



# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN NANTUCKET

## TIDINGS

### Letter from Our Rector

#### Dear St. Paul's Church Family and Friends,

When priests are ordained in The Episcopal Church, one of the lessons always read at the service is Isaiah 6:1-8. This passage tells of the call and commissioning of the prophet Isaiah. In it, the voice of God is quoted as asking, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And Isaiah answered, "Here am I; send me!"

The writings and images here in *Tidings* celebrate answer God's call to serve — both individually and spond, "Here am I; send me!" And in so doing, we needs, alleviate suffering, and fulfill our mission to There is much to celebrate!

#### Celebrating friends, Penny and Dual

On June 13th, parishioners and guests gathered in the courtyard behind St. Paul's Parish House to dedicate the Macintyre Garden in celebration of Penny and in loving memory of her late husband Dual. "Penny & Dual's dedication to the wellbeing of St. Paul's Church in Nantucket is extraordinary," said Father Max. "Their many errands on our behalf brought them to the church and office nearly daily."

PHOTOS OF FATHER MAX AND HIS SPOUSE BY BEVERLY HALL



SUMMER



AUTUMN 2021

a parish family with members who collectively. We are people who re- help meet our island community's make God's love more widely known.



Father Max and Penny Macintyre

We bid farewell to Penny as she moves closer to family in Connecticut, and we look forward to her summer visits.

love





## Parish Committees

The committees of  
St. Paul's Church in Nantucket  
welcome your participation:

### Altar Guild

Dottie Gennaro, chair

### Campus Oversight Committee

Robert Inglis and Libby Tracey, co-chairs

### Capital Planning Committee

Ken Beaugrand and Bob Felch, co-chairs

### Communications Committee

Patsy Wright, chair

### Finance Committee

Sandy Keys, chair

### Hospitality Committee

Olly Wolf, chair

### Mission Committee

Bob Felch and Frank Robinson, co-chairs

### Stewardship Committee

Peter Barnes and Patsy Wright, co-chairs

## Our Staff

The Rev. Max Wolf, *Rector*  
Joe Hammer, *Music Director*  
Christine Borneman,  
*Parish Administrator*  
Curtis Barnes, *Verger*

## Our Vestry

Executive Officers are elected for a term  
of one year.

2021-2022:

Bob Felch, *Warden*  
Libby Tracey, *Warden*  
Martin McKerrow, *Treasurer*  
Peter Greenhalgh, *Clerk*

Members of the Vestry are elected for a  
term of three years unless they fill a  
term that has been vacated.

Kirk Baker	2022
Beverly Hall	2022
Sandra Keys	2022
Phil Smith	2022
Peter Barnes	2023
Robert Inglis	2023
Jan Jacobi	2023
Jay Riggs	2023
Susan Coffin	2024
Lucy Leske	2024
Yvette St. Jean	2024
Patsy Wright	2024

Our Church is blessed  
by the guardianship of  
staff and volunteers.



Christine Borneman



serve†





## Our Music by Stephen Kelly

Music at St. Paul's comes in many forms and from many sources. On any given Sunday, we can hear music from the organ, piano or flute, and singing by adults and children. And music isn't just for Sundays: our Music Director, Joe Hammer, also presents *Music Mondays* on YouTube and Facebook.

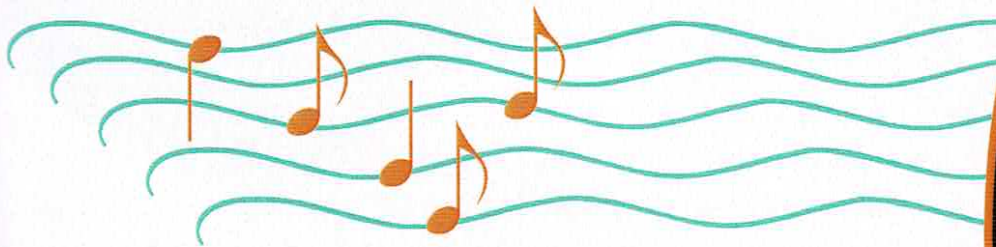
Two of the most familiar faces and voices are those of our regular soloists, Ann Martindale and Jackie McGrath. Ann spends every summer on Nantucket and winters in Fort Meyers, FL. Jackie grew up on the island and is studying environmental science at the University of Vermont. They were frequently joined this summer by Ian Robertson and Andrew Cromartie, along with Maisie Cocker, Janet Lindgren, Winkie Thomas, Deborah Beale, Normand Berthelette, Walter Birge and Frances Symes.

