

# THE CROWN

*The Newsletter of Christ Church Shrewsbury*  
*Christ Church is a community committed to exploring the reality of God in today's world*



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## INGATHERING SUNDAY with a Parish Luncheon Sunday, November 24 10am service only (no 8am service)

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*



## To Tithe or Not to Tithe.....

*“I want to tithe,” a man told his rector. “When my income was \$50 a week, I gave \$5 to the church every Sunday. When I was successful in business, and my income rose to \$500 a week, I gave \$50 to my church every Sunday. But now my income is \$5,000 a week and I just can’t bring myself to give \$500 to the church every week.” The rector said “Why don’t we pray over this?” The rector began to pray, “Dear God, please make this man’s income \$500 a week so that he can tithe.”*

*– Tattled from the Church of the Nativity, Lewiston, Idaho*

Dear Friends,

This month is a whirl of activity in the Church. The Consecration of a new Bishop, All Saints Sunday, All Souls Day, the all new and improved Holiday Bazaar (*and don’t forget Preview Night!*). In the midst of all the preparation and excitement around these events, one more is with us – and such an important one: our Annual Pledge Drive.

The impression is often given that we (the rector and vestry) simply want you to give more money to support the mission and ministry of Christ Church. That is not really the case. While it is true that this year we are running with a deficit budget (but not as badly as we had anticipated) and we always welcome contributions to the Church - this is not what your pledge is about!

Your pledge is first and foremost about your relationship with God. It also reflects your relationship and care for your fellow parishioners. And it says something about how you see the world around you – do you envision how what we do here impacts our community and beyond?

*This* is the place from which your pledge should come. The Bible talks about the **tithe** – giving 10% of all that you receive – however large or small your income may be – precisely because it is not the amount you give (as in the story above, whether \$5 a week or \$500) but about your relationship to your money, your relationship to God, and the recognition that all you have *comes* from God. If you give less than your tithe, what exactly are you saying to God?

The **tithe** is a most wonderful biblical mandate because it is the big equalizer; it means every person is truly giving the same amount – that is, the same percentage. Whether you have a six figure income or have a much more modest living, you are each and every one expected to give the same percentage, the same share.

This year, as we prepare our program ***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***, I urge to begin now to pray about how you will respond to our Lord’s call to you in the midst of this community. If you are not already in the practice of tithing, and you think that sounds out of your reach, please know that *this* rector will not pray that your income decreases! But I will pray that you will stretch yourself in this central part of your faith: in your giving back to God from what you have received. Resolve to step up your giving by at least 1% - and then plan to do the same next year and the next, until you reach that magical 10%. You will be surprised at how easily it is done, and you will be even more surprised to see the blessings you will receive as a result of your generosity. I know I have.

Peace,

*Mother Lisa+*

## PARISH NEWS & NOTES

### ANY CHANGES?

Advise us of any changes in your home/email address, home/work/cellphone number. Let us know so we can keep our records and database up to date. Please send us an email or call the Church Office at 732-741-2220.

### ***Births:***

Congratulations to Sheila Hatami and Natalie Watson on the birth of their son, *Alexander Sami Watson*. Alexander was born on October 10, 2013 at 2:03pm weighing 6 lbs 13 oz and was 18 inches long. All doing great!

### ***Deceased:***

Cole Porter  
August 15, 1975 – October 2, 2013

George Blair  
January 22, 1915 – October 17, 2013

*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

***Please note:*** The Prayer List is updated on a continual basis. The people will be kept on for three months and then removed. (Please get consent before adding a name to the list.) If you would like a person to be added, simply call the Church Office and leave your name, their first and last name; please specify if you do not want their last name published in the bulletin, and when appropriate, who the person is and the nature of their condition.

*(\*) indicates member of CCS*

\*Carolyn, \*Matthew, \*Irwin Rapolla, \*Shirley, \*Pam Havell, \*Ruthann, \*Chrissy Maber, \*Mignon Williams, \*Linda States, \*Cassie Reagan, \*Larry Feyereisen, \*Phil Ryser, \*Rick, \*Diane \* Louise, Michael Schiavo, Doris Rainwater, Patrick Donohoe, Jeffrey, Jake, Joan, Loren James, John Veil, Jennifer Turner, Suzanne Venino, Tina, Debbie Ambrogio, Blanche, Harriett, Pam, Lisa, Ana Cisneros, Diane Minton, Chris, Mora Hanley, Shirley Hay, Ian Hay, Josh, Mark Schiavo, Zack Roberts, Sandra Diamond, Breanne, Omar, Dave, Chuck, Peter Biddle, Anne, Meghan Ryan, Christopher, Brady, Cindy, Bonnie, John and John David Meade, Gerardo, Sister Anne Gallagher, Reverend Milton Holmes, Patrick Larsen, Trevin, Vince, Heddy Napoletano, Tyler, Fred Blozen, Lou, Judy Spatola, Lurna Hutchinson, William Emerson, Catherine,

Leo, Edie, Barbara, Ava, Jay, Brian, Barbara, Cora, Marsha, Brian, Cheryl, and for all who serve our country here and abroad, especially Traver, Michael, Bo, Alice, Dennis, Matthew and Travis “TJ” Wilson.



*Thank you for your time and efforts...*

## **Pictorial Directory**

The turnout for our pictorial directory was excellent—50 parish families and parishioners joined us on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Some of you even brought the (extremely photogenic) four-legged members of your family! Casey, Mother Lisa and our wonderful volunteers ensured that everything went smoothly and everyone enjoyed their “Kodak moment;” ***this coordinator is quite grateful for their help!***

If you were not able to make it on those days you can still have your pictures taken, as long as you can schedule an appointment soon. You can go on the Lifetouch website at [www.lifetouch.com](http://www.lifetouch.com) and follow the directions there. Trinity Episcopal Church in Red Bank is having pictures taken on November 21, 22 and 23; there are other towns/organizations in the state scheduling picture sessions as well, if another, earlier date is more to your liking. Our deadline for picture submission is about the same time as Trinity’s sessions, so please schedule soon. Your pictures will arrive about three weeks after your sitting.

