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Saint Michael's Episcopal Church, Bristol, Rhode Island 02809

NEWSLETTER --February 2011



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE MEMBERS OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH OF THE 293rd ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2011 FOLLOWING THE 10AM EUCHARIST**

*All members are urged to attend as we will be voting on a slate of officers and vestry members as well as delegates and alternates to Diocesan Convention.*

## WHO CAN VOTE AT THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

(as gleaned from the Parish By-Laws and the Canons of the Episcopal Church)

All persons who have received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, whose names have been registered with the Parish for at least six months, who are at least sixteen years of age and who have received Holy Communion at least three times during the preceding year are eligible to vote at the annual Parish Meeting.



*The Rev. Canon  
David J. Lucey*

### Job Well Done and Work Still To Do

During this past year, we at St. Michael's started dreaming about the future a bit more. We thought about what it would take to have a fuller life in this community and to demonstrate the ways of God's Kingdom to a broader section of Bristol. In so many ways we have made enormous progress in these goals.

Among the accomplishments that we have to be proud of are the real and tangible improvement in our Stewardship commitments to 107 pledging units and \$151,000 dollars in annual pledges, increases of 10% and 34% respectively from a year ago. These improvements have reduced our need to draw on endowed funds by nearly \$35,000 this coming year.

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*Jackie Barrows  
Sr. Warden*

### Message From The Sr. Warden

On February 6<sup>th</sup> our community comes together for our annual meeting. I hope you will join us for this very important gathering. We need your support to help elect our new in-coming vestry members and clerk. This is a critical role that you play in the oversight of St. Michael's Church. The annual budget will be presented as well as annual reports from all the various ministries that form our outreach and fellowship. Above and beyond these two mandated events, this is a time to reaffirm acquaintances and meet new members. I hope to see you all.

*Sr. Warden...continued on page 2*

But more important in our work are our ministry accomplishments that are observable during the week and on Sunday mornings. The “Book Group” now has ten regular attendees, the Choristers have twelve participants, with two more actively training to join the group next fall, the choir extends its repertoire with every passing church season, our “Secret Gardeners” have kept our property and campus in more inviting shape, and the newly renamed and reinvigorated “Reaching Out Committee” is working to connect out ministries and ministry opportunities to the community and the congregation through monthly forums and visible community support.

There were other signs, more serendipitous ones that occurred this year as well. There was the gift of our summer intern, Ashley Allen, who created the Buzz coffee group on Tuesday mornings and reached out to find ways to serve women and young people in our parish. We are still working on the ways to follow through with all of her vision.

More serendipitous yet was that, in the midst of our Stewardship work we found that Bristolians were drawn to our building. It was literally a moment of build it and they will come, when on a Friday night seventy-five folks walked in just to see us when we had our focus group in the church and simply turned on the lights. The visitors thought the wine and cheese was for them, and there was no need to tell them otherwise. This led to a hugely successful Service of *Seasonal Lessons and Carols* for the Grand Illumination, planned by Waylon and the Choristers for months, but ramped up to be promoted by advertising and surrounded by hospitality to welcome over 230 guests and collecting over \$700 on behalf of our near neighbors and largest ministry partner, Bristol Good Neighbors. It was a truly fulfilling enterprise and spirited evening.

More work needs to be done. The budget still needs over \$300K in additional operating revenue to fully protect our reserves for future projects. A capital campaign needs to be reviewed in order to find resources to repair, renew, and sustain our large campus of buildings. New ministry geared toward the needs of families with young children has to be built. This will take work, energy, and new folks attracted to our mission.

What I want all of you to know right now is: good job, great work, I am grateful.

As you hit the streets this week and in the next few months, remember, St. Michael’s is out in the world to *Proclaim Christ, Form the Faithful, and to Change Lives!*

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Beth Fay, Leta Cain, and Cathy Holmstrom our out-going vestry members and Gail Storms, our clerk for their guidance and participation in the vestry. Vestry members work very hard to take time out each month to offer their leadership and thoughtful advice. They take on committee liaison responsibilities and, through their dedication, these volunteers act as stewards for the resources of St. Michael’s. Thank you for your service and friendship, your commitment is greatly appreciated.

Jackie

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Garry Holmstrom  
Jr. Warden

The Stewardship exploration upon which we embarked last year, and continue this year, has been an uplifting source of satisfaction. It has been a most productive discovery of a pulse of our parish. It has been nothing less than a validation of our path forward for 2011 and beyond. You are the source of the satisfaction and we are all the benefactors. Please accept

our gratitude and commitment to continuing the progress throughout this year.

What then is in store for us, and how do we know what we need to accomplish? Let me answer by giving a summary. Briefly, it all started last spring with Jan Grinnell’s weekend of discovery as we took everyone’s thoughts and found the common threads that were important - Mission, Ministry, Music, Liturgy, Development of family, Youth, Christian Education. With this solid foundation we embarked upon a Stewardship exploration that led us to Peter Saros and his development of turning our visions into actionable strategy and actions. We have seen a rise in enthusiasm, volunteers, parish activities and increases in both the number of pledgers and amount pledged (+33%) over last year. And we are just now refining what we need to do with these new capabilities to grow our ministries, outreach, development and family oriented emphasis. We want to provide a place where your children, grandchildren, relatives, friends and neighbors can find the moral and ethical compass that our faith will provide to those who experience it. Help us build on the progress to date by attending the next round of events that build the path for the next generations.

