



DECEMBER 2011

# THE Way

With God's help,  
We worship together, centered in the  
Eucharist and Holy Scripture,  
striving to  
Love God, neighbor and self, through  
Outreach, with a  
Vision of growth,  
Evangelism and fellowship

We've entered into the season of Advent, a season of waiting for the coming of the Lord! It is a time of expectation. Most of us have been here many times before. Because of that, if we are not careful, Advent can become just one more familiar church routine. If we allow that to happen, then Advent will be for us something that points us to a celebration Jesus' first, but definitely not, his second coming! There is a temptation for us, if we are honest, to put our belief in the Lord's second coming on the back burner.

Our trouble of course is our sense of time. Probably, at no other time in the history of humankind has time been measured as precisely as it is today. But in our haste to do everything instantly, we too often lose that sense that there is often a right time to do or to say something. It is interesting that in the New Testament there are two different words for time.

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“Chronos” is about minutes and seconds ticking away, but “Kairos” is about the right time, the right moment. It's about what actors refer to as timing.

When God is ready, at the right moment, he sends his Son into the world to be born on the first Christmas day. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews expressed it this way, "In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son." (Hebrews 1:1-2)

God's timing isn't anything like our hectic attempts to fit more and more into the time we have. God chooses the right moment, and the right time to act in human history. He has done it more than once, and has promised that he will do it again. He will come again, and we are asked to ready ourselves and wait in expectation of his return.

I pray that every one of you will have a Holy Advent and a very blessed Christmas.

Father Taylor



## WELCOME PAYER FAMILY

The familiar face of Pat Payer, postman extraordinaire, his wife Barbara, and their daughter Ella will now be gracing a pew at

St. Paul's. They attended their first service Sunday, November 6, and the celebration of All Saints Day. The joyous hymns were sung with such "gusto," that Ella couldn't resist adding her happy contribution to the mix, much to our amusement! Welcome Payer family—we are pleased to have you join us.

## NEWSLETTER WOES

The November issue of *The Way* had so many pictures that it was too "large" to send through email! We then mailed copies to everyone on the mailing list through the post office, however, some parishioners did not receive one. My apologies.

There are always extra copies in the top row of the track rack on the back table in church if you need one. Please let Jackie know (788-4654) if you are not receiving your newsletter. We are working to correct the problems.

AMcG

## NEW PICTURE DIRECTORY

There have been many changes in the parish since our last picture directory was published. It's time for a new one!



Olan Mills personnel will set

up a photo studio in the Parish Hall Thursday, December 8, Friday, December 9, and Saturday, December 10. A sign-up sheet is in church – please sign-up for your preferred date and time. There is no charge for the sitting. Every family will receive a \$25 gift certificate to use toward purchase of photos. All families will receive a free photograph...an 8 x 10, 5 x 7, or a sheet of wallet-size, plus a free directory. This will also be your opportunity to gather other family members for group pictures which have been promised for Christmas delivery. A family photo will make a great gift!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** This is a huge undertaking. Many volunteers will be needed to make calls to parishioners, update information for accuracy, and to be present to help with check-in each day. Appointments will be scheduled at fifteen-minute intervals from 2:00 to 9:00 pm. Please call me (788-2489), or send an e-mail to [amcg@ne.rr.com](mailto:amcg@ne.rr.com) to volunteer. Many thanks.

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**Did you Know?**

**Every week there are copies of Father Taylor's sermon on the back table for anyone who would like to read along.**

**UPDATING THE PARISH PRAYER LIST**

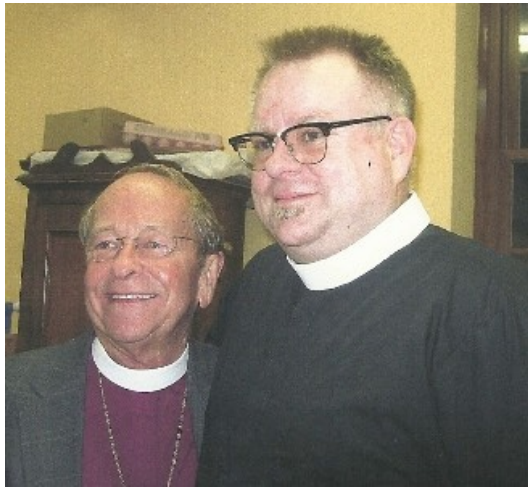
We love to pray for all who are in need of prayers. However, Beverly Knowles asks that you please contact her at the end of each month to either keep the name on the list for another month, or remove it if the need has passed. Thank you for your help. She may be reached at 466-5982.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

For two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, scheduled for January 22, our secretary devotes many hours of typing and copying all the reports that go into the Annual Report. Please consider getting your information together and write your report now! This will serve two purposes: to provide a sense of accomplishment and reduce the last minute "frenzy" in the office. Let's all try to get our reports to Jackie within the first two weeks of January. It also shows our consideration for Jackie – especially since the copy machine seems to know when there is a crucial deadline!

