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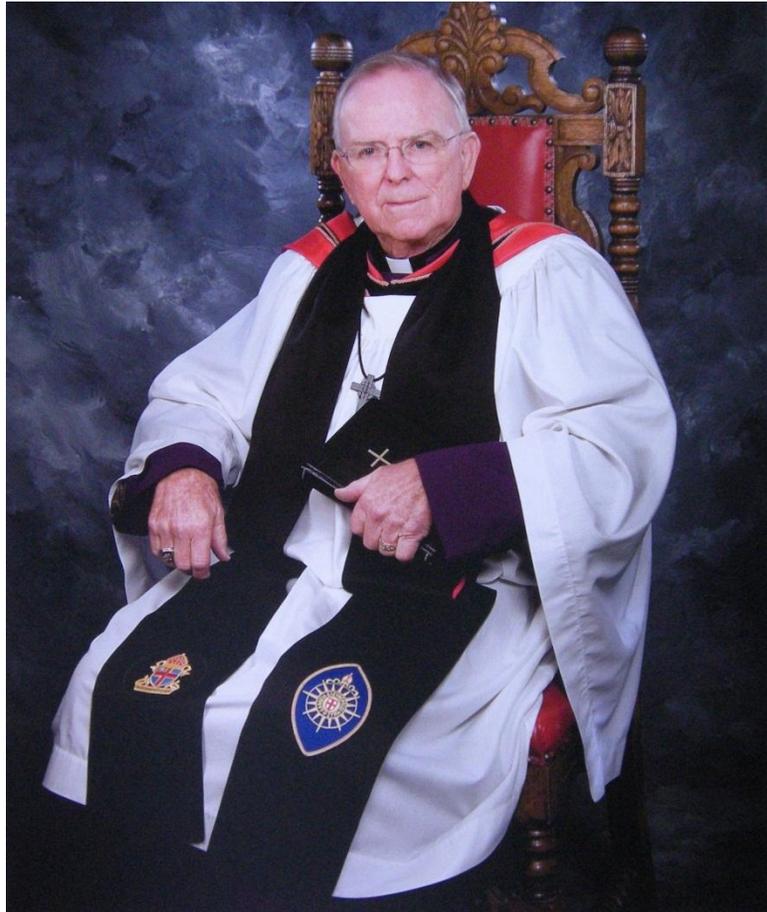
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St. Thomas Traditional Anglican Church

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Canon Granville V. Henthorne Jr.

The Rev. Canon Granville Victor Henthorne, Jr. DD died peacefully October 10, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bangor after a brief illness. His family was at his side at the time of his passing along with Fr. Jeff Monroe and Deacon Ian Dunn.

Canon Henthorne was a faithful servant of Our Lord and we will all miss him. At the time of his passing, he was Rector of St. Thomas Anglican Church in Ellsworth, Maine. He served as well as President and Dean of Logos House of Studies and Canon Theologian of the Diocese. His energy and enthusiasm for Classical Anglicanism was truly an example for us all.

He was born in Providence, Rhode Island on November 9, 1930, and received his BA from Boston University in 1952. He was awarded a Bachelor's degree in Sacred Theology from Berkeley Divinity School in 1955 and a Master's degree in Sacred Theology in 1967. He was granted an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Logos House in 2008.

Ordained to the priesthood in March, 1956, he served parishes in the Episcopal Church until 1980. He served as Assistant Priest at the Cathedral of St. John in Providence, Rhode Island from 1955-56. He served as Rector of All Saints, Warwick, Rhode Island from 1956-59, Trinity Church, Portland, Connecticut from 1959-72 and St. George's Episcopal Church in Central Falls, Rhode Island from 1973-80. He went on to serve St. Thomas in the late 1990's and was responsible for the building of our new church in 2006 and the Logos House Library last year.

Canon Henthorne is survived by his wife, Priscilla, and two children, Priscilla and Robert.

His funeral service was held at St. Thomas Anglican Church in Ellsworth, Maine on Saturday, October 13, with Bishop Brian Marsh officiating. Internment was at Center Falls, Rhode Island.

"Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and light perpetual shine upon him."

It is with profound sadness that we note the passing of our dedicated, and beloved rector, Canon Granville Henthorne. We deeply and gratefully thank all of those from throughout the Diocese, including Bishop Marsh and all other clergy, friends, parishioners, and relatives who attended Canon Henthorne's funeral. This is a time of much grieving and mourning for us. We so loved Fr. Henthorne's grace and finesse in his celebration of the Eucharist and we learned so much from his lively and learned sermons. His charming nature coupled with his extensive academic knowledge made him a fine teacher as well as a friend and spiritual compass to all. We shall miss him very much.

For now, Bishop Marsh serves as our official rector, and Fr. Frank Gray celebrates Communion three Sundays monthly with the able assistance of Deacon Ian Dunn. We are officially in a three-month interim of mourning and transition. We feel confident that we are in highly capable hands during this time.

