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Letter to the Parishioners of St. Michael and All Angels

Dear Cherished Friends,



On Sunday, June 13th, we said goodbye to Henry and Treadwell Atkins, our dear priest for the past two and a half years and his beloved wife. We are thrilled that so many of our parishioners were able to attend the festive Farewell Fiesta we had for them in the Parish Hall on June 13. Saying goodbye to two such wonderful people certainly causes some sadness, yet, it also provides an opportunity for reflection.

Throughout the course of Henry's tenure at St. Michael's we have seen tremendous spiritual growth in our congregation. The parish certainly had a number of strengths when Henry first arrived and those are still here. Over the past two and a half years, however, we have become a much stronger and healthier Christian community.

One of the main reasons for the vitality at St. Michael's is the strong lay leadership that is evident in every facet of parish life. Many people provide incredible service in the various parish ministries. During the time of transition prior to Henry's arrival, Vestry members, and particularly the Wardens, helped shepherd us through that difficult time. We have a wonderful Altar Guild, an incredible Pastoral Care Committee, and a great Children's Church program. Our adult choir, with a very talented Organist and a multi-talented Choir Director, is a special blessing in our worship services. The music program has thrived during the past two years and sounds better than ever. Our Social Justice and Community Outreach Committees do amazing work throughout the year. We are also blessed to have a Parish Life Committee that provides wonderful Coffee Hours after the 10:30 service each Sunday and arranges for pot luck luncheons on special occasions.

Another strength of the parish is that we are much closer to having a balanced budget. Although we are still operating at a deficit, our deficit spending is about one-fifth of what it was just two years ago. This move toward fiscal responsibility necessitated some very difficult changes (e.g., the office staff was reduced to only one person), however, the parish is much more fiscally sound and we are on our way to a balanced budget.

Another change that we have observed is the strong sense of caring for the condition of our facilities. There is a committee who has taken on the responsibility of cleaning the church. The windows have been washed (inside and out), the floors cleaned and vacuumed, the carpets washed, the pews cleaned, and the entire church dusted. The sanctuary looks glorious. There are now two days set aside

for cleaning the inside of the church each year, the Saturday after Thanksgiving and the Saturday before Palm Sunday. Other parishioners have spent significant time maintaining the gardens outside the church that make our sanctuary such a beautiful place.

Another wonderful asset for us is the presence of the Sunnyside Preschool on our campus. The Preschool has invested a lot of resources into our buildings. Some of the changes they made were cosmetic, but most were structural. One of the most recent changes was the new landscaping of the open area in front of the Parish Hall. St. Michael's has certainly greatly benefited from their investment in our property. We are very pleased with the mutually beneficial partnership we have with the Sunnyside Preschool. Recently, some members of the Vestry met with the owners of the preschool to ensure a smooth transition as we await the appointment of our new Priest-In-Charge.

We are now nearing the end of our search process. We completed our Parish Profile in early May and submitted the document to the Bishop. He is now using that document to select our next Priest-In-Charge. As soon as we know the name of that person, we will share that information with the rest of the parish. Meanwhile we have three excellent priests celebrating the Eucharist with us this summer. The Reverend Patricia O'Reilly is here June 20th and the 27th, the Reverend Canon Warren Nyback is here July 4th, and the 11th, and the Reverend Canon Mark Shier is here July 18th and the 25th. Our new Priest-In-Charge could be with us as early as the beginning of August or as late as the beginning of September. We will plan a great celebration in the fall to welcome our new Priest-In-Charge.

We are grateful for the time that Henry and Treadwell shared with us. They gave so much of themselves to all of us and
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July Birthdays

Day	Name
1	Kathryn Argall
4	Alexi Swonger
5	Melissa Basta
9	Peggy Cochrane
10	Paris Carney Marshall Sharp
12	William Hendley III
20	Lakin Skillman Tate Skillman
23	Eileen Carhart
24	Jose Carrillo Sarah Kastak-Carrillo Sofia Kastak-Carrillo
26	Beth Matustki
30	Anne Stenquist
31	Sue Harris Jamison Freis

August Birthdays

Day	Name
3	Alex Morales
4	DJ Fuller
9	Denise Schwartz
10	Brianna Bendall
12	Rachel Albert-Hendley Rebecca Albert-Hendley
13	Annabel Haddock
16	Elizabeth Bartolomea Bob Postma
17	Ethan Friedman
18	Jaida Adams
19	McKenna VanHorn
20	Preston Lucy
21	Malcolm Bull
23	Max Jacomb
27	Robin Prybil Clinton Leupp Monie Wright
28	Ryan Prybil
29	Len Thompson Sage VanHorn
31	Johan Agerbeek Betsy Hailey

July Anniversaries

Day	Name
6	Jack & Barbara Beckner
26	Nick & Sharon Renton
30	Rafael Arias & Clinton Leupp

August Anniversaries

Day	Name
14	Cliff & Joan Dektar

Should you be listed here? Or, if you wish to leave your birthday or anniversary unpublished, give the church office a call or e-mail (administrator@stmikessc.org) to let us know. *Please Note: Birthdays and Anniversaries will be celebrated on the last Sunday of each month.*

Thanksgiving for a Job Well Done

To: Mary Ann Jacobson and the Parish Life Committee and all those who helped make the farewell fiesta for Henry and Treadwell Atkins such a wonderful occasion.