**2012 CALENDARS**

This time of year we all receive calendars through the mail. If you would like to donate them to the Women's Prison in Concord, you may drop them in the box on the second shelf of the back table at church.



### **RICHARD DAVENPORT ORDAINED**

A Celebration of Ordination was held at St. Barnabas, Berlin, Sunday, November 6, when Richard Davenport was ordained a Deacon. You may remember Richard for celebrating the Blue Christmas service two years ago, when he substituted for Noel Bailey while she was out of town, unable to travel home because of a snow storm. On short notice, Richard drove from Berlin, even drifting into the parking lot of Six Gun City on the slick road. He is also known for his cooking skills, in Groveton and Berlin churches. Richard delivered a sermon at St. Paul's, as part of his internship duties, while at St. Barnabas.

Noel Bailey was in attendance for Richard's ordination.

Pictures by Barbara Weagle.



**CHRISTMAS TEA AND SALE**  
**By Annetta McGinnis**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 3, and plan to attend the annual Ladies' Guild Christmas Tea and Sale.



This year it has been decided to serve soup, sandwiches and desserts. The children/youth of St. Paul's will assist as servers.

Emily Langford will make fresh Balsam Christmas wreaths which will be for sale for \$15.00.

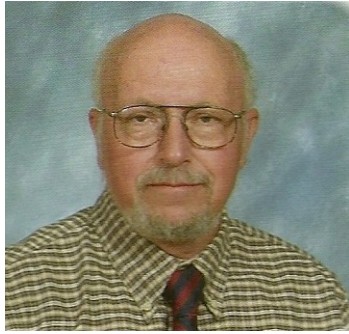


There will be a Penny Sale table on which will be a piece of Anna Zanes' stained glass, and a Christmas table runner, made by Connie Cardinal. Milou Thayer has generously agreed to donate one of her original oil paintings. There will also be a Christmas Tree from Elm Ridge Christmas Tree Farm in Lancaster.

Tickets will be available for the donated items. Each person will have the opportunity to deposit their tickets into the bucket for their desired choices. This proved to be very popular at the last sale.

Other items for sale will be wreaths, crafts, food, soup-in-a-jar, candy, and white elephant treasures. All items are donated, and funds raised go to purchase items for church and for local and global charities. In the past, donations have gone to the Community Cupboard in Lancaster, Episcopal Relief and Development projects, and Heifer International, which gives the gift of clean water and animals to use as a food source in third world countries.

## EVERYBODY HAS A STORY: Richard Burgess



It's hunting season as I write this, so Richard may not be seen much in church! In fact, hunting is what brought Richard to the North Country.

Richard and I were working in the garden at St. Paul's this past summer on a very hot day. We took a break and sat on the bench for a few minutes. I've known Richard for years, yet didn't know what brought him to "this neck of the woods."

He told me that when he was discharged from the Army, some buddies introduced him to the North Country on fishing and hunting trips. He and his friends "camped" in a converted school bus. Being red-blooded young men, their after-hunting activities revolved around the camp fire, libation in hand!

Over the years, he decided this was a pretty good place to live. He bought a piece of land in Guildhall, and proceeded to build a house, board by board.. He still lives in that house.

Richard is a retired electrician. He is also handy with just about anything requiring tools.

Most Tuesdays, Richard may be found helping to run the dish washer in the kitchen following Soup'er Night.

**AMcG**

### Noel Bailey update

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 13, Ellie McLaughlin announced that Noel had been taken to the hospital over the weekend, but had now returned home.

The story is that Noel awakened during the night in excruciating pain, and called the ambulance to take her to Littleton Hospital. Once there, they discovered that she had three large stones in her gall bladder, requiring immediate attention. She says it happened so fast that she can hardly believe it happened.

Her friend, Marian, was driven up to stay with her. Noel is now recovering at home. Cards may be sent to her at 621 Bishop Road #8, Lisbon, NH 03585.

