

January
2015



TOGETHER

A word from our Rector

Dear Friends,

It seems a little hard to believe that we are now well launched into our *sixth* year together of shared ministry as Parish and Rector. Not that a lot hasn't happened—it surely has! But time seems to sweep along at swifter rates, doesn't it? The Church of the Holy Spirit is a vital place; a growing congregation, numerically in new members, but also spiritually. I am thankful beyond words; to God, and to you!

As we consider the wide range of Christian options out there, it seems to me that it's a part of the Episcopal/Anglican genius to do something rather different; to walk a path that doesn't quite "fit in." This has been a part of our story for a long time; specifically bringing together combinations that others might deem unlikely: Catholic *AND* Reformed; Traditional *AND* Progressive; Liberal *AND* Conservative.

And it should come as no surprise that we have different ways of understanding these precarious combinations. That's sometimes a challenge, but always a gift, too. So we need to beware the temptation to force resolutions, one way or another, in what were meant to be life-fostering dynamics. I suspect that for each one of us, in different ways, there will always be *something* in our church's approach that chafes us (at least a bit) that we'd probably evade, if we could. But blessings can come to us from unexpected directions.

This is why I, myself, am not interested in becoming simply a "higher ritual" version of what's already out there in other "mainline" denominations. Nor would I want us to go for a form of "traditionalism" that jettisoned the risks of generosity and inclusion.

Above all (perhaps better put, "beneath all"), I am uninterested in religion for the sake of religion. I might have studied such a thing in college (if it didn't conflict with my music studies), but I surely would not have engaged it as my life's work. There's a deep core reason why the theme verse of my ministry (if I had to pick only one) is this: "I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified." (1 Corinthians 2:2)

He it is in whom the ultimate non-combinable combination has been graciously accomplished: God *AND* Humankind. From this all else flows.

So, as we begin a New Year together, I pray that may we will continue to find our Cherishings and Resolutions well drawn in His Spirit's tether.

Blessings, dear ones, now and always.

Yours, indeed, in Him, Christ Jesus our Lord,

Adam +

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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WARRANT

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**, in the County of Barnstable, Village of Orleans, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, will be held in the Parish Hall at 11:30 a.m. on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2015**, to act on the following:

- 1) To receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of The Church of the Holy Spirit on Sunday, January 26, 2014;
- 2) To elect one Warden for a two (2) year term; a Parish Treasurer and a Clerk for one (1) year terms; four members to the Vestry for two (2) year terms; and one member to the Vestry for a one (1) year term.
- 3) To receive the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget adopted by the Vestry;
- 4) To receive all Reports that are presented.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I do hereby set my signature this eighteenth (18th) day of December 2014.

Dilys Jones Smith, *Parish Clerk*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee appointed for 2015, Wes Dreher Chair, Amy (Spiegel) Corcoran, Gilbert Merritt, Meredith Perkins, and Cynthia Wieboldt offer the following candidates for the positions of Officers and Vestry Members at the Annual Meeting on January 25, 2015. Those continuing in office are listed as well.

Warden (2 year term):	Richard D. Paris
Warden (continuing in office, 1 year remaining):	Harold I. Cole
Treasurer (1 year term):	Jack Nixon
Clerk (1 year term):	Dilys Smith
Vestry New Members (2 year terms):	Marcia Bechtold Daniel (Danny) Corcoran Jack Gentile Susan R. Owens
Vestry New Member (1 year unexpired term):	Cynthia Murray
Vestry Present Members (continuing in office, 1 year remaining):	Katherine (Kathy) Goddard Elizabeth (Libby) Pratt Matthew (Matt) Thompson
CHS Delegates (continuing in office) 2 Delegates to Convention and Deanery (1 year remaining):	Sara Fry Virginia (Ginny) Lucil Alternate: Martha Armstrong
2 Delegates to the Cape Cod Council of Churches (1 year remaining):	Bob Winter Janet Winter

BIOGRAPHIES:

