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From the Rector

What Happened on the First Easter?

What really happened on the first Easter? What did Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them see? Angels? An empty tomb? Can we believe them? Or were these just folks overcome with grief and lost to reality?

Don't you think this is what the apostles were thinking when Mary Magdalene and the women proclaimed in dizzying words what they'd seen? According to Luke, 10 of the 11 dismissed their witness as idle words. Like you would and I would, doubting not just what they said, but their capacity as witnesses.

They probably assumed some kind of upper hand with their women folk, peppering them with loaded questions, dismissing their voice, stepping on their experience, learning nothing, and missing the greatest proclamation of all time. I'm sure that's what happened. Luke says as much it did.

But one of them (John says he went, too) took flight to

go and see. To look into what the women said. Inspired by their voices to go and see what it was that they proclaimed. To go and see what really happened. Hopeful. Trusting. Decisive. Investigating the proclamation for himself -- Peter sought and found. The women said they saw angels and an empty tomb, and boom, Peter was out the door to go and see for himself. And what did he see? He came home amazed by it.

What really happened that day?

Based on a close reading of all four Gospels, the first Easter morning begins with the plain experience of women and an empty tomb, and the mystical experience of angelic beings, and they run in fear to tell the men what they saw. Peter and maybe John believe them and go and see for themselves. The rest do not.

Then – Jesus begins to appear. To two walking on
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Holy Michael Foundation

Foundation Set for First Grant Next Year

Next year, St. Michael's will turn 70 years old. Seventy! Certainly, we will celebrate our 70th birthday. After all, Episcopalians love a party, right?

St. Michael's 70th birthday will be more celebratory as it coincides with another significant milestone in the life of our church — the distribution of the first grant from the Holy Michael Foundation. This milestone has been nearly 15 years in the making, after Bob Slaughter's generous bequest for purposes of starting a Foundation for St. Michael's. Bob knew how important an endowment is for the future of our church.

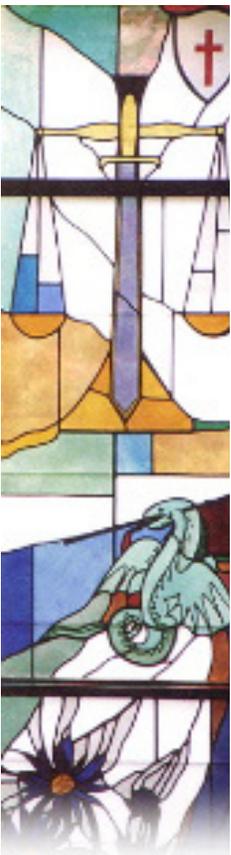
Slowly, but surely, thanks to parishioners' gifts and sound investment practices, this bequest of approximately \$400,000 has grown to more than \$1 million. Reaching

\$1 million accomplished the first goal of the Foundation: to accumulate funds of at least \$1 million. The second goal will allow grant disbursement: holding a minimum \$1 million average balance for two years. The Foundation is on track to reach that goal in six to seven months.

By the end of this year, the Holy Michael Foundation may distribute up to 4.5 percent of its balance to fund the mission and ministries of St. Michael's. What our first grant will be is unknown, but the excitement for it is building. It cannot be used for the church's operating expenses. The Annual Fund is for the present; the Holy Michael Foundation is for the future. And the first part of that future approaches.

To date, more than 100 parishioners have

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Lifelong Disciple

Being Instruments for God

In January 2017, I pulled together a group of St. Michael's parishioners who had an inkling that they might want to be involved in a ministry of facilitating small groups for spiritual development. We soon realized that preparing for such a ministry of facilitation involved two main things:

- 1) A deeper commitment to our own inner lives of prayer, and ongoing conversion to the Way of Jesus, the WAY that Jesus is.
- 2) We also needed to learn listening skills and group facilitation skills, and to try them out on one another.

This group has been on a fantastic journey together over the past two years and is one of my great joys at St. Michael's. They now regularly lead small groups on everything from fashioning Rules of Life to reading Walter Brueggemann and practicing sabbath, from introductory courses on Christian Spirituality to Centering prayer groups. This is a great ministry and a great treasure in our parish. The group knows that just listening to another human being is an offering of love, a subtle ministry aligned with Jesus' Way. The group knows that they are engaged in a lifelong journey to be able to become better listeners.