And, of course, we all enjoy hearing the Frable sisters, five girls ages 5 to 16, who have sung pieces like "How Far Love Goes." Even one of our very smallest parishioners got to try his hand at making music: here is a picture of Joe Hammer's 3-year-old grandson, ► **Killian Ingram**, making a joyful noise on the organ during a rehearsal for the service during which he was baptized.



This summer, as for the past two summers, we have also enjoyed the sound of the flute, played by summer parishioner Joseph Gioe and island resident Pam Goddard, a former warden. They have played pieces by Bach, Vivaldi, and Mozart, among others.

So it's safe to say that St. Paul's can be proud of a lively music program, in addition to our fine liturgy, fellowship and community outreach!



“ Our Eucharist in the Memorial Garden is enhanced by Joe Hammer's music meditations wafting through our open stained glass windows.

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Father Max







## Did You Know?

by Peter Greenhalgh

### 1901 – 2021

As the salt-scented breezes drift slowly across the island, and the dappled sunlight dances across flowers in our Memorial Garden, what a blessing to our congregation that one hundred and twenty years ago a single woman from Boston erected our stately church in memory of her father. But why St. Paul's and who was **Caroline French**?

Her obituary in the Boston Post from October 28, 1914 referred to her as a "prominent member of the Episcopal church and a liberal giver who died yesterday morning in her home, 42 Commonwealth Avenue, where she had lived since 1870. Miss French also had summer homes in Nantucket and Bar Harbor. She was 81 years old and one sister, Miss Cornelia Anne French of 230 Marlboro Street survives her."

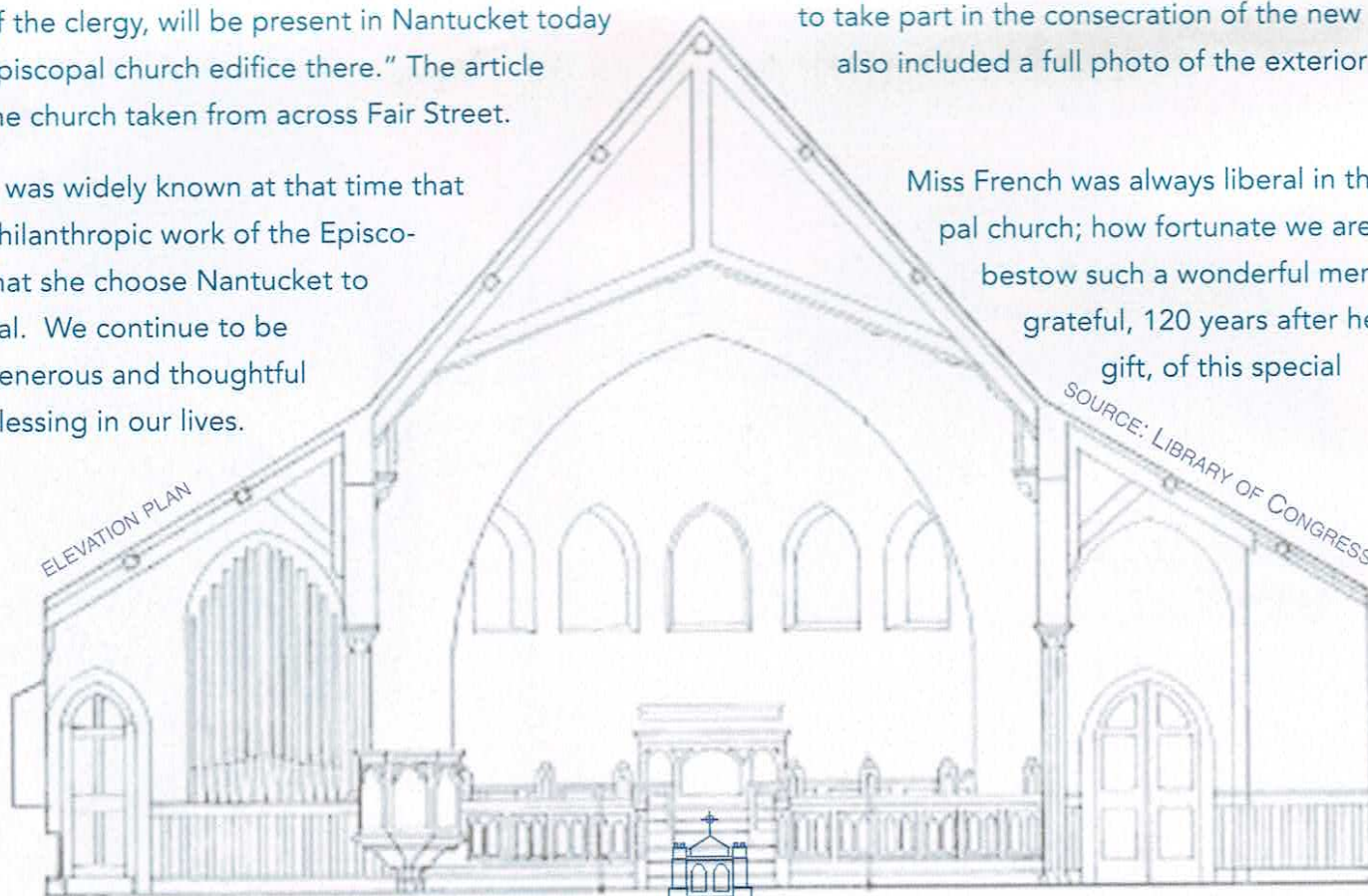
Now if you will, time travel back to June 11, 1902 when our beloved church, having been constructed in 1901, was dedicated by Bishop William Lawrence and other dignitaries of the Episcopal Church. "The new church was built as the gift of Miss Caroline L. M. French of Commonwealth Avenue (Boston) and secured at a large expense, the windows and edifice are of a handsome design," read a special piece in the Boston Post.