Please give these individuals heartfelt thanks for their contributions.

In the months that follow, the Vestry will continue to recognize the gifts of work and time that help keep St. Michael's a beautiful and useful campus, and a thriving parish.

As you do your weekly grocery shopping, remember these items that are always needed by the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry

*Canned fruit and vegetables.
Baby food in plastic jars.
Tuna.
Peanut butter in plastic jars.
Powdered milk in individual packets.
Individual size snacks.
Bags of dry beans and rice.
Plastic and paper shopping bags.
Diapers and feminine hygiene items.
Travel-size soap, toothpaste & disposable razors.
And money!*

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September 2010 MIKE Deadline: Please send copy and/or pictures via e-mail to administrator@stmikessc.org by Tuesday, August 17. If you don't have a computer, bring your articles to the Parish Office by that time.



Treasurer's Corner *Margie Mullen, Treasurer*

May 2010—Revenue and Expense Summary

	<i>May Actual</i>	<i>May Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Total Revenue	\$ 28,895	\$ 28,126	\$ 141,898	\$ 143,869
Total Expense	35,258	35,209	175,180	196,688
Net	(\$ 6,363)	(\$ 7,083)	(\$ 33,282)	(\$ 52,819)

Wardens *from page 1*

we wish them all the best as they enter this much deserved retirement phase of their lives. Thanks to them we are in a much different place than we were two and a half years ago. We see a very loving spiritual community. We celebrate God's many blessings and the opportunities we have to be loving Christians to those in need in our community.

In Christ's love,
Anne Kelly, Senior Warden
David Connors, Junior Warden

St. Michael's Community Outreach Projects

by Jane Wilson

Lit Up! for July

On Saturday, July 10, 8:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall, the theme is "I Wanna Be Your Dog". It's another killer line-up as renowned author W. Bruce Cameron (*8 Simple Rules...* book series) shares excerpts from his highly anticipated new novel, *A Dog's Purpose* (preorder on Amazon using the St. Michael's link and he can sign your copy, though we've also asked him to bring copies to sell!). Other performers on the show are Cathryn Michon (the *Girl Genius* book series), Jim Earl (*The Daily Show*), Anna Lotto, Cheryl Compton, and Steve Reizes. The usual dessert buffet and free childcare provided. \$10 at the door The box office goes to Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE), Los Angeles, one of the oldest interfaith worker justice organizations in the country, www.cluela.org.

Lit Up! for August

The theme on Saturday, August 14 is "Yesterday Once More", and the show will benefit PRISM, the restorative justice ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, providing chaplain services to Los Angeles county facilities. Look for details in the upcoming flyer!

SoldierCare Summer Weekend

August 6 through 9, 2010, soldiers who sustained injuries in Iraq and Afghanistan will be flying in from all over the country for an extended weekend of fun adventures. If you wish to help with airport pick-ups, entertaining, or any other aspect of the event, please contact David Rosenberg by emailing inkdrone@gmail.com.

Angel Awards Dinner 2010

This year this wonderful event, where we honor superstar volunteers in the community as well as the St. Mike's family, will take place on Saturday, September 11, with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and the dinner beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The recipients will be announced shortly. We need all the help we can get from silent auction donations to party-planning expertise. The big organizational meeting for this will be on Sunday, July 18, immediately following the 10:30 service (noon-ish) in the Parish Hall. But please let Jane Wilson know ASAP if you have any interest in getting involved. Proceeds from the evening will be going to the Solar Panel project, specifically the drive to place solar panels on Meeting Every Need with Dignity (MEND), a poverty center in Pacoima.

Please Join Us on the SMCOP Team

Are you new to St. Mike's and looking for a place to tuck in and get involved in a major way? We have all out big-ticket outreach events looming and need you like nobody's business. The next meeting will be in the Junior High/St. Michael's Projects Room (east side of grassy quad), on Tuesday, July 6 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call Jane Wilson at 818.267.4058 or email superqueerjane@yahoo.com.

North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry Update

by Liz Mullen

St. Michael and All Angels Church was a founding member of the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry, an amazing charitable organization that has been providing free and nutritious food to the surrounding community for the last 27 years. Each and every Sunday, our donations are enjoyed by countless neighbors, many of whom have kitchens in which to prepare meals, as well as those who are homeless or rent single rooms.

Clients of the Food Pantry express joy, gratitude, and a sense of relief as they are receiving quality groceries and a smile from those who have the privilege of volunteering at the distribution center at the First Christian Church at Moopark and Colfax on Monday and Friday mornings.

The need for groceries has skyrocketed over the last year, due to seriously high unemployment in our state. St. Michael's parishioners have been incredibly generous this past year. We have been emphasizing the need for ready-to-eat food items, yet, all groceries are welcomed. North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry has no paid staff, so our donations of food or cash go directly to feeding people of all ages who would otherwise go hungry. Keep up the good work. Our community is counting on us.





