

The Network

June 2009
Newsletter of
St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church
of Hopkinton,
New Hampshire

"...and I said, 'Here I am; send me!' Isaiah 6:8b

Long before ... I received the remarkable packet of materials that included a search video and parish profile... long before I engaged in conversations with colleagues and locals about what type of community St. Andrew's Hopkinton is... long before that time, I grew to know and become attracted to St. Andrew's Hopkinton by way of a monthly periodical entitled *The Network*. I waited longingly for its arrival each month and often pulled from its pages "tidbits" of ministerial wisdom and spiritual insight. On occasion, I quoted a phrase or pilfered an image to use in my Sunday sermon. I remember reading aloud to my Vestry at St. Stephen's Pittsfield a portion of an article describing how St. Andrew's was discovering anew its outreach mission. I even filed away unique ministry materials or an interesting article, telling myself that "someday I will need that." Little did I know that "someday" I'd be working with the editor of that remarkable periodical and humbly trying to write articles worthy of its pages.

A little more than five years have passed since Rob Hackwell began his ministry as editor of *The Network*. I am blessed to have in my possession copies of each of those editions. This past week I sat quietly in my study – not to be confused with an office – and thumbed through *Networks* written from April 2004 – May 2009. I was left feeling many emotions. Often I felt joy and offered thanksgiving as I celebrated again wonderful moments of ministry. I also felt sadness and anguish as I read articles during moments of pain and loss. But most profound were my feelings of incredible hope and excitement as mission and ministry were lived out vibrantly and boldly. In all of it I felt gratitude to Rob for gathering together these many moments and presenting them for all of us to share and better understand. I call what Rob offered to us a ministry, because he tended to the monthly task of gathering forth stories, news, and profiles with meticulous attention to detail and incredible love. What shows forth from the very first edition to this his last is a deep love for St. Andrew's, the Episcopal Church, and Jesus Christ.

This month we pause to give thanks to God for Rob's many contributions as editor of *The Network* and celebrate the numerous ways we have been touched by his writings and in the sharing of the "Good News". In talking with Pam Mueller, first junior then senior warden during the tenure of Rob's *Network* ministry, I was reminded of the constancy that *The Network* offered your parish leadership during a period of great upheaval in the life of St. Andrew's. Indeed, for Pam each month's edition acted as a clarification of where we had been and a beacon for what lay ahead. At a time when our parish most needed a steady voice among us, *The Network* faithfully captured St. Andrew's ongoing journey to a "New Way of Being".

So how can we fill the void left by Rob's departure as editor of *The Network*? Sarah Crow, a new Vestryperson and Chair of the Communication Committee, will be meeting shortly with her team. Their first order of business will be to discern how to best continue the ministry that Rob has honed and perfected over these past five years. In addition to our monthly newsletter, they will be looking at the varied and creative ways we are able to communicate in the 21st Century. If you are interested being a part of this important planning, please contact Sarah at 783-8016.

This is a Nichol's Worth.

Kevin +

'For everything there is a season...'

The late Christian poet Denise Levertov believed writing to be 'a form of prayer'. As one who has spent much of my professional life writing, I believe I understand what she meant. I do know the gift of being able to use words – either my own or, as an editor, the selected words of others – has enabled me to explore subjects of general interest and then to share my findings with others. I also know it has allowed me the opportunity to explore my personal thoughts and feelings on topics many of us too rarely consider. Being your newsletter editor has been a means by which I have further explored my faith, and for that I thank you. This ministry has been a gift, not from me but to me.

For the past five years and more, the parish of St. Andrew's has allowed me to use its newsletter to spread the word of upcoming events and acknowledge recent occasions within our faith community. Together, we have mourned and celebrated, we have endured and thrived; all of it was shared in the pages of the *Network*. With much license, I have also been afforded the privilege of sharing acquired information about our Episcopal traditions and heritage, and about our place in the Anglican Communion. These are both very pertinent topics in this age of great change. To prepare such items for general consumption required me to study and learn as I wrote; this process has been a most enjoyable and rewarding experience; it truly is something for which I am grateful beyond words.