Nominated for Warden: Two Year Term

Richard D. (Rick) Paris: A “Recovering Roman”, Rick married the former Ann L. Pike, daughter of Frank and Ann Pike, at the Church of the Holy Spirit in August of 1971. Rick and Ann moved to East Orleans in 2009, after Rick retired from a career as a Human Resources Executive at teaching hospitals in Boston, Washington DC, and Buffalo. Rick served on the Vestry of St. Anne’s in-the-Fields Episcopal Church in Lincoln, Massachusetts, and on the Mission Committee of St. Nicholas’ Episcopal Mission in Darnestown, Maryland. Rick has served on the CHS Finance Committee since 2012 and on the CHS Personnel Committee since it was reconstituted in 2013.

Present Warden: Continuing in Office, One Year Remaining

Harold (Ike) Cole: I was on the Vestry in my former parish and then Junior and Senior Warden for 12 years. Fay and I moved here 5 years ago and became very involved in many church activities.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT (con't)

Nominated for Treasurer: One Year Term

Jack Nixon: (currently serving as the Treasurer). I am a full time resident of Cape Cod and CHS member since 2000. I'm a prior member of the CHS Vestry, EFM Graduate, Organizer and Scheduler of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for the last 10 years, Eucharistic Minister and Lay Reader, Chair of CHS By-Laws Revision Committee, Member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and Active Garden Party Participant. I've also been treasurer of CHS and Chair of the Finance Committee for the prior three years.

Nominated as Clerk: One Year Term

Dilys Smith: (currently serving as Clerk). I have been an active parish member since retiring here in 1992, serving with the Altar Guild, Choir, Lay Pastoral Care, Adult Education, and Worship Committees, as "the Monday receptionist", Lay Eucharist Minister, Altar Assistant, and parish representative to the Diocese. Now I am in the EfM graduate class, I have served several terms on the Vestry and I have just completed a year as Clerk of that body. My vision is to see continuing vital growth of the parish, particularly that of younger members and their children - the true hope for our future.

Nominated for New Vestry Position: Two Year Term

Marcia Bechtold: Before we found our way to CHS, Chip and I were members of several church parishes. Most years were spent with St Matthew's Church in Wilton, CT, and we were active members of All Saints, Milan, Italy for six years. Both of our children were confirmed there. We lived in London, UK, three different times, most recently attending St Marylebone Church. CHS has been our home since 2002. I have co-chaired a few Rummage Sales and Summer Fairs and I was a member of the Search Committee that found Fr. Adam. I volunteer at Habitat for Humanity as a CHS member. You'll find me most often at our Saturday evening service where I am an Intercessor.

Nominated for a New Vestry Position: Two Year Term

Daniel (Danny) Corcoran: I grew up in Falmouth, attending St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Woods Hole. I became a Third Class Petty Officer Storekeeper during my six years of active duty in the U.S. Coast Guard. I met and married my wife, Amy Reese (Higgins) at the Church of the Holy Spirit under the guidance of Mother Sue Lederhouse and have been worshipping at CHS for four years. Our four-year old daughter, Ella Chase, attends Church School at CHS. The Corcoran's are South Yarmouth residents.

Nominated for a New Vestry Position: Two Year Term

Jack Gentile: We arrived on the Cape in 2000 and joined CHS and the Episcopal Church in 2002. I was a member of the Pastoral Care ministry from 2005-2008, became a LEM in 2005 and a LEV in 2010. I have served on the Vestry and became a member of the Finance Committee in 2009. My vision for CHS is to see the church grow and attract more younger families, to provide a more dynamic environment and to engage with newly retired couples to further expand our resource pool. I certainly support our extensive outreach program both outside the parish as well as within the healing programs such as reiki, labyrinth, yoga, etc.

