

# SOUNDINGS

Saint  
Christopher's  
Episcopal  
Church

September 2017

## *The Spirit of Anglicanism*



**The Rev. Brian W. McGurk**  
Rector

I would like to extend an invitation to those new to the Episcopal Church as well as to those who would like to gain a greater understanding of the Anglican tradition (specifically, the theology and ethics, liturgy and music, spirituality and prayer life, history and governance).

This inquirers class, which I have titled *The Spirit of*

*Anglicanism*, is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn, explore, discuss, and inquire about all those facets of the Church and the spiritual journey that you don't understand or perplexes you! Questions like: "Why do we do such-and-such *this* way in a worship service?" Or, "What is the Episcopal Church's stance on this social or moral issue?" Or, "Shouldn't the rector be using the "real" *Book of Common Prayer* or the "real" Lord's Prayer and NOT all that New Zealand stuff?!" Or, "What is the role of the bishops?" Or, "Where is the line between church and state, ethics and politics?" Or, "What is the role of the church in the public square?"

The second part of this class will entail the application of our newfound understanding of Anglicanism as a "lens" through which we can view and understand the current state of the world (Christian Social Ethics).

For example, the Anglican Church has, throughout its history, applied two governing and guiding principles to theological, ethical, and social issues; namely, "Anglican Comprehensiveness" and

the Anglican "Middle Way" or "Via Media"—both of which have helped unify our church when confronted with conflicted, contentious, and divisive issues. Among them: the church's stance on slavery, the ordination of women, the inclusion of the LGBTQ community, and others. In addition, Anglicanism draws upon scripture, tradition, reason, and experience as sources of authority in its thinking and reflection.

The aforementioned topics will be discussed and ample time will be given for questions in all areas of



church life.

Our five sessions will begin on Thursday, September 28 from 10 to 11:15 am and will continue on consecutive Thursdays ending on October 26. The Rev. Dr. John Martinier and choirmaster, Maury A. Castro will assist.

## Get Ready for Stewardship!



**Peter Hughes**  
Stewardship  
Committee Chair

As summer rapidly draws to a close, your stewardship team has been preparing for the 2018 stewardship campaign—and so should you. Sunday, September 24 marks the beginning of our 2018 stewardship campaign.

The theme for 2018 is *Rooted in Prayer—Expressed in Compassion*. Our 2017 campaign secured \$516,219 in pledge commitments

to support the operating budget this year. For 2018 the Vestry & Finance Committee have set a goal of \$526,000 to balance the 2018 operating budget. This represents a 2 percent increase.

Although our church membership is approximately 325 family units, historically only 66 percent pledge their support for St. Christopher's during the annual stewardship campaign. We need to increase pledge participation significantly if we are to continue the mission of our church.

Stewardship is your opportunity and responsibility to commit to supporting our church in the year ahead. We are at a crossroads with a significant opportunity to succeed but an uncertain financial future if we fail to act. Our plan to increase stewardship includes growing membership, increasing pledge participation and growing individual pledge commitments. The average pledge at St. Christopher's in 2017 is \$2,400. For 2018 we need to increase the average pledge to at least \$2,500.

Your 2018 stewardship team includes Joe Meeks, Ginger Plexico, John Sargent, and Pieter Schiller. Each of these members is working hard to develop and implement a successful campaign. Please thank them for their efforts as the opportunity presents itself.

During the week of September 17 you will receive an initial stewardship mailing. The package will include a letter from the chairman, a tri-fold brochure that includes a message from the Rector, a 2018 pledge card, and a return envelope. Please take some time to review this material and give prayerful consideration as you make your commitment to support our 2018 operating budget. Every pledge is important and every pledge is confidential.

Remember, we are...*Rooted in Prayer—Expressed in Compassion!*



## St. Christopher's Charity Golf Tournament

Monday, September 25, 2017  
at Eastward Ho!

