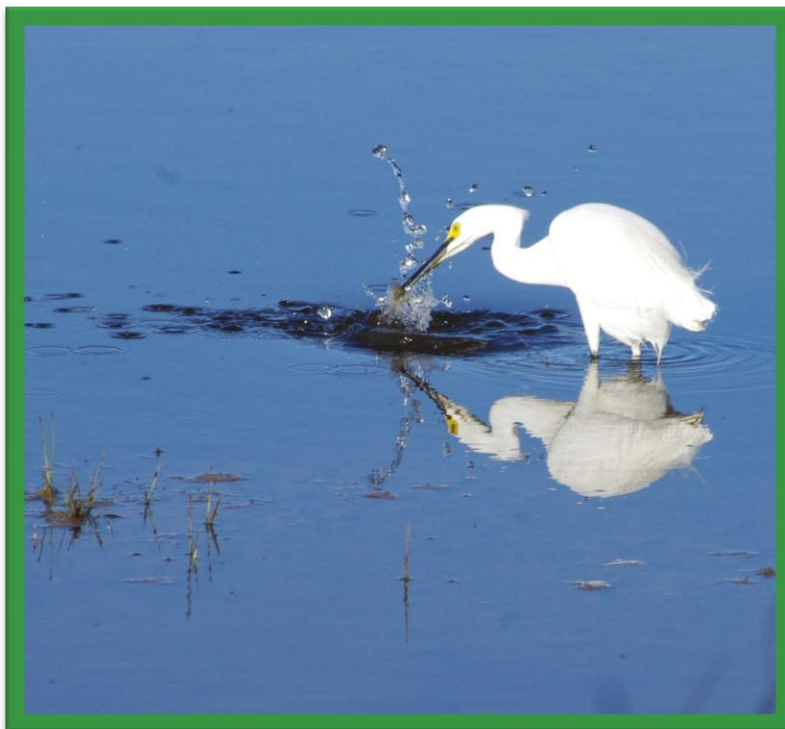


June 2013
HARBOR WATCH: A Harbor for God's Peace



Christ Church Perennial Garden



Summertime and the living is easy!



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The Skipper's Log: Rector's Reflections

At whatever point one opens 'Gift from the Sea,' to any chapter or page, the author's words offer a chance to breathe and to live more slowly. The book makes it possible to quiet down and rest in the present, no matter what the circumstances may be.” Reeve Lindbergh introducing the 50th Anniversary Edition of Anne Morrow Lindbergh's *Gift from the Sea* (<http://www.readthespirit.com/home/>).

By the time you receive this newsletter, I will be on vacation on an island, slowing down and resting and enjoying a much-needed break with my family. As I was packing, I picked up my copy of Anne Morrow Lindbergh's *Gift from the Sea*, with its torn and tattered book jacket. I had taken it along on our vacation last June as I read from several passages during worship in the candle-lit chapel on Star Island. Now we have returned to Block Island after five years. It's a bit of a busman's holiday in that I will do the services at St. Ann's-by-the-Sea for the first two Sundays in June. I've been doing services occasionally at St. Ann's for 18 years, and each time the ferry leaves Point Judith (RI), I feel like I'm going home and at the same time, like I'm going for the very first time with the thrill of a kid on her first ferry ride. This time we will be searching the skies for pelagic birds and hoping for a sunny day.

One of the first times I remember that I “slept on an island” was about 20 years ago when I took the small ferry boat from Bristol, RI to Prudence Island, not far away in the Narragansett Bay. Staying with some friends, I slept on the sofa in the living room with the windows open and heard the soothing sound of the bell buoy off and on through the night. My friends, quoting from a book I've long since forgotten, said that “once you sleep on an island, you are never the same.” I wonder why!