Nominated for a New Vestry Position: Two Year Term

Susan Ruckert Owens: Prior to moving here 15 years ago, we lived in Dartmouth, where I was at St Peter's Church, and I served on the Altar Guild, secretary on the Vestry, and was a Sunday school teacher. Here at Church of the Holy Spirit, I work with the Kimball Craft Guild doing the hammering of items for the Galley West Shop, and playing with the Bell Choir. I have already served two years on the Vestry, was appointed liaison to the Church School Committee and the Cape and Island Diocese. This fruitful experience has encouraged me to accept the nomination to serve another two years.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT (con't)

Nominated To Fill a Vestry Position: One Year Unexpired Term

Cynthia Murray: Tom and I became year-round residents of Brewster in June 2012 and joined Church of the Holy Spirit within a year. I am a “cradle Episcopalian” and wherever the we moved in the past 37 years of marriage, joining a church was one of the first orders of business. Most recently we lived in the Hudson Valley in NY, and before that, Shaker Heights, OH, Galveston, TX, Ossining, NY and New Haven, CT. We helped with the Apostles Build Habitat Benefit in June 2013 and I was drafted by Fay Cole to be involved with hospitality and by Marty Williams to be on the Welcoming Committee. I will begin with the altar guild in January. And I look forward to getting to know more CHS members through involvement on the vestry.

Currently Serving on the Vestry (one year remaining):

- **Katherine (Kathy) Goddard**: “Grew up Presbyterian” in Buffalo, becoming an Episcopalian after her marriage to Nat Goddard in 1961. They lived and worked at the Episcopal Center in West Cornwall, CT.
- **Elizabeth (Libby) Pratt**: Became an Episcopalian in college and soon after that married Abner Pratt. During their 63 years of marriage she shared his experience of being an active laymen wherever they lived, culminating in their retirement here in 1979.
- **Matthew (Matt) Thompson**: Born and raised on the Cape, he is the owner of Thompson’s Printing in Orleans. He and his wife Jamie were married 13 years ago here at CHS. He’s a Sunday school parent of two and is working with the members of the vestry to encourage growth within the church family.

Currently Serving as Convention and Deanery Delegates (one year remaining):

- **Sara T. Fry** - Retired to Cape Cod in 2003 after more than 20 years teaching in academia. I began worshipping at The Church of the Holy Spirit in 2006 and was confirmed in the Episcopal Church on April 21, 2007.
- **Virginia (Ginny) Lucil** – Have been a member of the parish for 38 years, with experience in the Free Shop, the choir and vestry as well as being a parish nurse since my retirement from The Family School, where I was music teacher and nurse.
- **Martha Armstrong (alternate)** – Retired here a few years ago with my husband, Tom Lennox, after a career teaching dance in public schools in Arkansas and Connecticut.

Currently Serving as Representatives to Cape Cod Council of Churches (one year remaining):

- **Bob and Janet Winter** - Current CCCC delegates.

Wes Dreher, Nominating Committee Chair

Events in January

THE EPIPHANY TROPE & GIFTS TO THE CHRIST CHILD JANUARY 4th - 10:00 am Service

It has been a wonderful tradition at CHS, every Epiphany after the Trope, when parishioners bring unwrapped toys to the "Christ Child". These gifts are stored in the CHS attic until December when they are brought (usually in a red truck) to the Cape Cod Council of Churches Christmas Gift Shop, Church of the Annunciation, 187 Upper County Rd., Dennisport. Low income & needy families can shop there for a few gifts for their children under 18. Hats, mittens, books, games and food bags are also provided according to need. This Gift Shop hopefully brightens many a family's Christmas season and allows us all to share in the good works of others.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL JANUARY 2015 - Sundays 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall

“Cherishings and Resolutions: Reflections with the Rector”

January 4: The Gift and Challenge of the Holy Scriptures—“Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.” (John 6:68)

January 11: The Gift and Challenge of a Unique Lord—“I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.” (1 Corinthians 2:2)

January 18: The Gift and Challenge of the Church’s Mission—Why I do what I do (and don’t do what I don’t do) politically.

