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The Bishop is coming! The Bishop is coming!

On Sunday, September 9th, the Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts will be making an official Episcopal Visitation to St. Stephen's. This is an opportunity to reaffirm our connection to the Diocese and the wider Church. This visit was scheduled about 18 months ago, well before anyone knew that St. Stephen's would be in the process of searching for a new Rector. However, since we are in the search process, it is a good opportunity for us to reflect on how we are a part a much larger Church.

This visit falls as the parish is working through the reality of not having the extra clergy and professional staff that we have received directly or indirectly from the Diocese. St Stephen's has been a base for the formation of newly ordained clergy as well as those who are discerning ordination. Because of the fact that we are in transition we have had to forgo for now this part of our ministry and the leadership they have provided. As a result, we are being challenged to draw from our own resources to organize the ministries with children and youth, adult formation, and worship, as well as the significant outreach and social justice ministries we continue to run. The amazing thing about St. Stephen's is how many have stepped forward to do the work we have been given to do.

I hope that the opportunity to talk with Bishop Harris can be a time that we seriously reflect on:

- how God is at work among us and through us,
- what have we learned in the last 8 months,
- what we have managed to keep doing, and
- where we need help.

Please keep in your prayers Bishop Harris, our Diocesan Bishop, Alan Gates, and the Diocese of Massachusetts.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Barrietta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom

A Word from the Senior Warden

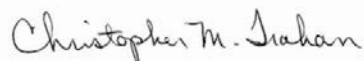
What a great summer this has been! St. Stephen's is fortunate to have so many dedicated parishioners who volunteered in the many activities we had going on this summer: Kids in Community Summer Camp, Summer Learning, The Big Money Raffle and two parish clean up days. We are also grateful for the relationships that are formed with other parishes from around the North Shore who partnered with St. Stephen's Kids In Community Summer Camp.

It was wonderful seeing so many children from our neighborhood engaged in fun activities, games, and summer learning and also to meet many volunteers from other area churches who came to St. Stephen's to help with these activities. The Big Money Raffle, held for the first time in our newly renovated dining room, was a lot of fun, built up community among parishioners and the business community alike, as well as raised nearly \$14,000 for the good work of the parish. When all of the excitement and busy-ness of July ended, a crew of parishioners gathered together to organize storage spaces, discard old or broken items and pack up the Graham Suite Kitchen so that new cabinets can be installed. I am truly grateful for all the parishioners who helped make all of these events successful again this year. Many people put in countless volunteer hours in making sure that we could accomplish these goals; it truly "took a village"! Thank you!!

As summer winds down, we will begin the program year on September 9, 2018, with a visit from the Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris, our Suffragan Bishop. She will spend time with parishioners during a reception held in the dining room after the 10am service and then will meet with different committees of the parish, including the Search Committee and the Vestry. It is our hope that Bishop Gayle will have the opportunity to see many of you at church that day. Her sermons are always invigorating, passionate, and never disappoint. Also starting that day is Sunday School registration. If you are a caregiver of children in grades pre-k through 12th grade, please complete a registration form so that our Sunday School teachers can be prepared for your child(ren) when Sunday School resumes on Homecoming Sunday, September 23, 2018.

Speaking of Homecoming Sunday, our guest preacher this year will be The Rev. Norm Faramelli. Many of you may remember Rev. Norm as our long-term supply priest in 2000 during our transition between the Rev. Jerry Hardy and the Rev. Jane Gould. The Vestry felt it all too fitting, that during this time of transition between rectors, that we extend an invitation to Rev. Norm to be with us on Homecoming. As is our usual custom, we will also have a Homecoming dinner downstairs in the dining room, which is free and open to all parishioners. The Vestry respectfully requests that all persons RSVP by either calling the parish office or signing up in the Galahad Area so that our chefs can prepare enough food for everyone.

Sincerely,



Chris Trahan

STEWARDS OF RESOURCES

STAFFING CHANGES COMING IN SEPTEMBER.

We currently are accepting applications for a 30 hour a week KIC Program Administrator position. We hope to fill the new position as soon as possible. Please speak to Bonnie Bishop if you know of someone who may be interested. This position is not open to parishioners.

