



SAINT MICHAEL'S  
LITCHFIELD  
*Nurture Your Spirit*

# MESSENGER

November 2018

*St. Michael's is called to live and proclaim the transforming love of God.*

## FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

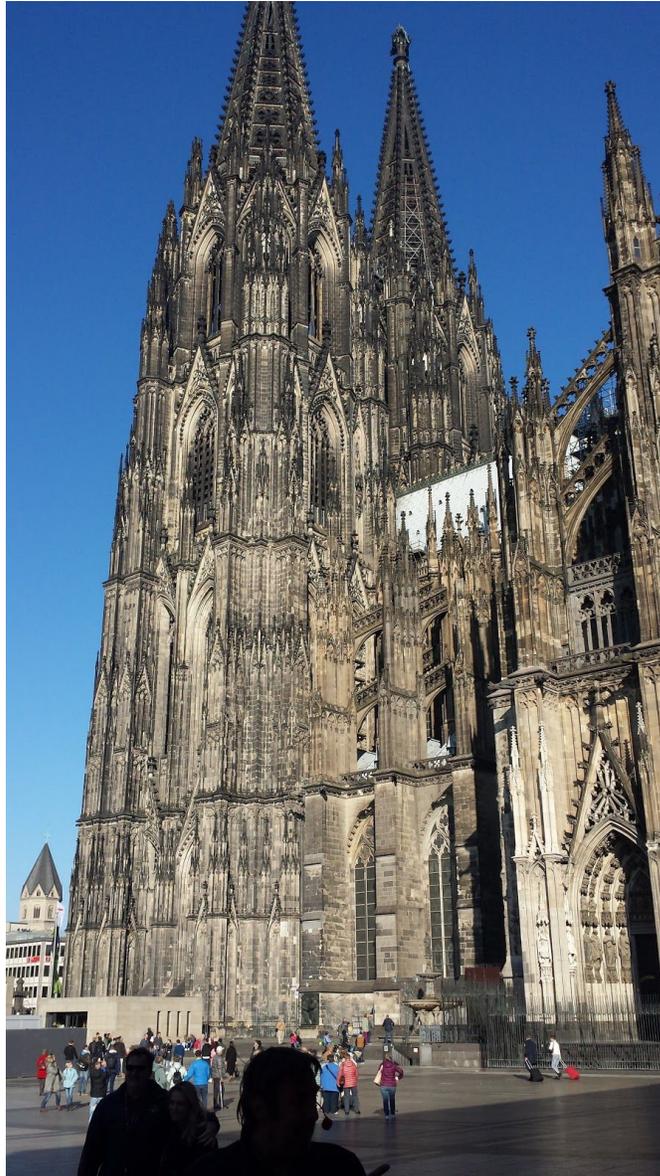
At last the leaves are showing their true colors. The temperature has dropped, and we are approaching the end of the liturgical year. November is also the month of Thanksgiving in the secular calendar. We Christians don't have Thanksgiving just once a year; we have thanksgiving every week. We call our weekly worship the Eucharist, which is just the Greek word for thanksgiving. We could call it Readings and Songs or Prayers or Communion, but we don't. We call it Thanksgiving. Gratitude is perhaps the most unique characteristic of Christians. We know that everything worth having comes from God. We know that we can't manage our lives without God's help. We know that God loves us more than we can understand or imagine. We are grateful for all that comes from God, which is, of course, everything.

Personally, as I complete six years as your priest at St. Michael's, I am grateful for you wonderful people that make up this congregation. I love the building and the generosity that made it possible to undertake major repairs to the stonework and install two large stained glass windows. I love the music program, and the Food Pantry and the Bible Study on Wednesdays. The leadership circle is a great bunch of people. I love that we are diverse politically, economically,

educationally, and in our work experiences. This is a fabulous parish. St. Michael's makes me very happy. Thank you for being you.

In Christ's love,

Bevan+



*Cologne Cathedral*

## FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

The music program at St. Michael's is up and running for the 2018-19 season.

The Parish Choir is off to a steady start having begun singing 10 am Sunday services on Sept. 23, singing Evensong on St. Michael and All Angels (Sept. 29, with puppets), a "Saints and Animals" service (devised by Claudia Chapman) with a wonderful reception in the Chapel (as you can see in this picture) on October 13, and Compline (preceded by a 'Hymn Sing') on October 28. We have welcomed 4 new singers into our regular regimen and fellowship, as well as 4 more for specific occasions. We would love to welcome new singers and would be especially grateful for a bass or several to balance the other sections.



Highlights of the music schedule in November are services on the Solemnity of All Saints' on Sunday morning, Nov. 4, A Sequence of Readings and Music entitled "My soul there is a country" in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of WW I (sung by the "Remembrance Choir") at 5 pm on Veterans Day, Sunday, Nov. 11, and Compline on the evening of the Feast of Christ the King, November 25, at 8 pm (sung by our newly formed Chant Choir).

On Advent Sunday, December 2, at 4 pm, St. Michael's annual Advent Carol service (including music for choir and congregation, known and unknown) will be sung by candlelight.

Compline will be sung on Sunday December 16, at 8 pm.

Many thanks to St. Michael's ever energetic and efficient Dragon Ladies, for substantially reorganizing the music room, to Peg Sullivan for her help with ideas, refreshments, candles, cleaning up etc., to Claudia Chapman for her creative collaborating for the "Saints and Animals" service, to Sarah Melcher for producing the program for the St. Michael's evensong, to Karen and Bevan for their flexibility and guidance, and to our choir members for their skill, patience, lightheartedness, and warm welcome extended to Jennifer, Taz, Puggy and me.



