



Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Annual Report for 2011

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Junior Warden: Bob Bower
Clerk: Anne Ball
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St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church is an inviting and inclusive community. We celebrate our connections with one another and all of God's creation. We strive to be leaders in the stewardship of the earth and social justice. Through creative liturgy, life-long education and spiritual inquiry, we seek to gain depth and energy for ourselves and for our service in the wider world.

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Agenda 2012

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4. Reports

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- B. Senior Warden's Report
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Worship

Worship Advisory Group, Pastoral Care, Altar Guild, Memorial Garden, Acolytes, Lectors, Bread Bakers, Altar Flowers, Chalice Bearers

Education

Sunday School, Rite 13, Journey to Adulthood, Adult Education

Service

St. Bart's Food Pantry, St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry, Tri-Community Interfaith Council, Friendship House, Seasonal Offerings

Community

Buildings and Grounds, PR/Marketing, Talent Auction, Christmas Fair, Art Show, Ushers, Coffee Hour, Nursery Care (and groups who share our facility – Yarmouth Day Care, AA, Cancer Support, Alzheimer's Association)

Resources

Human Resources, Financial Stewardship, New Leadership, Counters

Music

Choir, Special Offerings and Arts at Bart's events

- F. Campaign Follow Up
- G. Nominating Committee Report and vote to accept the slate
- H. Recognition of Retiring Vestry Members

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Treasurer's Report
Anne Berg, Treasurer
Susie Soule, Asst. Treasurer
January 29, 2012

2011 Review

When we budgeted for 2011, we were coming off of a very tough year for the overall economy and, therefore, we approved a budget that projected a loss of about \$9,000 for the year. As it turned out, St. Bart's generated Net Income of just over \$100 for 2011, giving us a favorable variance of more than \$9,000. On the positive side, we received \$7,700 in unrestricted gifts, netted \$3,200 more from the Talent Auction than forecast, and realized lower costs than expected for building insurance and pension. On the unfavorable side, we did not receive all of the 2011 pledges, and we spent more than expected on health insurance, repairs, and fuel oil. Ultimately, we budgeted conservatively and spent equally conservatively, netting us a favorable year-end outcome.

Budget 2012

Planning for 2012 has a different set of challenges. The Capital Campaign's success means that we will likely be "under construction" for 4-5 months during the year. While this may reduce some expenses (such as repairs), it will also lessen our income from the Yarmouth Day Care by up to \$4,000 and will not allow us to do a major fund-raiser such as the Talent Auction. Our pledges for 2012 have come in slightly above those for 2011 due in part to the addition of 7 new pledge units. The net result is that Income is budgeted to fall about 2% short of that budgeted for 2011.

Expenses for 2012 are budgeted below the 2011 budget by around \$15,000 or 6%. Our Diocesan Assessment, pension, and building insurance costs have been reduced by a total of almost \$10,000, and we believe we can cut another \$5,000 out of overall operating costs. This reduction is based on 2011 actual experience as well as reductions we believe will be achieved in connection with new construction.

The net effect is a 2012 budget recommended by the Vestry that breaks even. Both the Income and Expense figures are based on conservative estimates and known figures wherever possible. And hopefully it allows room for variances, favorable and unfavorable, that we know will happen.

St. Bartholomew's Church	2011	2011	2011	2012
SUMMARY	Budget	Actual	Actual -Budget	Budget PROPOSED
Contributions & Plate	\$201,900	\$200,105	(\$1,795)	\$208,680
Earned Income	\$45,737	\$54,236	\$8,499	\$33,179
Total Income	\$247,637	\$254,341	\$6,704	\$241,859
Compensation & Benefits	\$164,864	\$165,105	\$241	\$161,474
Rector Support	\$4,000	\$2,603	(\$1,397)	\$3,900
Building & Grounds	\$22,250	\$27,347	\$5,097	\$20,550
Office & Administration	\$5,634	\$6,137	\$503	\$5,134
Church Programs	\$4,400	\$3,414	(\$986)	\$3,600
Financial Mgmt & Misc.	\$5,244	\$2,911	(\$2,333)	\$3,600
Outreach Expense	\$8,000	\$4,363	(\$3,637)	\$5,000
Diocesan Assessments	\$42,350	\$42,350	\$0	\$38,570
Other Fund Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses	\$256,742	\$254,230	(\$2,512)	\$241,828
Net Income	(\$9,105)	\$111	\$9,216	\$31