As our busy season began this Memorial Day weekend with increased traffic on Cape Cod, I realized that many people come to our sort of “island” to be on Cape away from their busting, busy, frenetic lives in the cities where they live and work. They are here to capture some little bit of quiet, some nature, some salt air and sand and seafood, and perhaps, to be with family and friends. It's a chance to “breathe and live more slowly” as Reeve Lindbergh said when she introduced the 50th anniversary copy of *Gift from the Sea* in 2005. As you know by now, I've loved the sea and sand and gulls and shore birds and seashells all my life. As a child, I went to the beach one week every summer and thought it was as if I had gone through Narnia's wardrobe into a magical world in which I had to pinch myself to see if that world were real. I savored that week knowing I had to save up that experience for another whole year until we could go again. I was probably in my late 30's by the time I spent two or three weeks in a row at the beach. Now that I can walk on the beach every day if I want to, I try never to take the gifts from the sea for granted, for every time I go, especially to my favorite beach, Red River Beach, it is as if I had gone there for the first time. I am so thankful to be here among you in this beautiful place in which we live and move and have our being, as the Prayer Book says. And as the forgotten poet said, about sleeping on an island, I will never be the same.

Five years ago in June, Porter Lewis, then Senior Warden called me when my family and I were on Block Island to tell me Christ Church had called me to be the new rector. I was speechless (imagine that!) and thankful and a dozen other emotions as I prepared to leave a parish I had loved and served for 12 years to embark on a new adventure with new parishioners and neighbors and friends. I have loved being your rector these almost five years. I am so thankful for all of you and for this wonderful place, “our island home,” as Eucharistic Prayer C says. I always keep a few scallop shells on the dashboard of our car to remember the gifts from the sea, so that no matter where I am, the sea is with me. When I sleep on Block Island these two weeks and on Star Island later in June and hear the fog horns and bell buoys, gulls and seabirds, I will give thanks for all my gifts from the sea, but especially for each of you at Christ Church in Harwich Port. Let us slow down, even briefly this summer and savor all God's gifts to us, especially the gift of each other.

► *Faithfully, Mother Judith +*

Mother Judith enjoying her birthday at Church on Trinity Sunday.



ALTAR FLOWERS AND MINISTRY

The Deanery Altar Guild will gather in our parish on Ascension Day (May 9) for The Holy Eucharist, lunch, a business meeting and a presentation on women in the church and our stained glass windows, given by our Rector.

Our Altar Guild does so much for us. One aspect of their work is making sure we have lovely flowers on our altar for Sundays. New England Gardens delivers flowers each Saturday and the Altar Guild places them on the altar. These flowers are given by caring parishioners for memorials, thanksgiving and blessings. After the Sunday services the flowers are taken out to be enjoyed by others.....to someone who is ill or unable to come to church, to someone celebrating a birthday or anniversary or perhaps to say thank you.

We have a team of 10 or 12 who take turns delivering the flowers. Look for the signup sheet on the bulletin board by the office if you wish to give flowers. The cost is \$45 per Sunday and may be shared by more than one donor. You can arrange to give the flowers automatically on the same date each year. Please contact Elizabeth Salomé for further details. If you would like to help deliver the altar flowers, contact Sidney Coursen.

Sunday flower Delivery Schedule

June 2 – Ann Brown, Pat Kennedy

June 23 – Mary Ellen Eichmann, Jane Romer

June 9 – Sheila Moss-White

June 30 – June Bissonette, Betty Decker

June 16 - Leave for Nursing Home Luncheon

Flowers on the Altar:

In June flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory/honor of loved ones on:

June 2 – Woodruff Price

June 23 – Lynne Sampson

June 9 – Elizabeth Salomé

June 30 –

June 16 – Deborah Aylesworth

Altar Guild Schedule

May 22 – June 4 Elizabeth Salomé, Lydia Bell

June 5 – June 18 Betty Decker, Elizabeth Salomé

June 19 – July 2 June Bissonette, Boo Lewis

Sunday Counter Schedule

6/2/13 Asa Decker, Bob Neese

6/9/13 Lynne Sampson, Bill Hendricks

6/16/13 Matt Ellis, Julie Kraft

6/23/13 Betty Decker, Vince Kraft

6/30/13 Beau Coursen, Lucille Ward

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

June 1	Karen Alexander	June 23	Bob Axner
June 5	Bill Mason	June 23	Ian Malin
June 8	Emma Rioux	June 26	John Jacobson
June 14	Trina Shuart	June 27	Jon Robertson
June 17	Benita Pierce	June 28	Robert Neese
June 18	Meghan Salomé	June 30	Boo Lewis

Thanks to Elaine Gray and the Christ Church gardeners for their wonderful work in beautifying our grounds for summer and thanks to Bill Walsman's team for their ongoing hard work landscaping.



