

January 2013

HARBOR WATCH: A Harbor for God's Peace



A newsletter of Christ Church Episcopal-Harwich Port, MA



The Skipper's Log: Rector's Reflections: Light.

Happy New Year! Even though the Church celebrates its new liturgical year on Advent 1, the culture clearly celebrates the new calendar year on January 1 (Have you ever realized how many calendars are for sale!?). Now we begin our new calendar year with all its hopes and dreams, even as we celebrate the 12th day of Christmas this week and The Epiphany. These words of the 20th century English mystic, Evelyn Underhill, help me understand this season:

The Christmas mystery has two parts: the nativity and the epiphany. A deep instinct made the Church separate these two feasts. In the first we commemorate God's humble entrance into human life, the emergence and birth of the holy, and in the second its manifestation to the world, the revelation of the supernatural made in that life. And the two phases concern our inner lives very closely too. The first only happens in order that the second may happen, and the second cannot happen without the first. . . .Beholding his glory is only half our job. In our souls too the mysteries must be brought forth. . . .The Eternal Birth, says Eckhart, 'must take place in *you*.' . . . The birth of Christ in our souls is for a purpose beyond ourselves: it is because his manifestation in the world must be through us (Evelyn Underhill, *Light of Christ*. Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse, 1982).

On Sunday, January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany, we remember the showing of the light of the Incarnate Son to the world, a "light" we little understand. During this Epiphany and the season following the observance of the feast day, we, too, are called to be lights to the world—lights of God's love, God's charity, and the incarnation of that love in today's world. The prologue to John's gospel account gives us this familiar phrase: "What has come into being in him [Jesus] was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it (John 1:5). Thomas Merton commented on the verse this way:

He Who is infinite light is so tremendous in His evidence that our minds only see Him as darkness. *Lux in tenebris lucet et tenebrae eam no comprehenderunt* (The Light shines in darkness and the darkness has not understood it.) (Thomas Merton, *New Seeds of Contemplation*. Louisville, KY: The Abbey of Gethsemani, Inc., 1961, New Directions paperback, 1972, p. 131)

We cannot fathom the significance of the coming of Jesus Christ into a world that sorely needed this Light, so that the world could change and be redeemed. Or do we? We know what a difference being a follower of Jesus means to us as a parish family and individually. Imagine if we could share that insight with others. Imagine inviting our neighbors to be a part of this great church family. If you and I go out as little lights into the world, we might even change the world as well. I am reminded of an experience many years ago when I worked at a church camp the summer following my college graduation. One evening the river, at least a mile wide, was like glass, just after sunset. We made little boats of aluminum foil and put small candles in them and launched them on the river. The incredible light of all of those boats together made a beautiful sight as darkness fell. We sang one of those old "camp songs" and prayed for peace and went back to our cabins carrying the image of that light into the darkness of the night, realizing our individual boats of light would not be seen so well as all of them were together.



You and I are called to carry that light into the world to help those whose lives we touch. I look forward to a great year as our church community gathers for worship, education, pastoral care and service. Each of us is a little light, as another old song says, and together we can shine brightly in the winter night. A recent example of that light was our Christmas caroling to some of our homebound members. To them, we were little lights singing in the winter to bring Christ's love to them. Let us think about how each of us can carry our individual and corporate "lights" into making one bright light of God's love visible in our place and time during this season after The Epiphany. Then let us come to the Great Vigil of Easter (March 30) and sing "The Light of Christ" as the lone light of the new Paschal Candle shines in the darkened church reminding us of the great light that came into the world at Christmas.

Faithfully, Mother Judith +

ALTAR FLOWERS AND MINISTRY

Flowers on the Altar: We have openings for Sundays in January, the 20th and 27th. If you would like to give altar flowers for a Sunday, contact Elizabeth Salomé or call Kerry in the office. If you would like to help deliver Sunday flowers to parishioners, contact Sid Coursen or Kerry.

Flower Delivery Schedule

January 6: Lydia Bell, Sidney Coursen

January 13: Leave for Nursing Home Luncheon

January 20: Ann Brown, Pat Kennedy

January 27: Sheila Moss-White

Altar Guild Schedule

January 2 – January 15 – Betty Decker, Boo Lewis

January 16 – January 29 – June Bissonette, Lydia Bell

January 30 – February 12 – Sheila Moss-White, Boo Lewis



We pray for people on their birthdays and anniversaries during the Sunday service. Please let us include yours. Here are January birthdays.