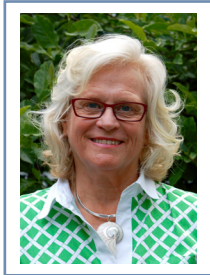
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[www.stchristopherschatham.org/golf-tournament](http://www.stchristopherschatham.org/golf-tournament)

*This event by courtesy of a sponsoring member of Eastward Ho!, a private golf club.*



# The Gallery's Autumn Exhibition



**Sandra Bowden**  
Curator, The Gallery  
at St. Christopher's

The autumn exhibition at St. Christopher's, *Making Comparisons*, is an invitation to embark on a personal visual journey. After several years of exhibitions at St. Christopher's and learning about various artists and periods of art, it is time to trust your visual literacy skills that have been developed. The goal of

*Making Comparisons* is not to just look, but to *see*, to go deeper than the surface as a way to interpret the work.

This show is an interactive exhibition that asks the viewer to participate by deliberately comparing the art on topics such as the Trinity, Flight to Egypt, Water, Veronica's Veil, Abraham and Isaac, the Nativity, Madonna and Child, and the Good Samaritan. Each group has several paintings or prints that explore the theme from various perspectives.

It is the viewer's responsibility to study the art, discover what is similar, and where there are distinct differences. It is also important to ask questions: What was the intent of the artist? How was the artist addressing the subject? From what period of history was the work created and how did this impact the approach? Then decide which speaks to you personally. By going through this process you will know why a piece speaks to you. Learn to see and enjoy the journey.

## Making Comparisons

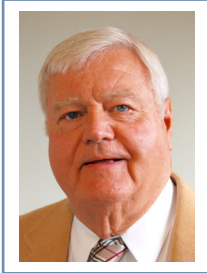
September through December, 2017



**Counterclockwise, starting right: Rembrandt, Abraham and Isaac; Knippers, Abraham and Isaac; Gahly, Journey of the Holy Family to Egypt; Jordean, Flight to Egypt.**



## Taking Another Look at Pledging



**John M. Sargent**  
*Senior Warden*

As we approach the start of stewardship season, I'd like to address the important and sensitive issue of pledging. If you haven't pledged, I hope you will read this article and realize the need for pledging. If you already pledge, please read it to better understand why your generosity is so necessary and appreciated.

For our purposes, we will define a pledge as a promise to donate a certain amount of money to St. Christopher's by December 31, 2018. The timing and method are strictly up to you. You can prepay, do it monthly, weekly by envelope, or by credit card. Appreciated securities offer possible extra tax benefits. And, should circumstances change, a confidential adjustment can be made by notifying the church treasurer.

I have heard some people say they don't pledge because they don't believe in it or don't want others to

know how much they give. Let me just say that if you have a credit card, car loan or mortgage, you pledge. If you do not have any of these then you are excused! Also, there are only a couple people who know pledge amounts. Rector McGurk is not one of them, and it is kept extremely confidential.

Finally, stewardship provides by far the largest part of our income, and we just cannot plan an accurate budget unless we know the amount. The Vestry and Finance Committee are committed to fiscal responsibility and we need hard numbers to prepare the budget. Hopes and estimates do not pay bills! In addition, the strength of an organization is measured by the percent of participation of its members as well as the total amount contributed. We have historically had about two-thirds of our members pledge, and I believe a higher percentage is much more indicative of the vitality of St. Christopher's.

Thanks for considering my thoughts and I hope you will join me this fall in making a pledge to help keep our church great.

## Consignment Shop Artist of the Month Program



**Judi Stella**  
*Manager,  
Consignment Shop*

This summer has been exciting for the Gift and Consignment Shop. Sales have increased significantly, and a very successful Artist of the Month program was introduced.

August's Artist of the Month was Chatham resident and St. Christopher's parishioner, Barbara Hamilton Gibson.