*Patrice Thornton, Membership Chair Vestry*

## **CROP WALK**

The afternoon of Sunday, October 20, found a number of Christ Church members and friends at Red Bank High School for the annual CROP Walk to raise money in the fight against hunger in our local and global communities. The Red Bank Area CROP Hunger Walk is the largest CROP walk in the region and the largest walk organized by

volunteers in the nation. Funds raised help Church World Service and global partners to reach out to those in need here in the United States and in 80 countries around the world. *Thanks to all who walked, and to those who supported the walkers with monetary donations and food donations.*

## **MARK YOUR CALANDERS.....**



*Join us for ALL SAINTS' - ALL SOULS'*

### **All Saints' Sunday: November 3rd**

We will "sing a song of the saints of God" knowing that we have been redeemed from the ghastly ghoulish hoodlums that we personified on Halloween and have now been made saints – children of God – through the waters of baptism. And so the colors change from the black and orange of Halloween to the glorious white that will adorn our altar and clergy. We will also baptize and renew the vows we made in baptism, affirming our resolve to live a new life in a new way.

### **All Souls' Service: Monday, November 4th**

For many, this is the most touching and important service of the season. We will gather at 7:00pm on the Monday after All Saints' Sunday and participate in a special service remembering those whom we have personally known who have passed away. Each person is given a candle to place at the altar as the names of the deceased are read, and a beautiful litany of prayer reminds us of how our lives are forever linked with those who have gone before us.

*Come join with us in these worship and fellowship opportunities.*

*They are wonderful time to invite friends and family to join as well.*

## **An invite to all MEN & YOUNG MEN**

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW is still one of Christ Church's best kept secrets. Made up of men and young men 18 and over from Christ Church Shrewsbury and St. James Memorial,

Eatontown, we meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9 AM for prayers and fellowship over breakfast... (usually continental but sometimes we're treated to casseroles)... and a 1/2 hour to 45 minute Bible Study led by Fr. Agostino. We alternate our meetings each month between St. James and Christ Church. Christ Church will be hosting our next meeting – Saturday, November 9 at 9am, Christ Church Parish House. Come join us for breakfast, business and study. All men are invited and encouraged to join us. For more information contact Jim Miller or Tom Cameron.

## **2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY WORKDAY**

Our next Second Saturday Work Day will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be no work day in December and there are many tasks that need our attention. In order to complete everything, please plan to come for an hour or two sometime between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. A simple and nutritious hot lunch will be provided.

*Walter Dein – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday chairperson*

### **A Holiday Bazaar Note:**

To Early Birds and All with a decorating Flair

Volunteers needed to assist in decorating the Parish House for the Holiday Bazaar during the day of November 13, 2013. Because the preview is that night, we need to get going by 9:30 a.m. the latest.

Also seeking white mini lights and any other decorative items, Harvest and Christmas, to create a festive feel. IDEAS WELCOME. Please bring in lights and decorative items PRIOR to the 13th. See Sue Nap on Sundays or call her at 732-280-2400 ext. 111 weekdays or 732-229-0436 at night.

If anyone has any instrumental Christmas music CD's they are willing to lend for the preview night and bazaar, please bring them in. Ambience is everything! Make sure your name is on them and they are in a protective cover or book.

*Sue Napoletano*

**HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS BAZAAR**  
**Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**9am-5pm**

## GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

GFS kicked off on September 15, 2013 and has had three meetings since then. The yearly meetings will be based on the Beatitudes. Most recently, on October 20, GFS supported the CROP Walk. The next meeting, November 3, 2013 Erin & Ariana will present "**Those Who Mourn**".

The GFS Board met on October 23, 2013 at Grace St. Paul, Mercerville, NJ. GFS National Convention was hosted by GFS NJ at Georgian Court College in June, 2013. The convention was a success and the community outreach projects we participated in, were appreciated by the organizations we supported. During Convention, we were pleased that GFS NJ inducted a new GFS Branch which will convene at St. George's, Rumson NJ. The new branch has reported they have had an overwhelming response to the membership! GFS NJ will be sending a delegation to GFS World Council, Wales in July/August 2014. Also, in July 2014 we will be selecting a high school GFS member who will have the opportunity to represent GFS at the Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) being held at Villanova. These National, International and other youth events (GFS Camp, EYE, Diocesan Convention) present the GFS member with unparalleled developmental opportunities. Please remember, GFS is open to girls of any faith, you are encouraged to reach out in the schools and community to foster and promote this worthy organization.

## *"DINNER FOR EIGHT"*

**"DINNER FOR EIGHT"** –

Q: What is "Dinner for Eight?"

A: Groups of eight people are joined together in private homes. The host prepares the main course and supplies beverages. Guests are asked to bring additional dishes to complete the menu. Everyone is invited to participate in "Dinner for Eight" which is designed to encourage fun and fellowship while helping parishioners get to know each other better. What better way to do it than at an informal dinner! We try to have a mix of guests, consisting of long time parishioners with newcomers. Contact Tom Cameron or Sarah Schmid if you are interested.

## **CHRIST CHURCH SUPER 50/50 CASH RAFFLE FUND RAISER TO BENEFIT CHRIST CHURCH OPERATING FUND DECEMBER, 2013**

Christ Church is running a Super 50/50 cash raffle to benefit the Christ Church Operating Budget. This is one of a number of fund raisers to help us generate additional funds needed for the Christ Church operating expenses. This year, it was decided to hold only one Super 50/50 at the end of the year. We hope to sell all of the tickets which would net Christ Church \$3,125 if we sell all of the tickets.

How does the Super 50/50 Cash Raffle work?

Tickets are sold for \$5.00 each between July 1st and December 6, 2013, when the drawing will be held at the parish house. The winner will receive 50% of the total money collected from ticket sales. Christ Church will receive the other 50% of the ticket sales. All expenses have been contributed by parishioners, so this is truly a 50/50 raffle.