One thing that emerged with great clarity in our recent meeting has relevance to the whole parish.

On one hand, people in the group were aware that taking their lives of faith and prayer seriously, honestly putting themselves at the feet of Jesus and asking him to direct and shape their lives, inevitably leads to caring for the lowest and the least. When we experience God, the God of Jesus of Nazareth, we start taking care of the poor. No one knows why, but this just starts to happen, all on its own. It is an impulse that rises up from within, not a mandate pressed down from above.

On the other hand, when we start engaging in ministry, our responsibility to others in the church sends us back to our knees needing real engagement with God in scripture, in worship, in silence, in our closest relationships. Prayer flows invariably into mission and outreach and ministry. But ministry, particularly a ministry involving leadership, creates an inner demand for more seriousness in prayer. It's the chicken and the egg all over again.

Such a learning, that our lives flow back and forth ineluctably between the inward journey of conversion to Jesus and into outward service, is a profound learning.

Recently however, I've also become aware of something else, underneath both prayer and outreach and giving strength to both — and its "care for the instrument" of the praying and the ministry — the simple human being underneath it all. When we pray and minister, when we worship on Sunday and preach God's word, when we offer pastoral care or serve on a committee, we are offering ourselves to be the instruments through which God can work.

It is our holy charge to keep this instrument that we are in good shape and in tune, or everything we do will be distorted. The melody that God wants to play through us will be



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out of tune and off-tempo, and we will be unable to synchronize with the music of others around us.

Such caring for the instrument that we are means sleep. It means eating well. It means exercise. It means study and reading and giving deep quality time to friendships and our marriages. It means going slow, day to day (unless going fast is required!). It means being supremely kind to oneself so as to be able to be kind to others. It means handing everything that is only half-done over to God at the end of the day. It means rejoicing with God who is the Creator.

As Lent comes to an end, let's reflect about how we are caring for the instruments that we are, and see how that might change our prayer, and our outward ministry, and lead to a new flourishing of both.

— *The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth*

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Foundation

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contributed to the Holy Michael Foundation, including bequests and memorials. Imagine how much more of an impact the first grant could have if more parishioners contributed to the Foundation! For example, a two-year average balance of \$1 million would allow a grant of up to \$45,000. A two-year average balance of \$1.1 million would allow a grant of up to \$49,500. An additional nearly \$10,000 could make an even larger impact for its recipient.

Become part of our first grant. Don't miss out on participating in our church's milestone! Please join fellow parishioners who have donated to the Holy Michael Foundation.

How can I give now to the Holy Michael Foundation?

- Write a check to the Holy Michael Foundation in the amount of your gift.
- Give stock or other securities to the Holy Michael Foundation.
- If you are 70 ½ or older, make a gift from your IRA. You do not have to pay taxes on withdrawals made to charitable institutions as you would on your required minimum distribution for your expenses.

Please become a donor to the Holy Michael Foundation. Be a donor; fund the grant; make a difference.

For more information on making a gift now, or a planned gift to the Holy Michael Foundation, please contact Charlotte Griffin.

If you are interested in volunteering to help celebrate St. Michael's birthday and first grant, please contact Charlotte Griffin.

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At the March 11 Holy Michael Foundation annual board annual meeting, we approved and welcomed two new members: Rick Rountree (Vestry appointee) and Hunt Choi (board appointee) for three-year terms. We said good-bye reluctantly to two board members who had served for six years: Audrey Black and Amanda Carson. We are very thankful for their important contributions to the Foundation and will miss serving with them.

— *Charlotte Griffin, Director of Development*

Children's Ministry Introduces Godly Play

On Tuesday, March 12, eight children arrived to have a meal together and a story. After eating a meal in the classroom, we led them to the children's music room where they would be treated to a new way to learn Bible stories. Bridget Wagner, one of the child care workers, greeted each child at the door by gently holding their hands and welcoming them to Godly Play.

I had them come in and sit in a circle on the floor around the desert box — a plastic tub filled with sand. After sitting down, I welcomed them to all join me in singing "Jesus Loves Me."

