

St. Michael's MESSENGER



February 2018

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

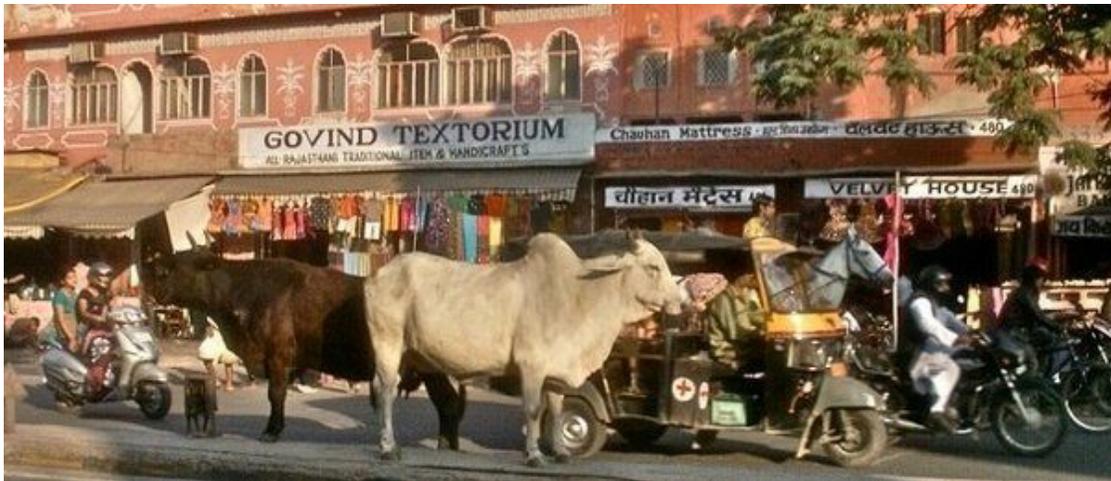
From our Rector

Dear Friends,

Sunday, February 4 is one of the most exciting times in the year. It is the day of our parish Annual Meeting. And then there is that football thing later on in the day. On Sunday morning we will have a single service at 9 a.m. followed by the meeting. It is one of the few times we all worship together. The meeting is an opportunity for us to share what has been going on in St. Michael's and to look forward to the coming year. Most of us know about the parts of the life of St. Michael's in which we are involved but don't see the whole picture. This is a chance to see the bigger picture.

Most of you know that I just returned from a week in India. It was a very short time to get a glimpse of a small part of that vast country. It is the largest democracy in the world, and perhaps the most diverse. We value diversity here at St. Michael's, and there are some lessons we can learn from a place like India. The impression I came away with is that in India there is a general culture or attitude that we are all in this together. Diversity is not managed by making deals or compromises—I'll give up something if you give up something. Rather it appeared that people generally want to be helpful to each other. Granted there may be some enlightened self-interest in play; nevertheless, competition is not the primary mode of operating. In the chaos of city traffic, people cut each other slack. In the absolutely packed alleys of Old Delhi, people actually help each other so that the traffic can move.

I think the cows have something to do with this. When you have large animals lying down in the middle of thoroughfares, and vehicular traffic has to go around them, sometimes merging lanes, you realize that you and your species are not the center of the universe. We share the planet, and the roads with others—other people, other animals.



In Jaipur, a city of some four million people, the city traffic included cars, trucks, motorcycles, three-wheeled motorized rickshaws, cows, camels, elephant, sheep, goats, dogs, and pedestrians. And we all moved forward together. I wonder how the United States might be improved if we had more cows on the roads. It might improve our attitudes toward all the “others” in our world. Anyway, it made me appreciate what a gift having my life slowed down by large animals was.

May we all see the ways in which our agendas are impeded by those who are different from us as opportunities to adjust our perspectives and see our world in new ways.

In Christ,
Bevan



Trinity Institute - February 2 and 3, 2018



Thanks to our new audiovisual equipment, St Michael’s will be able to serve as a satellite site for the annual Trinity Institute, which takes place in New York City. The theme of this year’s institute is “Values in Action.”

You can register to attend the institute here: <https://www.trinitywallstreet.org/trinity-institute/2018/home>

Annual Meeting - February 4th

Our Annual Meeting takes place on the first Sunday in February, after a single Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. A voting list has been posted. Those who have attended church regularly and have given financial support that is identifiable (a check or cash in an envelope with your name on it) are voting members. All are welcome to attend the meeting, whether you are on the voting list or not.

We will hear reports from the various commissions and ministries, elect officers and vestry people, and have time for questions and discussion. Copies of an Annual Report for 2017 will be available. Nominations may be made from the floor.

