



# The Signpost Weekly

July 9, 2017

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**The Rev. Canon Hannah P. Anderson**, Interim Vicar

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## Calendar

### **Sunday, July 9**

Eucharist, 9 a.m.

Coffee and Conversation, after 9 a.m. service

### **Monday, July 10**

Monday Morning Yoga, 9-10 a.m.

Bishop's Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

### **Tuesday, July 11**

Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.

### **Friday, July 14,**

Ice Cream Social, 5:30 p.m.

Meet Rev. Zachary Harmon

### **Saturday, July 15**

Noon-4 p.m., Rev Zachary Harmon (and Hannah) to visit campus and meet parishioners.

Eucharist, 4 p.m. Rev. Harmon to lead worship.

### **Sunday, July 16**

Eucharist, 9 a.m., Rev Harmon to lead worship and join us for ...

...Coffee and Conversation, following Eucharist.

### **Just A Friendly Reminder ...**

... to wear your name tag. Not only is it helpful to those of us who have the darndest time remembering names(!), but also is a very welcoming gesture to newcomers who visit our parish. Thank you to Barbara Hughes who prepares name tags. To request a new or change of name tag, note it on the Name Tag Request Sheet posted in the foyer.

### **Dear members and friends of St. Christopher's,**

We are eagerly preparing to greet and meet with the Rev. Zachary Harmon, who is visiting St. Christopher's to get to know us, and us, him. He is eligible to become the new, permanent priest at St. Christopher's to lead us into the future. That's why it is important to try and meet Zac some time during his visit to Hampstead. It begins with an Ice Cream Social on Friday, July 14 from 5:30-7 p.m. On Saturday the 15th from noon to 4 he (and Hannah)



## Ice Cream Social

Friday July

14

at 5:30 p.m.

will visit the campus and meet parishioners. Feel free to stop by. At 4 p.m., he is leading the 4-5 worship. On Sunday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, he is leading the 9-10:00 worship, and will stay for Coffee and Conversation following worship. Many thanks to Christine Mason for the organization of the Ice Cream party, and for the many helpers who have been busy redoing the playground and tidying up the yard. Many blessings. Your interim priest, Hannah+

### **Joining us this summer as "Supply Priests."**

Kevin Nichols from the Diocese will join us on July 22-23. And 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.

### **Food for Thought ...Meaning of Faith**

What is the meaning of 'faith' to you? "For many people, faith means 'believing in the existence of God'. In earlier times, it didn't take faith to believe that God existed - everyone took that for granted. Rather, faith had to do with one's relationship to God - whether one trusts in God. The difference is enormous. The first is a matter of the head, the second is a matter of the heart. The first can leave one unchanged, the second intrinsically brings change." Marcus Borg in 'Jesus, a New Vision'.

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### 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.

**Congratulations to our Music Director,** Nicholas Pothier, who has been invited to share his musical talents in California for five weeks this summer with an opera company. Nice going, Nick! During his time away, we welcome parishioners whose musical gifts will grace our Sunday worship services: Marcia Tapley, Julia Forbes, Natalie Gallo, Bob Leonard, Brook and Bradley LaMonica, Jim Serrell, and Anne Darrah. Thank you for helping us continue to make a joyful noise to the Lord!

**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. He fell on the stairs on Monday and injured his ribs and lower back. Please pray for **Elaine**, a friend of Danielle LeClair; for Deb; for Anne Darrah's cousin, **Eva Brown**; 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:** Kara, Rob, Emma, and Matthew Maslowski; Andy, Christine, Brady, Colby, and Addison Mason; Mike, Susan, Joseph, Haley, and Nick Margareci; Heike, Scott, Cameron, and Danielle Martineau.

### Attendance

Saturday, 7/1, 10; Sunday, 7/2, 46

**We will be appearing each week in the Carriage Town News, Church and Community Section,**

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**Worship Times: 4pm Saturday  
9am Sunday**

**Join Us in Living, Acting and Witnessing our Love for God**



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Pledge Gifts/Intents as of Sunday, July 3, 2017, expected and received.

Expected weekly pledge gifts	\$2,347.35
Actual pledge gifts last week	\$2,131.65
Expected pledge gifts cumulative (27/52)	\$63,378.35
Actual cumulative pledge gifts for 2017	\$56,045.65
Cumulative shortfall	\$7,332.65

Your quarterly statement of your gifts should have arrived or will arrive early next week. If you didn't get a statement, contact Nancy Hickey at [nancy@howielegal.com](mailto:nancy@howielegal.com).

*Practice gratitude. Encounter the Lord each day. Be present to others. Resist overwork. Nurture friendships. Give more. Make a difference in your parish community. Consider living more simply. Get healthy. Don't give up. Turn to the Lord.*