

## *From the Rector: Month One*



People regularly ask me “How are things going?” at Epiphany these days. They are going very well.

It’s been a busy month of transitions. Being the new Rector means lots of learning. I’m particularly appreciative of all of the folks who have agreed to have lunch, a cup of coffee, or make time in their work schedule for a phone call to bring me up to speed on various ministries and projects ongoing in the church. We’re making progress in a number of areas that I hope to be able to report on more fully in the near future, including welcoming newcomers, identifying candidates for this year’s vestry election (Nov. 9) and connecting our prayer requests with more Epiphany intercessors.

I’m also appreciative of those who have already stepped into new roles as part of this transition. I am particularly thrilled that we were able to quickly build the new associate rector’s position, the need for which I reported on in last month’s Star, prayerfully consider Fr. Michael Guernsey as our first candidate, and then successfully call him to this new work. While it’s not quite true, it also seems like nearly every weekly “Candle” newsletter has included reports of new volunteers stepping into leadership. I’m grateful for all of them. One thing that is abundantly clear to me a month into this work is that I cannot, and I have not been called, to lead alone at Epiphany.

While we have been doing this structural work, Epiphany isn’t standing still. In this issue of the Star, you’ll find information about two significant events in October I’d like you to be a part of.

**October 12 - Installation:** The first is my installation as Epiphany’s rector. In a nutshell, this event, at 10 am on Sunday, October 12, marks the my official “commissioning” for the

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work that the vestry has called me to do. Of course, I'm happy for you to be there for me, but I'm even more excited by the fact that Bishop John Guernsey will be with us to lead the service. Also, the Rev. Canon Mary Maggard Hays, a significant mentor in ministry for me, will be delivering the sermon. This will be a special day with special guests at Epiphany. Plan to be there.

**October 24-26 - Parish Weekend:** How do we go about living as Christians in the real world? I'm excited that we will have a good friend and seminary professor of mine, Dr. Phil Harrold, with us October 24-26 to discuss this topic by considering what are often called the "cardinal virtues" of Christian life: Faith, Hope and Love. The presenter is good. The time commitment is manageable (Friday evening and Saturday morning, and then Sunday worship). There will be food. Look for sign up information on the website ([www.epiphanyanglican.net](http://www.epiphanyanglican.net)) and a more complete article about the event on page 6 in this issue of the Star.

Thanks again for all your help and prayers as we together go through this leadership transition. Good things are happening at Epiphany!

*"God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord"* (1 Cor. 1:9)

*Pat*

## Thank You, Dear Friends!

*Dear Friends,*

*Thank you so much for the wonderful party for our retirement from parish ministry. The gifts were gracious and the whole program was a blessing to us. We are grateful beyond words for your generosity and love. As we both look forward to what God has for us, you are in our prayers. God bless you in the months and years to come as Epiphany continues to be a place where Jesus is honored and our community is blessed.*

*Robin and Penny*



## The Rev. Michael Guernsey Named Epiphany's Associate Rector



I'm thrilled to announce that, with the confirmation of the vestry today, I have called the Rev. Michael Guernsey to be Epiphany's new Associate Rector. Michael will start in this new position immediately.

Michael has more than proven his gifts in ministry and his commitment to Epiphany over his two years of service as our associate minister for discipleship. I'm very happy that he will move up to this position of increased responsibility and assist me in leading Epiphany.

While Michael's title will change and his responsibilities grow, other things will remain as they are. For instance, Michael will continue to lead Epiphany's ministry to youth and children. These areas of ministry are a particular priority for us at Epiphany, and we will continue to look to Michael to shape our efforts in that area.

Please pray for Michael, as well as Tracy and Caleb, as he takes on this new role. Also join us at church next Sunday when we welcome Michael to his new role as part of our worship. Please also thank Janice Wolfe, Ron Harp, George Hamlin, Merle Stromberg, and Mark Oliphant who worked with me in building a job description for the new associate rector position and considering Michael's candidacy.

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### A Note from Fr. Michael to Church of the Epiphany



I am pleased and greatly honored to be called as Epiphany's new Associate Rector. This has been a season of transitions, and I am happy with this new step in my calling as a priest and that my family will remain at Epiphany. There is work to be done, and I am excited to be a part of it.

In my role as Associate Rector I will continue my work with the Children's and Youth Ministries as well as taking on new responsibilities in the wider congregation. I look forward to continuing what has been successful as well as being a part of exciting new steps at Epiphany.

