



The Signpost Weekly

July 30, 2017

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Canon Hannah P. Anderson, Interim Vicar

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Calendar

Sunday, July 30

- 9 a.m., Eucharist.
- ... Choir Loft and Attic Clean-out following Eucharist. Then, Pot Luck!

Monday, July 31

- 9-10 a.m., Monday Morning Yoga

Tuesday, August 1

- 5:30 p.m., Al-Anon

Saturday, August 5

- 4 p.m., Eucharist (last one until September)

Sunday, August 6

- 9 a.m., Eucharist celebrated by Rev. David Plank
- Coffee and Conversation, following Eucharist

Thank you to the Rev. Canon Kevin Nichols who lead our worship services last weekend.



Rev. Canon Kevin Nichols

Resources and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the Diocese.

In both Hannah and Kevin, the Bishop certainly has chosen the best of the best to serve as his "right hand" people to complement his Ministry to the Diocese, ... and to all of us.

Thank you, Bishop Rob.

Kevin graciously offered to serve at St. Christopher's while Hannah was away. He stayed for "Coffee and Conversation," after the Sunday service and gave us all the pleasure of benefitting from his gifts of spirit, ask him questions, and get to know his role as Canon for Mission



*We Show Up. We Tell the Story.
We Splash Water. We Share Food.
+God Surprises.+*

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To my fellow parishioners,

I am excited to share with you the appointment by Bishop Robert Hirschfeld of the Rev. Zachary Harmon as our full time Vicar.



Rev. Zachary Harmon

Let me express how long I have waited for the event that would be the catalyst to return our congregation toward a path of renewal and growth. Father Zac has reinvigorated my leadership, which was waning, but more importantly, truly lifted my spiritual being after observing how he connected with all age groups with humility and a solid sense of who he is and what he believes.

The financial summary is as follows: Compensation of \$76,216 Salary (includes \$60,000 base salary plus SET and 18% Church Pension and a yearly payment of \$10,152 toward health and dental benefits as offered through spouse's (Kate) employer (Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Nashua). St. Christopher's total compensation for year one is \$86,368.



The Holy Spirit is at work at St. Christopher's and I thank each of you for your input as we worked our way to call a full time Vicar.

We look forward to welcoming Father Zac in September, refreshed, renewed and ready to continue our faith journey together.
Yours in Christ,
Wayne Trombly, Senior Warden

Prayer for St. Christopher's

Good and gracious God, we come before you in a time of transition as we prepare to welcome a new priest at St. Christopher's Church. Jesus taught us to "seek first the Kingdom of God" and we need your grace to place the wishes and desires of our congregation in your hands. We trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us to follow your divine will and lead us as we await our new shepherd. Please help us to appreciate your wisdom in giving this time to us. Help us to practice patience. Give us the strength to listen openly with our hearts to you, each other and ourselves. Help us to practice listening. Show us your will and help us to let go of our egos so that we may work together as a community of Christ. Help us to practice humility. Please be with us, Lord, as we pray in the holy name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please remember that in August there will be only one worship service: Sunday at 9:00 am.

Joining us this summer as Supply Priest

We look forward to the return of Rev David Plank who joins us on August 6, 13 and 27. He brings with him a wonderful sense of humor, and a knack for engaging us in his sermon.

Pastoral Emergencies: Who to Contact

While Hannah is on vacation next week, if you have any pastoral emergency and are in need of a priest please contact either the Rev. Ray Bonin (Rector of Church of the Transfiguration in Derry: 432-2120), or the Rev. Colin Chapman (Rector of St. Peter's, Londonderry: 437-8333). Hannah will return home on July 27.

worship we'll put our hands to work here on earth. Hannah+

Neighbors Helping Newborns is looking for STORAGE Space

[Peggy Baker](#) says [Neighbors Helping Newborns](#) is looking for the donation of STORAGE SPACE, approximately 900 sq. ft. Ideally, it would be on the first floor, or have reliable elevator access, be climate-controlled, have good lighting, have space for both storage and sorting, have 24/7 access, able to be secured with a locked door, be handicapped-accessible, and have a restroom. [Peggy Baker.](#)

Prayers of the People

Prayers for Dave Darrah's nephew **Peter** who has been diagnosed with cancer and will be going through various treatments for the foreseeable future. Also, Dave asks for prayers for his brother, **Tom**, who suffers from Progressive Supra-nuclear Palsy (PSP) an aggressive form of Parkinson disease. Pray for Lyn Rockwell's friend **Dale**; Please pray for **Elaine**, a friend of Danielle LeClair; for Deb; for the soul of Anne Darrah's cousin, **Eva Brown**, who passed July 8; for the **Steinhoff Family**; for **Zach**; for **Judy McCabe**; for **Roy Jeffrey**; **Liz Naters-Gamarra** and **Carmen, Ann Donovan**; **Kate**; **Brayden**; **Matty**; **Ian**; for **Cheryl**; for **Ryan**; for **Jacqueline**; for Natalie's brother **Lorin** and for **George Gallo, Jr.**; for Mark and Ingrid's son **Eric** who with God's grace has been found and getting medical care, nourishment, and help in the many ways that he needs. **Serving in the Military:** Please pray for Del's cousins, **Daniel, Matthew** and **Sandra**, for **Paul**.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Roland and Deborah Pothier; Kyle, Glen, Jack and Jeff Potvin; Nicholas Pothier; Lori, Dean, and Jenna Parrillo