Everyone on our distribution list should have received their allotted tickets by now. If you cannot sell all the tickets that you have received please return the unsold tickets to the office by **November 11, 2013**. We plan on making them available at the Bazaar's Preview Night (11/13) and during the Bazaar itself (11/16). Hopefully this action will help us reach our goal of \$6,000.00 --- with half the total collected going to the winner.

If you have any questions or need raffle tickets, please see Carl Alfano at church or contact him via email or phone.

## *"On the Road to the Diaconate"*

It seems like just yesterday that I was writing my first "Crown" article reflecting on my first year at the School for Deacons. I was sincere when I said that the completion of my first year of formal study on the road to the Diaconate was exciting, and that the uncertainty I felt the first day of class had been replaced with a sense of tremendous hope. At that

point it seemed that Karen, Magdalena and I were standing together with our other classmates somewhere along the road to Emmaus and that the stranger had just described the world we were meant to live in, a world drenched in beauty, peace and love: *“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the Scripture to us?”* (Luke 24:32)

Inspired as I may have been at the time, I can admit to you now that like most students on the last day of school, I rushed out of class happy for the summer break. I read somewhere since that it is a mistake to think that the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness were all days of temptation and sorrow. The author’s contention was that Jesus had the fullness of the Spirit within him after he was baptized by John, and that he went into the wilderness to realize and enjoy it more fully. Certainly there must have been days of peace and intense joy at first, and that is the feeling I shared with Christ at the end of the first year of study at the School for Deacons. Looking back, I couldn’t have imagined the days of temptation and sorrow to come as I drove out of the Cathedral parking lot that last day of classes, headed unexpectedly as I was into my own private wilderness for the summer.

The first peaceful days of my summer break were soon succeeded by the need to transition out of the parish I was received into nearly sixty years ago – Christ Church Shrewsbury - to begin an internship at a parish far beyond my comfort zone - St. Peter’s, Spotswood. I understand that not everyone is called by God to be a partner in His grand design, but it has been a bigger challenge than I thought it would be to go further in the direction He is pointing me. Thankfully, I have been welcomed by the open and strong community of faith at St. Peter’s and I have begun to serve its Community of Hope Ministries, an all-volunteer nonprofit organization helping people in need in Spotswood and the surrounding areas. Upon closer reflection, I am reminded of a passage from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians which suggests a new insight into the kind of suffering I initially felt: *Not only are we comforted in our trials, but our trials can equip us to comfort others.* Paul’s teaching encourages me to be grateful and happy to do the good works that I have been called to do, and I would offer his guidance to Karen and Magdalena as they take the

first tentative steps away from Christ Church in January.

There’s no denying that the School for Deacons has become a major part of my life, and so returning to class in mid-September was a major event. Like most students, as the summer days dwindled down to a precious few, I was dreading the start of school on one hand but eager to return to class on the other. I was pleased that the trust, mutual respect, and school spirit that developed between our class and our instructors over the course of our first year together seemed stronger than ever on the first day of class this semester. We picked up where the class left off last semester with a closer examination of the New Testament, and we began what will become the extensive study in Pastoral Education. Our on-going study of the New Testament challenges me to answer what difference the truth of the gospels make to me personally, and I have a good feeling about the future benefit of the pastoral direction I will be receiving in class as I expand my field work with Community of Hope Ministries at St. Peter’s.

Regarding God’s plan for me, Bishop Cancell told me recently that he saw a bumper sticker once that read “God has a plan for your life and it is very, very difficult”. The Bishop believes that to be true, and at this point in my training for the Diaconate, I would tend to agree. The take away from that conversation with the Bishop was that the way of the cross leads to life and peace, but that we should remember that it is a relationship with a person - Jesus Christ - not a lesson or a law only. With your help and support, and the help and support of others, I’m working on building that relationship every day. And finally, the English diarist Elizabeth Lawrence remarked that *“Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn,”* and that is what I hope you will take the time to do between now and moment the last leaf falls this coming Thanksgiving Season. Until I am blessed to be with you again, I will be keeping you and your family and friends in my prayers.

*Faithfully, Bill Balmer*

**PLEDGE 2014**

**Come, Ye Thankful People Come**

The pledge campaign for 2014 is beginning. This initiative, which is part of the overall stewardship of our parish's finances, asks each parishioner to make a monetary pledge. The amount of such an annual pledge is, of course, up to the parishioner but tithing or moving toward tithing is the goal.

The theme of this year's campaign is the first line of Hymn 290 reprinted above. This theme will be developed through three short talks by parishioners at Sunday services. These testimonials will speak to the meaning of Christ Church to each of them in specific terms and thus why they are thankful people.

Shortly you will receive an invitation to a complementary luncheon on November 24<sup>th</sup>, our ingathering Sunday. This is the center point of our pledge campaign when we will come together as a community. Our homilist for the day will be the Reverend Canon Lee Powers, former Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of New Jersey.

We urge you to attend this luncheon and prayerfully consider your pledge for 2014.

The Stewardship Commission



Lifetouch took photos of parishioners on Oct 18th and 19th at the parish house. Shown are Jonathan and Shirley Badal looking at the results. If you missed this and wish to have your picture taken please contact the parish office for other opportunities.

Blessings Shared  
Parish Finance Update  
(September 2013)

YTD Actual Pledge and Plate: \$ 109,598  
YTD Budgeted Pledge and Plate: \$ 103,685

Total YTD Income: \$ 161,883  
Total YTD Expenses: \$ 169,599

Net Income: (\$ 7,716)

Notes:

1. YTD Income includes \$37,000 transferred from the Endowment Funds.

Thank you for your continued support of Christ Church.