The article went on, "Miss French had the church built as a memorial to her father, the late Jonathon French, who died last year. Erected at a cost of \$40,000 it was built to accommodate a large congregation and is furnished with all the latest improvements. Bishop Lawrence and Bishop Codman, with several other members of the clergy, will be present in Nantucket today to take part in the consecration of the new Episcopal church edifice there." The article also included a full photo of the exterior of the church taken from across Fair Street.

It was widely known at that time that philanthropic work of the Episcopal church that she choose Nantucket to memorial. We continue to be generous and thoughtful blessing in our lives.

Miss French was always liberal in the Episcopal church; how fortunate we are to bestow such a wonderful memorial. We are grateful, 120 years after her gift, of this special

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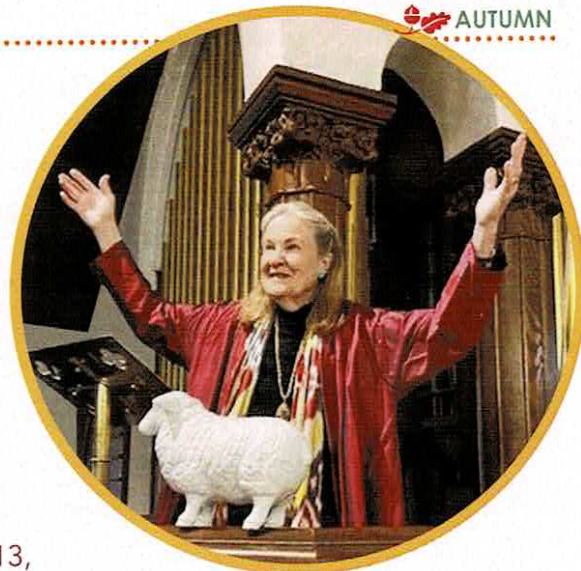
### Preaching the Gospel at St. Paul's Church

"IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US...."