Senior Warden's Report
Joe Michaud
January 29, 2012

The 2011 Rector's Report to the Annual Meeting
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Yarmouth, Maine
The Reverend Nina R. Pooley
January 29, 2012

When David instructs Solomon to build the Temple, he says, 'And you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve him with single mind and willing heart; for the Lord searches every mind, and understands every plan and thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will abandon you for ever. Take heed now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house as the sanctuary; be strong, and act.'

(1 Chronicles 28:9-10)

It is no small thing to undertake, building a place of worship and meeting, of education and music! A year ago we were talking about a campaign, we were meeting to talk about building plans and financial plans, and we were dreaming of really getting underway. And now a year later, after countless meetings and gatherings, individual interviews, and more meetings, we're here. We've done something momentous in scope and in vision.

We've dared to put dreams into actions and now are in position to move forward, translating dreams into reality. It's exciting and a lot of work. A different kind of work than we've been at for quite a while. In some ways more concrete, easier to get your hands on... the construction of a new building spaces, the reconfiguration of current spaces.

It's good to take a breath right now and see how far we've come. To feel good about the work we've done together, the commitment we've made to the future of this place, that we've all made. I'm not a money-focused person – you suspected that didn't you? So while I'm thrilled with all that we've been able to raise toward this project what gives me real joy is the way in which we did it – all in this together. We had a very high percentage of people of the parish get invested in this project, each to their own ability. And those who were unable to pledge financially have pledged to help in other ways. Because this is that kind of community – we're all in this together. And we're all better for being in it that way. Time and time again I would hear from the people who made visits for the campaign, about how great it was to sit down and get to know another parishioner better, how much fun the process was because we got to know one another better.

We have more work to do, more building plans to look over, changes to make. We will make modifications to accommodate our current budget, which will allow us to expand and complete our work in phases as we move forward into the future. Joe is going to talk about what's next in some detail. But it will be a time of challenges and excitement, of seeing our vision and our investment taking shape. Of opportunities to get involved and to get to know one another in new ways in the months ahead. And to exercise our flexibility and our sense of humor in the midst of a certain amount of disruption in the becoming.

I'm looking forward to it all, the more concrete planning, the accommodating construction, even the noise and the dust in some ways – because it's part of the process of our becoming more fully the place and the people we feel called to be. And being able to better serve the world both from this place and outward, that's the very best work really. I hope you'll take a serious look at the changes the vestry has put in place for the coming year when it comes to service and outreach. That too will be a process of becoming and we find better ways in which to support one another in

our service to the world, in ways that are transparent and equitable.

This work we do together, in the practical terms of building, as well as moving forward in our social action, seems to me to be part of something so much more. Part of our on-going journey to become who we are called to be as a community of faith. It is truly a quest born of love – Christ's love for us and the world, as expressed through our love for one another in this place, and our love of others through our reaching out. A work in progress, always, but a work done best together.

