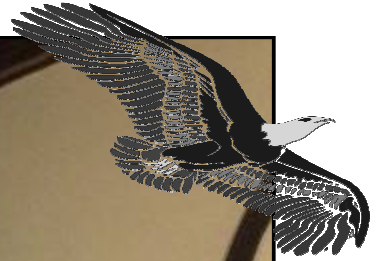


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Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Church)
- 11:00 Sunday School

Wednesday

- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Unction (Chapel)

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Throughout my life one of the most inspirational verses of Holy Scripture has been from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians, *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*. These are powerful words that can carry us forward into the future to which God calls!

It is hard to believe that we are now beginning our third fall together at St. John's. We have been through a time of rebuilding the Body of Christ—becoming one congregation with a diversity of gifts, desires, worship styles, and hopes. What unites us is our faith in the One Lord Jesus Christ who calls us around the holy altars of our church and chapel to receive the sacrament of His Body and Blood, which strengthens and nourishes us to carry forth His mission to the parish, local community, and the larger Episcopal Church.

Our Vestry has worked very hard over this period of time, and most recently has embarked upon a carefully thought out process of developing a Strategic Plan for St. John's. It has been a very long time since St. John's has had such a plan. All of you have had an opportunity to help shape this vision and on Sunday, September 15, we will be officially “kicking off” and implementing this three-year plan. This is a very exciting time in the life and ministry of our beloved parish!

This has also been an unusually busy time in the pastoral care of many of our parishioners and families. Together we have experienced some very difficult burials of members that passed into eternal life at way too young an age, leaving behind young families. We as well have a number of members “fighting the good fight” against very serious illnesses—please pray for all of those in our parish in need of healing both emotionally and physically.

St. John's has as well been blessed with growth in membership, Sunday and weekly attendance, and giving. We give thanks to God for this blessing and pray that it may continue and that we “Welcome All Regardless” into our community of faith.

Finally, I am very grateful to all of you at St. John's who give both generously and tirelessly of your time, financial resources, and spiritual gifts to build up this Body of Christ. Let us pray together for discernment, courage, and a willingness to embrace the change and future to which I strongly believe we are being called by God. This is good, healthy, holy, and often difficult work—but then, we have Jesus Christ who strengthens us!

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Father Philip+

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



I recently read an article by a Protestant minister about why people need a faith community, the church, as a part of their religious life. Her position was that being religious or spiritual was not enough, you need to be in community. She said it isn't always easy "... to find God in the person sitting next to you who not only voted for the wrong political party but has a baby who is crying while you're trying to listen to the sermon. Community is where the religious rubber meets the road. People challenge us, ask hard questions, disagree, need things from us, require our forgiveness. It's where we get to practice all the things we preach." And "We weren't meant to read these sacred texts alone. From the beginning people read them out loud in groups, early on in the first centuries of the church, in people's living rooms, where presumably they talked about them afterwards, debated them, argued about what difference they made, probably over a glass of wine and a good meal."

For me, this characterizes part of what I love about St. John's. We are a community which generously supports each other in times of need and sadness and joins together as well at times of great celebration. We are a group that loves to debate and challenge and learn and grow and reach out and hug and worship God. And of course meals are often a part of our fellowship!

This is an exciting time in the life of our church and we are poised to do even more wonderful things in this part of God's vineyard. Let us embrace the Strategic Plan and work together to accomplish and even exceed the goals that have been set to meet the challenges that face us and face our community.

Katherine Harper, Sr. Warden





**“MUSIC NOTES” FOR
SEPTEMBER
EAGLE WINGS**

THE FARMER’S WIFE

There is an old story about a farmer’s wife who loved her milk cow, and treated it as if it were a pet. Her husband viewed the cow as a farm asset, and often teased her about her affection for the milk cow. One day when the farmer was returning from his chores, he noticed that his wife, as she was finishing her milking, planted a kiss on her cow’s forehead. He laughed and said to her, “I guess you would rather kiss the cow than me.” She smiled and replied, “Yes, I would. It’s a matter of taste.”

You might wonder what this story has to do with music in the parish. There are many styles of music written for the church; choral music for choirs, praise music, hymns, gospel songs, contemporary Christian music, spirituals, chant, and so much more. Each person in our parish, or any parish, is moved spiritually by either a particular style of Christian music or a group of styles. It is also true that there are certain styles of church music that the same parishioner would not like as well, or at all. As the farmer’s wife in the story above indicates, it is truly a matter of individual taste.