*I Give thanks for ...
The people I love
All they do and are
The joys we share
The helpful things I can sometimes do
The faith we share
The peace that grows as my wants die
away
The path ahead, wherever it goes
The idea of God
The reality of beauty
The unfolding of truth*

June 2013 Sunday Ministries – 8 AM Service

June 2

Greeters: June Bissonette
Ushers: Bill Hendricks, Earl Beardsley
Lectors: Woody Price, Anna Andolina
Eucharistic Ministers: Robert Lawton
Prayers: Robert Lawton, Elizabeth Salomé
Coffee Hosts: Jane Barter

June 9

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

June 16

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

June 23

Greeters: Lynne Sampson
Ushers: Andy Ross, Brian Ladley
Lectors: Elizabeth Salomé, Anna Andolina
Eucharistic Ministers: Betty Decker
Prayers: Jane Romer, Betty Decker
Coffee Hosts: Nancy MacDonald

June 30

Greeters: Earl Beardsley, Karen Alexander
Ushers: Matt Ellis, Asa Decker
Lectors: Betty Decker, Elizabeth Salomé
Eucharistic Ministers: Andy Ross
Prayers: Elizabeth Salomé, Andy Ross
Coffee Hosts: Betty Decker

OUTREACH *The annual African Team Ministries Jewelry & Craft Sale will be July 7th & 14th between the 8am and 10am services as well as after the 10 am service.

*Please remember the food collection for the needy and donate soups, pancake mix, syrup, soups, canned pastas, macaroni and cheese and cookies.

*Habitat for Humanity update: Five wall raisings will take place between June and September in Orleans. The road has been cut and the water main is in. We will keep you updated as to when the wall raising will take place. Elizabeth Salomé for the Outreach Team



Jamie, Richard and Joan provide music of Americana at our annual ice cream social on May 26. Julie serves Sundae School ice cream (yum!) Thanks to the Fellowship Team and our musicians for a great afternoon.

Did you know the plantings and memorial stone in the "Perennial Garden" are in memory of Florence and Maurice Blew, Evelyn Rose Carlin, Bayard S. Clark, Herbert Malin, Alice M. Rodgers, Estelle Sexton, Gregory Woolley and other loved ones?

June 2013 Sunday Ministries – 10 AM Service

June 2

Greeters: Sandra & Lee Josselyn
Ushers: Vince & Julie Kraft
Lectors: Jan Robertson, Boo Lewis
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Butler,
 Porter Lewis
Prayers: Jim Pappas
Coffee Hosts: Gail Gibson, Meg Pappas

June 9

Greeters: Juliette Levesque, Mary Sparrow
Ushers: Gail Gibson, Bob Neese
Lectors: Greg DeLory, Mary Ellen Eichmann
Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Gorham, Bill Walsman
Prayers: Ann Brown
Coffee Hosts: Kathie McDowell, Nancy Truesdale

June 16

Greeters: Pat Kennedy, Lucille Whipple
Ushers: Sidney Coursen, Jon Robertson
Lectors: Lucille Whipple, Beau Coursen
Eucharistic Ministers: Deborah Aylesworth,
 Karen Butler
Prayers: Diana Landau

June 23

Greeters: Grace & Darwin Price
Ushers: Jim & Meg Pappas
Lectors: Dave Bowley, Gail Gibson
Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Gorham, Porter Lewis
Prayers: Sidney Coursen
Coffee Hosts: Cathy Walsman, Diana Landau

Coffee Hosts: Jean Bertrand, Sidney Coursen

Tuesday, June 18, 2013 – LEM for 11:30 am Healing Eucharist: Bill Gorham

June 30

Greeters: Robin & Taylor Weeman
Ushers: Vince & Julie Kraft
Lectors: Rue Siegel, Grace Price
Eucharistic Ministers: Deborah Aylesworth,
 Bill Walsman
Prayers: Ric Ferri
Coffee Hosts: Lydia Bell, Nancy Truesdale

Pledges Received for 2013		Our pledge contribution totals	
<i>DATE</i>	<i>RECEIVED</i>	<i>BUDGETED</i>	<i>DIFFERENCE (+ -)</i>
5/5/13	\$2,967	\$2,500	\$467 +
5/12/13	\$3,091	\$2,500	\$591 +
5/20/13	\$2503	\$2,500	\$3 +
TOTAL	\$8,561	\$7,500	\$1,061+


*Thanks to all for keeping your pledges up to date.