Tracy, Caleb and I are happy to be part of this church family as we advance God's kingdom here in Herndon and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads 'Michael', positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

## Installation of Epiphany's New Rector is Sunday, October 12

Bishop John Guernsey will be at Epiphany to install the Rev. Peter Frank as Rector on Sunday, Oct. 12, at 10 am. Peter's installation as rector marks the formal giving of authority from the bishop and the vestry to Peter for his ministry at our church. It is a joyful service and all are invited to participate and stay for an informal reception following worship.

At Peter's request, the Rev. Canon Mary Maggard Hays, canon missionary for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, as well as a former clergy staff member at Truro Anglican Church in Fairfax and All Saints Anglican Church in Dale City, will be preaching. Peter worked with Canon Mary during his time as communications director for Archbishop Robert Duncan, and considers her a key mentor in his ministry.

"I am excited to have both Bishop John and Canon Mary with us for this special day. I am sure they will both have useful things to say to us as we celebrate this transition in ministry at Epiphany and look ahead," said Peter.



Bishop John Guernsey will be visiting Epiphany to preside at the installation of the Rev. Peter Frank as rector on October 12.



The Rev. Canon Mary Maggard Hays will be preaching as part of the special installation service on October 12 at 10 AM



## Choral Evensong

Please join the Choir and Clergy for Choral Evensong on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 at 7:00pm.



Evening Prayer is a liturgy that is used in the Anglican tradition and celebrated in the late afternoon or evening. When the office is rendered chorally it is known as Evensong. Evensong is one of the oldest traditions of the Church. Prayer and Praise is the essence of this service. If you have never experienced evensong please come and be with us to this holy and peaceful close of the day and the beginning of your week. The Choir will be ministering the works of Peter August Schneckner who came to America in 1865. He became the Assistant Organist at St. Thomas Church New York, and later became the Music Director at West Presbyterian Church in New York.

## My Favorite Bible Verse

Do you have a favorite Bible verse? Is there a verse (or two) that “gets” you every time you read it?

My favorite verses in the Bible are Luke 24:5-6. It was the Sunday morning after Jesus has been crucified, and some women had gone to the tomb to care for Jesus’ dead body. When they arrive they find the tomb open and angels who say to them, *“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!”* I don’t plan to ever get a tattoo, but if I did it would probably be these words. Every time I read them, I can’t help but smile.

Why? Because this is the final and essential piece of the Gospel message of Jesus—Jesus didn’t stay dead!

In 2008 I had the privilege of being a delegate at a worldwide Anglican gathering in Jerusalem. One day I visited a place called “The Garden Tomb” which is probably not the actual place of Jesus’ tomb but is an ancient tomb near Jerusalem. After exploring the small garden for a bit the guide who was showing us around invited us to step into the tomb. I remember the awe of stepping into what some people believe was actually Jesus’ tomb. It was fascinating to see first-hand the inside of an ancient stone tomb cut into the side of a rocky hill. But what has been imprinted in my mind is not the tomb, but what happened as I left it. As I stepped back out of the tomb the guide said to me, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!”

Of course, the empty tomb does not prove that Jesus rose from the dead. For two thousand years people have tried to come up with alternative explanations for why Jesus’ body was not in the tomb. I am convinced that the Christian answer that Jesus did in fact rise bodily from the dead makes the most sense of the evidence and that no other answer comes close to being satisfactory. But, objective evidence aside, I am convinced that he is alive because I know him. I spent time talking with him this morning. I have met with him in places of joy and pain. I have seen him transform my life. I have experienced his leading and guidance. I have encountered him as he has answered prayers. And, I know that Christians past and present have known him as well.

Brothers and sisters, Jesus is not in the tomb. He is risen!

*“Why do you look for the living among the dead?  
He is not here; he has risen.”*

*Michael*



# ”Faith, Hope and Love: Following Jesus in the Real World”

Epiphany’s parish weekend with Dr. Phil Harrold Oct. 24-26



Being a Christian includes a call to a certain kind of life as a response to God’s grace in Jesus Christ – one shaped by Faith, Hope and Love (1 Corinthians 13.13), but how do we live that kind of life, and who can we learn from as we travel that way at home and at work here in Northern Virginia?

Dr. Phil Harrold, associate professor of church history at Trinity seminary will be our guide Oct. 24-26 as we spend time together considering this question at this year’s parish weekend.

As we go on the journey, we will be exploring both what the Bible says, focusing particularly on 1 Corinthians 13 and Philippians 2:1-13, and also on the wisdom of significant Christian thinkers, such as Augustine of Hippo, Benedict of Nursia, and Matthew Tyndale.

