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St. Thomas Traditional Anglican Church

Established December 12, 1992—in Sargentville, Maine.

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Easter tide 2014

Installation of the Rev. Ian Emile Dunn



The pews of St. Thomas church were filled on March 8, 2014 for the formal installation of our rector, the Rev. Ian Dunn by the Most Rev. Brian Marsh. It was a beautiful sunny day, perfect for this new beginning in the life of our church. In addition to Bishop Marsh, other clergy participating in the service were The Rt. Rev. James Hiles, The Rev. Fr. Amos Mukiza Mihanda, Rev. Ed Kalish, The Rev. Mr. Al Ryan, The Rev. Sam Logan, and The Rev. Mr. Clay Gilley (from C.A.N.A). Pastor Joe Donahue of the Church of the Nazarene, and several lay people from other local churches also were in attendance. A potluck lunch followed after the service.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday 4/13 – Procession of the Palms, Holy Communion, *at 10 am*

Monday & Tuesday in Holy Week 4/14-15 – Evening Prayer & Stations of the Cross – *at 5:30pm*

Wednesday in Holy Week 4/16 – Tenebrae, *at 5:30pm*

Maundy Thursday 4/17– Commemoration of the Last Supper, The Maundy, Stripping of the Altar and the Watch. The church will remain open as late as people would like to join in the Watch, a time of meditation and prayer. *At 7pm*

Good Friday 4/18– Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament, *at 12 noon*

Holy Saturday 4/19 – Lighting of the New Fire, Easter Vigil, *at 7pm*

Easter Sunday 4/20 – The Pascal Feast, *at 10am*, followed by a potluck luncheon

Easter Pastoral Letter From Fr. Dunn

April 1st, 2014
Southwest Harbor, ME

My Dear Parish Family and Friends,

What a winter we have had, filled with both excitement and frustration. Frustration with the seemingly endless winter we have been having and wintery weather that seemed intent on hitting us on the weekend, often keeping us apart. I am certain with that in mind we are all eager for summer to arrive. Despite the wild weather, we did have a good winter. Kevin Kelly was accepted as a candidate for Holy Orders as a deacon and I was officially installed as rector.

For Lent we have been traveling through two exercises – first the reading of Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Life Together, a short book on the life of a Christian church. We are being reminded of the fact that as Christians we are called to live in community, and our lives are shared. We break bread together, share our lives and pray together. Yet despite our shared lives we are also individuals who are all individual and important parts of the body of Christ, each with their function to play. This is one of those strange paradigms where we are two seemingly incompatible things at once – we are individuals invited into an individual relationship with God through Christ, and we are also all one as the body of Christ is unified.

In that same vein we have been practicing the discipline of shared prayer together. Taking time each day to intentionally pray the same psalm and pray for the same things – unity of the church, the health of our little community, our brothers and sisters in the neighboring churches and so forth. It is my firmest belief that a healthy church prays together, even if we can’t be together in body, we are together in spirit.

As we anxiously look forward to spring to finally coming to our rocky coast, the thawing of the ground and the melting of the snow, we are also excited for the return of our dear friends who have traveled south or to other parts of the country for the winter. It will be good to see these friends return as always.

As we wrap up Lent and head into the festive Easter season, I encourage you to take part in whatever Holy Week services you can. These help direct our hearts to a deeper understanding and joy in the resurrected Christ. I also ask that you pray for Kevin

Kelly as he prepares to take his canonical exams and as always please pray for me, and know that I treasure your prayers with the deepest sincerity.

Sincerely, your brother In Christ,



The Rev. Ian Emile Dunn

New Kneelers Grace our Communion Rail

In memory of Fr. Henthorne



These kneelers were blessed in a service by Fr. Ian Dunn on March 9 and have been in use since his Installation on March 8.

