



# TIDINGS



**St. Luke's Anglican Church ❖ 3 Limbo Lane, Amherst, NH**

Diocese of the Northeast, Anglican Church in America

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**O**ur new Vicar, Canon Christian Tutor, comes to Saint Luke's with ample experience in the spiritual, pastoral, and educational fields. We welcome Father Tutor while we seek a new full-time rector.

Father Christian is a Priest and Religious of the Diocese of the Northeast of the Anglican Church in America. Vowed to a life of service following the Rule of Saint Augustine, he began his monastic life in 1986 by joining a cloistered contemplative order in Oregon. Formed in contemplative prayer and monastic formation, he transferred to active ministry in 1997, and has served the Church as a pastoral care provider in a variety of parishes and institutions, including the largest Roman Catholic parish in Oregon, St. Joseph's in Salem (5,000 parishioners!), and St. Nicholas Ranch/Holy Family Chapel in Scotts Mills, Oregon, a residential institution for men in recovery (substance abuse), that was sponsored by the Diocese of the West, Anglican Church in America.

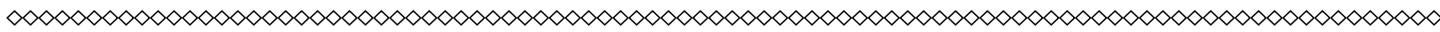
In September of 2006, The Right Reverend George Langberg, Bishop of the Diocese of the Northeast, received Father Christian's renewal of Solemn Vows as a monk, and officially welcomed him into the Diocese of the Northeast. On February 2, 2007, Father Christian was ordained to the Order of Deacon by the Right Rev-

erend Dr. Brian Marsh at Trinity Church in Rochester, New Hampshire. Six months later, he was raised to the dignity of the priesthood on August 4, 2007, by Bishop Langberg, who was assisted by Bishop Marsh, and Bishop Paul Hewett of the Diocese of the Holy Cross.



Father Tutor holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature and Philosophy from Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon, as well as a Masters degree in Applied Theology in Pastoral and Spiritual Care (Summa Cum Laude) from the theological school of Marylhurst University, in Lake Oswego, Oregon. He also holds the Graduate Certification in Pastoral Care from Marylhurst University.

He is currently head of the parish of All Saints in Concord, New Hampshire, and serves the Diocese of the Northeast as Safe Environment Coordinator and as Marriage Tribunal Judge. In September of 2008 he was named Dean of the Deanery of St. Mary that covers the Western side of New Hampshire, Vermont, and the Northwest portion of Massachusetts. Bishop Marsh has also raised Father Christian to the Office of Canon Liturgist for the diocese. His duties as Liturgist encompass overseeing all major liturgical events in the life of the diocese, as well as teaching and educating the clergy, students, and parishes in the diocese in matters liturgical. ❖



## **Deo Gratias**

*Lillian Power*

The Deo Gratias committee met during the recent diocesan synod which was held in North Conway, NH. The funds to be distributed totaled about \$2500. The following were recipients of these funds: St. Luke Camp \$750, Logos House \$500, Michael Cupoli \$500, and The International Anglican Fellowship (IAF) \$750.

The IAF will distribute their amount to Father Stevens in the Congo who

is supporting five orphans. We were pleased to see a picture of these orphans who we supported last year. Michael Cupoli, who was a recipient was present at the synod and we were pleased to meet with him. He is our only 3-year student studying for the ministry.

As you can see the money is well spent and we thank you for your contributions. Deo Gratias (Thanks be to God) began over 10 years ago. The purpose is, as you say your daily

prayers, you put a coin in a box to thank God for your many blessings.

Lil Power has some boxes that you may have if you wish. They are like the "mite" boxes we had as children.

Thank you all for your support.

## **Diocesan Funding**

*Al Gamans, St. Luke's Vestry*

Our church annually contributes 12½ percent of income for diocesan support. Funds are issued by our treasurer. There are about 35 other

sources that contribute to the total diocesan budget of around \$100,000. Some important expenses are travel, insurance, a housing allowance, Bishop's retirement annuity, Bishops' salary and office expense. Our projected income budget for 2009 at St. Luke's was \$73,075 which calls for a contribution of \$9,135 to this fund. Figures provided by our treasurer show reductions in some areas that reflect the status of the economy and the reduction in our budget.