Respectfully Submitted  
Gerry Marengo – Treasurer

**Join us Wednesday, November 27th at 7PM  
for the Thanksgiving Eve service**

**THANKSGIVING  
OFFERING**

**My Thanksgiving offering in gratitude to  
Almighty God for his many blessings.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Pledge # \_\_\_\_\_

Offering \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Clip and mail this coupon or bring it to the  
Thanksgiving Eve Service.  
(Make checks payable to Christ Church.)**

## A Note from the Senior Warden

November 2013

### The Saturday Life of the Parish

Some parish members have a narrow view of a church's activities. Many think of one or more Sunday services and then a void until next Sunday. After some thought, they would realize that the rector has to write a sermon, the organist has to practice, the sexton has to clean, and the parish administrator has to, well, administrate. But the activities can remain a haze of vagueness to many. At Christ Church even the newest members realize quickly how active this parish is, even if they only come to Sunday service. At a 10 am service we have the announcements just prior to the Dismissal. These can go for quite a while because of the number of activities that are being shared. And not just a litany read by the rector alone to a glassy-eyed congregation but mention of many activities by the large number of parishioners involved in them. It is far from unusual for announcements to be made by 6-8 different parishioners. A couple of weeks back this took 8 minutes!

Many years ago a fellow parishioner used the phrase, The Saturday Life of the Parish. I thought that phrase was charming and very evocative of the notion that the parish had an everyday life. Further it suggested that there were a specific set of activities on a Saturday – a day that is viewed as a sort of day off in our society (or used to be!). October 12<sup>th</sup> was a Saturday. I happened to be at church for quite a while that particular Saturday and I used that as an opportunity to discern what the Saturday life of the parish was at Christ Church at least for a single Saturday. I arrived at church around 10 am to work with Walter on our second Saturday workday. I was particularly interested in repairing some outside lights that were not working. Walter was already there and we worked on that aspect. Tom and Carl showed up later to do some of workday work as well. Mother Lisa and Jeff came in a little later. Mother Lisa, who works each Saturday, was catching up on some paperwork, e-mails and phone calls and Jeff was cleaning ahead of Sunday services. Chris, our choirmaster, arrived around 10 am to prepare for a special tenor/bass choir rehearsal at 12:30. Meanwhile Walter and his team had moved on to cleaning the refrigerator, removing a bezillion black walnuts from the

driveway and parking lot, and hanging some art work in the parish hall. Choir members arrived at the church at the appointed time and as the practice ended, Noel and Paul showed up to prepare for an afternoon non-parishioner wedding, aided by Jeff and Walter and others as the wedding party arrived. If this had been the previous Saturday, there would have been a Parking Lot Payers service and Blessing of the Animals. If it had been the subsequent Saturday, you would have seen parishioners arriving all day to have their pictures taken for our Pictorial Directory.

And note that I made no mention of the Holiday Bazaar preparations that are very active and involve MANY parishioners on numerous tasks. Part of the reason for this is that with computers and the Internet, a large number of church activities can take place *elsewhere*. So part of the life of the parish is happening in many places and harder to see though VERY real.

The Saturday life of our parish is a busy one. Further it is not a uniform set of activities each Saturday. The life varies as needed by the many parish activities underway. It is a joyful and exciting life and again emphasizes the important robust community aspect of our parish.

**Bob Kelly**

## WE'LL RING THE BELLS



*Continuing a long Christmas tradition, Christ Church members will again ring the bells for the Salvation Army on the Saturday before Christmas, December 21st from 10 AM 'til 6 PM. This year we'll be back at our famous Red Kettle location, the Acme in Shrewsbury Plaza. As always, we'll ring in teams of 2 for four 2 hour "shifts", 10 to 12, 12 to 2, 2 to 4, and 4 to 6. Please see Jim Miller after the 10 AM services on Sundays or call him at 732-741-3273 to sign up. It's quaranteed... 2 hours ringing the bells will double your Christmas Spirit! !*

## Did You Know?

### Stories of Christ Church History

*In this and subsequent issues of the Crown, the history of Christ Church will be explored.*

*This article is the third in a series of articles on the Rev. Samuel Cooke Submitted by guest columnist:*

#### ***Rick Geffken***

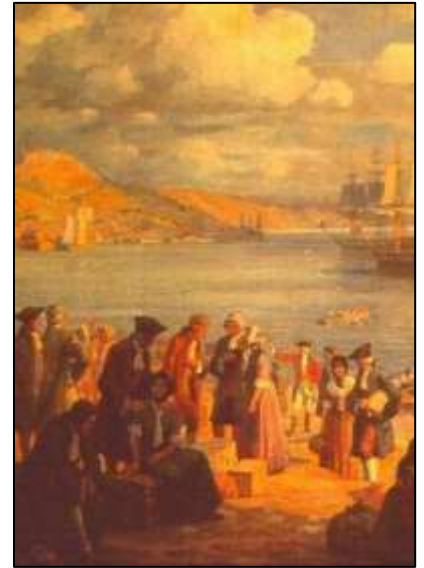
*Rick Geffken is an archival historian living in Farmingdale on land once owned by the Rev. Samuel Cooke. Retired from careers in the computer industry and teaching, he is researching the history of Shrewsbury Township. This article is adapted from a book he is writing on the subject. His website is [Livinghistorynj.com](http://Livinghistorynj.com).*

### **The Reverend Samuel Cooke**

#### **Part 4, Conclusion**    *“Never was a Minister of the Gospel more beloved or esteemed...”*

Following the end of Revolutionary War in 1783, many of the defeated and disheartened American Colonial Loyalists fled north to the area still controlled by Great Britain. About 34,000 Americans loyal to the British crown fled the Thirteen Colonies for Nova Scotia. More than 14,000 of them settled in present-day New Brunswick. These Loyalists, some of whom had suffered the forfeiture of their property, left the new United States to find freedom and help establish the new nation of Canada. They came in twenty ships from New York, and were among the first political refugees of the modern era.