It is highly unlikely that any of us could find a parish where everyone,

young or old, high church or low church, would all agree on one particular kind of music for the church. In my thirty-plus years as an organist/choirmaster, I have never seen a parish where everyone in the parish likes the same kind of music. We can view this as the Apostles viewed the church at large in Acts, chapter 11. Peter was criticized by some of the Jewish Christians for taking the Gospel to the Gentiles (that would be US !), because they considered the Gentiles ‘unclean’ and unworthy of the faith. But when they heard the stories of how those non-Jews had responded to the Gospel of Christ, they were moved to accept that folks from another style of life (uncircumcised, not keeping the kosher dietary laws, not Jewish, not followers of the law of Moses, etc.) could also be a part of their faith in Christ. As those early Jewish Christians learned to accept those who had a different view of the devout life, so must we learn to accept and respect the varied styles of worship and music in our faith tradition.

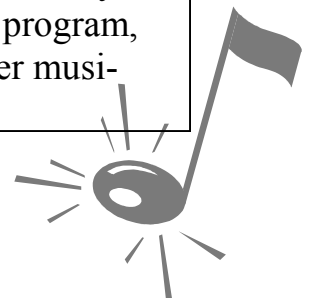
At St. John’s, we practice our faith utilizing both the traditional Anglican/Episcopal service (Rite I) on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, and the more contemporary Anglican/Episcopal service (Rite II) on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of each month. This is in many ways a gift from God. Many parishes utilize one or the other, but rarely both. By utilizing both the traditional and the

contemporary, it greatly expands the kinds or styles of music that can be used in our worship.

As your organist/choirmaster, I have worked to make the music for our Rite I services very traditional while expanding it to include Episcopal/Anglican music from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries (Stainer, S.S. Wesley, Sowerby, Goodall, Billings, which was lacking), from both America and England. The choir will continue to utilize traditional music from earlier periods of Anglican music (Tye, Tallis, Farrant) as well. I also returned our Rite I services to the most traditional way of using double Anglican Chant for the Psalms, utilized some of our most traditional hymns from the Hymnal 1940, and will be using better quality settings for the service music. (For those of you who prefer Rite I, that means that the Merbeck setting will go back to the 1940 hymnal version, in a higher key, and more uplifting, as well as using the Sowerby setting more). My goal is to make the Rite I service more singable and uplifting while keeping it quite traditional. As with hymn selections, better congregational singing of the service music (the Sanctus, Agnus Dei, the Gloria, etc.) is always on my mind when deciding what to use. You folks have really started singing the Psalm during our Rite I services, so after multiple requests, I will introduce one more Anglican Chant musical setting for the Psalms

to give some variety in our psalmody. All of this has been approved following consultation with our Rector, Father Philip.

I am in the process of expanding the possibilities for newer, more tasteful music for our Rite II services. This fall, I will be introducing more “praise music” into the Rite II services, including some of my own arrangements, as well as spirituals, contemporary Christian music, and new communion music. (Fear not, members of the Parish Choir!! It will be scored for parts, SATB. If it isn’t, I will re-write it in parts for the choir). Our senior warden, Katherine Harper, provided me with wonderful psalm settings for Rite II by Betty Carr Pulkingham, which we may use on occasion in Rite II. These are approved for use in the Episcopal Church for Rite II services. In doing newer music for the church for Rite II services, it is incumbent on us all to remember that this is an Episcopal Church. Any contemporary or praise music that espouses theology not in keeping with the theological positions of the Episcopal Church will not be used in our worship. An excellent example for us to follow is the music for the offertory and communion that occurred on July 28, when singers, both from and not from the choir, joined together to do some beautiful and tasteful praise music for our worship on that Sunday. During our summer music program, we have been utilizing other musi-