YOUR SEARCH COMMITTEE IS AT WORK! Your search committee has been busy developing a survey that will be used to help create a Parish Profile, which will help us all in the process of calling a new rector for St. Stephen's. You should be getting this survey in the next two weeks by mail or email. Please read the entire survey before you fill it out. Once you have filled it out, please return to the church office. For further information or to express your concerns please call or write to the office and we will address your concerns. Know that we are here to serve you, so please let us know what you think. We will follow up the survey with interviews and small groups. So stay tuned! Church address is 74 S. Common, Lynn, MA 01902 and telephone is 781-599-4220.

BIG MONEY RAFFLE SUCCESS. The Big Money Raffle Drawing Party on July 29 was a great success as well as lots of fun as the inaugural BASH in the dining room. Food was wonderful as the event was catered by David Shalvoy of Christopher's Cafe. We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to the BMR Team Heather Collis Puro, Carolyn Hoy, Sandy Wittrup, Pam Alleyne, Irene Axelrod, Ginny Fuller, Sally Gosselin, Chris Trahan, and Joyce Wallace. They, in turn, would like to thank everyone who bought and sold tickets, all the donors of door prizes, Dan Collis Puro for his work on the computer system that kept everyone updated on the progress of the drawing, and Tim Potter for keeping the music going. Special thanks goes to our MC, Steve Switzer, for keeping the crowd entertained, even when we didn't have a winning ticket. He kept us laughing anyway! The BMR Committee would especially like to thank Harry Jackson, Paul Whitcomb, Samantha Scolomiero, and others who stepped up during a hectic final week before the event. **WE SOLD MORE TICKETS THIS YEAR THAN EVER!** 220 tickets were sold! Winners: \$5,000 Lisa Newton; \$1,000 Scott Energy; \$750 R. Wood; \$500 John Gould; \$250 Jay Poppe/Robert Tucker.

CIVIL WAR QUILT RAFFLE. The beautiful Civil War patterned quilt that was raffled off on July 29th to benefit the window restoration fund was won by Jay Poppe. The raffle raised \$620. This quilt was machine/handmade by a fantastic quiltmaker, Merle Gordon and donated to us for our fundraising purposes. This quilt was double bed sized. Merle also donated a smaller quilt on the same theme, 5 feet square and we will be raffling this off at a later time.

HARVEST FAIR PREVIEW SALE OF JEWELRY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16. On Sunday, September 16, we will be having a pre-fair sale of the fabulous jewelry that we will be showing at our Harvest Fair on Saturday, Nov. 17. This is your chance to view the selection before the big day and pick up a few Christmas presents ahead of time. You may make your purchases between the 8 and 10 am services or after the 10 am service. We hope you will all come and take a look!

~Marilyn Cloran and Sally Gosselin, Co-Chairs

SAVE THE DATE! 2018 HARVEST FAIR Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018, 9am to 3 pm

This year our Harvest Fair is on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 am to 3 pm. We hope all who attended last year and/or helped with the many activities and tables will return to help again. We will be soliciting ads and gift cards from anyone who would like to contribute including businesses in the area. Money to purchase prizes for raffles is very welcome from parishioners.

Last year we all had a great time working on this yearly fundraiser and providing the support needed to make it happen. We hope to build on last year's success. A very important thing is to tell your friends what a wonderful fair it is to visit. We will have some small flyer invitations for you to give them or post in any busy location.

This year we will be selling a huge selection of new and used jewelry that was donated to us. A sampling was seen at last year's Mini-fair and the Soul Food dinner. At the fair you will have much more time to look through the tables of necklaces, bracelets and earrings. There are bargains galore. Steve Switzer will once again man his Bistro all day and provide us with delicious items. People always look forward to our fantastic Same Day Raffles and Silent Auction items. Money trees and lottery ticket trees always attract people. Already there have been some wonderful things promised.