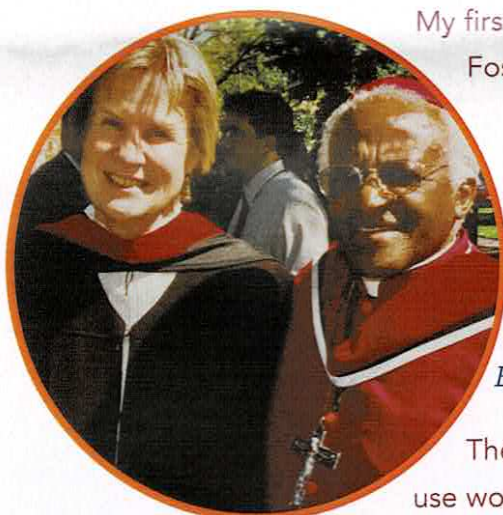
My first experience at St Paul's in 1964 was an attempt to get married. At that time, Bradford Johnson was the Rector and unfortunately there were strict rules about marriage with a divorced person.

Since then, I married David Billings at St. Paul's on January 20, 2013, during a Sunday morning service and held a memorial for my second husband, Sascha Illich, in 2009. I also have celebrated several weddings, presided at additional memorial services and have preached multiple times.

All in all, I have been involved with St. Paul's and nine rectors for over fifty years and have been documenting events on Fair Street for almost as long. As a professional portrait photographer, carrying my camera to church was a natural extension of my career as photographer in residence at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City for over 20 years.



My first invitation to become a member of the Vestry came from Andrew Foster and ignited my deep-seated passion to go to seminary in 1998.



During my time at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, I had many opportunities to preach both at the Church of The Good Shepherd in Watertown, where I did my field education, and in the seminary chapel.

#### *Beverly with Desmond Mpllo Tutu*

The counsel of St. Francis, "Preach the Gospel at all times, if necessary use words," has always resonated with me. Three mission trips to Guatemala under the auspices of The God's Child Project provided an opportunity to embody that advice. I also take to heart Krister Stendahl's commandment for preaching, "Don't read the recipe, serve the food," and often offer a tangible token as a "take away" after I preach — from a squeaky pink sheep, a gemstone heart, a brass fishing hook, to a "lost coin" — any token that will serve to whet the congregation's appetite for God's word. As an incarnational preacher, I have also crooned a Franki Valli tune, "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You," and the "Tender Shepherd" lullaby from Peter Pan to drive a sermon point home.



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## On The Verge PART II by Curtis Barnes, St. Paul's Verger

Chickens, pigs, and peasants — Give Way!"

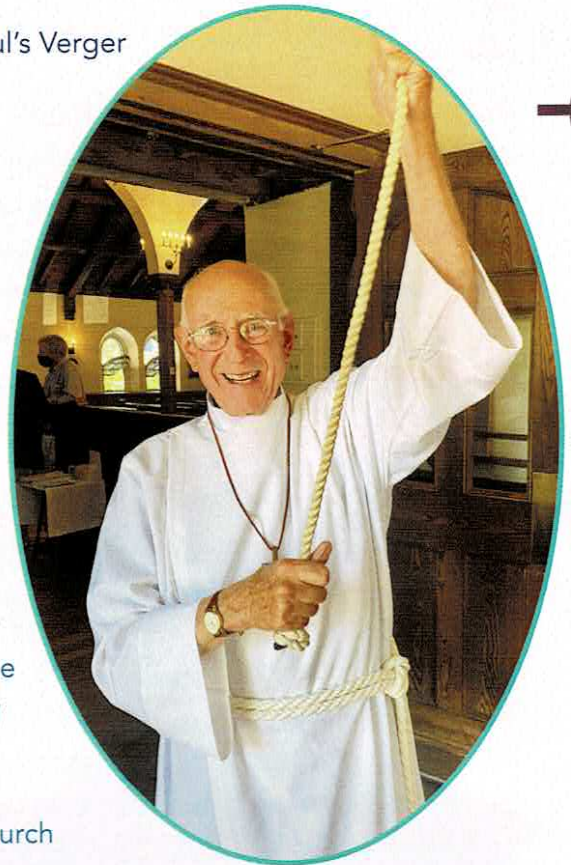
Clearing the way for the choir and clergy to move from the Chapter House to the Cathedral for services was a primary responsibility of the Verger in the early Church. The Verger was known as the Protector of the Procession, and he used his Virge, or "Staff of Office," to clear the way for the thurifer, crucifer, acolytes, choir and sacred ministers by swinging the Virge in front of them — which is why then, as today, that the Verger is always the first person in the procession.

