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Our Mission (What we do)

Our mission is to help people grow in their faith and trust in God by helping them recognize their God-given talents and to use them to serve God and their neighbor.

Our Vision (Where we are going)

Our vision is to be a community in which God's love is experienced and shared.



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From the Rector...

Many blessings to you for the coming of our New Year. Indeed, all of us are in the midst of new beginnings. Alleluia.

In the spirit of new life, I want to share with you a definition of worship that has brought me great solace and joy. It was written jointly by the Rev. Frederick Buechner, a Presbyterian minister and wise counsel to me for many years, the Rev. Ted Gleason, the editor and director of Forward Movement, who has provided me with many wonderful prayers, and Father Daniel Morrissey, Dominican priest and spiritual guide and godfather to one of my dear friends.

"Worship as event is a gathering of the strands of life into a whole, a searching out and embracing of the need and shadow in one another's lives. It is the common sharing of life's wonder, terror, mystery, and ambiguity; it is not peace but upset, not withdrawal from the world but presence in the world.

"Whether quietly and individually or more publicly and collectively, worship celebrates the gift of individuals to others, the live presence of value and affection, the manifestation of unconditional concern for life lived in relation to God.

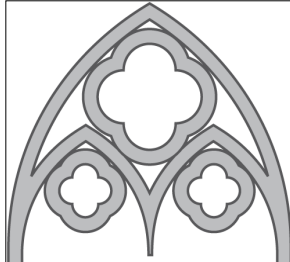
"In worship we come as pilgrims from many places. We come to a center of life and we find that we are not alone; for, in seeking the being within myself and others, I touch the mystery of all being. I am found worthy, I am found, I am—and therefore I am free to find another."

All Saints' provides us with a safe place to be unveiled, held, and emboldened so that we can believe and trust in God's purpose for our lives. The beauty and power of worship opens us up to the grace of God which continually transforms us, because as Paul reminds us, "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Corinthians 3:17).

In the season of Epiphany, we behold this freedom that is charged with the grandeur of God.

With gratitude and love,

Jamie+



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Looking Ahead for Christian Education

As a new year begins and calendars start to fill up, I figured a good use of this month's *Messenger* space is to look ahead to some of the (very exciting!) Amazing Christian education experiences awaiting us in 2015.

I would like to begin by mentioning a huge initiative on the horizon. We are so fortunate to be under the guidance of a bishop who believes strongly in the importance of children and youth in our church communities. Bishop Rob announced to a small group of youth leaders gathered at his office in Concord recently that the theme of Diocesan Convention for 2015 would be youth ministry. Naturally, we were thrilled!

This vital work belongs at the center of our attention as we, the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire, strive to push forward into the new, the wild, the radical and the transformative experiences for which children and teenagers are so well suited. The youth leaders and the Bishop unanimously agreed that during Convention, a group of trained leaders from among the youth around the state also should be undergoing an experience of gathering with their peers and facilitating a similar convention experience, which then will be shared with the adult delegates.

Therefore, I am extending an invitation to the youth of our church to begin thinking about their evolving role at All Saints' and the wider church and whether they are ready to take the lead to help plan a diocesan-wide youth experience for themselves and their peers this coming November. An in-depth conversation and planning session for this will take place on **Sunday, May 3**, and it will be open to any youth who wish to attend. But the time to start thinking about YOUR voice is NOW. Where does the church need to go from here? Buildings are closing and communities are joining with others – what will the church of the future look like to you? What will your role be? How will you take initiative to spread the Gospel to a needy world? Things are changing – be part of that change!

With all this said, there is a great deal to look forward to between now and May. To begin with, I believe a second annual snow-tubing adventure is in order for January! I am looking at Sunday, **January 18**. If you would like to join in the fun, please let me know and we will purchase a group rate ticket. We will be heading to Boston for CityReach from **Friday, February 6, and Saturday, February 7**. A huge thank you to all those who have already generously donated – we have loads of wonderful things already to bring with us. If you have more to donate, please feel free to do so: there is a box in the Old Parish House parlor.

