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Please support the church at Chatham's Annual Town Meeting

By Rick Franklin
Senior Warden

St. Christopher's needs you – more specifically, we need your vote.

If you have been following the news recently, then you know the church has met some opposition in its efforts to apply for a grant from the Community Preservation Act.

The church has asked for \$147,438 from the Community Preservation Committee to preserve important and unique architectural features. A contracted architectural historian has identified features that help make the building one of the town's early landmarks, including trim around the cathedral windows, cornice rakes, soffits, frieze boards, decorative crown molding and scrollwork.

The Chatham Historical Society has ruled that the church is a historic place worthy of preserving, and a 2003 memorandum from the U.S. Department of Justice affirmed that federal funds can be used for restoring a church. In addition, 35 places of worship across the Cape and Islands have received such funding.

But Chatham's Board of

Selectmen disagrees.

Chairman Sean Summers said it would set a bad precedent to fund improvements to a church – it's never been done in Chatham.

Member Seth Taylor said the church has substantially changed since St. Christopher's took over the town's first Universalist church in 1962. And member Florence Selden said the majority of the board was looking for a more substantial financial contribution from church membership.

However, Ms. Selden did make an important point: It's not up to

selectmen to make a final decision. Rather it's up to voters at Chatham's Annual Town Meeting on May 11.

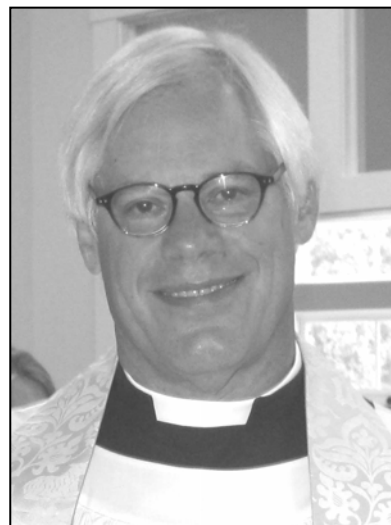
That's where you come in. Please plan to attend town meeting and vote to support the church. After all, as church member George Olmsted told selectmen, many other not-for-profit organizations along Main Street have benefited from CPA funds, and St. Christopher's is one of the "classic New England church buildings that help make Chatham unique."

Rector back on the job April 26

Brian's – almost -- back in town!

Rector Brian W. McGurk is in the final weeks of his sabbatical and is planning to return to Chatham at the end of April. He will celebrate at the 8 and 10 a.m. worship services on Sunday, April 26.

Senior Warden Rick Franklin invites parishioners to welcome Brian back at a special reception during fellowship after the 10 a.m. service on that Sunday.



The Rev. Brian W. McGurk

Children, Youth & Families: Busy spring; looking to summer

In Sunday School we have been discussing the miracles of Jesus and learning more about the ways he shows his love for us. In this way, we can in turn learn how to share our love with others. Our memory verse has been John 3:16: *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

Upcoming Events

- Ice Skating (Charles Moore Arena): Sunday, April 12, from 4 – 6 p.m.

- Sunday School: April 12 and 26. (Note there is no Sunday school on Easter, April 5, and April 19, as that is the first Sunday during school break.)

- Faith in Action: Sunday, April 26. This will take place during church. Please note that we will be meeting at 9:45 a.m. in the kitchen on this day.

CYF Celebrations

Vespers and Game night was a great success. We had 12 youths attend and they played lots of fun games together. We cannot wait for our next event!

In addition, our Heifer Project was a great success. To date we have more than \$325, and the coins are still coming in. I cannot wait to see what animal(s) the kids decide to buy!

Acknowledgements

We want to thank Lisa Franklin for continuing to help with the youth program. Her volunteer work helps make our program a success. We also want to thank the Hawk family for all of their work with the East Egg Hunt.



Children, Youth & Families Director Keren Castro plays cards with a few young friends during Vespers and Games night.

Have a few hours? A day? A week? Volunteer for a fun week with Bible Camp!