Love takes off the masks that we fear we cannot live without and know we cannot live within. I use the word "love" here not merely in the personal sense but as a state of being, or a state of grace -- not in the infantile ... sense of being made happy but in the tough and universal sense of quest and daring and growth. -James Baldwin, from his book The Fire Next Time

Worship:

As an act of love, prayer is a courageous act. It is a risk we take. It is a life-and-death risk, believing in the promises of the gospel, that God's love is indeed operative in the world. In prayer we have the courage, perhaps even the presumption and the arrogance or the audacity to claim that God's love can be operative in the very specific situations of human need that we encounter.
- John E. Biersdorf, from his book Healing of Purpose

Obviously this is mostly the Sunday services and all those who make that possible week in and week out – our choir, our acolytes, servers, chalice bearers, lectors, bread bakers, altar gild, flowers, and worship advisory group. In this area we also have our incredible Pastoral care team, who meet monthly, offer the healing service on the first Sunday of each month and bring communion to those unable to attend church.

Pastoral Care:

The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing ..., not curing ... that is a friend who cares. - Henri J.M. Nouwen, from his book Out of Solitude

The Pastoral Care Committee was formed eight years ago to support our rector in providing care and comfort to those in our congregation who may need a little extra attention after a hospital stay, a family illness or a crisis that happens unexpectedly. We provide transportation, meals, visits to nursing homes, offer the Eucharist and generally be in communication with our parishioners guided by Nina.

On the first Sunday of every month, we assist Reverends Lin Peyton and Edie Birney in the Healing Service. We are thankful to the knitters in our community who provide Prayer Shawls, this year Nina delivered 13 shawls to men, women and a brand new baby! We rely on the congregation to keep us informed and aware of any situation that needs attention.

We would welcome anyone willing to help with transportation or meals.

Imelda Schaefer – co-chair

Eleanore Irish – co-chair

Members: Howsie Stewart, Lin Peyton, Alice Wallis, Dinny Truesdale and Susannah White.

Altar Guild:

I would like to thank all members of St. Bartholomew's Altar Guild for their support through the years. The work done here quietly supports the church community.

The Altar Guild members are the church mice of St. Bartholomew's. Their work is usually done before anyone comes to church or after the service, while church members are greeting each other and having coffee. Our purpose is to support the clergy, care for the altar, clean and prepare linen for the next service, and order the candles and wine for services. We meet 2 to 3 times a year to set up schedules, care for the silver and brass and to check linen for stains and wear. We also plan what we can do to make the clergy's job easier by being sure that all the books, vessels, linen, bread and wine are ready for each service. Our work schedule varies for the 2 services. The 8:00 AM members usually serve a month at a time. 10:00 AM members serve one or two Sundays per month.

The Altar Guild at St. Bartholomew's always welcomes new members. The 10:00AM service group includes John Duncan, Carmen Greenlee, Jamie Michaud, and Imelda Schaefer. The 8:00 o'clock service members are; Jan Burson, Lu Clark, Eleanore Irish, Joy Ingalls, Beth LaSalle, Betty Mooradian, (who posts the hymns for the services) Alice Wallis, Mary Ann Hodsdon and our new member Dan Doyon. Eight O'clock members set the tone by preparing the altar for both 8:00AM and 10:00 AM. The folks who serve at 10:00 put things away and launder the linen. Our work is not hard and takes only a few minutes.

The budget of the Altar Guild covers the purchase of the wine and candles for services. We also purchase linen to replace those that are worn. Occasionally we must replace damaged silver or glass.

If you would like to join the Altar Guild, you may contact either of the co- chairs; Jan Burson 781-7904 or Mary Ann Hodsdon 688-4469 or any member who is serving. If you are interested in seeing what we do, you may job shadow at any time. The person who is cleaning up will always welcome an extra pair of hands.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Hodsdon and Jan Burson

ALTAR GUILD BUDGET 2012*

Wine: 6 bottles Port @ \$54.84 x 3	= \$164.52
Linens: No purchases planned	
Candles: 1 box of 12 candles for brass candlesticks	= \$112.00
2 boxes of 12 candles for wrought-iron candlesticks	= \$55.50
Liquid candle lighter (attachment)	= \$39.00
Kerryliquid: 1 case of 4 (includes \$10 delivery fee)	= \$70.00
Dry cleaning: as needed for linens	= <u>\$25.00</u>
	\$466.02 (Rounded to \$500)

*This budget reflects costs to maintain our worship standards and practices. Mindful of the current financial times, it is, nevertheless, a request for \$200 less than the 2011 budget. To solve an ongoing problem with drips from the candle lighter, which stain and disfigure altar linens, we are purchasing a smokeless, driplless liquid candle lighter which attaches to the current candle lighter. The liquid for this comes in a case of four, 210 hour containers - a multiyear supply at \$0.07/hour.