The schedule for the weekend is as follows:

Friday, October 24	7:30-9pm – Dessert and Session 1
Saturday, October 25	9am – Coffee and rolls
	9:30 – 10:30 Session 2
	10:30 -11 Break
	11 – noon – Session 3
Sunday, October 26 –	Sermon by Dr. Harrold

“I am looking forward to having Dr. Harrold with us. He is a gifted teacher who will help us not only learn, but apply what we are learning to our lives. Ultimately, our practicing of the virtues of faith, hope, and love, is following the path of Jesus, whose own perfect faith, hope and love led him to the cross and our salvation,” said the Rev. Peter Frank, Epiphany’s rector.

The parish weekend is free and open to all (there will be an offering basket to defray hospitality expenses). That said, it would be helpful for planning purposes to know you expect to attend. Please send an email to [parishweekend@epiphanyanglican.net](mailto:parishweekend@epiphanyanglican.net) with your name and the number that plan to attend.

## Fall Full of Opportunities to Worship, Grow and Serve at Epiphany



Fall is a busy time at Epiphany, full of opportunities to worship, grow and serve together. Please note, a couple of dates have changed since we printed our yearly calendar last January.

Upcoming events include:

**Last Sunday of Every Month, Collection for Coates Kids Due:** Epiphany has a special relationship with our neighbors at Coates Elementary School. Part of that friendship is our commitment to provide 60 meal packs a month for hungry kids at the school to take home over the weekend. More information about participating in this ministry is available in the fellowship area.

**Fr. Peter's Installation, October 12, 10 AM:** Bishop John will be visiting Epiphany to celebrate and confirm Fr. Peter's call to serve as Epiphany's third rector on Sunday Oct. 12 at the 10 am worship service. Please make a point to be part of this special event in the life of our church.

**Charged, October 19 – 5-7 PM:** Bring a dish to share to the church and enjoy the artistic gifts of your fellow Epiphany members being used to the glory of God.

**Parish Weekend, October 24-26:** This year's topic is "Faith, Hope and Love: Following Jesus in the Real World." Dr. Phil Harrold from Trinity seminary will be our presenter. While the weekend is free and open to all, it would be helpful to know who is attending. See page XX for more details, and send an email to [parishweekend@epiphanyanglican.net](mailto:parishweekend@epiphanyanglican.net) if you plan to attend.

**All Saints Evensong with the Epiphany Choir, November 1 – 7 PM:** This beautiful and contemplative worship service, led by the Epiphany choir and clergy, is a great way to worship the Lord, and set aside the cares of the week.

**Vestry Elections November 9:** Epiphany will be electing four new vestry members and hearing updates on our church's life and ministry after the 10 am service on Nov. 9.

**Thanksgiving Worship, November 27 - 9 AM:** Start Thanksgiving Day by giving thanks to God for his many blessings given to us. This simple service generally lasts less than an hour, and is a great family Thanksgiving Day tradition.

**Bishop's Visit, December 12-14:** Bishop John will be visiting Epiphany, confirming this year's confirmation class and receiving any who wish to be received into the Anglican Church.

**Lessons and Carols, December 21 – 10 AM:** Epiphany will begin our Christmas celebrations with a musical Lessons and Carols service.

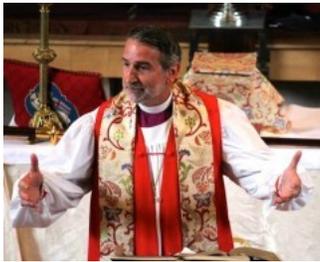
**Christmas Eve Services, December 24 – 5 PM and 11 PM:** Be part of Epiphany as we celebrate Jesus' birth.



## Interview with the Archbishop

### By Jacob Stubbs

*Jacob Stubbs is a M.A.R. student at Yale Divinity School. Previously, he has researched at a state-level policy organization in Atlanta, GA, and has served as a Fellow at the John Jay Institute. He first discovered the Anglican Tradition at St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Rome, GA. Follow him on Twitter @theweeklystubb.*



**In this in-depth interview covering a wide-range of topics, Archbishop Beach shares his vision for social engagement by the Anglican Church in North America.**

The following are excerpts from the interview by Jacob Stubbs for *Juicy Ecumenicalism*, the official blog of the Institute on Religion & Democracy. Read the interview in full [here](#).

