

St. Bartholomew's Newsletter

March 2001

The Rector's Choice

*Rev. Perrin Radley
Interim/Supply Priest*

I want to thank you for giving me the space in the newsletter to be in touch with you. You were most welcoming to me on my first Sunday with you, and I look forward to being with you on Sundays and Wednesday evenings during Lent, and to celebrate with you on Easter and into Eastertide before your new rector comes. I see my role with you being something like that of John the Baptist, pointing to the good things to come. I just hope to keep my head off the platter!

So we'll go through Lent together. And what is Lent? It's a preparation for Easter, for Easter isn't something to come up to suddenly. Starting on Ash Wednesday we'll begin our own, inner journey to Easter. Remember you're not alone; there are the rest of us, and many, many more everywhere who have packed their bags to journey into the up-country of the spirit. And remember, too, that we'll all end up at the same place on Easter morning -- in the garden of the Resurrection.

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This journey can take many different forms. For some it will be a life experience that will teach you what you need to understand Easter; for others it will be a book to read, or a list of people to keep in prayer. For someone else it may mean getting rid of cravings or habits that keep you from being the temple of God you've been made to be. For another person it may mean taking on acts of kindness each day that ordinarily you wouldn't have time for.

In short, then, Lent for some will mean giving up; for others, taking up. Both will work so long as you're changed in the process, and can see Easter already dawning in your life. For having a good Lent will bring you a glorious Easter.

God's peace be with you on the way.
Perrin

Our New Supply Priest

Rev. C. Perrin Radley started his service to St. Bartholomew's on February 18, 2001 and will continue to be with us weekly through Lent and Easter. Rev. Radley is a native of Washington, D.C., retired from the Diocese of Maine a year ago and has recently returned to the Washington area. Many of us have already met him. He gives a strong sermon and has a wonderful voice. If you have not yet been to one of his services, come now!

The Alpha Course for Teens and Near-Teens

The Alpha Course provides a practical introduction to the Christian faith through video tapes and discussions. A year ago we had a very successful adult study. Now we are beginning a course especially for our youth. The course will begin on March 4, 2001 in the Rectory. It will be held at the regular Sunday School hours. Contact Bill Fitts for details.

Interim/supply

Rev C. Perrin Radley (202) 333-7533

Day-to-Day Pastoral Care

Rev. Ken Brown (301) 384-1911

Rev. Joseph Clark (301) 948-0122

Rev. Ben Shambaugh (301) 774-6999

Ladies Guild Activities

The Ladies Guild recently provided tins of cookies for our college students and our lone active serviceman, Rev. Gerry Blackburn. Twenty eight tins were made and many thanks to the cooks — Dottie, Louisa, Margaret, Betty, Sonja, Diane, and Barbara. Bryan and Barbara Husted did all the local deliveries and all of the mailings. A great time was had by all and notes of appreciation are being received from the recipients.

Most of you probably saw the photograph of our church which the Guild presented to Rev. Blackburn. If there is enough interest, perhaps we can get some copies made. The photographer is on vacation but we will check this out upon his return. If you are interested, please call Barbara White, (301) 258-9173

It's not too early to remind you of the dates of the Montgomery County Fair, August 10-19, 2001. We will be running the same food booth we had last year in the Commercial Building. Save those dates so that you can be part of a fun activity intermingled with work.

Diocesan Leadership Conference Saturday, March 31

Each year, the Diocese holds an *"Equipping the Baptized for Ministry"* leadership conference that offers a variety of workshops in nine broad areas:

- Youth and Christian Education
- Worship and Music
- Stewardship
- Spiritual Growth
- Social and Justice Ministries
- Leadership
- Evangelism and Communications
- Diocesan Systems
- Congregational Development.

In 1999 a group of us attended different workshops in most of these broad areas and brought back a number of new ideas for our Vestry and congregation.

It's an excellent opportunity to discuss common issues with other Episcopalians. The workshops are well organized and the presenters, both clergy and lay, are knowledgeable. We'd like to put a St. B's team together and attend as many different workshops as possible.

It will be held at Queen Anne Episcopal School, Upper Marlboro, MD - a short and easy 7-mile drive from Beltway/Exit 15. It will probably take as much time to get there as the Cathedral. Each workshop is \$8 and you can attend 1,2, or 3. Breakfast and lunch are included. We can car pool from the church leaving about 7:30 or maybe earlier.