Parishes that have their own buildings are the property owners and the diocese is not in the real estate business. There are no mortgages, building protecting insurance expenses, or structure maintenance costs in the diocesan expenses! Several separate operating and endowment funds are held by the diocese that derive funding from private sources and distributions are made according to the terms of the individual plans.

The diocese uses funds for clergy training, supervision of deacons, Anglican youth programs including St. Luke's Camp in Maine, and parish support at the discretion of the Standing Committee.

A very small portion of the endowment funds is held in mutual funds. Certificates of Deposit and U.S. Treasury Funds hold most of the money. Another money market fund is kept for an emergency need. Income from these is small but positive gains are made.

National Church: An assessment of \$30 is collected for each active member here and is transferred through the diocese to the Anglican Church in America (ACA). This is the procedure throughout the national Church to provide funding for work and services at the national level.

The Standing Committee issues a financial report at Synod every year.



Deacon Frank Bartlett and Frank Williams cook some burgers and...franks at St. Luke's Fall pot luck and cookout. Everyone had fun—and a lot of good food!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Lillian Power*

The Prayer Shawl Ministry began in 1997 by Janet Bristow and Victoria Cole-Galo and is chronicled in their book *The Prayer Shawl Companion*. The message of the prayer shawl is to prayerfully knit or crochet a shawl or a lap robe and give to those who need comfort. Shawls are also made to celebrate a blessed event in life. St. Luke's began its Prayer Shawl Ministry in June 2009.

The patterns, on occasion, are meaningful. The number three in the knit-three, purl-three pattern is symbolically significant: e.g., "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," "Faith, Hope, and Charity." All numbers have some symbolism as do the colors of the yarn used.

Shawls or lap robes would be blessed by a priest before being presented to the recipient. A note and a written prayer and blessing will be included with each shawl given. These shawls are not only for St. Luke's members but may be given to anyone in need.

At the moment we have about 12 shawls ready for presentation. They

are stored at the church and are easily available. There are also some written notes stored in the boxes as well. Let Lil Power know when you take a shawl so that she can make sure we keep a supply on hand.

If you would like to make a shawl for this ministry, we have patterns or you can obtain information on the Internet at [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com), or you can Google *Prayer Shawl*.

## Anglican 101: Liturgical Colors

*Deacon Frank Bartlett*

Color holds important symbolism in the Christian Year. Every day of the year has a designated color, either by itself on Sundays and important Church holy days, or in groups of days, such as the Octaves (seasons of continued celebration) of major Church holy days. It is my fervent hope that all members of the Altar Guild are familiar with these colors and the celebrations associated with them; for others, I hope that this is helpful.

Beginning with the color **Violet**, it is symbolic of the Advent season,

upon which we embark on November 29, the First Sunday of Advent, and also the First Sunday of the Christian Year. It represents penitence and preparation. It is used during Advent, pre-Lent and Lent itself as well as on Ember Days, except during Whitsuntide and Rogation Days. Violet is also the color of the sacraments of Unction and Penance and for the blessing of Holy Objects.

**White** is the color of the Holy Trinity, of our Lord and of purity and joy. It is used during Christmas-tide, Epiphanytide, Eastertide, Ascensiontide, the Transfiguration, All Saints Day and its octave, and on Independence Day and Thanksgiving Day. It is also used for the feasts of saints who were not martyrs. It is used on great festival occasions and for weddings. It may be used for the consecration of bishops, ordination of priests and deacons and for Confirmation. The alternative is red.

The symbolism of the Holy Spirit is represented by the tongues of fire at Pentecost. It is celebrated using **Red**. Red is also symbolic of the blood of the martyrs. It is used on Whitsunday (Pentecost) until Trinity Sunday, on the feasts of saints who were martyrs and on other occasions which stress bloodshed. It is also used for the consecration of a bishop, ordination of a priest or deacon and confirmation, instead of white.

**Green** is the color of nature and of growth. It is used for the season of Epiphany and Sundays during Trinity. It is also used on other occasions when another color is not prescribed.

**Black** is the color of death and mourning. It is used on Good Friday, All Souls Day and for funerals, memorial services, and requiem masses.

Other colors are sometimes used, such as gold for festival days and seasons. Rose may be used for the Third Sunday in Advent and the Third Sunday in Lent.

## Meet Our Parishoners

*Lee Peterson*

A job transfer (at Texas Instruments) last March brought Jason and Angie Miller and their family from Plano, Texas, to Bedford, New Hampshire.