The Story of the St. Thomas Kneelers

By Pao-sheng Hsu

An idea was conceived in the spring of 2012: we would make a set of needlepoint kneelers at the altar railing at St. Thomas. Joyce Barr, Pat Taniashvili, and I discussed the overall design, and came up with panels of Christian symbols attached to cushions—instead of doing an entire cushion in needlepoint that would be very forbidding for needlepoint beginners. Father Henthorne showed us a book “Symbols of the Church,” from which the explanatory notes below are taken.

Our recruiting resulted in some brave souls: Margery Rice, Shirley Landmesser, and Toni Tweet joined our crew; and Pat agreed to do the assembly of the cushions. Yarns and canvas were procured and we started stitching in September, 2012. The Synod met at St. Thomas that month and Father Henthorne saw one of the partially finished panels then. He “Liked” it, and we dedicate the project in his memory.

Here are the symbols used:



The Eastern Cross. The upper horizontal arm represents the place of the inscription over the head of the crucified Jesus. The lower slanting arm represents his footrest, since the Eastern Church believes Jesus was crucified with his feet side by side and not crossed one over the other as usually pictured by the Western Church.



The Celtic Cross. Or cross of Iona, dates back to early centuries of the Christian era. It was said to have been taken from what is now Ireland to the island of Iona by Columba in the 6th century.



The Chi Rho with the alpha and omega in a circle. Symbol for Christ is within symbol for eternity (circle), and so signifies the eternal existence of our Lord.



The Fish. A secret sign used by the early persecuted Christians to designate themselves as believers in Jesus. The initial letter of the Creek words for “Jesus Christ, God’s Son, Savior” (ΙΧΘΥΣ) spell the Greek word for fish.



The Triquetra. Early symbol of the Holy Trinity. The three equal arcs express eternity in their continuous form, indivisibility in their interweaving, and their center is a triangle, ancient Trinity symbol.

We thank those who contributed towards the cost of the materials: Anonymous, Joyce Barr, Curtis & Jeanne Cooke*, Fred Langsman, Dave & Ellen Simmons, Pat Taniashvili, Toni Tweet, and Leroy Weed.

*The Cookes attend services at St. Thomas in the summers when they come to Maine, Jeanne has made a kneeler at her

home church, The Church of the Good Samaritan, in Pennsylvania.

Vestry News

After several years of faithful and generous service our Senior Warden Leroy Weed has decided to move on to other ways to serve the church. The vestry has elected David Simmons, who was previously our Junior Warden, and many years ago our Senior Warden, to serve yet again in that capacity. We also elected Pao-sheng Hsu as junior warden. Both of these are interim positions, so we will be electing new wardens in the spring at the annual meeting.

Kaleidoscope Quilt Raffle



This year’s hand-crafted quilt will be raffled off on August 31 to benefit the work of St. Thomas.

Done in shades of purple and cobalt blue, it displays a kaleidoscope pinwheel design. All of the varied “pinwheels” on the front of the quilt are cut from a single fabric, which is used as the backing for the work. This quilt, which measures 60” x 80”, is both machine and hand sewn, and is signed and dated on the back. It was made and donated by Pat Taniashvili.

Quilt raffle tickets are a dollar apiece or six for \$5. You can purchase tickets at the church or by mail. To

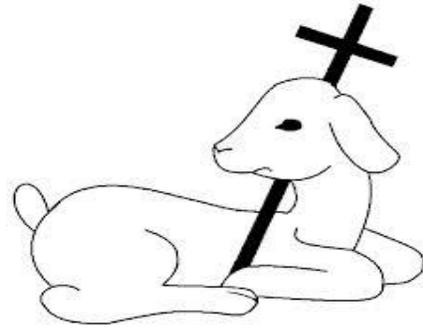
purchase by mail, please send your check (made out to St. Thomas church) to:

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Please remember to include the following information: how many tickets you want, and your name and mailing address. It will be very helpful if you enclose a SASE (self-addressed stamped business-size envelope).

Prayer List Updates

If you know of someone whose name no longer needs to be on our Prayer List, would you please let Fr. Dunn know?



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