Collect

by The Rev. R. Derrick Fetz

Collects add to the Episcopal worship experience because these prayers, like all other prayers, help focus worshippers' attention on God, and they specifically help us shape liturgy thematically. Every weekend we join Episcopalians, other Anglicans and some other Christians in praying collects as part of worship, particularly the Collect of the Day. The word "collect" in Latin is *collecta* and means "gathering together." A collect gathers a litany (list of petitions) together into a single prayer.

A collect typically has up to five parts. The "ingredients" include (as illustrated by the Collect for Purity on pg. 355 in *The Book of Common Prayer*):

**Address**—"Almighty God ...

**Attribution**—"to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid ..."

**Petition**—"cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit ..."

**Consequence**—"that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name;"

**Mediation**—"through Christ our Lord."

The simplest collects have three components—**address, petition and mediation**. For additional examples of collects, please check out the Collects of the Day beginning on pg. 211 in *The Book of Common Prayer*.

In addition to being prayed in corporate worship, collects can be used in personal devotions as well. A collect is included in "Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families" beginning on pg. 137 in *The Book of Common Prayer*. Also, many of the prayers in the "Prayers and Thanksgivings" section, beginning on pg. 814 of the Prayer Book, are collects.

Here are some helpful steps in writing a collect:

- 1) Determine a focus. What do you wish to communicate? What theme do you want the collect to reflect? (Petition)
- 2) Decide what components you wish to include. How many of the "ingredients" (see above) do you wish to include? How complex or simple do you wish the collect to be?
- 3) Create address. What words do you wish to use in addressing God? (Address) Do you wish to attribute anything to God? If so, what? (Attribution)
- 4) Continue to develop the petition as discussed in Step 1. What words and/or phrases help articulate what you want to say?
- 5) Determine an outcome. What do you hope will happen if God responds to your petition?
- 6) Craft the mediation.
- 7) End it with "amen."

Again, a collect can be very simple and include only the address, petition and the mediation ...

**Consider writing a collect this summer to help strengthen your relationship with God!**

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## Resources for developing your own prayer practice

If you're looking for ways to foster your own habit of prayer, you may find the following useful:

♦ **The Book of Common Prayer (BCP):** A section entitled *Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families* begins on page 136, and includes short patterns of prayer for use at various times of day, along with suggestions for their use. If you'd like to take a BCP from church, please see

Fr. Derrick. The BCP is also available online at [www.bcponline.org](http://www.bcponline.org).

♦ **Morning Prayer Podcast:** Download this onto your iPod ... the link may be found on the St. Andrew's webpage at [www.St-Andrews-Longmeadow.org/links.asp](http://www.St-Andrews-Longmeadow.org/links.asp). Listen and pray with a roughly 15-minute reading of Morning Prayer, including the appropriate psalm readings for the day.

# Paying Attention to the Presence of God

The following are excerpts from an article by the Rev. Bill Carroll on the website Daily Episcopalian. The full article may be found at [www.episcopalcafe.com/daily/prayer/by\\_bill\\_carroll\\_bill\\_carroll.php](http://www.episcopalcafe.com/daily/prayer/by_bill_carroll_bill_carroll.php), and is worth reading in its entirety!

One of the most profound responsibilities we have as Christian people is to persevere in prayer. Prayer is by no means limited to petition and intercession, in which we come before God for our own needs and those of others, but these forms of prayer are central to the life that we are called to live.

More broadly, prayer means paying attention to the presence of God. It means listening

for God and responding to God, by our words, deeds, and silence. Prayer means giving thanks for God's many gifts, taking refuge in God's promises, and adoring God's goodness. It means seeking God's will and offering ourselves up for God's purposes. Petition and intercession are but one dimension of a relationship with God that is much broader and deeper--and far more meaningful. [...]

Even though the prayer of petition is more risky than intercession, because it is focused on ourselves, it has a lot to teach us about grace and life in the Spirit. Persistently bringing our needs before God

will teach us, as nothing else can, the difference between what we want and what we truly need.