Flower Committee:

The Flower committee members provide flower arrangements for Sunday services with the exception of Advent and Lent, when a wreath or a green plant is provided. The members will also provide floral arrangements for special occasions such as funerals or weddings for a nominal fee. Memorial flowers are designated for Easter Sunday but any parishioner may request memorial flowers for a particular Sunday by contacting the office. Members contribute to the Christmas Fair by making table decorations such as boxwood trees and holiday centerpieces. Members provide arrangements at their own expense but for Christmas and Easter decorating, appropriate reimbursement is available.

We will miss Ellen Wells and Anita Stickney who have stepped down and welcome new members, Susan Soule, Susannah White and Norma Barnhart.

On Sat. February 11, Jon Pelletier, will host "Altar Flowers 101" and make several arrangements demonstrating basic techniques and ideas using fresh and dried materials. The workshop will be from 1 to 3 PM, open to the congregation and anyone you may wish to invite. New members are always welcomed!

Imelda Schaefer: Chair, members: Noreen Evans, Cal Harder, Mary Ann Hodsdon, Jessie Moore, Jonathan Pelletier, Joan Tilney, Susan Tureen, Dinny Truesdale, Alice Wallis, Jan Wentling, Susan Soule, Susannah White and Norma Barnhart.

Memorial Garden:

The Memorial Garden at St. Bart's thrived in 2011 under the green thumb care of master gardener Lori DuBois, who agreed to work in the garden on an as-needed basis between May and October. She brought a professional eye to the overall design of the plantings, and tackled the unruly vegetation along the banking to the west of the garden.

There were two interments in the garden this past season: Shirley Babb and David O'Brien. The engraver who etches the letters in the stones brought the inscriptions in the garden up to date by adding the date of death of Lee Baier. It is important to note that not all stones in the garden lend themselves to engraving, so anyone who is interested in selecting a specific site should check with Nina, Liza or Margaret first.

Any modifications to the existing garden and its plantings await the campus-wide long range plans that are included in the capital campaign's hopes for the future of St. Bart's. We expect Lori to continue her work on the garden in 2012.

Reservation forms and other information can be found in the Memorial Garden Book, which is kept in the church office. In addition, we are always available to speak with anyone who would like to know more about the Memorial Garden.

Liza Chandler 846-9432
Margaret Betts 784-5676

Education:

Knowledge emerges only through invention and re-invention, through the restless, impatient, continuing, hopeful inquiry [people] pursue in the world, with the world, and with each other.

-Paulo Freire

We have three Sunday school classes with remarkable teachers, and two thriving youth groups, Rite 13 and J2A which meet here on Sunday evenings. We've managed to get our Adult Education off the ground, in spite of time constraints and the challenges of not enough space.

Adult Education:

The small but faithful group of Adult Ed participants spent several months on an in-depth study of the Torah. (The first of three sections of the canon of Hebrew Scripture, the Tanakh.) We had hoped to do more, but we got involved in Michael Coogin's text: *The Old Testament, A Historical and Literary Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures*. It was a luxurious and thorough walk through the teachings of the Torah, with the Bible in one hand, and Coogin's text in the other. With an occasional juggling so that we could look at the text more closely through Richard Elliott Friedman's book, *The Bible with Sources Revealed*. I enjoyed the group and the material very much, and hope that we can return to walk with the Prophets and the Wisdom Literature next fall. But this coming spring we will endeavor to dive into the Gospel of Mark; the Gospel through which we will live and move and have our being in worship this year. Please join us! We meet first and third Sundays of the month, between the services. It's an open discussion format class, and we'll be using Marcus Borg's book, *Conversations with Scripture: The Gospel of Mark*. But you are welcome to drop in as well.