After the song, I began my story of Jesus in the Wilderness. My voice was low as I told them how it feels in the desert — during the day it is so hot that your skin will burn and at night you need clothes to keep you warm. There is no water and little food, and many people often get lost in the desert. The room is quiet.

The children were having their first experience with Godly Play, an inventive program for children's ministry created more than 40 years ago by the Rev. Dr. Jerome W. Berryman and his late wife. The goal of Godly Play is for children to imaginatively engage in learning about God. Godly Play nurtures children to larger dimensions of belief and faith through wondering and play.

A few years ago, Stella suggested I do Godly Play during Newcomers Classes for the children in child care. I felt overwhelmed to add anything else to my already busy schedule in the church. I wasn't even certain what Godly Play was and what it involved.

So, I started reading up on it and attended a brief introduction to Godly Play at a workshop in Kanuga and later an official three-day training in Concord. I was sold!

I came back from the conference with an idea to get Godly Play at St. Michael's, first, during Robert Fruehwirth's Lenten series dinners and, second, for the summertime child care during the morning service. Stella ordered a shelf for the materials, and several wonderful moms gave me a donation to get the program started with some of the materials that go with Godly Play.

The eight children, who ranged from 4 to 11 years old, were entranced, even though the story hadn't yet begun! Then I began to tell the story of Jesus, alone in the desert, talking to God for 40 days and 40 nights, about the evil one who takes Jesus to stones and wants them turned in bread, to a high temple where he wants him to fall and to the highest mountain where he tells Jesus he can be the ruler if he follows the evil one.

In the story, we see how Jesus was tempted, how all these temptations seemed good, but Jesus was strong and said NO. The story closes with Jesus returning to the Holy City to spread God's word.



The story was over, and I sat quietly for a few seconds and began to ask "I wonder" questions. I wonder what God and Jesus talked about in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights? I wonder if it was hard not to turn those stones into bread because Jesus was hungry, and the bread would have tasted good? I wonder if Jesus was afraid of the evil one? I was amazed at the answers and how involved the children were in the story.

"Jesus was brave," "Jesus was strong," "He prayed to God to help Him," "He prayed to God to be with Him," "Jesus was powerful."

After the wonder questions is a time for the children to make a craft, work with one of the Godly Play stories or read one of the Godly Play books. This particular night, we made "Lent in a Bag" with a candle, sand, a rock and a human figure to represent Jesus. These items were for them to take home and share with their families the story they had heard that evening.

When the craft was over, they returned to our circle for a feast. When our feast was over, we sang "This Little Light of Mine" to end our Godly Play time together. As they left, Bridget greeted them again and thanked them for coming.

The sessions will continue during each Tuesday Lenten dinner, when the children will hear different story shared from the Bible.

Two adults, the greeter and the storyteller, are the Godly Play team. We sing a song, tell the story, ask the wonder questions and allow the children to give input. We invite the children to create some art from the story or choose one of the Godly Play stories to play with. We share a snack and end with a song. And with each story I hope they take something that fulfills them, as it has me.

I would like to thank Leslie DeHaven, my biggest advocate on this program, along with Ashley Black, Brantley Springette, Courtney Phillips, Catherine George, Valerie Jackson, Josey Kasper, Elizabeth Walker, Katherine Poole, Anna Tilghman, Sara Perdue, Alison Sural and Louise Warena, for giving me the startup funds of \$550 to start this program.

I'm also grateful to Stella Attaway for giving me this opportunity and who told me to find what "filled" me. I think I've found it with Godly Play. I feel this program is my calling and I am so happy to be part of it.

— Carolyn L'Italien, Assistant to the Children's Ministry



Thank you St. Michael's! You packaged 20,008 meals for Rise Against Hunger, with close to 100 enthusiastic volunteers gathered on March 17th for St. Michael's 9th annual meal-packaging event. Your generosity helped defray the cost — \$6,800 for the packaged meals — to Rise Against Hunger. Donations are still welcome.

For nine years, hands at St. Michael's have packaged over 190,000 meals to address food insecurity, and respond to emergencies in under-resourced communities in different regions of the world. The coordinators at St. Michael's and Rise Against Hunger are grateful for your sustained support.