In Angie's and my conversation yesterday I was going to mention how fortunate they had missed most of the winter weather and was about to offer hints about winter driving when I learned that Jason is originally from Wyoming and Angie from Indiana. I decided to forego my advice since they could probably give me hints!

Jason and Angie have three children: Amanda who is 13 and in eighth grade. She loves to read and cook and has volunteered to help out with our craft fair—how wonderful! Lucas is 11 and in sixth grade, and Brandon is nine and in the third grade. Both boys are football players—their teams play many of their games on Sunday mornings.



Angie says that the move has brought their family closer together and they enjoy hiking, movies, and game nights together.

While in Texas Angie became involved with a prison ministry program through the Crossroads Bible Institute in Michigan. As a tier one volunteer she receives homework from those participating in the program, checks/corrects the fill-in-the-blank questions and essay questions and returns them through Crossroads. This correspondence takes place on a weekly basis and is something that she can do from home. A neighbor in

## Articles of Religion

Many may not know that in the back of the BCP, pg. 603, one will find the 39 Articles of Religion.

The Articles of Religion were established by the Bishops, the Clergy, and the Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, in Convention, on the twelfth day of September, in the Year of our Lord 1801.

The Articles of Religion will be presented here, and in subsequent Tidings, three at a time.

### I. Of Faith in the Holy Trinity.

There is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body, parts or passions, of infinite power, wisdom and goodness; the Maker, and Preserver of all things both visible and invisible. And in unity of this Godhead, there by three Persons, of one substance, power, and eternity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

### II. Of the Word or Son of God, which was made very Man.

The Son, which is the Word of the Father, begotten from everlasting of the Father, the very and eternal God, and of one substance with the Father, took Man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin, of her substance: so that two whole and perfect Natures, that is to say, the Godhead, and Manhood, were joined together in one Person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God, and very Man; who truly suffered, was crucified, dead and buried, to reconcile his Father to us, and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for actual sins of men.

### III. Of the going down of Christ into Hell.

As Christ died for us, and was buried, so also is it to be believed, that he went down into Hell.

Bedford has introduced her to a bible study one morning a week in Manchester which is also fulfilling.

We are delighted to have the Millers worshipping with our St. Luke's family and are thankful to have the opportunity to get to know them better.

### Food Bank Outreach

Helping people—this is what the church guides us to do. Hunger affects thousands in New Hampshire every day, young and old, married and single. There are nearly 80,000 residents in NH at or below the poverty level. The canned food drive that began at St. Luke's a year ago continues. Please leave canned food donations in the basket located in the front lobby of the church. Donations needed include canned meats, cereals, pasta, and more. If you would like to find out more about what specific items

are needed, please refer to: [www.nh-foodbank.org/Pages/Donate-Food.html](http://www.nh-foodbank.org/Pages/Donate-Food.html)

### Make a Donation for Weekly Altar Flowers

If you would like to give altar flowers to the church and remember a loved one or celebrate an event in your life, they are available each week. This is a wonderful way to honor someone you know or the memory of a loved one. A sign up sheet is located at the usher's station for weekly donations.

### Special Thanks!

You'll notice that we now have beautifully refurbished rest rooms and new windows in the undercroft. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this happen. Special thanks to Marlene and Al Gamans, and Ken and Jean Miller for donating the windows and installation.

### With Special Appreciation

Everyone at St. Luke's is indebted to our own Deacon Frank Bartlett for his faithful service over many Sundays and other times. During transitional times at our parish, Deacon Frank has "been there" for us in many ways and has given us an example of sacrificial service "over and above the call of duty." What we would have done without his devotion and presence to serve us we don't know. From everyone at St. Luke's, *Thank You and God Bless You Deacon Frank!*



**ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH** is a part of the Anglican Church in America. Our faith is based on the Word of God as found in Holy Scripture and on the Sacraments of the Church.

*The Very Reverend Christian Tutor, OSA, Vicar.*

*The Rev. Mr. Franklin Bartlett, SSM, Deacon.*

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### Eucharistic Services

Sundays 8AM and 10AM

*All Are Welcome!*

Please join us!

### Christmas Eve Service



Thursday Dec. 24, at 7:00 PM



**Afternoon Tea**  
Saturday, February 13  
1:00 pm

"Fear not, for behold  
I bring you good tidings  
of great joy, which shall  
be to all people.  
For unto you  
is born this day  
in the city of David  
a Savior, who is  
**CHRIST THE LORD.**"



*Glory to God  
in the highest, and  
on earth peace,  
good will  
toward men!"*



Luke 2: 10-11, 14