The office of Verger has its roots in the earliest days of Church history, and, according to records of the Vergers Guild, it shares certain similarities with the former minor orders of "porter" and "acolyte." Generally speaking, Vergers were responsible for the order and upkeep of the house of worship, including preparations for the liturgy, and the coordination of the laity, much as the Verger does here at St. Paul's today.

But that's not all! Among the other duties of the Verger in the early Church were maintaining the property, cleaning the stables and digging the graves for funerals! Other than cleaning the stables, those are still responsibilities of the Verger at St. Paul's today, in addition to serving as a member of the staff, assisting in the liturgy, coordinating the services of readers, ushers, Eucharistic ministers and acolytes — and ringing the bell to call the congregation to services.

In some larger churches, such as the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston, the Verger also escorts the lectors and gospel reader from their seat to the lectern and back. In some parishes, the Verger processes at all liturgies, while in others he or she only process on Feast or Festival days.

An important function of the Verger is to provide logistical and behind-the-scenes support to allow Father Max more time for pastoral and sacramental responsibilities. In many ways, all of us who volunteer in the many outreach and parish committees are serving as Vergers — and your service is very much needed and appreciated!



*Verger Curtis Barnes tolls the bell.*



Time ☆ Talent ☆ Treasure CONTINUED

The "Word Made Flesh" is my continual touchstone in the pulpit and beyond. Embodying and being faithful to that mystery is a daily undertaking. But one thing remains certain: preaching is an act of faith, and each time I step into the pulpit — with heart pounding and a lump in my throat — I reaffirm my own beliefs. I am putting my passions and my life on the line to offer hope, stimulate imagination and embody the joy of God's love. The phrase "I hate to write but I love having written" might apply to my sentiments about preaching. My process of crafting a sermon can be likened to Jacob wrestling with the Angel, and at the end of the long dark night (or week), I often feel as if I've had a glimpse of the face of God — a God that I recognize in the face of friends and strangers — a transformative God that keeps me up at night and has called me by name to preach the Good News.





## Marley the Miracle Dog by Jan Jacobi

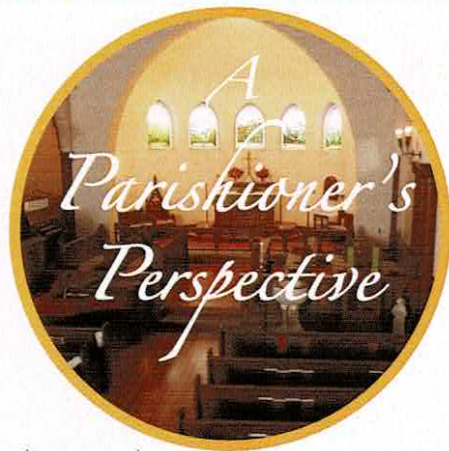
In February 2021, our five-year-old golden retriever, Marley, developed a very serious infection. At first the doctor treated it with an oral antibiotic, and when that didn't work, replaced it with gentamicin which Ginger and I injected twice daily into her neck. After ten days of this, Marley was even sicker and curled up for most of the day like a woolly-bear. Ginger raised the alarm, and after a blood panel, we learned the medicines had caused her kidneys to fail. The advice was to put her down.

We refused, and since the animal hospital at the University of Missouri in Columbia is only two hours away, we rushed her there. Marley was in intensive care for two weeks, and when she was released, the doctors were guarded about her future. Since she was nauseous most of time, she refused to eat. She was definitely not interested in the kidney friendly food the doctors prescribed for her.

She came home with a feeding tube in her neck. Ginger created slurry by putting the kibbles in our Vitamix. For a month, she fed her three times a day with syringes full of slurry. Marley still refused to eat.

Father Max learned of Marley's failing health, and he included her in the prayer list at St. Paul's for several weeks. Ginger and I teared up when we heard Father Max ask the congregation to pray for Marley. We could not believe the kindness and the good vibes emanating from St. Paul's.

It must have worked! In early May, Marley started to devour the kidney friendly food. We were thrilled to believe she could join us on our annual trek from St. Louis to Nantucket.