Main Street Vacation Bible Camp is right around the corner and it will be held at St. Christopher's this year, July 27 – July 31. In order to make this event a success, we need volunteers! The tasks come in all shapes and sizes and I am sure there is something for everyone. The following details some of our volunteer openings:

1. Set-up crew: Only have one day to volunteer? Help move tables and chairs, put up banners, and put out the supplies that are needed in various areas.

2. Prep staff: Those on this team would be cutting out shapes, ribbons, and other various items at their leisure.

3. Snack Manager: This

individual would be responsible handing out snacks each day.

4. Ribbon tie-ers: Each day we will need volunteers to come in at the beginning of the camp to tie a colored ribbon on the kids' wrists as they check in.

5. Inventory staff: We need to take inventory of what we have and what we still need to buy.

6. Sign-in/sign-out staff: These individuals would check kids in and out of camp, and while we need ONE specific volunteer who could commit to this job for the entire week both to sign kids in and out, we would also need many more volunteers to help this run smoothly.

7. Water bottle labeler:
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Presiding Bishop: 'Only place we will not find him is in the tomb'

The Episcopal Church's Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori offers this message for Easter::

It's still dark when Mary ventures out to find the tomb. The graveyards around Jerusalem don't have much greenery today. The earth is mostly rock and stone, and it is far from easy to make a place to secure a body. Jesus' body was put in a cave-like space, with a stone rolled across the opening to close it up. Mary has made the journey from wherever she's sheltered over the last day, through darkened streets, perhaps hearing cocks begin to crow and townspeople start to stir.

She nears the place, but somehow it seems different than they left it – this can't be it, can it? Who moved the stone? A trip begun in tears and grief now has added burden— confusion, anger, shock, chaos, abandonment. His very body has been stolen.

She runs to tell the others. The three tear back to the tomb – no, the body is not there, though some of the burial cloths remain. Who has torn away the shroud and stolen him away? Why must the cruel torture continue, sacrilege and insult even after death? Who has done this awful thing? The men run away again, leaving her to weep at even greater loss.

She peers in once more – who are these, so bold appearing? "Fear not, woman... why do you weep?" She turns away and meets another, who says the same – why do you weep, who are you looking for?

This gardener has himself been planted and now springs up green



Presiding Bishop The Right Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori

and vibrant, still rising into greater life. He challenges her to go and share that rising, great news of green and life, with those who have fled.

Still rising, still seeking union with Creator, making tender offering to beloved friends – briefly I am with you, I am on my

way. Go and you will find me if you look.

The risen one still offers life to those who will look for evidence of his gardening – hope, friendship, healing, reunion, restoration – to all who have been uprooted, cut off, to those who are parched and withered, to those who lie wasting in the desert. Why do we weep or run away when that promise abides?

We can find that green one, still rising, if we will go stand with the grieving Marys of this world, if we will draw out the terrified who have retreated to their holes, if we will walk the Emmaus road with the lost and confused, if we will search out the hungry in the neighborhood called Galilee.

We will find him already there before us, bringing new and verdant life. The only place we will not find him is in the tomb.

Easter meditation by Nouwen: Rays of hope

- An excerpt from Henri Nouwen's "A Cry for Mercy:"

Dear Lord, risen Lord, light of the world, to you be all praise and glory! This day, so full of your presence, your joy, your peace, is indeed your day.

I just returned from a walk through the dark woods. It was cool and windy, but everything spoke of you. Everything: the clouds, the trees, the wet grass, the valley with its distant lights, the sound of the wind. They all spoke of your resurrection; they all made me aware that everything is indeed good. ... I heard you call Mary Magdalene by her name and heard

how you called from the shore of the lake to your friends to throw out their nets. I also saw you entering the closed room where your disciples were gathered in fear. How intimate these events really are. They are like special favors to dear friends. They were not done to impress or overwhelm anyone, but simply to show that your love is stronger than death.

O Lord, I know now that it is in silence, in a quiet moment, in a forgotten corner that you will meet me, call me by name and speak to me a word of peace. It is in my stillest hour that you become the risen Lord to me.