SERVER SCHEDULE

	1-Sep	8-Sep	15-Sep	22-Sep	29-Sep
	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Becky Arthur	Ann Richmond	Ben Harper	Vickie Duff	Becky Arthur
Altar Guild	Kay Mobley	Susan & Betty	Debby Edelen	Vickie Duff	Kay Mobley
	10:00A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00A.M.	10:A.M.	10:A.M.
Crucifer	Eric Sandknop	Conrad Linder	Eric Sandknop	Susan White	Conrad Linder
Torch Bearers	Emma & Sophie Berger	Leah & Quinn Cardwell	Sophie Edelen Maddie Kuebler	Emma & Sophie Berger	Leah & Quinn Cardwell
Acolyte	Conrad Linder	Ned Meekins	Katherine Harper	Ann Richmond	Linda Reeves
Chalice	Cindy Kinkead	Linda Reeves	Laura Gibson	Ned Meekins	Susan White
Lector	James Wells	Julie Ross	Sara Meekins	Jay Box	Nancy Dawson
Gift Bearers	Range	Bruens	Johnson	Gardone	Cardwell
Ushers	Angel & Todd Cooper	Sam Hawkins Ron Mobley	Louise Jones Jane Hansen	Angel & Todd Cooper	Ron & Sheryl Bruens
Altar Guild	Stacey & Christine	Virginia Ballard	Sarah Sandknop	Vickie Duff Sara Meekins	Jane Hansen
Brunch	Richmond Cundiff	Bruens	Keeling Mobley	Jones Carney	Linder Lefever
WEDNESDAY	4-Sep	11-Sep	18-Sep	25-Sep	
Acolyte	Ben Harper	Linda Reeves	Katherine Harper	Ned Meekins	
Altar Guild	Virginia Ballard	Vickie Duff	Virginia Ballard	Vickie Duff	

Upcoming Important Worship Dates

Sunday, September 8, 2013---Sunday School begins

Sunday, September 15, 2013--Strategic Plan blessing and “Kickoff”

Thursday, October 3, 2013----6 PM Outdoor St. Francis Service of
“Blessing of our Pets”

Sunday, October 6, 2013-----Stewardship Campaign begins

Sunday, November 3, 2013----All Saints’ Sunday and
“Blessing of the Pledge Cards”

Sunday, November 17, 2013---10 AM Kirkin of the Tartans

Looking Way Ahead

Thursday, December 19, 2013--“Blue Christmas” Service” at 7 PM

Sunday, December 22, 2013-----Nativity Pageant at the
10 AM Holy Eucharist

Christmas Eve, December 24-----5 PM Celebration of the Nativity of
Jesus Christ with Holy Eucharist
11 PM Celebration of the Nativity of
with Festival Holy Eucharist





Sunday School Kick-Off **September 8th**

A new year of Sunday School is quickly approaching, and plans are underway for a fun and exciting Kick-Off party, September 8th. All children - toddlers through High School, are invited to come upstairs to the Youth Room, for games, music, meet/greet teachers and classmates, eat snacks and have a chance to win some neat door prizes. Students will also hear what the Sunday School year holds for each of the classes. The kick-off fun begins immediately after the children and teachers (as well as any parents who would like to accompany their younger children) receive Communion during the 10:00 service. The following Sunday, Sept. 15th, specific classes will begin meeting in their appropriate rooms: Toddlers/PreK – Nursery downstairs, K-3rd, 4th-6th and 7th-12th upstairs in their designated rooms. Classes will be about 30 minutes long and the calendar will closely follow the Woodford County School Calendar (if there is Fall/Spring Break, classes won't be held as well as certain holidays – due to the possibilities of families traveling). New this year, every fifth or sixth Sunday, all classes will come together for fellowship and games – as on the kick-off day. Sunday School is a wonderful way to further our children's spiritual growth outside of the home, where they can enjoy fellowship and learning with their church peers. We have collectively, about 40 children at St. John's according to our Parish membership list, and we would love to see them all involved this year. Any questions, please contact Emily Cardwell @ 879-3633 or emily_cardwell@yahoo.com

FLOWER GUILD

The church has been blessed with many parishioners willing to help out with the cost and arrangement of Altar flowers. Not only has our group expanded but the frequency of donors has improved as well. Our committee has the following members: Charline Bell, Debbie Gill, Sara Hellard, Jo Hughes, Melodye Kinkead, Linda Nave, Sarah Sandknop, and Cindy Kinkead. There is really no “right” way to arrange flowers for the glory of God. Anyone who likes to arrange flowers is encouraged to please call or talk with one of the gals mentioned above. We’d love to have you join us!

We can always use yard flowers. If you have some blooming flowers in your yard and would like to donate them to the church to possibly use them in Sunday arrangements, please call Cindy Kinkead, 859-873-9744 or any of the other guild members.

Please consider a monetary donation for altar flowers. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board over by the coffee pots.

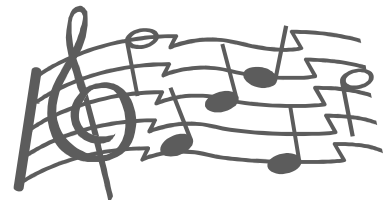
Peace,

Cindy Kinkead

cians in the church who play instruments including guitar, mandolin, string bass, flute, and violin along with the piano. Some of these folks are professional musicians including our very own Teresa Range... aka....Derby Laine, who along with her husband John operate a recording studio. What a gift this is!! When the choir is in session, from September through May, we will continue to utilize these instruments ONLY for Rite II services.

