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News and Notes

ADVOCATIONS—OCTOBER 2015

Dear Friends,

As you know by now, this will be my last contribution to the Church of the Holy Spirit’s newsletter as your Rector. I will miss you all tremendously and will not soon forget you. I pray for many things for the Church of the Holy Spirit. I pray for generosity of spirit, forgiveness, and the wisdom to learn from experience. I pray for freedom from anxiety and for courage to face the future. I pray for the deepening of community and the increase of love for God and neighbor. I pray for a warm and welcoming embrace for people of all ages and backgrounds. And most of all, I pray for each one of you to see God more clearly, love God more dearly, and follow God more nearly, day by day.

I know that I am leaving Holy Spirit in good pastoral hands with the arrival of the Rev. Randy Dales as Priest-in-Charge, and that you will welcome him wholeheartedly and grow to know and love each other. Randy’s introduction of himself follows – come and meet him in person on Sunday, October 18!

With every heartfelt prayer for the peace that passes all understanding,

Grace+

Dear People of the Church of the Holy Spirit,

I am honored and excited by the appointment as your Priest-in-Charge. As an introduction, let me recount a little history. In 2012, I finished thirty-four years as Rector of All Saints Church, Wolfeboro, and spent the next year as Canon to the Ordinary, facilitating the transition from Bishop Robinson to Bishop Hirschfeld, retiring in 2013. I continue to serve the diocese [along with my wife Lynn] as Co-Chaplain to the Retired Episcopal Clergy living in New Hampshire.

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After growing up in Southern California and attending Stanford and the Virginia Theological Seminary, I began my parish ministry in North Hollywood. In 1969 I moved to Christ Church, Exeter, NH, before becoming the Chaplain at Holderness School and Vicar of Trinity Church, Meredith. Throughout these years I have been active in the life of the diocese, currently serving on its Board of Trustees. In addition, I have been helping out with the chapel program at Holderness, where I am also a Trustee.

I have a daughter and grandson in Tuftonboro, NH, from my first marriage, and Lynn and I have recently celebrated our twenty-first anniversary. We have three grown children, and our home is in Wolfeboro, approximately an hour's drive from Plymouth.

Initially, as your part-time priest, I anticipate spending Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays in Plymouth, and I will be available at all times for emergencies (cellphone: 603-387-2651). I am truly looking forward to getting to know all of you as we begin our shared ministry together.

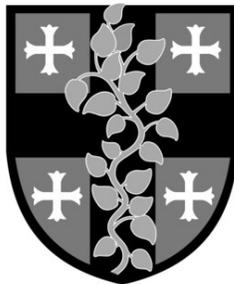
Yours in Christ,

Randy Dales

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OCTOBER

We are urgently looking once again for nursery volunteers for Sundays, so if you're Safe Church trained and would like to help out, please contact Melissa at the office. Thank you for helping!

2016 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE IS UNDERWAY!



“Tending the Vine” in
the Plymouth area

It's time to start thinking about your pledge for 2016. As we enter this time of transition, your pledge is important! You should receive your pledge packet in the mail within a few days; please help us “tend the vine” in the Plymouth area! If you haven't received your packet by the end of the week, please contact the office at 536-1321.

THANKS FOR MAKING THE TOWN WIDE YARD SALE A SUCCESS!

The yard sale raised nearly \$600 for the Church of the Holy Spirit! Thanks to everyone for donating their treasures, and helping out in so many ways! Barbara Brooks writes, "The yard sale count for books was a little over \$300!!! It was great working with Angie, Jan, Meredith and of course muscle man, Bob. It was wonderful to see children buying books. I went up to most families I saw coming in and pointed them to the children's books...think that really helped. If only more parishioners could see how this outreach can touch your heart. For example, one mother with a toddler in stroller and a 6 year old tagging along came by, I believe from the homeless shelter as they were walking. I offered her a bag of kids' books for \$1, and she was genuinely grateful."

ECW NEWS

The next ECW meeting will be on Thursday, October 1 at noon in Griswold Hall. Stay tuned for more exciting updates! There will also be a Book Sale on October 29 from 3-6 p.m. in Griswold Hall! We'll keep you posted for November's sale as well!

***A PRAYER FOR THE SEASON:** O God, you are always creating us anew: Pour your blessing on this congregation of the Church of the Holy Spirit. Lead us in the path you would have us walk. Show us how to grow in love and honesty as a community of faith. And reveal to us the ways you are calling us to serve, in this place and at this time; that whatever we build may be built to your glory alone. Amen.*

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Blessing of the Animals will take place on **Sunday, October 4**. All pets are welcome! We'll have our usual 8 a.m. service at Main St. The Blessing of the Animals will occur **RAIN OR SHINE** at 9 a.m. at 263 Highland St, followed by a 9:30 worship in Griswold and a farewell potluck lunch for Grace. If you missed signing up at the church to bring something to the potluck, please call Lew Overaker at 536-3916 or Kathy Lennox at 536-4779. We hope to see you there!



UPCOMING SAFE CHURCH TRAININGS

Are you due for a Safe Church refresher this year? Or would you like to help out in the Nursery this fall, but need to be Safe Church trained? There will be a **Safe Church training at CHS** this fall, on **October 17**, so now's the perfect time to sign up! If you're interested, please call Lynn Eaton at the Diocese at 224-1914.

