

Saint Peter's Bald Head

Brings Greetings



From Bishop Longest:

Emmanuel: God With Us

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams writes this in his Book, **Where God Happens**,

We love with God when and only when we are the conduit

For God's reconciling presence with the person next to us.

During this season of Advent we prepare ourselves for the celebration of that day when God came to be with us, that we might be with God and with each other. "The person next to us", in Jesus' parable, is our neighbor, the one we are to Love as we Love God. You have heard me say, and you will hear me repeat, that in the Incarnation we not only come face to face with the Full Person and the true Nature of God, but we come as well, face to face with the Full Person and the true Nature of Humanity. In the One whose Birth we prepare to celebrate as Christians, we meet Perfect God and Perfect Humanity.

Barbara and I wish you, and those dear to you, a Blessed Advent and a Glorious Christmastide.

+Charles

From The Trustees

It is a delight to be able to write an upbeat letter from your Board of Trustees. Almost all aspects of St. Peter's by-the-Sea are running smoothly under the guidance of Bishop Charles Longest, a hardworking Board and a very active Guild. One of the main goals of late has been to increase the number of active participants and the season of 2005 was a big success in that area. We have new faces helping at the altar, greeting us at the door, in the congregation and attending our social functions. They are of different ages and some live in the immediate neighborhood and some several miles away.

Our Deacon Steve Lally has now become The Reverend Steven Lally. He preached for us on many occasions and was at Bishop Charles' side during every service. Although he is uncertain of where he will serve in the future, he promises this will not interfere with his or Terri and Grace's commitment to St. Peter's as they intend to continue living in their new home on Kittery Point and in this area where Terri is a practicing doctor. All this raises our comfort level a great deal.

Margaret (Peggy) Richardson, who lives off Shore Road on Seawatch Path, is our newest Board member. She is a longtime attendee of SPBTS usually at the 1st service and she and her husband Jon attend and contribute to a number of our social functions.

The Trustees added the position of Vice President to the Board of Trustees. This required a by-law change, which was handled by Hannah Leavitt who came on the Board about two years ago. Hannah, an attorney and a judge, is a big asset to us. The Board then elected Royce Morgan to this new position. Royce is our miracle man. He handles many tasks for us, including being editor of this newsletter. I couldn't list them all, if I tried.

Our financial situation is stable and we manage to function by spending close to the income we make from our investments. Your generosity has helped us make up this difference and keep our principal funds intact. This year, in spite of a mail glitch, you have contributed about \$12,000, thus far. In addition the St. Peter's Choir's wonderful concert \$1000 for England's Worcester Cathedral. After Katrina hit our Gulf Coast, the Trustees designated all monies received in the offering for one Sunday to go to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund earmarked for help in this area. You gave \$2000. SPBTS added \$500. We donated a total of \$2500 to this effort. We are very proud of the outreach of our small congregation. Thank you so very much.

We have embarked on a new project, which we are very enthusiastic about. This will be a memorial garden located on the sacristy side of the church. This will give us all an opportunity to memorialize our loved ones in many different ways. We will keep you informed as plans proceed.

On behalf of your SPBTS Board of Trustees I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years. We look forward to seeing you June 4, 2006.

Faithfully yours,

Jane Greene, President
Board of Trustees

From Jane Says:

Louise Upson sold her Florida home and upon the urging of government officials left for her new home in New Hampshire just before Wilma struck. She is happily settled in her old stomping grounds. The new address is: **Wall Street Tower Apt. 1305, 555 Canal Street, Manchester, NH 03101**. We'll look forward to seeing a lot of her at St. Peter's next summer. Fortunately she is now near her daughter who will be having surgery soon. Louise asks us all for our prayers.

Norm and Jeanine Storrs are back in Tucson after an over two-month trip to the other side of the world. They are leaving in mid-December for Ogunquit for Christmas and then returning to Arizona by car. When we meet back at SPBTS next season they'll have to fill us in on all the different countries they visited.