Holy week music, Choristers highlight Easter season

Holy Week Music

Maundy Thursday, April 2: Dan Flonta, violin, and Haskell Thomson, piano. Playing music of Messiaen and Brahms. Handbells will be played and the adult choir will sing *Ave Verum Corpus* by W.A. Mozart.

Good Friday, April 3: The adult choir will sing *O Saviour of the World* by Goss.

Easter Celtic Eucharist on Saturday, April 4, at 5 p.m.: Sarah Marchio, bagpipes; Maury A. Castro, piano; Rose Clancy, fiddle; Stuart Peak, guitar.

Easter Sunday: Mason Grainger and Kai Sandoval, both trumpet students at New England Conservatory, will play music of

FROM THE CHOIRMASTER

Vivaldi and Charpentier. Handbells will be played and the adult choir will sing a setting of *Now the Green Blade Rises*.

Chorister Trip to Trinity Church in Boston

Thanks to the generous underwriting of an anonymous donor, the choristers travel to Boston on Wednesday, April 15, to observe a rehearsal and Evensong of the choristers and adult choir of Trinity Copley, under the direction of Richard Webster. Also in attendance that day will be the choir of St. Paul's Cathedral, London.



Trumpeters Mason Grainger and Kai Sandoval rehearse for Easter's Festival Choral Eucharist.

Chorister Visitation Day

Tuesday, May 12, will be chorister visitation day (3:30 - 5 p.m.). All interested prospective choristers and parents/guardians are invited to observe and participate in our final rehearsal before the end of the season. Rehearsals resume in September, most likely from 3:45 - 5:15 p.m.

Chorister Advancement

On Sunday, May 17, the five choristers in the choir school will receive medals for having completed all of the requirements of the first level (white) of the *Voice for Life* program of the Royal School of Church Music.

Eldredge music series

The Eldredge Library Learning Series comes to St. Christopher's with talks on music by such eminent Cape Cod Symphony guests as Jung-Ho Pak, George Scharr and Stephanie Weaver on April 22, 29, and May 6, from 3 - 4 p.m. For details, contact the Eldredge Library.

Maury Castro

Organist and Choirmaster

Volunteer for fun at Bible Camp

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Labeling water bottles with camper names.

8. Break-down staff: This is also a one-day task that doesn't require anyone to interact with children. We simply need a team that can help put the church back into working order.

9. Supplies returner: Box up and return all the unused items from the week back via the mail so that we can claim the refund on these items.

10. T-shirt organizer: We will have T-shirts, which will be on sale for the kids to commemorate the week's events, and those shirts will need to be sorted and folded for easy distribution at the beginning of camp.

11. Floaters: These individuals are not assigned a

specific job but float from here to there throughout the week as needed.

12. Registrar: This is possibly the most important position, and the most time-consuming. We need someone who is tech savvy who can enter our registrants into a spreadsheet as they are coming in before camp begins. This person will then need to create class lists derived from this database for the individual teachers and well as update this list each day during camp so that a current list is available at pick up when youths are signed out.

If you want to volunteer for any of the above or you have any questions at all please contact Kerén Castro at cyfdirector@gmail.com or call the church office at (508) 945-2832.



Schedule

March 15, 2015

Call for Entries sent out

June 6

Deadline for submissions

June 22, 23

Entries accepted at the church 9 – 4 pm

June 26

5 – 7 pm Opening Reception

August 23

Show closes

August 24, 25

Pick up art at the church 9 – 4 pm

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THE GALLERY AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

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Call for Entries

The Work of our Hands:

Artists and Friends of St. Christopher's

And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish you the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish it.

— Psalm 90:17 KJB (2000)

The Art Committee of St. Christopher's is pleased to announce an exhibition, **The Work of our Hands: Artists & Friends of St. Christopher's** for the summer of 2015.

Artists, craftspersons and friends of the congregation are invited and encouraged to submit up to two pieces for this exciting opening in June 26 of 2015. A wide variety of media is welcomed, including, but not limited to: painting, sculpture, drawing, original crafts, woodwork, furniture, jewelry, quilting, fiber arts, photography, etc. This exhibition will be showcased in the two levels near the church offices.