The success of any venture depends, in part, on our expectations, or perhaps simply our hopes. When I first assumed responsibility for the *Network*, my goal was to provide well-timed information on the life of St. Andrew's. Writer Robert Bly said that 'no one writes alone...one needs community'. Any 'reporter' worth his or her salt knows you have to have good 'sources' of information, as well as feedback. To those who candidly provided me with both, I thank you sincerely. Your contributions helped both the editor and the newsletter grow in unexpected ways.

In time, the newsletter has evolved to be somewhat of an "Anglican journal / Episcopal review / Diocesan guide / Parish handbook", with a modicum of news thrown in for good measure. This editor came to see the Church – and St. Andrew's in particular – through a bright new prism; for a cradle Episcopalian, that is quite an accomplishment! Again, I thank you for that gift.

Unlike when I first became editor, the parish now has a website capable of delivering timely news. It also has a communications team comprised of energized parishioners of St. Andrew's. Life is about changes and we all must adapt; we must learn when it's time to evolve. It's now time for me to resign as your newsletter editor and give the parish an opportunity to explore all its communications needs and potential; through discernment, I know Kevin and Miranda will lead us in finding those answers. St. Andrew's is a parish rich with possibilities and it is exciting to consider what may lie ahead.

I extend to all of you my heartfelt thanks for the privilege which has been mine as the *Network* editor; I look forward to continuing to serve in such a manner as God may require of me. I will listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit; I pray that I may respond as eagerly as did Isaiah when he said to the Lord: "Here I am; send me!" Perhaps the words of our Post Communion Prayer (*Rite 1, page 339 BCP*) say best how I eagerly anticipate that which may lie ahead ...

"And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in..."

Peace,

Rob Hackwell

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(terms expire in January of noted year)
Pam Mueller, *Senior Warden '10*
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Mary Carter '12, Sarah Crow '12,
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Karen Jantzen '10, Chuck Knox '10,
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Diocesan Convention & Central Convocation Delegates

(all terms expire in January of 2010)
Joanne Debold, Lucia Ewing (*Vestry Liaison*)
Martha Fairfield, Marti Hunt;
Zakry Jantzen (*Youth Delegate*)
Lucy Crichton, Phil Hassett (*alternates*)

A Parish Planning Meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday, the 10th of June.

This meeting in the Great Hall is for all
Committee Chairs and parishioners who wish
to assist in planning the 2009-2010 calendar.

Pizza will be served! Contact Julie in the
parish office for more information.

The Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

June's lectionary readings use Paul's Second
Letter to the Corinthians on 3 of 4 Sundays.

This is an interesting letter in that it offers
insight into Paul's theology of the cross and
of ministry. Paul clarifies the nature of his
apostolic commission concerning this church.
Reading between the lines, we are able to get
a brief glimpse of the character of Paul.

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Celebration Sunday

is the 14th of June. Please plan to join us for a
parish picnic following the 10am service.

We offer sincere thanks to the Maloy family
for hosting this special event and for providing
a BBQ lunch catered by Famous Dave's!

Summer Worship Schedule

Services will be held at both 8am and 10am
throughout the summer months.

Please join us for coffee following the 8am
service and for 'Lemonade on the Lawn'
following the 10am service.

Altar Flowers make it 'Just Right'

Our sanctuary looks beautiful when adorned
with flowers. Now that flowers are blooming,
our Altar Flower Coordinator, Debbie Monroe,
would love to hear from anyone who has garden
blooms they could share during the summer
months. She would be glad to cut and deliver
your flowers to the church. Call Debbie at 746-
4619 or e-mail her at dmonroe4619@tds.net

✠ June's Sunday Lessons and their themes ✠

June 7th –

Isaiah 6:1-8 ... Isaiah's vision of the Lord and his prophetic commission
Psalm 29 ... The majesty of God is described in the likeness of a mighty thunderstorm.