If you would like to attend a training but can't make it on October 17, there are other trainings throughout the state: October 3 at All Saint's in Littleton, October 10 at St. James' in Keene, and October 31 at St. Matthew's in Goffstown.

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday!!

Nate Blais
Michael Buttolph
Robert Fortes
Joan Bowers
Carol Perkins
Doug Smith
Merrell Lievens
Bill Batchelder
Noah Mauchly
Guy Tillson
Pat Pettengill
Charlie Donahue
Jane Parziale
Katherine Desloges
Jim Buttolph

Happy Anniversary!!

Matt Lynch & Suki
Brown
William & Sandra
Adams
Nate & Jessica Blais
Larry Mauchly & Sara
Smith
David & Andrea
Goldthwaite
Bill & Sharen Tedrow
Brendon & Christine
Hoch
Milton & Pat Pettengill

ANNOUNCING THE 2015 CHIPS PROGRAM

Christmas comes to children of incarcerated parents every year with your help: you and sponsors like you who donate gifts and funds to make it happen! Both the families and the incarcerated parents themselves are deeply grateful for the opportunity that the CHiPs program affords them.

The prisons count the number of gifts needed for each age and gender group. Volunteers collect your gift donations, and use your monetary donations to supplement the gifts provided. Once the presents are sorted, they're brought to the prisons, and the inmates get the chance to choose one gift for each child on their list.

The CHiPs program also includes an age-appropriate book to go with each gift, helping to promote literacy within this sometimes underprivileged population. You can help by purchasing a gift directly or contributing \$20 or more (please write CHiPs on the memo line of the check). Please drop off gifts at the back of the church. The delegates to the Diocesan Convention will bring your gifts to the Convention on November 7th.



TEN TALENTS UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Ten Talents Fundraiser! Together, your efforts raised \$917 for the Church of the Holy Spirit. Parishioners raised money creating and selling everything from dilly beans to lilies--and the results are in! This year's winner is **Fran Belcher**, with **Wavell & Susan Fogleman** coming in second! A special "Honorable Mention" goes to **Barbara Brooks** and **Jan & Jim Crawford** to acknowledge all of their hard work to coordinate the Family Fun Day! Thanks for multiplying your talents to benefit the Church of the Holy Spirit!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our church book group is in the process of choosing our next book, so stay tuned for the selection and dates coming up this month! We typically meet on alternate Wednesdays; we hope you will be able to join us. Contact the office (536-1321) for more details.

SKYDIVING ADVENTURE!

Thanks to Kathy Lennox for sharing her photos of her recent skydiving trip with us! We don't have all the details, but it certainly looks like it was a lot of fun! If you'd like the whole story, track her down some Sunday morning!



Don't forget to check the upcoming events on the back page of News and Notes! Got news and photos of your own? We'd love to hear from you!

FAMILY WORSHIP

Family Worship participants enjoyed making a garland of stars for the children of Abraham last month; check out the photos!

For now, Family Worship is on hold while we transition, but stay tuned for the future!



LOVE WRITING? TRY THE POSTCARD MINISTRY

We are looking for 2 volunteers for postcard ministry for December and November. You only need to do one of the two months, and it's easy and fun! Writing birthday, anniversary, and thinking of you cards would be a great family project! To volunteer, please contact Kathy Lennox at 536-4779. Also, several parishioners have brought in cards and postcards; we so appreciate it! Do you have extra blank cards lying around? Please consider donating them to the Postcard Ministry!



COMING UP SOON!

October 1: ECW Meeting, 12:00 p.m., Griswold Hall

October 4: Blessing of the Animals, 9:30 a.m., 263 Highland St.

October 17: Safe Church Training, 9:00 a.m., Griswold Hall

October 18: Arrival of Rev. Randy Dales as Priest-in-Charge, 8:00 a.m., 170 Main St.

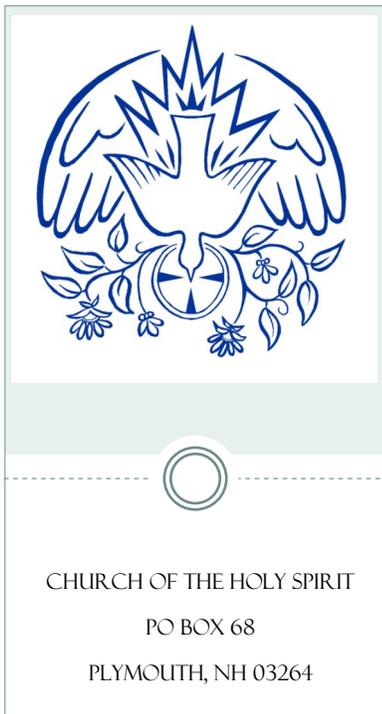
October 29: ECW Book Sale, 3-6 p.m., Griswold Hall

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

AA: 7 a.m. Mon-Fri, Griswold Hall

7 p.m. Wed, Griswold Hall

Al-Anon: 7 p.m. Mon-Griswold Hall



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