Parish People- Nellik Doble

(Ed. Note: "Parish People" is an ongoing series profiling members of St. Thomas Church, Ellsworth. The main purpose of the column is to bring us into greater fellowship and love.)

A neatly groomed dirt driveway winds its way through mowed orchard as it heads to Herrick's Bay in Brooklin, Maine. The shorefront home at the end of the drive is that of Nellik Doble, one of the first members of what is now St. Thomas Anglican Church, Ellsworth, Maine. In 2007 Nellik wrote the pamphlet, "St. Thomas Anglican Church: A Brief History" in honor of the fifteenth Anniversary of the founding of the fellowship that began in Sargentville in 1992 (new copies of this history are being printed, and will be available at church for those who might not be familiar with St. Thomas' history). Nellik begins our conversation talking about the church's humble beginnings, but it soon becomes clear that the woman with the curious license plate has a life story that is every bit as fascinating. Her story is the subject of this profile.

The license plate, "MAAKE", which is Norwegian for Seagull, reveals only half of Nellik's background. She



Above: Nellik Doble, with the view of Herrick's Bay from her yard

was born in the town of Zutphen, The Netherlands. Her father was Dutch, her mother, Norwegian. Nellik was raised under the influence of both Dutch Reformed and Norwegian Lutheran Christianity. She learned about boats during summer vacations in Norway.

With the water of Herrick's Bay outside her house and models of sailboats displayed in her living room, it is obvious that the sea has played a big part in Nellik's

life. “The only problem here is that the water is on the wrong side,” quips Nellik. “Everyone knows the sun is supposed to set over the ocean, as it does in Western Europe and California (Maine coastal sunsets typically are seen with land in the background).”

When it came time to attend college Nellik heard that the United States had wonderful choices in education. So to the States she came. A brother was already here studying and later, working. Her plan was to return to Europe if this venture did not work. The War broke out during her first year of studies, leaving Nellik stuck on this side of the Atlantic. She finished her studies, graduating with a degree in English Literature. She landed a job in New York City as a bilingual secretary. Through providential circumstances Nellik was introduced to a young man named Frank Doble. Frank also grew up on the water, first on Long Island, then in Hingham, Massachusetts. Frank loved boats. He tried to join the Navy, but because of an experimental spinal fusion (the procedure was new at the time) he was turned away. His attempt to join the Merchant Marine produced a similar result. He went to work instead in the Quincy Shipyards. Frank and Nellik were soon married, sharing among other things a love of sailing. They moved to Ohio for a short period of time, but happily found their way back to the ocean. They resided in Hingham for thirty years.

Moving up over the years from smaller sailboats (their three children were raised around boats) to a Hinckley 40 purchased in the 1970’s, The Dobles regularly sailed to Maine for “Veninde’s” –Norwegian for “girlfriend”-yearly check-ups. The beauty of the Maine coast led the Dobles to consider Maine as a place to retire (“It was either here or the Cape”). Scouting the coast from Camden to Millbridge, they considered several ports of call. Through several providential events they dropped anchor in Brooklin.

Responding in 1992 to a newspaper ad placed by Dave and Ellen Simmons, the Dobles attended the first meeting of what was to become The Church of the Advent, as our continuing anglican fellowship was originally called. Dave arranged for the use of the community chapel in Sargentville. Nellik offered to be the back-up organist when needed. She has remained a member of the church ever since.

When asked about her activities nowadays, music immediately surfaces. Nellik works two days a week at the Bagaduce Music Lending Library in Blue Hill. She works in the circulation department, is in charge of the organ music, and helps with all the odds and ends involved in running this treasure house of printed music.

Her current favorite composers are Bach and Rachmaninoff.

Nellik enjoys attending Evensong when she is able. She prefers the beauty of simplicity in worship as in daily life. Not surprisingly, fitness is important to Nellik. Her daily constitution of two round trips of her driveway, a total of over a mile, certainly pays off as anyone who knows her will attest. Thank you, Nellik, for your witness of “the way life should be.” Be sure to greet Nellik when you see her.

St. Thomas Hosts Northeast Synod in September

(Courtesy of the Rt. Rev. Brian Marsh, Bishop, from the Diocesan newsletter)

Many thanks to all who journeyed to Ellsworth, Maine for the twenty-first synod of the Diocese of the Northeast. It was, by all accounts, a very good synod. The weather certainly cooperated. A full report of synod activities will appear in the Northeast Anglican and on our web site, but a few of the highlights should be noted here.

First of all, many thanks to The Rev. Canon Granville Henthorne+ and his parish for hosting the synod. Thanks also to Ann Geary, who served as chair of the committee.