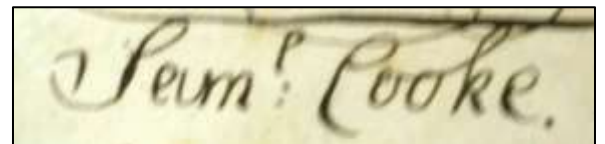
Three thousand souls found their way to the rugged, tree-covered shores at a small colonial trading post at Saint John Harbor in May of 1783. During the spring, summer, and fall, a small wilderness outpost was transformed into a city. By October 8, some 2,000 Loyalists had ascended the St. John River Valley to St. Anne's Point. Only a few were able to improvise log shelters before the long, cold winter descended.



Despite the hardships, one of their first concerns was a church. In anticipation of a missionary's arrival, a small and old frame house was purchased. It was not in good shape and sat empty for many months. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts (SPG) finally appointed the Reverend Samuel Cooke as Missionary to New Brunswick in Canada. He was to be paid £60 per year. Reunited with some of his children, Cooke left for his new assignment with son Michael, 22, and daughters Mary, 27, Isabella, 18, and Lydia, 16. They arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia in August of 1785. It took them another two weeks of arduous overland travel to get to St. John.

Never one to wait for others to act, the 62 year-old Rev. Cooke began a drive to raise funds to create a proper church very soon after his arrival. He called a vestry and raised £90 for repairs and alterations to the old house. It would be used for the next 6 years until “Old Trinity” opened. This first church of the Loyalists was called simply the “Parish Church”, and served also as the courthouse and public meeting hall. From 1784 to 1791, services were held in this first building, erected on Germain Street between Duke and Queen Streets. It was, initially, unheated and eventually provided with pulpit, lectern, Holy table, stoves, and pews.

Just as he had done in Monmouth County New Jersey, Cooke travelled tirelessly to nearby communities preaching the Gospel, leading prayers, and baptizing converts for several months. By his own count, he had baptized 153 people, “including 13 negroes,” during his brief stay in St. John.





When the seat of government was changed from St. John to Fredericton in 1786, Cooke moved yet again, in August of that year, to Nashwaak, about 5 miles north of Fredericton. His new congregation numbered less than 100. He preached at what was called The King’s Provision Store on Queen Street. “The atmosphere was very cold as they were not allowed to light fires because the building was full of gun powder.” In October the first Church Wardens and Vestrymen were appointed.

Between 1787 and 1790 Cooke labored to raise funds for a church. Most of it came from the government because the people of Fredericton were very poor. The first church was built near King and Church Streets.

In 1790, Cooke was appointed Ecclesiastical Commissary to the Bishop of Nova Scotia. His travels increased as he established new parishes throughout the province. He called several meetings of the clergy to Fredericton and was pleased to report to the SPG in September 1794 “the respectability and regularity of all their missionaries in the Province”.



Continuing his virtually non-stop schedule of parish visits, Cooke and his son Michael were returning home from Fredericton on a Saturday in May of 1795. They choose a bark canoe to traverse the St. John River on a dark and windy night. A sudden squall overturned the small craft. Despite Michael’s heroic efforts to save his 72 year-old father and himself, both were drowned.



The Rev. Samuel Cooke and his son Michael were interred and remain in the Old Burial Ground in Fredericton. One gravestone is inscribed “Sacred to the memory of Mr. Michael Cooke, son of the Revd. Samuel Cooke D.D. the first Rector of this Parish, who in his Manly efforts and persevering struggles to preserve the Life of his venerable Parent in the moment of drowning Also perished on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1795 in the full vigor of health and in the 31<sup>st</sup> year of his age.”



Bishop Charles Inglis wrote this tribute to the SPG “Never was a Minister of the Gospel more beloved or esteemed or more universally lamented in his death. All the respectable people, not only of his parish but of the neighboring country, went into deep mourning on this melancholy occasion.” A plaque in St. Ann’s (Christ) Church in Samuel Cooke’s memory included these lines “His philanthropy and those virtues which had secured to him universal esteem, respect and affection through life occasioned his death to be as generally and sincerely lamented.” After 72 years of active service to God and country, Samuel Cooke at last earned his eternal rest.



# PROPERTY REPORT - One year later...



While time may not heal all wounds, it does give one opportunity to gain perspective. In the aftermath of the Superstorm, I came to realize that God knew (as always) what was needed. The problem is when I accepted the commission for property, this wasn't what I expected. While with the age of the property, I had my to-do list composed, it quickly was circumvented by Sandy. From that event forward, I began looking at the property from a what-if scenario... little did I know. We as a vestry began by cleaning up the trees that surround the church. Working with Cook's Tree Service, it was decided to remove a huge trunk limb that overhung three of the stain glass windows. Now looking back at the damage to the one stain glass window, I can only image what we would have faced if the advice offered by Al Cook had not been followed. Cook's returned after the Superstorm and once again demonstrated their long standing commitment to the Christ Church community by removing all the damaged limbs and lifting the canopies over the church. But he went a step further and donated over a thousand dollars' worth of services to remove stumps, dead wood, and cleanup of our historic trees.

I never thought of the bell chiming as a beacon of hope, but when I was at Monmouth Building Center trying to get the proper amperage cords to back-wire the boilers for heat, I was approached by someone who had heard the now famous, God calling intro, and asked if I was from the church on the corner. I replied yes and what followed was a tale of despair after the storm, the impending end of the world as we knew it, and then they heard the clock striking the time every hour. This became their beacon, a sign to the community that things would be alright. A thank you goes out to Steve Volta and to Monmouth Building who provided us with a cord of their own until another shipment came in to replace it.

God called on Lowe's too, who opened their doors to me so that I could get the supplies to cover the window, even though their registers weren't working and they weren't open to the public for business. And yes I did go back and pay our bill! The same was true for Grainger Supply, who made sure we got a generator off the first truck to arrive with supplies. We had over a hundred slates that needed to be replaced and that work was completed by Leeland's Slate who also repaired the gutter hangers that were damaged. There are many thanks to go around!

