



St. Barnabas

Banner

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church • On the Village Green • Falmouth, Mass.

**January
2006**

When We Worship

**1st, 3rd and 4th
Sundays**

8 a.m.: Rite I
Holy Eucharist

9 a.m.: Rite III
Holy Eucharist

10 a.m.: Sunday
School; Adult Forum
(1st and 3rd); Clergy
Forum (4th)

11 a.m.: Rite II
Holy Eucharist
with Choir

2nd Sundays

8 a.m.: Rite I
Holy Eucharist

10 a.m.: Rite II
Contemporary
Eucharist

No Church School

4th Sunday

8 p.m.: Sung
Compline

Wednesdays

10 a.m.
Holy Eucharist
in the Chapel

2nd Wednesday
includes Service
of Healing

SPECIAL EVENT:

***ANNUAL
MEETING
and
POTLUCK
LUNCH***

**Sunday, January 29, 2006
10 a.m.**

St. Barnabas' Holy Eucharist and Annual Meeting will be held in the Church (only one service that day), followed by a potluck lunch in the Parish Hall.

Potluck dish assignments are based on the first letter of your last name:

A-J: Please bring a main dish

K-S: Please bring a salad or side dish

T-Z: Please bring a dessert

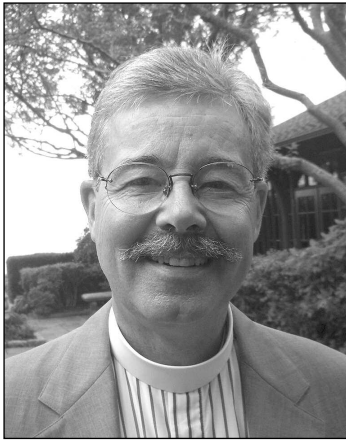


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From the rector: The Rev. Robert Appleyard, Jr.

Late Banner delivers good news

Let's just say that the reason that *The Banner* is late this month is because of me. Yes, there were the many bulletins for Christmas that tied up the printer in the office so that the *The Banner* could not be run off before Dec. 24. And yes, in the days immediately after, members of the staff took much deserved vacation days which made it, again, not possible to get the printing done. Still, regardless of all that, I have been completely unable to write my "From the Rector."

Each month, the deadline for articles is the 15th. Jayne Iafrate, our editor, usually gives me a little leeway because there is not so much layout concern with my article always fitting on the first inside page. However, by Sunday, Dec. 18, I still had nothing written and I knew I was in trouble. There was that wonderful Advent Lessons and Carols service that evening and then there were the last few days before Christmas, during which I try to take the sacrament to as many of our parishioners who are in the hospital or shut-in at home, finalize the bulletin preparations, and write my sermons for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Christmas Day came and I still had not written anything for *The Banner*.

I did not realize how exhausted I was after Christmas until Debby and I were driving, on Monday, Dec. 26, to our house in Maine. The services had been wonderful (thank you to the Altar Guild, ushers, acolytes, lay Eucharistic ministers and choir members; and thank you to the staff: Kathe, Randolph, Alex and Edson), and I believe that the over six hundred people who attended our four services received a real Christmas blessing through their worship. But I was drained afterward and I have to admit that it took several days of rest and relaxation to get the creative juices flowing once again. I came back to Falmouth ready for our News Year's Day worship, but still without my "From the Rector" piece.

Part of my problem was that the Nominating Committee had asked me to be in touch with the people whose names they wanted to put on the slate for new Vestry Members to be voted at Annual Meeting. This year the Vestry wanted to put up five names, of which three would be elected. I had sent out letters and then followed up with phone calls. We wanted to announce the slate in this month's *Banner*. Well, there are always delays. People need to think about it. People need to talk with their spouse about it and think a little more. People are not in town for a few days. People say "no" as well as "yes." I had hoped that we could have pictures and short biographies of each of the candidates as well as their names. However, it was not until Jan. 2 that I had the completed slate. So, only now can I share this important news (a letter will follow with pictures and bios).

On behalf of the Nominating Committee (comprised of our wardens and the three outgoing Vestry members), I am happy to announce that Susanne Davis, Faith Kolodziejski, John Schmidt, Harvey Williamson, and Tom Zarle have all agreed to allow their names be placed for nomination. Now I can submit my article! "Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!"

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News and Notes:

Events and opportunities for service, fellowship

Christmas Fair thanks

Episcopal Church Women wishes to thank all those who participated, or came and bought. The weather cooperated and there were loads of items for sale through your generosity.

