

# St. Bartholomew's Newsletter

October 2001

## The Rector's Choice

*Rev. David Pollock*  
Rector

Dear People of St. Bartholomew's:

You have been in my prayers especially for these weeks following September 11<sup>th</sup>. I know that each of us can remember where we were when the planes hit the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, just as my generation remembers where we were when President Kennedy was assassinated and the previous generation remembers where they were on December 7<sup>th</sup> when Pearl Harbor was bombed. These events are etched permanently in our brains. As individuals and as a community we are still trying to process what this means for us and for the future. We have emphasized as we have gathered for worship and discussion, that even in our uncertainty we put our trust in God to see us through and we are determined to continue to fight the evil that is now so prevalent in our world. But certainly one thing is clear, we need the community of the church more than ever. We need each other and our common worship of God to support us in this time. Sometimes in our life we take for granted St. Bartholomew's Church. It has been here so long that it will always be here. That is true as long as we remain faithful. And remaining faithful means giving of our time, talent and treasure to help St. Bartholomew's become the best community of Christians of the Episcopalian persuasion that we can be.

The month of October is the time when we can take an important step to ensure our future. It is the time when we pledge to the church how much money we are going to give to support the ministry here and lay a firm foundation for the years ahead. We need to give generously out of thanksgiving for all the gifts that God has given us and especially this year we give thanks for just being alive. Anyone of us could have been a victim of this terrorism. But we have been spared and each of us must ask for what purpose have we been given more time on this earth. We all need to pray and ask for God's guidance

During the week of October 14th, volunteers of the parish will visit with you, bring you a pledge card and discuss how much the church means to them. The pledge card will include a guide on the back to help you decide how much you will give to the support of the church in Laytonsville. The guide is very simple. It lists on a chart your income across the top and down the side what percentage of your in-

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## New Wednesday Service

There is a new mid-week Holy Communion service held each Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

## Work Day at St. Bartholomew's

Come out to the church on Saturday, **October 6** and help get a lot of miscellaneous projects done around the Church, other Buildings, and Grounds and enjoy fellowship with parishioners at the same time! We have lists of projects including painting, minor repairs, odd jobs, etc. Please come on **Saturday, Oct 6 from 9:00 to about 1:00**. You can sign up in advance with George Leigh, Dwight Reynolds (Church), Jim Craig (Rector), Sonja Elgin PLC Interior), and Lee Briggs Grounds).

## Parishioner Visits October 14, 2001

October is pledge month for St. Bartholomew's. As part of the pledge effort, the Vestry and other church members will visit parishioners **Sunday, October 14** in the early afternoon. They will have information on pledging and activities of the church. We ask that you welcome them and receive their information. Please ask questions concerning the hopes and dreams of the parish and how one can further support the church.

## Dog Show Debut a Success

The afternoon of Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> was cool and breezy as participants and spectators gathered for the *St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Dog Show*. Unlike conventional dog shows, this pool of 16 contestants included canines of all different shapes, sizes and pedigrees competing for recognition in classes for costume, talent and personality. The result was much-needed lighthearted entertainment for all who attended.

Storm & Patches (Best in Show) shown by Jennifer & Dianne Cahill  
Coco (1<sup>st</sup> Place, Costume) shown by Kimberly Kelly  
Bear (2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Costume) shown by Kendra Elliston  
Missy (1<sup>st</sup> Place, Talent) shown by Lee Briggs  
Trixie (2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Talent) shown by Clark Walston  
Kelly (1<sup>st</sup> Place, Personality) shown by Natalie Melgar  
Yeller (2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Personality) shown by  
Lauren Bray

## Ladies Guild Monthly Meetings

The Ladies Guild of St. Bartholomew's Church holds a pot luck luncheon and monthly meeting at 12:30 on the third Monday of most months in the church undercroft. All women

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## Introduction to the Episcopal Church

Beginning on October 1, 2001 (Monday), we will spend Monday nights with an introduction to the Episcopal Church. Whether you have been confirmed 50 years ago or are thinking about being confirmed now, wish to review material you covered long ago, or just thirst for information, you will find this study helpful. We begin by studying the Book of Common Prayer, followed by the Gospel of Luke and then the Book of Acts. If you missed the first session, come join us for the rest of them!