Submission Details

Fill out the form below to submit your pieces. By using this form, participants agree to the terms specified below. (Agreement, Schedule, Delivery, Insurance, Liability, Sales.) Each artist must fill in the form supplied below and send to St. Christopher's Church % Gail Smith, 625 Main St, Chatham, MA 02633 or email a signed PDF to caperev@aol.com.

Agreement

Submitting an entry form to this exhibition constitutes an agreement on the part of the artist with all conditions in this prospectus. Entry in the exhibit gives permission for an artwork to be photographed and used for publicity purpose.

Delivery, Insurance, Liability, Sales

All works included in the exhibition will be insured while in the exhibition up to a \$1,500 value for each piece. Any value above this amount will be the responsibility of the artist. Works may be made available for sale with the artist's permission. In the event of a sale, a contribution by the artist of 20% of the sale price to The Gallery at St. Christopher's is requested.

All such contributions are tax-deductible to the artist. Any works that might be sold should remain in the exhibit through its duration.

- All art should be delivered to the church at 625 Main St., Chatham, MA during the scheduled times unless otherwise arranged.
- All 2-D works should be wired and ready for hanging.
- When the exhibition has ended, each artist is responsible for picking up their work during the times allotted for this purpose unless otherwise arranged.
- All art submitted for the exhibition must remain in the show and not be removed until the after August 23, 2015.

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Consignment Shop is open all week!



Spring has sprung, and St. Christopher's Gift & Consignment Store is open for its full schedule, starting April 6. The store looks great, and there are a lot of new merchandise! We also have St. Christopher's logo items available in the store. Stop in and see the selection, Mondays – Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 4 pm.

Committee adopts new name to reflect partnership with African efforts

New focus, new name.

The committee formerly known as the Aid to Africa committee has renamed itself "Together with Africans" to better reflect its ongoing work in Liberia and Kenya.

"We wanted the name of our committee to better reflect a relationship of mutual respect," said Steve Keenan, who co-chairs the committee with Jean Greenough.

"An example was the joint effort in the building and continued funding of the Goll Farm Elementary School," Jean said. Some 275 students, from pre-

kindergarten through eighth grade, are now enrolled in the school.

In other committee news:

-- The annual African service will be held Sunday, May 31, at 10 a.m. Rector Brian W. McGurk will officiate and read a sermon written by the Rev. Prince Wreh, an Episcopal priest in Liberia. Prince and his wife Relhetta built and operate the Goll Farm school.

-- Steve Keenan and Peter Hughes have postponed a trip to Liberia to finish installing solar panels at the school. The two were part of a church mission trip to Liberia in 2014.

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following persons in your prayers and call the office if you wish a name to be added. Thank all of you for your prayers for our parish and beyond.

Kate Winchell

Heather Padgett

Jane Maddux

David Dwyer

April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Easter Sunday 9 Festival Choral Eucharist 10:30 Easter egg hunt 11 Festival Choral Eucharist	6 Easter Monday Office closed	7 9 Morning Prayer 9:30 Staff meeting 3:30 pm Choir School	1 April Fool's Day 9:30 Playgroup 10 Lenten Journey 4 Bell Choir 4 Auction Mtg. 7 pm Choir	2 Maundy Thursday 5 pm Foot washing; Stripping of the Altar 9 10 Women's AA 2 pm Shawl Ministry	3 Good Friday 12 pm Stations of the Cross w/ meditations 5 pm Liturgy for Good Friday	4 5 pm Celtic Easter Eucharist
12 8 Holy Eucharist 9:10 Gospel Glimpse 10 Holy Eucharist 11 Fellowship	13 9 Stephen Ministry	14 9 Morning Prayer 9:30 Staff meeting No Choir School 4 pm Pastoral Care	15 9:30 Play group 10 Centering Prayer 10 Parkinson's Support Group Choristers to Trinity Copley No Choir	16 10 Women's AA 10:30 Liturgy, Worship & Music	17	18
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On the (Easter egg) hunt



Dozens of children
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grounds looking for
treats during the
annual Easter egg hunt
on Easter Sunday,
coordinated by Kathy
Hawk, left.