Sunday School and Youth Groups:

"No one has yet fully realized the wealth of sympathy, kindness, and generosity hidden in the soul of a child. The effort of every true education should be to unlock that treasure."
-Emma Goldman

Sunday school in the younger classrooms continued to be an adventure in 2011. The Pre-K/K class was led by a team of teachers in the spring and fall using the Godly Play curriculum. We welcomed many visitors and new friends to class. Favorite projects continued to be the messiest ones, especially sand art and glitter. Sand is always a popular material in Sunday School –the desert box is the setting for many stories and sometimes Jesus finds Himself traveling through time and spending time with Moses in the desert. The 1/2/3 classroom enjoyed a mixture of Godly Play stories and Workshop Rotation stories and projects. One the favorite series of stories centered on The Miracles of Jesus—the children asked many “wondering” questions and seemed to engage the stories on a whole new level. At times we joined forces with our neighbor, Club 4/5/6, the highlight being a warm Sunday when Nina Scribner brought three of her therapy and guiding dogs including a puppy! It was wonderful to see the children so engaged, excited, and to have them share in the ministry of another parishioner. Please consider coming to share your stories and talents with us in 2012!

Rite 13

Journey to Adulthood

Community:

"It has been said that there is no true person unless there are two entering into communication with one another. The isolated individual is not a real person. A real person is one who lives in and for others. And the more personal relationships we form with others, the more we truly realize ourselves as persons."

Kallistos Ware

This area includes our faithful ushers, our babysitters who care for our youngest members, and the hospitality offered by all of us on the Coffee Hour rotation. Our buildings and grounds group is unflinching in their service to us, as are those who take care of the grounds and shovel snow in inclement weather.

Babysitting in the Nursery

A grateful thank you to Mackenzie Pooley and her helpers who are faithfully present each week so that our youngest members are well cared for while their parents worship in church.

Ushers

Thanks to those who serve as ushers, welcoming and greeting, passing plates and guiding us through coming up for communion. A special thanks to our youngest ushers who show us how it's done: Jackson and Ella Caruso and Evan and Lucas Goettel.

Coffee Hour

I have actually overheard a conversation between two younger worshippers, wherein the one who is always here said to his friend, new to St. Bart's, "Aren't you glad you came? I told you there are great snacks." While it may or may not be the reason people come on any given Sunday, the hospitality shown through our coffee hours supports us as we strive to be an inviting and inclusive community, welcoming stranger and friend alike. In thanksgiving for Jamie Michaud's constant oversight of our list and also with thanks for those who have joined us, it's a great way to support this community.

Christmas Fair:

Our last deposits have recently been tallied and our total (net of expenses) was \$15,270. We know that it takes many hands and countless hours - thank you so much for all that you shared to make this possible.

We were delighted to make this contribution to the many Outreach programs in the community - St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry, St. Bart's Food Pantry, Opportunity Farm, the Tri-Community Interfaith Council, among others led by our parishioners. We can make a difference and that is a wonderful gift to share.

Listed below are the category totals:

Attic Treasures	\$1330.60
Baked Goods/Cookies	\$864.50
Books	\$1824.20 (up from \$874 last year!)
Crafts	\$2528.50
Fudge	\$193.10
Gourmet Foods	\$548.50
Jewelry	\$1222.00
Lunch	\$671.00
Miscellaneous	\$514.50
Pet Gifts	\$190.50

Raffle	\$390.00
Silent Auction (new)	\$2083.44
Table Decorations	\$1285.50
Wreaths	\$1153.50
Donations	\$218.25

Submitted by 2011 Christmas Fair Chairs Susan and Scott Jensen, Barbara Barhydt and John Duncan

Service:

"You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. And you can be that servant." **-Martin Luther King Jr**

Hospitality:

At St. Bart's, our commitment to hospitality in 2011 included sharing our building. We host a chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous, the Alzheimer's Association, a cancer support group and Savvy Caregivers (through the Southern Maine Agency on Aging). We also have a strong relationship with Yarmouth Day Care, which rents our classroom.