Marley the Miracle Dog

From the moment we arrived in late June, the healing magic of Nantucket brought new life for Marley. She bounced around with our two other dogs, and even started to chase her tail. When Ginger and I signed up to sell raffle tickets on Main Street for the needlepoint rug, we decided to take Marley with us. To passersby, we told the story of how the St. Paul's congregation had prayed for her, and her soulful look melted many hearts. Today, Marley, the miracle dog, swam five hundred yards chasing a cormorant in Nantucket Harbor. Thank you, Father Max and the St. Paul's congregation!



St. Paul's invites anyone who would like to share their personal perspective about St. Paul's, in about 200 words or less. Please submit it to either: Peter Barnes, [peterbarnespersonal@gmail.com](mailto:peterbarnespersonal@gmail.com) or Patsy Wright, [vintagepatsy@comcast.net](mailto:vintagepatsy@comcast.net)





## A Word from Our Wardens by Bob Felch and Libby Tracey

We've been at this for seven months now and feel a sense of hope, joy and love. We are honored to work with the wonderful Father Max and Olly, along with our fully committed Vestry. The St. Paul's leadership team is committed to bringing us back together after faithfully and creatively meeting many of the challenges presented by the pandemic. As we regather, we know that understanding and patience are still the guidewords for positioning St. Paul's to continue to share the love of God more widely.

Our primary objectives for 2021 have been to continue to expand our Mission Committee's outreach in the community and to get our arms around the needs of our physical plant, with our four buildings and the church tower all in need of updates and repairs.

We are delighted with the great progress made in our **St. Paul's Supper Program**, which was inaugurated under Frank and Sharon Robinson's leadership in the spring of 2020. The many volunteers of the Mission Committee continue to support the meals effort through the summer months, though on a scaled back basis. **Laundry Love** continues to support many islanders with their monthly laundry needs, and **Snacks for Kids** is a program supporting the Nantucket Community School. We are thankful to the Community Foundation for Nantucket, Sconset Chapel and Congregation Shivat HaYam for financial support for our suppers and laundry programs.

Our Finance, Campus Oversight and Capital Planning committees are working together to assess, prioritize and cost out our infrastructure needs at St. Paul's. Good progress is being made on the technology front and urgently needed repairs to the cottage, Gardner Hall's air handling system and the front porch of the Parish House are progressing. Engineers visited the church tower this spring, along with our stonemason Fabio, to help us formulate phase 2 of our restoration program for this 120-year-old structure.

We're delighted to see the June launch of St. Paul's new website under the guidance of Peter Barnes, Martin McKerrow and Patsy Wright.

Visit: [stpaulschurchnantucket.org](http://stpaulschurchnantucket.org)

Thank you to our parishioners, who have unfailingly supported St. Paul's through time of pandemic.



Our future is bright.

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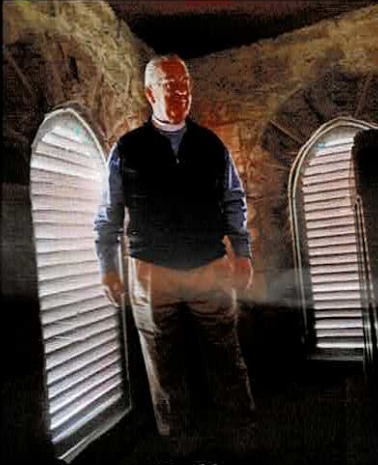


# Our Parish Family

To



The



Bell



Tower

Fellowship in the Macintyre Garden



Ridley Brooks with her grandmother Brenda Johnson receive communion from Father Max

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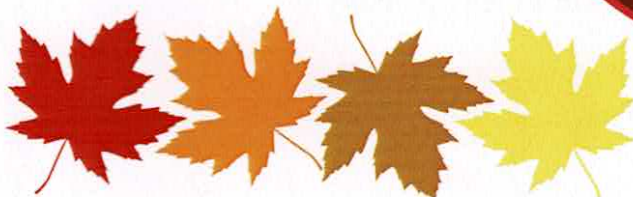
Martin McKerrow, Kate Miller, Bill Blinder, Jr.