*The St. Francis Window lit for the  
“Saints and Animals” Service the evening of Oct. 13*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Children at Saint Michael's

The Children's Chapel, on the south side of the nave, is now equipped with a carpet, comfortable furniture, and materials for our school-age children to use during the service. There will be copies of The Sunday Paper every week in the Chapel. This is a cartoon version of the readings for each Sunday at two different age levels. They are suitable for coloring and are excellent summaries of the ideas in the readings. They make a wonderful resource for parents and children to discuss the Bible readings together at home. Please check them out.

# OUTREACH

## Food Pantry

**Food Pantry Stats for October:** 61 guests representing 50 seniors, 59 children for a total of 172... 2053 lbs food. Nine new families

### **Where to put donations:**

Canned and packaged food should be placed on the pew in the aisle closest to the entrance to the church

Food needing refrigeration goes on the left side of the refrigerator in the Community House.

The freezer is kept locked. To arrange for frozen food deliveries, please contact Karen in the office 860 567 9465, or Nancy Moore at 860 387 3742 or 860 491 9494. Both of them have keys.

# VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

from the Meeting of October 14, 2018

- Brett Figlewski will be ordained at Trinity Milton on December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The first six stewardship meetings were held. 35 people representing 27 pledging units were in attendance. \$108,000 was pledged by 22 units. Additional meetings are scheduled.
- The work on the Carriage House has been completed. Mark Johnson will be moving in. His first official day will be October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The trees at the back of the property need to be cut down. Bids are being gathered.
- Parking signs for Greenwoods and SOTG are in place.
- Capasso will be fabricating and installing a copper gutter on the corner of the church building where we have had drainage problems. The cost is \$5,870.

- Recent property projects have been the renovations for the School on the Green, the painting of the Church House, an air conditioner for the Hall House and a boiler for the Carriage House.
- Two wonderful services have been held in the past month in celebration of St. Michael and St. Francis. Receptions were held. The Diocesan Budget Meeting was held in the library on September 18th. Sandwiches, salad and dessert was served. A Hymn Sing with a potluck reception and compline rounded out the month.
- Denise Butwill informed us of a program “Nation of Immigrants” at the Historical Society on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.
- The choir welcomes Laura Evans as a paid alto and is still in search of a bass.
- Martha Babbitt shared some wonderful facts from our early history. All so interesting and worthy of being compiled and shared with everyone in a future Messenger.

## PARISH LIFE

### Greeters

Since June, we have revived the Greeters team at St Michael's. Every Sunday morning, you will find someone at the Vestibule door saying "Good Morning". Supplied with the revised St Michael's Parish brochure and additional information needed by non-Episcopalians (all those books in the pew rack!), we hope to encourage them to return.

Being a Greeter is an easy way to meet visitors and former members.

Come join us by contacting Curry Walker (a newcomer Sept 2017) at [oma2004@gmail.com](mailto:oma2004@gmail.com) or cell phone 336.482.6200

# MILESTONES

Ordination of Brett Figlewski to the Priesthood

Trinity Milton

Thursday, December 20, 2018, 6:00 pm

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Ongoing weekly events at Saint Michael's

Sundays at 8:00 a.m. -	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> in the Chapel
Sundays at 10:00 a.m. -	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> in the Church
Mondays at 9:00 a.m. -	<b>Morning Prayer</b> in the Church
Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. -	<b>Morning Prayer</b> in the Church
Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. -	<b>Bible Study</b> in the Library
Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. -	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> in the Library
Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. -	<b>Bible Study</b> in the Library
Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. -	<b>Morning Prayer</b> in the Church
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. -	<b>Caregivers' group</b> in the Library

### Special Events at Saint Michael's

November 11, at 5pm: "My soul there is a country" - A commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of WW I (sung by the "Remembrance Choir").

November 25, at 8pm: Compline on the evening of the Feast of Christ the King, (sung by our newly formed Chant Choir).

December 2, at 4 pm: On Advent Sunday, St. Michael's annual Advent Carol Candlelight service (including music for choir and congregation).

December 16, at 8pm: Compline will be sung by the Chant Choir.

# IN THE COMMUNITY

**Dick Terhune in Newsies at the Warner - Runs from Saturday November 3 2018 to Sunday November 11 2018. <https://www.warnertheatre.org> for more information and tickets to see our oh-so-talented Dick Terhune.**

*Do you have something you want to share with other members of St Michael's?  
Contact Karen at [office@stmichaels-litchfield.org](mailto:office@stmichaels-litchfield.org) with your information to  
include in the Messenger.*

# IN THE REGION

## Get Connected

Check out our Northwest Region – The Episcopal Church in Connecticut Facebook page! Like us and we will like you – share your parish events – find out about

Northwest Region events:

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## Staff

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Karen Ackerman	Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper, <a href="mailto:office@stmichaels-litchfield.org">office@stmichaels-litchfield.org</a>
Mark Johnson	Music Director, <a href="mailto:music@stmichaels-litchfield.org">music@stmichaels-litchfield.org</a>
Amy Vinisko	Organist

## Officers and Vestry 2018

### Officers

Sarah Melcher, *Senior Warden*  
Richard Quay, *Junior Warden*  
Nancy Moore, *Clerk*  
Sky Post, *Treasurer*

### Vestry

#### Terms ending 2019

Kristin Eaton  
John Cox  
Denise Butwill

#### Terms ending 2020

Martha Babbitt  
Robert Rumsey  
Andrea Wells

#### Terms ending 2021

Megan Furtado  
Michael LaHart  
*Mark Yanaway (RIP)*

#### Diocesan Delegates

Meredith Penfield  
Nancy Skilton  
Alternate: Jo Ann Jaacks

#### Parish Historian

Martha Babbitt