Financial Support:

Our service work in 2011 included direct donations to the St. Bart's Food Pantry (\$5,000), as well as collecting clothing and other items for St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry throughout the year, and volunteering at the pantry every six weeks. We additionally continue to support Quarters for Haiti, a fundraising program that provides a daily hot meal to people in the earthquake-ravaged village of Duny.

In July, we netted around \$3,000 for handling the parking duties at Gurley Antiques Gallery at 189 Main St. during the Yarmouth Clam Festival. Use of the lot was made possible by gallery owners (and St. Bart's parishioners) Dave and Ellen Manson.

In October, the third annual Yarmouth Art Festival, co-chaired by Joe Michaud and Laurie Hyndman, drew more than 300 entries from 75 Maine artists. The juried show, with nearly 160 pieces chosen for inclusion, netted about \$6,000.

During the holidays, in partnership with the Yarmouth Community Food Pantry, we provided 14 Yarmouth-area families with Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets filled with fresh foods. In addition, we prepared Christmas stocking gifts for the children of our food pantry families and for young people at Opportunity Farm for Boys and Girls. The gifts, provided by St. Bart's parishioners, were organized by Holly Mitchell Chapman.

Another highlight during the holidays was our 21st annual Christmas Fair, chaired by Barbara Barhydt, John Duncan, and Scott and Susan Jensen. Proceeds from the fair surpassed \$15,000.

Finally, through Nina's discretionary fund, we provided confidential assistance to help persons in

need with medical bills, fuel assistance and electric bills.

Time:

St. Bart's parishioners spend significant time in service of others. A group of volunteers, organized by Libby Moore, work at St. Elizabeth's every six weeks. Maggie Nason shops and sorts, bags and sometimes delivers food to the families served weekly by our food pantry. Pam Hobson heads a team of volunteers who take turns cooking a monthly meal for Friendship House, a home in Portland for men who are transitioning from substance abuse. Carol Hayes organizes and participates in the Good Friday Walk for Habitat for Humanity. Peter Chandler organizes our annual Blood Drive for The Red Cross. Maggie Nason is our representative on the Tri-Community Interfaith Council.

As the new year begins, we extend our sincere appreciation to each of you at St. Bart's for your willingness to serve others in 2011. Thank you!

- Submitted by Rick Ramseyer on behalf of the Vestry

Social Action, Looking Forward to 2012:

St. Bart's services our local, regional and international communities in a variety of ways. We donate space, provide financial support, make donations of hard goods and provide volunteer resources. However, many members of the vestry and our congregation are not familiar with what St. Bart's does on a daily basis or are how they or their families can participate in service efforts.

The Vestry felt it was time to identify what St. Bart's many service efforts are, what contributions St. Bart's makes to these efforts, what opportunities exist for other service efforts and how the entire process of service can be better communicated to the congregation. The Vestry also wanted to investigate what other churches do for service and how it is structured within those congregations. There are a number of individuals that work tirelessly for certain efforts and in this process the Vestry is in hopes of recognizing their work and these projects. Ultimately the goal is to make service at St. Bart's have a more transparent process and become a more inclusive and well-publicized effort. A small sub-committee from Vestry was formed and began working on this topic in early 2011.

As a result of all the research, thought and discussions we have begun to refer to "service" as "social action". A set of guiding principals, a list of prioritized goals, a social action request for support form and a survey to the congregation have all been developed. The congregation-wide survey will be made available on the web and will be handed out at all services on February 5th and February 12th. This next year will serve as an experiment and a learning time and an opportunity for St. Bart's Social Action efforts. The Vestry welcomes feedback, comments and suggestions as we embrace all the service efforts St. Bart's has been doing and all the service St. Bart's can be doing in the future.