Romans 8:12-17 ... If we follow our lower nature, we are enslaved and destined to death, but when we are moved by God's Spirit, we become God's children and heirs with Christ.

John 3:1-7 ... Through the Father's love, the disciples are now children of God, and they no longer live in sin.

June 14th –

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 ... the Lord sends Samuel to anoint David to be the new king over Israel.

Psalm 20 ... a prayer for the king's victory in battle, likely accompanied by an altar sacrifice

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17 ... Paul speaks of his confident hope and his longing to experience the transformed body of heavenly existence.

Mark 4:26-34 ... Jesus tells the parables of the seed growing secretly and of the mustard seed in order to suggest what the kingdom of God is like.

June 21st –

1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16 ... Saul becomes jealous of David

Psalm 133 ... a wisdom psalm, extolling the joys of harmony in the family

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 ... Paul urges his readers to respond faithfully to God's grace in Christ.

Mark 4:35-41 ... the story of Jesus' stilling of the storm

June 28th –

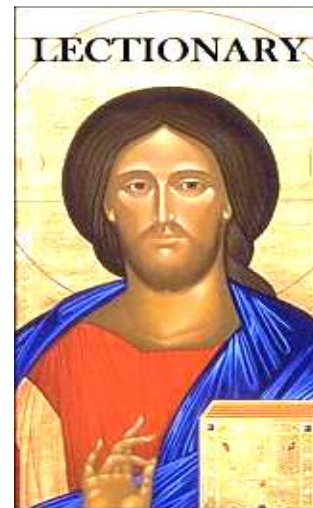
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 ... David's elegy over Saul and Jonathan

Psalm 130 ... a plea for mercy offered in patient hope to the faithful Lord

2 Corinthians 8:7-15 ... Paul sets before the Corinthians the example of the generosity of the churches of Macedonia, and urges them to join in the same spirit into the collection being taken up for the poor Christians of Jerusalem.

Mark 5:21-43 ... the story of the healing of the daughter of Jarius, an official of the local synagogue

*borrowed from 'Introducing the Lessons of the Church Year' by Frederick H. Borsch
and the New Oxford Annotated Bible (NRSV)*



National Episcopal Health Ministries Conference

The National Episcopal Health Ministries held its second national conference in Omaha, Nebraska in mid-April. This year's theme was 'Healing & Hope', with the Jean Denton Keynote Address delivered by The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada and Bishop of Navajoland. National Episcopal Health Ministries (NEHM) is a network of nurses, health ministers, chaplains, and laypeople who promote health and wellness in Episcopal congregations.

For more information go to www.EpiscopalHealthMinistries.org.

❖ Prayers for Healing

The Prayers of the People do not end when we leave church. We ask your prayers for healing for ...
Kathy Gilbert, Tom Weaver, Elizabeth Bourbeau, Avery, Paul Gleeson, Hunt Breed, Marion Hopkins, Luci Lafond, Ray Peasley, Ruth Bell, Henri, Jim, Tina, Carolyn Muller, Paul Hudgins, Philip Martin, Dave, Harold Davis, Marian Lewis, Bud Major, Michele Barnett, John Golec, Lindsay Oakland, Daisy Foster, Cindy Miller, Daniel Karnes, Lydia Andrews, Francis Goffredo, Audrey Foster, Lambros & Aphrodite Sideris, Kirk McConville, Avery Forrestall, Paul, Russ Berry, Michael Walker, Destiny, Carol Tucker, Larry, and Michael Puls.