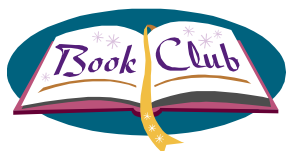
So, again, thanks for your support and sound ideas to be the cornerstone for a life of joy - and fun through SMC.  
Garry



## A DOUBLE TREAT ON VALENTINE'S DAY WEEKEND

The second 'installment' of **VIVE LA FRANCE**, this time with the adult singers in Sandy Chabot's studio, will take place in the sanctuary on *Saturday, Feb. 12, at 4:00pm*. French 'melodies' and songs about France from musicals will be featured. There's no admission charge and the recital is guaranteed to tickle your French fancies. Reception following.

Number two – the Community Concert Series @ St. Michael's presents **THE SOLATI TRIO** on *Sunday, Feb. 13, at 3:00pm*. This ensemble of piano, violin, and cello is highly acclaimed in New England, Europe, and South America. They will be playing works from the Romantic period, including some with a tango beat from South America. Tickets are \$20, \$15 (seniors), and \$10 (students) and are available at Paper, Packaging, and Panache and from committee members John Beekley, Sandy Chabot, Gail Storms, and Elaine Reed. The gorgeous music of the Solati Trio will lift your spirits, indeed. Reception following.



### FEBRUARY BOOK:

*"Little Bee"* by Chris Cleave

Little Bee is a Nigerian girl who has learned to talk like the Queen. She's a refugee who has been detained in an immigration detention center forty miles east of London for two years. Little Bee's life is entangled, by accident, with the life of another woman, Sarah, a white British magazine editor who lives in Kingston-upon-Thames. Sarah has just had something terrible happen to her, and she can't figure out how to feel. Sarah and Little Bee knew each other briefly in other terrible circumstances. Sarah was on vacation. Little Bee was in the middle of her real life. Now she's in the middle of Sarah's real life. Sarah has a young son who always wears a Batman costume, so he's always ready to fight baddies. There are a husband and a lover in the mix. Little Bee is in Britain illegally. Sarah's life has lost its meaning. Cleave works his magic throughout: the two women learn how to help each other. Their relationship feels perfectly natural.

**DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24--TIME: 7 P.M.**  
**LOCATION: LINDA ARRUDA, 159 HIGH STREET,  
BRISTOL 253-3795**

**PLEASE RSVP FOR REFRESHMENT  
PLANNING PURPOSES**

## Games People Play

by Marcia Bickford Torrey

Lately Harry and I have tried our hand at Sudoku. Boy, do I ever regret giving him, among other things, a Sudoku book for Christmas. All I ever see of him now is the top of his lovely white hair as his eyes feast on his Sudoku book like his very life depended on his mastering the game. If he manages to complete it, he positively gloats as he goes off to watch the news.

One of my daughters gave us a Scrabble game for Christmas. If it were warm enough, Harry would cart his 1894 page Webster's Dictionary to the beach where he would check my every entry. I would become so frustrated that I would need to revert to using the lovely picnic basket, complete with wine glasses and wine. My other daughter thought it would help us to relax at the seashore. We're both so competitive that the word relax isn't in our vocabulary.

My late husband, Dick, after many years of marriage, could read my innermost thoughts, before I opened my mouth. I would approach him like a cat that had eaten the canary. I always waited until he had a full stomach, preferably one that consisted of boiled lobster and apple pie. "Honey, I've been thinking" invariably brought a retort from Dick, "I think this is going to cost me some money." He was usually right.

Our daughters' college years consisted of numerous telephone calls involving funds or lack of them. As I usually answered the phone I was able to assure them that I would handle it—no need to bother their father over such trivial matters.

Jenny and her roommate Judy were chosen to spend a semester in London studying English Literature. Two hundred dollars seemed like a mere pittance for such an opportunity. No need to bother her father. I sent it off, salivating at the thought of going to London. While there, nine members has a two week break and visited the lovely island of Santorini, inaccessible to all except by donkey, while clutching their duffle bag, as a guide led them up a steep rocky cliff. I needn't have worried for we received lovely photographs of the trip. Her father and I took particular notice of the one of Jenny and Judy and a smiling toothless elderly gentleman sitting at a coffee table drinking wine. I assured her father that he was probably a tour guide filling them in on the wines of the region.









Toward the end of Jenny's stay in London, she and Judy thought they showed further their education by having tea at the Ritz, high tea, that is, all very elegant. I agree heartily and sent enough to cover a cab. After all, how often does one have tea at the Ritz? I don't expect that I will ever enjoy such luxury but I have experienced it through Jenny's eyes.