We will also be having the New Gifts table where you can donate an unused gift to be sold. Cookie walk and Food tables were very popular last year and had lots of goodies prepared by the great cooks in the church. Handmade items have also been promised and if you have a specialty that you make, we would welcome a sample to be sold or used as a silent auction item. The Knit and Stitch table will include sewn items as well as knitted ones. Children will be given the opportunity to choose a free book with other activities possible. And then there is our Multi-gift Raffle. At the present time the top prizes are undecided. Any suggestions? We invite any new ideas so please see us at church if you have one.

~ Marilyn Cloran and Sally Gosselin, 2018 Co-Chairs

JOIN US FOR HOMECOMING ON SEPTEMBER 23

Join us as we Celebrate!

THE FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN

Guest Preacher at 8:00 & 10:00: The Rev. Norm Faramelli

Baptisms at 10:00am

Homecoming Lunch at Noon

Lunch is free but advance reservation is required

NURTURING THE CONGREGATION

BAPTISMS ON HOMECOMING—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23. As we celebrate the Feast of Stephen and the life of our parish, we welcome new members into the church through Baptism. If you or anyone you know would like to be baptized, **please complete a baptism registration form no later than Sunday, September 16 and join us for the Baptism Preparation Class on Tuesday, September 18 at 6:30.** For more information, please speak with Rev. Tom or Irene Axelrod.

SEPTEMBER FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. BIBLE STUDY continues on Wednesdays at 6:30 as we continue reading the book of Joshua. **TEA & TALK ABOUT FAITH** continues on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 as we read and discuss short, spiritual reflections.

A NOTE FROM THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP. Bible study is going well, the numbers aren't there but the few dedicated goers are engaged, devoted and are having great conversations about the Bible and everyday life. We just finished studying the book of Ecclesiastes, which is all about vanity and self-indulgence. Isaiah taught us about a rebellious people asking to be forgiven. We just started The Book of Joshua, who was commissioned by God to continue the long hard journey that Moses started. We are being led by Rev Tom, who, like Joshua, is leading us into the next chapter of our journey.

Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 for Bible study, and get to know Rev. Tom as the wonderful leader and person that he is. Ecclesiastes 2:14: "The wise person has his eyes in his head, but the fool walks in darkness. And yet I perceived the same event happened to all of them."

~ BSG

HEALING PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE TEAMS MEETS SEPTEMBER 6. The Pastoral Care and Healing Prayer Teams will gather at 10:30am on Thursday, September 6 for check-in and discussion of the next two chapters go from 202-222 (Humility and Humor) in The Book of Joy by the Dalia Lama and Bishop Desmond Tutu.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE. On Sunday, September 9, our Adult Choir returns to lead singing in worship at 10:00am. The Choir gathers every Saturday morning at 10:00am to rehearse. Rehearsals resume on Saturday, September 8. We need to enlarge the group. It is possible to join the choir every Sunday or for particular Sundays or seasons, for example. St. Augustine said that those who sing "pray twice." Deepen your prayer through song and gladden our worship by joining the St. Stephen's Choir!

TOWERS COMMUNION TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 2:30. If you have never visited St. Stephen's Tower, our apartment building for low and moderate income elders, our monthly communion services are a great excuse. Come worship with us on September 19 at 2:00 and someone is sure to offer to give you a tour. All are welcome!

TRAILS & SAILS COMES TO ST. STEPHEN'S SEPTEMBER 22. Once again we will be opening the church to give tours of our Tiffany Windows as part of the two Trails and Sails weekends in September. It will be open from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday, Sept. 22. Rick Cloran will show close-up photographs of the windows while explaining the process that Tiffany used to create them and Irene Axelrod will bring the people into the church to see the windows, hear the story of its relation to the Civil War and history of its founder Enoch Redington Mudge. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring your friends to see this gem of ours here in Lynn.

~ Marilyn Cloran

HOSPITALITY TO CHILDREN, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU TO JOIN OUR MINISTRIES WITH YOUNG PEOPLE? In September we kick off the program year with the beginning of Church School, OASIS, and the Middle School Youth Group. Children and youth come to St. Stephen’s for these programs in search of a caring and supportive community. Creating and sustaining this type of community requires active participation from adults, especially on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings. This year the Church School programs is offering 4 ways for adults to volunteer both in and out of the classroom:

- Church School Companion: share excitement and mentor teachers
- Substitute teacher: on-call for certain dates and teach students with own gifts
- Weekly teacher: teach 3-4 times per month/use curriculum provided

The OASIS and Middle School youth groups are looking for adults who can provide meals, activities, and/or presence 1-2 Fridays a month. Please speak with Lucinda McClain or Paul Whitcomb to discern how YOU will serve our children and youth this year.