January 1	Ruth Hestad	January 14	Ann Paterson
January 4	Tom Blackburn	January 18	Mary Elisabeth Hadfield
January 6	Jane Romer	January 18	Julia Rioux
January 12	Gail Gibson	January 21	Alesia Gleason
January 12	Marge Marion		

SPOTLIGHT ON OUTREACH:

Thank you for your donation to the families who really need food for life! Please bring non-perishable food to place in the food basket on Sundays or during the week. This food is also taken to the Family Pantry. **The “food of the month” for collection in January is tuna, canned fruit, canned meals (spaghetti, stew, etc.).** We bring gifts of food forward at the Sunday offertory as well reminding ourselves to care for the needy.

THANKS TO THE CHOIR and Joan Kirchner, Director for Lessons and Carols on December 2 and Christmas Eve music, in additions to Sundays. If you are interested in being in our choir, contact Joan. Can you identify the Christmas carolers from “Christmas Past” in the third photograph?



January 2013 Sunday Ministries – 8 AM Service

Jan. 6

Greeters: June Bissonette
Ushers: Bill Hendricks, Asa Decker
Lectors: Woody Price, Betty Decker
Eucharistic Ministers: Robert Lawton
Prayers: Elizabeth Salomé, Robert Lawton
Coffee Hosts: Sabbatical Team

Jan. 13

Greeters: Sheila Moss-White
Ushers: Earl Beardsley, Matt Ellis
Lectors: Karen Alexander, Elizabeth Salomé
Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Romer
Prayers: Betty Decker, Jane Romer
Coffee Hosts: Bill Hendricks, June Bissonette

Jan. 20

Greeters: Earl Beardsley
Ushers: Asa Decker, Matt Ellis
Lectors: Woody Price, Jane Romer
Eucharistic Ministers: Andy Ross
Prayers: Karen Alexander, Andy Ross
Coffee Hosts: Betty Decker

Jan. 27 *One Service 9:00am*

Greeters: Lynne Sampson
Ushers: Andy Ross, Brian Ladley
Lectors: Elizabeth Salomé, Ric Ferri
Eucharistic Ministers: Robert Lawton,
Deborah Aylesworth
Prayers: Jane Romer
Coffee Hosts: The Fellowship Team

Sunday Counter Schedule

January 6 – Asa Decker, Bob Neese
January 20 – Matt Ellis, Julie Kraft

January 13 – Lynne Sampson, Bill Hendricks
January 27 – Betty Decker, Vince Kraft

January 2013 Sunday Ministries – 10 AM Service

Jan. 6

Greeters: Sandra & Lee Josselyn
Ushers: Meg & Jim Pappas
Lectors: Beau Coursen, Lucille Whipple
Eucharistic Ministers: Deborah Aylesworth,
Bill Walsman
Prayers: Rue Siegel
Coffee Hosts: Sabbatical Team

Jan. 13

Greeters: Mary Sparrow
Ushers: Julie & Vince Kraft
Lectors: Gail Gibson, Diana Landau
Eucharistic Ministers: Deborah Aylesworth, Porter Lewis
Prayers: Kathie McDowell
Coffee Hosts: Jean Bertrand, Sidney Coursen

Jan. 20

Greeters: Pat Kennedy, Lucille Whipple
Ushers: Bob Neese, Jon Robertson
Lectors: Jim Pappas, Karen Butler
Eucharistic Ministers: Deborah Aylesworth,
Bill Walsman
Prayers: Ann Brown
Coffee Hosts: Betty Hadfield, Lydia Bell

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Tuesday, January 14, 2013 – LEM for 11:30 am Healing Eucharist: Deborah Aylesworth



January 2013 Thrift Shop Volunteer Schedule
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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
From January 1,	2013 through	January 14, 2013	The Thrift Shop is	Closed for cleaning!!
15 Thrift Shop re-opens Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan	16 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	17 Mary Sparrow, Ann Brown	18 Lucille Ward	19 Nancy MacDonald, Jane Barter
22 Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan	23 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	24 Nancy Truesdale, Betty Decker	25 Lucille Ward, Marge Marion	26 Asa Decker, Sheila Moss-White
29 Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan	30 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	31 Mary Sparrow, Ann Brown	Feb 1	Feb 2

AN ODE TO FELLOWSHIP

By Jane Romer

The name tells it all - care, concern, compassion

The variety of activities include all ages and interests from the Annual Meeting breakfast

to pancake suppers, dinners, game nights, Ice Cream Socials, trips, raffles and St. Nicholas party

All these activities support and help us to recognize each other's strengths, interests and needs

We share joyous humor and camaraderie

All these activities support our sense of community-- a feeling that we are part of a family of faith and love

We can laugh and cry and share our lives together

We can hold different perceptions and still be honored

The Fellowship Team plans and executes each event with such dedication, flair
and graciousness

Behind the scenes there is a very talented group of planners

It is hard to believe that they continue year after year outdoing themselves with bringing joy to us

Mere thanks and recognition fall short of honoring this tireless, dedicated and creative group of fellow parishioners.

