

**The Pipes of Portsmouth.** Celebrating the International Year of the Organ, three Portsmouth churches will participate in the “Organ Spectacular” planned for October 19.

2:00 p.m. at *St. John’s Episcopal Church*, Chapel Street. Abbey Seigfried, Director of Music, St. John’s and Jennifer MacPherson, Young Organists Collaborative Participant.

3:00 p.m. at *North Church Congregational*, Market Square. Larry Yerdon, President, Strawberry Banke; Michael Bradley, Rector, St. Georges Episcopal Church, Durham; Kaitlyn Emerson, Young Organists Collaborative Participant.

4:00 p.m. at *South Church* (Unitarian Universalist), State Street. Terrie Harman, Director of Music, South Church; Rick Gremlitz, Director of Music, First Parish Church of Dover.

### **Laity Participating In Our Worship Services**

**Greeters:** Claire Woodward, Susan Mullens (7:45); (9:00)

**Acolytes:** Chris Jordan, Alec Jordan (7:45); (9:00); Olivia Dow (11:00)

**Ushers:** Carla Jillson, Art Johnson (7:45); (9:00); David Foster, Paul Kittel (11:00)

**Lectors:** Ralph Davison, Ted Little (7:45); (9:00) Nancy Davison, Jeanne Gamage (11:00)

**Prayers of the People:** Ellie Butler (7:45); (9:00); Jeanne Gamage (11:00)

**Chalice Bearers:** Ellie Butler, Frank Jillson (7:45); (9:00); Donna Murphy, Ralph Davison (11:00)

**Altar Guild:** Jan Johnson, Marj Esau, Claire Woodward

**Flower Guild:** Jean Lincoln

**LEVs:** Durgin Pines: Carol Gronquist; Sentry Hill: Cynthia Wallace

### **Schedule for St. George’s This Week**

**Sunday:** 10:00 a.m. - Stump the Rector!

12:30 p.m. - Parish Choir rehearsal

**Wednesday:** 10:00-2:00 - Parish organ being tuned

12 noon - **Deadline:** *September 28 bulletin*

**Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist & Healing

7:00 p.m. - Parish choir practice

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**Dragon News**

Weekly Notices

Week of September 21, 2008

*Celebrating 60 Years! 1948-2008*

### **EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES**

**Church School.** September 21 - the Jesus Kids will begin reading the Chronicles of Narnia. September 28 will be Narnia and the Bible, and making snack bags for Les Petits Chanteurs.

**Baptismal Preparation.** A host of you have asked about having your children baptized, so we are planning a baptismal preparation group early this fall. Please contact Paige+ at 363-7376 or [pblair1@earthlink.net](mailto:pblair1@earthlink.net) to let her know your interest.

### ***Adult Spiritual Formation in September.***

*Stump the Rector!* September 21, 10 a.m. Ever wondered why the Episcopal Church has no Pope? Why the clergy wear funny collars? What’s that scarf called that they wear over their shoulders or around their necks? What’s the difference between the Episcopal Church and another denomination? What was that Lambast (sic) Conference in England about anyway? Who is the Archbishop of Canterbury and how did he land that fancy job? What does the Episcopal church believe about \_\_? Come, try to stump the Rector with your questions, trivial and deep alike! If you’re wondering, chances are someone else is too!

On September 28, Paige+ will explore *Generations*, a view of how we are influenced in our perceptions and interactions by the timing of our birth and place in history and culture.

(For a complete list of fall spiritual formation offerings, see the September issue of *Dragon Tales*.)

**Workforce Housing.** IF you would be willing to have your name signed to the following statement: “We support Article One and will vote YES for workforce housing in York” Please contact Jim Gambрил at 363 7814 or [jgambрил@maine.rr.com](mailto:jgambрил@maine.rr.com).

**Blood Drives.** The Red Cross always needs more blood. There are several blood drives happening in the Kittery-York area in the immediate future. Please consider giving! Call 800-482-0743 for blood drive locations and times.

**Les Petits Chanteurs, a 30-voice boys’ choir** from Holy Trinity School of Music in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, is on its 9<sup>th</sup> U.S. tour and is coming to the Seacoast! The choir will perform

Monday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church. The young singers, accompanied by chamber orchestra musicians, will present a program of traditional Haitian and sacred music. A good will donation will be taken at the door to support this year's tour and the Financial Aid Fund of the Holy Trinity School. Call 363-7376 for directions and information. You won't want to miss it!!