Synod Mass was held at St. Thomas Anglican Church in Ellsworth. The church was packed with worshippers. The Bishop celebrated and the Rev. James Hiles preached, with the Rev. Mr. Ian Dunn serving as Master of Ceremonies.

The synod business meeting opened at the Ramada Inn in Ellsworth. Following opening prayers, the business of the diocese was transacted. It should be noted that nearly one hundred people were in attendance. This included delegates, guests and visitors. Two parishes, Saint Paul's Parish of Brockton, Massachusetts and St. Nicholas Anglican Church of West Seneca, New York were officially received by synod and become full members of the ACA/Diocese of the Northeast. These parishes had petitioned for membership several months ago and were accepted on a provisional basis at that time. Synod ratified their acceptance and we praise God for their reception into our diocese. It should also be noted that Saint Paul's Parish has been an affiliated member of our diocese for some time and has contributed to the support of the diocese.

Four clergy received their licenses at synod: Fr. Luis Aguilar of Elizabeth, New Jersey; Fr. Andrew Faust of Saco, Maine; Deacon Ed Ihde of West Seneca, New York and Fr. Martin Mahoney of Rochester, New York. Father Mahoney received his certificate in absentia.

Perhaps the most dramatic moments at synod came with the election of two new Bishops Suffragan. Fathers James R. Hiles and Owen R. Williams were each elected overwhelmingly to the office of Bishop Suffragan. A Suffragan Bishop is an assistant bishop, one who serves at the request of the Bishop Ordinary. The Bishop Suffragan is a man in episcopal orders, though he does not have the right of succession. Both Bishops-elect, upon their consecration, will assume responsibilities within the diocese and, when necessary, the national church. We pray that their service to God's holy church will be rewarding and productive.

No visit to Maine should be undertaken without the involvement of lobster at some point in the visit. The synod banquet was held on Friday evening, September 14. Many chose the lobster entree and were not disappointed. Following the banquet, several awards were presented. Peter Thomas received the Walter Kilian Award for his long service to his church on the parish, diocesan, national and international levels. Congratulations to Peter for this well-deserved award. Father Jeffrey Monroe accepted the award on Peter's behalf and presented it to Peter on the Sunday following synod.

The Rev. Canon Granville V. Henthorne presented several certificates to students who had completed their studies. Father Jeffrey Monroe and Deacon Ian Dunn received the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology (STB). Mr. Charles Niemi received the degree of Associate in Sacred Theology. Harry Wellsman, Patrick Desrosiers and Kevin Kelley received the Diplome in Diaconal Studies. In one of the most moving moments in all of synod, Father John Corcoran was awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity *honoris causa*.

Our keynote speaker for this year's synod was The Rt. Rev. John Vaughan, Bishop Suffragan for the Diocese of the Eastern United States. Bishop Vaughan's address was superb. He spoke about his early years in Ireland, his ordination into the Roman Catholic Church and his eventual ministry within the Anglican Church in America. His talk was very entertaining, while also delivering a profound message of mission and evangelism.

It was St. Thomas' honor to host this year's Synod, and we would like to thank all those who made the meeting a

success. Our thanks to Pat Taniashvili, who made and donated the "Exploding Stars" quilt which raised over \$300.00. for the Building Fund. The winner of the quilt raffle was our parishioner David Simmons. Thanks also to our gifted artist Bill Landmesser, who sold a painting at the Synod and donated a portion of the proceeds to the church.

Coming Events

- Greening of the Church – After the service on December 23.
 - Christmas Services -
4 P.M. Christmas Eve: Carol Sing and Evensong
9 A.M. Christmas Day: Low Mass
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Third Quarter Budget Report from the Vestry

At its October 28 meeting, members of the vestry voted to begin submitting a brief financial summary in "The Thomist" newsletter (The newsletter is published four times per year). At the end of the third quarter of the current budget year, \$22,413.32 or 70% of the total budget (\$32,065) had been allocated, leaving a balance of \$9,651.08.

Much thanksgiving is appropriate for the fact that the church is debt free as of this date. Prayer is needed as well for future giving that will enable St. Thomas to carry out its mission of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ. Just think, even a well plowed driveway and a cozy sanctuary - no small expenses)- proclaim a message of God's care and integrity. Please prayerfully consider your level of support for St. Thomas Church in the months ahead.

FYI – Vestry Continues Regular Meetings

As St. Thomas continues its three-month period of mourning the loss of our priest, it is important to note that the vestry meets twice-monthly to deal with both the "nuts and bolts" matters of our physical buildings and the spiritual needs and concerns of a grieving congregation. The vestry welcomes everyone's input regarding these matters.

"A Brief History of St. Thomas Anglican Church", written by Nellik Doble in 2007 on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the church's founding, has been reprinted and is now available at the church, or can be mailed upon request. A

donation of \$1.00 would help offset the printing costs. For those relatively new to the church, the little booklet reveals a fascinating history. Pick one up!

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