We made a new friend in Billy Scalzo of SES Home Improvements, who through our insurance claims replaced the back door of the church, rebuilt the back porch, and replaced the windows at the rear of the church. He also replaced the signage and is in the process of repairing the gates and replacing the door by the acolyte room. But what you may not know is he donated his services and expertise by rebuilding the cabinet base floor, insulating the pipes (even below ground) in the sacristy. He performed countless inspections in the church above the tin ceiling and in the bell tower. He trimmed out the windows with Azak as a better installation, removed the rotten louvered vent at the rear of the church to install the new one, and is replacing the drip edge at the rear of the church. On the parish house while he repaired the shingles that were damaged by the Superstorm through insurance, he donated the repair of the gutters, and installed the second solar vent fan. While these are generous donations(over two thousand dollars) I came to realize how much he cared for this community, when he repaired the shakes on the church that were damaged in the storm, by carefully removing the nails so that they could be reused, given we have no historic nails!

A special thanks to Peggy James and John Callaghan for the donation of windows to the church for needed replacements. John and Darien Callaghan were also instrumental in getting the window covered temporarily so that we would not sustain more damage. Even P.J. Reyes, a strong seven year old and his father Andy Bustamante were great in joining Diana and Greg Michel as well as our neighbor Tim, in removing debris from the grounds. I know there are countless others, like Gerry Marengo who donated gas for the generator...thank you all.

The repairs that are being made on the church and our property have had a few tense moments, but for the most part they have been accomplished with relative ease. I am thankful for your patience and for the leadership we have in the rector, senior warden, vestry, and the finance committee as a whole. Our community is much larger than those we gather with on Sunday morning, I hope you will remember them and join me in extending a warm hand of thanks for everything that has been accomplished. In the aftermath of the storm, I have been asked, "Why did God do this?" which could lead to an easy dissertation on the scientific facts of weather happenings, but my reply is what God did was to open my heart and increase my faith more than I ever imagined and to sustain us in a time of need. For me I lift up my eyes to the Tiffany weathervane often, from whence does my help come? As in Psalm 121-"My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your Foot be moved."

*Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Pruitt, Property Chair*



# ***HOME FOR THE HOLIDAY'S BAZAAR***

***Christ Church, Shrewsbury***

***380 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury  
Saturday, Nov. 16, 9am - 5pm***

Our Holiday Bazaar offers:

Vendors \* Basket Ticket Auction \* Handcrafted Items \* Homemade Chocolates  
Bake Shop \* Poinsettias & Christmas Cactus \* Fresh Wreaths  
Handcrafted & Estate Jewelry \* Holiday Gifts  
\* Mega 50/50 \* Trinkets and Treasures

Enjoy a homemade lunch (dine-in or take-out)

## **Preview Night**

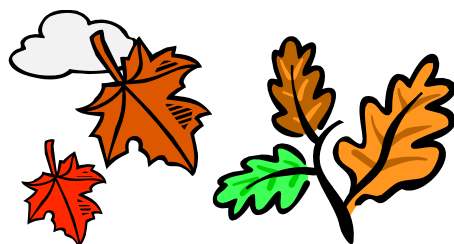
Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

6 – 8 P.M.

Wine and Cheese

\$10.00 per person

Our finest gift baskets will be available for sale via a silent auction.





# HOLIDAY POINSETTIA AND CHRISTMAS

## CACTUS ORDER SHEET

Shoppers at our Holiday Bazaar are always thrilled by the size and beauty of the holiday flowers, so, back by popular demand, Poinsettias and Christmas Cactus will be available again this year! Timed for peak display during Christmas, these healthy, direct-from-the-greenhouse plants are bursting with blooms to fill your home with color.

To ensure your choice of size and color, we strongly encourage you to place an order. Order forms must be returned by Sunday, November 17. Plants will be ready for pick-up on Dec. 1.

Please complete the order form and attach a check **payable to Christ Church.**

Thank you

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>SIZE</u>	<u>COLOR</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>QTY.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>POINSETTIAS</u>				
8" Pot	Red	\$20.00	_____	_____
8" Pot	Marble -White w/splash of pink	\$20.00	_____	_____
10" Pot	Red	\$30.00	_____	_____
10" Pot	Marble -White w/splash of pink	\$30.00	_____	_____
10" Pot	“Jingle bell” red & white speckled	\$30.00	_____	_____
<u>CHRISTMAS CACTUS</u>				
6" Pot		\$12.00	_____	_____
TOTAL DUE			\$	_____



# **Christ Church Shrewsbury's**

## **Annual 4-Corner Holiday Lantern Tour**



***Christ Church ~ Presbyterian Church  
Quaker Meeting House ~ Allen House***

# **Friday Night, December 6th**

**2 Tours: 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.**

**Reserve Your Tickets Now!**

**For Reservations call: 732 - 915 - 5862**

**\$15.00 for Adults**

**\$8.00 for Children under 12**

**\$6.00 for Youth Groups of 12 or more**

# 2013 Advent Quiche Sale

*From the Cuff Kitchens*

## Order Form

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Price Each \$</b>	<b>Total \$</b>	<b>Pick- Up Date</b>
<b>Quiche</b>				
Ham & Swiss Cheese		<b>12.50</b>		
Mushroom & Peppers		<b>12.50</b>		
Broccoli & Cheese		<b>12.50</b>		
Blue Cheese & Apple		<b>12.50</b>		
<b>Total</b>				

***ORDERS can be picked up Sunday 11/24, 12/7, 12/14 or 12/21  
ORDERS must be given and paid at least one week in advance  
i.e. 11/17, 12/1, 12/7, or 12/14***