- Submitted by Anne Ball, Barbara Barhydt, Holly Chapman, Heather Sylvester and Rick Ramseyer on behalf of the entire Vestry.

Music:

Teach me, Lord, to sing of your mercies. Turn my soul into a garden, where the flowers dance in the gentle breeze, praising you with their beauty. Let my soul be filled with beautiful virtues; let me be inspired by your Holy Spirit; let me praise you always.

- Teresa of Avila

This seems obvious but should never go without saying – we are blessed with an incredible choir director in Jonathan Pelletier, who leads a talented and dedicated group of choristers each week. Thank you all for your continued gifts to us, both week to week and through your Evensongs.

Music 2011 Report

There's a sameness to each year in a parish community, but also, always new and refreshing changes and challenges. Music at St. Bart's continues to grow, expand, and hopefully bless all who are a part of our church family and beyond. Twenty eleven was no exception in this regard.

We mourned the passing of our dear friend Al Payson who sang bass in his melodious way with us for several years. We faced health issues for other members or their families - Erv and Lyn Bickford, Don Massey, Suki Welch, Sue Wheat, Jamie Michaud. We rejoice with Heather and Gary Sylvester as they await their new little family member. We miss our friend, librarian and fellow musician, Connie Hegarty. And we carry on together as part of the remarkable St. Bart's choir team.

Last year we followed our new pattern of four evensongs per season with wonderful attendance and great turnouts. Twice the youth in the parish benefitted enormously from your support and generosity as they served food and were with us before, during and after these lovely evening programs.

Last spring, St. Bart's choir was once again a part of the community interfaith music fest - held this past season at Sacred Heart RC Church in downtown Yarmouth. You can be so proud of the how beautifully our singers shared their music in that wonderful, resonant space with a fine rendering of "Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree."

Ongoing, it has been a joy to welcome new piano and organ students here who put both our lovely grand piano and our fantastic pipe organ to almost daily use. And, a few months back a local piano teacher scheduled our sanctuary and piano as a place to showcase her budding students in recital. This is part of our ongoing desire to reach into the community beyond our Sunday music and worship....and it's working. Thanks be to God!

Many thanks to Liza Chandler for her fine craft at sewing a more durable and attractive piano cover. And to her and Heather Sylvester for picking up choir library duties in Connie's absence. Please remember anyone is welcome to donate a new anthem to our library in memory of a friend or loved one. This runs about 75 dollars for a one-time purchase of enough copies to add to our library.

May 2012 find all of us, and especially our choristers in good health, fine voice and eager spirit as we continue to serve one another in love and art in this sacred place.

Respectfully and faithfully,
Jon Pelletier, music director

Human Resources:

This is the unsung category that helps to keep the rest of us going. This includes our vestry as well as our weekly counters, and our financial stewardship team.

Campaign Follow Up:

Nominating report:

Thanks for retiring vestry member:

2011 Parish Registry

Baptism

Charlotte Dodge

Wedding

Alicia and Adam Belmore

Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation

Angela and Charles Green

Elizabeth Burrows

Daniel Doyon

Andrea and William Nelson

Funerals

Robert Greenleaf

David O'Brien

Barry Wilcox

Shirley Babb

Harriet Frost

Charles Stickney

Albion Payson

Interment of Ashes

David O'Brien

Shirley Babb

Sending Forth

Angela and Charles Green

2011 Annual Meeting Minutes for 2010 Annual Report

**The opening prayer was read by the Rev. Nina Pooley.
The congregation sang the hymn, "Come O Fount of Every Blessing".**

Clerk's Report/Louise Barton for Mary Becker:

2010 annual meeting minutes were approved as read. Attendance was recorded in the red book.