It is my honor and privilege to be your organist/choirmaster, and to serve our Lord with each of you in this place we call our parish home. I am also quite blessed to serve under Fr. Philip, our Rector, who is so supportive of the music program as we strive for excellence in meeting the musical needs of our parish. As we begin a new season of music in September, let us remember the words of both the psalmist, David, and the hymnist, Fred Pratt Green: “Praise him with the sound of the trumpet; praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord”.....”that in our music God be glorified.”

William Webber, Organist/
Choirmaster



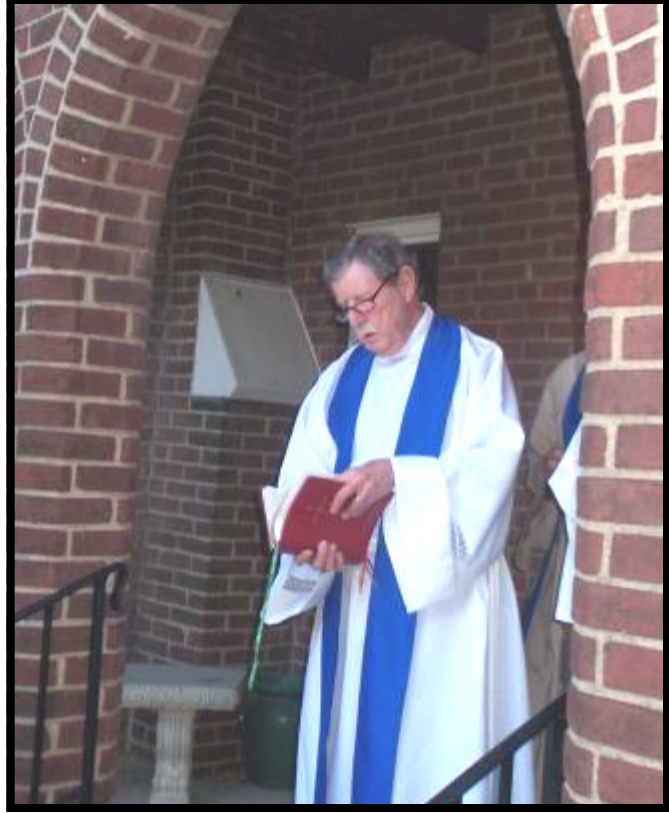
St. John's 2013 Ministry Directory

Altar Flowers.....Cindy Kinkead
 Altar Guild.....Vickie Duff
 Baptisms.....Father Philip Linder
 Buildings and Grounds.....Todd Cooper
 Christian Education.....Emily Cardwell
 Clerk of the Vestry.....Cindy Kinkead
 Clothing Bank.....Sara Meekins
 Community Dinners.....Louise Jones
 Daughters of the King.....Betty Gill
 Eagle Wings.....Ann Richmond
 Episcopal Church Women.....Christine Brasseale
 Episcopal Youth.....Emily Cardwell
 Finance Committee.....Katherine Harper,
Jay Box
 Food Bank.....Norma Downey
 Funerals.....ECW
 Garden.....Jo Hughes
 Housekeeping.....Penny Thurman
 Junior Warden.....Jane Vance
 Kroger Cards.....Gayle Box
 Lay Eucharistic Minist....Sarah Sandknop
 Men's Club.....Ben Harper
 Music and Worship.....Vickie Duff
 Needlepoint.....Maribell White
 Newcomers' Committee.....Jane Vance
 Organist/Choirmaster....William Webber
 Outreach.....Father Philip Linder
 Parish Email.....Elaine Menges
 Parish Life.....Jane Hansen
 Parish Secretary.....Kathy Sparrow
 Pastoral Care Ministry...Sarah Sandknop
 Personnel.....Father Philip Linder
 Reading Club...Sara Meekins, Betty Gill
 Rector.....Father Philip Linder
 Recycling.....Ned Meekins
 Senior Warden.....Katherine Harper



Stewardship.....Jay Box
 Sunday Brunch.....Ann Richmond
 Sunday School.....Emily Cardwell
 Treasurer.....Julie Skeeters
 Website.....Sarah Sandknop
 Weddings.....Father Philip Linder
 Woodford Sun.....Sammy Cundiff

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