The following is the net profit from each table:

Baked Goods	\$ 788.00
Baskets	\$ 1036.71
Books	\$ 842.90
Handcrafts	\$ 619.25
Corner Table	\$ 648.75
Jewelry	\$ 850.75
Kids Corner	\$ 276.75
Photos	\$ 45.00
Silent Auction	\$ 1942.00
Wreaths/Centerpieces	\$ 743.99
Luncheon (expenses unpaid)	\$ 901.50
Luncheon Desserts	\$ 75.06

Jeanne Platt thanks everyone who brought in items for ECW's Silent Auction. It was another successful event, she said, and very few people left their names, so she's not able to send you a Thank You letter. If anyone would like one for tax purposes, please let Jeanne know.

Cynthia Ogden also wanted to give a special thanks to all of you who brought in items to make up the gift baskets. They are always a big success and they sold out.

—Doris Weeks

Episcopal Church Women

The ECW Luncheon will be held on Jan. 24 at noon in the Parish House. We will have a hot catered lunch and then play winter bingo and just visit.

Mitten Tree thanks

A special thanks to the many people who so generously gave to the Mitten Tree so that the little hands in our community stay warm. The kindness of all who support this yearly outreach mission never ceases to amaze me. You are all so wonderful!

—Jane Hinckley

Notes from the library

Jan Karon wraps up her beloved series of Mitford in *Light from Heaven*. We want to read it, but we hate to reach the end.

The Psalms are read aloud on four CDs by Alex Jennings, a star at the Royal Shakespeare Company. He gets rave reviews!

Finally, St. Paul's Church on Nantucket has put together a delightful cookbook called *Nantucket Offerings: A Cookbook Celebrating Nantucket's Seasons*. This was a ton of work for that parish, but it is a promising long-term money raiser, the profits of which all go to St. Paul's outreach programs. Food for your taste buds, food for thought.

—Mary Heard

Acolyte training

Crucifier training is being held on Jan. 14, 21 and 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., and on Jan. 14 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. New crucifiers must attend two of the training sessions to be scheduled in the winter/spring (February and beyond). All new acolytes this fall should attend at least one training as a refresher. If you want to be a crucifer and can't attend any of the training sessions, or if you want to become an acolyte, please contact Page Franson.

Episcopal Church Men

The ECM will meet on Jan. 28, 8:30 a.m., Falmouth Inn, 824 Main St. Falmouth. The program will be a presentation by Kristen Curley, manager, Impact Area Study, Mass Military Reservation. This is a project to clean up the underground water under the artillery ranges used in the past by Army units.

Compline

Contemplative Prayer for the Close of the Day

Sunday, Jan, 22, 8 p.m.

Saint Barnabas Church

Sung by the Saint Barnabas Schola

Randolph S. James, Director

Vestry: Highlights of the December meeting (unapproved)

Chapter 8, “Hope for the Future” (from *Survival to Celebration* by Howard Hanchey), seemed to resonate strongly with Don Johnson, treasurer of St. Barnabas, this month. He led the meditation, saying that the chapter spoke directly to him in the areas of evangelism, stewardship, God at work among us and budget construction. This connection to God through the book was quite a surprise to Don since he had no idea what the chapter was about when he agreed to lead the meditation months ago. He ended the meditation with this prayer: “Almighty God, give us the ability to see your good work, provide us with patience, allow us to speak kind words, to understand your resources, to strengthen our resolve for forgiveness, to value resistance to newness, to celebrate your work and to follow your leadership in our decision making. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

The Vestry then shared where they had seen God at work among us in the past month. Don and his wife drove to Lowell in Friday’s blizzard in a questionable vehicle with God sharing the front seat. Others saw God’s hand in the cell phone sermon adaptation last Sunday, the 2nd Sunday Brunch shared with Bridgeport residents, a mother’s recovery in the hospital, the generosity of the community in a Toys for Tots drive at Town Hall, and in the former homeless tenants of Bridgeport now ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. God’s hand is even present in a blow-up manger scene along with all those Santas and snowmen.

As Vestry liaison to the Communications committee, Helen Gordon reported on an addition to the St. Barnabas Web site—the Rector’s blog. She also mentioned that the Web site records numbers and locations of hits and could report on this if the Vestry wishes. Cape and Islands Web masters for the Episcopal Church are excited to get together and have decided to meet. The meeting won’t be at St. Barnabas because there is no high-speed Internet here. Ellie Shaver reported that the 2nd Sunday Brunch in December, sponsored by the Outreach Ministry, raised \$102 for motel rooms for the homeless Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve. Joe Day distributed copies of the Property Report without comment.