This popular watercolor artist currently exhibits at Cape Abilities Farm to Table Gallery. Barbara studied with several prominent Cape artists including Vera Champlin, Kelly Knowles, and Karen North Welles, and has won numerous awards. Inspiration for her work comes from the New England landscape and the perfect Cape Cod light. Barbara's watercolors can be viewed at [www.barbarahamiltongibson.org](http://www.barbarahamiltongibson.org).

September's artist of the month is local artist and crafter, Pati DuVall. In addition to being an active participant in the Guild of Chatham Painters, and

exhibitor at CapeAbilities Farm to Table Store, this summer Pati created and painted five sharks and one whale as part of Chatham's Chamber of Commerce "Sharks in the Park & Where are the Whales." Pati has won numerous awards and has studied at the Creative Arts Center in Chatham.

Pati is also known for her shell works of art, which include shell-framed mirrors, photo frames, centerpieces, nightlights, champagne flutes and much more.

Pati's oil paintings can be viewed on her Facebook page and at The Oyster Company in Dennis Port. Her shell art can also be seen at [www.capecodseashells.com](http://www.capecodseashells.com).

Her pieces will be on display at the Shop during the month of September. Shop hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm.

All are invited to meet Pati and view her artwork while enjoying refreshments at the Gift and Consignment Shop on Thursday, September 7, from 3 to 5 pm. Music will be provided by Chatham Flutist, LeeAnn McKenna.



## Music Old and New



**Maury A. Castro**  
Organist &  
Choirmaster

Three of our choristers (Delia Castro, Tessa Gingras, and Aurora Reed) participated in a summer training course held by the Royal School of Church Music. This course, held in Newport, Rhode Island from July 31–August 6, was led by Sarah MacDonald of the UK, and the course organist was Colin Lynch, Assistant Organist

at Trinity Church, Copley Square. Many thanks to Dick and Joan Greene for underwriting, in part, our participation in this event with a generous gift in loving memory of Arthur and Berjouhi Spencer.

I also wish to remind you of the upcoming season of concerts that will be presented at St. Christopher's by *Skylark*, a Boston-based choral ensemble. You may read all about them, and buy tickets, at [www.skylarkensemble.org](http://www.skylarkensemble.org).



*Skylark Vocal Ensemble*

I also wish to remind you that parishioners and friends are invited to donate \$50 toward the purchase of new choral music, and the church will match that \$50 in order to purchase a new anthem (each anthem in our library costs about \$100). The donor may dedicate the anthem in honor, celebration, or memory of the person(s) or event of their choice, and when that anthem is sung in church, this will be recognized in the bulletin. This can be especially meaningful during the holiday season! Please contact me if you would like to participate!

Finally, I hope that you will save the date for a Choral Evensong in Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, to be held on Sunday, October 22, at 4 pm. This ecumenical event will be co-hosted by the Cape and The Islands Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. A festival choir will sing music of Harwood, Howells, Ireland, Rutter, and Vaughan Williams, and festive hymns of the church will be sung, with trumpet!



*Delia, Aurora, and Tessa pose upon arrival at their dormitory at Salve Regina University.*

## Soundings Available Electronically



**David Smith**  
Treasurer

It appears to have gone virtually unnoticed, but for some time we've been offering to send you an electronic copy of *Soundings*, rather than mailing the paper copy to your home. Why? Well, cost is the main reason, but convenience is the other. We mail out over 350 copies of

*Soundings* each month, printed in full color. This is both expensive and time consuming, costing \$3,000–4,000 annually as well as hundreds of volunteer hours to fold and mail. If you would like to get *Soundings* sent to you via email, so you have the convenience of reading it anytime and anywhere, please send a request to Maury A. Castro, Director of Communications, at [mcastro@stchristopherschatham.org](mailto:mcastro@stchristopherschatham.org).

## Where are the Whales?

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Judi Stella  
Manager,  
Consignment Shop

The Gift and Consignment Shop participated in the "Where are the Whales?" event sponsored by the Chatham Chamber of Commerce. This is a scavenger hunt for children visiting Chatham. The Chamber provides checklist log books to the children who visit shops in search of whales.