Our 30-Hour Fast will take place **Friday, February 27, through, Sunday, March 1**. This is always a popular event and I look forward to another great weekend.

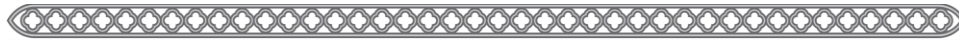
March 20-22 will be the Teens Encounter Christ weekend sponsored by the Diocese of Maine. This is open to teenagers in grades 9-12. Those who attended last year are eligible to be on Team this year and help facilitate the retreat – please let me know right away if you would like to be involved, either as a participant or a team leader. On **April 1**, the youth group will present the Stations of the Cross at 7 PM as part of Holy Week services. We also will be looking at a game night in April, with that date TBD. As mentioned before, May will include our Youth Delegation meeting as well as a movie night and a clean-up service day around the church on **Saturday, May 23**. Before we know it, June will be here with the end of Sunday school but, also a gearing up for a new and re-imagined Summer Fair. I will be looking for help from our kids, families, teenagers and anyone and everyone who would like to help plan this year's fair!

Thank you to all those who contribute to Christian Education as a volunteer, teacher, parent, chaperone and so much more. I couldn't do it without each and every one of you. Happy

Alma's Poem

Anyone interested in being a
Lay Eucharistic Minister or
Lay Eucharistic Visitor
Please speak with Jamie, email her at
revjamie@allsaintsnh.org
or call the church office at 924-3202.

Resolutions are in the air
We all make them but to be fair
We then break them, so let's take care
And make some easy to keep
Like lose some weight – get more sleep
To other people be kinder
Come to church if you need a reminder
Last but not least
See each day as a God given feast
Come along – get on board



Lay Eucharistic Ministry

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) assist the celebrant with the distribution of Holy Communion at services of the Eucharist including Sundays, weekdays and special occasions such as weddings and funerals. LEMs, who wear the same vestments as choir members (black cassock and white surplice), usually sit near the altar in the sanctuary during the service. When there are no acolytes present, a LEM will assist the priest in the preparation of the elements. After receiving communion, the LEM will follow the priest along the chancel rail, offering the chalice to those who wish to receive. LEMs are trained by the priest and licensed by the Bishop before they serve at the altar.

Why I'm a Lay Eucharistic Minister

I receive great comfort, joy and spiritual strength from our Christian rites, especially the celebration of the Eucharist and sharing Holy Communion with fellow worshippers. It is a moment of prayerful intimacy with Jesus and millions of others that knows no boundaries – in the same instant around the globe, across time, directly from the Last Supper until today and for millennia to come. For this layperson, what greater joy could there be than helping provide access to that immediate presence of God in our lives?

Yes, this is a solemn act, but you might detect a little smile on my face...

Rick Simpson

Being a Lay Eucharistic Visitor

Besides occasionally serving at the altar as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, I'm also licensed by the bishop to be a Lay Eucharistic Visitor. If, for scheduling reasons, the rector can't visit someone who's homebound, I am able to bring them the consecrated bread and wine.

You might have seen the celebrant handing me the black travelling communion kit at the end of a Sunday service and commissioning me to take the sacrament to a parishioner unable to get to church. If it's not convenient for the shut-in to have a visit on that day, we arrange a better time. Family and friends are welcome to join us in the service, which is quite brief and includes the Lord's Prayer, the Collect and Gospel of the day, the Prayer of Humble Access, and an invitation in the name of the parish.

Eucharistic visits are exquisitely powerful and beautiful. It is a profound joy and honor to bring the love of God and of our parish to members who can't be with us in the church at a service.