Warden's Report/Joe Michaud:

Joe referred to his written report that summarized the amazing progress made this past year concerning the process of a capital campaign. He commented how much effort was put forth by many people and thanked everyone for that. He stated that our next steps will be to review Scott Simon's revisions of the physical space, as they relate to varying dollar amounts. The possible range for the capital campaign appears to fall somewhere between \$1.4 - \$2 million dollars, according to the campaign consultants, Demont Associates. The amount raised overall from the campaign will then determine which architectural drawing will be the best match for increasing the physical space. The capital campaign co-chairs are Bill MacLeod, Michele Johns and Dick Henriques (honorary chair). Some members of the committee so far are Bob Clark, Curt Scribner, Peter Chandler and Jeff Diggins. Others will be announced in the coming months. The complete "Planning Study Report" by Demont Associates is available in the office if anyone wishes to review it or have a copy.

Treasurer's Report/Anne Berg

Anne reviewed the financial challenges that 2010 presented. At the beginning of the year, there were fewer pledges, but that was offset over time, by increased plate contributions. Earned income was less, mostly due to less fundraisers, such as the talent auction which had budgeted dollars associated with it. However, expenses were less which helped. Overall, though, 2010 ended with an \$11,000 shortfall. There is approximately \$100,000 in investments and reserves. 2011 has begun with an increase in pledges, the most in the past four years, and a \$30,000 increase from new pledge units. The proposed budget does have an \$8,500 shortfall, but that amount may be made up during the year. The proposed 2011 budget was approved as written.

Rector's Report/Nina Pooley

Nina highlighted the tremendous energy she sees in the parish which has helped move St. Bart's forward through the strategic planning process and now towards a capital campaign and long term vision. She thanked those involved in lay leadership: Mary Lou Chin, our new deacon; Rev. Edie Birney and Heather Blais, priest in training. Nina talked about her participation on a variety of diocesan committees and her work under the leadership of Bishop Steve who is challenging us all to do "church" differently. She gave special thanks for Angela Millington's hard work and dedication in the office, along with the incredible musical talents and vision of Jonathon Pelletier (who is beginning his 15th year with St. Bart's!).

Committee Reports/presented as written

The reports are contained in the 2010 yearly report. Joe led a discussion on the timing of next year's annual meeting, in order to increase attendance. Dinny Truesdale suggested that we have only one service on this particular Sunday, at 9am, and then everyone can stay for the meeting afterwards. There was general consensus that this was an excellent idea! Nina announced that Bishop Steve would be with us on Easter. There was a plea for people to be "walkers" or "helpers" for the Good Friday walk as this is the 25th year for Habitat for Humanity.

A motion was made to accept all reports as written. The motion was approved.

Nominating Committee Report/Joe Michaud

The following slate was nominated, as follows:

Senior Warden: Joe Michaud for 1 year

Junior Warden: Bob Bower for 1 year

Clerk: Anne Ball for 1 year

Treasurer: Anne Berg for 1 year

Assistant Treasurer: Susie Soule for 1 year

Member at Large: John Perkins for 3 years

Member at Large: Scott Jensen for 3 years

Member at Large: Barbara Barhydt for 3 years

The Diocesan Convention Delegates and the Interfaith Council Representatives are:

Liza Chandler, Phil Chin, Doug Reighley, Harriett Davis and Heather Sylvester (alternates: Ken Pooley and Gary Sylvester)

Nina thanked Maggie Nason for her many years on the Interfaith Council and her willingness to continue.

The nomination slate was approved.

Nina closed with a thank you to the outgoing members of the Vestry: Rob Neal and Steve Morse, completing their 3 year terms; Mary Becker, completing 2 years as Clerk and Weesie Barton completing 6 years, 3 as a member at large and 3 as Junior Warden.

Nina blessed the entire 2011 Vestry.

Nina offered a closing prayer and the congregation joined in singing the hymn, "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee".

73 plus attendees were present.