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION SEPTEMBER 9 & 16
CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN
SEPTEMBER 23 AT 9:45AM

Team-led classes for Nursery thru Grade 12 using Bible-Based Thematic Curriculum.
 Come engage Scripture through conversation, drama, music, art, and cooking.

OASIS MEETS 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAYS 6:30-9. OASIS is back from fun and will begin the new year on Friday, September 14. We’ll gather for dinner and conversations about the summer and plan for the year. OASIS is open to all high school students interested in playing games, connecting with new friends, and creating ways to respond to the serious issues in our world. For more information, speak with Jason Cruz.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MEETS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 6:30-9. Middle schoolers will gather for dinner and art-making with Jason Cruz. Youth group is an essential aspect of Christian Formation as youth explore how they are connecting with God and the world. In order for the Middle School group to work parents and guardians need to commit to bring their youth every month. For more information, please speak with the clergy or Jason Cruz.

KIC CONTINUES IN SEPTEMBER WITH 4 DAYS OF AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT. KIC After School plans to begin in October. This after school program focuses on the arts and academic enrichment, while also having fun and working together in a group. KIC After School is open to children in grades 1-5 with priority given to siblings and younger children. It runs from 2:00 to 6:00 pm on Monday through Thursday afternoons whenever school is in session. Registration is limited; forms will be available in the office and Galahad area. For more information, talk with Bonnie Bishop.

KIC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! If you are an adult interested in assisting with KIC After School, we can use your help! We need people to donate snacks or a gallon of milk a week; helpers for to serve snacks; one-on-one guides for academic enrichment or homework time. Contact Bonnie Bishop or Barbara Boucher if you're interested in volunteering.

DEEPENING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

HELP THOSE WHO ARE HUNGRY. The food pantry could use donations of the following:

- Individual juice boxes •5 oz. cans of tuna fish •individually wrapped granola bars
- individual snack packs of cookies or crackers •individual servings of macaroni & cheese or rice
- individual servings of cereal •fruit snacks •8 oz. cans of vegetables.

JOIN ECCO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

ECCO SUNDAY - On Sunday, September 29th, Cherish Casey, the Racial Justice Organizer at the Essex County Community Organization will be preaching. After the service there will be opportunities to learn more about what ECCO is doing and how we can be a part of this work.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH SENIOR AND JUNIOR USHER ANNUAL DAY. Members of St. Stephen's are invited to join or brothers and sisters at Zion Baptist Church, 4 Adams Street Extension in Lynn, at the Senior and Junior Usher Annual Day on Sunday, September 16th at 3:00 PM

BELOVED COMMUNITY TEAM PRESENTS: "CHALLENGING WHITE PRIVILEGE WITHIN OURSELVES AND OTHERS" ON SEPTEMBER 29. This event is about and for white Americans who are curious about how white privilege has affected their lives or for white Americans who have been on the journey for some time. People of Color participate as witnesses and allies to their brothers and sisters as they struggle to engage with this challenging concept, white privilege. True Story Theater will lead a performance that is the heart of this event. True Story Theater is a theatrical group whose heart is improvisational theater. Courageous audience volunteers tell important stories from their lives. Actors then honor these stories through drama, movement, music and song. Audiences laugh and cry, build respect, make connections, and gain insights about their lives. This performance will be followed by a discussion with light refreshments on September 29, Saturday, 3:00-5:30 p.m. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 135 Lafayette St. Marblehead, MA. Admission is free. For more information contact Pam Poppe: pamelapoppe61@gmail.com.