Christine Howe



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Exploring the Inner Life: A Circle of Trust

*You formed my innermost being. You knit me together in my mother's womb...
I am fearfully and wonderfully made...my soul knows that very well.*

Psalm 139:13-14

Have you ever wondered what's at the innermost being? Thomas Merton suggests that this is where you will find your own true self. The attempt to name that which lies at the center of human life and the experience of those who have traveled inward suggests that there is more to the inner life than we know and invites us to "come and see."

A Circle of Trust, based on the teachings in Parker Palmer's book, "A Hidden Wholeness - Journey to an Undivided Life", is a specific method, developed and taught by Parker Palmer, to create a safe space for the soul or inner teacher, to emerge and speak to you either silently or aloud. Having this safe place to listen to your soul helps you discern your own path, find your truth, and discover your inner voice in the encouraging and supportive presence of other people.

The Circle of Trust at All Saints' Church began in 2009 and continues today with four day-long retreats each year at the Barbara C. Harris Center. The cost for the year is \$140, due on February 1, 2015. The Circle of Trust is open to all people and we invite you to join us as we learn to uncover our authentic inner voice or "hidden wholeness."

There will be an introductory meeting on Thursday, January 15, from 6-8 PM in the Old Parish House. Please contact Deb DeCicco (532-7827 or debdecicco@gmail.com) to register so we know how many people to expect.

Saintly News

Congratulations to...

- ❖ Madelyn Norris for completion of the Parish Nursing course.
- ❖ Beth Krommes on the completion of her new children's book, *Blue on Blue*.
- ❖ Evan Wagner, Max Scheinblum, and Faith Ohnesorge on achieving Honors/High Honors for the Fall Semester at South Meadow Middle School.

If you would like to share a "special news" item or a happy occasion with the Parish, please email Gloria Schultz at glojoemointheglen@gmail.com or call 924-9489.

January Saints' Days

1/5	Peter Oliver Ryan Betz	1/10	1/17	Martha Raymond Libby Twitchell	1/25	Judith Pratt Bailey Guinn
1/6	Jerry Branch Beth Krommes Tommy Goodwin		1/18	Susan Gill		Elisabeth Foecking Catherine Pendleton
1/7	Lilianne Tullio		1/19	Heather Peterson	1/26	Lily Beyer
1/8	Charles Richmond Megan Graff		1/20	Louise Lawrence	1/28	Elsbeth Pendleton
1/9	Christine Kelly		1/23	Isabella Zielie Claire Marlar	1/31	David Boothby Naomi-Clare Praul
			1/24	Laura Campbell Finbarr McCullough		

If your name is missing from our Saints' Days lists, PLEASE let us know so you can be remembered! Just call or email the Church office: 924-3202 or diane@allsaintsnh.org

All Saints' Friday Fling!

As many of you know, I schedule and organize the All Saints 8@8 Dinners program each year. Recently, a parishioner asked me if there was a way this could be "spiced up" a bit to include a wider portion of the parish. After speaking with the rector, we're going to have a "Friday Fling!"

This year, "Friday Fling" will occur on February 13 – yes, that date IS, in fact, Friday the 13th – you don't need to check your calendars on that. Essentially, 'Friday Fling' is going to be a "potluck social" event. Anyone in the parish can attend 'Friday Fling.' It is not limited to just those participating in 8@8, though this is being included as part of the 8@8 schedule.

For anyone doing this year's 8@8, there is no second Saturday 8@8 scheduled in February. This replaces it. At present, there are 41 8@8 participants with 39 people who would normally be scheduled for a February 8@8, if such a thing were going to occur. So, already, 39 people are automatically signed up.

The concept is a simple one. Anyone from the parish can attend. You do not have to be an 8@8 participant. You can invite any one you want; perhaps a friend of yours who's never been to an All Saints' event, your children, whoever! Also, you supply a dish, such as a main course, side or dessert. Anyone attending must contribute something in some small way, just as the 8@8 participants.

Want to come? What the "Fling" needs is your participation. We will need assistance in the following areas:

- Reynolds Hall set-up and breakdown (tables and chairs set-up, mostly)
- Kitchen needs, such as use of stove and dishwasher as needed

I will be talking more about the details after the first of the year. But for now, put Friday, February 13, on your calendar for the "Friday Fling!" and stay tuned!