## Wardens Words

Our Homecoming Sunday was a great success. Thank you to all of you who gave their time and effort to this kickoff for the new church year. We had a great time putting it on and, in return, we received a number of offers to participate in the many church projects. If you were unable to attend, or if you were undecided and now wish to participate, we have room for more volunteers. Call the church office (301 948-8201). This month we are emphasizing Stewardship with the finale being the Annual Stewardship dinner on October 21. Be sure to come.

As you can see in the box on the right, our church membership and attendance are growing at a steady and satisfying pace. It is a real pleasure for me to see the additional people joining us to worship God together. We have a Long Range Planning Committee working actively to determine how we can best handle our increasing membership. For the short term (very short term) we hope that you will join us on October 9 for our Work Day. If you have a skill, we can use it. If you do not have a skill, we will show you what to do!

Finally, we have a Bible Study of Acts on Wednesdays at 10:00, a new Wednesday morning Holy Communion service at 11:00 and, just starting, "Introduction to the Episcopal Church at 7:30 Mondays.

*Harry Bennett*  
*Senior Warden*

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come you wish to give to St. Bartholomew's. You pick the percentage, say 5% and follow it until it intersects with your income and you have your pledge. The goal for all of us as established by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church is 10% and your vestry passed the following resolution this year:

*"We, the Vestry of St. Bartholomew's, Laytonsville, give in relation to what God has given to us and we agree to increase our pledge through proportional giving."*

The chart on your pledge card can give you guidance.

With the vestry leading the way, we have enjoyed wonderful growth and depth of spiritual experience as we have weathered this crisis of the last month. The shock we have received has caused us to reorder our priorities and caused us to examine what is important in our lives. I hope that you, as I, believe that St. Bartholomew's Church is a high priority and will therefore give generously to this church in this year's stewardship program. God calls us to do much, but your giving will determine how much. May God bless you as you make this important decision.

## Don't Forget the Stewardship Dinner October 21, 2001

The Annual Stewardship Dinner is to thank all those who have pledged their support of St. Bartholomew's. We are planning a catered dinner this year so everyone can take part. We need all of you to participate.

## Newcomers

We welcome the following people new or returning to St. Bartholomew's Church:

Rich and Amy Paul  
and Ellias

Bob and Lyn Kelly  
and Kim, Liz, and Megan

Mr. and Mrs. John Kaufman  
and Jeff and Eric

Mrs. Sue B. Isle

Robert and Linda Madden  
and Ryan

Kenneth and Gayle Fraley

Thomas Monahan  
to be wed in October to  
Debbie Diethrich

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Middleton

Wayne and T. J. Miller

*(If we have omitted your name, please let us know. (301) 948-8201)*

## Scheduled Activities

**Mondays 7:30** Introduction to the Episcopal Church

**Mondays 10:00** Weekly Bazaar Workshop

**Wednesdays** Weekly Bible Study (Book of Acts)  
10:00 — 11:00 a.m.

**Wednesdays** New Mid-Week Holy Communion Service  
11:00 a.m.

**October 6** St. Bartholomew's Work Day  
9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

**October 15** Ladies Guild Pot Luck Luncheon  
12:30 p.m.

**October 21** Stewardship Dinner

**November 30 --** Annual Bazaar  
**December 1**

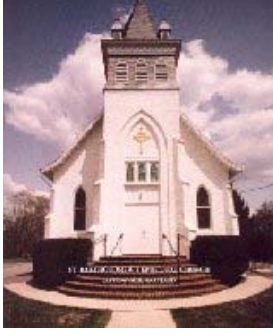
**December 2** Visitation by Bishop Dixon  
Installation of Dr. Pollock as Rector

### 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 Activities are held during the 11:00 service  
Sunday Fellowship Coffee Hour follows both Sunday services



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