Parishioner Barbara Gibson painted the Shop's whale. Numerous customers have asked to purchase it. In fairness to all, the whale can be won through a raffle. Raffle tickets are \$4/one ticket, and \$10/three tickets. Tickets will be sold after the 10 am Choral Eucharist on Sundays as well as at the Shop. The winner will be selected on September 21.



## Parish Statistics

### Marriages

Elizabeth Edwards & David Della Rocco  
August 6, 2017

Megan Guidette & Robert Kyle  
August 12, 2017

Katherine Fisher and Joseph Martinez  
August 26, 2017

### Death

Virginia Duda  
August 14, 2017

### Transfers In

Robert & Sarah Gallivan  
July 2017

Win & Jan McCausland  
August 2017

**Church e-mail list:** If you are not on the church e-mail list and would like to be, please subscribe yourself at the bottom of the homepage of the church website, [www.stchristopherschatham.org](http://www.stchristopherschatham.org), or e-mail Maury A. Castro at [mcastro@stchristopherschatham.org](mailto:mcastro@stchristopherschatham.org). By adding your address to the list, you will receive the weekly mid-week e-mail and periodic messages from the Rector.

**Digital Soundings:** All who are on the e-mail list receive *Soundings* electronically via the mid-week e-mail, and it is available on the website. If you would like to be taken off the print list, please contact Maury.



# September 2017

*I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*

*~ John 10:10*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 8 Holy Eucharist 9:10 Gospel Glimpse 10 Choral Eucharist 11 Fellowship	<b>4 Labor Day</b> Church Closed	<b>5</b> 9 Morning Prayer & Bible Study 9 Golf Committee Mtg. 10 Staff Meeting	<b>6</b> 9 Contemplative Eucharist & Discussion 5:15 Adult Choir	<b>7</b> 10 Women's AA	<b>8</b> 9 Facilities Support	<b>9</b>
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<b>24</b> 8 Holy Eucharist 9:10 Gospel Glimpse 10 Choral Eucharist & Sunday School 11 Fellowship	<b>25</b> Church Closed 11 Golf Tournament @ Eastward Ho!	<b>26</b> 9 Morning Prayer & Bible Study 10 Staff Meeting 3:45 Choir School	<b>27</b> 9 Contemplative Eucharist & Discussion 9:30 Play Group 10:30 Holy Eucharist & Healing @ Liberty Cms. 5:15 Adult Choir	<b>28</b> 10 Women's AA 10 Spirit of Anglicanism	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



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## Special Services 2017–2018

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Sunday, October 22, 4 pm  
*Choral Evensong in Commemoration of the  
500th Anniversary of the Reformation*

Wednesday, November 1, 5 pm  
*Celtic Evensong & Communion for All Saints' Day*

Wednesday, November 22, 3 pm  
*A Service of Thanksgiving*

Sunday, December 17, 10 am  
*A Service of Lessons and Carols*

Saturday, December 23, 5 pm  
*Christmas Celtic Evensong & Communion*

Sunday, December 24, 3 pm, 5 pm, 10 pm  
*Christmas Eve Services*

Saturday, January 20, 5 pm  
*Contemplative Evening Prayer*

Saturday, February 10, 5 pm  
*Choral Evensong*

Saturday, March 17, 5 pm  
*Celtic Evensong & Communion in  
Commemoration of St. Patrick*

Saturday, March 31, 5 pm  
*Celtic Great Vigil of Easter*

Sunday, April 1, 9 am, 11 am  
*Easter Sunday Services*

Saturday, April 21, 5 pm  
*Contemplative Evening Prayer*

Thursday, May 10, 5 pm  
*Celtic Evensong & Communion for Ascension Day*

Saturday, June 9, 5 pm  
*Choral Evensong*