Marathon update from Brian Ladley

My training is going well and I am braving the ever colder temperatures on my practice runs as I prepare for the 26.2 miles of the Boston Marathon this April. Thank you so much to those that have already contributed to my fundraising goal for the charity team I have chosen to run for, "Friends of the Public Garden" which actively supports the preservation and care of urban green spaces in Boston including the Common, the Public Garden and Commonwealth Ave Mall. Due to a printing error in the December Harbor Watch, there was some confusion about using the Internet to make a credit card donation to this worthy cause. Using the corrected link below, you may read my full story about why I'm so excited to support Team Friends and consider supporting me. Every penny is tax deductible and you will receive a letter from the Friends acknowledging your contribution. If you prefer to send a check by mail, please make it out to "Friends of the Public Garden" with my name in the memo line and send to 106 Woodview Drive, Brewster MA 02631. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at bslfly@comcast.net or call 508-896-2606. Thank you so much for your support!
[<http://www.crowdrise.com/TeamFriendsofthePublicGarden/fundraiser/brianladley>]

NOTE OF THANKS to the Knitters:

Dear Knitters,
On behalf of Cape Cod Hospital we would like to thank all that assisted with knitting the two beautiful (and very soft) afghans that were donated to our Pediatric Unit. Your generosity is much appreciated.
Pat Boris
Volunteer Services

The Knitters for Peace meet on Tuesdays at 2pm in the downstairs parlor to knit. You are welcome to join them for knitting and tea!

Pastoral Care at Christ Church

Our *Friends in Faith* program is six months old! Initiated in June, this program links together church members who are unable to leave their homes, or are in nursing homes, with other members who are committed to visiting them twice each month. Prayers are offered; bulletins, newsletters and flowers are brought; telephone calls are made; and when needed, prayer shawls have been given. The response to the program from both visitors and those who are receiving them has been quite positive and touching. Looking at the statistics, from June to December 2012, there were 86 visits and 43 telephone calls made by the team.

Thank you to our visitors for your generous pastoral efforts and to our church members who are visited for your wisdom and faith. We are blessed. If you have an interest in joining *Friends in Faith*, please see Sidney Coursen or Mary Ellen Eichmann.

The Chatham Labyrinth: "There is nothing so wise as a circle" Rainer Maria Rilke



In celebration of Chatham's 300th Anniversary, the Chatham Clergy Association, with the support of many friends, gave a Labyrinth to the town's residents and visitors. A Labyrinth is an ancient archetypal imprint of a circular path. Thousands have walked these paths over the centuries. Recent observations include: "The experience gives me hope;" or "It provides me with inner guidance;" or "Walking it is my path of prayer."

Labyrinths are being rediscovered in many cultures worldwide because they offer a quiet and meditative place to be and to walk. Perhaps the contemporary appeal speaks to our need to slow down, take a deep breath and be renewed by what awaits us in the quiet beauty of the path and nature.

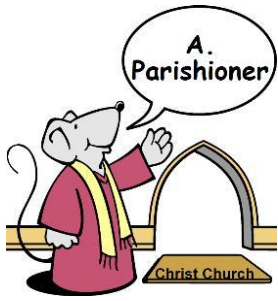
Please come to visit the Chatham Labyrinth, located in a lovely setting in Chase Park, behind the Grist Mill – a short distance from Main and Cross Sts. Visitors of all ages are welcomed. Brochures are provided at the site, offering background and educational information. If you have questions, please e-mail The Rev. Anne Bonney at annegbonney@gmail.com or Dawn Tolley at dawntolley@comcast.net. Or, go to www.chathamlabyrinth.com. You can also talk with Mary Ellen Eichmann or Mother Judith, who were at the dedication of the Chatham Labyrinth in July. Mother Judith's article for the August 2012 *Harbor Watch* is on labyrinths.