For more information about the mission and impact of Rise Against Hunger, visit www.riseagainsthunger.org

— Ruth Scott, Rise Against Hunger cCoordinator



The ECW: General Membership Meeting Features Backpack Buddies

The ECW held its spring General Membership Meeting Monday, March 11.

In anticipation of this year's annual ECW Garden Party on Friday, May 3, the meeting was centered around our parish's outreach to Backpack Buddies to whom the net proceeds of this year's spring fundraiser will go. Ashley Davis, a social worker from Wiley Elementary, and Mary McDonough, a guidance counselor from Washington Elementary, were guest speakers. Each shared their perspective on what the food received through the Backpack Buddies programs means to the children in their schools and how "knowing where food/the next meal will come from" provides a form of stability to children who are often in transition in other parts of their lives.

The ECW at St. Michael's supports 31 students, and the goal of this year's Garden Party fundraiser is to raise \$45,000 in net proceeds to keep the Backpack Buddies program operating for the next four years at Wiley and Washington.

In other news, the 2019 ECW Handbooks are completed and copies are available in the workroom. The Fall General Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 4, in the evening.

Save the Date for the Garden Party

Save Friday, May 3, for the Garden Party! This year's Garden Party promises to be another evening of fun and fellowship in support of the ECW of St. Michael's and Backpack Buddies of Raleigh! Dinner will be served by Neighbor Cater with Neighbor2Neighbor — last year's beneficiary, which the ECW continues to support. As in years past, you can expect exciting items, activities, and experiences to be included in both the silent auction and infamous live auction hosted by our very own Greg Jones.

New this year will be the raffle of a "staycation" at the Umstead Resort & Spa. The winner will be treated to a four-course dinner for two at Heron's! Raffle tickets will be \$25, and there will be only 100 raffle tickets available for purchase. Purchase tickets between the services on Sundays in April. The winner will be announced as part of the live auction.

Live Auction

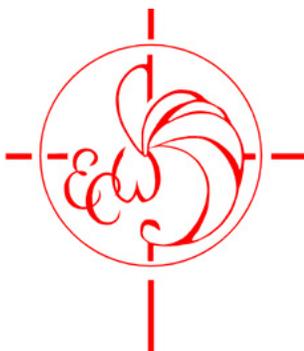
• French/Italian Dinner for Eight - Tuxedoed wait staff and full course dinner with Tim & Linda Berry, Hayden & John Constance, Lee and David Hayden, and Rick and Susan Rountree

• Three reserved church parking spaces for Sunday mornings for a full year

• Six-Couple Dinner Experience with Melanie & Greg Jones

Silent Auction

• Nightlife Tour on the Raleigh Trolley
• Sunset Beach House Weekend
• Figure Eight Island Beach House



- North Myrtle Beach Condo for four nights
- Three-Course Chef Dinner for two @ Brewery Bhavana
- Photo portrait session with William Branson III
- King's Bowling party
- NC State Football tickets
- UNC and Duke basketball tickets
- Garden Consultation with Liz Driscoll
- Artwork by Jimmy Black & Martha Crampton
- Charity yoga class offered by Alison Sural
- Class by Robert Fruehwirth

Mark you calendars and make plans now to join us on Friday, May 3! Invitations will be in the mail shortly!

— Anne Singerman, ECW Communications Chair

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a road, who don't recognize him for hours. To the eleven in a shuttered room. Then on a beach eating fish. Then a hill. Then here, then there. Familiar and foreign; plain and mystic. All different kinds of resurrection experiences happened over the course of days and weeks. And not merely to one or two lonely and forlorn failures desperate to see what they wanted, but to thousands of different people who didn't have any idea what to expect.

That's what happened. An empty tomb. Angelic experiences. Women the first to see. The men all doubt but Peter, maybe John. Then he appears to thousands.

Most reasonable historians of these matters, whether Christian or not, will agree that in a very short period of time a large movement of people from all walks of life quickly became deeply convinced that they'd seen Jesus risen in one form or another. I don't think it's possible these people would have been as convinced as they were, or the church would have spread as fast and far as it did, if they didn't know what they saw. If they didn't know the difference between reality and wishful thinking. If all they were was collectively deluded.