Linda Shaughnessy has just returned from a "wonderful but rigorous" trip to New Zealand. On her return trip she met Ed at her son's home for Thanksgiving. She very much enjoyed getting to know her second grandchild who she says is a handful and likes Ed better than his grandma because grandma has to say NO too often.

If you are wondering how **Catherine Goodwin** is doing, my gauge has to do with turkey. She and John got a 32 pound turkey from daughter Jeannie and she got up at 4 am Thanksgiving morning to haul it up from the basement fridge to stuff and cook it. The whole family came to their house for the feast. They both get gold stars.

Bishop Charles and Barbara have been spending a lot of time at the homes of their two sons, Jon and Tim and their families. As they do when they are at the Marmion House, they took on a lot of fix up and redo projects. And we thought they were going home to rest up for next season at St. Peter's!

Ed Lowrie reports that he ran into **Judy and Jay Hayden** at the gas station the other day. He had a good visit with them and was told Jay is doing very well. Congratulations, Jay.

From the Guild:

Greetings come from Bobbi Beavers, outgoing President Pro tem of the Guild. She reports that the minutes of the Annual Meeting are being going out even as we speak. If anyone does not receive a copy, please contact her as she urges everyone to bring their copy with them to the first meeting of the year next season.

In the minutes you will see the slate of new Officers: **Chair, Rosalie Dale; Assistant Chair, Jeanine Storrs; Treasurer, Bobbi Beavers; Secretary, Susan E. Martin.** There are also reports from the treasurer, the Altar Guild, Flowers, Hospitality Hour, Fellowship-Book Club, Fellowship-Bridge Club, Local- State and National Outreach, along with new business for the coming church season.

Dates for events for 2006 were asked to be reserved : Picnic, July 9, 2006 Noon at Marmion House
Brunch, August 13, 2006 Noon at the Greene's house
Au Revoir Party, September 9, 2006 5-7pm Marmion House
And the Spring Guild Meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2006 at 10:30 am at the Marmion House.

Blessings, Love and Peace to all

Bobbi Beavers

From the Editor

This year has been a most rewarding one for "**Saint Peter's Bald Head**". More than 150 copies have been mailed with each edition, and more than 80 copies have been accepted at the front door of the church during the season. Sharing the many lives of St Peter's families and friends with each other is a great privilege. The current edition along with an archive of two years is now available on-line from our website: www.st-peters-by-the-sea.org. If you would like to stop receiving a paper copy, please let me hear from you at: carm@maine.rr.com. Be sure to put the words "St. Peter" in the subject line. We can save a lot in postage and the online version may be downloaded, printed and/or sent to others for them to enjoy.

As the Book Club facilitator, the two meetings we had this year is a dream come true for me. Having lied about my age in order to join a summer reading club whose limit was six years, being in a book club has always been a part of my life. To be able to share our life experiences and opinions with each other in a very trusting and caring group means growth for us all ,and as my godmother says, "Where two or three Episcopalians are gathered together, a punch bowl shall be in the midst of them." , is also true. Southern Editors used to end a social report with "a good time was had by all". Please don't wait for a formal invitation. The first meeting will be announced when the church opens in June. We are reading or rereading "The De Vinci Code" and then choosing another book that defends our position of why we think the "The De Vinci Code" is true or false. It should be a lot of fun!

Speaking as a Trustee and friend of St. Peter's, I'd like to thank you for all that's been done this past year. Giving of ourselves is as important as our financial contributions. Lots of things happened because we had the people- power, but all gifts are appreciated. Please remember St. Peter's Church in your estate planning. We've inherited wonderful legacies; we should do our part.

May the hands that touch these pages; may the eyes that read these greetings, and may all those who care for the Love which came to earth, receive the Peace and Joy of Christmas and the promise of a Happy New Year.



Royce Morgan