We also ask for your prayers for those in the Armed Forces, especially loved ones of our parish family...
Ford Peterson, Chuck Rice, Jim Burack, Vinnie Santiago, Peter Allen, Jeremy Gilman, Sean McElroy, Tom Bloomfield, Tom Orifici, Nathan Paddock, Gregory Merk, Doe Foraker, Christopher Hodgdon, Gary Hodgdon, Jeremy Pozderac, Hunter Marshall, Parker Marshall, Stephanie Lavoie, Doan Scott, Peter Ligawiec, Sean Durgin, Jason McCormick, Chris and Paul Gagne, Jon Sistare, Steven Auclair, Derek Hendrickson, Andrew Fortier, and Richard Stevens.

Transitions:

Baptism on the 3rd of May for Charlotte Olivia Goble,
daughter of Kate Frey & Quentin Goble

❖ Summer Book Group: In Defense of Food, by Michael Pollan.

Join us for a weekly gathering (time TBA) to discuss Michael Pollan's 2008 book, *In Defense of Food*. Pollan is well-known for his previous book, *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, in which he questioned the high level of corn, especially corn syrup, in our diets. In his new book, he makes the controversial statement that much of what we eat is not actually food. He questions the health and ecological wisdom of the many additives and highly processed foods that are part of the typical American diet, and offers this simple program for eating well: "Eat food, not too much, mostly plants." Interested?

Please join us! Feel free to invite friends, and don't worry if you're in and out of town this summer; we'll welcome drop-ins at any session, and bring you up to speed. Through our conversations about this book in the green season of Pentecost, we continue the shared work of growing in awareness of God's good earth and how our choices impact Creation! If you're interested, please contact the Rev. Miranda Hassett at 746-3415 or assistantst.andrews@comcast.net.

❖ The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

is celebrated this year on Monday, the 1st of June. By reading Luke 1:39-56, you can follow the story of the visit of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, following the Annunciation* (*Luke 1:26-38*). When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child John leapt in her womb and she blessed Mary for her faith. Mary responded with her hymn of praise to God, the *Magnificat*.

** The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord (celebrated on the 25th of March) celebrates the visitation of the angel Gabriel to Mary to announce her conception of our Lord.*

❖ Imagination Search:

WANTED: 2 or 3 imaginative and fun-minded sort of people

The Vestry is looking for a couple of volunteers to sort through a list of fundraising events for St. Andrew's and make a recommendation back to the Vestry. We want to institute regular, fun, events such as, for example, a holiday market, Oktoberfest, or comedy club dinner night.

This is an exciting and worthwhile ministry opportunity for some people a bit of imagination.

If you are interested, please contact either Lucia Ewing or Kevin.

❖ Red Cross Blood Drive a success by any measure !

This spring's edition of the Hopkinton blood drive was a success by any measure. Much of this success is due, of course, to the life-saving donors themselves. Then there is the energetic volunteer leadership of **Marti Hunt** and **Vickie Haines**. And, supporting it all is the ever-growing number of essential volunteers, representing both Saint Andrew's and First Church of Hopkinton. Thanks to everyone of you for all you did to help give the gift of life !

According to coordinator Marti Hunt, we had over 33 volunteers from the two churches; five of those were new volunteers from St. A's. Child care was provided by the youth from the two churches; this essential gift was greatly appreciated by donors and staff alike.

Fifty-eight donors registered to donate on a very hot and humid day, when many of them probably would rather have been somewhere cool ! These donors continually walked in from 2.30 to 7.30, keeping the Red Cross staff and all of our volunteers busy all afternoon and into the evening.

As always, both the donors and the Red Cross staff appreciated both our nice location and the delicious donated food generously provided by many, many volunteers from both churches.

Our next blood drive is Tuesday, November 17th so please mark your calendars now!

❖ Coffee Hour Kudos

A big **Thank you to the Coffee Hour Hosts** who have graciously organized the delicious treats that are presented each week after our 10 am service. This year we added to our 'repertoire' to have some goodies out for after the 8 am service. Our hosts have had many helping hands to count on, and all efforts are truly appreciated ! Our Coffee Hour will change into "Lemonade on the Lawn" (depending on weather and service times) beginning in late June and continuing until September.