Our proposed new Vestry members are:

Megan Furtado

Michael LaHart

Mark Yanaway

The proposed new Treasurer is Sky Post

The proposed new Warden is Richard Quay

The Diocesan Representative: Jo Ann Jaacks

First Sunday Concert - February 4th at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 4 p.m.-Concert Series- The Elqui Trio (pronounced: El-Key) combines the unique talents of three musicians whose musical backgrounds range from South American folkloric oral tradition to purely western classical training. Andean woodwind player and flutist Gonzalo Cortés joins the gentlemen of the Alturas Duo-charango and viola player Carlos Boltes and guitarist Scott Hill-to form the Elqui Trio.



An ensemble that is equally at home performing both classical and South American folk music, the Elqui Trio's repertoire ranges from the Baroque and newly commissioned pieces to folk music learned in South America by oral tradition. With each member forging careers as chamber musicians and soloists with choruses and orchestras throughout Europe as well as North, Central, and South America, they collectively have premiered more than forty pieces of music and won competitions including the New England International Chamber Music Competition 2006 and 2010 CMA/ASCAP Adventurous Programming Award.

Reception to follow, \$20 suggested donation.

Ash Wednesday



Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return

- Book of Common Prayer, page 265

The forty day season of Lent begins this year on February 14th, with Ash Wednesday and ends with Easter. Ashes will be imposed at the 9 a.m. Wednesday Eucharist that meets weekly in the Library.

I invite you ... to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating of god's holy Word.

- Book of Common Prayer, page 265

Lenten Soup Supper series

The five Litchfield churches, St Anthony of Padua, the United Methodist Church, the Litchfield Congregational Church, St Paul's Bantam, and St Michael's will take turns hosting simple soup suppers with a short meditation on Lent on each of the Tuesdays in Lent.

Lenten Readings and Music in March

March 4 at 4 p.m. - The St. Michael's Choir will present Lenten Readings and Sacred Music. Based on the model of Lessons & Carols, music director Marguerite Mullee created this Lenten meditation using scripture, poetry and sacred music of the season.

Music

Our Handbell Choir rang at the 10AM service on January 14, playing a Prelude and Offertory. Many thanks to the ringers for all their time, talent and dedication!

Organist Daniel Scifo has accepted the post of Organist/Choirmaster at Christ Church in Watertown. Amy Vinisko will be our organist as of February 11. We wish Daniel the best in his new position.

Beginning February 6, Choir rehearsals will take place on Tuesday evenings at 7PM. It is not too late to join the choir to prepare for Lent and Easter seasons. Please contact Marguerite Mullee if you would like to try a rehearsal.

The Auerbach-Pierce Duo March 10

On March 10 at 7 p.m., The Auerbach-Pierce Duo will present a special performance of music for violin and piano. They will be playing pieces by Mozart, Tartini, Brahms, Paganini and others.

A reception will follow the performance. A \$20 donation is suggested.



Dan Auerbach(violin) has been hailed by the New York Times for his “quiet virtuosity.” In demand as a concerto soloist and recitalist, he has performed in every major venue in New York City. A fellowship recipient of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation (AICF), he has appeared as concerto soloist with festival orchestras in the U.S., Canada and Israel, including Aspen, Bowdoin, Saratoga, Victoria, and The Jerusalem Music Center, collaborating with members of the Israeli Philharmonic, Israeli Chamber Orchestra, Jerusalem Symphony and Radio orchestras.

Upcoming concerto appearances include performances of the Bach and Tchaikovsky Violin Concertos with orchestras in New York and Michigan. As a chamber musician, Dan Auerbach has collaborated with members of the Vermeer and Juilliard Quartets, the New York Philharmonic, the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, the Dallas Symphony, and other leading ensembles. Highlights of his 2017-18 season include a U.S. recital

tour, a chamber music recital at the DiMenna Center (NYC) and broadcasts of his performances on WBLV and Michigan Public Radio. A CD with pianist Joshua Pierce is forthcoming from MSR Classics .

Award-winning pianist Joshua Pierce (piano) has distinguished himself as one of the most uniquely gifted and compelling virtuosi of our time. A prolific and sought after recording artist, he has recorded more than 235 works, including numerous premieres as a soloist and with highly prestigious international orchestras. His outstanding recordings of the complete piano concertos of Beethoven, Brahms, Gershwin and Liszt for MSR Classics, figure prominently among his recorded output. His most recent orchestral recordings include works by Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff, Bach, Mendelssohn, and Rimsky-Korsakov. Orchestras include Berlin Radio Symphony, the Royal Philharmonic, Philharmonia of London, Moscow State Philharmonic, Russian State Symphony Orchestra, Czech National Symphony, Orchestra of Polish Radio & Television, Cappella Istropolitana, Slovak Philharmonic, Utah Symphony, San Antonio Symphony, Mexico City Philharmonic, Philharmonia Virtuosi of New York and many others. With the Slovak Radio Symphony, Pierce gave the first televised performance in Eastern Europe of the complete and restored Gershwin Rhapsody in Blue. His performance of the restored Rhapsody together with Gershwin's Concerto in F was simulcast in 19 countries over PRI and the EBU (European Broadcast Union).