January 25: NO SESSION

WOMEN’S LUNCHEON JANUARY 8th - BRING A FRIEND!

The regular luncheon for women of the parish will be on Thursday, January 8th at 12 noon in Parish Hall. We changed the usual date as the first Thursday in January is New Year’s Day! Please bring canned goods for the Food Pantry and a sandwich to share---chips and dessert will be provided (our ever ready Klondike bars!) Volunteers for the day: Hope Fox and Betty Yearing. If you need a ride call Peter Blank, 508-760-1516.



THE LABYRINTH JANUARY 9th at 10:00 am

The Labyrinth is a spiritual walking exercise that quiets the mind, opens the heart and centers the body to encourage meditation. Margaret Rappaport facilitates a walk on our indoor canvas Chartes-style Labyrinth. The 10 am walk is candle-lit and accompanied by music courtesy of Darlene Hagon. The labyrinth is available for individual walks from 9 am to 10 am and from 12 pm to 2 pm in the Parish Hall.



**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
JANUARY 13th**

The Red Cross will be in the Parish Hall doing a blood drive January 13th from 9 am to 2 pm.



**MEN'S LUNCHEON
JANUARY 21st**

Meet the group from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm in the Fireplace Room.



SHEPHERD GROUPS JANUARY 18th



Eastham - Wellfleet: will meet at 5:30 pm January 18, 2015, at the Hunan Gourmet Restaurant in Orleans. Please make your reservation with Dilys Smith, 508- 255-9647.

Orleans: The home of Nancy and Richard Miller, date to be determined and details to come.

Brewster - Dennis: 5:00 pm January 18th at Betsy & Ed Mason's home, 46 Shad Bush Circle, East Dennis.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY JANUARY 19th

We hope to see you at the ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING BREAKFAST with guest speaker, **Callie Crossley**, radio and tv commentator on PBS, Monday, January 19th in the Parish Hall at 8:30 am. Justice & Peace is a co-sponsor of this event (See J&P Section of *Together*).



**THURSDAYS AT THREE January 29, February 5, and February 12 - 3:00 to 4:15 pm, Parish Hall
"Praying and Singing with Handel's *Messiah*"**

Please join us for a three session series, one for each of the three parts of Handel's *Messiah*, one of the greatest masterworks of art and faith. These sessions will include listening to recorded portions, reflections, and—yes—some singing along, too. Led by Dilys Smith.



General Articles

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – JANUARY 2015

Begin

With the start of another year, January is a time for new beginnings. In addition to using our new calendars, many groups and programs resume after their holiday hiatus. A new year is also typically a time for us to begin lifestyle changes. Healthy eating, habit control and other new year's resolutions are common. It is also a wonderful time to evaluate our relationship to God and our Cape Cod parish. Have you wanted to be more involved in our parish life? There are so many ways to use your time and talents or join in the many opportunities for Christian education and fellowship that will deepen your spiritual life. If you are looking for ways to begin a new way to use your time and talent at CHS speak to Fr. Adam. Or you can speak to our Welcoming Paths leaders: Sandy Marshall and Marty Williams.

Begin each day as if it were on purpose.

Author: Jerry Smith

Thank you to everyone who has made a 2015 financial pledge to The Church of the Holy Spirit. We have already received 173 pledges for \$334,760. 2015 Offertory Envelope boxes for pledges to be paid weekly or monthly are in the Reception Room. If you have not completed your 2015 pledge, we pray you will consider supporting the church. Need a 2015 pledge card? Please contact the parish office. 2014 Pledge Statements are available for pick up in the Reception Room. (Statements for those who are "off Cape" have been mailed.)

CHS ARTISTS

The exhibit in the CHS Gallery for the month of January is the Prayer Shawl Ministry - displayed & directed by Helen Richardson.

View several beautiful knit or crocheted Prayer Shawls. They are so pleasing to look at, but more importantly, realize the warmth, the comfort, and the sharing that these handcrafted works bring to so many. We provide shawls for those who suffer from accidents and illness, the bereaved, as well as anyone who simply needs to know that others care (more importantly that God always cares). The Prayer Shawl Ministry is one way to bring awareness and again, comfort.