If prayer is always answered, as indeed it is, then it takes the gift of discernment to understand God's answer. For often, God's response to our prayer does not take the form we thought it would. Petition

teaches us to seek God's perfect will, to align our wills with God's will, and to seek only

those good things that God wants for us.

In the end petition reaches out beyond itself to those other forms of listening and paying attention to God that make up a complete life of prayer. [...]

But, we might object, our prayer life is so weak. At times, it is so self-serving and mercenary. I suppose it can be, especially if it becomes a mere wish list, rather than an act of listening for God. But how else are we to cast our cares and anxieties upon God, if we do not name the profound longings of our hearts? In fact, it may be especially important to name these needs, when they turn out to be vain, illusory, or mis-

understood. For then, we are thrown back on our relationship with God. We assume a more humble posture before the throne of grace and discover, again and again, the abundant mercies of our God.

When our prayer is weak, as it often is, we also discover the power of praying for one another. Our brothers and sisters can hold us in prayer through times of difficulty and doubt. In the end, it's all about relationship. If we are open to this gift, we can discover a depth of love that is itself an answer to prayer, a form of divine response to the deepest longings of our hearts. [...]

In these days after our Lord's Ascension, we remember that Christ has entered into heaven on our behalf. [...] By his Ascension and exaltation to the Father's right hand, Jesus consummates the purpose of the Incarnation. He brings our very flesh--the fullness of our humanity--into the near presence of God. In so doing, he brings our brokenness and all our various needs before God. And we have his promise--his sure and certain promise--that no matter what the world may bring, no matter what may happen to us, God will hear and answer our prayers. Perhaps not always in the ways we want, but in the ways we truly need.

*“Prayer means giving thanks for God's many gifts, taking refuge in God's promises, and adoring God's goodness. It means seeking God's will and offering ourselves up for God's purposes.”*

**Birthdays in July**

1	Abby McCarthy
2	Nathan Jasmin
3	Kiernan Mulcahy
	Terry Stirton
	Sue Warner
5	Michael Armstrong
7	Margaret Carpenter
9	Jane Coopland
	Nicholas Elia
10	Deb Fuentes
	Karen McCarthy
	Larry Morrow
	Ann Thomas
13	Mikaela Elia
	Barbara Jarry
14	Jonathan Burger
	Yasmeen Najeebi
15	Nancy Tyborowski
18	David Brule
	Ruth Maylott
19	Dean Rogeness
20	Pamela Beals
	Jessica Kelly
	Caryn Salwen
	Luke Sopet
21	Barbara Orsatti
	Michael Young
22	Gillian Englert
	Carley Rossi
26	Carl Breyer
	Kevin Stefanowicz
29	Norm Beals
30	Adele Seay
31	Annie Wheeler



10	Ben Breyer
	Tyler Lucey
	Noah Nash
	Samuel Nash
	Sydney Nash
12	Michael Greim
	Jeremy Powell
14	Barbara O'Connor
	Lili Williams
15	Nancy Churchill
	Tracey Martineau
18	Benjamin Jasmin
19	Janet Walsh Young
22	Daniel Rossi
	Bradley Oliver
24	Judy Mish
26	Tess Morrow
28	Quinn Mulcahy
29	Griffin Crafts
	Christopher Salwen

**Anniversaries in July**

3	Deb & Andy Fuentes
5	Terry & Bob Stirton
8	Melissa & John Scanlon
14	Jennifer & Tom Rachele
21	Stephanie & Carl Jasmin
25	Jennifer & Bryan MacDonald
26	Kevin & Laurie Flynn
	Susie & Bob Hutchins
27	Susan & Rob Purdy
28	Chris & John Dolan

**Anniversaries in August**

3	Mia & Jim Nolan
5	Melissa & James Danehey
	Linnea & Larry Morrow
10	Janet Walsh & Mike Young
	Jessica & Stuart Young
15	Kelly & Garrett Kimball
16	Sharlene & Adam Lape
18	Terry & Bob Taylor
22	Pat Bailey & Doug Sarnelli
	Norma & Robert Sears
24	Philippa & Brice Englert
	Karen & Wally Gladwin
31	Mary & Dean Rogeness