Megan Reichel, daughter of Vestry member Sandy Reichel, is part of a team continuing the development of the Mashpee Mission Project. As part of her senior high school project, she is organizing an ecumenical youth rally at Christ the King Church to take place on Jan. 20, 2006. This event, not specifically focused on the Mashpee Mission, is designed to bring people together to begin to break down cultural barriers and to reach out to those young people especially who have no church affiliation, formal or informal. Attendees will be asked to bring food for the Mashpee Food Pantry.

Looking at the resources with which God has entrusted

us required most of the rest of the Vestry meeting time. Don reported on the current state of the church finances, noting that if all the outstanding pledges are fulfilled, the general operating budget for 2005 will end the year in the black. Strawberry Festival Funds were distributed and the Vestry approved a \$15,000 Behren’s Fund grant to the Falmouth Free Clinic.

The Stewardship campaign is in its final weeks. As of this meeting we have \$228,982 in pledges which represent 81 percent of \$280,000, the revised recommended pledge budget for 2006. One hundred two households have increased their pledge (more than last year) and we have 22 new pledges. We still have not heard from about 40 households that pledged last year although these households have been called. The average pledge has increased from \$950 to \$1039, a 9 percent increase.

The proposed 2006 budget was submitted for Vestry approval and after much explanation and exhaustive, detailed discussion, it was approved. This budget will be presented to the whole parish at the Annual Meeting, Jan. 29.

Steve DeBellis, chair of the RFP subcommittee, and Bill Smith, chair of the Finance Committee, both guests of the Vestry, joined Don Johnson to present the results of the search for an investment manager. This process occupied many months and was systematic and professional. Merrill Lynch was awarded the contract and will begin before the year ends.

Paul Gentile distributed draft copies of the Strategic Plan for St. Barnabas. There will be two Saturday meetings, one in January and one in February, to finalize the plan. This plan is a guideline to be followed and has many broadbased goals. The next step is to formalize actions plans to accomplish the goals.

Bob contacted five potential new Vestry members; three will be elected at the Annual Meeting.

Kim Strohm, as chair of the Parish Hall Renovation Committee, reported on the returned surveys from groups who will use the new Parish Hall. Several groups, including Memorial Garden, Coffee Hour, Newcomers, Prayer Shawl, FinCom and ECW have not responded with their space wishes for the new hall. The Personnel Committee met on Dec. 18 to start the process of formalizing job descriptions and staff evaluations. The Vestry Retreat will take place March 17-19 and Frederica Thompsett will facilitate. The Newcomers Ministry will do the 2nd Sunday Brunch on Jan. 8.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Full minutes of this meeting will be available on the Web site after they are approved at the January Vestry meeting.

—*Dicky Allison, Clerk of the Vestry*

January Birthdays

1 Peter Gallo
 1 Ashley Lawson
 1 James DeLuca
 1 Jennifer Lawson
 3 Lynne Olsen
 4 Elliot Camarra
 4 Elizabeth Taft
 4 Robert Taft
 5 Michael Bothner
 5 Melissa Deyo
 6 Adele Durward
 6 Charlie Geyer
 7 Richard Armstrong
 7 Molly Bagg
 8 Noreen Greetham
 8 Molly Eicher
 8 Taylor Rocheleau
 9 Justine Phillips
 9 Kim Strohm
 10 Barbara Buchanan
 10 Gerald White
 10 Priscilla Foltz



12 Marguerite Wills
 12 Julie Fougere
 12 Christopher Wrigley
 14 Arline Vernet
 14 Andrew Hamilton
 14 Robert Shaver
 15 Richard Lincoln
 15 Stasia Palmer
 16 Marcia Leonard
 17 Helene Spurrier
 17 Philip Whittaker

17 Cynthia Ballentine
 18 Deborah Donnelly
 19 Deborah Grabner
 19 Aleksander Drew
 19 Logan Drew
 20 Alvan Nickerson
 20 Barbara Nickerson
 20 Karen Bissonnette
 21 Jack Kelleher
 22 Suzan Scharr
 22 William Bento
 23 Eleanor Baldic
 23 Taylor Gonsalves
 27 John Schmidt
 29 Wendy Sheard
 29 Frederick Bohnenberger
 30 Joseph Gallo
 31 Bradford Barnes
 31 Eileen Campbell
 31 Jacqueline Balaschak
 31 Maxwell Mahabir