Steve Smillie, 8@8 Dinners Coordinator

Pastoral Care Ministry

What does pastoral care mean to you? Providing meals? Providing a spiritual presence? Visiting those unable to come to church? It can be this and a lot more!

Our mission is to provide a ministry of prayer, presence, and spiritual support to the All Saints' community.

The core group has been meeting with Jamie to discuss ways we can grow and better serve our parish and we would love to hear your thoughts and ideas.

We are hosting a dinner on Wednesday, January 28, at 6 PM in the Rectory for all those interested in working with this ministry. Please RSVP to the church office.

Feel free to contact one of us if you have any questions
or if you are interested in this Ministry but cannot

attend.

Heidi Graff and Liz Tong, Ministry co-leaders

Celebration of a New Ministry

“Open me, I’m kind of a big deal.” When the email from an online travel agency arrived, coincidentally the words “big deal” were on my mind, as I thought about the Celebration of a New Ministry on Wednesday, January 14, at 6:30 PM.

Some people have asked, “What is this service?” It is more than “kind of a big deal” in the life of a parish, when the bishop comes for the institution and induction of a new rector and celebration of a new phase of life and ministry together. Some people call it the rector’s installation, while others are quick to correct the use of that word, as only bishops, deans and canons are ceremonially seated in cathedral stalls. (Besides, as a friend points out, “installation” sounds like what we do with kitchen and laundry appliances; but then, “institution” has another connotation as well.)

The preferred terminology for what will happen, God willing, on January 14, comes from the Celebration of New Ministry, a service in *The Book of Common Prayer*, beginning on page 559. While Jamie’s new ministry with us began in October, the January 14 liturgy will mark her official Institution and Induction as Rector of All Saints’ and include a celebration of the Eucharist, with Bishop Rob presiding and preaching. It might sound as if this service is all about the rector, and while some of it is about the ministry of the rector, it is also about the ministry we all share in this parish and the world. To emphasize that shared ministry, in some places the service is called “The Renewal of Ministry and Welcoming of a New Rector.”

Bishop Rob’s presence will serve as a reminder of our connection with the Episcopal Church in New Hampshire and beyond. He will ask the new rector and the congregation to “commit [our]selves to lively proclamation of the gospel through the work of this congregation and the larger church, working together in love and harmony and in mutual respect for the ministries of all the baptized.” He will read aloud the Letter of Institution (BCP, p. 557) and deliver a prayerful charge to Jamie. Reminders of our shared ministry as bishop, priest and people include a special Litany of Renewal of the Church, a Covenant of Mutual Ministry and the exchange of symbolic gifts of ministry: water for baptism, a Bible for proclaiming the gospel, keys to doors open for all people and a candle representing the light of Christ. Then the rector may stand or kneel in the center of the congregation humbly praying for God’s help in faithfully carrying out the ministry entrusted to her, and the congregation adds a prayer recommitting ourselves to carry out the ministries given to us in Baptism.

Following the service, there will be a festive reception in Reynolds Hall, hosted by the members of the Search Committee, who would welcome contributions of food from other members of the congregation. If you can help, please be in touch with Betsy Fowle at revbets@aol.com or 525-3571.

Please join us as we welcome Bishop Rob, Jamie’s family and friends, clergy colleagues and guests from the community as we join together to celebrate Jamie’s ministry among us and a new season of life and ministry together in Christ’s name at All Saints’.

Betsy Fowle



All Saints’ in Print

A new book at the Peterborough Town Library, *Arts and Crafts Architecture: History and Heritage in New England* by Maureen Meister (University Press of New England, 2014), features All Saints’ on pages 120-122 with a write-up and color photos of the facade, a Mary window, the carved post in the vestibule and a door latch.