VESTRY MEETING NOTES Meeting of May 14, 2013

The May meeting of the Vestry saw all members present with the exception of Vince Kraft who was rafting on the Colorado River. None of the Vestry members present could understand why a member would miss the excitement of a Vestry meeting just to ride on a raft down some old river.

Treasurer Asa Decker presented his monthly financial report and reviewed the duties of the Christ Church Finance Committee. This committee is chaired by the Treasurer and includes in its membership appointed by the Vestry, the Rector and a Warden. Among its responsibilities the Finance Committee provides the Vestry with an analysis of the current and potential financial condition of the Church. The committee also develops policies and procedures to assure sound financial management and develops a five year financial plan. The committee prepares the annual Christ Church budget, analyzes the Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet and Diocesan Investment Trust statements and advises on areas departing from the Budget. This busy group also advises the Vestry on all financial transactions exceeding \$2500, on proposed rental agreements, and on any financial situation the Rector or Wardens deem necessary.

The idea of a semi-annual meeting in mid-summer on a Sunday with one service, a brunch, and a business meeting was discussed. A part of the reasoning behind this is that many more of our parishioners are here in July than in January when our Annual Meeting is held. There will be more on this at the June 11 Vestry meeting.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				June 1 Nancy MacDonald, Jane Barter
4 Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan, Betty Decker	5 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	6 Dave & Nancy Truesdale	7 Lucille Ward, Pat Kennedy	8 Jeanne & Matt Ellis
11 Nancy MacDonald, Betty Ann Waldo, Dottie Callaghan	12 Nancy Truesdale, Betty Ann Waldo	13 Mary Sparrow, Ann Brown	14 Lucille Ward, Peg Blackburn	15 Nancy MacDonald
18 Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan	19 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	20 Dave & Nancy Truesdale	21 Lucille Ward, Jane Romer	22 Asa Decker, Sheila Moss-White
25 Nancy MacDonald, Betty Ann Waldo, Dottie Callaghan	26 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	27 Mary Sparrow, Ann Brown	28 Lucille Ward, Marge Marion	29 Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan
2 Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan	3 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	4 Dave & Nancy Truesdale	5 Lucille Ward, Pat Kennedy	6 Nancy MacDonald, Jane Barter


ODE TO THE CHOIR

For the beauty of your voices
 For the joy you bring to our hearts
 For music that spans the years
 For steadfast commitment
 For leading us in raising our voices
 For ringing the bells
 For bringing melody and harmony into our lives
 For Sundays, Holy Days and Evensongs
 For hours of rehearsal and dedication
 For blessing our lives with music
 We thank you all - choristers, organist and minister of music

**WHAT CAN I DO
 TO KEEP THIS PARISH
 FAMILY AND PARISH HOME
 ALIVE AND WELL?**

- + Rejoice always, Pray constantly, Give thanks in all circumstances
- + Make my pledge a tangible expression of the value that Christ Church plays in my life
- + Keep involved in activities that help others such as: Food Cards, Food Basket, Thrift Shop, Flower delivery, Prayer Circle....



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 2:00 PM Ice Cream Social	27 4:00 PM Weight Watchers	28 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 12:00 PM Book Group @ The Melrose 2:00 PM Knitters for Peace	29 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast/Discussion 9:00 AM Art Class 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open	30 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 5:30 PM Choir	31 9:00 AM Artful Parishioners 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 3:00 PM Christian Yoga	1 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 7:30 PM AA Meeting
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As you all know our **Lobster Roll Luncheons** will be starting up very soon, running from **June 14th to September 6th**. Our great team of volunteers will serve the lunches every Friday from 11:30 to 2:00. Unfortunately, in the past we have not had much of a turnout from the Christ Church community and we are most hopeful that this year's attendance will prove differently! Our volunteers also bake pies weekly for our customers which keep our profit up, thus helping the church. If anyone is interested in making a pie please contact Meg or Jim Pappas or the church office. You can be reimbursed for the price of your ingredients. Please, please, come and support the Lobster Roll lunches and Christ Church. Thank you. The Lobster Roll Team

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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 the church. Submissions may be edited for clarity and style. Credits: photographs p. 1 & 3, Judith Davis; p.2 & 4, Deborah Aylesworth.

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