***Gathering in the Berwicks.*** On the fourth Thursday of each month, we gather to worship at the Federated Church of South Berwick, at 5:45 p.m. The next gathering is on September 25. It includes a Eucharist that is friendly for all ages, and a potluck supper afterwards. If you would like to help lead the service, say, by offering a Godly Play story or other sermon, please let Kit Wang know (363-2314 dckabar@yahoo.com)! Your gifts are very welcome.

***Diocesan Youth Calendar Events:*** September 26-27: Leadership Training for Awakening. Grace Church, Bath ME. Youth and adults prepare to lead. FMI on youth events, call 800-244-6062 x-29 or go to [www.maineyouth.org](http://www.maineyouth.org).

***Blessing of the Animals. On October 5,*** at the 9:00 and 11:00 services, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with services featuring the Blessing of the Animals. Please bring your pets on/in appropriate leashes, cages, etc.

***Haitian Art Sale. On Sunday, October 5,*** 9:00 - 2:00, the vibrant art of Haiti will fill St. George's parish hall. A wonderful, whimsical collection of paintings, iron sculptures, painted decorative items, silk scarves, and many other items will be on sale. All proceeds will return to Haiti. Sponsored by St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Newcastle, ME. St. Andrew's is partnered with the village of Figaro in northern Haiti. St. Andrew's Haiti Fund helps provide hot lunches to students in Figaro (often their only meal for the day), teachers' salaries and funds for school construction. Please notice the beautiful posters around STG, featuring Haitian art. For photos of more Haitian art, please visit STG's website, [www.stgeorgesyorkharbor.org](http://www.stgeorgesyorkharbor.org).

***Table of Plenty. St George's next turn*** at the Table of Plenty is Tuesday, October 7. The sign-up sheet is up and we are in need of people to prepare food at home and drop it off or arrange for pick-up. We also need workers at the meal—set-up people, cooks, servers, dishwashers and clean-up people. If you can give a few hours of your time please sign up or call Karen Gilroy 363-3904.

***Crop Walk & U2charist on October 19.*** St. George's will host the 7th annual Crop Walk this year, which will be followed by a U2charist at St. George's! Both will have the central

theme of ending world hunger. Registration for the Crop walk will begin at St. George's at 1:00 p.m. and the walk at 1:30. We will follow the same route as the past two years, except the direction will be reversed. It is an easy four miles and a van will be cycling around to pick up those of us who may want to walk only a portion of that distance. The route is through York Village, along Long Sands Road to Long Sands Beach, then back along York Street to St. George's. There will be three water stops along the way and refreshments will be served after the walk at St. George's. After the Crop Walk, please stay for the U2charist at 4:00 p.m. October 19 is also Bread For Life Sunday. Bread For Life is a non-denominational ministry dedicated to providing help to those in need, be it social, medical, spiritual or educational. The ultimate aim of Bread For Life is to point humanity to the One who alone is able to give Bread for life, be it spiritual or physical. The offering from the U2charist will go half to the Crop Walk and half to the AIDS Response Seacoast (ARS) Food Pantry to honor Bread for Life Sunday. What a great way to recognize three separate ministries serving one common goal! FMI, please call the church office 363-7376 or Ted Little 363-7527. Team St. George's, once again under the leadership of our youth group, will sponsor the Crop Walk and will be asking for your support. Please join us!

***St. George's Outreach Auction, November 7.*** It is approaching fast! We need donations and this is where you can help. Please consider what you might donate to the auction and fill out the donor form included in your Sunday bulletin. Please place completed forms in the box on the parish hall table.

### **Standing Announcements**

***We welcome all those persons who may*** be visiting St. George's for the first time. Please sign the guest book and let us know who you are!

***The Nursery*** is available to those with infants to age two 9:45-10:45 a.m.

***The Sanctuary flowers today are given*** in memory of Randy & Betty Parker by Art & Jan Johnson.

***Celebrations this week.*** Birthdays: Math Jackson, Mary Jane Merrill, Marina Swietek, Sheryl Woodworth, Diane Fairbanks, Casey Giffen, Brian Shaw, Grace Beecher, Dorothy Wallace, Alisha Dube, Ginny McKay, Lorrie Whittaker, Chelsea Jordan, Brian Lane, Vincent Albert, Ken Field, Michaela Swiatek. Anniversaries: Tom Beecher & Janie Sweeney-Beecher, Rick Schnurbusch, Shirley & Vern Davenport, Karen Kautz & Michael Worrick-Soule, Denice Scott.

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