The Calendar

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 UR: Upper Room
 YL: Youth Lounge
 S: Sanctuary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 12:00 NOON Fourth Quarter Luncheon (CO)	3
4 Pentecost 6 <i>Independence Day</i>	5 <i>Independence Day</i> <i>Holiday: Parish</i> <i>Office closed</i>	6 7:00 PM Transition Management Team (CO) 7:30 PM SMCOP (YL)	7	8	9	10 8:00 PM Lit.Up! (PH)
11 Pentecost 7	12 6:15 PM Book Discussion Group (Nancy Woods' home)	13 7:00 PM Finance Committee (CO)	14	15	16	17
18 Pentecost 8 12:00 NOON Angel Award organizing meeting (PH)	19	20 7:00 PM Vestry (UR)	21	22 Saint Mary Magdalene	23	24
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Summer Supply Clergy

During the summer months, we will be fortunate to have several clergy of the diocese with us on Sunday mornings. Take a few moments to meet those who will be at St. Michael's in June and July.



Patricia O'Reilly

The Reverend Pat O'Reilly began serving as the Director of the Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Churches, a program providing services for low income and homeless people in the Pasadena area, in November of 2006. She has been an Episcopal priest for 27 years, and has worked in a variety of settings particularly among the poor and low income. She has served as the School Chaplain at St. Matthew's in Pacific Palisades, the Director of Episcopal Chaplaincy of Los Angeles County Facilities (hospitals and jails), Associate at St. Stephen's in Hollywood and in several other church positions. Before coming to ECPAC Pat worked as the Interim Pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church on Orange Grove Boulevard.

The Reverend Patricia O'Reilly will be at St. Michael's on June 20 and 27.



Warren Nyback

A third generation Californian, the Reverend Canon Warren Nyback was born in East Los Angeles and grew up in Indio. He received his Bachelor's in History at USC in 1961, and attended the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, graduating in 1964. In the late 1990s he took several courses in Gerontology at Cal State Long Beach, working towards, but not completing, a certificate in Gerontology.

On March 11 of this year, he celebrated 45 years as a priest in the Episcopal Church. In that time, he has served in three congregations: 2½ years as a Curate at St. Luke's, Long Beach, 5½ years as Rector, Headmaster and Chair of St. Timothy's Manor Corporation (provides low cost housing for senior citizens) at St. Timothy's, Compton, and 29 years as Rector and Headmaster at St. Paul's, Pomona. He retired in 2001, and, since then, has been the Bishop's Chaplain to Retired Clergy, Widows, and Clergy Survivors in the Diocese of Los Angeles. While no longer paid for that half time job, he continues in that position on a volunteer basis.

The Reverend Canon Warren Nyback will be at St. Michael's on July 4 and 11.



Mark Shier

The Reverend Canon Mark Shier is the rector emeritus of Saint Andrew's Parish, Fullerton. He retired last year after 32 years as their rector. His particular interests are science (especially science and religion), psychology and spirituality, and casting traditional theological truths into modern idiom. His hobbies are reading, classical music, gardening, and three dogs (Emily, a miniature long-haired dachshund; Foxy, a welsh corgi; and Morgan, a mutt).

He was born on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington, in 1944, grew up in the Air Force, attended Seattle University, served in the Army in Vietnam, went to graduate school at Cal Berkeley, UCLA, Bloy Episcopal School of Theology, and the School of Theology at Claremont. He describes himself as a theological conservative and a social liberal—yes, the two really can go together. His latest adventure is a Celtic spirituality pilgrimage to England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland.

The Reverend Canon Mark Shier will be at St. Michael's on July 18 and 25.

Episcopal Visitation and Confirmation

May 16, 2010



Above: Bishop Sergio Carranza exchanges the peace with the newly confirmed. Left: The Bishop and Fr. Atkins with confirmands.



Ordination of Bishops Suffragan
 May 15, 2010
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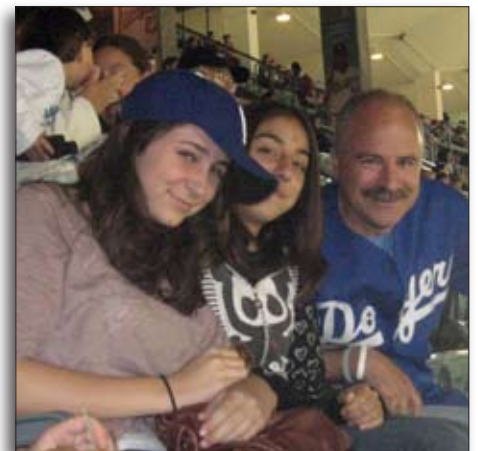
Above: John Pryor, Fr. Atkins, Betsy Hailey, Karen Rogers, and Mary Ann Jacobson outside the Long Beach Arena, site of the ordinations. Right: New bishops Diane Bruce and Mary Glasspool with some of the consecrating bishops.



St. Michael's Night at the Dodgers

June 7, 2010

Left: Liz Mullen, Treadwell and Fr. Atkins, Margie Mullen Right: The Wright family enjoys the game.



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