After the expert handwork is completed, the Shawls are blessed by clergy before being given to anyone in need. Questions regarding this Ministry, directions for making shawls, and even yarn needed? Helen Richardson (508-255-0065) is willing to help.

FREE SHOP

Thank you for your continued support & donations to the Free Shop. The shop is gladly & gratefully accepting WINTER clothing. Your donations can be dropped off any time the Parish Hall is open. If the shop is closed, there is a container outside the door. The shop is opened by loyal & faithful volunteers every Monday, Noon to 3 and every Wednesday, 10 to 1. Sharyn Laughton - artoff@comcast.net, 508-255-7277

THE GREEN TEAM

Find a footprint . . . If this is your home's environmental footprint, would you like to reduce it?

Visit the Green Faith website, go to "Resource Center" then "Stewardship"— at the bottom of the page you'll see "Member Engagement": <http://greenfaith.org/resource-center/stewardship/member-engagement> . It will list 2015 New Year Pledge activities for your household focus on: Energy & Transportation, Grounds Maintenance, Waste & Toxins, Water and Food. **Take a look at it and let us know what you think!**

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CAPE COD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES



The Annual Meeting is coming up and we will be preparing our delegates' report to be included in it. We will briefly describe the activities of all the ministries of the Council as it carries out its mission of "Serving God By Serving Others". We hope you'll read it and see how much CHS gains by combining with other churches and pooling our resources to multiply the good we can do in our community.

This year the council has made several organizational changes in the Homeless Ministries Team. Overnights of Hospitality is now Hospitality Housing to reflect the shift from sheltering in churches to transitional housing. The new Homeless Ministries Team now includes Street Outreach, Hospitality Housing, Case Management, Volunteer Coordination and Youth Street Outreach. The Council also has a new Standing Committee on Public Policy. This is in response to a growing number of questions about the position of the Council on various issues. Our annual report will have more details on all these new ministries.

Janet & Bob Winter, CHS CCCC Delegates and Bill Heuss, CCCC Executive Committee member.

WELCOMING + PATHFINDERS = WELCOMING PATHS

The Welcoming and Pathfinders Committees have decided to join forces! We are now . . .

WELCOMING PATHS. We've been working closely together for years as the Welcoming Committee welcomes newcomers and the Pathfinders Team helps integrate newcomers and other parishioners into our ministries. Both groups have been working toward making all members feel part of our parish family in every aspect of our community life - we hope that's working well so far!

As part of that effort, Foyer dinner groups are going strong with four groups in 2015, the fifth year we've sponsored these popular gatherings. The meals are potluck and the members rotate venue among their houses. If you want to join a group just let us know!

Sandy Marshall and Marty Williams, co-chairs, Welcoming Paths Team

Entered into Eternal Life

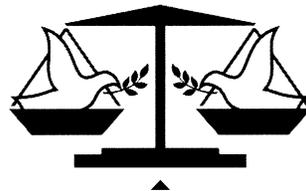


*Keith Miller
Ronald Fritschy*

JUSTICE & PEACE

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God? + Micah 6:8

- We are preparing a series of **ADVOCACY ALERTS** on the subject of prescription drug addiction on Cape Cod, particularly among youth. If you have suggestions please speak with Bob Winter who is coordinating this effort.
- Please introduce your visiting friends and family members to our **FAIR TRADE** organic products for sale to help save our environment and support small cooperative businesses, including those here in Massachusetts. We have several kinds of coffee, including de-cafeinated, and tea, chocolate, olive oil, honey, jam and marmalade. Thank you!
- Anyone interested in forming a mentoring friendship with a homeless person who resides in one of the 4 transitional residences of "Homeless Not Hopeless," should speak with Fr. Ken. Two parishioners have already committed to this ministry.
- Hope to see you all at the **ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING BREAKFAST** with guest speaker, Callie Crossley, radio and tv commentator on PBS, Monday, January 19th in the Parish Hall at 8:30 am. J & P is a co-sponsor of this event.
- The Lenten program will be printed in the February issue of Together.