David Simpson

All Saints' Church

Sunday, January 25

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist (one service)

followed by

ANNUAL MEETING

Candidate for Senior Warden

Phil Suter has been on the vestry for a year. He moved to the Monadnock region a few years ago from the Seacoast, where he attended St. John's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth. A life-long Episcopalian, Phil's Episcopal roots run deep – from Bishop Samuel Seabury on his mother's side, to the Rev. John Wallace Suter (Custodian of the Prayer Book, and Dean of Washington National Cathedral) on his father's side.

Phil's past professional life includes several years in advertising and marketing and more than a dozen years in the Foreign Service. Currently, Phil wears several professional hats, including president of the Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce, executive director of the Regional Consortium for Advanced Manufacturing (RCAM), based at Keene State College; and adjunct professor of management at both University of New Hampshire in Durham, and Antioch University New England in Keene.

Phil was born in Brattleboro, Vt., and grew up mostly in Massachusetts. He is a graduate of Milton Academy, The Colorado College, and UNH (where he received his MBA.) Phil is on the board of the Peterborough Folk Music Society, and enjoys as many rounds of golf as New England seasons permit.

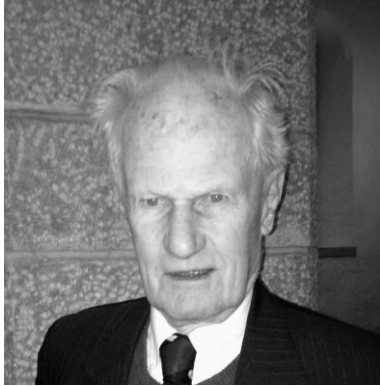
Candidates for Vestry



Joan Cunningham moved with her husband, David, and teenage son, Jackson, to Peterborough from Austin, Texas in 2011 and joined ASC that year. Joan was raised Lutheran and in the 10 years before moving to New Hampshire she attended The Church of Conscious Harmony, a contemplative Christian community in Austin, where she was introduced to the practice of centering prayer and the teachings of Thomas Keating. She was received into the Episcopal Church in 2012.

Joan has served on boards and committees of nonprofit organizations and has a professional background as a design strategist and art director in publishing, particularly with educational curriculum. She has participated in the ASC Circle of Trust group for the last three years; has completed one year in the EfM program; and was a member of the ASC search committee in 2013-2014.

Joan and her family have fallen deeply in love with this region and community and hope to make it home for many years to come. Joan's personal interests are centered around her love for stories, nature, creativity, and looking for those improbable moments of grace.



John Goodhue was born in Boston, was raised and worked in New York, until he moved to Hancock in 1989. There, he and his wife Charlotte, who died last year, were active in the community church. They moved to RiverMead in Peterborough six years ago and participated in worship at All Saints' since then.

John graduated from Harvard and has a masters' degree from Salve Regina University in Newport R.I. He served in the Marine Corps Reserve and worked in ocean transportation with States Marine Lines and the Navy's Military Sealift Command.

John volunteers with Boston STRIVE, and employment service placing uptown people in meaningful downtown jobs. He also works at the Cheshire County House of Correction in their High School Education and Employment Assistance programs.



Beth Healy has been a parishioner at All Saints' since 2004. She was raised in New Jersey, lived in New York City, and now lives in Harrisville with her husband, Jack Calhoun. She received her BA from Vassar College and MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. Prior to moving to New Hampshire in 1991, she worked in magazine publishing and for UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund.

Beth's company *Healy & Associates* provides development and management consulting with a focus on major gift relationship building, cultivation and stewardship. She served as Senior Foundation Officer at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation from 1997 to 2008, leading the creation of the Foundation's Monadnock Region. From 2008 to 2011, she was Director of Development for MoCo Arts in Keene.

She was raised and spent many years as a Roman Catholic. She met Jack Calhoun in 2003, became an All Saints' parishioner in 2004 and she and Jack were married by Adrian in 2006. At All Saint's she serves as usher, lector and greeter; is in her 3rd year of Education for Ministry (EfM); was a participant in Circle of Trust for several years; and this year started helping ASP with our External Communication efforts.

