



The Mustard Seed

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St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 396 Gilman Road, Yarmouth, Maine 04096

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Rector: The Reverend Nina R. Pooley

Letter From the Rector

Heady Moments

Someone asked me yesterday, "Are you settling back into things?" My answer was something witty (okay not all that witty) along the lines of No, not really, or I'm working on it... I enjoyed my time in Sewanee, I loved seeing old friends and meeting new ones. I love going to classes, doing the hard and very different work of being in school everyday. I took three courses (although we're only allowed to take two each semester for credit): The Emerging Church, Preaching for the 21st Century, and Old Testament Prophets (audited this one). I'm pursuing issues of liturgy in the Emerging Church as my doctoral thesis work, so I found the course on Emerging Church to be very interesting, if a bit vague. As I do more work toward finishing the papers for that course, things are slowly falling into place. Both this course and the one in preaching highlighted for me how invaluable it is to be in a group of colleagues taking on this work, the insights and experience of the people in the room are by far the most important aspect of the courses. Don't tell my professors! And while I was strapped for time, I'm really glad I audited the third course on the Old Testament Prophets. The professor is one of those rare souls who is an academic powerhouse in her field with the ability to teach that knowledge in an approachable and useful way. As our lectionary luck would have it, we have the opportunity to walk with several of the Old Testament Prophets this summer, and it's my intention to share what I can from this course so we can get better acquainted with these prophets, our summer guests.

So school itself was a heady experience, add to that the bonus of some really remarkable classmates – and it was more than worth the trip and the time spent. I met deans of cathedrals in Atlanta and Louisville, both doing really remarkable liturgies combining ancient and modern styles of worship. There was a monastic from the Anglican Diocese of Quebec, two priests from Haiti, a priest from India and served in Kerala before coming to the United States, several priests serving congregations in the Mid-West, and a handful serving in Hawaii, as well as the bulk of people who serve congregations in the South. With only three of us serving in New England, it's an education in itself to get to know the many facets and nuances of the church in its many shapes and cultures. It was exhilarating to be part of that conversation and that group of people.

I had the opportunity to preach and celebrate the Eucharist in the Chapel of the Apostles where I worshipped for all three years of seminary. At first I didn't understand why that made me so nervous, until I realized that while I'd preached there before, never had I been 'the Celebrant' there. No longer was I the apprentice, but this time I was the priest. No wonder my hands were shaking – it was humbling to be standing where so many of my mentors have preached and celebrated and to be counted in that number. I had similar butterflies my first Sunday back when I realized that

I am, O Anxious One

by Rainer Maria Rilke

*I am, O Anxious One.
Don't you hear my voice
surging forth
with all my earthly feelings?
They yearn so high, that they have
sprouted wings and whitely fly
in circles round your face.
My soul, dressed in silence, rises up
and stands alone before you:
can't you see?
don't you know that my prayer is
growing ripe upon your vision
as upon a tree?
If you are the dreamer,
I am what you dream.
But when you want to wake,
I am your wish,
and I grow strong
with all magnificence
and turn myself
into a star's vast silence
above the strange and distant city,
Time.*

Schedule of Services & Events

Sunday, Aug. 1 : Pentecost 10

Holy Eucharist 9 AM

Sunday, Aug. 8: Pentecost 11

Holy Eucharist 9 AM

Sunday, Aug. 15: Pentecost 12

Holy Eucharist 9 AM

Sunday, Aug. 22: Pentecost 13

Holy Eucharist 9 AM

Sunday, Aug. 29: Pentecost 14

Holy Eucharist 9 AM

my priest from my years in the ordination process in Sewanee was visiting us at St. Bart's! Tom Macfie was here in the midst of his annual pilgrimage to Maine and joined us for worship – again, it was an honor to have the opportunity to serve him after he having him as my mentor for those many years in Sewanee. (I hope you had the chance to meet Tom that Sunday.)

And lastly, today's been a heady day. I decided to be bold and emailed a personal hero of mine, Jonny Baker, who has been blazing the Emerging Church trail in the UK for some years now. His new book is due out in the next few weeks in the UK, and he mentioned in his blog that he has a few advance copies. Thought it was worth a shot, so I emailed him and asked him if he would send one here, which he did. (For those of you wondering what the big deal is, this is my liturgical geek equivalent of having your favorite movie or sports star send you an autographed photo, just because you asked.) And our painting from the Clam Festival arrived today – Woody Jackson (of Ben and Jerry's Painted Cows fame) was so kind to Channing and I each time we stopped by his booth, which was made complete by his personal note to us included in the packaging of our painting. Heady indeed! And the painting is beautiful!

Hope you're having heady moments of your own this summer as pieces from the past come together and new ones are added; as you meet incredible people who give you that boost you needed; as you create and experience beautiful art, poetry, prose, and music: as you enjoy this exquisite coastal place we call home.



Dear St. Bart's,

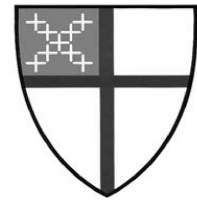
North Yarmouth Academy in Yarmouth, ME has a number of international students enrolled for the 2010-11 school year. NYA is a day school so our international students live with host families during their high school career here.

We are reaching out to families in the area to identify those who might be interested in hosting a student. This fall we will be welcoming back four students from Korea, three students from China, four students from Canada, and two from Finland.

We are looking for homes for 4 students – two boys from China and two boys from Canada. These students are here to solidify their academic education, experience our culture, all with the goal of continuing their education at an American college or university. Host families are asked to bring them into their homes, act as their surrogate parents at NYA, and provide them with a loving and supportive family environment. Families are provided with a monthly stipend to help offset the cost of food, etc.

I'm reaching out to my St. Bart's family to see if anyone is interested in learning more about this opportunity. If you are, please contact me at lhyndman@nya.org. Thank you all for considering this.

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August, 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Holy Eucharist 9:00 am	2 Office closed	3 Men's group- Royal Bean 7:30am	4	5 Knitting & Tea 3-4:30 pm; AA 7:30 pm	6	7
8 Holy Eucharist 9:00 am	9 Office closed	10 Men's group- Royal Bean 7:30am VESTRY 6:45 pm	11	12 AA 7:30 pm	13	14
15 Holy Eucharist 9:00 am	16 Office closed	17 Men's group- Royal Bean 7:30am; Cancer Support 7pm	18	19 Knitting & Tea 3-4:30 pm; AA 7:30 pm	20	21
22 Holy Eucharist 9:00 am	23 Office closed	24 Men's group- Royal Bean 7:30am	25	26 AA 7:30 pm	27	28
29 Holy Eucharist 9:00 am	30 Office closed Alzheimer's Support 7:30 pm	31 Men's group- Royal Bean 7:30am				

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