Again **many thanks** to Melanie Wheat, Nancy Clark, Susan Gagnon, Lori Sommers, Susan Zankel, Sarah Crow, Nancy Spater, Debra Libby, Joanne Knox, Natalie Walker, June Young, and Ann Cangiano for their time and organizing ! And a special thanks to their families and all others who have selflessly pitched in to bring food, set up, and clean up.

Pam Manus, Coffee Hour Chair

- ✓ Congratulations to parishioner **Kerrie Diers** ... who was recently named Executive Director of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission !

❖ 'Safer Church' Training Session

A Refresher Course will be held from 9am to 3pm on Saturday the 20th of June at St. Paul's Church in Concord. Class attendance is required every five years if either your employment or volunteer work at St. Andrew's Church requires you to have this training. If you are in doubt, please contact the church office. This is a class for those who have never attended a Safer Church program. Please contact Nancy Spater at nspater@tds.net no later than the 17th of June so she can register you with the Diocese.

June Events Calendar

'Basket of Hope' ingathering for the food pantry	Sunday morning, 7 June
Celebration Sunday	Sunday, 14 June
Executive Committee meeting	Thursday, 11 June at 12 noon
Friendly Kitchen	Tuesday, 23 June, 4-6pm
Men's Group dinner gathering	Monday, 8 June at 6pm
Parish Growth & Evangelism Committee	Wednesday, 3 June at 7pm
Parish Planning Meeting (see page 4)	Wednesday, 10 June at 6.30pm
Safer Church training session	Saturday, 20 June 9am-3pm
Staff Meeting	Tuesday, 9 June at 11am
Vestry Meeting	Wednesday, 17 June at 7pm
Women's Group dinner gathering	Monday, 15 June at 6pm

❖ June Birthdays

Harvey Chandler	1 st	Binney Wells	6 th	Dave Young	17 th
Zachary Trojano	1 st	Alexandra Ray	7 th	Rebecca Raymond	19 th
Phoebe Jantzen	3 rd	June Young	7 th	Matthew Dermody	23 rd
Ann Junkin	3 rd	Julia Muzzy	15 th	Karen Kennedy	23 rd
Anne Whiting	3 rd	Michael Carter	16 th	Annie Whiting	25 th
John Whiting	3 rd	Diane Forsley	17 th	Carolyn Hackwell	27 th
Kelly Carter	5 th	Kimberly Mueller	17 th	Jeri Mills	27 th
Andrew Gudas	6 th	Bob Vidaver	17 th	Peter Briccetti	29 th

Food Pantry sends us thanks...

'Thank you very much for your recent donation to the Hopkinton Food Pantry from the Chili 'N' Chowder cook-off. It must have been a delicious evening and the Food Pantry is grateful for your thoughtfulness.'

❖ Journey for Forgiveness

by Barbara Filleul

This is something I became very interested in and encouraged by at our Paths Crossing meeting and would like to share. This is quoted from the brochure put out by White Bison, Inc.

Since 1988, White Bison has been developing resources and training materials to help Native American people heal from alcohol and substance abuse. During this time, we have learned that it isn't just the alcohol and substance abuse that needs to be healed. The unresolved grief from historical events which have happened in generations long past affect the mental, physical, emotional and spiritual health of our people. This 'intergenerational trauma' has devastating effects on individuals, families, communities and nations. The Elders have told us that before our people can heal from these effects, they will have to forgive and grieve for the losses of the past.

Vision: Healing the Legacy of the Boarding School Days

White Bison has organized a 'Journey for Forgiveness' from May 16th to June 21st, 2009. The Journey begins at Chemawa Indian School, Salem, OR and ends in Carlisle, PA at the site of the Indian Industrial School established in 1879. On June 24th and "End of the Journey Gathering" will be held at the Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC. A petition will be presented to President Obama asking that he provide an apology for the Federal government's role in the abuses that occurred during the boarding school era.