The New Testament would not have been written within a few decades with such an incredible harmony of vision and message and narrative, in such a convincingly powerful way, if the original voices offered only cloudy visions and half-baked delusions. No, only a shared experience firmly rooted in what you and I and everyone have always called reality is sufficient for the Church to have developed as quickly, deeply, richly and robustly as it did in fact develop.

If Jesus was not raised from the dead, as those women said in the first place, the vastly rich, complex and powerful message as evident in the

Gospels and apostolic writings simply would not have developed. Moreover, if he were not very much present with the apostles and followers in a mystical way ever since, the Church would not have developed, grown and spread as it has in every land for two thousand years.

If he were not raised there would be no Christian faith.

Besides, if all this were based on no more than wishful thinking, I really don't think I'd buy it. Because I'm not that credulous. I am a skeptic. I don't trust what people always say. I know too much about how people fib and expand and reduce and change the truth to suit their wish and whim. Maybe you do, too. And I am willing to change my mind. To look at facts. To go and see for myself what really happens. And maybe you're like me.

But friends, I've done all that, and, I've been persuaded. Like those women who found out first. And then like Peter, and maybe John. I have seen what I can only describe is a Lord named Jesus, and him raised from the dead.

The Lord is risen my friends. But see for yourself.

— The Rev. Samuel Gregory Jones

St. Michael's to Host Family Promise July 14-28

Family Promise of Wake County is a nonprofit organization that provides church-based emergency shelter and meals to Wake County families with children who are experiencing temporary homelessness. St. Michael's is one of more than 50 congregations in Wake County that are part of the Family Promise Emergency Shelter program. Last year 147 St. Michael's volunteers hosted seven families that included 22 children, most of whom were under 6 years old.

Sally Norton and Barbara Barron are St. Michael's Family Promise Coordinators for 2019. Sally describes getting involved in Family Promise like this:

"There are many moments in my life when I wonder how on earth I got involved in something," says Sally. "I usually refer to them as 'God Moments.' Family Promise is one of them. When I go to St. Michael's I am well fed; I have slept in my bed overnight; I am coming from my home and I am in my car. I make it sound so easy, and for me it is. For others, that isn't even a possibility."



Barbara Barron, left, and Sally Norton

The two weeks that St. Michael's hosts up to five homeless families, she says, gives us an easy opportunity to do what God expects us to do: love our neighbors as ourselves.

It is a time where we can provide meals for hungry stomachs; a bed for exhausted bodies; activities for children and in turn support for their weary parents. Family Promise keeps families together; a lot of programs don't. Looking after our Raleigh brothers and sisters is, for me, what I should be doing."

Barbara became involved in Family Promise through first casual and then intense discussions with Family Promise volunteers (like Sally), whom she met through the St. Michael's Facilitators Group in the winter of 2018. She describes last year's Family Promise time as "...a totally immersive, exhilarating, heart-breaking, transformative, come to Jesus experience."

Watch for more details about this year's Family Promise in the coming weeks and months.

Older, Wiser, Learning, Sharing

Writing and History on the List for OWLS Events for April

Spring has finally come to St. Michael's, and the OWLS are celebrating with an excursion and a speaker.

On Thursday, April 18, we'll hear from one of our very own. Communications Director Susan Rountree, our in-house storyteller, will share how she found her way to telling the story of St. Michael's.

A native of Scotland Neck, where we visited Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Park a few years ago, Susan writes a monthly column for the News & Observer. She has written for *Business North Carolina*, *Elegant Bride Magazine*, and many other publications. She is the author of *Nags Headers* and *In Mother Words*. Join her at 2 p.m., Thursday, April 18, for the rest of the story.



Our last trip will be to Haywood Hall on Thursday, April 25. I am cheating a bit here and quoting from the home's website:

"John Haywood, the state's first elected treasurer and Raleigh's first Intendant of Police (mayor), began construction of Haywood Hall in 1799 as a home for his family. However, his new young wife wasn't impressed with the new state capital or with the home on Edenton and Wilmington Streets, and left after only a short visit, returning to her family in Wilmington. Haywood proceeded to complete work on the house in fine style (for) his young wife to return to Raleigh.

"Descendants occupied the house until 1977, when the property

and furnishings were left to The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of North Carolina. It is the oldest house on its original site within the original city limits of Raleigh."