Beth has a particular interest in literacy, mentoring programs and programs empowering youth, women and girls. She is past Chair of Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) Board and an active member and past President of the Keene Kiwanis Club. She volunteers with Keene Community Education and with America Reads, is a Hospice volunteer and is an Incorporator for Monadnock Family Services.



Greg Naudascher lives in Dublin and has been a parishioner at All Saints' Church for six years. He was born and raised in Bucks County, Pennsylvania and relocated to New Hampshire in 2007.

Greg graduated from Temple University with a BS in Education and went on to earn an M.Ed from Lehigh University and Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility from Marywood University. He served as a public school educator for 42 years, in a variety of positions in Pennsylvania and New Hampshire. During his career, he served as an elementary teacher, principal, Director of Curriculum, and Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. He recently retired from the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School District. He would look forward to the opportunity to use his training and organizational experience to support the varied ministries and community projects supported by All Saints' Church.

His favorite activities include gardening and landscaping, cooking, and art. He and his wife, Cynthia, have been married for 41 years and have two children and two grandchildren.



Carl Wagner IV was born in Seattle in 1997 and his parents moved to Peterborough in 2002. He was baptized and confirmed here at All Saints'. He is in his senior year at ConVal High School, participating in the Jazz Band, varsity math team and National Honor Society.

Carl is applying to college for the fall of 2015 and planning to major in biochemistry. He is an avid reader who enjoys puzzles and strategic games such as chess and bridge. He lives with my mother Lora McClintock, stepdad Todd, brother Evan and stepsister Megan here in Peterborough.

Carl feels that as a member of the youth of the parish, he would bring in a valuable perspective to the Vestry. He has grown up in the church and has participated in Christian education, the pageant and the youth choir. He is a committed member of the acolyte core.

Book Note

Hildegard of Bingen, after centuries of living in obscure pigeonholes called Medieval Thought, Christian Mystics, and Musicology, burst into new popularity in the 1980s and '90s, when the vast range of interests and accomplishments of this 12th Century abbess was noted by New Age writers, feminists, Early Music enthusiasts, and theologians alike.

By any measure, this is an extraordinary woman. Suffering most of her life from ill health of various kinds, including debilitating migraine, she nonetheless lived to the age of 81. Fortunate to be born into an aristocratic German family, she used her connections as well as her own personality and determination to become simultaneously a founder and administrator of Benedictine abbeys, a visionary, a composer of original music (including a forerunner of opera), a herbalist, a voluminous correspondent of emperors, popes, queens, monks, and ordinary people (all of whom asked for and respected her advice, which was not always gentle), and a touring preacher of great power. Like Tolkien, she also invented a language and an alphabet.

Several English translations of her work are now available. I find Carmen Acevedo Butcher's *Hildegard of Bingen: a Spiritual Reader* (2007) stimulating, provoking, and occasionally hilarious. Butcher's rendering of the Latin original is vigorous and colloquial; I suspect the abbess would have approved. ("I'm...nothing like an early Church Father, because I've never officially been a student. I'm merely a too-sensitive, frail rib with mystical lungs, who saw a living, blazing fire that couldn't be put out.") There is also a thorough exposition

of Hildegard's life and work, and introductions to each section of her writings. In addition to a bibliography, there is a discography of recordings of her music.

In reading her work, I find admiration for her courage in confronting both her own weakness and the opposition of contemporaries (including the male ecclesiastics with some power over her and her monasteries). She has a vitality in her writing that may balance her chronic physical illness. A list of seven sins in "The Book of Life's Merits" is illuminating; they are: love of the world, shallowness, showiness, hardheartedness, laziness, anger, and lusting after pleasure! "Get on with it!" the abbess seems to say.