**Q:** Can you tell us a brief version of your testimony? How did the situation in which you grew up shape your call to pastoral ministry? How has it shaped your social vision for the Anglican Church?

Abp. Beach: Well, I think the simplest way is, I was raised in a broken home. Out of that brokenness, I got involved in the Baptist church where I received Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I then went off to high school and got involved in the ministry of Young Life, which really helped shape me and get my relationship with the Lord on track.

This influenced me in many different ways. Because I was in and out of **so many** different schools, I learned how to relate to many people. So, when people are walking in a crowd or seeing people come into our church that I don't know, it's not difficult for me to meet them.

I think another aspect is that it has given me a sensitivity to the brokenness in our families and the

need of the church, in the name of Jesus, try to minister and care for the broken people in our midst. Of course, in the culture, that brokenness exists as well. And so, trying to have a heart for people in pain and bringing God's healing touch through Jesus, I think that's a big part of how the situation in which I grew up shaped me.

**Q: Who are your models or inspirations for your ministry as both a priest and bishop?**

Abp. Beach: To have one person is really impossible. I think one modern person I would say that's had a good impact is a man by the name of Sam Shoemaker. He was an Episcopal priest in Pittsburgh, and was really behind the emphasis of "let's let Pittsburgh be known more for God than for steel." He was a spiritual leader who created a lot of social ministries and family ministries to reach people with the Gospel. He was the person who was behind AA (Alcoholics Anonymous).

There's a book he wrote and a poem out of that book called *I Stand at the Door*. The whole thesis is about a person who comes to the Lord and into the door of the House of God. The poem talks about all of these vast rooms in the House of God. Some go down the theological wing, and some get involved in ecstatic experiences. But, Shoemaker said, 'My place is by the door. I stand near the door.'

This theme weaves throughout the whole poem: "To help people put their hands on the doorknob. To help people get in the door. To help people find their way into the House of God." I would say this theme is something that's at the center of all of my ministry—helping people find the Lord wherever they may be.

**Read the entire interview:**

<http://juicyecumenism.com/2014/08/12/an-interview-with-anglican-archbishop-foley-beach/>

## Vestry Elections

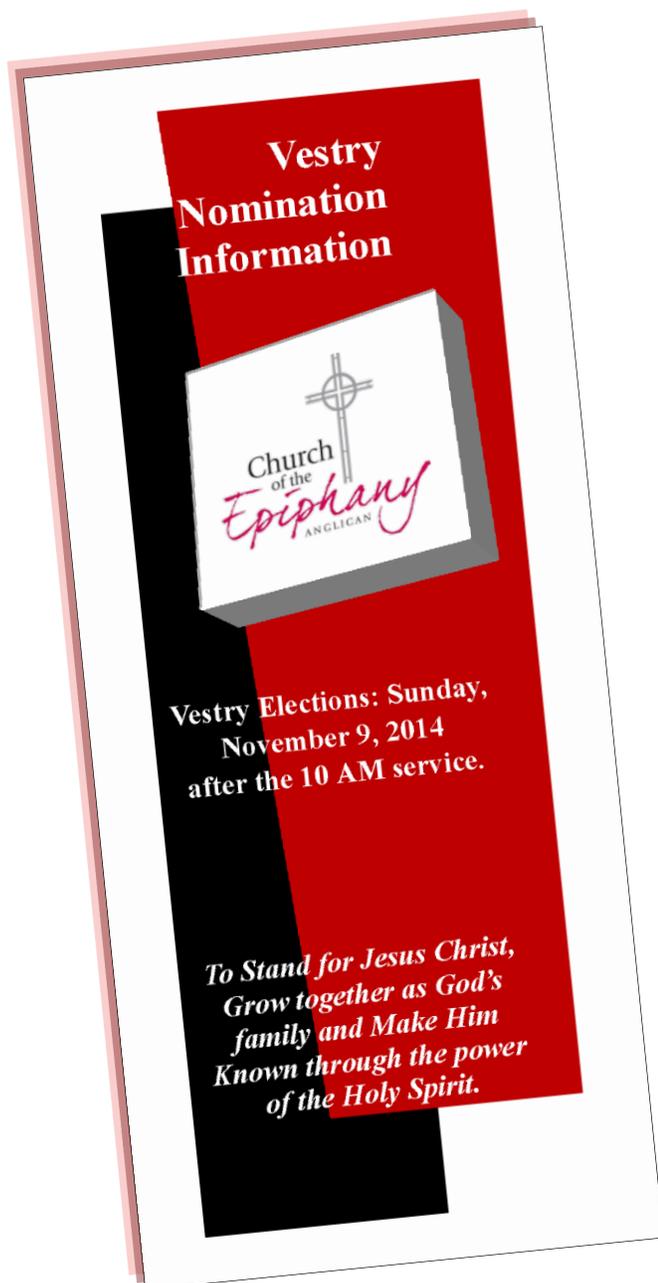
Vestry Elections will be held at the Annual Church Meeting immediately following the 10 AM Service on November 9th.