St. Michael's member Burke Haywood, is the great-great-grandson of John Haywood, who also founded Christ Church. His son, Edmund Burke Haywood, was a well-known surgeon known for his compassionate treatment of both Confederate and Union soldiers during the Civil War. Burke joined St. Michael's when he married his wife, Terri, who grew up in our parish.

Our tour of Haywood Hall will be at 11 a.m. There is no transportation provided for this outing. Meet at the church and carpool with friends. Parking is available.

Lunch reservations are for 12:30 p.m. at the Irregardless Cafe, and we will return to the church by 3 p.m.

Our final offering will be May 18, when we will hold our Annual Spring Fling. So please hold the date!

— The Rev. Holly Gloff

For All the Saints

George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop of New Zealand and of Litchfield

As has been the case with many of you, the small, peaceful country of New Zealand has been on my mind of late. So it was with immense pleasure that, when glancing through my trusted copy of *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints*, I noticed that on April 11, we celebrate the life of Bishop Selwyn of New Zealand.

Bishop Selwyn was born in Hampstead, London on April 5, 1809. He was well educated; he went to school at Eton, and subsequently was a student at St John's College, Cambridge where he received his BA, MA and DD (Doctor of Divinity). While at school, he found time to row and participated in the first annual Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race at Henley on Thames in 1829! He was ordained in 1833, served as a curate at Windsor, then was selected to be the first Bishop of New Zealand in 1841. He brought along with himself on his long journey to New Zealand, his chaplain, his 23-member missionary party, various animals and four hives of bees! I'm not at all sure I would have thought to bring along the hives of bees.

Quite unbelievably to me, while on the journey, he managed to learn the Maori language well enough to preach in Maori immediately upon his arrival in New Zealand. He also learned

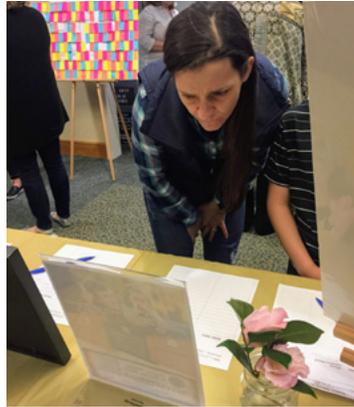
how to become a sailing master. He certainly made great use of his time and talents!

In the 10-year war between England and the Maoris, he was, in typical Anglican fashion, able to minister to both sides, and managed to keep both the admiration and affection of the people of both of the opposing factions.

Bishop Selwyn devised a scheme for the self-government of his diocese. He secured authorization to subdivide his diocese, and permission for New Zealand to manage its own affairs. Thus began New Zealand's first general synod comprised of bishops, presbyters and laity. He got four bishops consecrated, one for each of the two islands of New Zealand, and thus the constitution of the church was established.

He helped organize the first Lambeth Conference in 1867 (a conference for all of the Anglican bishops worldwide which meets every 10 years or so in London) and attended it as well. While in England, he reluctantly accepted the offer to become the new bishop of Lichfield in England. He remained there until his death on April 11, 1878. Selwyn College, Cambridge, was erected in his honor, and his grave at Lichfield has become a pilgrimage site for the Maoris when they come to England.

The Rev. Holly M. Gloff



Singers from within the congregation and community came together on March 23 to use their talents to raise money for our Belize Mission. They included the St. Matthew AME Choir, St. Michael's former member Jamie Pahl and the Azcona siblings from Community Music School. A Silent Auction and Belizean foods rounded out the evening. Nanci Atkeson photos.

Coffeehouse Celebrates A Wonderful World in Song

What a wonderful world indeed I thought to myself as I listened to Jim Fields and Bob Spaziano treat us to a rendition of the old Louis Armstrong favorite. Saturday night gave me a real sense of what a wonderful world we *can* create when we gather in song with nearly 80 performers, volunteers and guests to raise funds for the two Belize mission trips to Holy Cross Anglican School in April.

In addition to our always crowd favorites, Jim and Bob, we were treated to other featured performances by Reverend Jamie Pahl, who grew up at St. Michael's and is now the rector of St. Stephen in Oxford, as well as the choir from our sister parish, St. Matthew AME Church, directed by David Davis.