CLASSES:

- ❖ **BIBLE STUDY** continues *Hallelujah! The Bible and Handel's Messiah*. Books available in class. Wednesdays, 9am-10:30am.
- ❖ **The Church of the Holy Spirit is sponsoring a special lecture series with well-known speakers. Register early to assure your space.** Saturdays at 2 PM in Holy Spirit's Parish Hall. Contact: st.dewing@verizon.net 508 255 2656. Series, \$50, individual lectures, \$20. **Barbara Brown Taylor** April 13; **Kathleen Norris** June 8; **Walter Brueggemann** July 27

For those we love but see no longer: Recent deaths

Lucille Whipple's great granddaughter **Kendra Pratt**,
Nancy Anderson's husband, and Pete Anderson's father, **Bob Anderson**,
Lydia Bell's brother **James Bell**,
Meg Pappas' father, **Roy Long**, The memorial service will be at Christ Church, January 19, 11am.
Bishop Jane Holmes Dixon, Suffragan Bishop of Washington, retired, friend of Anne and Judith.



The Occasional Column of "A. Parishioner": JUBILATE

The other day while driving to Maine with a friend I suddenly realized that I was happy. Not "joy abounding, shout out loud" happy, but with the happiness one feels while sailing on a reach at 7 knots on a sunny day and which makes you say aloud, "It don't get much better than this."; it is a contented joy. This condition of mind is so unusual, not to say abnormal, that it bears remarking on. What makes happiness all the more remarkable is to know we are happy when we are. All too often we only realize after the fact that we were happy when our happiness is suddenly snatched away by disaster, illness or our own folly.

You may well ask what place such a solipsistic declaration has in a church publication. But it seems to me that happiness and joy are often left out of the religious equation which is not surprising in the era of Hiroshima and Holocaust, when the innocents are slaughtered over and over again somewhere in the world---sometimes just down the road from where we live. It seems that sound of joy can get lost in the noisy clangor of the Prophets or the sour admonitions of Saint Paul. Religion and the praise of God are not just about guilt, penitence and funerals. They include marriage and baptisms. (It is not without significance that Jesus' first miracle was part of a wedding feast.) There is a rhythm to the religious life which allows room for happiness and joy: "weeping may endure for a night/ but joy cometh in the morning" (*Psalms 30*). In fact, they are almost mandatory for the Psalmist who cries out: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye land/ Serve the Lord with gladness" (*Ps. 100*) and "Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart" (*Ps. 32*).

The order for Daily Morning Prayer precisely captures this rhythm of the somber and the joyful, of penitence and joy. It begins with a confession of sin, but concludes with a prayer of thanksgiving in which we give thanks for our "creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life." It seems to me that occasional bouts of happiness should be included among the blessings. For the Psalmist finding joy in all of God's creation is a form of worshipful praise: "O Lord, how manifold are all thy works! In wisdom has thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches" (*Ps 104*). And the wonderful Canticle set down for use at Morning Prayer summons all creation: "O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord" ---and all these works include "whales, green things and fowls of the air." This universal uproar of praise is part of the "joyful noise" the *Jubilate* daily asks us to make at Morning Prayer.

Christians associate joy with Christmas and Easter, but happiness, a melody in a slightly different key, can occur in any season of the year. Joy is a song to be sung *fortissimo* and *molto vivace*—happiness a tune to be hummed *piano piano* and *allegro moderato*. Both can and should be songs of praise and thanksgiving. So if you occasionally have a moment of genuine happiness think of it as a part of God's creation and remember to be thankful to God "from whom all blessings flow."

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You may e-mail articles or items of interest for the newsletter to christchurchharwichport@comcast.net. **We especially want updated email addresses.** *The deadline for articles for the newsletter is the 15th of the month.* Submissions may be left on the Church Office door, e-mailed (which is highly preferable), or mailed to 671 Route 28, Harwich Port, MA, 02646. Submissions may be edited for clarity and style.



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30 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	31	1	2 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast/Discussion 9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Finance Committee 6:00 PM Boy Scouts	3 5:30 PM Choir	4 9:00 AM Artful Parishioners 3:00 PM Christian Yoga	5 7:30 PM AA Meeting
6 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	7 4:00 PM Weight Watchers 7:00 PM Property Meeting	8 12:00 PM Book Group 12:00 PM Harwich Garden Club Meeting 5:30 PM Vestry	9 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast/Discussion 9:00 AM Bible Study 4:30 PM Good Grief 6:00 PM Boy Scouts	10 9:00 AM Worship Meeting 10:30 AM Sabbatical Team 1:00PM: HS Art 4:30 PM Outreach Team 5:30 PM Choir	11 9:00 AM Artful Parishioners 3:00 PM Christian Yoga	12 10:00 AM Fellowship Meeting 7:30 PM AA Meeting
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January 6: Feast of the Epiphany The Holy Eucharist, 8am and 10am

OFFICIAL NOTICE: The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, **January 27th** following the annual brunch after ONE service at 9am. Please join us as we elect vestry members, hear reports from our life together in 2012, and plan for 2013.

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