Attendance

Saturday, 7/22, 20; Sunday, 7/23, 32

Reorganizing the choir loft and attic, potluck lunch, Sunday, July 30, after church

Dear friends,
To continue the spirit of hope and energy for the future of St. Christopher's, I want to take on a big project with you: Clean up the Choir Loft and Attic. When this mentioned in a recent 'Coffee and Conversation' hour, people cheered and clapped with either glee or disbelief! I'd like to approach this as an opportunity to work side by side as an intergenerational community. So let's have some fun! We'll have potluck lunch along with the cleanup day. Here is my invitation: Please plan to stay after church on Sunday, the 30th to begin this project. Bring your favorite potluck dish and put it in the kitchen/frig before the 9 a.m. worship. **No need to bring dessert, as the people who are scheduled to do coffee hour on Sunday will bring desserts instead.** Wear or bring some work clothes. After we lift our hearts to heaven in

Pledge Gifts/Intents as of Sunday, July 24, 2017, expected and received.

Expected weekly pledge gifts	\$ 2,347.35
Actual pledge gifts last week	\$ 957.65
Expected pledge gifts cumulative (30/52)	\$70,420.38
Actual cumulative pledge gifts for 2017	\$64,319.62
Cumulative shortfall	\$ 6,100.77

Want to know your pledge status?

Contact Nancy Hickey at nancy@howielegal.com

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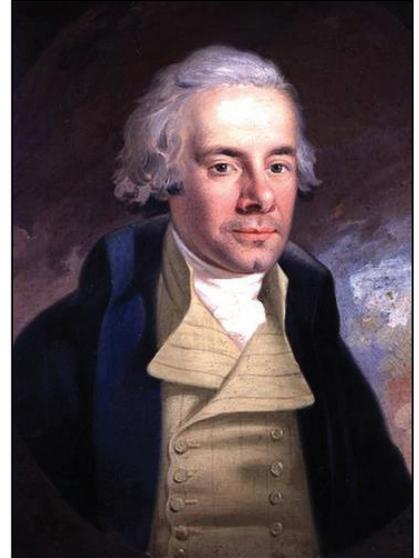


July 30, 2017 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost (A): William Wilberforce

On July 30, the Episcopal Church remembers William Wilberforce (1759 – 1833), along with Anthony Ashley Cooper (1801-1885), prophetic witnesses of the Gospel of Christ. Wilberforce was a British statesman and evangelical Anglican who used his position as a Member of Parliament from the Yorkshire area to advocate for the abolition of the slave trade throughout the British Empire.

Noted for personal charm and great eloquence as a public speaker, Wilberforce was elected to Parliament from his home town and district of Hull at the age of 21. After a conversion experience in 1784, he joined the evangelical wing of the Anglican church and became interested in social reform movements.

Lady Margaret Middleton, the wife of another Member of Parliament, approached Wilberforce as a likely person to work within the government for the abolition of the slave trade. The enormity of the task was daunting to Wilberforce, who wrote, “I feel the great importance of the subject and I think myself unequal to the task allotted to me.”



But Wilberforce accepted the mission. “God Almighty has set before me two great objects, the suppression of the slave trade and the reformation of manners,” he wrote in his journal in 1787. His health, however, had never been good, and illness prevented him from immediately taking on the challenge. It was May 1789 before he made his first speech in the House of Commons on the subject of the slave trade.

When Wilberforce formally proposed abolition of the trade in 1791, his fellow members voted against his motion by nearly two to one. Wilberforce continued to press the matter, making similar proposals some nine times by 1805. During that time, due to the efforts of many reformers, the British people learned about the horrific conditions endured by enslaved Africans, and public opinion gradually turned against the slave trade.

It took longer to convince Parliament, but the Abolition of the Slave Trade bill was eventually passed in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords by large majorities and took effect in March 1807. Although the successful bill was introduced by another Member of Parliament, Wilberforce received full credit — and a rare standing ovation from the House of Commons — for his untiring efforts. Unfortunately, the 1807 bill did not immediately stop the slave trade. Seafaring traders flouted the law, sometimes covering this illegal commerce by throwing their captives overboard to drown when ships of the British navy approached. Many people became convinced that only the abolition of slavery would stop the trade.

Wilberforce at first resisted calls for outright abolition, writing in 1807, “It would be wrong to emancipate [the slaves]. To grant freedom to them immediately would be to insure not only their masters’ ruin, but their own. They must [first] be trained and educated for freedom.” But he eventually came to support full emancipation and worked to bring public opinion and political will together to that end. He continued to serve in Parliament, supporting a variety of causes, including overseas Christian mission, increased education, and greater freedom for Roman Catholics. He retired in 1825 due to ill health but continued to campaign for an end to slavery.

Wilberforce saw his efforts rewarded when Parliament passed a law in July 1833 outlawing slavery throughout the British Empire. He died three days later at age 73. In honor of his service to the nation, he was buried in the north transept of Westminster Abbey.