Peter Greenhalgh & Stacey Stewart

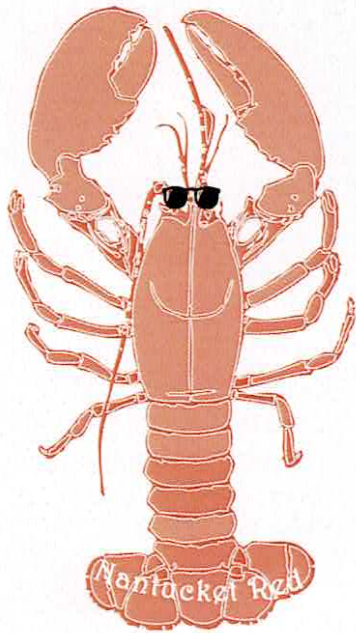


Olly Wolf





# St. Paul's Summer unFair II: Lobster-Palooza!



On July 15th, St. Paul's hosted the second annual

Summer unFair: LOBSTER-PALOOZA.

This was the second year that we were unable to put on the popular St. Paul's Summer Fair, which raises thousands of dollars for the church's mission and ministry. It is the brainchild of Sharon Robinson — a fundraiser of a different sort — and was spearheaded this year by Shelia Daume and her Palooza team.

The event was a huge success!



Steamed lobster and hot fried chicken dinners were picked up at the church parking lot and headed straight out to beaches, porches and kitchen tables across the island. Dinners were packed in our blue Food Pantry donation bags, and Palooza customers were asked to return the bags filled with groceries for the pantry. The event raised \$10,000, earmarked to support St. Paul's on-island mission programs, and parishioners returned dozens of heavily-stuffed bags.

Thank you to all **Palooza** patrons!







## Stewardship and Treasurer's Report

by Peter Barnes & Patsy Wright, Annual Stewardship Campaign Co- Chairs and Martin McKerrow, Treasurer

Once again, parishioners and supporters of St. Paul's have shown their generosity with record pledges this year and by giving more time and talent to our church, its ministries and its programs. In answering the call for expanded outreach during the pandemic, we received \$420,000 in 170 pledges in our annual stewardship campaign, for an average pledge of \$2,450. This surpassed our goal of \$400,000 and was a 26% increase over our 2020 pledges, a great blessing. These commitments helped pay for our increased mission work, our new online broadcasts and our hard-working staff: Father Max, who provided important pastoral care and led church services with the music of Joe Hammer, our musicians and choristers, and Christine Borneman organizing it all in the office and from home. Thank you to everyone who contributes Time, Talent and Treasure to St. Paul's, as we aspire to do more "To Make the Love of God More Widely Known" in Nantucket and the wider world. These have been difficult times for many of our neighbors and parishioners, whether through the sickness or loss of a loved one, the loss of a job or the isolation that comes from the steps needed to defeat a virus.

In large part because of this support, St. Paul's, with an annual budget of \$536,000, continues to be in a healthy financial condition. At the end of June, with resources on hand combined with future cash flows, we had adequate funds to meet budgeted expenses. Additionally, we continue to receive contributions from third parties, such as the Nantucket Community Foundation, the Sconset Chapel and the Congregation Shirat HaYam, which have allowed us to expand our community assistance.

But with new virus variants, the risk of pandemic and its impact on our community and economy remains. We know that even without it, many workers soon will be jobless once again, as the summer ends and businesses reduce seasonal headcount. To help them and their families, we wish to make many of our new mission programs permanent, with dedicated sources of funding. Were you aware that our meals program, for one, operates on a month-to-month basis because it relies on special contributions? That this program helped not just the neediest in our community, but also our own parishioners and their families shut in at home?

To sustain and expand this and other programs, we are asking parishioners to increase their pledges once again, with a goal of \$475,000 for our 2022 stewardship campaign. This would be a 12% increase from this year. We'll be sending out more information about our plans, goals and hopes for 2022 in October. Until then, contact us through the church office if you have any questions and prayerfully consider your pledge for next year. Thank you again.



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AUTUMN 2021



## Follow With Us



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- Sunday Eucharist 9:30AM
- Thursday Morning Bible Study 11:30AM – 12:30PM



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- Joe Hammer's Music Monday 8:30PM
- Prayers from the Attic & Sweet Hour of Prayer Wednesdays 8:30PM

▶ To join us on **zoom** please see our weekly Parish Update for the meeting number and password. Please contact the Church office if you need assistance.