**YOUTH GROUP
BREAKFAST
FEBRUARY 1st**

Please come to our Youth Group Breakfast on Sunday, February 1st after the 10:00 am service.

*Thank you,
Matt Thompson*



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS



Just a reminder . . . you can sign up for hosting coffee hour in the Parish Hall. **We need new participants in the New Year!** The beverages are provided. You just need to bring something of your choice to go with them!

Thank you, Michele Puzo

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

December 18, 2014

- The December meeting focused on the budget, as usual, so other business except for Annual Meeting preparation was abbreviated.
- Warden Wes Dreher announced the resignation of Brian Ridgeway due to ongoing schedule conflicts. Vestry expressed appreciation for Brian's service.
- The Vestry reviewed the proposed Budget 2015 in detail, presented by Treasurer Jack Nixon, and voted unanimously to adopt, along with its supporting motions. As usual, it will be reviewed again at January Vestry, after receipt of final stewardship figures, for adjustments as needed and final confirmation prior to the Annual Meeting.
- The Vestry adopted the revised vacation and sick leave policy for lay employees, presented by Personnel Committee Co-Chair Rick Paris.
- The Vestry received the report of the Nominating Committee presented by Wes Dreher, with its slate of nominees as required by Parish By-laws, as follows: for Warden (two-year term) Rick Paris, for Treasurer and Clerk (each one-year terms), Jack Nixon and Dilys Smith, for Vestry-at-large (four positions each at two-year terms) Marcia Bechtold, Dan Corcoran, Jack Gentile, and Susan Owens. Wes noted that the resignation of Brian would require the filling of another position on the slate for a one-year unexpired term for Vestry-at-large and that the Nominating Committee would address this immediately.
- The Vestry voted the Warrant for the Annual Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, January 25, 2015, for the Clerk to sign and issue.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

We invite all of you to send your "good news" items to our Parish Administrator, Amanda at holyspiritorleansadmin@verizon.net.

Did You Know . . .

There are over 60 ministries at CHS! Take a look at our ministries handout in the reception room and go ahead and talk to people. Then you can see if you would like to join a (new) group or two!



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OFFICE CORNER

The Deadline for February *Together* is the second Monday, January 9th.



If you have some extra time and want to lend a hand in an office environment, we could use some additional CHS Receptionists and CHS Folders. To learn more contact Debbi or Amanda at 508-255-0433.

A special thank you to everybody for being so active about forwarding their entries for *Together* as well as for the Annual Report!



We'd like to hear from you and your groups! Never written for *Together*? Give it a try!

Together January 2015

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Ike Cole, Warden

Jack Nixon, Treasurer

Dilys Smith, Clerk

Or current occupant

Vestry Members:

Katherine Goddard

Ernie LaFrance

David Moore

Susan Owens

Rick Paris

Elizabeth Pratt

Matthew Thompson

The Reverend Adam S. Linton, Rector

Amanda McClenahan, Parish Administrator

Darlene T. Hagon, Director of Music

Sandra H. Cole, Organist

John P. Hagon, Handbell Choir

Debbi Manning, Office Assistant

Larry Kane, Head Sexton

John Lerner, Sunday Sexton

Wayne Curry, Assistant Sexton

***Our mission as The Church of the Holy Spirit is
to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
welcome all people and serve one another with love.***

Dates to remember in January

Jan. 4 Sunday	The Epiphany Trope (10 am Service)
Jan. 8 Thurs.	Women's Luncheon
Jan. 9 Friday	Labyrinth
Jan. 13 Tuesday	Red Cross Blood Drive
Jan. 19 Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan. 21 Wed.	Men's Lunch
Jan. 25 Sunday	Annual Parish Meeting