Interested parties can fund miles of the Journey by contributing \$18.79/mile *. For each mile that you fund, you will receive a bracelet. Participate in this historic and symbolic journey of healing and forgiveness by funding a mile or more.

✓ To fund a mile go to: <http://wellbrietyjourney.org/FundAMile.htm>

✓ The petition can be signed online at <http://www.wellbrietyjourney.org/petition.htm>

I have been profoundly affected by the residual suffering of our Indian friends, not just our partner tribe, but other tribes who have talked about their boarding school experiences and the effect on their lives. I was overjoyed to see this Indian-led initiative toward healing. Australia has apologized to its Aboriginal tribes and Canada has apologized to its Native tribes. These gestures do much to promote healing and pave the way for empowerment of Native tribes struggling with a difficult legacy.

* "Why \$ 18.79 a Mile ?

The first US Government Indian Boarding School was founded at Carlisle, PA in 1879. Our goal for this journey is to promote awareness, dialogue, forgiveness, and healing among Native people for the Intergenerational Trauma resulting from the US Indian Boarding School Era. To highlight 1879 as the beginning of this tragic and as yet not properly documented chapter in American History, we are asking you to help fund the costs of the 2009 Wellbriety 'Journey for Forgiveness' for \$18.79 a mile."

Newcomers Welcomed !

by Judith Maloy, Welcoming Committee

On Sunday May 17th, St. Andrew's celebrated our newest members with a special liturgy at the 10 am service. St. Andrew's newcomers came forward to be recognized with a blessing. At coffee hour, the celebration continued as the children were asked to put their thumb-prints on the mural that hangs in the Great Hall.

Did you know that within the last year, there have been more than 20 families or households that have joined the church ? Of those new members, 23 adults and children were able to join us for Sunday the 17th's event.

What a testament to the vibrant and growing community we continue to be at St. Andrew's ! The following are our newest members and their families who have joined the parish within the last 12 months or so.

Drs. Danielle and Tom Albushies	Eric and Sarah Braun *
Jeffrey and Tara Chandler	Margaret Seymour *
Liz and Jud Durant	Jennifer Brennan *
Miranda and Phil Hassett *	Michelle Jutton *
Chris and Laura Lorio	Wendy and Larry Rice *
Colleen and Clement Madden *	Lynn Ritchie
Dan Andrus and Cheryl Moore	Heather Scholl *
Jean Marie Sanderson and Kevin McNamara	David Elliot and Barbara Seebart
Dr. Mark and Susan Scheffer	Tina Abramson
Liz and Bert Cooper *	Katherine Gilbert
Jim Trabucchi *	Diane Les Becquets
Heather Hogbloom	

** attended the May 17th event*

Tina Abramson and her family could not be there but sent me a note saying, "Sorry we were not able to be there ! We are thrilled to be new members of St. Andrews, and we will find a time for the children to do their 'thumbprints'." Anyone who has not yet put their 'thumbprint' on the mural can contact Judith Maloy or the church office.

Anyone who may be interested in joining the welcoming team to help with future Newcomers events, please contact Judith Maloy at 228-8787 or email at jmmaloy@comcast.net. On behalf of the Parish Growth & Evangelism Committee, thank you all for being such a warm and welcoming community of worship.



Sundays

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I

followed by coffee hour

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II

followed by 'Lemonade on the Lawn'

9.45am Sunday school *(ends 7 June)*

Nursery services available 9.45 to 11.15am



Weekday Services

Holy Eucharist at 6pm on Wednesday Evenings



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*St. Andrew's is wheelchair accessible and
all are welcome without exception.*



Summer Office Hours *(effective 29 June)*

9am to 1pm Tuesday through Thursday



'Basket of Hope' Sunday
Ingathering for the Food Pantry

is the 7th of June



Men's Group dinner gathering
is the 8th of June at 6pm



Parish Planning Meeting
is the 10th of June at 6.30pm

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Friendly Kitchen
is the 23rd of June from 4 to 6pm



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