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Safe Church Training

The Community House will be the site for the Diocesan Safe Church Training on Saturday, April 14, 2018. This training is designed to educate church members about how protect vulnerable people from abuse. It is required for staff and anyone who meets privately with anyone for their church ministries. It is highly recommended for all active church members. And it is free; breakfast and lunch are included. Please plan to attend.

More about the training can be found on the web at:

<https://www.episcopalct.org/Find-Resources/General-Parish-Operations/Safe-Church-Resources/>

Epiphany Pageant

The Colossal Puppets made their annual appearance at the 10 a.m. Eucharist on January 7th. Many thanks to all who carried puppets, arranged the space, presented gifts, and became part of the story of the Light coming into the world.





Children's Christian Education

The church school choir will perform again at the 10 a.m. Eucharist on Easter Sunday (April 1). Choir Director Marguerite Mullee will work with the children at the beginning of most church school sessions (meeting in the basement, at 10 a.m. each Sunday), starting in a few weeks. Children are not required to perform, but it is encouraged. It is such a treat to hear children's voices singing in church!

This month in church school, we will talk about some of the miracles performed by Jesus, including healing the sick. We will also talk about Lent and what it means in the Episcopal Church.

There will be no church school on February 18.

Outreach

Susan B. Anthony's wreath sale sold over 1127 wreaths and raised \$14,997. The funds we helped raise will be used to help the victims of domestic and sexual violence who come to the Susan B Anthony Project in Torrington for help. Thank you all who supported this organization, that provides safety, healing the growth to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Food Pantry

The Pantry has attracted volunteers from the community, and a steering committee has begun to meet. The demand for food is steady, and our volunteers are dedicated to serving the needs of our neighbors. To learn more about how you can help, contact the Rev. Amy Reichman, Deacon at reichman.amy@gmail.com or (917) 885-1205

Milestones

Ordination of Brett Figlewski

By the grace of God
The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas, Bishop Diocesan and
The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan
of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut
will ordain
Brett Michael Figlewski*
Jessie Olive Karpf
Edwin Leonard Lewis to the Sacred Order of Deacons
in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church Saturday, the tenth day of
February
in the year of our Lord 2018 10:00 o'clock in the morning Christ Church Cathedral
45 Church Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
Your prayers and presence are requested
Clergy: Red Stoles ~ Reception to follow

***Brett is a former member of St Michael's and has returned to lead Morning Prayer
and preach on several occasions when Bevan was away.**

George Ching Memorial

May 5, 2018 at 11 a.m.

[RSVP for Litchfield Memorial Service and Reception](#): 5 May 2018

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Upcoming Special Events

Friday, February 2 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and
Saturday, February 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Trinity Institute
in the Community House
Sunday, February 4 - after the 9 a.m. Eucharist - Annual Meeting
in the Community House
Sunday, February 4 at 4:00 p.m.- Elqui Trio: Guitar, Viola, Charango
Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday Liturgy at the 9 a.m. Eucharist
in the library
Tuesdays in Lent, at 6:00 p.m. - Lenten Soup Supper series
Sunday, March 4 at 4:00 p.m. - Lenten Readings and Sacred Music
Sunday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. - Auerbach-Pierce Duo, Violin and Piano
Sunday, May 6 at 4:00 p.m. - Robert Fertitta, Piano

Ongoing weekly events

Sundays at 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
Sundays at 9:45 a.m. - Creche care downstairs in the Parish House
Sundays at 9:45 a.m. - Church School downstairs in the Parish House
Sundays at 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist in the Church
Mondays at 9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer in the Church
Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer in the Church
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. - Handbell rehearsal in the Music Room
Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. - Bible Study in the Library
Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist in the Library
Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study in the Library
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. - Evening Prayer in the Choir
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal in the Music Room
Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer in the Church
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. - Caregivers' group in the Library
Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. - Drumming class in the Church

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Sarah Adams, Kristin Eaton, and Vanessa Flint	Church School co-directors churchschool@stmichaels-litchfield.org

Officers and Vestry 2018

Officers

Sarah Melcher, *Senior Warden*
Mark Yanaway, *Junior Warden*
Nancy Moore, *Clerk*
Barbara Putnam, *Treasurer*

Vestry

Terms ending 2019

Kristin Eaton
John Cox
Denise Butwill

Diocesan Delegates

Meredith Penfield
Nancy Skilton
Alternate: Jo Ann Jaacks

Parish Historian

Martha Babbitt

Terms ending 2020

Martha Babbitt
Robert Rumsey
Andrea Wells
Richard Quay

Proposed for Terms ending 2021

Megan Furtado
Michael LaHart
Mark Yanaway