January Lectionary

January 1, Holy Name

Isaiah 62:1-5,10-12
 Psalm 103
 Rev. 19:11-16
 Matt. 1:18-25

January 6, The Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6,9
 Psalm 72
 Ephesians 3:1-12
 Matthew 2:1-12

January 8, First Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 42:1-9
 Psalm 89
 Acts 10:34-38
 Mark 1:7-11

January 15, Second Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)
 Psalm 63
 1 Corinthians 6:11b-20
 John 1:43-51

January 18, Confession of St. Peter

Acts 4:8-13
 Psalm 23
 1 Peter 5:1-4
 Matthew 16:13-19

January 22, Third Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 3:21-4:2
 Psalm 130;
 1 Corinthians 7:17-23
 Mark 1:14-20

January 25, Conversion of St. Paul

Acts 26:9-21
 Psalm 67
 Galatians 1:11-24
 Matthew 10:16-22

January 29, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 Psalm 111
 1 Corinthians 8:1b-13
 Mark 1:21-28

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Leadership Directory

Staff

Rector	Bob Appleyard	540-3634
Organist/Director of Music	Randolph James	540-7196
Administrative Assistant	Kathe Rabbitt	548-3863
Sextons	Edson DeMoura	778-5726
	Alex DeMoura	548-3863

Vestry

Sr. Warden	Paul Gentile	539-6962
Jr Warden	Joyce Harrington	564-4833
Treasurer	Don Johnson	548-4031
Asst Treasurer	Doug Greetham	457-1333
Clerk	Dicky Allison	548-4971
	Bill Borden	548-1305
	Dick Boyden	477-4014
	Joe Day	495-3939
	Helen Gordon	563-2457
	John Mason	564-6102
	Sandy Reichel	477-7440
	Ellie Shaver	548-2984
	Kim Strohm	457-4637
	Derek Sutton	548-6659
Youth Reps	Allison Deyo	
	Caitlyn O'Brien	

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Reps.	Marcia Donovan	548-5738
	Mimi Frank	548-3996
	Helen Gordon	563-2457
	Andy Payne	540-8149
	Megan Reichel (Cape youth rep)	
	Ellie Shaver	548-2984

Ministries and Group Contacts

Buildings and Grounds (Vestry)

Memorial Garden	Debbie Gentile	539-6962
Property	Bob Peterson	540-1639
Historians	Jeanne and Bill Platt	457-0023

Christian Formation

Committee	Joyce Harrington	564-4833
Adult Ed.	Joyce Harrington	564-4833
Church School	Kim Strohm	457-4637
Youth Group	Kate Stebinger (774)	392-1918
Librarian	Mary Heard	548-5462

Ministries and Group Contacts (cont.)

Fellowship (Bob Appleyard)

Coffee Hour	Ingrid Frank	548-5647
ECM	Bill Platt	457-0023
ECW	Doris Weeks	548-6671
Social	Stasia Palmer	548-4858

Finance (Vestry)

Finance	Bill Smith	540-3566
Stewardship	Brian/Susan Bint	540-9398

Inreach/Outreach (Vestry)

Banner	Jayne Iafrate	564-5339
Hospitality	Jane Hinckley	548-8928
Newcomers	Joan Stephenson	495-9970
Outreach	Annie Holden	495-1886
Overnights of Hospitality	Ellie Shaver	548-2984
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Debbie Gentile	539-6962
Sunshine Notes	Eddie McKean	548-5958

Pastoral Care (Bob Appleyard)

Hospital visits/Home visits on request	Bob Appleyard	540-3634
Lay Eucharistic Visitors		
Prayer Chain	Susan Schmidt	563-9898

Strategic Planning (Vestry)

Committee	Paul Gentile	539-6962
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Worship (Bob Appleyard)

Acolytes	Page Franson	540-1389
Altar Flowers	Eileen Bergstrom	548-2953
Altar Guild	Pie Smith	540-3566
	Pat Cowan	540-7074
Lectors	Kathe Rabbitt	548-3863
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Kathe Rabbitt	548-3863
Music/Choirs	Randolph James	548-3863
Ushers	Tina Gomes	540-9039

Remember These Special Event Dates

- Jan. 8** **Second Sunday Brunch**
11:15 a.m., Parish Hall
- Jan. 9** **Vestry Meeting**
7 p.m., Parish House
- Jan. 10** **Prayer Chain**
5:15 p.m., Chapel
- Jan. 11** **Prayer Shawl Ministry**
6:30 p.m., Parish House.
- Jan. 22** **Compline**
8 p.m., Church
- Jan. 29** **Annual Meeting and Potluck Lunch**
10 a.m., Church and Parish Hall



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