**Birthdays in August**

1	Kathy Riess
3	Alexandra Lucey
4	Carla Gunn
	Ed Jagodowski
	Randy Galinat
	Emily Salwen
6	Jeanne Schelke Butrick
	Zoey Lape
7	Kelly Kimball
8	Leah Dieterich
9	Aazam Najeebi
	Jim Nolan

**Milestones****Baptized June 12, 2011**

Marybeth Rae Hinshaw and  
Haley Marie Hinshaw  
Daughters of Sarah  
and Matthew Hinshaw

**Congratulations and  
Welcome!**



*O God, our times  
are in your hand:  
Look with favor, we  
pray, on your  
servants as they  
begin another year.  
Grant that they may  
grow in wisdom and  
grace, and  
strengthen their  
trust in your  
goodness all the days  
of their lives;  
through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.*

Book of Common Prayer,  
page 830

*If your birthday or anniversary is incor-  
rect or does not appear, please contact  
the parish office.*

## *Mission Page: Loving Our Neighbors As Ourselves ....*

### **For Kids Affected by the Tornado**

Most of you are aware that St. Andrew's has been involved with a program being organized by the Church of the Epiphany in Wilbraham and Community Partnerships for Children that is helping our neighbors as they attempt to recover from a tornado that left them without homes and possessions. Many of us have gratefully supplied pajamas, new stuffed animals and books for children who are coping with a sense of loss. It's not too late to contribute a new stuffed animal or two to help comfort one of God's little children. A box has been placed in the Narthex for your donations.

### **In the Tornado's Wake: Reaching Out**

We are continuing to look into ways of reaching out to help our neighbors who are struggling to rebuild after the tornado. Some area parishes are evaluating the feasibility of organizing a Labor Day Rebuild. Please keep this discernment in your prayers, and watch for further information on St. Andrew's involvement in tornado-related projects.

### **Church Without Walls Lunches Underwritten**

Each Sunday, the Church Without Walls Core Team and other volunteers take lunch — 90 sandwiches, chips, coffee or lemonade, and sometimes fruit — to Court Square to serve to those who have attended the noon-time service. An anonymous, generous St. Andrew's couple has now stepped forward to cover the cost of all CWW lunches for a year.

This means that there will be a separate, dedicated fund available to reimburse anyone who volunteers to make sandwiches on a weekend. Information about what's involved with making sandwiches and/or providing other lunch items for CWW may be found on the Church Without Walls webpage: [www.St-Andrews-Longmeadow.org/churchwowall.asp](http://www.St-Andrews-Longmeadow.org/churchwowall.asp). Anyone interested in helping to make sandwiches and provide lunches should get in touch with Karen Gladwin (phone or [CWW@St-Andrews-Longmeadow.org](mailto:CWW@St-Andrews-Longmeadow.org)).

Thank you to our CWW lunch "angels!"

### **Operating ReFresh — Thank You!**

Thanks to the efforts and generous donations of parishioners and old and new friends from outside of the parish, we filled a 16 ft. truck with bottles of water, personal hygiene supplies and baby needs which was donated to victims of the tornado. Good work and thank you!

### **A Longmeddowe Days "Thank You"**

The Mission/Outreach Committee wants you to know how much they appreciate all those who gave of their time and effort to make our booth on the green a most successful venture. Because of you, many of those in attendance were able to savor our famous cotton candy, popcorn, juice boxes and bottled water. Thanks, too, to those who donated cases of water and other supplies to help make our participation on the green a reality.

### **Save the Dates!**

Don't miss these annual events planned by the Mission/Outreach Committee:

**Crop Walk on October 16<sup>th</sup>**, and

**Adopt a Family on November 20<sup>th</sup>**

Details will be forthcoming in the fall.

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***Schedule***

- Weekday Eucharist  
Wednesdays at 7 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist -  
Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sun-  
days at 9 a.m. (through  
Labor Day)
- Parish Office will be  
open 9 a.m. to 12 noon  
(through Labor Day)

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