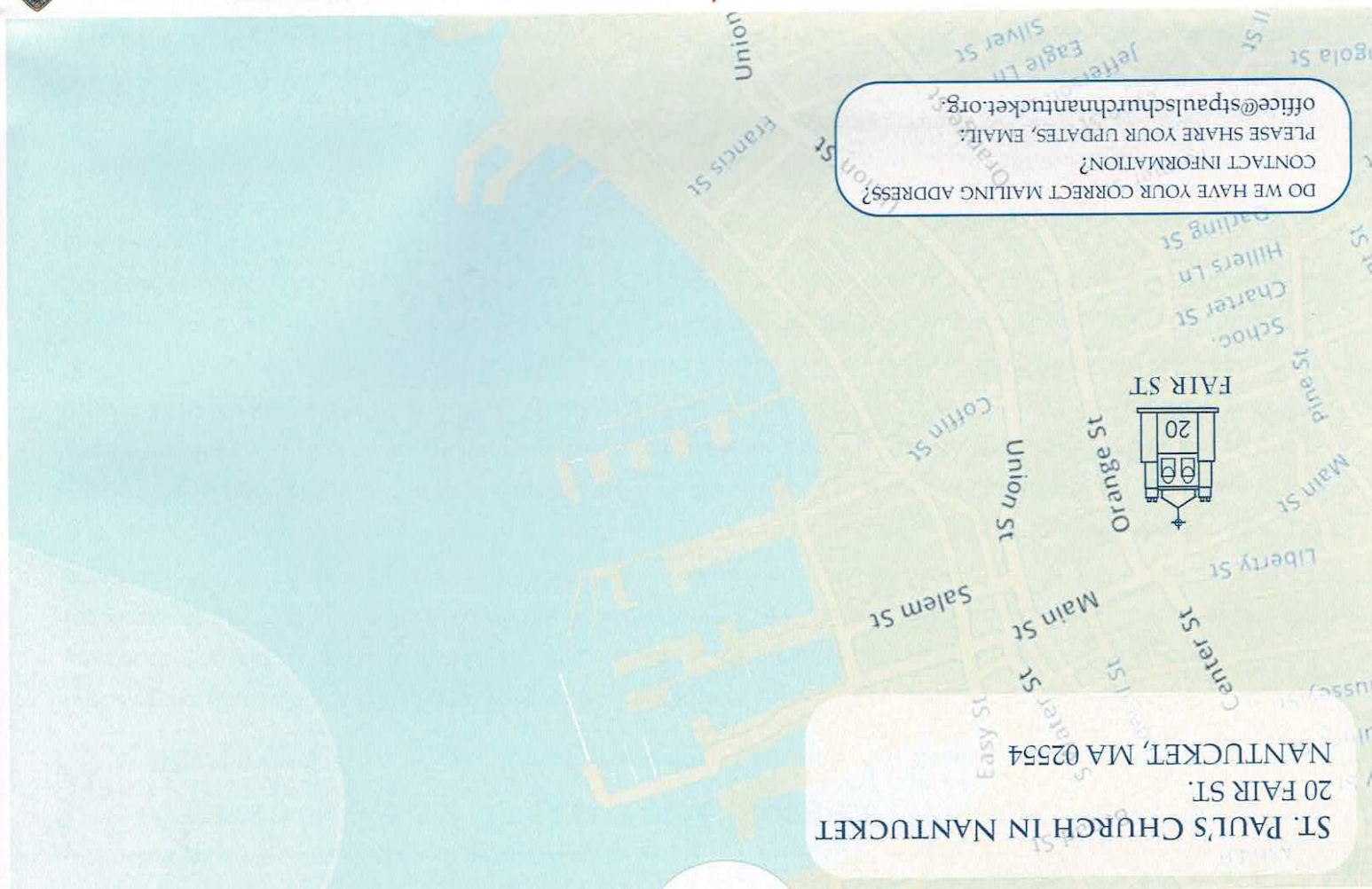
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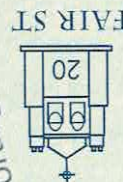
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!



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