ST. STEPHEN'S ENRICHES KIDS' LIVES THIS SUMMER

KIC SUMMER CAMP SERVES COMMUNITY WITH STYLE. On August 4th, Kids In Community celebrated the end of its 13th summer at St. Stephen's. Over 90 kids attended (118 registered) KIC camp each day, where they got to play games, read with volunteers, and learn art, science, bucket drumming, and yoga. Our field trips this year included the Brookline Puppet Showplace Theatre and the Institute of Contemporary Art.

KIC hired a fantastic staff of 17 teens as mentors and three amazing Assistant Directors. Providing quality employment for 20 teens and young adults is an important part of KIC's

mission. Teen mentors and campers were supported by a robust group of adult volunteers. Volunteers offered hospitality to families on the first day, read with children, and managed breakfast, lunch, and snack time throughout camp. St. Stephen's volunteers joined us for Week One (and beyond), while teams from the UU Church of Greater Lynn, St. Michael's Marblehead, and St. Andrew's Marblehead each came for a week. Returning to lead KIC once again, I continue to be impressed by the strength of both the program and the staff. You, the St. Stephens family should feel incredibly proud of the amount of care and love that goes into this program every year. It truly is a blessing and an amazing outreach to our wonderful Lynn community. It is always great when we are able to open our doors to the outside world and show Christ's love and compassion to our neighbors. *KIC Interim Director James Liberge*

SUMMER LEARNING AT ST. STEPHEN'S MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN CHILDREN'S LIVES.

Summer Learning kicked off with a strong group of dedicated teachers, fantastic volunteers, energetic youth assistants and a solid roster of mostly returning children. Despite consistent sweltering summer afternoons, average attendance throughout the four weeks stayed steady at 45. In the library, children listened to and discussed stories read out loud followed by activities exploring plot, setting and characters. Meanwhile, reading fluency, strategies, comprehension, alphabet recognition and letter sounds were the focus in the reading center. Across the hall in the writing center, budding writers and illustrators tackled techniques of good writing as they worked through the writing process. In the math center children played numerous math games to strengthen foundational skills such as number recognition, counting and representing, adding and subtracting. The program ended with a well-deserved celebration of favorites: fun activities, yummy foods, raffle drawing and a picnic on the lawn. In closing, the national center on after-school and summer enrichment writes, "Summer Learning is a key solution to closing academic and opportunity gaps that plague many communities across the country." Thank you St. Stephen's for your continued championship for children and families. Summer learning makes a difference in children's lives. *Summer Learning Director, Micheal Brown*

**WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES,
INSTITUTIONS, AND FRIENDS OF ST. STEPHEN'S WHO SUPPORTED
THE SOUL FOOD FESTIVAL ON MAY 20**

Conrad Squires and Bonnie
Bishop

Barbara Boucher

Christ Church Quincy (The Rev.
Cliff Brown)

Episcopal City Mission

Representative Dan Cahill

Representative Brendan
Crighton

Bob Dixon

Caras & Shulman, PC

Ginny Fuller

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Sally Gosselin

Shaw's

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**WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES,
INSTITUTIONS, AND FRIENDS OF ST. STEPHEN'S WHO SUPPORTED
THE BIG MONEY RAFFLE ON JULY 29**

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Century 21 Hughes, David Hughes	Parker Funeral Home
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Market Square Discount Liquors	
Team Congressman Seth Moulton	

St. Stephen's Events

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:15 am Community Food Pantry, Lynn
2 Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist - English: Patrick LaFortune Celebrant 11:00 am Worship - Kiswahili 11:30 am Search Committee Meeting	3 8:00 pm AA	4 6:30 pm Knitter's Group 7:00 pm NA	5 6:30 pm Bible Study	6 10:30 am Healing Prayer & Pastoral Care Team Meeting 12:00 pm Eucharistic & Healing Prayers 1:00 pm Tea & Talk	7	8
9 Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost Church School Registration Begins 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist - English: Bishop is visiting! 11:00 am Worship - Kiswahili 11:45 am Vestry Meeting	10 8:00 pm AA	11 6:30 pm Knitter's Group 7:00 pm NA	12 6:30 pm Bible Study	13 12:00 pm Eucharistic & Healing Prayers 1:00 pm Tea & Talk	14 Holy Cross Day 6:30 pm OASIS	15
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