### Finance Committee news

In a marathon three-hour session on Saturday, November 12, the Finance Committee met to draft the budget for 2012. Money is tight, and all spending is on a needs only basis. I had been concerned that it would be a hand-wringing, difficult session, full of gloom and doom. What actually happened was a serious, but sometimes humorous session, resulting in a fully-funded budget, at a lower total cost than this year. My thanks for a job well done go to Peter Cardin, Bruce Hicks, Lynne Holland, Ann Huddleston, Peter Powell, Fr. David Taylor and Redmond Thayer. **AMcG**



### The First Sunday of Advent Candle Lighting

At the 10:00 am mass on Sunday, November 27, Angie Taylor, Amanda Wetherbee, Annie Stinehour and Shelly Stinehour opened the service with brief remarks about the meaning of Advent. Annie also lit the first purple candle on the Advent wreath to mark the beginning of the Advent season. At the conclusion of mass, Angie Taylor and Annetta McGinnis read a closing and response before dismissal by Father Taylor.

### NEW LIGHT FOR PARKING AREA

If you have ventured into St. Paul's parking lot after dark, you undoubtedly noticed the brightness of the area with the newly installed light. A heartfelt thanks to Bruce Hicks for installing and timing it to operate between dusk and 9:00 p.m., ensuring safe grounds for walking.

### Senior Warden's Message

Father Taylor has been with us for a month. He and his family experienced the upheaval of packing their household goods then travelling across nine states to reach their new home. They are quickly settling into their new way of life, with grace.

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all who helped me through the search process. At times, it seemed that it would never end! But God had a plan for us, and I am grateful that He gave us strength and courage to forge ahead when the way presented obstacles. Together, we waited for His will to be known, and journeyed the course to fulfill our goal.

Sunday, November 20, we celebrated the feast of Christ and King. As Father Taylor reminded us, we, the lay people are also ministers of the church. Now, we look forward to a new liturgical year, as we begin the season of Advent. With Father Taylor as our shepherd, let us strive with God's help, to be the best ministers we can be, and let the light of Christ show through the actions of our daily lives.

Peace,

Annetta McGinnis



**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

Now is the time to sign-up for Christmas flowers to decorate the church for the season of Advent. A donation in any amount (made payable to *Altar Flower Fund*) will assure that your dedication is printed in the Christmas bulletin. Please mail your check, and written dedication, to Connie Cardinal, 23 Holton Point, Lancaster, NH 03584. It may also be left with Jackie in the office.

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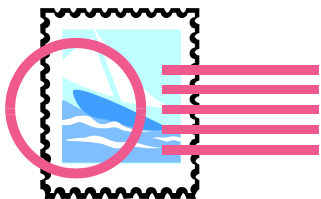
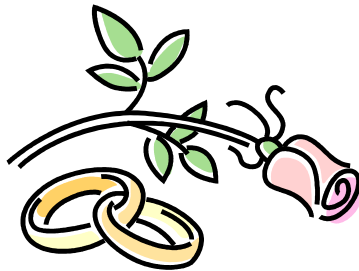


## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Joshua Dumais
- 7 Phil Harris
- 8 David Amadon
- 10 Charlie Woodward
- 20 Lois Cardin, Noel Bailey
- 21 Bennett Brooks-Avery,  
Richard Burgess,  
Andrew Merrow
- 25 John Cardinal,  
Amanda Wetherbee
- 26 The Rev. David E. Taylor

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 David and Iris Amadon



Stamps for this issue of *The Way* were donated by Richard and Annetta McGinnis.

## PARISH CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

Thursday, December 1, 12 noon, Ladies' Guild Christmas Luncheon at Skywood Manor, Jefferson. Christmas gift exchange

Saturday, December 3, 3:00 pm Children's Christmas service at St. Marks

Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting

Tuesdays, 10-12pm quilting group, Parish Hall

Tuesdays, 5-6:30 pm Soup-er Night in the Parish Hall

Wednesdays, 8:00 am The Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing (breakfast afterward)

Thursday, December 8, 7:00 pm Grief Support Group, in the Parish House

**Sunday, December 18, at 6:00 pm Lessons and Carols at St. Timothy's Chapel, with music by harpist Bill Tobin.**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:**

Saturday, December 24

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist with children's play

9:30 pm Carol singing with Holy Eucharist at 10:00 pm

### **CHRISTMAS DAY:**

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

### **ST. MARKS, GROVETON**

Christmas Eve, Saturday,

Dec. 24, 3:00 pm