*All orders must be pre-paid*

**Name**\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone**\_\_\_\_\_

### **Pick up at Coffee Hour**

I will be at Coffee Hour to answer any questions

All funds are for Christ Church

## Christmas Toy Drive to Benefit Children of the community

Once again this year, we are teamed with other churches and organizations to collect toys for the children of surrounding communities. The children who are recipients are those for whom we can make the holiday season come alive with love and kindness. For many families right here in Monmouth County the purchase of toys at Christmas is beyond their means, as they struggle to make ends meet. The following is a list of types of toys and other items that will brighten Christmas morning for many children. Last year we helped to make Christmas a little brighter for **308 children** in Keansburg and around the bayshore area. Please consider, as you begin to shop for the holidays, of purchasing a toy for a youngster. You may drop off toys for the drive at the Parish House. They should be unwrapped, but including wrapping paper or gift bags would also help the cause. Thank you for your past generosity – let's make some children happy again this Christmas! Toys need to be available for delivery by December 4<sup>th</sup>. ~ Thanks once again, Elaine Feyereisen

### 2013 Toy Drive Suggestions

McDonald's or Burger King gift books	Movie Tickets
Bratz dolls (usually preferred over Barbie) & accessories	Barbie dolls & accessories
Baby dolls & accessories	Dora the Explorer dolls or playsets
Transformers	Wrestling figures
Any building set (k'nex, leggos, etc.)	Puzzles (all levels)
Cars or any car set (hot wheels, matchbox, etc.)	Remote control cars
Fire truck, dump truck, tow truck (up to around age 10)	Fake food, tea sets
Action figures: Batman, Spiderman, Power Rangers, GI Joe	Play doh
Dress up sets (princess, policeman, etc.)	Nail polish, makeup
Any Fischer-Price Action Hero or Little People play set	Books, coloring books
Any musical toy or musical instrument	Wallets (especially guys)
Basketball, soccer balls, softball & bat, football	Body sprays (guys or girls)
Any board game, skill or strategy game	Bath sets (bath gel, bubble bath, etc)
Cards, card games, memory games	Hats, scarves, gloves, mittens
Any craft set or kit – drawing, beading, jewelry making, etc.	Socks, all sizes
Inexpensive jewelry or watches (guys or girls)	
Inexpensive "walkman" type cd or mp3 player	

*Please avoid anything that can be potentially dangerous without adult supervision.  
(no glue guns, wood burning kits, etc.); No food or candy; No candles or incense.*

### **SOCIAL MEDIA!!!!**

Please check our new improved website!

[www.christchurchshrewsbury.org](http://www.christchurchshrewsbury.org)

To hear Sunday Sermons, Click on Mother Lisa's picture on our home page! Check us out on your smart phone too - you will be surprised by the running banner of photos on our home page.

Are you on facebook? Well now you can be a friend of Christ Church on facebook! Recommend your friends become a friend of Christ Church also. Please share events and the good news about the exciting events we post.



# Ministry Institute

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Training for Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, and Lectors

Leaders: The Reverend Jane T. Brady, Grace Church, Pemberton, New Jersey; The Reverend Steven Carroll, St. John's Church, Salem, New Jersey; The Reverend Paul Jeanes, III, Trinity Church, Princeton; Melissa Semmes-Thorne, Holy Trinity, Wenonah

Are you a Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, or a Lector in your church? Come join us for this day devoted to providing training for these ministries. You may wish to stay for the entire day as you consider other ministries or realize that as a Eucharistic Minister, you need lector skills as well. The Diocese's revised *Manual for the Licensing of Lay Ministries* reflects the changes in the Canons of The Episcopal Church and requires that training opportunities be made available for those persons called to the lay ministries of the church.

The morning session of the Licensed Ministries Seminar will be devoted to a workshop entitled *Reading Aloud Effectively*. It is designed to give Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers tools and techniques to help them read scripture **aloud more effectively, assisting in the congregation's understanding of the text**. A coaching session will be included. The afternoon session will enable Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors to practice administering chalice and paten, to reflect on their ministry from pastoral and theological perspectives, and to develop more familiarity with healing prayer and prayer for any need (for congregations in which the laity participate in this ministry). The day will end with a Holy Eucharist where the newly trained have an opportunity to practice their new skills in the context of a worship service. Sponsored by the Committee on the Priesthood and the Committee on the Diaconate.

When: Saturday, November 9

Lectors: 9 AM to noon

Lunch: Noon to 12:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors: 12:30 to 3:00 PM, with concluding Eucharist

Cost: No cost, lunch provided

Where Trinity Church

33 Mercer Street

Princeton, New Jersey 08540

609 924-2277

Register

By Monday, November 4 at <http://tinyurl.com/157b2tt>

**Episcopal Church website**  
**[www.EpiscopalChurch.org](http://www.EpiscopalChurch.org)**

# **Vestry Nomination and Selection Process**

## **Annual Parish Election Process**

As we prepare for the Annual Parish Meeting in January 2014, we are required, under the Parish By-laws to nominate candidates for Vestry to fill the vacancies left by those members who have fulfilled their terms.

The following members will be leaving the Vestry this year:

Junior Warden (Two year term) – Kim Roberts-Honecker

Vestry Persons (Three year terms) – Tom Cameron, Tara Dunford, Rebecca Pruitt

In addition we will need to nominate candidates to serve as Alternate Deputies to Diocesan Convention  
Three Alternate Deputies

## **Nominating Committee**

A Nominating Committee has been formed by the Vestry, as per the By-Laws, consisting of  
Chair – Robert M. Kelly Jr.

Nominating Committee members – Tom Cameron, Tara Dunford, Rebecca Pruitt

## **Call for Candidates**

Christ Church is seeking candidates for election to the Vestry. If you would like to nominate a fellow parishioner please contact one of the nominating committee members identified above. Please confirm that the person you are nominating is willing to serve before submitting their name to the committee.