Stimulating and unpredictable. The visionary and the practical are here wedded in the service of One whom Hildegard of Bingen rejoiced to have as ruler and companion, and whom she delighted to share.

One last sample: "Everyone, both sick and well, should eat raw garlic. Cooking ruins the flavor."

Cassius Webb

The Outreach Corner

NEADS

By now most of you have heard about NEADS (National Education for Assistance Dog Services,) an organization started in 1976 that has trained over 1,500 dogs. What you might not know are many interesting facts about this organization and how your generous donations have impacted numerous lives.

A few years back, All Saints' started to make NEADS one of our Outreach endeavors. Since then, your generous contributions on St. Francis Day at the "The Blessing of the Animals" and special plate collections during the year have helped many people.

It costs NEADS about \$25,000 to raise and train an assistance dog. Clients are usually responsible for about \$10,000 towards that goal. So, as you can imagine, it takes time to accumulate the funds necessary to attain a service dog.

NEADS dogs are not limited to serving individuals with one type of disability but serve a variety of people with various disabilities. Hearing dogs are specially trained to alert humans to sound while service dogs help individuals with everyday tasks such as opening and closing doors and retrieving objects. Some dogs are placed with children with autism, helping them feel safer and calmer in school or at home. The Canines for Combat Veterans help wounded veterans readjust to everyday life, while providing companionship as well.

As a parish, we can be very proud of the contributions we have given over the past years to help numerous individuals. NEADS continues to be one of our Outreach endeavors.

Gloria Schultz, Representative for the NEADS ministry

Use Words

Use words...to tell me what you feel
 And like light...that time from darkness steals
 The more of who you are you reveal...
 The better I can see

The beauty... of your kind heart
 The wisdom...your love will impart...
 Maybe even I will start
 To tell you how much I've left to say...

*Whenever I'm short (or petty) with you – I'm so blind
On a one-way ride driving me out of my mind...
Let me make it up to you – by using words to say what's true...
That there's no time on earth – for that kind of fool!*

And you told me...the other day
In your only... special way
That you can't
Have it harder than it's been...
So please...don't begin

So now...let me be true...
To what I... to what I mean to you...
Put the language
Of my heart
In the words I say.

Andy Peterson



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CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY

God willing,

the Bishop of New Hampshire

the Right Reverend A. Robert Hirschfeld

will institute

The Rev. Jamie L. Hamilton

As Rector

All Saints' Church

51 Concord Street

Peterborough, New Hampshire

On Wednesday, January 14, 2014

at 6:30 PM

Your prayers and presence are requested.

Clergy: White stoles

Reception to follow



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Editor's Note

It seems commonplace to comment on how quickly time passes, to wonder how it can possibly be a new year, to express amazement that we are already fifteen years into the 21st century. But I admit that I am thinking all of those things.

I was talking with friends the other day about change – and was reminded of the Buddhist philosophy is that the only constant is change. I wondered why we aren't all better at adapting to change: since "practice makes perfect" and change is constantly happening. Why aren't we all more flexible?

But as I reflected more and more on this idea of change, constancy and flexibility, I began to use some of the "Theological Reflection" skills I learned in EfM. Where is God in all of this? What does Scripture say? What is our tradition?

And I remember – the only constant in my life is not change. Constant in my life is the love of God through Christ. Constant is the cycle of the Church year. Constant is the ineffable beauty and

Two important events in the life of our church are coming up in January. The first is on **January 14** at 6:30 PM when Bishop Rob will be here for the Celebration of a New Ministry as Jamie is officially "instituted" as our Rector. (Read Betsy's article about this celebration!)

The second is our Annual Meeting on **January 25** after the 9:30 AM service (the only one that day.) Read all about the candidates for Senior Warden and Vestry in this *Messenger*.

And of course, there lots of other articles and poems here also. Enjoy reading!

The deadline for the February *Messenger* is January 21. The theme will be "Spreading the Word." Please send your contributions to me at chow6569@gmail.com.

With much gratitude and great joy,

Christine