Jamie played original and cover tunes with grace and peace. When asked if he ever sings his sermons, he admitted he has been known to bring his guitar to the pulpit. The St. Matthews choir sang stirring, uplifting songs with exquisite soloists the likes of which I'm not sure the parish hall has ever seen.

As I listened to return performers, Lanif and Manuel Azcona, joined this year by their sister, Allendra, I sent up a silent prayer for the commitment St. Michael's makes to the Community School of Raleigh. Without the support of many churches and volunteers, we may never have been able to hear these talented and devoted musicians sing their captivating praise music.

Rounding out the performers were Leanne Madtes with her lovely, voice-like-a-bell, soprano; Rob Schmid, who joined John McHenry and Ed Finley on a few tunes, and last but not least the Minute Band, led by John McHenry. It wouldn't be a coffee house without John's Minute Band to sing modern and original praise music.

Perhaps musicians have the secret to human connection. During the sound check, it was delightful to watch all the performers engage. Mr. Davis invited Lanif to accompany the choir on drums, the percussionist spontaneously joined Leann during her solos and by the end of the night, the Minute Band rejoined St. Matthew's choir onstage to bring it home.

Meanwhile, the silent auction and raffle, coordinated by Catherine Winslow, gave us a chance to support the mission in other ways.

It is a privilege to support this annual event and is made possible by performers and the work of volunteers like Alison Sural, Meg McHenry, Phil and Catherine Lambe, Jonathon Stafford, Page Madtes and others who donate their time, their talent and many gifts in kind to ensure its success.

— Paula Bickley

BRIEFLY



Choir at Clare College

Monday

April 1

7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$15

visit holymichael.org



Words & Wisdom

Wed., April 10

7 p.m.

The Kitchen Boy

home of Ann & Dave Crawford

9008 Morden Court 27615

Family Promise Turns 25

Family Promise of Wake County is having a 25th anniversary celebration and fundraiser, "Keeping the Promise," from 2 p.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, April 14 at the Leslie-Alford Mims House, 100 Avent Ferry Road, Holly Springs. We are excited that Family Promise founder Karen Olson will be there as the speaker. Family Promise will also recognize the longest-serving host churches, including St Michael's. We are one of Family Promise's founding host churches.

Representatives from St. Michael's will be attending this event, and we invite you to attend as well. Individual tickets cost \$50 and include heavy hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, Karen's keynote and fellowship with supporters in a beautiful venue. All funds raised, minus the cost of food, will go directly to supporting our mission of moving Wake County children and families experiencing homelessness to safe, affordable, permanent housing.

To order tickets, call 919-832-6024. If you would like to attend, but need a ride to Holly Springs, please call Sam Taylor at 908-399-5566. We will organize carpools.

Whether you can attend or not, thank you to all the volunteers at St. Michael's for your longstanding support of Wake County children and families.

Hear the Choir of Clare College



The Choir at Clare College, Cambridge Photo(c) Nick Rutter

Monday, April 1

7:30 p.m.

The Choir of Clare College, Cambridge (UK), conducted by Graham Ross, returns to St. Michael's for a second concert! This year's program will be extraordinary, as the choir sings Lenten music by Gibbons, Tallis, Wesley, Howells and others, ending with Gerald Finzi's "Lo, the full, final sacrifice." They've programed the concert to take advantage of St. Michael's superb pipe organ. Tickets are \$25. Purchase tickets at: HolyMichaelChoirs.org/concerts/

Men's Retreat April 5 & 6

Men of St. Michael's, it is time to Belong to the Brotherhood, our annual men's retreat at the Country Club of Whispering Pines.

Registration is now open on holymichael.org. It is easy and fast. Payment will be collected when you sign in at Whispering Pines not when you register online.



Our speaker will be Stan Phelps. Stan is a Forbes Contributor, TEDx Speaker, IBM Futurist and author of six books. He will speak on Friday night and Saturday morning. He will speak on Finding Your Uniqueness.

Arrive around 4 p.m. on April 5, which will give you time to check in, find your room and prepare for the reception at 4:30 p.m. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., and the program will begin at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, sporting events will begin with golf at 10 a.m. at Whispering Pines and sporting clays at 11 a.m. in Sanford. Golf will be a Captains Choice. Sporting clays again will be under the direction of Mike Penick. Prizes will be awarded to the winner in each event. Please join for us for fellowship and an opportunity to meet new members of St. Michael's.