Please prayerfully consider whether you are called to serve Epiphany in this vital position. This year, four members will be retiring from their three-year vestry terms, and we will be selecting their replacements.

The Vestry Nomination Information brochure, available on line [here](#), contains more information about the duties, obligations and qualifications.

We will also be selecting two members of the congregation to serve on the nominating committee for the next year. These are normally two year obligations, however, since we currently have a vacancy, one will be a one year term, and the other a two year term. If you are not led to stand for the Vestry, please consider this position. It too fills a vital function.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the members of the current Nominating Committee: Tom Will, Maggie Marcum, Ron Harp or Jim Humenik (out going Vestry Members), or Debby Morris.



### Publishing Information

The ***Epiphany STAR*** is generally published monthly and contains articles and information about what God has and is doing in us and through us as the Epiphany Family. It is intended to encourage each of us in our ministry and discipleship by relating how God is working in the midst of us.

The ***Epiphany Candle*** is published weekly by email, highlighting what is coming in the days ahead at Epiphany and other information that the staff and vestry feel is important to emphasize.

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**Deadlines:**  
**STAR: 15th of the month**  
**Bulletin: Monday, 8 AM**  
**Candle: Wednesday, 8 AM**



#### BIRTHDAYS

2	Ralph Morris	10	Ashlee Lynn Rogers	21	Nicholas Apelquist
	Judy Schulenberg	12	Emily Kodat		Teresa Saddler
3	Luta Hickman	13	Elizabeth Hudgins	22	Teddy Bixler
	Beatriz Long		Becky Patton		Randy Rash
4	Clare Frank	15	Rebeca Bixler	24	Cullen Kendrick
5	Josiah Bryson	16	Susan Brown	25	Shari Gregg
6	Chase Entsminger	17	Maggie Marcum	27	Catherine Zimmerman
7	Isabelle Turner		Joseph Navarrete	28	Charles Rauh
8	Kent Johnson	18	Angela Hitchcock	29	Brett Bender
	Janice Wolfe		Keith Menzel		Kurt Vaughan
9	Heather Boncher	20	Nathaniel Bixler	31	Lisa Baehr

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3	Elizabeth & Steven Rubis	24	Paula & Bryan Saddler
11	Joy & Kenneth Vaughan		



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**Intercessory Prayer Letter**

Requests can now be submitted by email at a secure site,  
[prayer-request@epiphanyanglican.net](mailto:prayer-request@epiphanyanglican.net)  
 or written and left in the prayer request box in the Fellowship Area.

All prayer requests are collected after the Sunday morning services and prepared for Monday morning distribution. For more information or questions, contact Faith Fisler at 703-591-6645 or email her at [mizfiz34@gmail.com](mailto:mizfiz34@gmail.com).



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*TO STAND for Jesus Christ,  
 GROW TOGETHER as God's family and  
 MAKE HIM KNOWN through the power of the Holy Spirit*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

<b>OCT</b>	4, 11, 18, 26	5-6:30 PM	Youth Group
	12	10 AM	Installation of Rector
	19	5 PM	Charged
	24-26		Parish Weekend
	26		Coates Food Bags Due
<b>NOV</b>	1, 8, 15, 22	5-6:30 PM	Youth Group
	2	7 PM	Choral Evensong
	9	After 10 AM Service	Annual Meeting/Vestry
	9		WINGS
	27	9 AM	Thanksgiving Service
	30		Food Bags for Coates Due
<b>DEC</b>	6. 13. 20, 27	5-6:30 PM	Youth Group
	12-14		Bishop's Visit
	21	10 AM	Lessons & Carols
	24	5 & 11 PM	Christmas Eve Services
	28		Food Bags for Coates Due

***Worship Schedule***

**Sundays**

8:00 and 10:00 AM

Eucharist and Healing

At the 10 am service:

Nursery available for infants through 2 years old  
 Sunday School for children 3 years old through 5th grade

**Weekdays at 9:00 AM**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:

Daily Morning Prayer

Wednesdays: Holy Communion