## **Deadline for Submitting Candidates**

Please submit candidates for consideration **by Sunday, December 15, 2013.**

## **Eligibility to Serve on Vestry**

To be eligible to serve on the Vestry the nominee must be a “Qualified Voter” as defined in the By-laws:

## **Article II, Section III**

### **Qualified Voters**

Those eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting, known as “qualified voters” shall be persons who are baptized, at least sixteen years of age, domiciled in the parish or adjacent thereto, of good moral character, adhering to this Church and to no other religious body, active communicants, meaning that they regularly attend services of this Church in this Parish, and regular contributors to the current expenses for the six months preceding the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

**Robert Kelly, Senior Warden**  
**Chair of the Nominating Committee**

# November 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> Casey vacation <u>ML+ out of office - day with Presiding Bishop</u> <u>7:30PM</u> AA meeting	<b>2</b>  <u>11:00AM</u> <b>Ordination of Bishop States Trenton</b>
<b>3</b> 8AM Holy Eucharist <b>(BIBLE STUDY Cancelled)</b> 10AM Holy Eucharist <u>Church School**</u>	<b>4</b> Casey vacation <u>Office closed</u>  <u>ML+ out of office clergy conference</u>  <u>7pm</u> <b>ALL SOULS' SERVICE</b>	<b>5</b> Casey vacation  <u>ML+ out of office clergy conference</u>  <u>7:15PM</u> Meditation Group	<b>6</b> Casey vacation  <u>ML+ out of office clergy conference</u> <u>6:30PM - EFM - Rectory</u> <u>7-9PM - Knitting Pearls @ Perky's</u>  <u>8PM</u> AA meeting	<b>7</b> Casey vacation  <u>7:30PM</u> St. Gregory's Choir Rehearsal Chapel <u>8:30PM</u> AA meeting	<b>8</b> Casey vacation  <u>Rector's day off</u>  <u>7:30PM</u> AA meeting	<b>9</b>  <u>9AM</u> Brotherhood of St. Andrew meeting  <u>10am - 4pm</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. Workday
<b>10</b> 8AM Holy Eucharist 9AM Adult Bible Study 10AM Holy Eucharist <u>Church School**</u> <u>12noon</u> GFS meeting <u>M.L. + @ EFM Training</u>	<b>11</b> Casey vacation <u>10AM</u> Clergy lectionary group - library <u>Office closed</u>  <u>M.L. + @ EFM Training</u>	<b>12</b> Casey vacation  <u>M.L. + @ EFM Training</u>  <u>7:15PM</u> Meditation Group	<b>13</b> Casey vacation <u>9:30AM - Morning Prayer P.H. Library</u> <u>10:15-11:15AM - Peak of the Week P.H.</u>  <u>6 - 8 PM</u> <b>Wine and Cheese Bazaar Preview Night</b>	<b>14</b>  <u>7 PM - Wedding Rehearsal</u> <u>7:30PM</u> St. Gregory's Choir Rehearsal - Chapel <u>7:30 PM</u> <b>Finance Meeting</b>	<b>15</b>  <u>Rector's day off</u>  <u>4PM</u> Wedding Rental	<b>16</b>  <u>9AM - 5PM</u> <b>Home for the Holiday's Bazaar</b>
<b>17</b> 8AM Holy Eucharist 9AM Adult Bible Study 10AM Holy Eucharist <u>Church School**</u>	<b>18</b> <u>10AM</u> Clergy lectionary group - library  <u>Office closed</u>  <u>7:15PM</u> <b>Vestry Meeting</b>	<b>19</b>  <u>7:15PM</u> Meditation Group	<b>20</b> <u>9:30AM - Morning Prayer P.H. Library</u> <u>10:15-11:15AM - Peak of the Week P.H.</u> <u>6:30PM - EFM - Rectory</u> <u>7-9PM - Knitting Pearls @ Perky's</u>  <u>8PM</u> AA meeting	<b>21</b>  <u>8:30PM</u> AA meeting	<b>22</b>  <u>Rector's day off</u>  <b>ECW Advent Party</b>  <u>7:30PM</u> AA meeting	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> NO 8AM  <b>10AM Service only INGATHERING SUNDAY with Parish Luncheon</b>  <u>Church School**</u>	<b>25</b> <u>10AM</u> Clergy lectionary group - library  <u>Office closed</u>	<b>26</b>  <u>7:15PM</u> Meditation Group	<b>27</b>  <u>7PM service</u> Thanksgiving Eve.  <u>8PM</u> AA meeting	<b>28</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>  <u>Office closed</u>  <u>8:30PM</u> AA meeting	<b>29</b>  <u>Rector's day off</u>  <u>Office closed</u>  <u>7:30PM</u> AA meeting	<b>30</b>

**\*\* CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

9:50AM - 10:40AM - *Lower Church School* (Pre-K - 4th grade)

After Communion - *Middle Church School* (Grades 5 - 8th)

After the service - *Upper Church School* (Grades 9 -12th)

# *Christ Church Shrewsbury*

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*The Communications Team reminds you to check the web site for current parish news.*

*www.christchurchshrewsbury.org*



"Be friends with Christ Church Shrewsbury" and then invite your friends to be our friend so we all can be informed and connected to events in our community.

## **SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST. BRING SOMEONE TO CHURCH WITH YOU.**

The Reverend Lisa S. Mitchell, Rector  
The Reverend Mary Frances Schjonberg, Priest Associate  
The Venerable Victoria Cuff, Deacon  
Chris Psolka, Organist/Choirmaster  
Casey Surgent, Office Administrator  
Jeff Veil, Interim Sexton

### **VESTRY 2013**

Robert. M. Kelly, Jr. - Senior Warden, Information Technology, Parish Historian  
Kim Roberts - Junior Warden, Communications  
Carl Alfano – Fundraising, Communications  
Tom Cameron - Parish Life  
Tara Dunford - Fundraising  
Sheila Hatami-Watson - Outreach  
Neil Ingenito - Outreach  
Sue Napoletano - Christian Formation  
Rebecca Pruitt - Property  
Sarah Schmid – Membership, Parish Life  
Patrice Thornton - Membership

### **OFFICE OF THE VESTRY**

Treasurer—Gerry Marengo  
Asst. Treasurer--Lynn Marengo  
Vestry Clerk – Nancy Stewart