Hope you are all well and warm—it's not much warmer here, but no snow. Florida is the only state in the nation without snow on the ground! Yes, I'm gloating.

If blessings count then I am rich beyond my imagination.

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CALENDAR

*Please place on your refrigerator.*

FEBRUARY 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:15 AM Koinonia School 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	<b>31</b>  7:00 PM Book Group (Barrows)	<b>1</b> 8:00 AM BUZZ Group	<b>2</b>  7:00 AM Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM Centering Prayer 7:00 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM Yoga	<b>4</b> 3:45 PM Angel Choir Rehearsal 4:30 PM RSCM Rehearsal	<b>5</b>
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<b>13</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:15 AM Koinonia School 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 11:45 AM Forum on Liturgy 3:00 PM Solati Trio 	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> 8:00 AM BUZZ Group 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	<b>16</b> 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM Centering Prayer 7:00 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 6:30 PM Yoga	<b>18</b> 3:45 PM Angel Choir Rehearsal 4:30 PM RSCM Rehearsal	<b>19</b>
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If your name is not listed and you would like it to be, please contact the church office and give us the appropriate date, either wedding anniversary or birthday.

**Birthdays**

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Karen Ferrara	02/01	Linnea Kinder	02/09	Alan and Gail Storms	02/01
Lylah Vargas	02/01	Bruce Moger	02/09	John Darcy and Terry Taylor	02/21
Nadia Vargas	02/01	Barbara Allen	02/09	Carla and Daryl Wilbur	02/24
Kerri Furtado	02/02	Cynthia Rocha	02/09	Elizabeth and Manuel Vargas	02/28
Melissa Bernardo	02/02	Alex Ensign	02/10		
Wendy Kirchner	02/03	Brayden Cummins	02/13		
Michelle Cummins	02/03	Ross Dekle	02/14		
George Lucey	02/03	Kevin Manuel	02/14		
Michael Scallin	02/05	Anthony Bernardo	02/14		
Joann Goulart	02/05	Jacqueline Barrows	02/17		
Kim Reynolds	02/05	Robert Bush	02/20		
Makayla Bennett	02/05	Colbert Lucey	02/23		
Mary Bush	02/06	DeWolf Fulton	02/24		
Joann Hadfield	02/06	John Lewis	02/27		
Conrad Kirchner	02/06	James Faulkner	02/27		
Lily Ramsay	02/06	Thomas Faulkner	02/27		
Virginia McCaw	02/08	Dominick Zangari	02/28		
Shelley Amaral	02/08	David Vargas	02/28		

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**PLEASE HELP US KEEP UP WITH NEW MEMBERS AND UPDATES  
TO YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION**

Simply fill in the information below and place it in the offering plate, or in the basket at the back of the church or send to the Parish Office: P. O. Box 414, Bristol, RI 02809

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

# St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Bristol, RI

Present Pledge Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Week Month Quarterly Annual (Circle One)

## Stewardship Pledge Card 2011

As my commitment to Jesus Christ and the present ministry of our church and its future growth and development I pledge:

Payable: (fill in one)      Weekly \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Monthly \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Quarterly \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Annually \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_      Boxed Weekly envelopes \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Would you like information on remembering the Church in your will: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

### Suggested Ways to Think About Pledging

#### Tithing

10% of your income (salary, pension, other). \$2.00 per week for every \$1,000 you receive per year. Therefore \$20,000 per year is \$40 per week, \$10,000 per year is \$20 per week, and \$75,000 per year is \$150 per week.

#### Modern Tithing

5% of your income. \$1.00 per week for every \$1,000 you receive per year. Therefore \$20,000 is \$20 per week, \$10,000 is \$10 per week, and \$75,000 is \$75 per week.

#### Fair Share

Divide the church budget by the number of giving households in the parish. If the budget is **\$400,000** and there are **100** households giving, the weekly giving would be **\$100** per week. (Average Church is about \$40 to \$45 per week)

#### National Average

The average pledge in the Episcopal Church is about \$37-\$40 per week.

#### Leader Pledge

The average pledge made by the Leaders of our Church is **\$43** per week.

After 5 Days Return to  
**St. Michael's Church**  
P.O. Box 414  
399 Hope St.  
Bristol, RI 02809-0414  
**Change Service Request**

**Telephone:(401)253-7717 Fax: (401) 253-7785**  
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*Time Dated Material -- Please Do Not Delay*

**Office Hours:** M-F 8:30am - 4:30pm

**Worship Services:**

Sunday: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist -Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.

visit our WEBSITE at:  
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February 6, Sunday 2:00pm  
St. Elizabeth's Manor, Bristol  
Celebrant: The Rev. Mark DeWolf

February 1, Tuesday 11:00am  
Silver Creek Nursing Home, Bristol  
Celebrant: The Rev. David J. Lucey

**HOSPITAL VISITATION**

Please let the church office know (401-253-7717) if you or someone in your family is in the hospital so that we may extend Pastoral Care. With government regulations, Health Information Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA), if a hospitalized person does not choose to be listed in the hospital directory, one would not know about his/her being in the hospital.