We'll be contacting many to participate. But please call the wardens if you can attend.

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Wardens Words

Thank you all for your participation in the St. Bartholomew's Annual Meeting. It was an inspiration to me to see so many enthusiastic members of our parish all coming together and filling our church. The positive attitudes show that we have put our difficulties of 2000 behind us and are looking forward to the year 2001. I said it at our meeting and it deserves to be said again — we have a dedicated group of people in our Parish who give unflinchingly of their time and energy to get things done!

The Parish Renewal project is showing results. You all saw that the church sparkles with its new paint job. (Paid for in part by the proceeds of the Montgomery County Fair Food Booth.) The Rectory has been cleaned and we are starting to make use of it while we still are considering what should be done with it for the long term. We are beginning to think about spring and summer. This means, for us, the Spring Festival and Yard Sale, the Azalea Sale, the Second Annual Auction, Parish Picnic, and the County Fair Food Booth. All this and a new Rector too! We are an active Parish and things run because people behind the scenes make them run. We have many active members. We can always use more. Below is a list of Committees that support our church activities. Look at the list. Perhaps one of these Committees is just waiting for you to join it.

COMMITTEES -- 2001

Standing Committees

Budget and Finance	George Leigh, Chair
Stewardship/Every Member Canvass	David Carvey, Co-chair Ethel Ollivierre, Co-chair
Property Maintenance	Bill Fitts
Parish Activities	Joyce Hatter
Legal	Ethel Ollivierre
Audit	Arthur Elgin
Music	Penny Jansen Meredith Smith
Building Fund	Jim Craig
Memorial Fund	Charley White

Additional Committees and Appointments

Treasurer	Walt Mathieson
Registrar	Louisa Riggs
Membership Registrar	Sue Lowry
Acolytes	Ed Smith
Christian Education	
Adult	
Sunday School	Bill and Ann Fitts
Youth	Bill and Ann Fitts
Ushers	Charles White
Welcome Committee	Joyce Hatter
Altar Guild	Stevie Grimes
Griffith House Renovation	Rob Glasby
Parish Renewal Project	Harry Bennett
Worship	
Pastoral Care Committee	Sue Lowry

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on February 4, 2001. Senior Warden Harry Bennett announced that we have a new Rector, **Rev. David Pollock**, who will start at St. Bartholomew's on May 1, 2001. He also announced **Rev. C. Perrin Radley** will be with us until the end of April.

Harry's remarks centered on Stewardship and Service. Many people do many things here at St. Bart's to keep everything running smoothly. He reminded us that we can all participate through the many Committees that we have here. Walt Mathieson, our new Treasurer, brought to our attention that even though we are doing well, we need to do better to avoid our continuing deficit.

Election Results: **Harry Bennett** and **George Leigh** were re-elected to the positions of Senior and Junior Warden. **Rob Glasby** and **Dwight Reynolds** -- who had been on interim appointments -- and **Jim Craig** were elected to the Vestry for three year terms. **Stevie Grimes** was elected to serve again as Diocesan Delegate with **Deborah Howard** to be Alternate Diocesan Delegate.

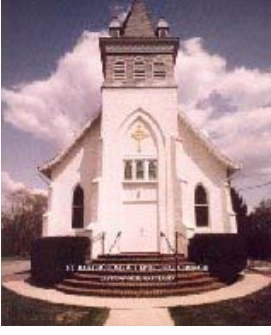
A total of 81 members from 59 families were present at the meeting.

Scheduled Activities

- February 27 Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.
- February 28 Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
with the Receiving of Ashes
10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- March 7 —
April 4 Every Wednesday — Holy Communion
8:00 p.m.
- March 11 Worship Committee — 10:00 a.m.
- March 19 Ladies Guild Luncheon
- March 21 Vestry Meeting — 7:30 p.m.
- April 8 Palm Sunday — Holy Communion
8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- April 12 Maundy Thursday — Holy Communion followed
by Stripping of the Altar 8:00 p.m.
- April 13 Good Friday — Liturgy 8:00 p.m.
- April 15 Easter Sunday — Holy Communion
8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Sunday Service Schedule

- 8:00 a.m.
The Holy Communion
11:00 a.m.
- The Holy Communion — on first and third Sundays
Morning Prayer — on second, fourth and fifth Sundays
- Sunday School is held during the 11:00 service
Sunday Fellowship Coffee Hour follows both Sunday services



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