Parish Welcomes Refugee Family

A small team of St. Michael's parishioners welcomed a family of refugees from the Congo in late March. Working as a support circle in cooperation with Lutheran Family Services, the team will follow the family for a year as they settle into the Triangle.

Prior to their arrival, team members set up their apartment with furniture and linens, and will be there to support the single mother and three young children as she navigates learning the language and getting the children established in schools and community. The parish will be asked on occasion to provide for them. We will keep everyone informed as to their needs.

Please pray for this young family, who spent the last few years in a refugee camp in the Congo, that their transition to our country will be safe and smooth.

Contact: Danielle Hensley, dhensley07@hotmail.com.

april adult forums

**APRIL 7**

OUR JOURNEY HOME: THE PROCESS OF REPENTANCE WITH THE ROBERT FRUEHWIRTH

Even after we face up to our sin and hurtful behavior, change is elusive. Fervent and well-meaning resolutions to be better rarely produce lasting change and often backfire, causing despair and deeper backsliding. Real repentance occurs in the context of a love that is unconditional, that does not demand that we change in order to go on loving us. This is deeply paradoxical and unnerving, but it's only in the context of unconditional love that real change, real person development, can occur. And it's this kind of love that Jesus extends to us.

APRIL 14

PALM SUNDAY: WHAT JESUS DOES WITH SIN: ATONEMENT AND THE CROSS WITH THE REV. SAMUEL GREGORY JONES

Jesus of Nazareth died on a cross outside Jerusalem around the year 33CE. This much is uncontested. Scripture declares that this death has however a universal meaning. From the earliest days, followers of The Way proclaimed that Jesus' death was in some way a death 'for us.' After all, before he died, Jesus compared his death, to that of the Passover Lamb. The church has wrestled with this ever since: what does this mean? How does this work? How does it affect us today? As we start Holy Week, Greg Jones is going to reflect on how understand how Jesus death is for us, and for our salvation.

APRIL 21

EASTER — NO SUNDAY FORUM PROGRAMS

APRIL 28

THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS: LEARNING THROUGH LOOKING AT THE WINDOWS OF ST. MICHAEL'S WITH THE ROBERT FRUEHWIRTH, HARRIET HILL AND TIM BERRY

We experience God through beauty. We learn about God through symbol and story. The stained glass windows of St. Michael's are extraordinarily beautiful and rich with meaning. As the parish embarks on a project to restore our windows to their original glory, join us on this Sunday Forum to learn about the spiritual journey that led to the design of the windows and their meaning for us today.

DUFF/CAPPS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ONLINE

High school seniors and those seeking higher education opportunities are encouraged to apply for the Duff/Capps Scholarship for Higher Education. The scholarship is open to anyone planning to attend a college or university, community college or graduate school in the coming year. The scholarship was established by Claire Duff Capps as a community service project when she was in high school. It was renamed the Duff/Capps Scholarship after the death of her father, Bill Duff, III several years ago.

Applications are available at holymichael.org, and at the front desk. Deadline for applying is April 30.

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Easter Egg Hunt

**Palm Sunday
April 14th**

All Angels (*Kindergarten and younger*)
Approximately 11:00 a.m.
(following conclusion of 9:30 a.m. service)
On the playground

Beckwith (*1st - 3rd Grade*)
Approximately 11:15 a.m.
(following All Angels hunt)
Grassy area near the labyrinth

If participating, please donate a dozen stuff eggs (no candy containing nuts).
Place egg donations in the bin located outside of Stella Attaway's office by
9:30 AM on Sunday, April 14.



QUESTIONS? STORY IDEAS?

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JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 14 — Palm Sunday
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist
10:50 a.m. Adult Forum
11:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 17
12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Thursday, April 18 — Maundy Thursday
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 19 — Good Friday
Noon, Good Friday Service with Sung Passion Gospel

Saturday, April 20 — Holy Saturday
7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil
(combined service with White Memorial Presbyterian, begins in the garden)

Sunday, April 21 — Easter Day
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Transept with hymns
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with choir and brass
11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist choir and brass